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by Emily Siemer
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When Congress voted in 2005 to adjust daylight-saving time, they probably were not thinking about Electronic Instrument Technician Chris Stahlschmidt of Facilities Management.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 extended daylight-saving time by four weeks beginning this year. Sunday, Stahlschmidt was responsible for making sure the campus clocks did indeed 'spring ahead.'

According to Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn, there are a number of clocks on campus, primarily in the older buildings, that operate off a centralized time-keeping system. This master clock system "puts a signal out over the power system on campus. The clocks are designed to pick up that signal and update themselves," Washburn said.

Clocks on the centralized system only required the master clock to be changed, a procedure for which Stahlschmidt is responsible.

But what of all the clocks on campus that are not on the centralized system?

"We simply have to go around and

change (those) clocks," Washburn said.

The carillon on top of Dunham Hall, which students hate to hear ring as they rush to get to class on time, had to be reset manually as well, according to Washburn.

On Sunday afternoon, some clocks were still on Central Standard Time. The clock above the checkout desk at the library was not updated, and a clock in Peck Hall read 12:25 at 12:50. A few minutes later, this clock reflected the accurate time.

Stahlschmidt said glitches with the central timekeeping system are normal, but students or employees should not try to correct them.

"Every once in a while, some people take it upon themselves (to change the clock). It can't be corrected in the field," Stahlschmidt said. "For a while there,

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you're going to have an influx of problems. There's always going to be a few clocks that fail to take the reset."

In short, if you encounter a clock that is "off," report it to Facilities Management.

A less tactile problem of the changes made to daylight-saving time, yet somewhat more important, is the issue of electronic devices that keep time. Referred to as Y2K7, this problem effects everything that involves dates and times. Laptops and desktop computers, PDAs, scheduling programs, accounting and time management programs, phone systems, building systems programs, cell phones and e-mail programs all could be adversely affected by the shift.

Ed Matecki, Assistant Director for Utilities at SIUE, reported that the building control systems that regulate operations such as the HVAC, fans and lighting had to be patched Friday in preparation for the time change.

Sophomore Jamie Alton had problems at the Country Hearth Inn & Suites, where she works. The phones were not updated

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Senate out of travel allocations

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Reporter

Since midterm has passed, funds are drying up for the Student Senate.

"We're nearing the end of the semester," Student Body President Carl B. Mitchell said, "so, there's no more money left."

Mitchell said no money is left for travel requests and the program request deadline is nearing.

The March 2 Student Senate meeting did not have any funding requests to consider.

Instead, the Senate approved the constitution revisions for Eta Sigma Gamma, a health education honorary society and the Psychology Club.

The Senate also approved personnel appointments. Senators Stephanie Medhurst and Dominique Majors were appointed to the School Spirit and Pride Committee. The Student Organization Advisory Board gained Arhonda Hoffman and Derek Shashek as members. Shay Hinton was appointed to Student Legal Services.

The next Senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 23, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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Parking permit prices to rise

Costs to aid funding for new parking lot

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE parking permit holders will be paying more money for new permits as soon as their current permit expires.

Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo said there will be a \$12 increase for all permits. The residence halls and Cougar Village yellow parking permits will be an exception and will increase \$25. The reason for this additional increase is that yellow permit holders use the parking spaces all day, every day, according to Vanzo. Other permit holders do not live on campus, therefore, they only need their parking space while they are attending to university-related responsibilities.

The cost for yellow permits is also increasing because permit holders are

guaranteed a parking spot and their guests can park for free. The yellow permit also allows students to park in the red lots.

Even though this increase will directly affect students, the Student Senate was not allowed to vote on the fee increase, Vanzo said.

The fee change did not require approval by the Student Senate because Parking Services does not receive funds from the university as other campus facilities do. The department is responsible for making its own money.

In addition, students do not have to purchase a parking permit, so only permit holders pay the fee.

The price increase is due to a loss in revenue from parking fines.

The newly implemented escalating fine system is bringing in less revenue than the previous fine system, according to Vanzo. The previous system charged a flat fee for all fines, whereas the current system

affects repeat offenders.

Despite the loss in revenue, Vanzo said that the new system is a "much more humane approach" and "the right thing to do."

The higher permit costs will also help fund a new parking lot.

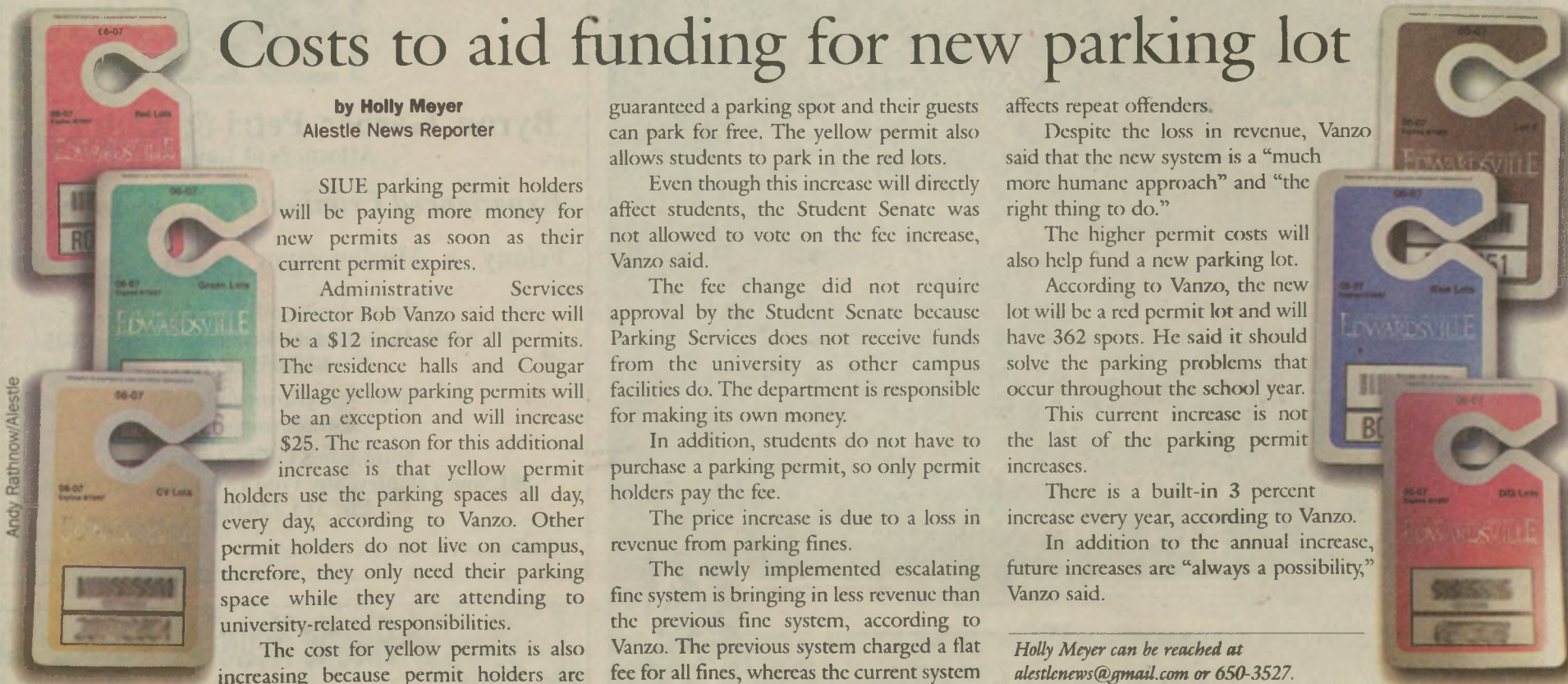
According to Vanzo, the new lot will be a red permit lot and will have 362 spots. He said it should solve the parking problems that occur throughout the school year.

This current increase is not the last of the parking permit increases.

There is a built-in 3 percent increase every year, according to Vanzo.

In addition to the annual increase, future increases are "always a possibility," Vanzo said.

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Police Reports

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Police arrested Nathan Miller for driving under the influence. Miller was issued citations for driving under the influence, speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Road.

Police issued Amanda Johnston-Derfler a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to a report of a theft from a motor vehicle at Woodland Hall Lot. A stereo system was reported stolen from the vehicle.

Police issued Michael Dolan a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued Brentan Hickman a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Joel Stockert a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Chelsea Durbin citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

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Police issued Amanda Poletti a citation for parking in a fire lane on Peck Service Road.

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Police arrested Nicholas Bell for driving on a suspended driver's license on South University Drive. Bell posted \$100 bond and was released.

Police issued Katherine Wever a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

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Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident on South University Drive. Police issued Matthew Eduakwa a citation for failure to yield at an intersection.

Police issued Jessica Klopmeier a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

3-6

Police issued Donald Wilson a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Brent Freeman a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive.

Police issued Brian Brown a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

3-7

Police issued Caleb Reck a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Cathy Willis a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Campus Scanner

Education Career Fair '07: Meet and network with prospective employers in person from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center. Students are advised to bring an adequate number of resumes and to dress professionally. For more information, visit siue.edu/careerdevelopmentcenter.

Global Awareness Week - International Students' Perceptions of the U.S.: Listen to international students discuss their expectations about life in the U.S. and their reactions to it since arriving at SIUE from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in Bluff Hall's Multifunction Room. For more information, call the Center for International Programs at 650-3785.

Cougar Craze - Kiss Me I'm a Cougar: Celebrate St. Patrick's Day early with the Campus Activities Board's Shamrock Olympics from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Activities will include root beer chugging contests, potato sack races and other games. For more information, contact Lise Suliman at lsuliman@siue.edu or visit siue.edu/CAB.

Global Awareness Week - International Music Day: Listen to music from international cultures

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. For more information, call the Center for International Programs at 650-3785.

Food Chat: Eat a free lunch while discussing campus events from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's University Club. For more information, contact Chris Worrick at cworric@siue.edu.

Friday Free Flicks: Watch a free movie from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium. For more information, contact Lise Suliman at lsulima@siue.edu or visit siue.edu/CAB.

What Do I Do Now? - When Your Major is Not What You Expected: Learn what to do with your major from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday in Peck Hall, Room 0312. For more information, contact Valerie McClinton at vnelson@siue.edu or call 650-3701.

Disney on Ice - Princess Wishes: Watch the Disney Princesses' journey on ice from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis. Tickets will be available at the Morris University Center's Information Desk. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu or visit siue.edu/CAB.

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Food Chat
March 15
11:30am-1:00pm
University Club

Cougar Craze
Kiss me I'm a Cougar!
March 14
11:00am-2:00pm

Friday Free Flick
"Dreamgirls"
March 16
6:00pm-9:00pm
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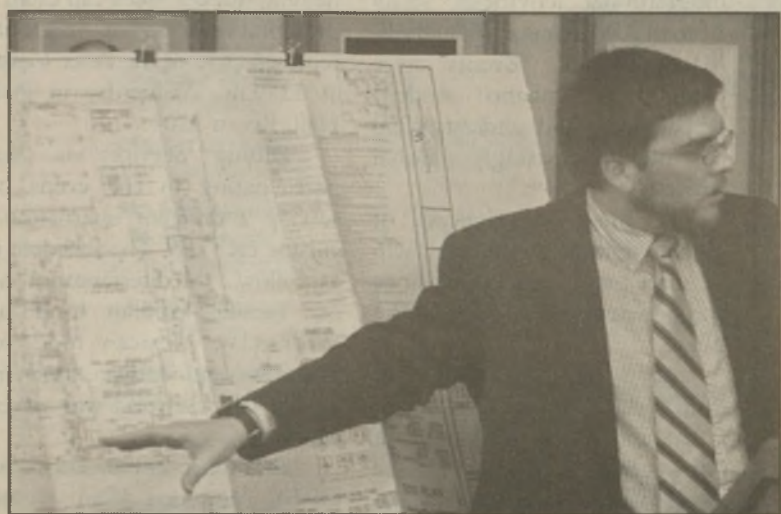
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Alestle News

Weighing their options

Glen Carbon residents discuss Wal-Mart's future



THC representative Kyle Young speaks at the Glen Carbon Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Tuesday, March 6.

Laura Lengyel/Alestle

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

As the 50 chairs quickly filled, 100 people lined the Glen Carbon Village Hall walls and even claimed spaces on the floor Tuesday, March 6, to continue the debate over the possible Glen Carbon Wal-Mart expansion.

The Glen Carbon Planning and Zoning Commission met with representatives of Glen Carbon Wal-Mart located in Cottonwood Plaza. Wal-Mart hopes to expand into a Supercenter and must get the approval of the Glen Carbon Village Council before it can do so.

This was the third meeting for the site plan review of the proposed expansion.

The proposal had been held over twice before because of a lack of quorum.

Members of the Glen-Ed Citizens for Fair Growth were present, along with their legal representation, Penni Livingston.

"(Citizens) were so concerned about it that they formed a group and hired a lawyer," Livingston said.

Livingston presented several concerns to the commissioners, including lack of parking spaces, increased traffic, impact on local jobs and businesses and economic impact.

Chair Joe Haggerty said some of the group's concerns were irrelevant to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"This commission deals with land use and zoning," Haggerty said.

Items such as job and economic impact, while important, were outside of the commission's responsibility.

Livingston said Wal-Mart should conduct a traffic study to see the impact of delivery traffic.

Kyle Young, a representative of THC, the owners of Cottonwood Plaza, said Wal-Mart

already conducted a traffic study, but the commission said they did not receive it.

Due to a lack of information, Livingston requested that the commission table its decision.

"We think this is going to have serious detrimental impact and we would like you to deny it," Livingston said.

Aaron Warnecke, a student at Edwardsville High School, also attended the meeting and urged the commissioners to deny Wal-Mart's expansion. Warnecke said he and many of his friends shop at the surrounding businesses. Many of these businesses would relocate or close if Wal-Mart expanded to a Supercenter.

Warnecke said the commissioners "overlooked the opinions of various youths who use the shops."

He presented a petition with 300 Edwardsville High School student signatures protesting the expansion.

Warnecke also said making Wal-Mart a Supercenter would add a fifth grocery store to the Glen Carbon-Edwardsville area.

"We already have four grocery stores in the near vicinity," Warnecke said.

Glen Carbon resident Susan Hammill also addressed the commissioners. Hammill lives in the neighborhood directly behind Wal-Mart.

At a previous Planning and Zoning meeting, Hammill said she requested that the six-foot fence separating the two properties be increased to 10 feet so she would not see the service vehicles at the back of Wal-Mart.

"(Wal-Mart) assured me they would be good neighbors," Hammill said.

Haggerty said increasing the size of the fence would require an additional variance request from Wal-Mart. Still, he said it would be considered.

WAL-MART/pg.

Women's history Month 2007

WEAVING THE PAST INTO THE FABRIC OF THE FUTURE

March, ongoing

Women's History Month exhibit, Lovejoy Library

March, ongoing

QUILTING AS A WOMEN'S TRADITION exhibit in MUC Art Gallery, 2nd floor
Curated by Laura Strand, assisted by Alicia Pigg and Yvette Booker

March, ongoing

25% off books from Women's Studies section (excluding textbooks and sale items)
University Bookstore, MUC

Thurs. March 1, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Date Rape and Sexual Assault Informational Panel
Presented by Robin Pokojski, Call for Help, Inc./Counseling Services
Oak/Red Bud Room, MUC

Fri. March 2, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Women's History Month Kickoff Reception
QUILTING AS A WOMEN'S TRADITION Exhibit Opening
MUC Art Gallery, 2nd Floor

Tues. March 13, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Gender, Fairness, and the Public School Classroom
Brown Bag Discussion
Laurie Puchner and Barbara O'Donnell
Peck Hall 2415

Tues. March 13, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Mask-ularity: Revealing the Man Behind
Presented by Richard Avdoian
Peck Hall 3417

Wed. March 14, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Social Work Pioneers: Women in Social Welfare History
Brown Bag Discussion
Social Work Faculty & Students
Peck Hall 3117

Wed. March 14, 6:00 pm

Tough Guise
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Jason Stacy
Peck Hall 2304

Thurs. March 15, 2:30 - 5:00 pm

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION: A VISUAL DIARY OF JAMIE CURRIER'S JOURNEY WITH CANCER, Photography Exhibit and Reception
Jane Floyd-Hendey and Jamie Currier
Peck Hall 3117

Mon. March 19, 4:30-5:30 pm

Good Work Sister! Women Shipyard Workers of World War II: An Oral History
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Laura Perkins
Peck Hall 0408

Tues. March 20, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Does Work Pay?: Experiences of Women Moving from Welfare to Work
Presented by Lisa Welch
Peck Hall 3417

Wed. March 21, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

A Jury of Her Peers
Film and Discussion
Moderated by Sue Cataldi
Founders Hall 1408

Thurs. March 22, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

The DEVIL is in the Details: Why THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA is one of the Best Films of 2006
Presented by Jan Lisa Huttner
Organized by American Association of University Women, SIUE Branch
Alumni Hall 0206

Thurs. March 22 and

Fri. March 23, 7:00 pm

LunaFest Film Festival*
Making Waves
Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library
\$7 students
\$10 general public, faculty

Tues. March 27, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Policing Women
Presented by Trish Oberweis
Science Building 0209

Wed. March 28, 7:00 pm

The Vagina Dialogues: Sex and the College Woman
Florence Maatita and Wendy Cook-Mucci
Peck Hall 0412

Fri. March 30, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Teaching About Gender and Artifacts
Brown Bag Discussion
Laura Fowler, Laura Strand, Allison Thomason, and Cory Wilmott
University Club, MUC

*all events, except the LunaFest Film Festival, are free and open to the public

For Further Info: Professor Anne Valk, Director Women's Studies Program (618) 650-3660 or wmstdept@siue.edu

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For further information contact the SIUE Department of Chemistry at (618) 650-2042

Global Awareness Week to promote cultural events

by Lori Schueler
Alestle News Reporter

The campus is coming together this week to help make students more aware of the world surrounding them with Global Awareness Week.

"Global Awareness Week will expose students to a variety of cultures and potential international activities," Study Abroad Coordinator Julie Beall-Marshall said. "Events were planned to enhance student preparedness and understanding of our increasingly global society."

Personal experiences of globally-educated students will be shared with panel discussions and presentations throughout the week.

At 5 p.m. Wednesday in Bluff Hall's Multifunction Room, a student panel, composed of four current students and one alum, will discuss experiences studying in countries such as Senegal and Israel. Free pizza will be provided.

Student Ian Williams also will discuss his two-month-long

journey through West Africa last year. The presentation will be at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Maple Dogwood Room.

Wednesday is International Music Day. Music will fill the MUC's Goshen Lounge between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Students interested in gaining global experience and helping those in need can catch a presentation by a regional representative of the Peace Corps at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 2304.

Dining Services is also participating in the event by serving a different international cuisine each day. The schedule is as follows: Mediterranean food on Tuesday, Indian food on Wednesday, Mexican food on Thursday and African food on Friday. Chinese food was served Monday.

For more information on Global Awareness Week events, call the Center for International Programs at 650-3785.

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Sunday for the new daylight-saving time.

"All the wake-up calls, we personally had to make," Alton said. "Then the phones would ring an hour after that!"

Even though sophomore Antonette Greene's laptop did not automatically update, her cell phone did. "I was texting, and one message was (timestamped) 1:59, and the next (a few minutes later) was 3:02."

This does not seem to be the problem with IBM-compatible computers, as long as the user

downloaded the patch Microsoft issued to fix the daylight-saving time dilemma.

When students returned from spring break Monday, accurate time remained a problem in some areas of campus. For instance, many of the Macintosh computers in the Alestle office, most of which had the time and date networked centrally, also reflected Standard Time Monday afternoon.

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After two hours of deliberation and several speakers, the commission voted 5-2 to table the site plan proposal a third time. Commissioners Bill Burke and Jorja Dickermann voted against the motion.

While many residents spoke in opposition of the expansion, Glen Carbon Wal-Mart Manager Skip Sponeman said Hammill's fence concern was the only issue that related to the site plan.

"A 10-foot fence on that backyard would shade from noon on," Sponeman said. He said he thought this would negatively impact the residents' quality of life.

Sponeman said with the growth of the Glen Carbon

community and the surrounding areas, Wal-Mart's growth is evitable as well.

"I grew up in Glen Carbon, went to high school here," Sponeman said. "I care quite a bit about this community."

The store was able to handle the community 10 years ago, Sponeman said. Since then, the community has grown rapidly, and Wal-Mart is trying to adapt and grow with it.

The next meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the Glen Carbon Village Hall Council Chambers.

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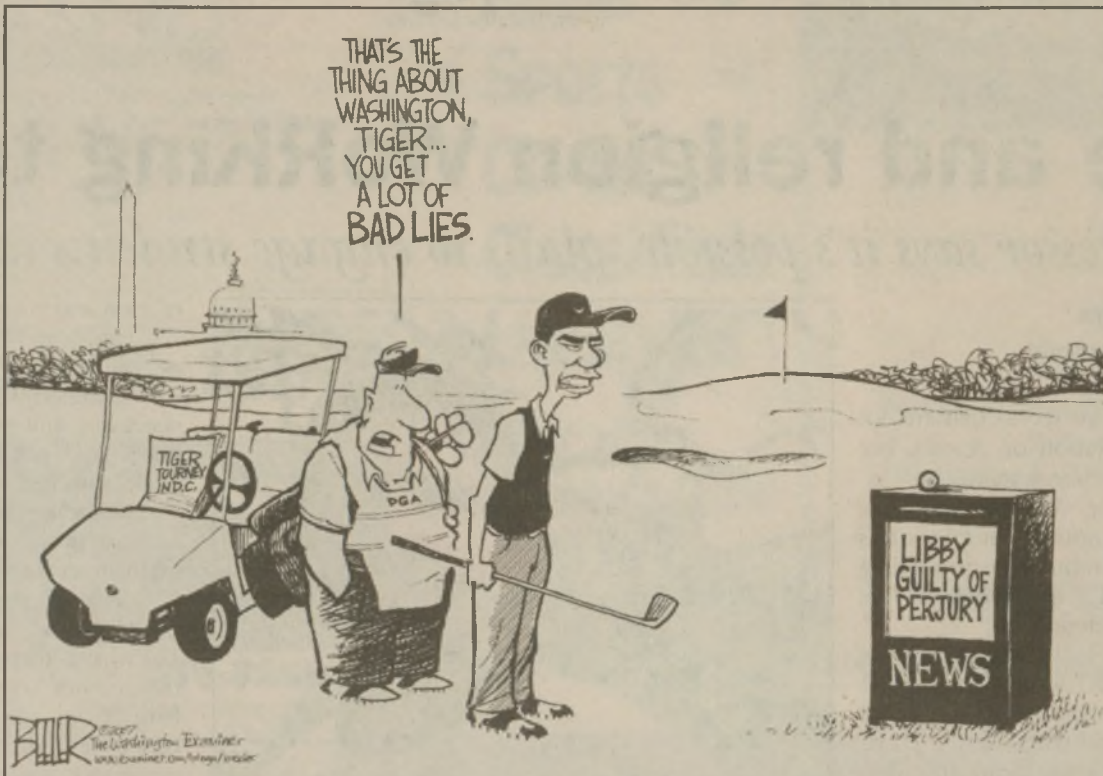
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Issue taken over the existence of God

The existence of God has been on my mind a lot lately, for several reasons.

First, a couple of weeks ago on a National Public Radio show a woman was reading from a work she had written about losing her faith in Jesus after taking a Bible study class. Since I did not get to hear the piece from the beginning, I did not get her name or the title of the work.

She talked about how she had basically accepted what she'd learned about Jesus from scripture readings and sermons at Sunday church services as she was growing up. But when she actually took a Bible study class and read it from cover to cover, she was amazed that anybody who had read the Bible could

continue to believe what was in it.

Where was her loving God? Where was the compassionate Jesus who turned the other cheek? Where was the role model for the contemporary Christian family? Not in this book. The Old Testament, she found, was about bloodshed, vengeance and contradiction. The New Testament was about a man who showed little respect for his mother, who instructed his followers to abandon their families and forget them. Jesus, she found, began to sound a lot more like a paranoid schizophrenic with grandiose delusions than the son of God who died for our sins.

It's as if the more science and reason tell us about the nature of the world in which we live, the more we rely upon myth and superstition. If there were a God, in this vast, expanding universe, why would he care about who won or lost the World Series, let alone

thousands upon thousands of Little League games? What difference would it make to him who the Oscar went to, much less how many of the millions who watched to find out will die of cancer, AIDS, accidents, homicide or warfare this year? Why do we cling to this absentee landlord?

And yet, in spite of all the evidence of his absence, we still pray to a Christian, Muslim, Hebrew, Buddhist or whatever kind of god we want to call him, to give us whatever we want and spare us from whatever we fear – and only occasionally have the manners to thank him if things do turn out our way. Why do we insist on wanting a higher power to direct our lives, instead of taking responsibility for and accepting the consequences of our own actions? Why do we remain in the dark almost three centuries after the Age of Enlightenment?

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Alex Vires

Organization focuses on global warming

While passing out our "E is for Environment" surveys two Thursdays ago, we, the student organization Raise Your Voice, came across the Letter to the Editor submitted by Joshua Bozue entitled "Student has issue with global warming." This piece caught our attention, as we have been researching global warming and other environmental issues for the past couple of months in planning our events.

Bozue seemed quite frustrated with what he believes is the "rickety wagon" fuss about global warming depicted in the film "An Inconvenient Truth." He claims that the current

warming is not global, but the earth is actually cooling off in certain areas and that these changes coincide with global climate changes in earth's history. We were quite perplexed by these statements because, in our research, we have found due to the increase in greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere from such human activities as vehicles burn fossil fuels the earth is warming. This coincides with more of our research.

In fact, as far back as 2004, 113 nations, including the U.S., believed this statement to be true. There are many people who would be endangered by the spread of disease, increase of severe storms and flooding of developed coastal areas.

We went to see SIUE

human and physical geography professor Wendy Shaw. We asked her to share her knowledge of global warming and if she knew of the argument that "the rising temperatures are all a part of the cycle of the earth's climate change." We understand from Shaw's educated opinion that Bozue's argument (the idea of multiple ice ages) does represent that of a minority of those in the scientific community. This theory states that we are on the verge of another ice age. The point is, as Bozue said, we must keep "our eyes open," and "look into the subject before we jump."

Raise Your Voice
Student Organization
Leah Orwig

Real reasons for holidays forgotten

Holidays are no longer celebrated in honor of the original purpose. When we think of a holiday, we tend to only think about the fact that we get a day off school or work, or it's just another reason to party.

How many Christians really thought about preparing for Lent during Mardi Gras? Did you ever stop and think that the real reason people are supposed to be eating and drinking so much



Lori Schueler

is because they are supposed to be getting ready to fast starting after Ash Wednesday? Some people probably didn't realize that the three colors of Mardi Gras, purple, green and gold, represent justice, faith and power. Even though it was originally supposed to be a religious event, it has turned into a day for everyone to party.

St. Patrick's Day is right around the corner, which means another reason to drink beer and wear green, to avoid being pinched. Most know that this is an Irish holiday, but did you ever stop and wonder why the Irish get a holiday? The United States doesn't have a holiday for any other heritage like German, English or French.

It's because St. Patrick's Day is another religious holiday. We celebrate a guy named Patrick for converting the Irish into Christians. The popular symbol for St. Patrick's Day, a shamrock, was used by Patrick since it has three sides, to represent the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Yet again, for some people the day has turned into a day simply for the Irish heritage, forgetting the reason why the holiday started.

For those of you who aren't religious and want to celebrate St. Patrick's Day for the Irish heritage and customs, you should still remember that if it weren't for Patrick, you might not have had a day to be proud of the Irish way of life.

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Correction: In the article "More ethics test problems arise" by Justin Gibson in the Tuesday, Feb. 27 issue it was incorrectly implied that the SIUE faculty filed grievance. The Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty actually filed the grievance. The Alestle regrets the error.

Science and religion WoRKing together?

An SIUE professor says it's possible, plans to engage students at religious center

by Maggie Willis

Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

Science. Religion. These are two words that are not often associated with cooperation or synergy, but one SIUE group is trying to change that.

WoRKS, which stands for World Religions, Knowledge and Science, started monthly meetings this academic year to bring the community surrounding campus together to discuss different aspects of the connections between science and religion.

Philosophy professor Greg Fields, coordinator of religious studies and chair of WoRKS, said the group's goal is to bring further information and knowledge about any relationship between science and religion.

"We aim to lay out interesting questions and ideas from the different sciences and look at how they meet with religion," Fields said. "We do not have a particular agenda about what the relationship between science and religion should be."

The group is sponsored by a three-year grant from the Metanexus Institute in Philadelphia.

"Metanexus is an independent institute that conducts programs and provides grants worldwide for inquiry into science and religion," Fields said.

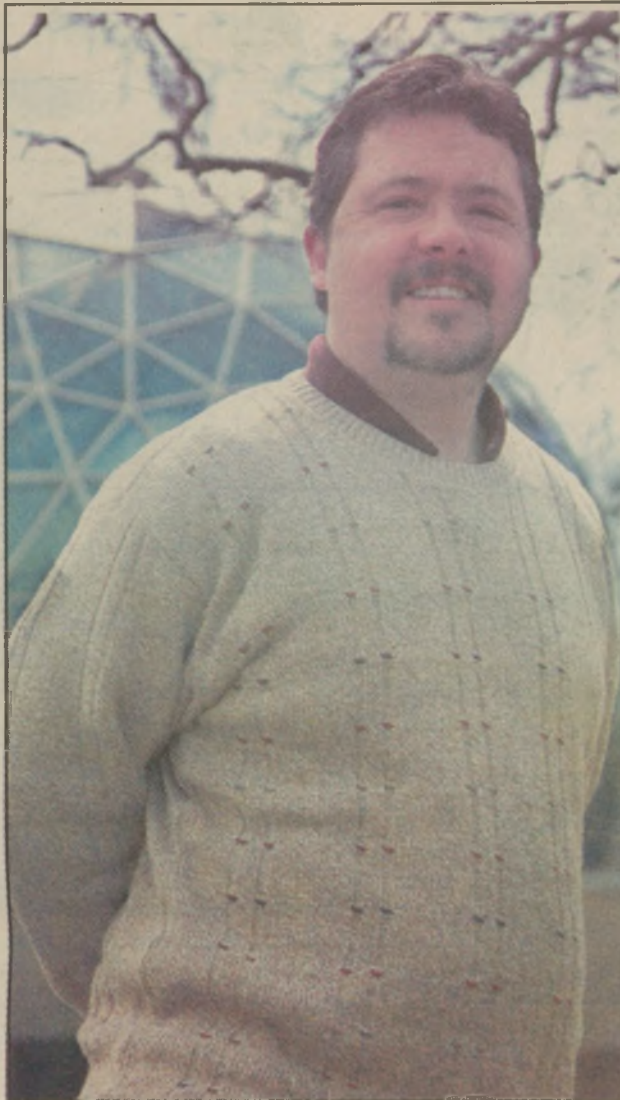
The grant has enabled WoRKS to host a series of speakers with an assortment of views and opinions, most recently scientist and nontheist Washington University biology professor Ursula Goodenough, who lectured in February on the topic of "Exploring the Concept of Religious Naturalism."

Goodenough explored several areas of religious naturalism, asking questions such as "What is meant by religious?" and "What is meant by naturalism?" She also discussed the story of the evolution of the universe and suggested ways this narrative could outline interpretive, spiritual and moral responses.

For this month, Fields is giving a lecture titled "God and Nature" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Religious Center.

"It's about examining different ways of understanding God or the divine and investigating how the divine can act in a world governed by natural law," Fields said.

With the quick ascension of science, much of humanity started asking if God exists at all, according to Fields.



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WoRKS group chair and philosophy professor Greg Fields will coordinate a discussion on the coexistence of science and religion Wednesday.

Partly because of this, "there's quite a lot of division between religion and science as systems of understanding," Fields said. "Many people align with one or the other as their only way of seeking truth."

WoRKS, however, brings a big question to light: can

religion and science work hand-in-hand?

Freshman Danielle Napier, an agnostic, said she does not think so.

"Religion is basically a big fairy tale, but science is a systematic and objective way of trying to interpret and understand our world," Napier said. "Only (DaVinci Code' author) Dan Brown can mix fact with fiction."

Freshman Juan Hurtado, on the other hand, said he can see how science and religion are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

"For religion, the importance is faith in what is not there," Hurtado said. "For science, the importance is fact and what is there. Logically, from science's point of view, they cannot co-exist because fact does not encompass faith. From religion's point of view, they can co-exist because everything is a matter of faith and there is an explanation for everything, including evolution."

Fields, for one, thinks the two systems have much in common.

"They both ask a lot of the same questions," Fields said. "How was the world created? When was the world created? Is there an intelligent designer?" These are compelling and fascinating questions, and we aim to create a forum where individuals can have access to some of the leading scholars on these issues in an informal, friendly setting."

The last WoRKS event of the academic year will be a lecture by Arlette Poland from Claremont Graduate University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 in the Religious Center.

Parking is available between the Morris University Center and the Religious Center in Parking Lot B for \$1 an hour.

Fields said anyone is welcome to attend the WoRKS forum.

"Faculty of both the sciences and humanities, students, scientists, believers, atheists, agnostics and members of the community are all welcome," Fields said. "Each person brings a different knowledge base and worldview to the discussion."

For more information about WoRKS, contact Greg Fields at gfields@siue.edu or 650-2461. For more information about the Metanexus Institute, visit www.metanexus.org.

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Now Rating: "Wild Hogs"

by Holly Meyer

Alestle News Reporter

Even with its all-star cast of Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence and William H. Macy, "Wild Hogs" is not something to go hog wild about.

This comedic adventure of four middle-aged men riding their motorcycles across America is lacking in the most important department, humor. What it lacks in humor, it makes up for in cheesiness and predictability. More disappointing, the movie exhibits a chauvinistic idea of masculinity and homophobia.

The Wild Hogs, friends Doug Madsen (Allen), Woody Stevens (Travolta), Bobby Davis (Lawrence) and Dudley Frank (Macy), leave their pitiful suburban lives behind in search of adventure and proof of just how manly they are.

Doug Madsen is a dentist who feels

like he is a wimp and growing older and older by the second. His own son would rather play basketball with his friend's dad than him.

Woody Stevens is broke and his supermodel wife is divorcing him. He has nothing left except his homophobia.

Bobby Davis is afraid of his wife and not respected by his children. His job as a plumber puts him as the secondary provider for his family.

Dudley Frank is awkward, gawky and afraid to ask a woman out on a date. He is portrayed as a little too "touchy feely" for the other men's tastes.

The motorcycle trip is interrupted by multiple group bathroom breaks to relieve those aged bladders. Because of the destruction of their tent by a flaming marshmallow, the men have to sleep outside together. A too close for comfort spooning session leaves the four guys the obsession of a gay highway patrolman (John C. McGinley).

After a skinny dipping session that

made Woody Stevens extremely uncomfortable, the Wild Hogs ride a little further and find a real biker bar inhabited by a real biker gang, the Del Fuegos. The biker gang ends up stealing Dudley Frank's motorcycle and Woody Stevens steals it back. The biker bar goes up in flames, leaving some very unhappy Del Fuegos.

The Del Fuegos go looking for the Wild Hogs to teach them a lesson. Once found, the biker gang beats up the Wild Hogs and threatens their lives. However, the 50 bikers do not win the tussle against the four middle-aged men. Instead, the four guys are saved by their will to continue to fight together. The head of the Del Fuegos shows up and the Wild Hogs



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are saved from further beatings.

It is sad to say, but the funniest and most clever part of the movie played while the credits were rolling. Extreme Makeover Home Edition host Ty Pennington and crew gave the Del Fuegos back their heritage by rebuilding their biker bar on a pseudo episode of the show.

Grade: D

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Drury ends SIUE's run

Cougars fall in first round of NCAA D-II Tournament

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The third time was not the charm for the SIUE women's basketball team as it fell to Drury University 76-61 Friday in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament at Neil Charley Arena in Romeoville.

"I'm obviously disappointed. I don't think we played our best game," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "It's just unfortunate that we couldn't perform at the level that we wanted to and had hoped to."

For the Cougars, who were playing in the NCAA tournament for the first time in six seasons, it was the third loss to their Great Lakes Valley Conference nemesis this season. The Panthers edged SIUE twice during the regular season by a combined total of five points. Friday's game was not nearly as

close.

The Cougars darted out to a 17-5 lead to open the game, but Drury responded by scoring 23 of the game's next 25 points to go up 28-19 with 5:17 left in the first period. The Panthers connected on 10 of 13 shots in the spurt and went into halftime ahead 34-25.

"We started out good and they started out on the opposite end of the spectrum and couldn't make a shot," Hedberg said. "But it was just really a matter of time before they started coming around a little bit."

"We had some key turnovers during that time and missed a couple of shots," Hedberg said. "Things turn around really quickly in this game."

The Cougars clanked on 16 of their final 21 shots down the stretch of the first period.

The Panthers came out of the break flying to a 25-point lead on the heels of a 21-5 run. Drury went up by as much as 28 at one point in the second half.

SIUE junior forward Amber Shelton led SIUE in the loss with a game-high 19 points. Junior

guard Whitney Sykes was held to 10 points on 2-for-9 shooting from the field. The GLVC 3-point leader was 0-for-5 from beyond the arc. Senior Julianne McMillen pitched in 10 points.

Becky Flippin flipped in 18 points to guide the Panthers, who improved 23-8 with the victory. Molly Carter added 15 points and Greta Wiersch tallied 13.

Drury shot 46 percent from the field and from 3-point range. SIUE hit 2 of 15 3-point attempts and connected on 38 percent of their shots.

"We caught a hot team and struggled from the perimeter to make shots," Hedberg said. "We didn't shoot the ball well from the outside."

The Cougars finished the season at 20-9 to lodge their first 20-win campaign since the 2000-01 year.

"I have to sit back and reflect on the season and everything we've accomplished," Hedberg said. "When you do that, it's been a successful season."

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SIUE junior Amber Shelton drives past Bellarmine University's Ashley Elmore during a Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament game Friday at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind. SIUE lost the game 68-55.

Women's track places sixth at national meet for best finish ever

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

It was a busy weekend for the SIUE men and women's track and field teams as they headed to the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass.

The men's team tied for 29th with four points and the women's team placed sixth, earning 21 points.

"I was very excited on how our athletes prepared and

competed this year," SIUE assistant coach Ben Beyers said. "They really went out and gave it everything they had and that starts not just the day of the competition, but months and months beforehand. It was good to see them rewarded for their hard work."

The sixth-place finish for the women was the best mark at Nationals for any SIUE track team in school history.

"I think overall the women did very well," Beyers said. "I don't know that we really had it

as a set goal to place really high as a team at this particular meet because we are more of an outdoor team than an indoor team, but the young ladies that went had a phenomenal competition and we were able to have a school-best finish, so it was a good surprise."

Freshman Juliet Alrich, sophomores Angel Royston and Deserea Brown and senior Valerie Simmons competed in the women's 4x400, placing second and earning a time of 3 minutes, 43.17 seconds. Their run

shattered the school record by nearly two seconds.

"I thought their performance was outstanding," Beyers said. "We broke the school record by a second and a half and finishing in the top two in the nation is an unbelievable accomplishment that just speaks volumes on how hard those athletes have been working and how much talent they have. We're very excited to get back for the outdoor season now."

Senior Callie Glover placed sixth in the weight throw with

17.43 meters and junior Christine Butler won third place in the triple jump with a final jump of 12.50 meters, shattering her own school record.

"Christine had a great series of jumps," SIUE assistant coach David Astrauskas said. "Christine is a veteran who has accomplished a lot in the triple jump at national meets over the years."

Christine was actually in second place until the last round

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Ficht finishes just shy of All-American status at nationals

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

Over the weekend, the SIUE wrestling team was seconds away from having its first All-American in four years.

SIUE senior John Ficht relinquished a one-point lead in the third period of his match against Adam State College's Evan Copeland and suffered a bitter 6-4 defeat in the 165-pound division at the NCAA Division II National Championships Friday in Kearney, Neb.

"I was giving everything I had and he got the takedown on me," Ficht said. "I shot in on him and I was going in to be

aggressive, but he just kind of scooted behind and got the two points."

Had he won the match, Ficht would have become SIUE's first All-American since Zach Stephens pulled off the feat in 2003.

"It was a heck of a match," SIUE assistant coach Ron Bessemer said. "He gave us everything he had and you can't ask more than that."

Ficht stayed on the offensive against Copeland, but stumbled out of position on one of his late attacks. The two got into a tussle and Copeland wound up getting a takedown to score what proved to be the match-winning points.

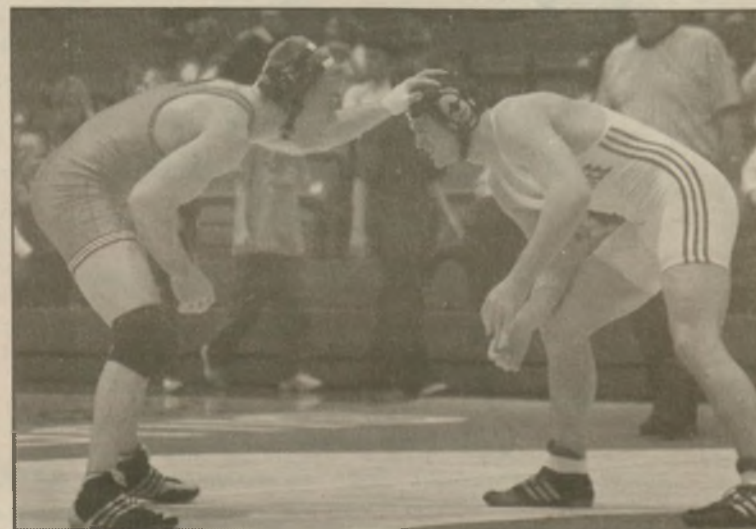
"John had that match won, I

thought, and just kind of let it get away from him in the last period," Bessemer said. "They got in a wild scramble, John was trying to get the takedown to win it and the other kid ended up on top. That was right at the end of the period."

Ficht wrestled Minnesota State University-Mankato's Andy Pickar, the nation's No. 1-ranked 165 pound grappler, in his opening match of the tournament, but got edged 5-3.

"I only lost to him 5-3, but I went out hard and strong and I was giving everything I had," Ficht said. "Actually, I thought I had a pretty good draw there getting him because I'd only lost

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SIUE senior John Ficht, left, fends off McKendree College's Rick Cook during a match earlier in the season at the Vadalabene Center. Ficht went 1-2 at the NCAA Division II National Championships over the weekend.

Softball team dominates in Florida

by **Anthony Patrico**
Alestle Sports Reporter

During the recent break, the No. 5 SIUE softball team headed to Kissimmee, Fla., to play a few games in the warm Florida weather.

During the trip, the Cougars posted a record of 12-1. Included in the 12 wins, the Cougars hit a hot spell and went on a 10-game winning streak.

The Cougars played well all weekend and achieved victories over schools including Ferris State, Northern State, St. Cloud

State-Mankato.

During the game against Dowling, the Cougars scored four runs and shut out the Golden Lions in a 4-0 victory.

In the nightcap against Minnesota State-Mankato, the Cougars played a tight game. Jodie Ohlau and Courtney Mall both singled when Ashley Price hit a double that scored two runs. The Cougars played tight defensively and gained the victory in a close 4-3 game.

"Minnesota State was just like us," said Pucel. "They were aggressive on the bases, they used

selected as the Great Lakes Valley Conference Athlete of the Week. During the last week of February, Price had a batting average of .571, with six RBI's and two home runs.

"We didn't find out Ashley got the honor until we were down in Florida," said Pucel. "She had been our most consistent hitter and she deserves it. We were all really proud of her."

With the Cougars having a very successful spring break, the team now looks to take the success that it received down in Florida, and bring that same game play to Edwardsville.

"Our first five or six games we won pretty easily," said Pucel. "The next couple of games, especially against St. Cloud, it was good to see some tougher opponents. We needed to be shaken up a bit and forced to play a little harder."

The Cougars will now compete in the Lewis Tournament, where local colleges will take the field. The Cougars first game will be played on Saturday at 9 a.m. in Lockport. The Cougars will take on Grand Valley State.

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"We needed to be shaken up a little bit and forced to play a little harder."

-SIUE junior Amanda Pucel

State and Lake Superior College. St. Cloud State handed the Cougars their only loss by a final of 2-1.

"The game was close and St. Cloud just got hits at the right time," said junior second-baseman Amanda Pucel. "We had people on base all game. We just couldn't get the hit to drive them home."

The Cougars closed out the weekend by getting a pair of wins against Dowling and Minnesota

the hit-and-run. They played a very similar style of the game."

During the trip, the Cougars hit a total of five home runs, compared to only one from opposing teams. Sophomore Nicole Beecher had a pair of home runs while juniors Mallory Ruggles and Ashley Price also hit one over the wall. Freshman Chaleen Rumpf also had a home run during the trip.

At the beginning of break, Price learned she had been

College hoops fans catching Bracket Fever

by **Drew McQuade**
Philadelphia Daily News

(MCT) — It's that magical time of the year when a hoop nerd can become cool at the water cooler.

A bracket geek can boldly crunch numbers in every nook and cubicle of the office. He can strut his stuff among the huddled masses, yearning to talk college basketball smack. His sports knowledge puts him on a tenuous pedestal until the emergence of the presumed knucklehead, who only picks Catholic schools, somehow wins the NCAA Tournament office poll.

My sister, more homer than hoophead, was crowned Queen of the Big Dance in her office when she followed a similar approach in 1985, Villanova's year to break brackets. She didn't gloat but she smiled a lot.

"About half the time people win who know absolutely nothing about college basketball," said Naismith (not his real name), an executive who has been running the NCAA pool at a Philadelphia business for 10 years. "Some people pick the team because they like the team colors or the team mascots."

The Holy Cross Crusaders could gain some fans with that

line of reasoning, but the Penn Quakers might really be in trouble now.

The term "March Madness" was coined in an essay by an Illinois high school basketball coach in 1939, but gets a bad rap these days for triggering annoying advertising (March Madness: All furniture must go before April) and alternative field of 64s (Jujubes over Mounds, no way; sure Pol Pot had the numbers but Dahmer should advance to the Evil Eight). Yet, the pure joy of March Madness is its inherent ability to create a warm-and-fuzzy atmosphere in the workplace for three weeks.

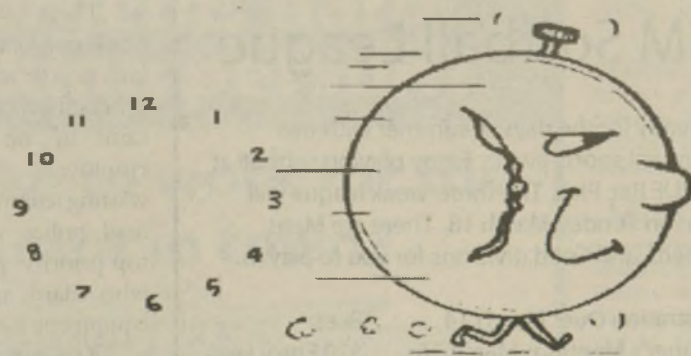
People normally on the bubble of acceptance join movers and shakers for accidental bonding, especially if they both had the No. 12 beating the No. 5 seed. A kind of an impromptu truce emerges among co-workers. The grump, who mumbles and grunts for 49 weeks, loosens his lips and blurts out serious hoop lingo in which last names become initials:

"Dickie V is in love with Coach K."

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of the competition.

"It was apparent that Callie had been in these meets before because her first throw of the competition would have earned All-American honors," he added. "Her best throw, the third best throw of her career, came later in third round. I know Callie wanted to be around 18 meters, but it just wasn't to be."

Junior Kyle Rose finished fifth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.28, winning him an All-American status.

"After finishing second at Nationals outdoors last year, I

knew Kyle had big goals for this year," Beyers said. "He worked hard and put himself into a position to succeed and ran a great race. He's looking for even bigger things for outdoors."

The Cougars get back into action when they begin the outdoor portion of the season Saturday, March 31 at the Missouri Relays.

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to him 3-2 earlier in the year. So I was really set. I would've had to beat him to win it."

Bessemer credited Pickar's victory to his agility.

"I think it's just a style thing," he said. "That guy does a lot of outside shots and John shuts those down pretty well. But he's still a little better than John is on his feet and that's the difference right now. Neither guy could hold the other one down. He had just a little bit of an edge on his feet and that's the two-point difference right there."

Ficht rebounded with a decisive 8-0 triumph over J.J. Davis of University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

"I've been good on top for

most of the year," Ficht said. "So I did my, what they call, bow and arrow move on the top. I just turned him over for some points and he kind of turned really easy."

Ficht ended the year with a 19-15 overall record in his last season at SIUE.

"Going to Nationals was a good experience. It was really cool," Ficht said. "I got to do a whole bunch of stuff."

"The rest of the season it was good," he added. "I'm kind of disappointed it's my last one. I'm sad that I don't get to wrestle anymore. But I think I'm going to stick around and help coach."

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eminates from the NCAA Tournament.

There will be interlopers. Some corporate flak will shriek in faux horror at the billions lost in productivity as if the surf just came up on the Internet and employees weren't already wasting company time there. E-mail police will send flashing, top-priority messages to those who dare use the company equipment for the pools.

Kiss-ups will rat out the villains. They should be careful what they kiss for.

"A guy went to the CFO to complain about me violating company policy by using corporate e-mails for the pool and as he walks in the door the CFO was filling out his pool on his computer," said Naismith. "I use a different e-mail now but I still get corporate e-mails and

some of the biggest violators are executives. If I learned one thing in running the pools it's this: There's an inverse relationship between how much salary a person makes and how long it takes to get money out of them."

Meanwhile, morale is off the chart during the tournament. An office drone who last week thought Gonzaga was one of Mothra's enemies is suddenly calling the team the Zags and head-butting his boss when they advance.

Three weeks from now the head-butters will zig and barely nod when they pass in the hallway. That's the real world. Enjoy the brief interlude.

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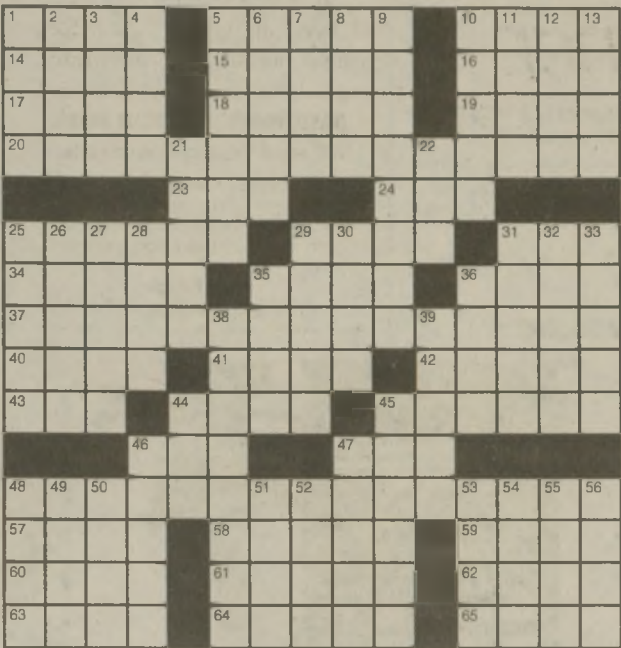
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- 5 Blank spots

6 Dominant male

7 Table extension

8 Tex-Mex treat

9 Silver grade

10 Single-masted ship

11 Feline rumble

12 All tucked in

13 Hardy heroine

21 180-degree maneuver

22 Word with cry or chest

25 "___ la vista, baby!"

26 Figurative phrase

27 Set to rest

28 ___ off (angry)

29 Awful smell

30 Rhino's weapon

31 Wheel spokes

32 Signs of what's to come

33 Tifing amount
- 35 Close securely

36 Take-out side

38 Does some hooked needlework

39 Met production

44 Up to now

45 Refinement

46 Suit material

47 Was partisan

48 Cornmeal dish

49 Capital by a fjord

50 Gather grain

51 Nautical direction

52 Blissful cloud

53 Rest periods

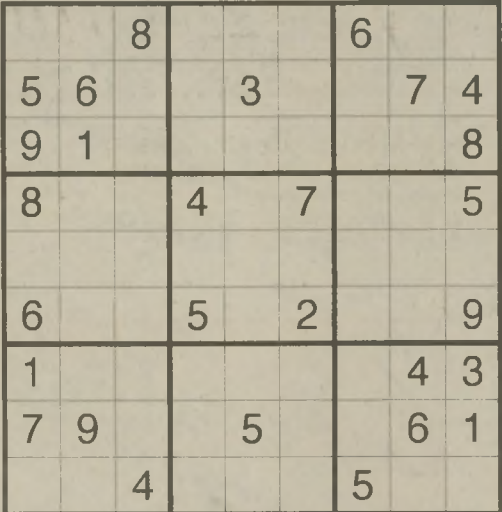
54 Thumb through

55 Song from an opera

56 High-pitched cry

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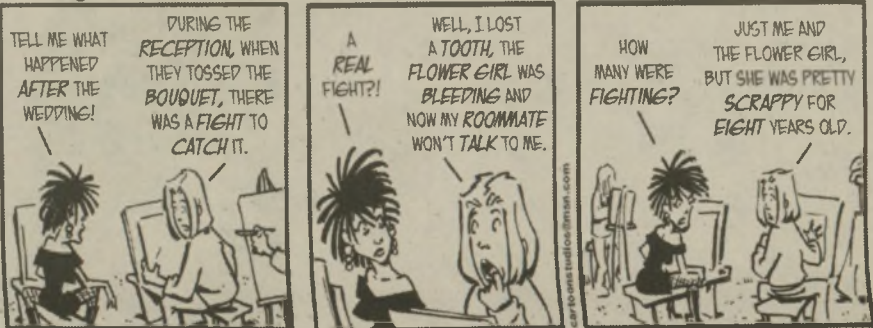


Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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