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Student Government elections



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Sophomore early childhood education major Julie Meyer casts her vote for Student Government while election official sophomore elementary education major Saleetra Bell reviews paperwork.

The votes are in

Estilette elected student body president, Rardin elected vice president

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Reporter

The unofficial 2007-08 Student Government election results were announced Wednesday.

Of the 883 ballots cast by the student body, current Student Senator Laurie Estilette took the presidency with 447 of the votes.

"I'm relieved," Estilette said Wednesday. "I think the students sent a powerful message that they want a real leader. Students want their voice back."

Although Estilette was the only official presidential candidate on the ballot, write-in candidates Richard Mann and Kolby Bissell earned 208 and 75 votes, respectively.

Current Student Senator Brandon Rardin won the vice presidency with 470 votes over Andrew Spainhour's 372.

In an uncontested race for student trustee, current senator Christine Williams garnered 740 votes.

The 12 Student Senate seats have been filled by: Stephanie Clark, Darrell Lillard, Andrew Pike, Ankur Patel, Tiffany Slaw, Jessica Glaspie, Rob Schmittling, Dominique Majors, Billy Krause, Stephanie Medhurst, Quentin Harris and

Patrick Brazill. Majors and Medhurst are currently serving as student senators.

Lillard said he was honored by his election to the Student Senate.

"I am looking forward to making changes and working with my other fellow senators and elected officials," Lillard said.

The student body president, vice president and senators will take office May 7 and the student trustee will take office July 1.

Unofficial results will be announced at Friday's Student Senate meeting and official election results will be posted April 20.

Also at Friday's Student Senate meeting, Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo will address the senate regarding the recent increase in parking permit fees. The senate will also discuss annual allocations and proposed Student Government Constitution and Bylaws revisions.

Friday's meeting will take place at 2 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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Unofficial Results Spring 2007

Student Government Elections



President:

Laurie Estilette 477
Richard Mann (write in) 208
Kolby Bissell (write in) 75

Vice President

Brandon Rardin 470
Andrew Spainhour 372

Student Trustee

Christine Williams . . 740

Senators:

Stephanie Clark . . . 467
Darrell Lillard 385
Andrew Pike 368
Ankur Patel 361
Tiffany Slaw 355
Jessica Glaspie . . . 335
Rob Schmittling . . 332
Dominique Majors . 349
Billy Krause 327
Stephanie Medhurst 319
Quentin Harris 314
Patrick Brazill 305
Bryan Kress 281
Christopher Stroot . . 219

Total Ballots- 883

Source: Student Government Office
Graphic by Molly Maurer/Alestle

Shopping spree

New stores in the works at Edwardsville Crossing

by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

Six stores are under construction at Edwardsville Crossing on Illinois Route 157 and are expected to open this summer.

They include Office Depot and Petco, scheduled to open their doors May 11, and Michaels, to open May 18.

Later in the summer Ashley Furniture and Borders Books will be ready for business Aug. 3 and Aug. 18, respectively.

Best Buy will open just after Labor Day on Sept. 7.

"Any others we are not at liberty to say," Edwardsville City Administrator Ben Dickmann said. "The developer is holding that information very close because they don't have formal agreements with prospects."

The City of Edwardsville and Village of Glen Carbon own rights to the 58-acre land where the stores will be completed, though Edwardsville owns the majority with 40 of the 58 acres.

Dickmann said the corporations in charge of setting the location of these stores look thoroughly into the city's history and economics before making a move.

"The retailers believe the market is solid here," Dickmann said. "They must have a good relationship with the developer. Their market studies allowed company officers to make the decision to locate here."

In addition, Dickmann said

the retailers research the city's "quality of life" and seek "good public school systems" as well as the potential market, which includes the 13,000-plus students who attend SIUE.

"I think they look at everything," Dickmann said, "and the university is certainly one of the factors."

He said a low unemployment rate and a stable economic climate help, too.

Edwardsville Crossing in the past year welcomed Dierbergs, as well as multiple restaurants.

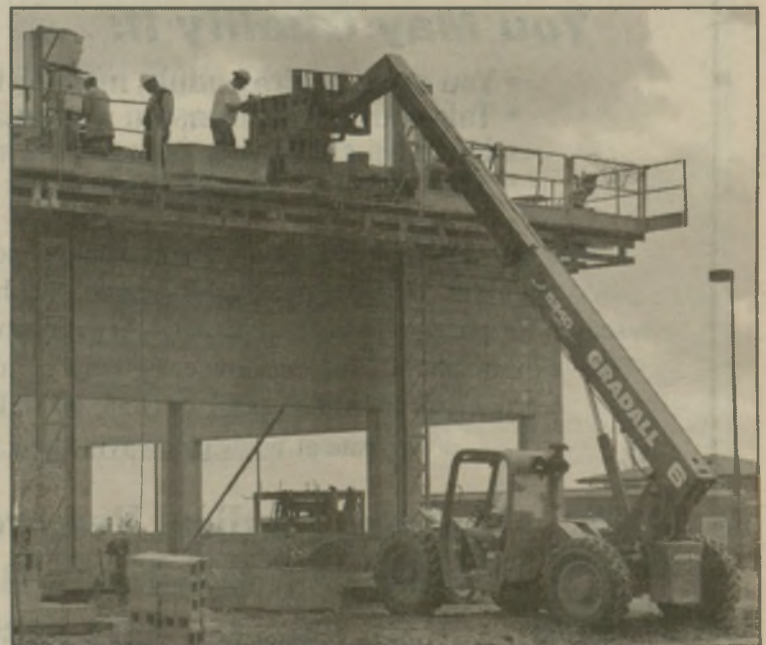
Edwardsville and Glen Carbon taxpayers should not see a higher property tax rate, Dickmann said, because the buildings, as private sectors, "pay their own taxes."

Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Executive Director Mike Pierceall said the retail sales have jumped more than 200 percent between the two communities since 1996 and will only improve with the new stores.

"Look at the trend we have, it is going up quite rapidly," Pierceall said. "And with the new stores that have opened, that is going to be a substantial increase."

In fact, the two communities brought in more than \$540 million in 2005. Both also accumulated more than \$680 million in assessed valuation, which determines a community's worth.

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Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Construction continues on buildings in Edwardsville Crossing. Six stores are expected to open between May and September.

Police Reports

3-30

Police responded to a report of a door to a classroom being damaged in Founders Hall, but nothing was reported missing from the room.

Police issued Jocelynn McGhee a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South Circle Drive.

Police issued Blake La Rue a citation for an expired license plate registration on South University Drive.

Police issued Joshua Johnson a citation for disobeying a stop sign on University Drive.

3-31

Police issued Travis Hackney a citation for unauthorized handicapped parking in Bluff Hall Circle.

Police issued Amilia Smith a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

Police arrested Benjamin Shasserre for driving under the influence. Shasserre was also issued a citation for improper parking on a roadway at a four-way intersection.

4-1

Police arrested Jason Johnson for illegal consumption of alcohol at Cougar Village. Johnson was released after posting \$100 bond.

Police arrested Ryan Gonzales for driving under the influence on South University Drive. Gonzales was released after posting \$100 bond.

Police issued Breana Clark citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive at P2 Road.

Police responded to an alleged fight between a male and a female in Cougar Village Lot 5B.

Police arrested Angela Hurst and Rudie Brown for alleged domestic battery after a dispute that occurred earlier in the night. Brown was taken to the Madison County Jail, while Hurst was released after posting \$100 bond.

4-2

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

Banner open for all students

System reported to be running smoothly

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

When the Banner Web registration system debuted on March 12, biochemistry sophomore Josh Bradshaw prepared for the worst.

Bradshaw said he predicted a massive rush to access the new program, followed closely by an equally catastrophic system crash.

But the apocalyptic Banner collapse didn't exactly happen as Bradshaw expected. In fact, no system crash occurred at all.

"It went a lot better than I thought it would," Bradshaw said.

As of Monday, all SIUE students have had the opportunity to register for fall 2007 classes with the enrollment PINs received at their mandatory advising appointments.

Registrar Laura Strom said that, except for a few expected hiccups, Banner has functioned as planned.

"I'm very happy with the way things have gone," Strom said. "Students have been doing well with the new system."

Senior criminal justice major Lindsey Harston said she liked Web registration because of the control and flexibility it offered.

"There were some classes I was going to take and decided not

to," Harston said. "It gives you more options to alter your schedule."

Harston said she could look through classes at her leisure, and there was less pressure than when at an advising appointment.

"Sometimes going to an advising appointment is a little intimidating," Harston said.

Bradshaw said he liked the new system, but adviser problems kept him from registering on time.

Before students could register for classes, they had to attend a mandatory advising appointment and receive an enrollment, or alternate, PIN to access

Banner on their designated date.

Bradshaw said his adviser did not understand the alternate PIN system, and consequently, Bradshaw did not receive one at his appointment.

"There were too many numbers, but you need to have that alternate PIN," Bradshaw said.

The numbers Bradshaw referred to include his student ID number, university ID number and enrollment PIN. All the different number combinations are needed to access Banner for the first time.

Computer science senior

Brandon Kastelein said he understood the different identification numbers and PINs were a safety precaution, but said they could also be a hassle.

"You need to have a little bit of security, but at the same time, too much can get in the way of registration," Kastelein said.

Strom said the many different numbers were understandably confusing but unavoidable. The university ID was necessary because of the process of reducing the use of Social Security numbers, Strom explained. The alternate PIN confirmed a student had seen an adviser.

"Eventually, the old student IDs and passwords that you're used to will go away altogether," Strom said. "By the time we reach the fall term, we will have everything completely in our new system."

At the beginning of the fall 2007 semester, each student will have only a university ID, and Social Security numbers will no longer be used to identify students.

Strom said the alternate PINs will stay in effect as long as the advising appointments remain mandatory.

Kastelein said he had an easy

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Many students wishing to live off-campus in the fall are in the process of locating living accommodations in the area.

Movin' out

Spring sends students on search for off-campus housing

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle News Reporter

When freshmen Amanda Kuppler and her two friends looked for off-campus housing, they found it more difficult than seeking university housing.

For students signing up for on-campus housing, the process is standardized.

The steps are simple: fill out the application, pay the \$200 deposit fee and pick the students to live with in either Cougar Village or the residence halls.

For Kuppler and her prospective roommates, the process of finding off-campus housing proved challenging.

"It was difficult trying to find off-campus housing because I've never done it before and I didn't know what to look for," Kuppler said.

A lengthy search was needed to find the apartment complex that was the right fit for them.

"The university gave us a list of all of the off-campus

apartments and we made appointments at every single place on the list," Kuppler said.

Kuppler will reside in the Bay Hill Townhomes with fellow freshmen Stephanie George and Keri Riggs in the fall semester.

As part of the process, the apartment complex management ran credit and background checks.

In addition, the application stated the students needed to have their parents co-sign since their income is less than \$2,100 per month.

To the group, one of the most important deciding factors in choosing which complex to live in was their budget.

Ultimately, the three said money will be saved by living in Bay Hill compared to living in university housing.

"We have to pay \$695 a month, not including utilities, and that is split among three people," Kuppler said. "It was the cheapest option, and we got the best deal."



Compared to university housing, the three future roommates say they will potentially save thousands of their parents' dollars and will have to deal with fewer restrictions.

"Off-campus housing is a lot cheaper and we won't have to deal with all of the rules," George said.

Before the three officially made their decision to live in Bay Hill, they were given a tour of the apartment to check for any problems left over from the previous residents.

The three said they were pleased with the apartment and signed the one-year lease immediately. To Riggs, one of the positive points of off-campus housing is the independence and quiet study time.

"We won't be able to see our friends as often during the week, but it will help our studies because people won't be coming in and out of our rooms all night," Riggs said.

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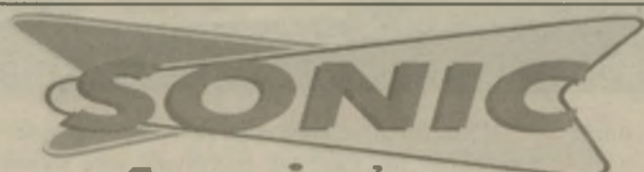
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Amber Harper, 26, finds peace and serenity in her spouseless life.

On their own

More women living alone – and happily

By Margo Harakas

South Florida Sun-Sentinel (MCT)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. – They are the new majority – women who find themselves, by choice or not, living spouseless. Divorced, widowed, never married, they are women discovering new strengths.

Many rejoice in their independence, their achievements and their ability to go it alone, happily.

They are doctors, teachers, entrepreneurs, supporters of the arts, civic activists, volunteers, and yes, the poor. Living without spouses, they constitute a new demographic of the American landscape.

"I view my spouseless life as serene, peaceful and content for now," says Amber Harper, 26, of Fort Lauderdale.

Jeannette Markus of Delray Beach, Fla., agrees.

"I am happy as a clam," said the 48-year-old divorced mother of a college-bound daughter and an active volunteer. "I work hard in my office, maintain a large home by myself, grow orchids and exotic plants in my garden and am friends with every family (in) my neighborhood."

U.S. Census figures for 2005 showed more American women living without a spouse than with one. In 1950, according to The New York Times, only 35 percent of women made that claim.

In South Florida, spouseless females are even more prevalent. The Census figures show while 51 percent of women nationally were living without a husband in 2005, the figure was 55.54 percent in Broward County, 59.45 percent in Miami-Dade County and 52.86 percent in Palm Beach County.

Part of that, as Stan Smith, director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at University of Florida in Gainesville, suggests, has to do with Florida's proportionately larger older population and the fact women generally outlive men. Florida's widows thus show up in the studies as women living without a spouse.

Whatever the circumstances, they are mostly leading lives that are productive, active and joyful.

"If I had my druthers, I would prefer a partnership," Rhonnie Robins said, divorced and living single in Boca Raton, Fla., for the past three years. But at 51, Robins says, "I've lost my fear of just about everything, gained a lot of self-respect and learned 'I can' – no matter what. I've become scuba certified, and though I've had a motorcycle license for 20 years, who'd have thought I would purchase my own Harley! I completed a Disney Marathon in 2004 ... I've never felt more

emotionally, mentally, physically or spiritually complete. It's truly been an awesome awakening."

No longer defined by the expectations or aspirations of a 1950s-and-before generation, these fearless new women make no apologies for getting along fine without a wedding band.

Laura Finley, director of social change at Women in Distress, a shelter for victims of domestic violence in Broward County and visiting professor of sociology at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, sees the trend as a natural extension of the women's movement.

"We now have a generation of people who partly say that it's OK to be by myself, people who have devoted themselves to a career because that option became available to them because of the women's movement," she notes.

Women may not love not having a mate, says Finley, "but they're comfortable with being alone." And those involved in sexual relationships don't necessarily feel compelled today to take the relationship "to that next level of commitment."

"I have been in love once and would rather save that memory than be in an unhappy relationship," says Harper, of Fort Lauderdale. "I would like to be married one day, but that spark doesn't happen often and when the time is right, I believe it will happen."

Jane Caputi, professor of women's studies at FAU, notes that historically, "women really had to be married to be economically viable and socially acceptable. You had a few women, nuns and lesbians, for instance, who weren't, but women's sexuality and women's economic possibilities were so controlled, most women were married. And any who weren't were seen as disreputable women."

Modern capitalism changed all that with women gaining access to full employment and, as a result, economic independence. That's allowed women, says Caputi, "to forge new models of community and relationships, (and) function happily and with economic stability."

Having said that, Caputi notes, economic independence is still illusory for many women.

"We don't want to forget these joys of singlehood are not available to women with working-class or lower-class wages. Singlehood means something far different to poorer women."

Less jubilant, too, about going it alone are women isolated by age, frailty and the loss of a beloved husband.

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A different kind of admissions process

by Kathy Boccella
The Philadelphia Inquirer (MCT)

PHILADELPHIA – Along with SAT scores and extra-curricular activities, college-bound students increasingly are being asked to divulge information that may not be so flattering: their criminal and discipline records.

Since late summer, the Common Application, a form used by about 300 institutions, has asked students and guidance counselors whether the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime or disciplined at school.

In an effort to weed out troublemakers before they hit campus, colleges with their own forms also are requiring prospective students to disclose behavioral black marks. More are contemplating it.

The University of Pennsylvania put its admissions policy under review after the discovery in January that a 25-year-old child molester taking graduate courses was commuting from his Bucks County, Pa., prison cell. Saint Joseph's University will ask about applicants' misdeeds beginning next year.

"It's an issue that's exploding," Babson College Dean of Student Affairs Timothy Mann, who is writing his doctoral dissertation on the subject, said.

The debate over whether to screen and for what is contentious. Opponents cite privacy issues and the risk of penalizing offenders twice. Education encourages rehabilitation, argues the United States Student Association, the nation's largest student group.

"Are we now putting institutions of higher education in the position of dispensing post-judicial punishment?" Barmak Nassirian of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers said.

Federal law prevents most schools from releasing educational records – including disciplinary information – without parental approval. Counselors can leave the questions blank, a spokesman for the Common Application said. And schools do not always know about the trouble students get into off campus.

Access to more accurate information and increased expectations about college involvement in students' lives has spurred pre-admission screening, Mann said.

Though campus crime has not appreciably increased since 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Education, a few high-profile crimes committed by students with rap sheets have led

institutions to re-examine their admissions process. The Common Application added its inquiries at the request of concerned schools, Executive Director Rob Killion said.

Students are warned not to omit information. If they're caught lying, they're disqualified.

Several states have taken stricter measures. A new law forces Virginia colleges to reveal names and birthdates of students so police can cross check sex offender lists. If there is a match, the school and local police are told and the offender has three days to register with authorities after moving to campus.

Virginia State Police Lt. Tom Turner said authorities expect to check 80,000 to 100,000 names annually.

In North Carolina, additional precautions have been implemented since students with rape and larceny convictions committed two unrelated murders at the state university in Wilmington in 2004.

In addition to being asked about their pasts, applicants to the University of North Carolina's 16 campuses are checked against a national database of suspended or expelled college students. Those who trigger suspicion are investigated, Leslie Winner, general counsel for the 200,000-student system, said. As a result, 84 applicants were denied entry last fall.

Schools generally ask for a letter of explanation and consult counselors and others regarding problems. Though juvenile records are sealed, colleges can run criminal background checks on those 18 or older.

No more than 10 applicants a year report misdeeds and serious offenders are not invited to join the school's 5,000 or so incoming freshmen.

Each school has its idea of a deal-breaking offense, Hughes said. Even with murder, she advises not to jump to conclusions.

"We look at it on a case-by-case basis," Arcadia University Enrollment Associate Vice President of Mark Lapreziosa said. "We look for students showing growth or having learned (from their mistakes)."

American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania Legal Director Witold Walczak worries that risk aversion may lead to overzealous enforcement. If getting arrested once was a consideration 35 years ago, "an awful lot of people would never have gotten into college ... maybe even presidents," he said.

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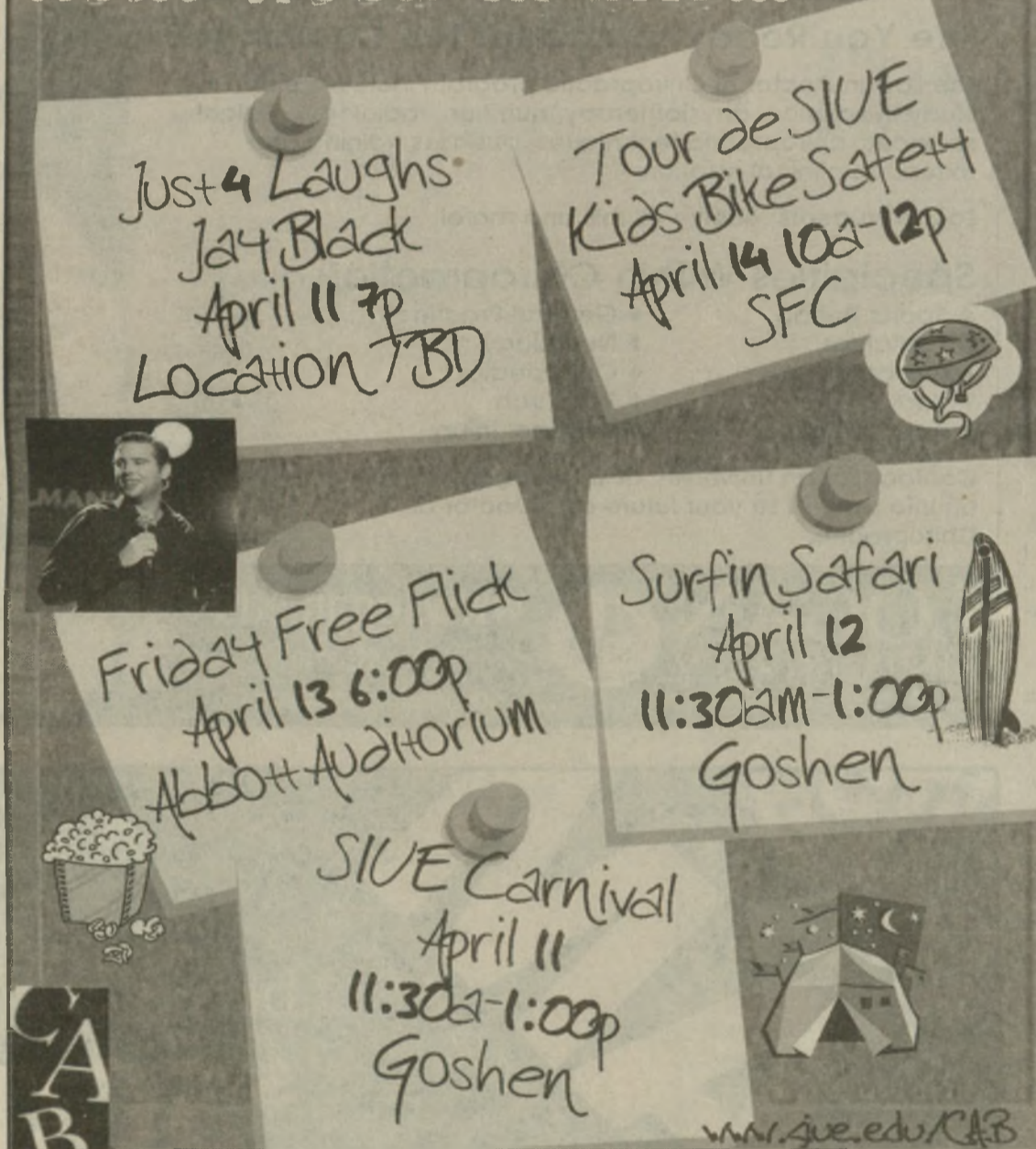
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The 2006 results as of Monday were not available and Pierceall said they will not be for another few weeks.

"People do pay more in property taxes because the appraised value is up," Dickmann said in reference to the growing value in the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon area.

One SIUE student said she is glad such stores are coming to the area.

"I think people won't have to go to Fairview (Heights) and it gives SIUE students more job opportunities," senior political science major Ashley Selby said.

Senior speech communication major Ryan Chesnut said the new stores would benefit the consumers, but could hurt the residents.

"Overall, it would probably be a good thing," Chesnut said. "Those are pretty big-name stores. I think they are really turning Edwardsville into another Fairview Heights. It is bad as far the residential (aspect) is concerned."

Another student, junior speech communication major Jennifer Miner, said she supports the business aspect but would not

bat an eye at the new stores.

"I don't really come to Edwardsville to shop," Miner said. "I live in the Collinsville area, so I shop what is around the house."

While there is debate about whether Fairview Heights would take a financial hit with another Best Buy or another Borders just minutes away, Dickmann said the corporations most likely took that into consideration before construction.

"I am certain they are confident that their line of goods and their sales are strong enough that they can have profitable sites in both communities," Dickmann said. "They are not going to build a store if that causes one store to close."

Dickmann said that the new stores should help put the city on the map during what is already a growing year for Edwardsville with the special census as well as the already-built commercial sites.

"It will certainly, I think, increase the community's image as a destination," Dickmann said.

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time registering for his classes on March 12.

"I'm a computer guy, so it didn't seem too hard," Kastelein said.

Kastelein said he also managed to register his fiancé, a junior, during the first week, although juniors were not supposed to access the system until March 19.

Bradshaw also heard rumors of early access. "I saw a bunch of people, like freshmen, sign up before I did," Bradshaw said.

Alana Lambert is one such freshman who said she was supposed to register April 2, but the system let her in on March 26. She said many students thought they found a way around the Banner system when they managed to register for classes before their assigned date.

This was not exactly the case, according to Strom. Because SIUE is currently transferring out of the old Legacy system and into Banner, students' current semester classes were transferred to the new system, momentarily boosting the number of credits earned.

"We knew that created a temporary inflation of their credit hours," Strom said. "That was just one of the consequences we had to accept because we wanted those courses to be there so students wouldn't have prerequisite problems."

Strom said these inflated credits would be purged out after the student registered and will not appear again until the student actually completes the course.

One of the biggest changes

students had to get used to, Strom said, was the system-enforced prerequisites Banner implements.

Lambert ran into the prerequisite 'brick wall' when she attempted to sign up for a music class, but could not because she had not completed her current course.

Lambert said she spoke with her advisor, who overrode the system and allowed her to sign up for the course.

Not everyone was so fortunate.

Lambert said one of her friends also had trouble with prerequisite courses, but by the time he had his problems resolved, nearly all the classes he needed were full.

Strom said it was important for students to watch carefully for prerequisites, especially if taking summer classes which are prerequisites for fall classes.

The summer courses are migrated to the new system on a weekly basis, Strom explained. A week after a student signs up for a summer course it should appear on their academic record.

"Students can check their records to see if their enrollment is on their record," Strom said. "They can check that before they attempt their registration."

Strom encouraged students who have problems with prerequisites to go to the Service Center or their adviser as soon as possible.

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Fraternities show unity over Rock

We would like everyone to know that this is a two-part letter written collectively by the president of Delta Lambda Phi and the Phi Kappa Fraternity.

Phi Kappa Psi would like to apologize to the staff, faculty and student body and community for the actions of Brandon Rardin concerning the Rock.

We neither condone nor agree with his behavior. We do not discriminate against any group for any reason, nor do we teach others to do so. We are a group who is founded on philanthropy and the spirit of helping others. This act has cast

a shadow over many other good projects we participated in over the last year.

Due to this situation, we have started our internal judicial process to determine a punishment and have informed our national headquarters of the situation. We have taken steps toward repairing relationships with those who were targeted by this act.

Again, we apologize and hope that everyone at the university and in the community is willing to work past this point with us.

Andrew Stone
President
Phi Kappa Psi
Junior
Historical Studies

The words printed on behalf of Delta Lambda Phi in Tuesday's Alestle against the Phi Kappa Psi were made without the chapter's consent. As President, speaking on behalf of the Beta Zeta Chapter, I along with my Sergeant-At-Arms have met with Brandon Rardin and the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity to reconcile any misunderstandings that have occurred.

We want no ill will between Delta Lambda Phi and Phi Kappa Psi. Our goal is to unify Greek-to-Greek relationships, not destroy them.

Morgan Morris
President
Delta Lambda Phi
Beta Zeta Chapter
Junior
Undecided

Revival of Amendment welcome

by Jill Hopke
Progressive Media Project (MCT)

It is long past time for women's rights to be written into the U.S. Constitution.

Fortunately, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is getting new life in Congress, 25 years after the time limit for its ratification expired. It overwhelmingly passed the House and Senate in 1972 only to fall three states short of the 38 states necessary to win ratification ten years later.

Now renamed the Women's Equality Amendment, it could finally help end sex discrimination.

The amendment's key

phrase states simply, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

A lot has changed for women in the past quarter century, but not enough.

Women who work full time still earn 76.5 cents for every dollar men do, according to the 2004 Census data.

And women continue to face discrimination on the job.

Existing federal law has failed to adequately protect women from discrimination in the workplace.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits employment discrimination based on sex. But in a decision last year, the 9th Circuit found in *Jespersen v. Harrah's Operating*

Co. that sex-based grooming codes – such as requiring women to wear makeup – did not violate Title VII.

But over the years, ERA opponents have distorted the issue by saying it would lead to unisex toilets, women fighting in combat alongside men and same-sex marriage. As we have seen over the last 25 years, the ERA has had nothing to do with any of these issues.

The United States should have ratified the ERA in 1923, the year it was first introduced. Or in 1982.

Guaranteeing equal rights for women into the U.S. Constitution is long overdue. Congress must act now and send

Equality is an American value. Women in this country deserve no less.

Correction: In the "Marchdown '07 steps in grand fashion" article in Tuesday's edition of the Alestle, the winners of Marchdown 2007 were listed incorrectly. In the sorority division, Delta Sigma Theta won first place and Alpha Kappa Alpha won second. In the fraternity division, Alpha Phi Alpha won first place and Omega Psi Phi won second. The Alestle regrets these errors.

Leniency requested with fines

Okay, so parking tag prices are going up. Goody! But I have a different concern.

On the morning of March 19, I returned to campus from going home for the weekend. Like always, and everyone else, I pulled up to Bluff Hall, put my parking flashers on, took my stuff up to my room and returned back to my car no more than four minutes later.

When I returned to my car, I found a parking service worker trying to give me a ticket. I ran to my car, and told the worker that I was back and that I just ran inside really quick to drop my stuff in my room. He told me that cars were never to be left unattended and that the sign said "No Parking." He also told me that the metered spots were available for that reason.

There was another car behind mine, also with the flashers on. I understand that parking isn't allowed, but I was under the understanding that you could turn your flashers on while you took stuff up to your room.

When I asked a front desk worker, I was told that it was "a hazard," and that if there were an emergency, the emergency vehicles would park there. I completely understand, but I think that it should be known that this violates their rules.

What about Friday afternoons between noon and 2 p.m.? Everyone parks on the curbs to take stuff to their cars.

Also, what about the Pepsi trucks, mail/UPS truck or even SIUE campus police cars? Should they get a ticket for violating this rule?

I wasn't going to write the paper about this, but I saw another girl get a ticket recently for the same reason. I think cars, with their flashers on, should be able to park on the curb for five to 10 minutes.

If they are going to have this rule, they need to make it known, and follow through with it for everyone. But, it looks like they don't want people to know, that way they get their \$10, or money from the meter.

I think many resident hall occupants will be upset if they continue with this rule. Bluff and Woodland's parking lots are not just a hop, skip and jump away.

Stephanie Grant
Freshman
Elementary Education

Letter
to the
Editor

From
the
Wire

Happy Trails

by Holly Meyer

Alestle News Reporter

In Madison County, traveling from place to place does not require a vehicle, but a comfortable pair of shoes.

The Madison County Transit is continually expanding its 85-mile trail system that winds its way throughout the county.

"We have one of the largest systems of class one bike ways," S.J. Morrison, MCT Planning and Marketing Director, said.

Morrison said class one bike ways are not a part of the road; they are completely separate from traffic.

Even though they are separate from traffic, they still connect trail users to different areas in Madison County, including Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and the SIUE campus.

The trails are a "healthy transportation alternative," Morrison said.

Open from dawn to dusk, SIUE students and the public can bike, rollerblade, skateboard, run, jog and walk on the MCT trails. Electric wheelchairs are allowed on the paths; however, no other motorized vehicles or horses are allowed to use the trails.

The construction of the trails began in the early 1990s as a part of the Rails-to-Trails program. This program helped convert what used to be the old railroad line in Madison County to the MCT trails. The trails have potential to be converted to future light rail possibilities, like the MetroLink, according to Morrison.

"This is a great way of preserving the track corridors," Morrison said.

Unlike Madison County, other areas of the country sell the old railroad corridors in bits and pieces and the owners build over them, Morrison said.

Because of the preservation of the rail corridors, the MCT trails are like "linear parks (or) greenways that wind throughout Madison County," Morrison said.

"It's peaceful," SIUE junior Briana Jefferson said. "It's not busy like the VC (Vadalabene Center)."

Jefferson and senior Morgan Fisher were walking on the Delyte W. Morris Trail, a paved trail that runs through campus near Cougar Village, the campus core and the Vadalabene Center.

With the sun shining, the wind blowing and the warm temperatures, Fisher agreed with Jefferson that Sunday was a good day to be using the trails.

"It's a lot better to be outside on days like this," Fisher said.

In addition to the Delyte W. Morris Trail, two other trails run through or near campus. The Delyte W. Morris Trail connects to the Bluff Trail and passes the athletic fields including Korte Stadium. Bluff Trail connects to the wooded Nature Trail that runs alongside campus.

Experienced cyclists, families and dogs walkers were seen on the trails Sunday taking advantage of the warm weather.

The people who use these "pedestrian highways" can experience the different landscapes of Madison County, Morrison said.

The trails wind through woods, creeks, fields, along the Mississippi River and through towns. Trail users can travel over bridges and under tunnels to avoid crossing traffic, according to Morrison.

On some trails, riders or walkers have to use on-road connectors to travel from one trail to the next, Morrison said.

The trails also give access to the MCT buses which are all equipped with bicycle racks," Morrison said. "MCT is one of the few integrated bus-bike systems."

The buses carry an average of 800 bicycles a month, according to the MCT Web site.

"What we try to do is connect neighborhoods to schools, and people to places," Morrison said. "We are quickly moving towards a Madison County that doesn't require a car."

"I don't have a car," sophomore Emily Rahn said. "So, I use them to get to and from campus."

Rahn has also used the trails to walk to a hair appointment in Edwardsville as well as walking to her classes.

As a member of the SIUE Volleyball team, Rahn used the trails for team runs during spring training and for personal workouts.

Students interested in using the trail system can find information located on maps along the trails.

For students who want to plan their trips on the trails, MCT trail maps are available at the Morris University Center's Information Desk or at Parking Services in Rendleman Hall. To view an interactive map of the trails, visit the MCT Web site at www.MCTTrails.org.

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Junior computer science major Chad Miller takes advantage of warm weather and jogs the MCT trails.

Andy Rathnow/Alestle



International students unite on the field

by Brittney Barr
Alestle News Reporter

Some SIUE international students are using soccer to help bridge the gap among students of different backgrounds.

European United is a soccer team at SIUE comprised of European and American students. Pedram Partovi, an Iranian/Dutch international student, and the International Business Association created the group last semester to give international students an outlet to meet other exchange students and Americans.

"It's about recognition and togetherness," Partovi said. "I feel that if you have a team with foreign students playing against an American team then you will increase interest in that team and its members."

Partovi, the team manager, and some European United team members expressed the desire to meet more with other students.

"Interacting with other students for many is difficult to do," Partovi said. "It is even more difficult for transfer or exchange students to network with students unlike themselves because many have already linked to a social group."

European United member Thibaut Sergent, who is from France, explained that talking with students and going to parties has been the best way for him to socialize with others and to learn about their cultures.

"Even though you have only a short time here at SIUE, you have to do as much as you can to interact with and meet new people," he said.

Soccer team and international student club European United pose after an intermural match Saturday.

Andy Rathnow/Alestle

EU team members said they would like SIUE students to be more aware of international students on campus who would like to be more social with American students.

"It is all a part of a learning experience," Partovi said. Born in Iran and having moved to Holland at age 10, he relates his experience of adapting to American society to his migration from Iran to Europe.

"The most difficult part of entering a new society is learning the language and customs," he said.

Partovi, a business major, decided to study abroad in the United States where he could observe American economic activity and culture.

At SIUE, Partovi lives with two American roommates and one British roommate.

Reflecting upon his term here in Edwardsville, Partovi said he has encountered cultural conflicts numerous times, usually over opinions on politics, over apparel and over behavioral differences – "what you do here and what you do there."

"It is difficult to interact with some Americans because of differences in customs, styles and languages," he said. "People are careful about what they say and do because they do not want to cause offense."

The group of EU team members each described many American students' interest in them as cautious and polite.

German student Benjamin Hoerstensmeier attributed the cautiousness to the relative cultural isolation of

Edwardsville compared to more diverse cities like Chicago and New York.

"The eastern part of the U.S. is more trusting of foreigners where there are bigger cities and more diversity than in Edwardsville," Hoerstensmeier said. "But still people at SIUE are more nice."

The group said, however, that their experience in America has been interesting and very different from that in Europe.

"People here are more warm and open toward foreigners than they are in Europe," Sergent said. "Europeans tend to be more closed and to themselves."

"Being foreign in Europe can be difficult because people do not always know about you and the experiences you come from," Partovi said. "Americans are very open-minded."

Partovi, Sergent and Hoerstensmeier will return to Europe after the end of this semester.

As the team manager, Partovi hopes that European United will remain a part of SIUE after he returns home to Amsterdam.

He also would like students to know that European United is open to non-European students.

"Everyone can come and play with us on Saturday afternoons," Partovi said. "It's about having fun with each other away from studying."

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Now Rating: "Grindhouse"

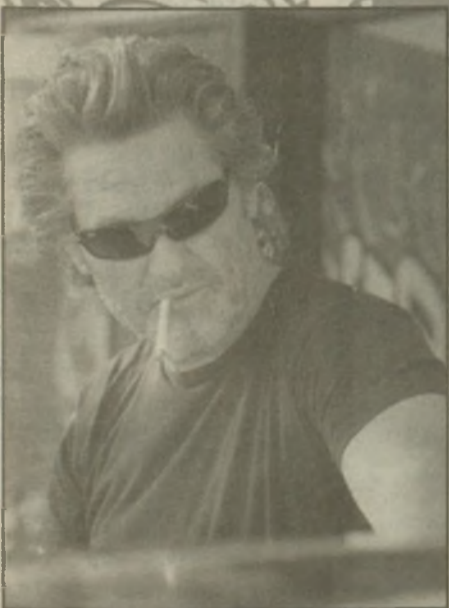


Photo courtesy of Dimension Films

By Roger Moore
The Orlando Sentinel
(MCT)

It comes from such a pure place and finishes with such a rush that you have to

cut "Grindhouse" all sorts of slack.

This lurid, obscenely long homage to the cars, corpses and copulation Z-pictures of the 1970s captures the cheese, the verve and the movie lover's reverence for the medium that was evident in the original "grindhouse" movies, films catering to an unsophisticated audience in an era when mass movie-going was in danger of fading away.

Three hours and 11 minutes of movies, "prevues," vintage interstitials (the snack bar plugs and "our feature presentation" announcements) take you back to what it meant to sit through a "grind," a continuously showing presentation at a seedy downtown theater or drive-in.

"Grindhouse" pairs Robert Rodriguez's "Night of the Living Dead" zombie-movie knockoff, "Planet Terror," with Tarantino's ode to tough-talking chicks and Dodge Challengers- "Death Proof."

"Planet Terror" is about a viral agent that first turns troops stationed in the Middle East, then the folks back home, into flesh-eating/flesh-eaten zombies.

Rose McGowan is the pole-dancer who sees her stand-up comedy career wrecked when she loses a leg to these freaks. Freddy Rodriguez is El Wray, the avenging angel ex-boyfriend and tow-truck driver who wants to save her.

C-actors Jeff Fahey, Michael Biehn, Michael Parks and Josh Brolin chew through the scenery and each other in a bid to save themselves and others. Brolin, as an emergency room doc faced with a cheating wife (Marley Shelton) and a hospital filled with gaping virus wounds, opts for marital revenge, in between blunt bedside moments with patients.

McGowan, as "Cherry Darling," ends up replacing a leg with an automatic weapon, which puts her dance skills to good use. But being newly legless doesn't keep her character from adventures in the sack, another staple of the grindhouse.

Tarantino's film is a sadistic ode to muscle cars and "organic" movie stunt work that shows just how much is missing every time Nic Cage ducks a digitally created Chrysler. This is real rending steel and burning rubber, as an aged, scarred stuntman (Kurt Russell, hilarious and

iconic) takes out his frustrations on women by wrecking them in his vintage muscle car.

The directors ogle and objectify the women, even the empowered ones, in the worst grindhouse tradition. Both features are far too long, with Tarantino's set-up for "Death Proof" – tarted-up women talking dirty and drinking in an Austin bar – right on the edge of interminable.

You may not buy into Tarantino's ex-video store clerk thesis, scripted into the lines of a couple of characters, that movies from "Piranha" to "Vanishing Point," "Black Caesar" to "White Line Fever" were "classics," the "greatest American movies ever." But you'll certainly connect with their appeal. The critical favorites of the '70s may endure, but the high-energy junk playing at the drive-ins was anything but a grind.

4 stars (out of 5)

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Finalists by the Numbers



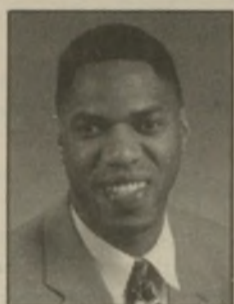
Rodney Watson

- SIU Carbondale Assistant Coach
- 18th year at SIUC
- 399 wins for Salukis
- Interview Date: Tuesday



Jeff Dunlap

- Western Michigan University Assistant Coach
- 18 years coaching experience
- Coached at 4 Division I schools
- Interview Date: Wednesday



Lennox Forrester

- Bradley University Assistant Coach
- 5 years at Bradley University
- Helped Braves advance to Sweet Sixteen in 2006
- Interview Date: Today

Cougars announce three finalists for head coach

by Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

The search for the next head coach of the SIUE's men basketball team is nearly complete.

After receiving more than 100 applications for possible candidates to replace Marty Simmons, who vacated the post to coach at his alma mater the University of Evansville last month, SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics Director Brad Hewitt announced Tuesday that the school has narrowed its choice down to three finalists to lead the program into NCAA Division I status.

The Athletic Department immediately started a search to replace the departing Simmons, who guided the Cougars for five seasons, accumulating an 88-59 record.

"I was extremely pleased

with the high level of enthusiasm and coaching experience this position opening garnered," Hewitt said in an issued press release. "Since we made the announcement of moving to NCAA Division I, there has been a very positive reaction, and it shows in this search."

The first interview was conducted on Tuesday with Southern Illinois University Carbondale assistant coach Rodney Wilson. Wilson has spent 19 seasons with the Salukis. As SIUC has made the transformation from numerous head coaches, Wilson has remained the familiar face in Carbondale. His recruiting techniques, his game planning and his communication with parents, students and booster clubs, have kept him a highly sought out head coach.

On Wednesday, Hewitt met

with the second candidate for the head coach position, Western Michigan University assistant coach Jeff Dunlap. This previous season was Dunlap's third campaign with the Broncos and he previously played basketball at the University of California-Los Angeles. Dunlap currently handles all scheduling for the Broncos and also is a large player in the recruiting process.

Dunlap was an assistant coach at the University of Georgia before heading to WMU. He helped the Bulldogs to two consecutive tournament appearances.

Today, the final candidate will be meeting with Hewitt. Lennox Forrester, a current assistant coach at Bradley University, will meet with SIUE to discuss the open position of head coach. Before heading to

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Pitching ace brings heat for Cougars

Colosimo having breakout season to steady softball team's rotation

by Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

For SIUE sophomore softball pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo, gaining her 12th victory over the weekend was not the only thing she celebrated. Colosimo was also named Great Lakes Valley Pitcher of the Week. It was the third time she received the honor this year.

Colosimo and the Cougars, who are 24-7 overall and 6-4 in the GLVC, have shown a lot success throughout this year. Being ranked fifth nationally, the Cougar pitching staff are credited with much of the success of the team.

"Kaitlin has great movement on the ball," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "She has control and movement on her pitches and she is tough to hit."

Colosimo's major is undecided but she does show interest in majoring in biology or genetic engineering. She hopes after graduating she will work directly with the public because she "really enjoys helping people."

Colosimo became interested in SIUE because of the pharmacy program offered on campus.



Andy Rathnow/Alestle

SIUE sophomore pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo delivers a pitch during first inning of the Cougars' 3-0 victory over Central Missouri State University Wednesday, March 28 at Cougar Field. Colosimo threw seven innings and allowed five hits in the game to shut out Central Missouri and pick up her 11th victory of the season.

During her visit she found that the members of the softball team, her future teammates, meshed very well and would some day put together the team that is ranked so highly in the NCAA Division II standings.

In a game in March, Colosimo became only the 11th SIUE pitcher to pitch a no-hitter. Colosimo held off the University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen for the 22nd no-hitter thrown in SIUE softball

history.

"I try to just focus one inning at a time," said Colosimo. "I didn't even realize I had a no-hitter going until the fourth

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Women's golf stumbles at MSU Invite

Alestle Staff Report

The greens were mean to the SIUE women's golf team earlier in the week.

The Cougars placed 15th out of 16 schools in the Missouri State University Payne Stewart Memorial Tuesday at the Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, Mo.

The Cougars had a combined total team score of 712, 101 strokes over the leader Oklahoma City University, which finished first at 611.

SIUE had six girls competing led by freshman Sheena Collins, who shot a 173. Juniors Julie Cline and Natalie Connaway chipped their way to scores of 175 and 187, respectively. Seniors Ashley Hemann and Casey Biddinger posted 180 and 185. Sophomore Kirstin Fischer competed in the individuals' portion of the invite and earned a 182, a far cry behind Oklahoma City's Ashley Sholer, who finished at the top of the leaderboard with a 151.

This was the Cougar's seventh invite this year. The next stop on the women's golf schedule is the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships Monday and Tuesday at the Timbergate Golf Course in Edinburgh, Ind.

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University of Florida on top of the world

Gators hope to capitalize on a sports hot streak

by Luis Zaragoza
The Orlando Sentinel

(MCT) – The University of Florida's unprecedented run - a football championship and back-to-back men's basketball titles in 12 months - has many wondering just how big a collateral payoff to expect in programs across the board.

Schools that have enjoyed a wave of goodwill following a big win in sports often see a surge in applications, gift offers and increased interest in alumni groups, researchers and boosters say, but not always at once. And schools find it difficult to gauge just how much of that activity

can be attributed to winning the big trophies.

Whatever happens in the coming months will be closely watched, given UF's skyrocketing national profile. While its sports teams have long enjoyed fanatical devotion from Florida students and alumni, the extraordinary title run has impressed administrators at other top schools and wowed observers who've spent a lifetime watching and running college sports.

"I was sitting there, watching the end of the (national championship) game, thinking about what an extraordinary achievement this is," Mike Slive, commissioner of the Southeastern Conference and member of the NCAA men's basketball committee, said. "It has to be unparalleled in the modern annals of college athletics."

Winning at such a remarkable rate, particularly in the major sports, has made UF the elite of the elite.

Its sports programs raked in \$82.4 million from ticket sales, merchandising and other revenue sources in 2005-06, clearing a \$4.2 million profit, according to U.S. Department of Education



Jim Prisching/Chicago Tribune

Florida players are all smiles after their 84-75 victory over Ohio State in the NCAA Basketball Championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Monday.

data. By contrast, Ohio State's sports teams brought in \$104.7 million in revenue and a \$2.9 million profit during that time.

"To win the national championship in two major sports would be anybody's dream," said UCLA director of athletics Dan Guerrero. "Obviously, they're at the pinnacle."

So what's next? Schools

thrusted into the limelight by athletic achievements typically seize the opportunity to promote a variety of programs while the buzz lasts and hope for good returns over the long haul. UF supporters plan to follow suit.

"If people take a close look at the University of Florida, they find there are all these other great things happening there," said Jeff Jonassen, an Orlando attorney

and incoming treasurer of the UF Alumni Association. "Engaging our alumni and our friends and having them feel good about the university means they'll support the university with their pocketbooks."

George Mason University in Virginia is one recent example of a school that has been working

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Al Diaz/Miami Herald

University of Florida defensive tackle Steven Harris lifts the BCS trophy during the Gators' 41-14 victory over Ohio State in the BCS national championship game in Glendale, Arizona, on Monday, January 8.

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Rutgers couldn't find offense to match defense



Ed Suba Jr./Akron Beacon Journal
Tennessee players Cait McMahan and Candace Parker (right) celebrate after the Lady Volunteers 59-46 victory over Rutgers University in the NCAA women's basketball championship game at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland on Tuesday

by John Rowe
The Record

(MCT) — There are no guarantees in women's college basketball, where parity is on a slower track than in other sports. What is bound to happen most times, though, is that Tennessee will beat Rutgers in an important game.

The Lady Vols added to their mastery of Rutgers Tuesday with a 59-46 victory that clinched Tennessee's seventh national championship. Rutgers, eliminated by Tennessee for the third straight season, still is looking for its first because it lacked the offensive firepower to dent a Tennessee defense that was even better than the Scarlet Knights' trademark.

If Rutgers Head Coach C. Vivian Stringer is to reverse the trend against old friend Pat Summitt, she needs to bring more offensive players to Piscataway. Defense wins only so many games. Even with all 10 players returning next season and Khadijah Rushdan, a 5-foot-9 guard who is all-time leading scorer in Delaware, joining them, Stringer wants to add one or two more players. If recent history is any indicator, she won't have to travel too far to recruit them.

The five starters she put on the Quicken Loans Arena court for the national championship game are all homegrown.

Point guard Matee Ajavon is an immigrant from Liberia who honed her skills at Shabazz High School in Newark. Forward and top defender Essence Carson prepped at Eastside in Paterson. Forward Heather Zurich grew up shooting hoops in the back yard of her parents' home in Montvale and is a product of Jeff Jasper's system at Pascack Valley. Guard Epiphanny Price and center Kia Vaughn come from New York City, Prince from Bergtraum High School and Vaughn from St. Michael's Academy.

These Scarlet Knights are more homegrown than Jersey tomatoes.

Don't think it isn't by design. Since moving to Piscataway from Iowa 12 years ago, Stringer has thought her best path to a national championship was with local talent. She just had to outrecruit the Connecticuts and Tennessees to secure the players.

That took time, although Stringer reached the Final Four in 2000 with a team that had more players from Chicago than Newark. She still doesn't have a .500 record in head-to-head recruiting with Connecticut, but she's made up enough ground that Geno Auriemma looks both ways before entering the metropolitan area.

Tennessee? That's a whole different story.

The Volunteers are the Yankees of women's college

basketball. When Summitt comes calling, with her history of championships and unprecedented fan support, the opposition is reduced to crossing their fingers that the player might not succumb to temptation.

That rarely happens. Two players Stringer wanted, forward Nicky Anosike and point guard Shannon Bobbitt, were wearing Tennessee orange in the title game and hurt the Scarlet Knights. Anosike grabbed 16 rebounds and Bobbitt, the 5-foot-2 dynamo, hit three 3-point field goals in the second half and stripped the ball from Ajavon, leading to another Vols' basket.

Stringer said she has never recruited a player as hard as she did Anosike, who moved from Staten Island to East Orange in her senior year of high school. Even when she knew Anosike was headed to Tennessee, Stringer made one last sales-pitch telephone call to Anosike and her mother.

"We probably needed her more (than Tennessee)," Stringer said.

Bobbitt, who played junior college ball in Texas for two years, chose Tennessee, even though she and Prince were high school teammates and Prince, who convinced her to transfer from Christ the King to Bergtraum, tried to recruit her to Rutgers.

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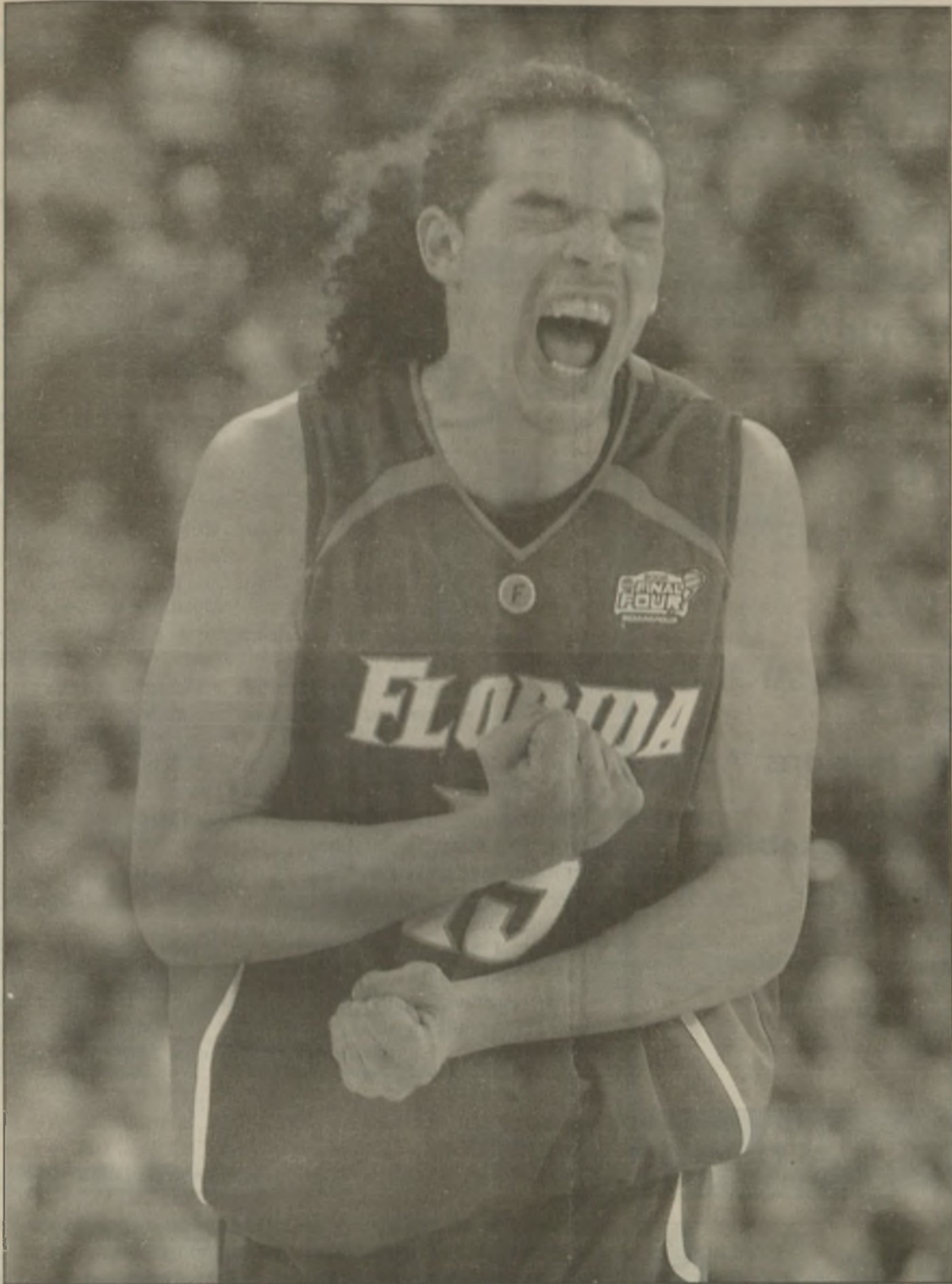
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hard to capitalize on visibility brought by a winning team. Its men's basketball program seemingly came out of nowhere in 2006 to claim a spot in the NCAA Final Four. The school scored countless media mentions along the way.

"The challenge for us before was visibility," Dan Walsch, a George Mason spokesman, said. "Once the national spotlight was on us, the challenge was what to do with it."

The school launched fundraising and recruitment campaigns. Freshman applications for fall 2007 went up about 23 percent. The school's online alumni registry has grown by more than 50 percent.

Fall applications to UF spiked 8 percent from the previous year to around 25,000 – and that's for 6,300 available spots, spokesman Steve Orlando said. Getting into UF is competitive anyway, since it has built a reputation as a top research school over many decades. So it is not known whether the fall spike was due primarily to the first basketball title, Orlando said. "But

everybody loves a winner."

Senior Jordan Wall said the sports program played a role in his decision to attend Florida. But it was not because of all the winning. The Gators were mediocre in football and basketball when he started.

"It was how large sports are on campus and how many students come out to support the team," Wall said about what attracted him to the school. "It's the whole atmosphere. So that was a huge factor."

And when you're winning, "that makes it more electric. That's what it's been, very electric on campus," he added.

Junior Kathryn Slater was drawn to Florida by sports, too. Her decision to attend was cinched after attending a football game as part of a family weekend that included her sister, who already was attending UF.

"I remember loving the cheers, especially the 'gator bait,'" Slater said. "I loved it. All the energy from the crowd, it was so amazing."

Besides making students feel more connected to the university, athletics foster a sense of

affiliation with the broader community, researchers said.

"When Florida won last night, the whole state won," Jeff Lucas, a sociology professor at the University of Maryland, said.

Florida might not be done winning in this academic year. The Gator gymnastics team sits No. 1 in the country heading into next week's NCAA regional competition at the University of Michigan. Women's tennis and men's golf are each No. 3 in the nation this spring, and women's golf is ranked eighth.

"It's just an incredible time for the entire university," said Randy Talbot, UF Alumni Association president. The attitude moving forward, he said, ought to be, "Let's not waste this window of opportunity."

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Bradley, Forrester also spent 10 years as an assistant coach for University of Evansville. Forrester has currently been with Bradley for five years. Along with recruiting and scheduling, Forrester also helps out with the team equipment.

Forrester played his college hoops for a Division II junior

college, Parkland College.

All of the candidates will meet with SIUE and Hewitt said the final decision on the head coach could be made as early as next week.

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"I had to follow my heart and do what was best for my career," Bobbitt said.

Stringer needs to convince others to follow their hearts to Rutgers. Prince admitted she was thinking Connecticut and had never heard of Stringer until an AAU coach asked her to play in a summer All-Star game, because Stringer had requested she and Vaughn play.

Zurich didn't take much convincing. She had been to Rutgers games and practices before she made an unofficial visit to the state university.

"After meeting Coach Stringer, I turned to my mom and said, 'I have to go to this school'" Zurich said.

She made visits to Syracuse, Seton Hall and Georgetown, but Stringer already had won her

over.

"She's not just a coach, she's a teacher," Zurich said. "Off the court, she's like a mom to me."

She is a mother who cannot have enough talented players.

"We want to keep every player from New York and New Jersey that we can," Springer said. "We need to own the Eastern corridor."

If and when they do, the Scarlet Knights should have a better chance of winning national championships.

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inning."

Colosimo has shown with her victories and her current earned run average that she has been more than deserving of these honors.

"I don't think about pitching a no-hitter or getting 16 strikeouts," Colosimo said. "As long as we are winning games, that is all that matters."

Over the past week, Colosimo gained two victories during her three appearances. She also totaled 31 strikeouts, including a career high of 16

NCAA and GLVC, have all recognized her current success on the mound.

"She works hard day in and day out," sophomore outfielder Courtney Mall said. "She completes the best pitching staff in the conference."

"Kaitlin is a big team player," Montgomery said. "She is very humble, and to her, the team always comes first."

Up next for the Cougars is a pair of double headers at home against Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky University. The

"She works hard day in and day out. She completes the best pitching staff in the conference."

-SIUE sophomore outfielder Courtney Mall,
on teammate Kaitlin Colosimo

strikeouts as the Cougars gained a victory over GLVC members University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Colosimo also posted a streak of 52 1/3 innings pitched without allowing a run scored. During the past weekend, Colosimo put up an ERA of 0.66. This still gave her the GLVC honors, despite losing one of the games to Lewis.

"Those are the types of games pitchers want to be in," Colosimo said.

Colosimo's teammates, along with the members of the

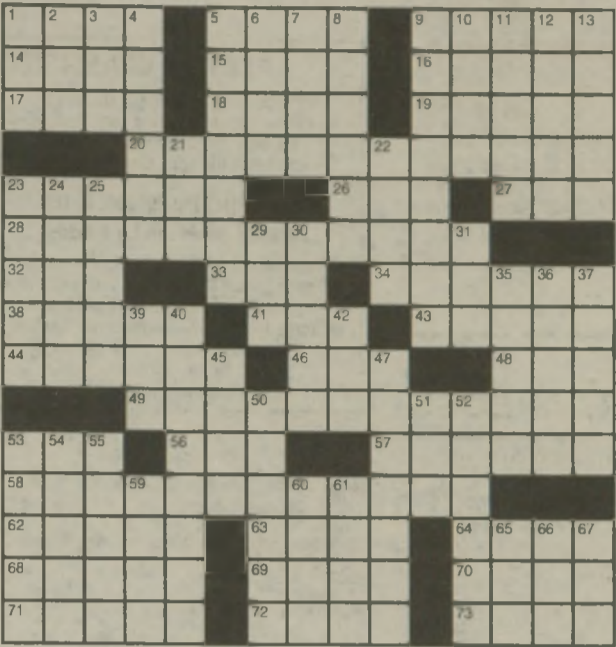
Cougars will take on Bellarmine in a two game set on Friday, and play NKU in a double header on Saturday. Both games will be at Cougar Field with Friday's game starting at 2 p.m. and Saturday's contest beginning at noon.

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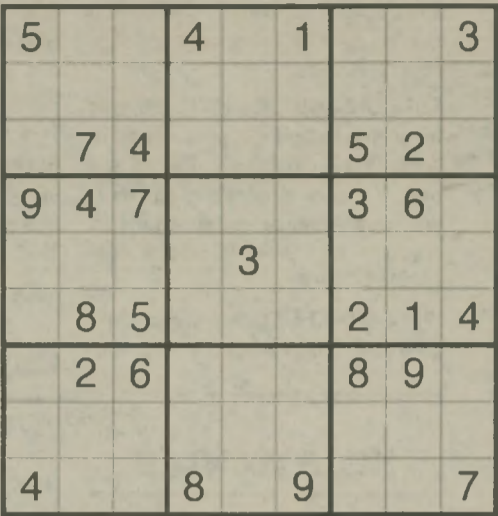
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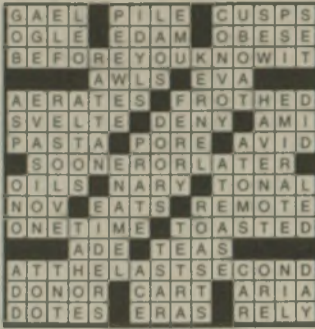


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