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Senate exec board offices open

Internal Affairs, SOAB chair spots filled

by Steve Berry
Alestle News Reporter

Two seats on the student government's executive board remain open and no students have applied for External Affairs chair or school spirit and pride chair.

After Friday's Student Senate meeting, Student Body President Laurie Estilette urged students to apply.

"These job descriptions are listed on our Web site and I am still encouraging any and all students who are interested to come in and apply for that," Estilette said.

Estilette appointed two other chairs at Friday's student government meeting, Jay Ravindran as Internal Affairs chair and Ankur Patel as Student Organization Advisory Board chair.

Ravindran is a graduate student studying electrical engineering. He earned a bachelor of engineering degree at Anna University in Chennai, India.

Estilette said she chose Ravindran for Internal Affairs chair because of his technical skills.

"Jay has quite a bit of experience with the computer system," Estilette said. "This year, one of our goals is to keep an updated Web site for student government."

Patel, Estilette's appointee for Student Organization Advisory Board chair, is a senior mechanical engineering major.

"Ankur is so well-known by many, many students across campus, but especially (by)

Minimum wage hike

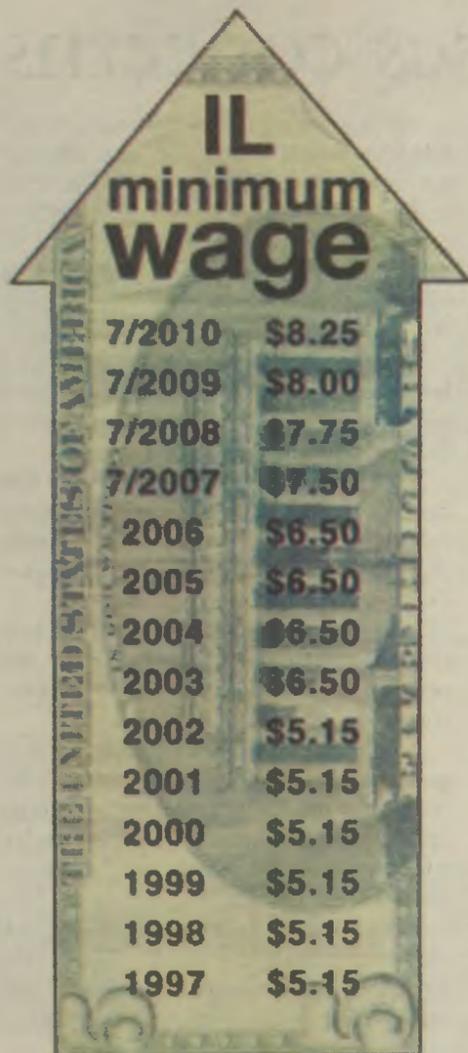


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Starbucks employee Rajesh Mulampaka is one of 57 Morris University Center employees who will be affected by the minimum wage hike that will take effect Sunday.

In the money

by Holly Meyer
Alestle Managing Editor



Starting Sunday, Illinois minimum wage workers will earn an extra dollar per hour. The dollar increase of \$6.50 per hour to \$7.50 per hour affects just Illinois. Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the minimum wage increase bill, Senate Bill 1268, in December.

"It's been many years since minimum wage has increased to a reasonable level," David Kauzlarich, Sociology and Criminal Justice Chair, said. "It's been a long time coming." Kauzlarich said if a worker earns minimum wage, it is difficult for them to pay for the cost of living.

"A gallon of gas is almost 40 percent of what they make in an hour," Kauzlarich said. Rik Hafer, Economics and Finance chair, said the minimum wage increase affects mainly teenagers. For the adults that work minimum wage level jobs, they are generally "second wage earners" or they work more than one job.

However, Hafer said raising the minimum wage would not be beneficial for everyone working minimum wage jobs. Theoretically, it could lead to people losing their jobs because employers cannot afford to pay all of their workers the increased wage.

"It raises the minimum wage for those who have their jobs, but not for those who lose their jobs," Hafer said.

The legislation also includes a three-year annual increase. The minimum wage will reach \$8.25 by July 1, 2010.

Hafer said the minimum wage increases will probably have no effect on the United State's economy. However he suggests that wages should not be set by the legislature.

"Why set the minimum wage?" Hafer said. "Why not let the market do it?"

As a student supervisor for the business office in the Morris University Center, senior Lauren Switalski said she is not sure if she will be affected by the increase. Student supervisors are paid a dollar more than minimum wage already. Switalski does not know if she will be paid an additional dollar for her supervisor status.

"If I get my extra dollar, I'm really excited," Switalski said.

However, Switalski was concerned about the negative impact a minimum wage increase can have.

"The more your minimum wage goes up, the more you have to pay for things," Switalski said.

Kauzlarich said employers should be able to handle paying their workers the increased

Edwardsville Arts Center looks to find a place of its own



Steve Berry/Alestle

This 15-acre plot at the southeast corner of North University Drive and New Poag Road may be used by the Edwardsville Art Center.

by **Angie Thomas**
Alestle News Reporter

The Edwardsville Art Center is getting a new home, temporarily.

In the next few months, a new space on Hillsboro Road will be renovated to house a gallery, lecture space and classrooms. The space is to be used while funds are raised to build a permanent location.

About seven years ago, a group of artists involved in the yearly Art East project recognized a need for something more.

"Arts in St. Louis is pretty alive and well, it's over here that we felt a lacking," EAC treasurer Joan Lebkuecher said. "We have wonderful, amazing artists here and Art East is proof of that."

Until now, the EAC has displayed the work of its featured artists at Sacred Grounds, a downtown Edwardsville coffee shop. However the goal of an official temporary center is to gain visibility and

awareness of the organization.

SIUE has donated the land for the EAC to build a permanent facility. However, that facility will not be built for some time.

"We have to gain enough presence in the community," Lebkuecher said. "People need to be comfortable with the EAC, what we do and what are mission is."

EAC featured artist Lance Mallon also sees a need for a gallery venue.

"The art movement around the community has grown by leaps and bounds," Mallon said.

Mallon, who has been painting since he was 17, has done showings at many local venues. His work is on display at Sacred Grounds through July 14. The Edwardsville Art Council has done a good job of promoting Sacred Grounds," Mallon said.

Patricia Schuetzenhofer, of the EAC expects that the temporary facility will be open by early August.

"We hope to get more visibility and

involvement," Schuetzenhofer said. "We see a real demand. The goal is to get the community involved."

Schuetzenhofer also said that the EAC is in the process of hiring a part-time director for the center and hopes to have him or her in place by mid July.

Along with Sacred Grounds, the EAC has used Edwardsville High School and a local middle school for classes and lectures.

"We are excited to have our own building to offer different times and options for classes and lectures," Schuetzenhofer said.

According to Schuetzenhofer, the monthly exhibits at Sacred Grounds are booked through 2008.

"The goal is to raise awareness for visual arts," Lebkuecher said "the more places we can do that, the better."

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College loan scandal raises concerns

by **Maggie Willis**
Alestle News Reporter

A recent media frenzy uncovered a scandal involving several colleges that have been receiving kickbacks for referring students to certain loan lenders or hosting those lenders on their preferred lender list.

According to Kathleen Pender at the San Francisco Chronicle, six schools agreed to return payments they had received for steering students to lenders after an investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo's office. The average refund will be \$500 at the University of Pennsylvania and \$60 at New York University.

Cuomo also requested information about senior financial aid officers at the University of Southern California, University of Texas and Columbia University who owned stock in the former parent company of Student Loan Xpress. The company was until recently a preferred lender at all three schools. The three officers have been put on leave pending internal investigations, according to the same article.

The Chronicle also said that it was later found that Matteo Fontana, a senior official in the U.S. Department of Education, also owned stock in the former parent of Student Loan Xpress. Fontana oversees private-sector lenders that participate in the government's Federal Family Education

Loan Program. He was placed on leave in early April.

With all this scandal, many colleges are becoming increasingly hesitant to even use a preferred lender list.

Mary Jenkins, the assistant director for client services at the SIUE financial aid office, said the SIUE financial aid office does not have a preferred lender list.

"We never have and we never will," Jenkins said.

SIUE does, however, provide an alternative loan lender list on its Web site.

"We don't have a lot of room on our Web page, but we have it broken down as much as possible, with three lenders listed for each list (of loan categories)," Jenkins said.

Categories of loans on the Web site include undergraduate, graduate, parent and alternative. Lenders currently listed on their alternative loan lender list include National Education, Citibank, Key Bank, FinanSure and Wells Fargo.

Wells Fargo spokesperson Staci Schiller said SIUE did not receive any kind of benefit from having Wells Fargo on their alternative loan lender list.

"Our account executive manages that account," Schiller said, "and she provides the information to the school and the school makes the decision (to put the school on the list)."

Jenkins said students always have the

choice of selecting their own lender, even if the financial aid office does not like that particular lender. Their alternative loan lender list is solely to help students find the best deal.

"We have worked with a number of lenders and we talk to them about the things they can offer students," Jenkins said.

Things they consider before putting a lender on their list include the origination fee, rebates on interest at repayment, life of the loan servicing and customer service.

"An origination fee is when a loan is first dispersed and the lender will take some money off the top," Jenkins said. "Lenders that we want to put on our list are lenders that have no origination fee."

They also check the life of the loan servicing, making sure that the lender will not sell the student's loan to another company.

"Whoever buys (the loan) may be just as good as the other company," Jenkins said, "but they may also sell it to somebody because the company is getting the best deal and they don't necessarily care about the student."

For more information on financial aid, visit siue.edu/financialaid/. For the alternative loan lender list, visit siue.edu/financialaid/loans/alt_loan.shtml.

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Police Reports

6-15

Police issued Leslie Davidson a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

6-16

Police brought David Moore to the police station on a Randolph County warrant for failure to appear after Moore called SIUE Police for assistance in getting his keys out of his trunk at Prairie Hall. He was given a court date to appear at the Randolph County Courthouse and was released.

6-17

Meagan Broche and John Eysers were issued state citations for illegal transportation of alcohol on Poag Road.

Police took a report of a possible theft in the Cougar Village Commons. The woman said someone falsely signed her name and took possession of a box sent to her by a relative.

6-19

Police issued William Parker a citation for disobeying a posted stop sign on South University Drive.

6-20

Police met with a vehicle owner in the Woodland Hall Lot who reported that she had backed into a university vehicle. Neither vehicle had damage.

Police took a call from a building engineer who said there was a driver upset and unable to drive on Circle Drive. Police arrested Erika D. Hartwick for domestic battery after her brother stated Hartwick had struck him. The vehicle had suspended plates for emissions and was towed. Hartwick was transported to Madison County Jail.

6-21

Police responded to Korte Stadium to pick up a wallet found by Edwardsville Township mowing along Stadium Drive. The wallet had been reported stolen June 12 and the owner of the wallet will be contacted to verify contents.

Police issued Elizabeth Van Winkle a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Steven Van Dyke a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Christopher Anderson a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Shane Sollberger a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Steve Berry/Alestle Internal Affairs chair Jay Ravindran and Student Organization Advisory Board chair Ankur Patel were appointed to their positions by student body president Laurie Estilette during Friday's Student Senate meeting.



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students that are already in these organizations," Estilette said.

In addition to presidential appointments, there was a travel request and two program requests on the Student Senate agenda, all were approved.

A member of Delta Lambda Phi will travel to their national convention in Chicago, the Interfraternity Council will host hypnotist Tom Deluca in August and Sigma Pi will host a pig roast and luau on the quad in August.

Friday's Student Senate meeting was Trustee Jesse Phelps' last. His term ends Saturday.

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wage. "Many employers are making record profits," Kauzlarich said. "It's more difficult for individuals to find a good paying job than it is for businesses to make a profit."

Sophomore Kassie Eaker works the front desk in the Kimmel Leadership Center. Eaker said she

will be affected by the increase and welcomes the extra money to pay bills.

"I just got a brand new car," Eaker said.

The last minimum wage increase in Illinois was four years ago in 2003. The rate was raised from the federal rate of \$5.15 per

hour to \$6.50 per hour. The federal minimum wage reached \$5.15 per hour in 1997, and it still sits at that rate

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Event to explore author's legacy

by Angie Thomas
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Many may not be familiar with Richard Wright. Maybe they do not realize his influence over current literature. Maybe they do not realize the attention he commanded and the path he forged for others to follow.

This week, students at SIUE will have the privilege of learning about this literary legend's legacy.

Wright, who was born in 1908, was raised in extreme poverty in Mississippi. From there, the self-taught author was able to speak to many for generations to come.

English professor Eugene B. Redmond believes Wright's voice still resonates today.

"He put discussions of race on the front burner," Redmond said, "and it hasn't left."

According to Redmond, Wright was the first black author to make it to a book of the month club rotation. His most popular novel, "Native Son," was made into a movie in 1950 and later remade in 1986.

Jerry Ward has studied Wright's work and is considered an expert of the topic. He is the founder of the Richard Wright circle and did his dissertation on Wright.

"He is an expert on Richard Wright and also a formidable repository of world literature," Redmond said, "He is a wonderful weaver of stories about writers, particularly Wright."

Ward, a professor at Dillard University in New Orleans, will visit SIUE Thursday. He will give a lecture about Wright at 1 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 2304.

In addition to Ward speaking, there will be a drum ensemble group and performances by Soular Systems ensemble, a poetic group.

"I think the campus and residential community will be resonating with the knowledge he shares," Redmond said.

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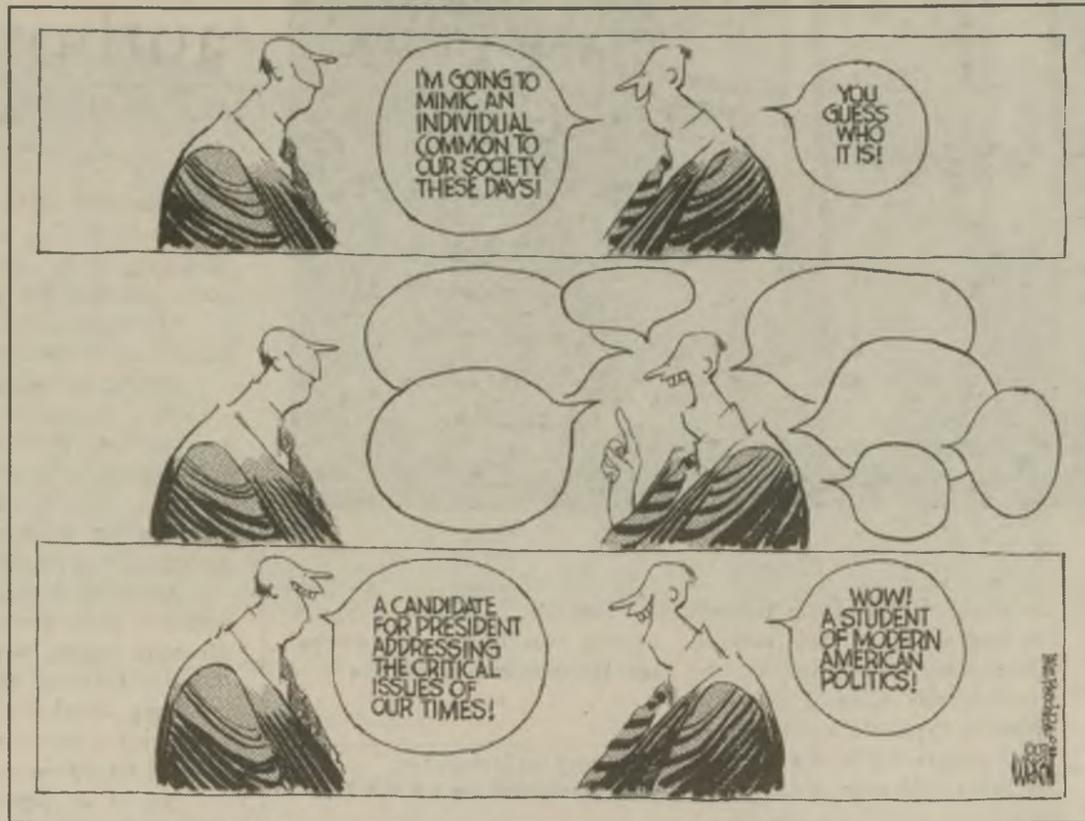
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Reckless driving warrants tough solutions

With the recent and continuing growth rate in Edwardsville, there is more local traffic on the road, and more potential for worse daily congestion.

With more cars driving around, we should think about keeping teens safe on the road. The risk of motor vehicle crashes is higher among 16- to 19-year-olds than among any other age group. Even though some teens might never have any problems, there are too many car accidents involving teenagers that could possibly have been prevented.

Some statistics, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, show that during 2005, nearly 400,000 motor vehicle occupants in this age

group sustained nonfatal injuries severe enough to require treatment in an emergency department, and that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for U.S. teens, accounting for 36 percent of all deaths in this age group. According to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely than older drivers to crash, and in 2005, teenagers accounted for 10 percent of the U.S. population and 12% of motor vehicle crash deaths. The presence of teen passengers increases the crash risk of unsupervised teen drivers, and the risk increases with the number of teen passengers.

Statistics like this show that lack of driving experience can negatively affect or injure innocent people. Maybe if there was some changes or

modifications to the system for receiving training or receiving a driver's license, maybe there is a way to keep the roads safer. For example, maybe if there were driving simulators that helped a person learn to drive through bad weather conditions, or maybe a road test with a cone course would help.

While trying to find more information on the risk of teen drivers, I talked to a funeral director who has witnessed untimely tragedies occur to teens in accidents. He claimed that teen accidents usually occur from excessive speed. He also replied that even though you may be able to educate teens to a further extent, they still have a huge chance of falling into peer pressure that will get them into trouble.

Maybe a solution to the problem could be to require

stricter driving tests. When you go to take your driver's test, you are driving with an authority that has the right to not give you a license. Of course, you would not drive the same as if you had a friend in the car. Maybe a person could take their driver's test spread out over a couple of days and everyday have the tester ride with them for a short period of time. This could help the tester help the driver out by spotting their bad habits. I am sure that there are many solutions that could be used to help teens become better drivers, but until something changes we should still be able to trust everyone on the road, and hope that teens can learn to drive as safe as possible.

Keith Vinyard
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Fireworks can cause explosive problems

Each summer, thousands of Americans break out the Bermuda shorts, fire up the grill and light up the fireworks to celebrate our nation's birthday.

In communities across the nation, the "rocket's red glare" is visible in public and private professional fireworks displays. Likewise, balls of fire can be seen shooting from backyards in many states... except Illinois, that is.

Firecrackers? Nope. Bottle

rockets? Don't think so. Roman candles? Not a chance. Without a permit to host a professional display, Illinois fireworks users are restricted to sparklers, smoke bombs, snakes/glowworms, snaps and cap guns.

Theoretically, that is.

Missouri and Indiana are two of the 39 states in the U.S. that allow the sale of consumer fireworks. This is especially convenient for Metro East residents, as large tents stocked full of explosives are only a short car ride away.

Although the fine for using illegal fireworks can be steep - up to \$1500 - it is common knowledge that many Illinois revelers bring their fireworks in

from other states.

Many critics are quick to note that such restrictions contradict the entire idea of Independence Day. Many question why should the government be able to determine how Americans celebrate living in the Land of the Free.

Easy. Just ask one of the estimated 9,600 people treated in hospital emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries in 2004. Or ask the families of one of the eight people that died in fireworks incidents that same year, including a four-year-old from Missouri.

Though accidents are always bound to happen, it doesn't seem unreasonable to think that a solid

portion of the reported injuries were the result of negligence. Perhaps if all citizens handled fireworks with the care they require - after all, we're talking about explosives here - these laws would not be necessary.

On one hand, for many people, it just wouldn't be the summertime without your next-door neighbor shooting off obnoxiously loud fireworks at two in the morning.

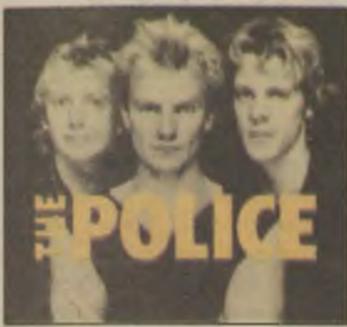
Then again, a trip to the ER doesn't sound like my idea of a good time, especially on the Fourth of July.

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EVENT CALENDAR



Andy Summers, Stewart Copeland, and, of course, Sting himself will play Scottrade at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The Police bring a blend of rock, jazz, reggae and punk that's made them rock legends since their inception in 1977. Among their numerous achievements are an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2003, six Grammys and five No. 1 singles.

This highly-anticipated international tour is the first for the British threesome since 1984. Tickets are being sold at \$50, \$90 and \$200 each on www.ticketmaster.com and at Ticketmaster outlets.

Before John Travolta donned the black leather greaser outfit of the T Birds, and in true bad-boy fashion wooed innocent Olivia Newton-John, there was the musical. And, that musical contained slightly more language and adult situations, with overtones of gang violence. That's the 1972 musical production of "Grease" musical production that won seven Tony awards, and the musical currently running at the Muni in St. Louis Forrest Park. Billed as the "sickest musical of the summer," "Grease" runs nightly at 8:15 p.m. through Tuesday. Ticket prices range from \$9 terrace seats to \$62 center box seats, and are available by calling the Muni at 314-534-1111 or online at www.metrotix.com.

In a short period of time, the New Zealand-born country musician Keith Urban has amassed quite a number of laurels. When Urban was 15, he quit school and began a life as a traveling musician. When he was 23, he signed with EMI Australia and had his first album produced. Chalk up seven No. 1 hit singles, two platinum records, one triple platinum record, one quadruple platinum record and numerous other awards, and it's not hard to see what all the commotion is about. Urban plays 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Scottrade center. Tickets are available for \$42.50 and \$52.50 each, available on www.ticketmaster.com and at Ticketmaster outlets.



Celebrate St. Louis returns for 2007 with free music in downtown St. Louis. Events begin 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, with Lifehouse and Goo Goo Dolls. Everlife and Cyndi Lauper play Wednesday, Celebrate St. Louis continues until August 4, with Los Lonely Boys, G. Love & Special Sauce, Pete Yorn, and John Michael Montgomery scheduled to play during the festival. For more information, visit www.celebratestlouis.org.



More than 140 works of bronze, porcelain and silver were shipped from France to accommodate the "Napoleon: Symbols of Power" exhibit featured at the St. Louis Art Museum in Forest Park. Interesting still is the fact that many of the pieces have never parted French soil, and the display is part of a limited engagement that will tour only to Boston before heading back to France. Rejecting the "frivolity and decadence" of the French monarchy, the art created during Napoleon's rule took after an imperial Roman design. The exhibit is \$10 for the general public, \$8 for students and seniors and free on Fridays. Call 314-721-0072 or visit www.slam.org for more information.

Despite improvements, EPA says Illinois air still too dirty

By Michael Hawthorne
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO - Even as cities and states show progress in ridding the skies of smog, the federal government declared Thursday that much of the nation's air is too dirty to breathe safely.

New rules proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency could triple the number of counties in violation of federal standards for ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog.

The new violators would include much the Midwest and parts of Illinois that never before faced limits on dirty air. Chicago, which just met standards for the first time, the Tribune reported last month, would fail again under the proposed rules.

The latest push to tighten national air pollution standards reflects a growing view among scientists that it takes less smog than previously thought to trigger asthma attacks and contribute to early deaths. Curbing the allowable amount of pollution could reduce the number of children with lung

problems by 65 percent, according to the EPA.

In a replay of past battles over environmental regulations, the proposed changes face intense opposition from business groups that contend tougher smog limits would cost too much. Some scientists and advocates, meanwhile, say the new rules wouldn't be stringent enough to protect the public.

Business lobbyists visited the White House at least twice in recent weeks to urge Bush administration officials to back off. In response, Stephen L. Johnson, the EPA administrator, said the agency will accept comments on alternative proposals, including a business-backed bid to keep the current standard.

"The current standard is insufficient to protect public health," Johnson said repeatedly at a news conference. "I recognize that others don't agree with that, and I want to provide an opportunity for them to provide comments on which we can make an informed decision."

Smog is a mix of chemicals emitted mainly from car tailpipes, diesel engines and the

smokestacks of coal-fired power plants. It becomes a more acute problem on hot summer days and can lead to shortness of breath, chest pains and lung inflammation.

Enforcement of the current standard, first proposed in 1997 by the Clinton administration, was delayed for years by legal challenges from business groups. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously rejected the opponents' claims and upheld the EPA's authority to base air-quality standards on public health, without considering economic concerns.

Under the agency's latest proposal, the allowable level of smog would drop to between 70 and 75 parts per billion, down from the current standard of 85 parts per billion. The EPA also will consider a limit as tough as 60 parts per billion, advocated by pediatricians, environmental groups and a panel of scientists that advises the agency on children's health issues. A final decision is expected in March.

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Late Night Espresso

The Eagle soars

by John Earnhart
Alestle Sports Reporter

While SIUE Athletics is on the verge of going to NCAA Division I, Men's Soccer Head Coach Ed Huneke isn't worried.

"As far as the big picture goes, it will be a very good move for the university," said Huneke. "But right now, I'm focused on the present."

This new season will be Huneke's 21st season as coach of the Cougars. He is only the second men's soccer coach in SIUE's history. With such a long tenure as head coach, Huneke is up there with such names such as professional coaches Bill Cowher, Jerry Sloan, Bobby Cox and Joe Paterno.

Huneke first began coaching soccer at Lewis and Clark Community College. He was the head coach at LCCC for 11 years



Courtesy of SIUE Sports Information

Men's soccer coach Ed Huneke shakes the hands of SIUE students after a victory.

and took the team to the national tournament six times.

After LCCC, Huneke came to SIUE, his alma mater, to coach. Huneke graduated from SIUE in 1971 and went on to earn a master's degree in business administration from Saint Louis University in 1975.

"If I weren't coaching, I'd be relying on my degrees," said Huneke. "I'd probably be in real estate or investments."

Luckily for SIUE, Huneke is coaching. His career record is 225-147-28. Last season, Huneke helped contribute in winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) All-Sports Trophy and the Commissioner's Cup for SIUE. The men's soccer team finished No. 8 in the national rankings and No. 2 in attendance.

"Last season, we had a good core of guys," said Huneke.

Due to graduation, the soccer team lost a lot of key players. However, the team recently signed six new players for this season.

"Half of the new guys will contribute right away," said Huneke. "That's not an easy thing to do."

The new faces are what Huneke is focused on now.

"We'll need to click as a team sooner," Huneke said. "Last year we benefited from experience."

The soccer team will begin their season on Aug. 17, versus Tulsa.

It will be the last season for SIUE Men's soccer on the NCAA D-II level.

"In this last season, we will just have to continue to be a top team in the nation and try to win it all," Huneke said.

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Cougar basketball nets three newbies

Alestle Sports Staff Report

SIUE men's basketball coach has not stepped on the court but has already made large impacts with the team. Earlier this week, Lennox Forrester signed three athletes to join the Cougars for the 2007-08 season.

The three incoming students, Nikola Bundalo from Serbia, Leonard Parker from Kansas, and Saihou Jasse from Gambia, will all bring a different unique style of play to the Cougar hardwood.



Lennox Forrester

Bundalo, a skilled post player who has been looked at as a very hard worker has seen interest from several NCAA Division I teams. Forrester has already discussed the importance of the signing.

"We are looking for Nikola to be a huge post presence for us immediately," Forrester said.

Parker, who played in the Jayhawk League with Independence Community College in Kansas, averaged 10 points and 8.5 assists last season. Independence Community College is recognized as one of the top junior colleges in the country.

Finally, Jasse is familiar with the coaching technique of Forrester. Jasse, coming into SIUE with three years of eligibility left, played under Forrester at Bradley University last season.

"We are looking for Saihou to bring his experience and his knowledge to style of play," Forrester said. "He is a very athletic player and a relentless rebounder."

With these additions the Cougars hope to have another successful season. Last year, the Cougars finished their season with a record of 15-12 overall and 10-9 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

This year will be the debut season for Forrester and his intentions were made clear from the very beginning of his hiring.

"I get the opportunity to coach Edwardsville," said Forrester at a press conference announcing his hiring. "This is going to be a start, of something new."

Forrester and the Cougars will take the court and prepare for their final year in GLVC and NCAA Division-II competition. The 2008-09 season will be the first season in which SIUE will compete in Division-I play.

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TONY'S TIME OUT

"I cheer for..."

What is the duty of a loyal fan? Is it to cheer on favorite athletes? It is to support the team as a whole? Do you just care about the stats? Is it religiously checking your online fantasy baseball team hoping that your first place team remains at the top? Or is it something deeper?

When a fan cheers on his favorite athlete, they cheer him on because he made a game winning shot, hit the walk-off homerun, made a spectacular save or broke a league record. But what happens when that athlete walks off of the field and makes a spectacular play outside of his sport? I cheer for Manny Legace.

Recently, Legace, goaltender for the St. Louis Blues, along with his wife, became an honorary chair for the 9th Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The St. Louis race has raised more

the \$10 million for local education, screening, treatment and breast cancer support programs. I cheer for Manny Legace.

Being a Major League Baseball coach is not an easy task. Balancing the team's workouts, practices, travel time, and actually bettering your team is all tough work in itself. But coaching is more than just winning and losing games; it is leading by example. Setting an example that others can follow and look up to. I cheer for Tony LaRussa.

LaRussa and his wife, Elaine, started the Animal Rescue Foundation in 1991. The ARF saves dogs and cats that have run out of time at public shelters and brings people and animals together to enrich each other lives. I cheer for Tony LaRussa.

When your favorite team

does well during the season, you support them all the way through. When your team is not doing well, you seem to keep quiet. I believe in supporting my team through the season through the good times and the bad times. I cheer for my team when the season isn't even in season. I cheer for the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cardinals closer Jason Isringhausen taped a PSA for the Illinois Department of Transportation about seatbelt use. Shortstop David Eckstein, outfielder So Taguchi, catcher Gary Bennett, team trainer Barry Weinberg and LaRussa all sold cookies at Mike Shannon's to raise money for Operation Food Search. Members of the team visited the Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club. I cheer for the Cardinals.

I cheer for us. Or at least I

would like to. I would like to cheer for the father who goes outside and plays catch with their son. I want to cheer for the mother who goes and supports her daughter at her soccer games each week, regardless of how tough work was. I want to cheer on the parents that raise their children to be as focused, caring, and intelligent as the people mentioned above, along with many other athletes and coaches supporting the causes they believe in.

I would like to cheer for the sporting events that change our lives like a World Championship, but I believe that it's the different life-changing events that we should really cheer for. I support the chance to change.

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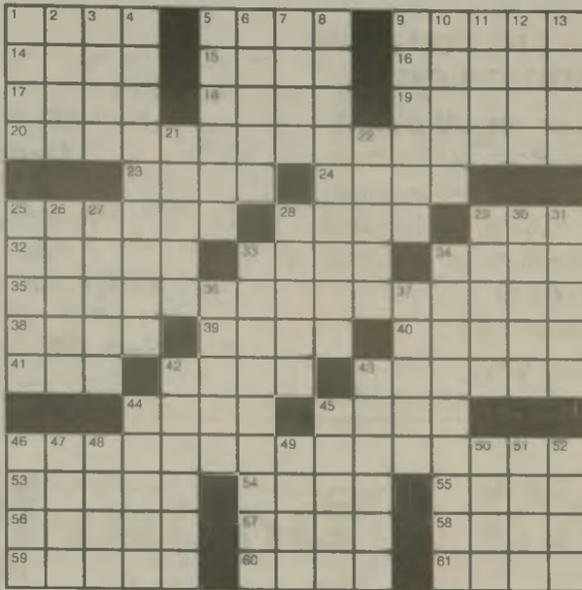
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Wednesday's Answers

ACROSS

- 1 Seek bargains
- 5 Singer Domino
- 9 Director Welles
- 14 Roz on "Frasier"
- 15 Part of a Latin trio
- 16 Get back to even
- 17 QED word
- 18 ___avis
- 19 Pavlov and Reitman
- 20 Winners and losers, 1974 NBA finals
- 23 Top guns
- 24 Faucet flaw
- 25 Dreamboat
- 28 Art colony in New Mexico
- 29 Ornamental stone
- 32 Vestige
- 33 Gulf of the Celebes Sea
- 34 Computer game name
- 35 Winners and losers, 2000 NBA finals
- 38 Chimps' kin
- 39 Vichy very
- 40 Deadly poisons
- 41 Harmless cyst
- 42 Becomes faint
- 43 Mail-in money-back offer
- 44 Chinese leader?
- 45 Swedish auto
- 46 Winners and losers, 1995 NBA finals
- 53 Map collection
- 54 "The Time Machine" race
- 55 Impetuous
- 56 Angry
- 57 High crags
- 58 Pineapple firm
- 59 Wooden pin
- 60 Son of Adam
- 61 Killed violently



DOWN

- 1 On ___ (without guarantee)
- 2 Roll-call call
- 3 Spoken
- 4 Meager wages
- 5 Broad comedies
- 6 Build up
- 7 Scarlett's estate
- 8 Criteria
- 9 Pygmy antelopes
- 10 Raise steam
- 11 Distinct mus. tones
- 12 Pig sound
- 13 Monster's loch
- 21 More aloof
- 22 Sag
- 25 Attorney chaser?
- 26 Hang loosely
- 27 Like some old buckets
- 28 Notes
- 29 Actress Davis
- 30 White heron
- 31 Billiards shot
- 33 Clawed monkeys
- 34 Sheaths for sabers
- 36 Job duration
- 37 At right angles to the keel
- 42 Trucker's fuel
- 43 Pungent salad ingredient
- 44 Ray in the ocean
- 45 Pig sound
- 46 Sudden attack
- 47 Another in Spanish
- 48 Talon
- 49 Shaving-cream additive
- 50 Brit's slammer
- 51 Capri or Man
- 52 Munch on

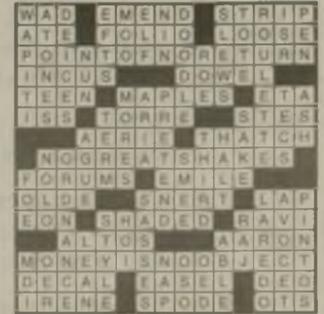


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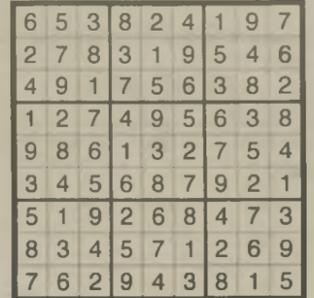
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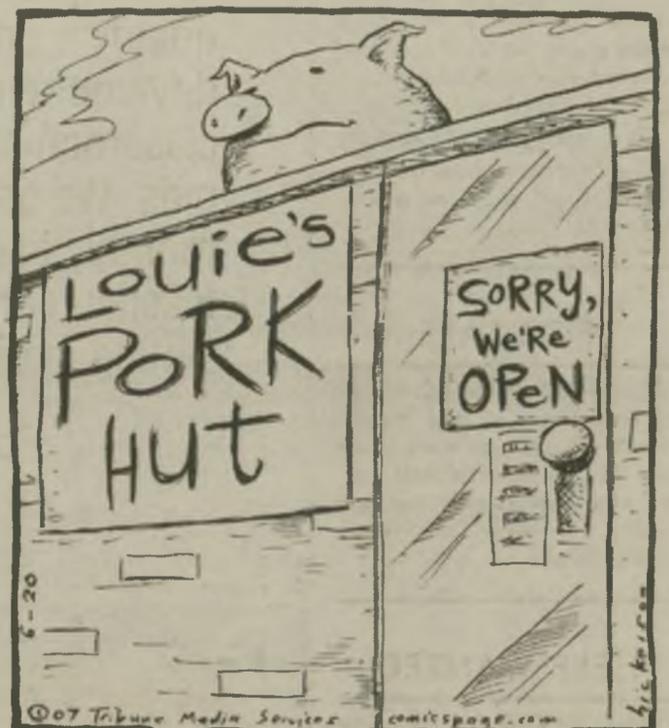
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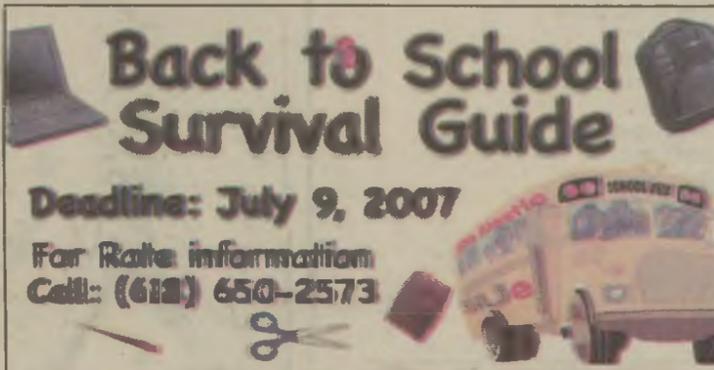
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