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Summer grads to walk in spring

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Summer graduates will have the chance to walk across the podium in the Vadalabene Center after all, as the administration is expected to make an announcement allowing qualified students the option to participate in spring ceremonies this May.

"Students eligible in August will now have the option of walking in the spring ceremony," Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Scott

Belobrajdic said. "We will do whatever we have to do that weekend to accommodate the extra students."

The official announcement from the administration is yet to be made and is expected in the coming weeks.

"I suspect we will be making the announcement in the next several weeks and are working out details to accommodate students walking in the spring," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said. "We will communicate that to the

students once we know the process and procedures of the ceremony."

The summer ceremony originally scheduled for Aug. 9 was canceled in November as it would interfere with construction in the Vadalabene Center, which includes replacing the gym's 23-year-old bleachers.

"The old bleachers were becoming very unreliable," Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenn Neher said in an earlier interview with the Alestle. "They have a complex mechanism and

need to be replaced right after spring commencement."

Graduates will also have the originally proposed option of walking during the winter 2008 commencement exercises slated for Dec. 20.

Cancellation of summer commencement was a hot topic on campus, with expected graduates, parents and student leaders making it known to the administration that a proper ceremony should be in order.

"My parents are into this stuff, and I felt that it was a

privilege, not a right to have a ceremony and wear the gown as a final culmination of my hard work," psychology graduate student Dustin Bailey said. "Canceling it was not good enough, and my mother called multiple administrators and wouldn't settle until things changed."

Bailey, who said he plans to graduate this summer, created a Facebook group titled "Let them Walk" to update students on the

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Back from the crash

Textbook Services recovers from finals week crash

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

Textbook Services has returned to normal as students picked up their books for the approaching semester.

During book returns in December, the computer system crashed because of problems with the outdated computer systems conflicting with the scanning system, causing long waits and frustration for both workers and students.

Since then, the computers have been updated with better software to prevent crashes in the future.

Bonnie Elmore, the assistant manager of Textbook Services, said they also received new processors to help correct the problems.

Elmore said Office of Information Technology staff members went out of their way to help update the system and even stayed to assist if the new system failed again.

"The new processors have made a tremendous improvement," Elmore said. "We've only had a few hiccups with the new system, but we've had no major shutdowns. If we were going to shut down, it would have happened by now."

Tommy Allen, an employee at textbook services, said that there have been no problems with book checkouts.

"Students only have to wait about five minutes in line at most," Allen said. "Everything has been running smoothly."

Allen said they were working with OIT to update the system. The computers



Above: Students wait in line Monday to check out their books from Textbook Services. Inset: sophomore business major checks out her books for the spring semester.

June Farley/Alestle

now run Windows XP, instead of Windows 95 and 98.

Elmore said Textbook Services has made a backup plan in case the system ever crashes again.

Eric Callison, a freshman pre-pharmacy major, said it took an hour and a half to turn in books last semester.

"It seemed like forever, having to lug around fourteen books," Callison said.

When he checked out books Wednesday, it took much less time.

"I was in and out in ten minutes, much nicer than before," Callison said.

Elmore said she expects no major complications in the future.

"The students are coming through quickly and the system seems to be working better than usual," Elmore said.

Senior English major Ashley Forness said getting her books for the current semester went as smoothly as past years.

"I do have more books than usual, but it was pretty normal," Forness said.

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Wal-Mart calls off expansion

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Reporter

Cottonwood Mall will remain as is, thanks to the Wal-Mart Corporation's decision to indefinitely postpone the conversion of the Glen Carbon Wal-Mart to a Wal-Mart Supercenter.

"It came down from corporate that they decided to hold off on 12 supercenters," Wal-Mart Customer Service Manager Nicholas Seley said. "It was speculated that Granite City was going to be pushed up for a supercenter ahead of us because of their sales."

Seley said the possibility of converting to a supercenter still exists in the future, but will not happen anytime soon.

"We are scheduled for a remodel though," he said.

Seley, who has worked at the Glen Carbon Wal-Mart for almost three years, feels that a supercenter would have greatly benefited Glen Carbon.

"Glen Carbon would have received much greater tax revenues," Seley said. "Our sales could have gone up over \$100 million a year, so the tax revenue off that alone would have benefited Glen Carbon substantially."

Seley also thinks towns like Glen Carbon and Edwardsville need a Super Wal-Mart for convenience purposes.

"I think it would have been a good idea," Seley said. "It creates a lot of jobs. I think we are in a college town and personally, for myself, I don't want to drive to Collinsville or Wood River ... if I need something at two in the morning, which I

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Police Reports

12-4-07

Police issued Alicia B. Wainright a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Ashley N. Balitaan a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to a traffic accident in Lot C. No injuries or road blockage were reported.

Police took a report of a stolen hangtag from Lot 3.

Police issued Matthew J. Giacomini a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Northwest Entrance Road.

12-5-07

Clarence J. Johnson was released from the Madison County Jail.

Police issued Christopher M. Polk on a Collinsville Police Department warrant for failure to appear on charges of driving with a suspended license and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Bond was set at \$10,500 and Polk was turned over to the Collinsville Police Department.

Police took a walk-in report of an accident that occurred Dec.

3 in Lot 6.

Police arrested Eric B. Keck after he turned himself in on a warrant for domestic battery. Keck posted \$300 cash bond and was released.

Police took a walk-in report of a stolen cell phone. The theft occurred Dec. 3 in Woodland Hall.

12-6-07

Police responded to a call from a resident of Evergreen Hall who suspected her roommate of taking dishes from the room and not returning them.

12-7-07

Police issued Sarah M. Burton a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of a green weather rug stolen between Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 from Building A of the East St. Louis Center.

Police arrested Steven Johnson II on an SIUE warrant for failure to appear/contempt of court on a charge for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. He was transported to the police department for processing and posted \$600 bond.

The Madison County Sheriff's Department reported the arrest of Kenneth W. Brown. Police delivered a persona non grata notice to Brown at the jail.

Police took a report of a commercial entry rug missing from the foyer of Building C of the East St. Louis Center.

Police issued Remy B. Dean a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

12-8-07

Police issued Nicholas J. Czapinski a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Bart A. Smith a citation for expired registration and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on East University Drive.

Police issued Keith C. Flowers a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Road.

12-9-07

Police issued Myaleca R. Malone a citation for expired registration on Cougar Lake Road.

Police arrested Grant E. Morris

for unlawful possession of cannabis, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of alcohol in Prairie Hall. Morris was issued a notice to appear and released.

Police issued Anthony C. Goodson a citation for improper lane usage on Cougar Lake Road.

Police met with a student who reported a white Apple laptop stolen between Dec. 8 and Dec. 9 from Prairie Hall.

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident in Lot 51. The vehicle owners exchanged information before the officer arrived and did not file a report.

Mohammed A. Salisu came to the police station and posted bond on an active warrant through the Montgomery County Sheriffs Department for failure to appear for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Salisu posted \$300 bond and was released.

12-10-07

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident on East University Drive. No injuries or road blockage were reported.

Construction preparation begins around MUC, visitors' lot

Alestle Staff Report

Prairie Hall residents walking to the Morris University Center will need to take a detour around a large, chain-linked fence that sprouted up over the semester break.

Construction site preparation for the Student Academic Success Center has closed off a few of the paths leading from some of the residence halls to the MUC, sending students around the construction area. The construction has also closed off the lower level entrance near Cougar Den and Freshens.

Additionally, parking spaces in Lot B have been adjusted to accommodate the construction site. Another area near the Religious Center is being excavated in conjunction with the preparatory work.

For more information, check Thursday's edition of The Alestle.

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Junior Jackelynn Powers smokes a cigarette outside of the Art & Design building. As of Jan. 1, smokers must remain at least 15 feet away from entrances of public buildings.

by Lori Schueler
Alestle Reporter

When sophomore Derrick Hawkins expressed his feelings toward smokers in a restaurant, he compared the act to urinating in a swimming pool. "Whether or not there is a smoking and a non-smoking part in a restaurant, the smoke is still going to spread," Hawkins, a studio art major, said. "Like if there was a 'peeing' and 'no peeing' part of a pool."

Although Hawkins was pleased about the Smoke Free Illinois Act, which went into affect on Jan. 1, other students were not so thrilled about the new law.

"It's crazy," mechanical engineering graduate student Ranjiyet Menon said. "I don't see where they are going with it."

Menon said the new act, which forces smokers to stand at least 15 feet away from the entrance to a public place or place of employment is nonsense. His reasoning was that he used to stand fairly far away from the door to begin with; he said nothing for him is going to change.

"They should ban all of smoking outside if they are going to make you stand 15 feet away," Menon said.

Illinois became the 19th state to enforce the smoking ban. It is illegal to smoke in any indoor public place, including bars, restaurants and offices.

University Housing Director Michael Schultz said there was already a state law that made it illegal to smoke inside any state building. Therefore, the only big change for smokers at SIUE is standing 15 feet away from doors and windows.

Some Cougar Village residents will have to adjust to the new rule because smoking is no longer allowed on balconies.

"It's going to create a trash issue for us," Schultz said. "We hope students will be considerate and throw away their cigarettes."

Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenn Neher said all the ashtrays have been moved 15 feet away from the building. In addition to not being able to smoke next to doors or windows, Neher said smokers are not allowed to stand next to ventilations on the side of buildings. He also said the campus has added a few more no smoking signs in addition to the ones that were already in place.

Neher is confident students and employees will abide by the rules.

"I don't expect many problems," Neher said.

According to the Illinois General Assembly Web site, the Smoke Free Illinois Act states that if a person smokes in prohibited area, they will be fined no less than \$100 and no more than \$250.

The Act also states if the owner of a public place breaks the law, they will be fined "not less than \$250 for the first violation, not less than \$500 for the second violation within one year after the first violation, and not less than \$2,500 for each additional violation within one year after the first violation."

Professor and Coordinator of Health Education Mal Goldsmith said one of the main reasons Illinois implemented these laws is to limit the exposure of smoke to those who are not smokers.

"In Illinois, about 3,000 people die from second-hand smoke a year," Goldsmith said. "Tobacco is the single biggest risk factor for health."

The real hidden killer, Goldsmith said, is heart disease, because tobacco is a stimulant and wears down the heart.

He said even though about 70 to 75 percent of students on campus do not smoke, 15 years ago the average number of college smokers was less than the national average. Today it has reversed.

"Across the country, 25 to 30 percent of college students smoke while the national average is only 24 to 25 percent," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith said some areas of the smoking ban are unclear and are being debated. One major concern is for restaurants as to whether smokers can smoke on a patio or beer garden.

"If a server would take a beverage to someone smoking on a patio, the server wouldn't be protected," Goldsmith said. "Over the next two months, the regulations will be a little clearer."

Menon said the workers have a choice whether they want to be around the smoke.

"People who work at a restaurant or a bar know what the risks are and they know what they are in for," Menon said.

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Module 1, 2:00 p.m.
Leadership Characteristics: You are a Leader!
Patrick McKeehan, Executive Director
Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois
Board Room, MUC

1/22/08

Module 11, 6:30 p.m.
Role Models & Risk Takers
Laurie Estilette, Student Body President
Student Government, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

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January 26 - Homeless Project
February 2 - St. Vincent de Paul, E. St. Louis, IL
February 7, April 9-10 - Voter Registration Drive, MUC
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Senate discusses summer commencement options

Alestle Staff Report

In their final meeting before winter break on Dec. 7, Student Government said they had met with the administration regarding the cancellation of summer commencement to help seek alternatives.

Since then, The Alestle reported on Dec. 21 that summer graduates would be allowed to participate in this year's spring ceremonies slated for May 10.

Student Body President Laurie Estilette was unavailable to comment on the situation.

Senator Patrick Brazill told the Senate at the meeting that the official announcement from the administration would come at the end of January.

The Senate also approved single semester allocations for 16 student organizations, approved the constitution for women's club softball and revoked nine student organizations due to inactivity.

The next Student Senate meeting is 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, in the Goshen Lounge.

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summer commencement situation and to also provide a forum for student discussion on the situation.

The group, which had over 400 students, included contact information for Chancellor Vaughn Vandergrift and a sample e-mail for students to send in an effort to flood his inbox with the concerns of students.

"It seemed that the decision was made (to cancel commencement)," Bailey said. "They needed enough outspokenness to change things, and in the end, I feel the students made the change."

Emmanuel said ultimately, allowing students to walk in the spring was simply the best option.

"It was the most logical choice in terms of mechanics and details with the least amount of disturbance," Emmanuel said.

Bailey said he is happy he will have an extra opportunity to participate in ceremonies, but also thinks something else could have been done in the summer to keep putting down the pencil on his last final exam from being the conclusion to his college career.

"I don't think it is ideal," Bailey said. "The fact that (the administration) has acted and listened to the students is better than the initial plan of canceling it altogether."

While the option of holding a ceremony in Edwardsville High School's Lucco-Jackson gymnasium was ruled out almost immediately, Bailey still sees it as a viable option with a smaller contingent of walking students than that of the senior class at Edwardsville.

"They normally do theirs in the VC as well," Bailey said. "I think having the ceremony at EHS and implementing a similar ticket system or a split ceremony would have been better options."

According to Emmanuel, the students' voices played a factor in allowing the extra opportunity to walk.

"Based on the interest that students have expressed in wanting to be part of a summer exercise in spring, we are anticipating a good turnout," Emmanuel said. "We always value student input, and that was certainly part of the decision."

In the end, Bailey feels graduates will grudgingly accept the option of walking in the spring.

"I think because the school acted, people will accept this solution," Bailey said. "I think it will still leave a bad taste in their mouths."

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frequently do. I would like the convenience (of a Supercenter)."

SIUE senior Andrea Bjorkland is glad Wal-Mart is not expanding.

"I think it would be a good idea to keep the \$2 theater there (instead of tearing it down to expand Wal-Mart)," Bjorkland said. "It's good for students who want to go to a movie cheaply. Plus, there is a good Chinese restaurant there, as well as Payless Shoe Source and a bunch of other stores there."

Bjorkland said she felt turning the Glen Carbon Wal-Mart into a supercenter is unnecessary.

"There's a Super Wal-Mart 15 miles down the road that people can go to if they'd like," Bjorkland said.

Junior business major Dustin Conrad said the current Wal-Mart just needs an update.

"Wal-Mart has pretty much all I ever need already, and as far as having a grocery section, that is what the grocery stores are for," Conrad said. "But since they aren't going to expand it, I would at least like to see them make the regular Wal-Mart a 24-hour Wal-Mart."

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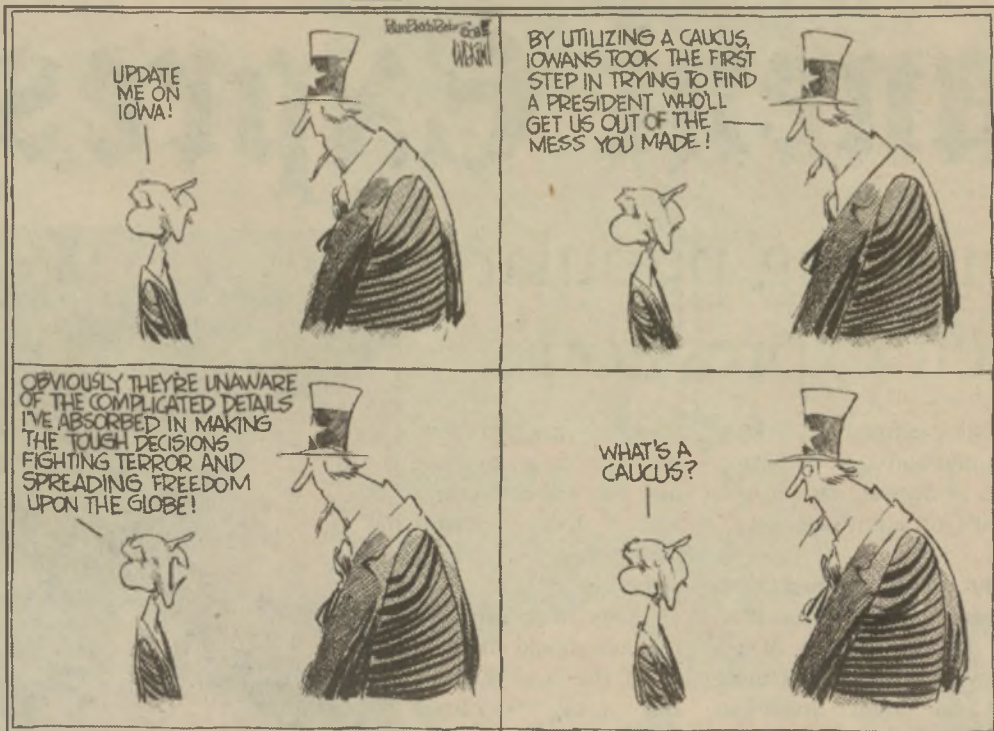
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Presidential Debate in '08 Primarily speaking POINT COUNTER

I know, I know. We are all tired of the political razzmatazz surrounding the presidential primaries and caucuses. Every "news" channel features a talking head, a pundit spewing strategy and speculation ad nauseam. That's not even including the actual candidates, who are the ringleaders of an entirely different circus. It's enough to give even a political science major a peptic ulcer.

But let's not let some raggedy packaging spoil what is essentially a solid democratic process. At the heart of primaries and caucuses is good ol' political activism, groups of people converging to have a say in who becomes their leader. After that, it gets a bit messy.

No doubt the primaries should be changed. As it's been repeated many times, having Iowa and New Hampshire do their thing before all other states ("frontloading," in political jargon) throws both candidates and the media in a tizzy. Some think they are winners, others think they are losers, and before you know it, people start dropping out before the contest even ends.

However, all those problems lie only with the way primaries and caucuses are carried out. If states were to conduct primaries in small groups, lumped together with similar population and electoral votes, and the group with the smallest population voted first, there might be better results. Candidates wouldn't have to assault a well-trodden campaign trail with bags of cash, and each could carve their own path.

The little guy could target low-cost states and have a fighting chance. That was the "Delaware Plan" the Republican National Convention Advisory Commission on the Presidential Process came up with in 2000. Even if you aren't a Republican, you have to admit, it makes a lot of sense.

The thing is, there's no real viable alternative to primaries in a democratic system, unless you think one massive, nebulous national party picking a cuddle buddy is a good idea. As it is, voters complain they have to choose between the lesser of two evils and lack the motivation to vote. Cut the primaries, and they just might not show up at all.

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Editor's Note: Do you have topic ideas for Presidential Debate in '08? Email them to hmeyer@alestlelive.com.



Matthew Schroyer



Maggie Willis

Even before the holiday feast became leftovers, "caucus" was the word of the day.

Widespread media coverage helped the attendance soar in these outdated, confusing and generally ineffective caucuses. Iowans flocked to sites to spend more than two hours in the complicated voting process, and for what?

Not to directly select the presidential candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties, but to select representatives for county conventions, who then elect delegates to district and state conventions, where Iowa's national delegates are finally selected.

None of these delegates are bound to vote one way or another. Caucus voters have to simply hope their elected delegates are compelled to vote as promised.

As if that isn't complicated enough, the voting process is not always just a simple vote. While the Republicans primarily do a secret ballot, the Democrats' way is infinitely more complex.

Participants vote for a candidate by standing in a designated area of the caucus site. Then, participants try to convince their neighbors to switch to supporting their candidate.

After, the supporters for each candidate are counted to see which candidates are viable. For a candidate to receive any delegates from a precinct, he or she must have support from 15 to 25 percent of participants.

Once viability is determined, participants have another 30 minutes to realign, and after all this time, a head count finally determines each precinct's apportionment of delegates to the county convention.

Basically, the Democratic caucus relies on peer pressure and second choices to elect their state's presidential candidate. Excuse me, elect the delegates who elect delegates who elect the presidential candidate.

As much as change is being touted in this presidential election, has anyone considered changing the voting system? From the caucuses to the Electoral College, our election system is designed to keep the average Americans confused so they don't realize they don't really have much say about much of anything.

Let's get some real democracy in this country.

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Smoke: A side item not missed from the menu

On New Years Day, I went out to eat at Steak 'n Shake.

Something was wrong. Something was different. Something was missing.

I was not asked if I had a smoking preference. I could smell food, not smoke.

I could not believe my eyes, my nose or any of my senses.

Not only had restaurants changed overnight, but the air had begun to clear in bars, bowling alleys and other public places.

I do not consider myself a smoker, but on occasion I enjoyed a cigar with a cup of coffee at Denny's at 2 a.m. Although those nights will never come again, the Smoke Free Illinois Act has my full support.

I can understand that smokers are addicted to nicotine and it's apparently not my place to tell them where they can and cannot smoke, but non-smokers can sympathize when I say I'm sick of smokers' second-hand effects.

I now know I can eat out and leave without smelling like stale cigarettes. It might tantalize a few women, but I know that it's not exactly an aphrodisiac with any of my dates. Now maybe I can rest assured that it's not the smoke smell that scares them off.

Many of my friends have begun to smoke less because of the ban. Restriction was just what they needed. They still smoke, but when they have to go out in the cold just to get their nicotine fix, it makes the whole experience a bit more unpleasant. Hopefully, they'll come around.

The biggest advantage to the smoking ban is the elimination of second-hand smoke in public places. I'll go out on a limb and say that living longer is good; I know that I enjoy living. Second-hand smoke has plagued public places for too long, and I plan on enjoying my air without sucking in that minor but noxious annoyance.

To the non-smokers, this law is liberation from the wafting cloud that held all in a choking vapor. Smokers, on the other hand, might finally get the message that smoking is adverse to a health-conscious and modern society.

Sounds like a win-win situation to me.

And it's starting to smell that way as well.



Kenneth Long

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Permanent Expressions

Tattooing, piercing popular forms of self expression

By Maggie Willis
Alestle Reporter

Lucky Diamond Rich of Australia currently holds the Guinness World record as the most tattooed person, having spent over 1,000 hours under the needle.

Kyle Fuhrmann, a junior psychology major, has spent over \$1,000 on what might be called a hobby. Lucky for him, his purchases are permanent. Fuhrmann spent his dollars on tattoos. His tattoos are so elaborate, in fact, that they total over 30 hours of tattooing.

"I've always been into piercing and tattoos and stuff, ever since I was little," Fuhrmann said.

He also has six piercings including two in his lip, on in his right nipple and his ears are at 00 gauge. For Fuhrmann, tattooing is a process and he enjoys every part.

"I enjoy getting one, I enjoy healing one and I enjoy having one. It's aesthetical, it's spiritual, overall it's just a fun experience," he said.

Fuhrmann got his first tattoo two years ago and has been hooked ever since. All of his tattoos were done at Evermore Gallery on Main Street in Edwardsville.

Lauren Bufiere is a tattoo artist at Evermore, calling herself a rookie having been there for only a few months. Bufiere has been inking people's bodies for over two years now. The most common tattoo she sees is a butterfly. She also notes she sees a lot more women than men coming in to get tattoos. She attributes the gender imbalance to the fact that women are often more impulsive, choosing smaller tattoos. Men, on the other hand, want larger, more elaborate art.

Tattoos at Evermore can range from \$80 to \$100 and can be completed in as little as a half hour. Detailed designs can take several, lengthy sessions.

Bufiere suggests people focus on getting quality tattoos.

"I would encourage people to get a good tattoo, like over \$150. A real deal (a bargain price) will probably suck and you'll just have to get it fixed anyway."

Bufiere also does piercing and said more SIUE students are getting pierced than tattooed.

She estimated that about half of piercing customers are SIUE students.

Also to be considered are the health risks associated with tattooing and piercing.

Director of Health Service Riane Greenwalt

advises any student getting body art to make sure they know the store and the person performing the procedure.

Greenwalt also says students should check to see if the store is clean and using sterilized needles, single-use ink, sterile instruments and brand-new jewelry.

"Anytime you break the skin, as with a body piercing or tattoo, you have the possibility of getting a blood-borne disease," Greenwalt said, mentioning Hepatitis B and C.

Another health concern with tattoos is an allergic reaction to ink. Signs of ink allergy include rash, drainage and swelling beyond expectation.

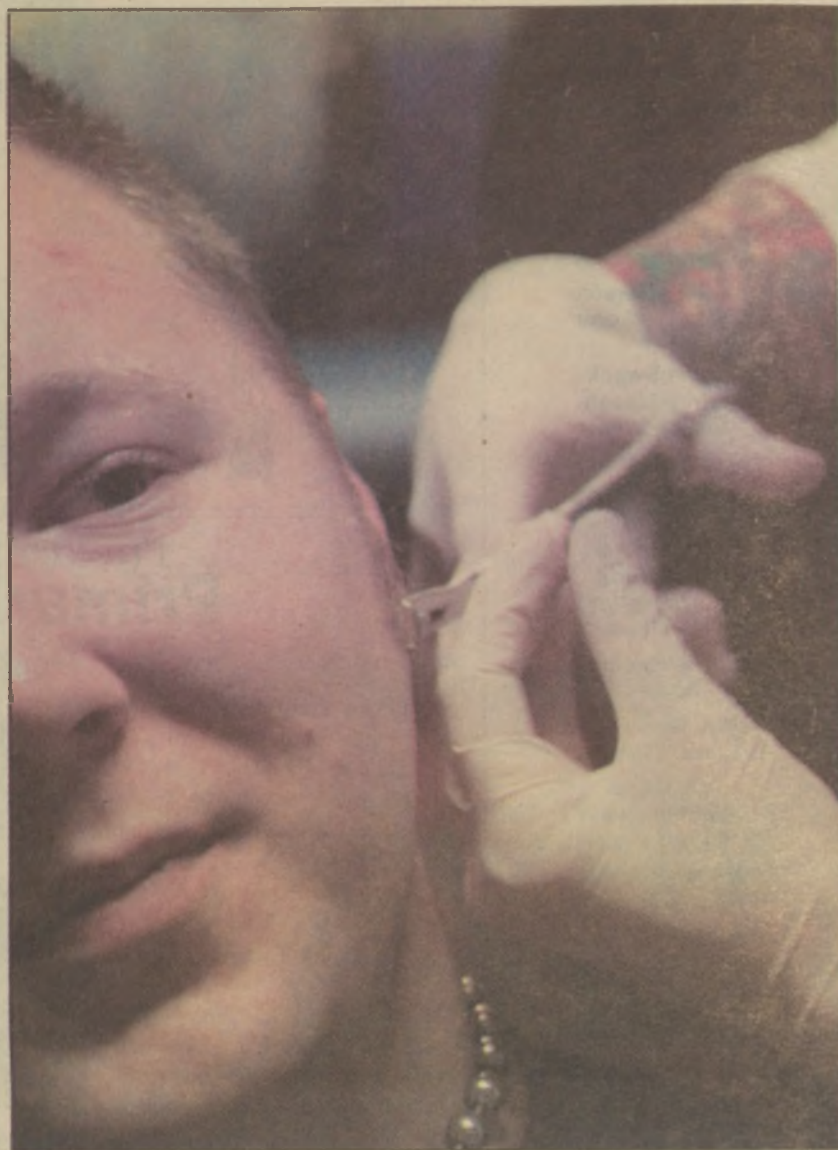
"That's a danger most people don't talk about because it's not that common," Greenwalt said.

Still, plenty of people are willing to take the risk for the sake of self-expression. Some even take it to extremes.

The Guinness Book of World Records site lists Benjamin Drucker as the record holder for the most body piercings, having had 745 18-gauge half-inch surgical needles stuck into his body in 2003.

For some, temporary quantity is more interesting. This is the case with Charlie Wilson of the UK who holds the record for most body piercings in one session. Wilson received 1015 in just under eight hours in 2006. He did not keep all of the piercings permanently.

While most people don't take it that far, body art has become increasingly



June Farley/Alestle

Senior Josh Stone gets his ears pierced by Daniel Buie of Evermore Gallery in downtown Edwardsville.



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Junior Kyle Fuhrmann has spent over \$1,000 on tattoos. The tattoo on his left side is still in progress.

commonplace, quickly becoming part of popular culture with help from shows like LA Ink and Miami Ink.

An additional aspect to consider with tattoos and piercings is the job market.

Career Development Center Director Jean Paterson said the center still advises students in its presentations not to get any visible tattoo or piercing, as it may hurt their job opportunities.

"We'll even suggest women stick with just one set of earrings," Paterson said.

Appearance is important, Paterson said, because it sticks in the mind of the interviewer, not the resume.

"You want them to look at you and your abilities, not your multitude of earrings or the

tattoo on your neck," Paterson said. "You don't want to be eliminated because someone didn't like your tattoo or your piercing."

For those who choose tattooing as a form of expression, the opinions of others may not weigh on their minds. For Fuhrmann, his tattoos have not always been well received.

"Some people view it negatively. It really strained my relationship with my parents for a time."

Still, Fuhrmann is happy having chosen body art as a way of expressing himself. Good thing, too, since the expression is permanent.

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Cougars succeed on the court during semester break

Men's basketball wins five straight before dropping two during break

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

After five straight wins, including a Great Lakes Valley Conference win against Quincy University, the SIUE men's basketball team has now dropped two straight games, which both happened to be conference games with identical results.

The Cougars could not overcome 18 turnovers and the 18 points No.7-ranked Drury University recorded off the mistakes to drop their fourth conference game, 76-61.

SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said the Cougars faced a tough inside man coverage that forced several outside shots. In fact, SIUE made just 10 3-pointers on 36 attempts against DU.

"They did a great (job) collapsing on our bigs and allowing us to kick the ball out, but we didn't shoot the ball well from the perimeter," Forrester said.

SIUE managed a tight game for the majority of the first half against its GLVC West Division foe, but struggled in the minutes

leading to halftime, as it did not make a shot in the final four-plus minutes. Despite the Cougars' perfect free-throw percentage in the second half, the Panthers had 16 more attempts at the line.

Because DU had more attempts, it managed to make 11 more free throws to stay ahead.

Senior guard T.J. Gray led the team with 23 points, including five 3-pointers. However, Gray attempted 17 shots on the arc as a part of the team's shooting struggles.

"We work on those shots everyday, it's just a matter of time before those shots begin to fall like they were in our prior games," Gray said. "They're the same."

Senior guard Anthony Jones was the only other player to score more than 10 points as he finished with 14 points. Like Gray, Jones missed at least 10 3-point shot attempts.

"Those guys can make shots," Forrester said. "I'm very confident in them. We just got to get our confidence as far as outside shots back."

Drury boasted a quartet of double-digit shooters with

Collins Harris leading his team, scoring 21 points and collecting nine rebounds, one shy of a double-double. Chris Ijames recorded 17 points, Adam White collected 16 points and Steven Gum netted 10 points. The Panthers are 12-1 with a perfect conference record, and like their women counterparts, remain nationally ranked.

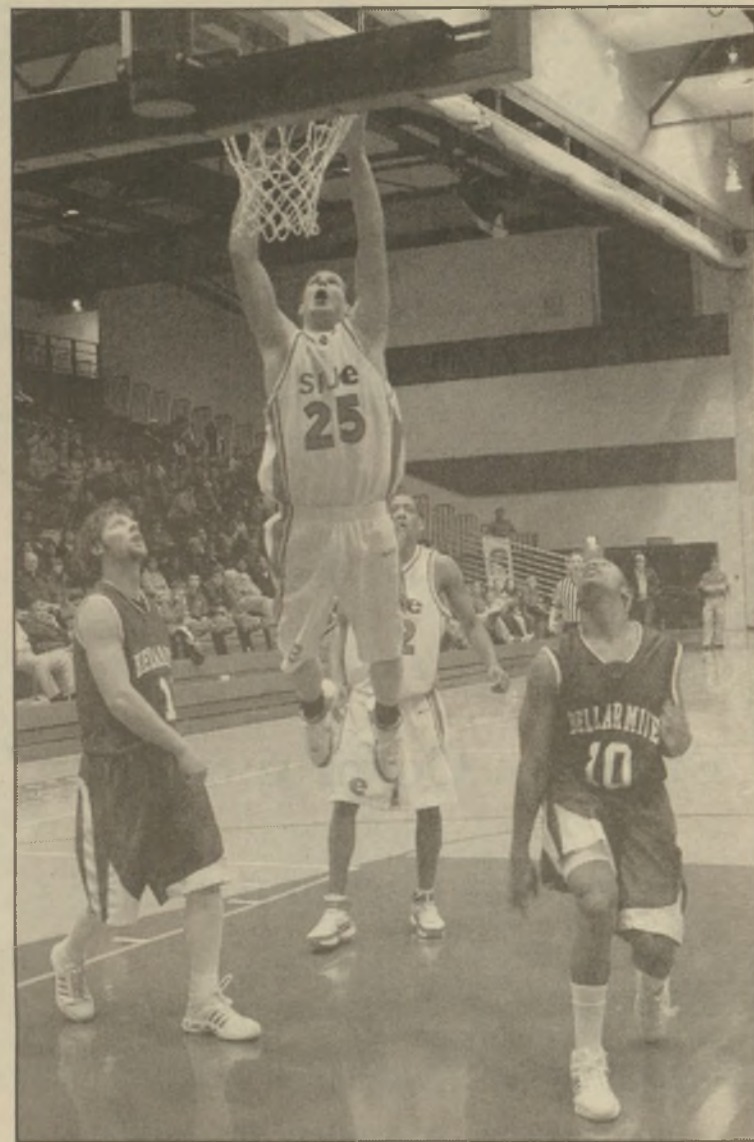
SIUE struggled to keep up with Rockhurst as well because of free throws in Thursday night's 70-63 loss to the Hawks in Kansas City. The Hawks managed a Drury-like effort with more trips to the charity stripe and made 14 more free throws as a result.

"(Rockhurst) knocked the free throws down to put away the game," Gray said. "We didn't shoot well from the line."

The Cougars shot stronger outside against the Hawks, but were outscored 22-14 in the paint. Forrester said the Hawks used a 2-3 zone defense, which forced the Cougars to shoot 3-pointers again.

"They played us (in) a zone

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Steve Berry/Alestle

Junior John Edmison dunks the ball during a game against Bellarmine. The Cougars went on to lose the game 84-67. SIUE quickly rebounded by winning 5 games over the winter break.



June Farley/Alestle

Senior Amy Austin drives to the hoop in a game over the winter break. The Cougars won six straight games before losing to Drury University in a last second shot.

Women's basketball seven-game streak snapped with last-second loss to Drury

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

With just 11 seconds to go, the SIUE Women's basketball team appeared to have the game won not only against a Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent but a nationally-ranked one in Drury University Saturday.

The Cougars were up 68-65 and the Lady Panthers took a timeout. Suddenly, as the clock wound down to three seconds, DU senior guard Molly Carter sank a 3-point shot to tie the game.

If the basket was not enough, the Cougars fouled Carter. She walked to the free-throw line and hit the extra point to give her teammates the 69-68 win and be the No. 8-ranked school's hero for the day.

"She came off a double screen down low, we tried to switch everything out so they wouldn't get a clean look at a three," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said about Carter. "We got there late."

According to Hedberg, the play

was a déjà vu. The last time the Cougars visited Springfield, Mo. to play Drury in February 2007 another Carter, sister Hannah, hit a last-second 3-point shot to beat them 70-67.

Coincidentally, Hannah was credited with the assist on Molly's game-tying basket Saturday.

"It's really frustrating," senior forward Amber Shelton said. "Out of all the scenarios that could have happened, it was this one."

The Cougars battled the Lady Panthers throughout the first half and trailed by one point at halftime. Drury slowly mounted its lead to seven with 7:02 left in the second half, but managed just one basket until the Molly Carter 3-pointer. Senior guard Laura Witherspoon made both of her free throws in the final seconds to give the Cougars their brief lead.

"We had it won," Hedberg said. "We just broke down, we didn't get out quick enough to stop the three. We should have been more heads up."

Hedberg, however, said she admits the Cougars "gave them

everything (they) had" and outshot the Lady Panthers, only to suffer in free throws. The Cougars missed seven of their free throws while Drury missed just two.

Additionally, SIUE committed 27 turnovers and gave up 27 DU points because of the mistakes.

Shelton led the team with 20 points while Sykes finished with 15. Senior forward Elyse Morris also scored in double digits with 14 points.

Molly Carter picked up 20 points as well for the Lady Panthers and Sara Bos recorded 14 points. Melanie Oliver netted 12 points in the school's 12th win of the season and fourth in the conference.

Not only did the Cougars lose their second conference game of the season, but also junior guard Julie Sweetin. Sweetin, according to Hedberg, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee and early reports indicate that she could miss the rest of the season.

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June Farley/Alestle
Junior Brittany Imig throws a long pass down court during a game over the winter break. The Cougars have won six of the last seven games and will play University of Indianapolis 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Sweetin previously suffered a knee injury while at Southeast Missouri State University, which limited her to a career of 20 games as a Redhawk before she transferred to SIUE.

"That's going to hurt us quite a bit because she was a role player," Shelton said.

SIUE pounded Rockhurst University Thursday night, 70-41, in Kansas City with strong overall shooting and a big first half as it entered halftime with a 31-16 lead.

"With Rockhurst, it was different because of

the way we took charge," Hedberg said. "Once we opened it up, we were able to relax the rest of the game."

The Cougars return to the Vadalabene Center for more conference action as they host the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds at 5:30 p.m. Thursday and take on Saint Joseph's College at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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and really we didn't do a good job," Forrester said. "It kind of eliminates our opportunities as far as going to the free-throw line."

Rockhurst had four players finish with 10 points or more as Joey Deas scored 20 points in the game. Two players scored a double-double, with Drew Martin recording 17 points with 11 rebounds and John Torson scoring 11 points and 11 rebounds.

SIUE is now 7-5 overall and 1-4 in the conference, which is good for a tie for fourth place in the GLVC West Division with University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The answer to their previous losses involved team chemistry.

Gray said the games against University of Indianapolis and Saint Joseph's College this weekend at the Vadalabene Center, both conference matches, will be more of a test of persistence than anything.

"Every game is an opportunity," Gray said. "Coach Forrester just continues to stay positive. We're continuing to work as hard as we can to put us in position to win ball games."

The Cougars tip off at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against the Greyhounds and are scheduled to take on the Pumas at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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Steve Berry/Alestle
Coach Lennox Forrester speaks to his players during a game over the winter break. The Cougars will play the University of Indianapolis 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.



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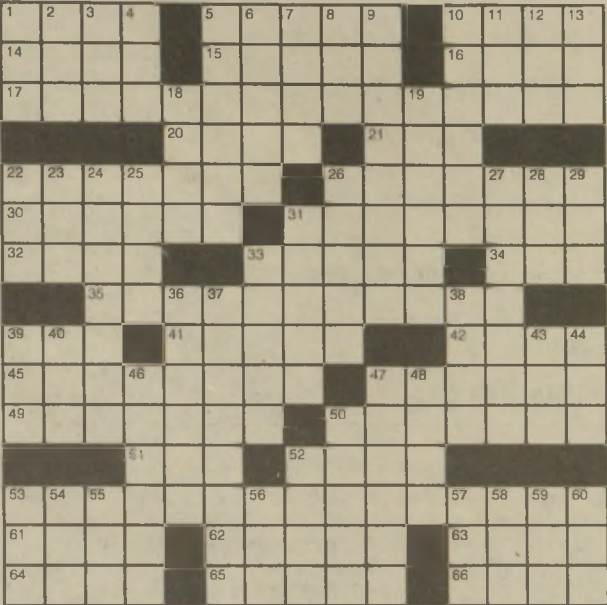
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