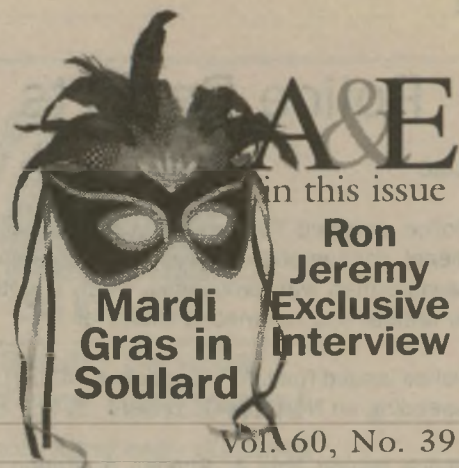


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'Super Tuesday' on the horizon

Bill Clinton visits SIUE to speak for wife's campaign

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

Former President Bill Clinton spoke to a throng of could-be student voters Wednesday morning in Katherine Dunham Hall, campaigning for his wife and relating issues of the environment, healthcare and the economy.

In a speech resembling more a lecture than outright campaigning, Bill Clinton dissected the subprime mortgage crisis and the slowing economy and explained U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton's plans for both.

"I know this isn't the typical 'ra-ra' campaign speech, but this is your future," Bill Clinton said to the more than 350 listeners, by-in large students, in the Dunham Hall auditorium.

President Clinton outlined the plan as reserving some \$30 billion to negotiate with and partially assist subprime mortgage companies, although mortgage companies would ultimately have to absorb some of their losses.

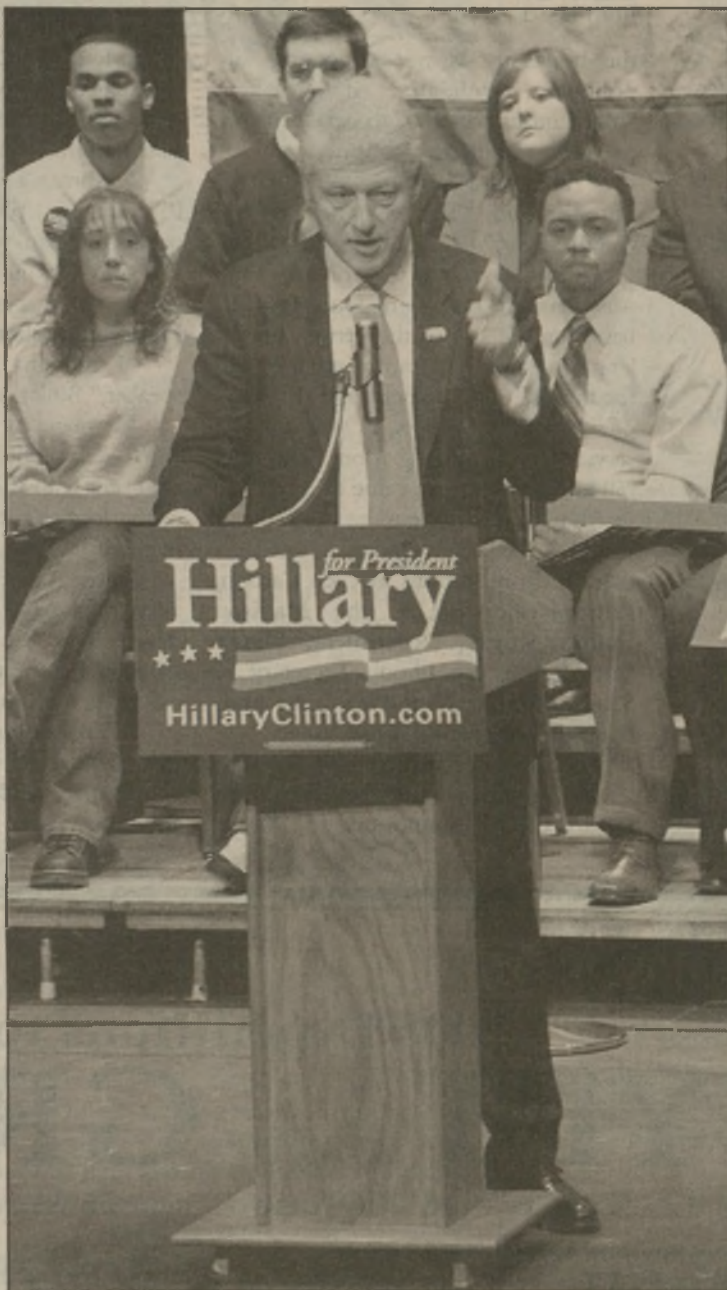
"This thing has spun out of control," President Clinton said to a fervent applause, "That's what you need a president for, that's presidential leadership."

Among the items relating to the Dunham Hall crowd, President Clinton spoke about initiatives in the Hillary Clinton platform to address the affordability of college; including plans to increase funding for Pell grants, AmeriCorps, the Hope and Lifetime learning tax credits and making lenders extend the length of times loans can be repaid and capping the interest on those loans. The plan, President Clinton said, would cover the costs for most citizens for in-state universities.

"Every American, of every age, of every income group has a clear common interest in guaranteeing that every person in the country has the chance to fulfill their dreams through education," Clinton said.

Many students who had waited hours in the cold were turned away from seeing President Clinton because of the auditorium reaching its maximum capacity. Some students waited since 4:30 a.m. to see the 8 a.m. speech, braving temperatures in the teens. Overflow was directed to the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom, where two large screens showed the speech from a newsfeed.

Beth Forsythe, assistant to the Director of Public Affairs, said the Clinton campaign approached the university while scouting several different locations in the area. She said while



top: June Farley/Alestle, right: provided by Mallory Miller
Above, former U.S. President Bill Clinton addresses the audience.
Right, members of Alpha Phi Omega meet with Clinton, who pledged as a member in 1966.



Early voting for primary ends today

Alestle Staff Report

Thursday is the last day for voters to cast ballots in the Illinois primaries ... until Tuesday, that is.

Illinois is one of 24 states scheduled to host a primary Tuesday, in preparation for the 2008 presidential election in November.

For registered voters wishing to vote before the actual primary election, early voting at the Madison County Administration Building ends at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. However, for voters who will be out of their precincts during the election, absentee voting is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, as well as 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. The courthouse is located at 157 N. Main St. in Edwardsville.

Among the items on the ballot for Madison County voters are local, state and national candidates, as well as referendum issues for certain areas.

The Illinois primary requires voters to select candidates based on party ballots. Voters are permitted to change party affiliation at the polling site if desired.

In order to vote on Election Day, citizens must present a voter registration card and driver's license or state identification card. According to Assistant Director of Leadership and Volunteer Services Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, at the polling place in the Morris University Center, voters may use their SIUE Cougar Cards in place of a driver's license. However, a voter registration card is still required.

Only voters whose registration cards indicate the MUC location as their polling site may vote on campus. Voters are only permitted to cast ballots in the county in which they are registered.

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National economic concerns extend to college students

By Maggie Willis
Alestle Reporter

College students were already notorious for being poor before the cost of everything from groceries to gasoline went up. Now, with the recent economic changes, they're even worse off.

Professor of economics and finance John Navin has been closely following the news, keeping tabs on the economy.

"Higher unemployment, lower job growth, slower increase in wages, slower spending on the parts of

consumers and indications of problems in the housing market," Navin said. "Things are generally slowing down."

However, Navin said he does not personally believe the economy is in a recession yet, referring to a significant decline in economic activity, normally defined as two continuous quarters of declining gross domestic product.

He also said he does not think the country would know the economy was in a recession until it was almost over.

"What will end up happening is when the economy starts to pick up again, they'll look back and see if we were

in fact in a recession," Navin said, comparing it to personal income. "You don't notice your income so much from paycheck to paycheck, but when you look back over a year of pay, you can see the overall trend."

While some students have been able to remain unaffected by rising prices, other students are having trouble making ends meet.

Sophomore nursing major Zhordan Douglas, a recent transfer student, said living on her own is a lot harder now.

"Groceries are getting a lot more expensive," Douglas

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Police Reports

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Police arrested Richard C. Munsterman for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Munsterman was processed, given a notice to appear and returned to Bluff Hall.

Police issued Ranjith R. Gaddam a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Yola A. Rhodes a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of a hit-and-run accident that occurred in the Evergreen Hall parking lot.

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Police took a report of a stolen book bag in Founders Hall.

Police took a report of phone harassment from a resident of Cougar Village.

Police issued Caleb A. Olson a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Timothy J. Gearin Jr. a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

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Police issued Adaora D.C. Onyemelokwe a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

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

Police issued Yaa N. Owusu a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

top: June Farley/Alestle
Clinton's visit to SIUE was one in a series of stops to promote the presidential campaign of his wife, U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.).

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For those not registered to vote, the opportunity has passed for the primary, but time is left before the Nov. 4 general election. Volunteer Services and Raise Your Voice will host a voter registration drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Other registration drives will occur in April and September.

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the university is not endorsing any political candidate, it was a "momentous occasion" to have a former president visiting the campus.

"They are renting the space," Forsythe said. "This is not a political endorsement."

Forsythe said the Clinton campaign was billed for the use of Dunham Hall based on the size of the venue and the length of time. The campaign also paid for the use of equipment and the work of six student workers, as well as food service for the staging room. The total bill for the campaign came to \$1,295.

Law enforcement at the event included the secret service and officers donated from stations in Glen Carbon, Edwardsville, SIUE, the Madison County Sheriffs Department, Illinois State Police, the Illinois Secretary of State Bomb Squad and K9 units from St. Clair County and Alton.

The speech attracted students with a wide range of political opinions, from Hillary Clinton supporters, to Obama

supporters, to supporters of Republican candidates and voters that were still undecided and just wanted the chance to see a former president.

Freshman Lindsey Buller, an Alpha Phi Omega pledge, said she was previously leaning toward Obama, but said since having seen President Clinton speak, she is planning on voting for Hillary in the Illinois primaries.

"I thought he was a wonderful speaker," Buller said.

Members of the Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity showed up to the event with shirts featuring a likeness of the former president, who became a member in 1966.

Katie Cline, vice president of Service for APO and a political science major, was the recipient of a Bill Clinton autograph on her shirt and posed for a photo with Clinton.

"This is a huge deal for me," Cline said. "This is what I study about."

Other students welcomed the appearance of a former president, but

decided to hold firm to their current political favorites.

"It's good for the community," business sophomore Michael Sullivan said, who plans to vote for Obama in the upcoming primaries. "It brings a lot of interest to the area."

Some students found difficulty navigating through Dunham Hall during the speech, as access to some rooms and lockers were cut off by security. Prior to the former president's arrival, stage technicians were told they had to move equipment as a safety precaution, including gas tanks used for tools in stage construction. The stage construction area temporarily served as a carport for Clinton's vehicle.

Scott Rocca, a technical theater sophomore, said the event was somewhat taxing on theater techs, but was worth the work.

"It's good for publicity," he said.

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Modern astronomy

Physics professor changing views on the science

By Maggie Willis
Alestle Reporter

Once, astronomy meant staring in awe through a telescope or excitedly pointing out constellations to friends, but somewhere along the way, it added more formulas and theories, often becoming more work than fun.

Physics professor Pamela Gay is working to change that with a podcast – a broadcast file available for the Internet or personal media player – called Astronomy Cast.

The podcast “takes a fact-based journey through the cosmos as it offers listeners weekly discussions on astronomical topics ranging from planets to cosmology,” according to its Web site at www.astronomycast.com.

Hosted by Gay and Fraser Cain, publisher of a popular space Web site called Universe Today, Astronomy Cast is the third-most featured science podcast on the iTunes music store site in the U.S., with a ranking of second in the U.K., third in Canada and fourth in Australia.

“It’s a conversation between



June Farley/Alestle
Dr. Pamela Gay works on her podcast in the Science Building. Gay, along with Fraser Cain host Astronomy Cast.

Fraser and I where we look at different topics, and we try to understand what the science is and what the observation is about what we believe about the universe,” Gay said. “If you look at the Internet, you see all sorts of people saying crazy things about the universe. We want to see what the universe is telling us and see what that means.”

Astronomy Cast Live recently featured Phil Plait,

known to many science buffs as the pseudoscience-debunking blogger, author and lecturer called the Bad Astronomer, who helped popularize astronomy with his book, “Bad Astronomy.”

“Fraser, Pamela and I decided that all of us would live-blog the American Astronomical Society event,” Plait said. “If something tickled our fancy, we’d

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Five new members join Senate

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Five vacant posts have been filled in Student Government as two new senators, two new Executive Board members and an election commissioner were voted in and initiated during Friday’s meeting.

Freshman Carinna Bessenbacher and sophomore education major Kevin Starks are the newly appointed senators. Starks served on the Senate last spring.

Bessenbacher said her main goal while serving on the Senate is to get families more involved with the campus community.

“I had issues with the idea that there aren’t activities for families on campus and more should be done to accommodate students with families,” Bessenbacher said. “It’s hard to plan events for kids when you don’t have kids and don’t think activities for families should be restricted to once a month.”

Starks, who is also the vice president of the SIUE Gospel Choir, hopes to use his previous experience as a senator to his advantage while filling a familiar role.

“Being on Student Senate has allowed me to be well spoken and outspoken,” Starks said. “I would like for more students to attend the Student Senate meetings and create awareness for Student Government.”

Senior international business major Whitney Moore will serve as the new Internal Affairs Chair. Moore previously served on Student Organization Advisory Board during fall semester.

“I definitely see it as a challenge,” Moor said. “It is something different, But I want to get more

involved, and I think that I bring a lot of ideas and would like to get things started.”

After being shut out of holding down the position of Finance Board Chair last semester due to a constitutional requirement of attending SIUE for at least one semester, freshman business student Brandon Rahn was appointed to the same position.

“My main goal is to market that (Student Government) does have funds that are available to student organizations, along with notifying organizations of annual allocations,” Rahn said. “We would like them to know how much they have and use that in order to help their organization.”

Student Government also welcomed in newly appointed elections commissioner, junior philosophy major Robert Yost.

Yost plans on using the position as a springboard into Student Government and hopes he can improve the turnout at

Student Government elections this spring.

“I want to get more involved in Student Government, and get my feet wet before I jump into a different position,” Yost said. “I think I can get students to come out and vote through my work in housing as an R.A.”

Student Body President Laurie Estilette expressed her confidence in the five new appointees.

“I have faith in those I asked for the approval of today,” Estilette said. “I believe that bringing in new faces and new ideas creates for a very exciting spring semester, and I think these new appointees will bring in a lot of new ideas for us.”

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Vandegrift survey asks students for opinions

Survey to help chancellor on improvement

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Students can now give their opinion on Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift in a survey available through Blackboard.

The survey is part of a periodic review of the chancellor and the line of officers who report to him, regulated by the Committee for Higher Administrator Performance Appraisal, a standing committee on the University Planning Council.

The survey is made up of 55 questions varying on areas of critique, with one question open for additional comments. The results are then tabulated and made into a report given to CHAPA.

Psychology Chair Bryce Sullivan is the head of CHAPA. He said after the surveys are complete, his committee will write a report based on the results.

"(The report) is a presentation of results," Sullivan said. "It's just the facts."

The report is also made up of surveys collected by members of the faculty, staff and local community. Before the report is sent to Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard, the chancellor is given the opportunity to review the report and make statements about it.

Sullivan said the survey was



Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

sent out to random students in past years. He said this did not get as many responses as the committee had hoped for. Sullivan said allowing anyone to fill the survey out will hopefully gain a larger response.

"(The committee) would like as many responses as we can get," Sullivan said. "We want the input of the students and the community."

Gaurav Jethi, a senior majoring in biological sciences, said he did not plan on filling out

"Based on what I've seen, he's doing a good job."

-Casey Hansen, junior history education major

the survey, but believes it is important to have the reviews for the chancellor.

"(The survey) makes sure (the chancellor) is doing his job and doing it right," Jethi said.

Poshard will evaluate the chancellor based on the findings of the report.

"Anybody that has a job has a review," Sullivan said. "This goes beyond the typical review of performance."

Casey Hansen, a junior majoring in history education, said when she filled out the survey, she gave the chancellor high scores.

"Based on what I've seen, he's doing a good job," Hansen said. "I especially liked (that) he did so much with the 50th anniversary activities."

Sullivan said the main goal of the survey is to help Vandegrift improve his job as chancellor.

"I think it's a process that is primarily designed to present and give good feedback to the chancellor and to inform the public on what the community thinks," Sullivan said.

Students can access the survey through their Blackboard accounts, where it is listed as a class under CHAPA. The deadline to fill out the survey is Feb. 7.

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Teaching methods strengthened, evaluated at faculty symposium

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Faculty and staff spent Thursday, Jan. 24, evaluating their roles as instructors and scholars at the 10th annual Faculty Symposium.

The symposium, entitled "Faculty Roles in the Unpredictable Future: A 50th Anniversary Perspective," was designed to give faculty ideas to help strengthen their methods for teaching and operations. Over 100 faculty members attended throughout the day.

The symposium expanded on points given by Robert Zemsky, a keynote speaker as part of SIUE's 50th anniversary celebrations who spoke about changing higher education curriculum last week. Nursing professor Marjorie Baier said the points Zemsky made were addressed in the second part of the symposium.

Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Paul Ferguson said the symposium helped try to define the goals of the faculty in the future.

"One question we have to ask ourselves is, 'What is the impact of scholarship of the faculty?'"

Ferguson said.

The first panel spoke about how change impacts the faculty and student bodies. It also dealt with transcending admissions policies and how the student body has changed in past years.

The subsequent panel dealt with how technology has developed exponentially, and its continued evolution in the future. The panel also

described how to overcome issues produced by technology.

Baier said the provost was looking for faculty input about the teacher-scholar model, which emphasizes more than teaching classes.

"The teacher-scholar model parts are

teaching, scholarship and service," Baier said. "Teaching is only part of what is expected of our professors."

Professors were also presented Excellence in Undergraduate Education Impact awards for their accomplishments in the past years.

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Art major Kyle Johns fills up his vehicle at Gas Mart. Fuel prices are among a variety of living costs that are increasing due to economic issues.

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said.
Douglas also said many entertainment opportunities now cost too much, like clubs with a \$20 cover charge.
“I have to pay for where we’re going and gas,” Douglas said, “so now we usually just rent a movie and stay in.”
On the other hand, senior Jenny Lawhead, who majored in economics for a year before switching to education, said she does not think the economy is that badly off.
“I don’t think we’re in a recession,” Lawhead said. “I think this is a normal fluctuation

and people freaking out about it are only going to make it worse.”
Although Lawhead said she has noticed some change in people’s spending habits, she does not think it has been a big change.
“I’ve noticed people going out less,” Lawhead said, “but it was people who went out four nights a week. Now they’re down to maybe two nights a week, because money’s tighter, but that’s still going out two nights a week.”
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write about it.”
Citing lower newspaper coverage as a cause, Plait said he believes blogging is the future of reporting at astronomy meetings.
“Everything we did went on our individual blogs, but it was also funneled into Astronomy Cast,” Plait said. “We’re so much faster. You don’t have to wait for a newspaper.”
Plait’s blog – a frequently updated online journal – can be found at www.badastronomy.com.
Although astronomy can be complicated and confusing, graduate student Rebecca Bemrose-Fetter describes Astronomy Cast as extremely accessible.
“They lay out all the information, without math, and it’s much less scary, which gets all kinds of people into it,” Bemrose-Fetter said, whose numerous responsibilities with the podcast include writing transcripts and editing the audio.
In the five years, Bemrose-Fetter has known Gay, she described Gay as an intense and dedicated person with a love of teaching.
“Lots of smart people are like 100-watt light bulbs, they’re really bright and really shiny,” Bemrose-Fetter said. “Pamela can be much more like a laser; just as shiny and bright, but very tightly focused and very high energy.


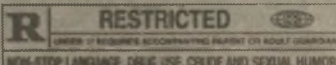

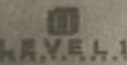
When she gets going on something, the only way to stop her, really, is to get her on to something even more interesting.”
Gay also writes an astronomy blog, www.starstryder.com, which was one of 53 blogs hailed as the best science blogging in 2007 in the book “The Open Laboratory 2007,” which came out last week.
“It’s a place where I basically go and write about things that happen to me (in) day-to-day life,” Gay said.
Topics range from bubbles in sub-freezing temperatures, various journal articles and the digital divide between people with Internet-access and those without.
“When the NASA director says stupid things, I also write about that,” Gay said, referring to an event she attended where NASA director Michael Griffin “spoke unprofessionally, even resorting to name-calling.”
Gay wrote about Griffin’s conduct on her blog and within days was approached by NASA personnel who encouraged her to talk directly to NASA about her complaints.
“So what’s cool about that is we’re actually being heard,” Gay said.
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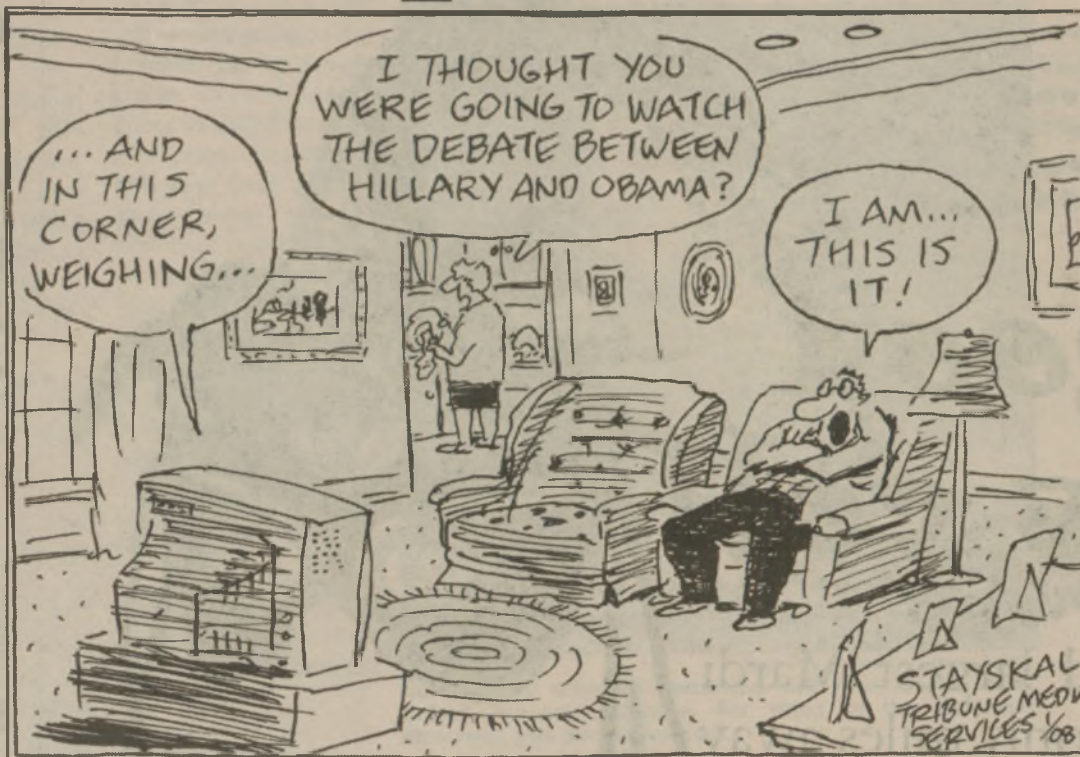
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Area should follow SIUE's green path

Gas prices have skyrocketed in the past year to nearly \$3 a gallon. Plastic is made primarily out of oil, just like gasoline. People complain about how scarce resources are.

Yet according to earth-policy.org, the U.S. is the world's largest consumer of bottled water with 26 billion liters annually in a 2004 study. I tried to find updates on the report with little success, but considering the study is less than four years old, the number was staggering.

The numbers get better. Another study shows that each year, more than 38 billion water bottles end up in landfills. Imagine how much we consume now.

After covering a St. Louis Rams game where I drank two sodas and a water, I tried finding a recycling bin throughout the Edward Jones Dome and outside the facility and found nothing but trash cans.

I dealt with the same thing at Busch Stadium, the Scottrade Center and pretty

much any place in the city that served food or beverages. How can a city try to stay clean when trash cans are the only options we have to dispose items that could still be useful later?

So what did I do? I took the bottles home with me so I could dump them into my Cougar Village recycling bins.

Edwardsville is not much better with its "many" recycling options. Outside of Dierbergs and Shop and Save, good luck finding a place to dispose your plastics or paper.

How would I know? Again, being a recycling junkie I walked up and down Main Street after my Subway dinner because I had a soda bottle and plastic wrapping that still looked like they were in good shape.

Paper is also one of the most wasted resources. According to printgreener.com, another 2004 study indicated that Americans use more than eight tons of office paper a year, which is equal to 178 million trees.

For those not so concerned about recycling at this point, try this fact for size. A study shows that 17 million barrels of oil are used each year just to make water bottles,

which reportedly could fill one million cars for a whole year.

Upon further observation, SIUE is alone in appearing to care enough about recycling to put bins out for people to use. Good to know, considering that most of our oil comes from our friends in the Middle East, and we are currently paying close to \$100 a barrel.

I can dump my paper cups and old homework into the university's bins at the Morris University Center, Vadalabene Center and Cougar Village Commons.

We could either start recycling more or stop making water bottles altogether to save the oil we could use to bring gas prices down. The choice is up to you, fellow readers.

The university's surrounding communities, restaurants and fast food joints included, need to mandate more recycling options and reward those who actually do it because punishment and fines will do nothing to help the cause.

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Partisan ties hinder work in Congress

Here is a question for this decade: politically, why are we split? Why have we moved from a tone of "Let's get along" from the late 20th century to the "You're either with me or against me" mode of the present. How did our world in the US of A become a "you vs. me" struggle to rule supreme?

It seems like the question answers itself. One wants to be in power over the other so greatly that one is willing to destroy the peace established in order to extravagantly prove preposterous points, have much more money and have the unquestioned respect that one thinks comes with being the supreme winner. I don't know, but isn't that rather silly, especially coming from Washington?

Do they not realize they are two sides of the same coin? What they really want is the prosperity of the people of the U.S. and

stability across the board in all parts of life – economically, recreationally and globally. The only reason they differ is on how to achieve this: having concern for the majority vs. the minority, absolutely free vs. slightly regulated trade, and – the most noticeable – bigger vs. smaller government.

No one is here to say that one is better than the other because both sides have valid beliefs. Liberals are all for the continuing evolution of our world, to help all the people who either want help or not. Conservatives are all for the "If it ain't broke, don't touch it" kind of approach. However, both block each other. That's where all our strife comes from: in order to go down one path, the other intersects.

And so they argue, debate, mudsling and more, to the point where absolutely everyone else across the nation is sick and tired of it.

And yes, it is hard to compromise between these two very different ways of achieving the greater life. However, in our world, compromise is a must.

U.S. history has taught us that there are

many examples of compromise – like the making of the U.S. Constitution and the Reconstruction after the Civil War.

Each side must flip the coin and understand what the other side sees. If that's too much to ask, why not meet at the edge? If politicians could do that, then all of our problems will be solved – or at least have a realistic chance of resolution.

And yet it continues, past the point of rationality and truth. On and on about how incompetent so-and-so is and how the other party is incapable of handling a situation. So do we just spend another decade split and bickering at each other like a bunch of 2-year-olds and strive to rule over the other in the never-ending battle for supremacy? Doesn't that sound just dandy? Well, politicians seem to like it.

However, we don't. Coexist, Washington; it's just better that way.

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Let the good times roll

Country's second largest Mardi Gras celebration only miles away

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Set your alarms on Saturday and get ready to party.

St. Louis' official Mardi Gras celebration, in the historic Soulard neighborhood located 20 minutes from SIUE, is said to be the second-largest Mardi Gras celebration in the United States. This year's main Mardi Gras event, the Grand Parade, takes place this Saturday.

While Mardi Gras as we know it today is synonymous with beads, beer and bare breasts, the holiday has a religious background.

French for "Fat Tuesday," (the day before the beginning of the Christian season of Lent) Mardi Gras begins with Twelfth Night, twelve days after Christmas, and ends with Fat Tuesday. After Fat Tuesday, Lent begins signaling 46 days of fasting. Fat Tuesday can fall anywhere between Feb. 3 and March 9.

According to St. Louis Mardi Gras Spokesman Mack Bradley, this year's season will be the earliest Mardi Gras in the 21st century.

"It is a lot of fun," senior geography major Ryan Fuesting said. "It's one of the best parties of the year and just half an hour away from Edwardsville, so you can't beat it."

The celebration in Soulard began on Twelfth Night with a modest ceremony and raising of the Mardi Gras flag along with fireworks to signal the beginning of the season. This past weekend, the Taste of Soulard and the annual pet parade were part of the festivities. Saturday morning is when the real party begins.

"Next weekend is the big show," Bradley said. "The Grand Parade will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. and includes over 150 floats."

The parade route begins downtown on Broadway, three blocks south of Busch Stadium, and follows Broadway through Soulard to Seventh Street.

While the parade steps off at 11 a.m., revelers often begin lining up along the parade route hours in advance to assure a prime vantage point. Then there are, of course, the beads. No need to flash assorted body parts, the beads fly freely throughout the parade giving those who keep their hands in the air long enough the chance to catch hundreds of beads.

The tradition of tossing glass beads

dates back to New Orleans during the 1800s. During a parade a man dressed as Santa Claus allegedly became the first to toss beads into the crowd and his actions became a Mardi Gras staple by 1900.

Using indecent exposure in an effort to acquire those beads has no historical relevance and is dated back to 1997.

Also a common sight at St. Louis's Mardi Gras Grand Parade are the costumes. Large, crazy hats and all things sequined and shiny find a place in the party. Those really wanting to show their Mardi Gras pride could wear the tradition colors of purple, yellow and green.

Purple represents justice, green represents faith, and gold is symbolism of power. The accepted story behind the initial selection of these colors originates from 1872 when the Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff of Russia visited New Orleans.

The Mardi Gras celebration in St. Louis concludes on Tuesday night with the 'Light up the Night Parade,' sponsored by Lumiere Place.

"One thing great cities do is they have great festivals," Bradley said. "This certainly is a great party and is a great thing for St. Louis, adding to the fun of being in the city."

Lt. Renee Kriestmann, commander of the Operational Planning Unit within the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, said they have been planning for this year's event since the end of last year's party and a police force of over 500 will be in the Soulard neighborhood throughout the day Saturday.

"Our hope in having such a large presence is that by staffing it correctly, using the resources that Mardi Gras has provided for us, and by us being proactive in policing the area that things will operate smoothly," Kriestmann said.

According to Kriestmann, Soulard's Mardi Gras bash is a safe place to be as long as patrons stay under control.

"Since they have really secured a footprint of the area and changed the rules by not being able to have coolers, backpacks, cans in the festival area, problems have diminished over the years," Kriestmann said. "We will still have some things occur where we will have to write tickets for underage drinking, peace disturbances and regular fights that break out, but nothing out of the ordinary."

Senior mass communications major Patrick Kelly will be making the trip to

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Allison Proise/Alestle Stringer
Mardi Gras was celebrated on campus last week with Parti Gras, which was held in the Vadalabene Center and featured free casino games, mask making and beads.

All that jazz Take 2

Arts & Issues to present Sandra Reeves-Phillips Saturday

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Correspondent

SIUE will be welcoming back blues and jazz singer Sandra Reeves-Phillips this Saturday for her first performance at the university since the early '90s.

Reeves performed at SIUE in 1992 and is looking forward to coming back to Illinois.

"I love what I do, especially going to colleges meeting young people who follow music," Reeves said. "It's always wonderful to go back where you've already been."

Although it has been 16 years since Reeves' last visit to the SIUE campus, she is hoping that there are some people there who were there on her previous visit.

"I think it's going to be a better show this time because people know me now, and this time I'm being welcomed back," Reeves said. "That's the joy of me returning."

Reeves began performing professionally in the mid 1950s when her mother would take her to different amateur nights around New York City. Though her professional career started at age 14, she had been performing with her church choir since she was a child.

"I have been really blessed, and I love what I do," Reeves said. "I see nothing that gives me more joy."

Music professor Rick Haydon remembers Reeves from her first performance at SIUE, and though he will be missing the show due to prior engagements, is excited for Reeves to be returning to SIUE.

"I think anything that brings attention to blues and jazz is a good thing," Haydon said. "It's a way to remember that blues and jazz is born and bred in America."

In May 1980, Reeves debuted her show "Late, Great Ladies of Blues and Jazz" at the Cotton Club in Harlem, and today it is one of the longest running one woman shows around, Reeves said.

Before dedicating her time and energy to blues and jazz, Reeves used to sing soul, rhythm and blues and the like. It was not until late 1979 that Reeves began to really research the women blues and jazz singers.

"My fans suggested it actually, and I fell in love with the story," Reeves said.

Reeves also laughed when she said she likes to work hard.

"People used to tell me that James Brown is the hardest working man in show business and I'm the hardest working woman in show

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Ron Jeremy

on defending porn and where to pick up ladies

by Maggie Rhynes

Alestle Arts & Entertainment Editor

By the time Ron Jeremy arrived on campus Tuesday evening, about fifty students had already been holding their spot in line to view the debate for over two hours. Hundreds of others had filed in behind them forming a line that snaked all through the Morris University Center.

For those who did not get a seat, the debate was also shown on a big screen in the Goshen Lounge.

Before taking to the stage, Jeremy took the time to answer a few questions for the Alestle.

Alestle: How did you find your way from porn flicks to the debate podium?

Ron Jeremy: I started by teaching classes, criminology courses, on sex and the law. And for that I would debate vice cops. Then Wolfman Productions got me involved in this. I have three people I debate. I'm friends with all three of them. We get along as people. I've been on tour with XXX Church, I was on a bus with his [Craig Gross who debates against him] wife and kids. So we get along. It's the business that he has a problem with, not me.

A: What is your response to the claim that pornography is degrading to women?

RJ: What about gay porn and men? Who is being degraded when a guy does a guy? How is it degrading? We're just having sex. It's a sex movie. Why is it degrading to women when we are labeling what it is from the very beginning. How many times are women used in sexual scenarios in advertising, the media, television ... and they sneak sex into it subliminally. But we're the ones saying for the beginning we are rated X. They're sneaking it in. I think that's more degrading.

A: Do you ever feel guilty or personally responsible when you hear people say they were addicted to porn or that porn ruined their lives or relationships?

RJ: No. No. No. One of the top causes of death in America is alcohol. Is some

bartender or a store that sells alcohol going to feel horrible? Or are people going to feel guilty going to church because a few priests ruined some little boys' lives? Is every priest going to feel personally bad that a few of his brothers abused little boys? You don't blame an entire organization for a couple of a--holes.

A lot of people use porn totally inappropriately. You know some kiddie pornographers use the heterosexual main stream porn, that I'm in, to get little kids in the mood. That's horrible. But you don't blame the industry.

A: How did your parents react to you doing porn?

RJ: My parents don't touch drugs, they don't drink, they don't smoke. They raised three kids who all have at least 6 years of college and a master's degree. My parents respect freedom of speech. They hope that I won't just stay in porn, that I'll use it to do other things, and I've kind of done that. My mother always said, "My son Ron dances to a different drummer." My sister and brother were both vice presidents. So my dad used to say, "I've got VPs and POV, two vice presidents and a president of vice."

A: Does sex ever sound like work or seem boring?

RJ: No. Next question. It's still fun.

A: How many women have you had sex with?

RJ: Um they've got me clocked at about ... historians always figure this out ... between four and five thousand. Same as Gene Simmons. But he's a rock star so people want to have sex with him. With me there's a pay check involved.



Tony Patrico/Alestle Sports Editor

Ron Jeremy answers questions with the Alestle staff before Tuesday's debate. For video of the exculsive interview, see alestlelive.com.

A: What is your favorite sex position?

RJ: Missionary. After you've tried them all you go with the old standard one - you can see the pretty face.

Alestle: What is your favorite pieces of advice for women and for men?

For women:

RJ: Communicate to the guy you're with. Women will tell their best friends, their hair dresser, their interior decorater what they like or want sexually and the guys going, "Tell us for god sakes. Were the ones knee deep in it!" And be yourself.

For men:

RJ: The best place to pick up women is in a disco tech. It's the only place you can break the ice and its socially acceptable. You go to a dinner or a laundry mat and try to break the ice with some girl and she's like, "Go f-- yourself," or some big boyfriend goes, "Hey! Hey! She's with me." But that's the best place to meet girls cus it's the only place where you are allowed to say "hi" or "wanna dance" and no one can criticize you for it.

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Courtesy Photo

Sandra Reeves-Phillips will appear at SIUE on Saturday.

the Fine Arts Box Office in Dunham Hall.

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Soulard Saturday and says attending the celebration has become an annual tradition for he and his friends.

"It has become an annual thing for me," Kelly said. "I went to (St. Louis University) for two years. My old roommate and I always run into someone we know there. It's a good time."

Bradley says college students making their way to Mardi Gras for the first time need to keep a few things in mind.

"The most important thing, especially for Saturday, is if you are not 21, there is a lot of stuff to do, but don't expect to buy a beer," Bradley said. "Also, it is Feb. 2, so bundle up and bring your catchers mitt and be prepared to catch some beads."

Kriestmann urges partygoers to be safe and not to become belligerent if they choose to drink.

Traditionally, heavy consumption of alcohol also has a home in this holiday. Mardi Gras, which is a Pagan holiday, follows the custom of drinking and eating heavily before a period of fasting such as Lent. During the celebration, the Hurricane is the drink of choice, a heavily rum and passion fruit-based cocktail.

"People should follow Mardi Gras manners and not drink to excess," Kriestmann said. "Don't drink if you're under 21 and be reminded that you are in a neighborhood where people own homes, so don't do anything to their property and just use common sense."

From the visitor's perspective, Kelly says knowing the area before attending is a must.

"You should try and get to know the streets a little bit before you get there," Kelly said. "People will want to meet you at certain points a lot of the time, and from my experience, cell phones don't work too great with the crowds."

Fuesting said students going to Mardi Gras for the first time should be smart and stay safe.

"I would put an emphasis on safety," Fuesting said. "Don't drive and take (the) Metro or some other source of transportation."

Parking near the Soulard area is something that is usually hard to come by during Mardi Gras, according to Bradley.

"Parking is at a premium at best," Bradley said. "The best thing to do is to park downtown and various companies that run parking lots will have a shuttle."

While at the festivities Kriestmann recommends going with a group. If you plan on driving, also have a reliable designated driver.

"There's always safety in numbers, and having more than one person with you at all times is certainly helpful," Kriestmann said. "If you plan on drinking, you should also plan on designating a driver."

Students wanting to catch a ride to Soulard from SIUE can 'Take a Ride with Sigma Pi,' as the fraternity will be running buses to and from St. Louis between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tickets are available in the Morris University Center this week or from any member for \$15.

"Mardi Gras is something that gives Soulard its cache as a fun place to visit," Bradley said. "We think Mardi Gras does the same for the whole city of St. Louis."

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business."

Grant Andree, Director of Arts & Issues, was not with SIUE the last time Reeves performed, but is also excited about the upcoming performance.

"It should be great to see her recreate some of these legends," Andree said.

Though Andree cannot take credit for booking Reeves, he has managed to fine tune all the details of her visit, including finding the right props, arranging transportation and setting up a hotel stay for Reeves while she is in town.

Rich Walker was once in charge of Arts & Issues for about 15 years, and he was the one who booked this season, including Reeves, Andree said.

According to Andree, Walker had the chance to bring Reeves back, so he did.

"She did such a great show, and we knew she was a great performer, and she hadn't been here in awhile so it was time to bring her back," Andree said.

Reeves' career has been climbing for the past 40 or more years and believes that it is her duty to help people through her

music.

"Spirit touches spirit and heart touches heart. It is part of my ministry to touch hearts," Reeves said. "Music is healing and love, it's all about doing something worthwhile."

The performance is a safe family show, but you never know what could happen.

"I just might pull someone up on stage with me," Reeves said.

Reeves also said she loves to interact with the audience and enjoys hearing people clap, talk to her and sing along even if they cannot carry a tune.

"She's a good musician, she interacts and communicates with the audience," Haydon said.

"I'm grateful, I've had a very good career and a very good life, and I'm honored to be a part of the legacy," Reeves said.

The performance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Dunham Hall Theater. Tickets are \$12 for students and \$24 for general audiences. There are also 50 free tickets available to students for the performance. Tickets can be purchased at



Defending sportsmanship

In the past, I have battled for specific sports I have a special connection to. I have stepped up to the plate to defend soccer, mainly because being from St. Louis, you just have to be a fan of the game. And of course, I will always defend the coolest game on ice: hockey.

But, today I will be defending a different kind of sport. I will be defending something that many of you see everyday, but may not take into account how much it affects our everyday life. Today, let's defend sportsmanship.

I can pick out numerous different sports and explain how an athlete can show great deals of sportsmanship on and off the field. However, why not just look at some examples, around the professional spectrum, as well as right here at our own campus.

David Eckstein, formally of the St. Louis Cardinals, currently playing for the Toronto Blue Jays, is one of the nicest, calmest players to ever grace the field. His small stature and quiet demeanor makes him one of the few athletes left in the game that kids can look up to and say, "I want to be like him."

If you have seen him play, you know what I am referring to. He is one of the only guys you see smiling a majority of the game or chatting with players as they stand on second base. When he trots around the bases, he smiles and gives the other players a pat on the shoulder. He seems to symbolize what the nation wishes baseball was all about.

Then, after he exits the clubhouse, his stats seem to continue to rise. Not stats about homeruns, stolen bases, or even stats about sports at all. Statistics like the massive amounts of money and time he has put in to battle for autism research. Or donating his time to visit the Advocacy Center, which is a non-profit organization providing protection and advocacy services.

Eckstein has also backed the Mid-America Transplant Service, which is another non-profit organization dedicated to

enhancing the quality of human life. Along with supporting organ and tissue donors, Eckstein also joined the fight against autism along with other athletes for an organization called Athletes Against Autism.

Regardless of his play on the field, which earned him a \$4.5 million contract with the Blue Jays, he has succeeded not only as an athlete, but as a good, whole-hearted individual.

Now you may be reading this saying, "Stick to writing about sports, I don't care what an athlete does outside of the game." My response? Like one of my favorite sports columnists writes, "I don't write about sports, I write about people who just so happen to be in sports." Mr. Rick Riley, I commend thee.

As we look at different organizations and athletic groups here on campus, it's easy to see the work, dedication and overall kindness the student body has in general.

During the women's home basketball game Feb. 21, all attendees who show up in pink will receive free admission to the game. Not only are the athletes encouraging support of breast cancer awareness, they are encouraging the student body to step up and show their support as well.

Numerous sports teams also participate in off-campus community service. For instance, the softball team donated their time to volunteer at the Rams games and work with a St. Louis area food bank. SIUE athletes frequently reach out to support the community.

Again, many of you may read this and say, "What does this have to do with me, or even with athletics?" Well, considering that you may be reading this as an athlete, as a student, as a friend of an athlete or even as a student who is in the same classes as the athletes; this again, is about people who just happen to be in sports. Mr. Riley, you've hit the nail on the head.

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Striving to excel in athletics, academics

Average SIUE student athlete GPA rises

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

While the SIUE Cougars have achieved significant success in recent years between the Great Lakes Valley Conference's All-Sports Trophy and a national championship in softball, the coaches are reportedly focusing more on keeping the students' grades up than gaining athletic prestige. SIUE Athletics has seen its overall grade point average grow from a 2.931 during the 2005-06 academic year to a 3.118 in the fall 2007 semester, according to Jaci DeClue, the department's assistant athletic director in academic compliance.

"We (had) 251 student athletes in the fall and over 56 percent had a GPA over 3.0," DeClue said. "We had almost 28 percent of our athletes on the Dean's List."

Additionally, several teams have seen at least five of their players reach the Dean's List. In fact, according to DeClue, the women's track and softball teams each had nine players achieve the feat, followed by volleyball with eight. On the men's side, the baseball and tennis teams each had five players make the Dean's List.

The men's tennis Cougars also led the male GPA average with at least a 3.4. Meanwhile, the women's cross country team led the female side with a 3.73 GPA. The lowest GPA on the women's side was a 3.059 and a 2.7 on the men's side, which DeClue said is "not a bad overall GPA."

"There definitely is some progression, and I think it has a lot to do with the fact that coaches are not only recruiting athletes, but recruiting students at the

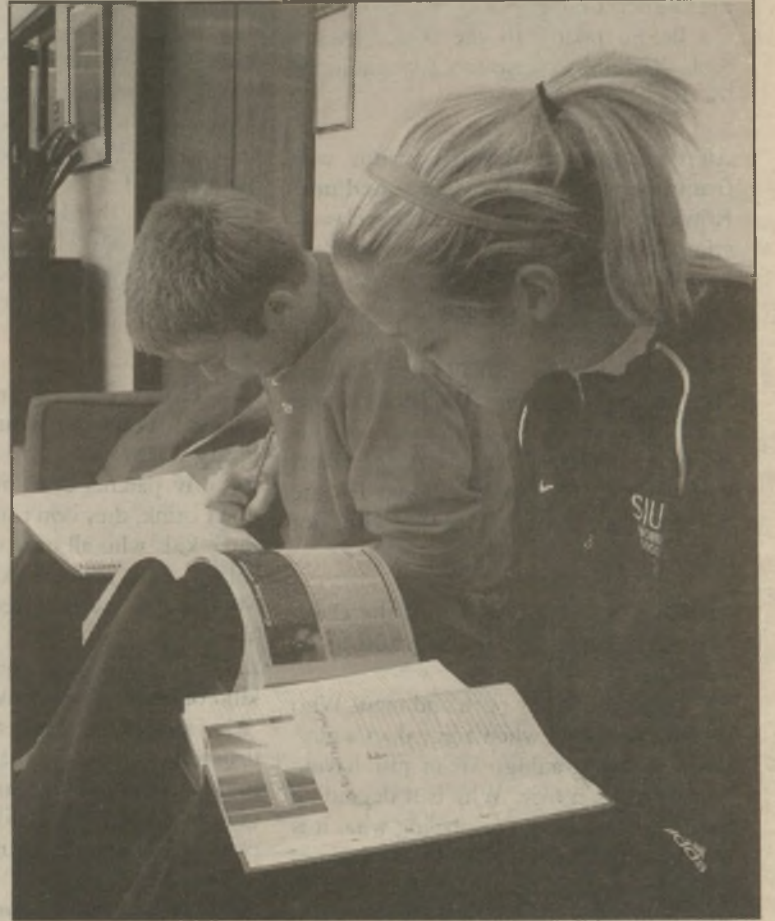


photo by Tony Patrico/Alestle

SIUE sophomore men's soccer player Myles Hensler and freshman women's soccer player Chelsey Johnston take time to study in the Morris University Center. Both Hensler and Johnston know the difficulties but importance of being a student athlete.

same time," DeClue said. "Quite often, when a coach is recruiting a kid, there's no question about the kid's athletic ability, but they will often bring in transcripts to me and say, 'What do you think? What do you think the chances are of this student being successful at SIUE?'"

SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said he does his research and will "screen" a player for academic performance as well as athletic before he brings him to the team. Once in a while, he will run into a problematic player, but the chances are rare.

"I think the only two things that mean to the players are playing time and their scholarships," Collins said.

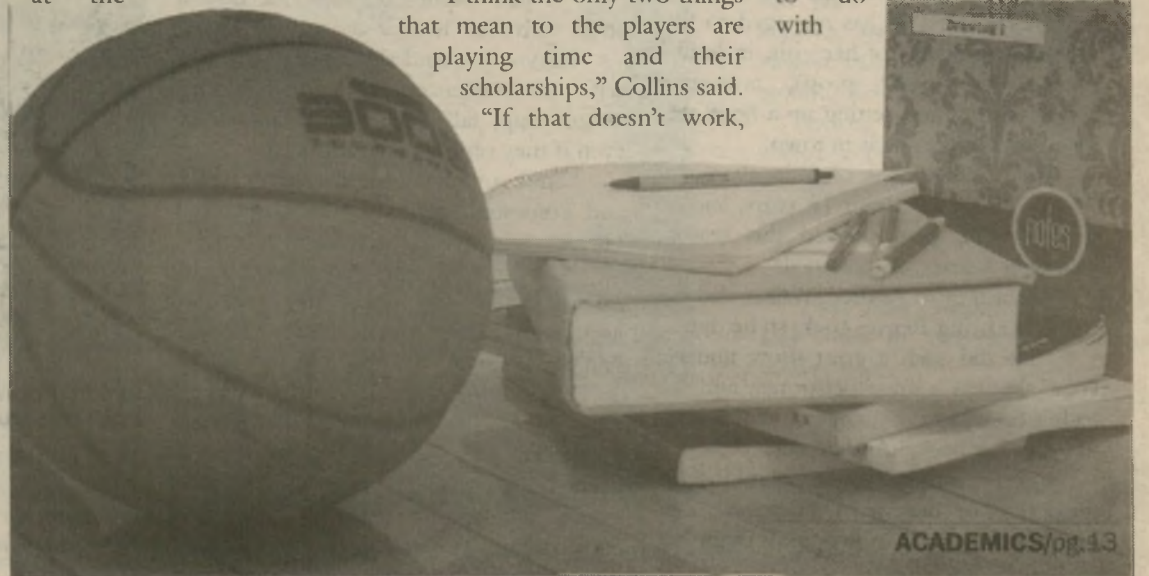
"If that doesn't work,

we'll take away their scholarships. If that doesn't work, we don't want them here."

Senior shortstop Cory Bunner said another key to a team that stays successful is camaraderie and respect.

"There are some guys that don't want to let a teammate down," Bunner said. "I think when everybody does do well in class, it bodes well for the team ... (it) shows that they care."

"As a team, since I've been here, our team has overall come a long way when it comes to the classroom, and I think it has a lot to do with



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photo illustration by Allison Prosize/Alestle

Balancing between academics and sports is something student athletes must do on a daily basis.

SIUE grapples down the road

Two meets mean short week of practice for Cougar wrestlers

Alestle Sports Staff Report

The SIUE wrestling team will have to pull double duty this week. With having a very short week to practice, SIUE took on McKendree University last night and will now look toward the Missouri Valley Open on Saturday.

This will be the first time this year the Cougars meet with McKendree after dropping the match last year by a final score of 12-25. The Cougars competed in a dual meet with the Bearcats last night. The results to the match can be found at alestlelive.com/sportsblog.

"With only two good practices this week it is a bit frustrating," SIUE Head Coach Pat McNamara told SIUE Sports Information. "We've all been wrestling for a long time, and we understand that this happens, and we still need to be ready to compete."

On Saturday, SIUE will travel to Marshall, Mo., to compete in the Missouri Valley Open.

Heading to Marshall with the Cougars is No. 7

nationally ranked Cougar wrestler Eric Pretto. Pretto has been leading the Cougars in many statistical categories this year.

While on the road, McNamara made it clear that with two meets back-to-back, maintaining the wrestlers weight is not an easy task.

"With the two meets being so close together," McNamara said. "We have to really focus on keeping the guys' weight in control."

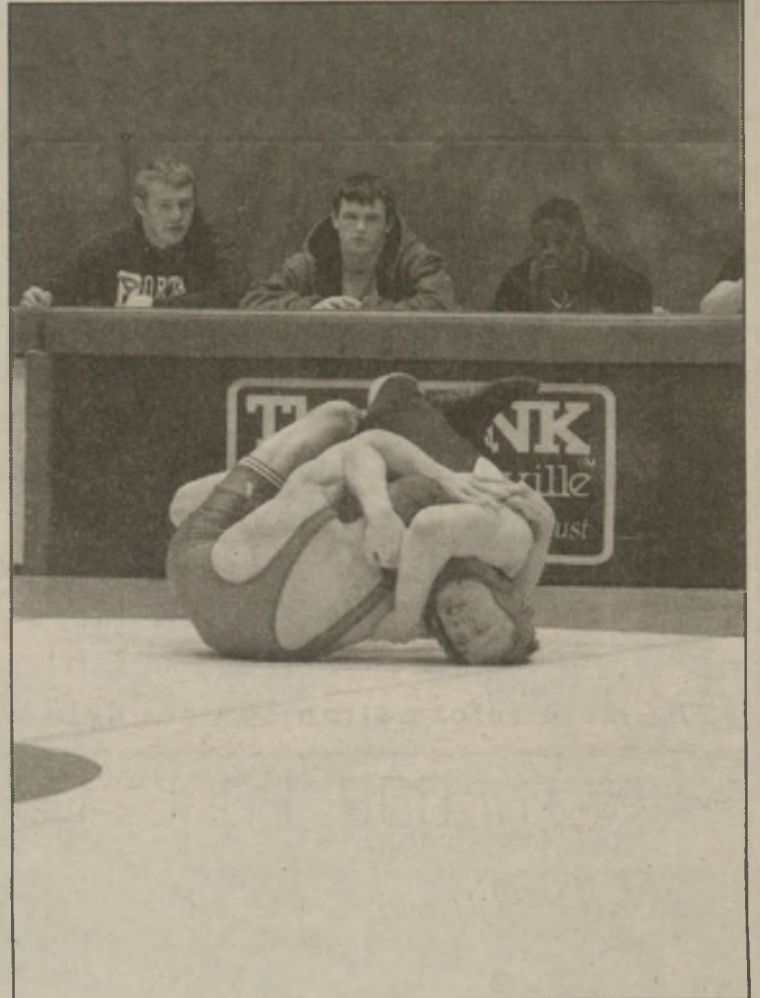
The Cougars will look to gain victories in their first meet since their Jan. 22 competition against Missouri Baptist. The next home meet for the Cougars will be against Central Missouri. The last time these two teams met, the Cougars lost the meet 28-6.

Be sure to check the AlestleLive sports blog at alestlelive.com/sportsblog for up to date Cougar wrestling action.

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"We have to really focus on keeping the guys' weight in control."

-Pat McNamara, wrestling head coach



Steve Berry/Alestle

An SIUE wrestler tangles up with his opponent during a wrestling match earlier this year. The Cougars will wrestle in two away meets this week before heading back to Edwardsville for a home meet Feb. 7.



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Module 3, 2:00 p.m.
Community Service Opportunities & Responsibilities
Wray Clay, Vice President
United Way
Board Room, MUC

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Module 13, 6:30 p.m.
Effective Meetings
David Heth, Director
Financial Affairs, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

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Module 4, 2:00 p.m.
Effective Communication
Ken Aud, Lead Organizer, UCM
Lisa Peck, Raise Your Voice Student, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

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Module 14, 5:30 p.m.
Major Influences in the Political Process
Joe Dunn, Associate Director
Illinois Coalition for Community Service
Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

Angel Food - Dates to be announced
Share Food - Dates to be announced
February 2 - St. Vincent de Paul, E. St. Louis, IL
February 7, April 9-10 - Voter Registration Drive, MUC
February 16 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL
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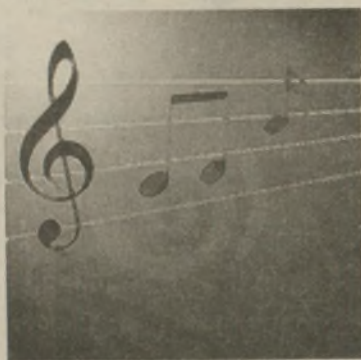
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Cougar track off and running

SIUE Track and Field teams compete in Snowbird Classic

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

Kyle Rose was off to a late start in the track season, but was still the first to finish in his specialty events last weekend.

The men's track senior won the 200-meter and the 400-meter runs in the Snowbird Classic to open what will be his final season. The All-American in both the indoor and outdoor track seasons did not compete in the team's first two indoor meets.

"I didn't feel rusty at all," Rose said. "It feels good to be on the track. I expected to run 48:41 in the 400, which is my fastest indoor flat track (time) as an opener for the season really. (It) indicates the improvements that I've made ... (from) the off-season."

SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said he was happy to see Rose back on the track.

"He's one of the top returning quarter milers in the country,"

Astrauskas said. "It was nice to see him open up with a nice time in both the 200-meter dash and the 400."

While just 13 athletes competed, the SIUE men's and women's track teams still finished in the top five overall.

The No. 1-ranked men's squad picked up 103 points, which was good for second place in 15 events. On the women's side, the No. 6-ranked athletes earned 69 points for a third-place finish.

Rose was not the only Cougar to top the list in his or her respective events. Senior Scott Block continues to add on to his record-breaking season with first place in both the shot put and weight throw.

Meanwhile, sophomore Jennie Satterlee earned first-place honors in both the weight throw and the shot put.

Sophomore Eric Mammoser won the pole vault event.

Astrauskas said some runners, throwers and jumpers who competed in the Eastern Illinois University Mega Meet did not participate last weekend in order to rest and train more. However, the 13 who did compete apparently made the event count.

"It's always nice to score points in all the events across the board," Astrauskas said. "We're

strong in the throws and strong in the sprints right now."

While Block took home the title in the shot put and the weight throw, three of his teammates finished in the top five in both field events. Junior Derek Rensing took second and freshman Ben Bishop claimed fifth in the shot put.

Bishop finished second and senior Mark Abboreno took fourth in the weight throw. Junior Brent Rehkemper claimed a second-place finish in the high jump and freshman Sydney Winslow earned third place in the same event.

The Cougars appear to be "strong" in the distance run as well. Twins Stephanie and Stacey Briggs each finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the 3,000-meter run. The

"I'm back, and I'm ready to have an amazing senior season."

-Kyle Rose, senior

Briggs' also took second and third in the one-mile run and senior Brian Getz picked up third.

Rose said he reached his expectations, but is really looking forward to Saturday's Hoosier Relays in Bloomington, Ind., because unlike the Snowbird Classic, the track is banked.

"(A) bank track is really beneficial because the centripetal force is less of a factor ... which allows you to maintain your speed," Rose said.

Astrauskas said the bank track can be compared to a "NASCAR race track" and is "coupled with our training," which could help both teams. All athletes are expected to compete Saturday.

"This week, we'll start the peaking process because we're four weeks out from conference competition," Astrauskas said in reference to the team's training regimen. "The kids will be a little bit fresher and be ready to have better performances. Overall, this weekend coming up will be a measuring stick as to how we are as a team."

Rose said he looks to break his own indoor season records, which he set last season in both the 200 and 400 runs.

"I'm back, and I'm ready to have an amazing senior season," Rose said. "We're ready to come out and show what SIUE can do."

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recruiting real good guys who can get it done."

Freshman cross country runner Kayla Brown, who finished the previous semester with a 4.0 GPA, said an athlete's reputation is at stake, so good grades are necessary.

"We just study hard because we worry that our grades are viewed is how any average student would be viewed," Brown said. "We have to set a good example."

The incoming freshmen averaged a 23.1 on the ACT prior to attending SIUE and DeClue said both the freshmen and the junior college/university transfers are "doing well" in making the transition from one style of learning to another. Not a single athlete has fallen behind in adjusting nor have any suffered academic-related penalties or suspensions.

In order to keep the team in check, for example, SIUE volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober said he makes those who do not go to class run. However, the drills are something he rarely does.

"It seems like volleyball players are typically good students," Gober said. "I can't explain that. We've been lucky."

"If (you) miss a class...you run," Gober said. "You miss more than one and you make it a habit, we have a bigger issue. They're looking at getting benched ... running more drills."

SIUE women's soccer Head Coach Lynda Bowers said she focuses more on rewarding her players with "vouchers" instead of drill-like discipline. "Any one of our kids who makes the Dean's List ... (can get) a day off practice," Bowers said. "If there's something they want to do in particular...(if) they really wanted to go to a concert (on) whatever night of the week ... they can use a practice voucher."

On the other side, if players do miss class, Bowers said she will have them study during their time off before a game, or they do not play.

"If they have to spend time outside of training, outside of

class time, for study hall before they step on the field, so be it," Bowers said. "They may have to make their 20 hours of study hall in three days if they want to play the next game."

DeClue said she and assistant Dave Crouthers lead study hall-like sessions to help student athletes keep up with their studies.

"We have some support systems set up here," DeClue said. "You have Dave and I, who are their academic advisers. We have mandatory study tables that student athletes, all freshmen, all transfers and all continuings below a 2.4 GPA are required to do study hour(s)."

Every athlete is required to take a full-time class load, and the average, according to DeClue, was 13.28 for the 2006-07 school year. She calculates quality hours and quality points to average the GPAs.

SIUE men's tennis Head Coach Kyler Updyke said he looks to reward his players for the success they have shown.

"We've had some problems in the past, with academics, and...we're trying to turn that around," Updyke said.

Sophomore Rob Young said Updyke is so focused on his players doing well in the classroom he would stop by their classes on rare occasion to check on them.

"He likes to go the extra mile and do the leg work...and make sure we're there," Young said. "He's really dedicated and shows us what kind of coach he is and what passion he has for the university."

DeClue said the ultimate goal is to not only show the teams' pride after a championship game, but to prove that athletes do worry more about graduating than sports.

"I think you're very proud, and you feel like your athletes have accomplished what they set out to do, and it shows that we're so much more than a bunch of dumb jocks," DeClue said.

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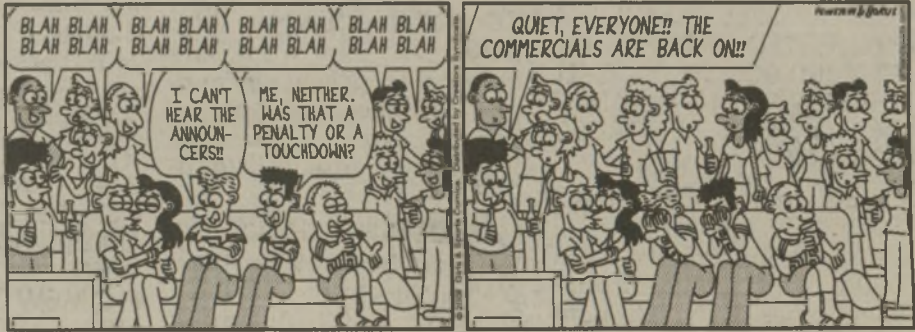
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Girls & Sports

By:Andrew Feinstein



Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of Feb. 4 - Feb. 10, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Business routines will require careful planning over the next few days. For many Aries natives new assignments or revised instructions will soon take precedence. Listen closely to the needs or opinions of authority figures: minor errors or vague requests may cause unnecessary tensions between colleagues. After mid-week a past relationship may reappear and demand completion. Emotional doubts need to be answered: ask for a clear statement of affection and all will be well.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
Financial promises or rare money proposals may now trigger vital decisions. Areas affected are private business ventures, ownership, legal records or property agreements. By late February, however, all will work in your favor: stay balanced and gently probe for detailed answers. Tuesday through Friday accents renewed romantic promises and complex social triangles. Choose trusted relationships over new flirtations: emotional risks will not work to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Before mid-week unexpected social advice may strain family relations. Loved ones are now highly motivated to offer their wisdom concerning emotionally draining triangles. Remain patient and accept all comments as constructive: genuine affection is the underlying motive. Late Thursday pay close attention to the comments or new instructions of authority figures. Job promotions and important work assignments will soon bring valuable opportunities: stay alert.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Authority figures will now respond positively to creative suggestions. After Tuesday present controversial ideas for business growth or job reassignment and watch for steady progress. Fast progress is likely: don't hold back. Later this week someone close may wish to explore a new level of emotional or physical intimacy. Be receptive: this is an

excellent time to rekindle lost romance, ask for renewed promises or challenge outdated patterns in long-term relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Family gatherings will this week provide new opportunities for inclusion. For many Leos isolated or distrustful relatives will now opt for emotional progress, shared home plans or renewed social acceptance. Respond with gentle acknowledgement: new habits and improved attitudes are best slowly explored. Late Friday study the minor comments or hints of key officials for obvious financial signals. New payment schedules or revised daily routines may soon be announced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Yesterday's social or family decisions will now be proven accurate. After Monday expect loved ones to offer insights into their private activities, hopes or long-term goals. Passions may be high: if so, discuss all complex issues and allow extra time for emotional expression. Wednesday through Saturday highlights unique business or financial opportunities in the areas of new technologies, communications or management. Respond quickly: added training will be needed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Managers and colleagues are this week quick to criticize small mistakes. Take none of it personally, however, and expect ongoing workplace tensions or power struggles to soon be resolved. After Tuesday a friend may boldly discuss a new or controversial business strategy. Avoid public gossip: tempers may be high. After Friday loved ones may propose unique travel ventures, leisure activities or social events. Go slow: extra spending may be a strong concern.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Romantic attraction is now unavoidable. New colleagues or friends may this week offer coy flirtations and seductive invitations. If so, stay calm: in the coming weeks social complications and romantic

triangles will steadily increase. Ask for added time, closely examine all consequences and, until February 18th, avoid new promises. After Friday some Scorpios may experience a powerful wave of nostalgia. Remain open: private contemplation will prove helpful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Early this week a younger relative may ask for emotional support. Educational planning, job creation or lifestyle choices may all be accented. Offer concrete suggestions and expect practical duties, regulations and official requirements to help clarify difficult decisions. Late Thursday some Sagittarians will encounter a rare moodiness or social restlessness from loved ones. Friends and relatives will soon reveal a complex need for lasting change: be receptive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Workplace gossip and romantic speculation are now best avoided. For Capricorns born between 1972 and 1984 misinformation will this week lead to strained business relations. Close colleagues will expect loyalty and continuing support. If so, rely on past promises or shared agreements and all will work to your advantage. After Thursday pay attention to the needs of older relatives or isolated friends. Private doubts need to be actively dispelled: don't hold back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Long-term relationships will this week experience a brief but intense phase of questioning and social discussion. After Tuesday expect loved ones to ask for more time, consideration or patience. Set firm boundaries and watch for honest reactions: your emotional cues will be respected. Late this weekend a business partner or work associate may demand detailed paperwork or renewed agreements. Both will lead to bold new challenges: remain optimistic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Before next week emotional intimacy and rekindled sensuality will help move key

relationships forward. Passionate encounters and seduction are now a vital theme. Many Pisceans will soon redefine the romantic attachments in their lives. If so, expect fast proposals and renewed commitments: this is an excellent time to end outdated patterns. Thursday through Sunday rest and spend extra time with isolated friends or relatives: your attention and guidance are needed.

If your birthday is this week: Over the next few weeks and months study the subtle actions or signals of authority figures for valuable clues. For many Aquarians delayed changes to corporate policy may be announced before late February. Take time to evaluate all career options before offering a response: planetary alignments indicate that the coming year will provide dramatic opportunities in the home business, financial or communications fields. After mid-May home relations will also demand key decisions. Let loved ones know your short-term and long-term goals and respond honestly to open discussions. Timing is important: remain flexible. Late this summer some Aquarians may be asked to begin an intensive program of business travel or workplace study. Stay focused: new job openings will arrive shortly into September.

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Classifieds

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Thursday, January 31, 2008

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