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Whitney Curry, Chris Boucher and Jordan Adams play sand volleyball in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge during the "Goshen Ocean" event.

## Beach bums

### 12 tons of sand creates a tropical get-a-way in the Goshen Lounge

by Lindsay Stuart  
Alestle Reporter

All around, people played sand volleyball and built sand castles. A group of students wore leis and sipped daiquiris and piña coladas. A steel drum band played as a girl in a hula skirt danced to the music.

Sound like spring break in Hawaii? Actually, it's the Goshen Ocean, an event sponsored by the Campus Activity Board.

Tuesday night, students filled the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge with 12 tons of sand. Later, a sand volleyball net was set up in preparation for the event, which took place Wednesday. There were many events offered such as ring toss, a pie eating contest, a sand castle building contest, dancers and relay races. The school also brought in three daiquiri and piña colada machines from Margaritas And More, a company who has worked with the school for years.

The event was scheduled to be a fun break from the dreary winter weather.

Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson said the Goshen Ocean was a regular event in the past and was eager to bring it back.

"I hear that it was just a lot of fun and a stress reliever and a fun time in the middle of winter in the Midwest on a cloudy day," Robinson said. "They can come inside and do volleyball and play in the sand. It's just a good thing for our students and the little kids to be a part of."

"Playing in the sand in February is pretty cool," freshman Alyssa Bussmann said. "I also like the volleyball game. And when all the little kids came and played in the sand it was a lot of fun. I just like everything about it. It's just good ol' fun."

From 10 to 11 a.m., the children from the Early Childhood Center walked over to the MUC and built sand castles and played in the sand.

"I like to shovel and play volleyball," 4-year-old Lane Shustrin said. "I like the sand."

Senior early childhood education major Lisa Blomquist said the Goshen Ocean was a great event for the children.

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## Near-record voter turnouts in primary

by Matthew Schroyer  
Alestle Reporter

Super Tuesday came with a super boost in voter turnout for SIUE, despite a few technical snags and oppressive rain.

Election officials at the 21st Precinct in Edwardsville reported near-record turnouts for the Illinois primary, especially with SIUE students. The 21st Precinct covers most of the campus residents and some Edwardsville residents and opened polls on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

"It's always been on the low side," Precinct 21 Election Official Carol Meek said. "This is fantastic."

Meek said it is typical for an election like the presidential primaries to bring out a dozen or fewer voters to the precinct. On Tuesday, however, by the time the polls closed at 7 p.m., a total of 91 voters had cast a ballot.

Despite the campaigning efforts of former President Bill Clinton, who spoke before a full capacity crowd in Dunham Hall a week prior, Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton generated just six percent of the Democratic votes in the precinct. This bucked the statewide voter trend by a large margin, where 33 percent of Illinois democratic voters chose Clinton.

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois took the majority of votes, collecting 92 percent of all democratic ballots as well as 78 percent of all ballots on Tuesday.

Although John Edwards called off his bid for presidential office Jan. 30, he received one percent of the democratic votes.

Among the republican candidates, Mitt Romney and John McCain tied with 36 percent each of the republican votes. Mike Huckabee came in third with 21 percent, and Ron Paul trailed with seven percent of republican ballots. Statewide, McCain won favor with Republican voters and took 52 percent of the vote to Romney's 29 percent.

The 21st Precinct primary did not go without a few hiccups, as some residential students arrived to the polls only to discover they were at the wrong place to vote. The 21st Precinct covers all campus residences with the exception of 60 Circle Drive, or Woodland Hall, who are included in 22nd Precinct.

Election officials reported that as many as 30 students were redirected to the Precinct 22 polling place, which is located off campus.

A group of 10 die-hard Ron Paul supporters gathered at Buffalo Wild Wings in Edwardsville as the votes were tallied and reported over television news networks and carefully watched the results on a big screen.

Senior engineering major Paul Sinkovits, a Paul supporter, said he favored the Republican candidate's position on minimal government and eliminating the IRS. Sinkovits said had it not been for Paul running, he probably would not have voted at all.

"I didn't even vote in the last election," Sinkovits said. "Ron Paul got me into politics."

Freshman Lauren Schreiber was also attending. Schreiber said she was drawn to the candidate because of her grandfather owning farmland and because Paul has favored land ownership rights for the private citizen.

"Eminent domain is a big issue for me," Schreiber said.

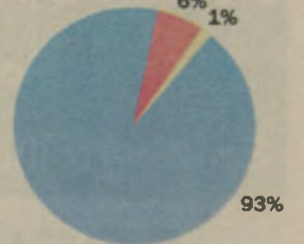
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### MUC results

The Precinct 21 polls in the Morris University Center saw record turnouts Tuesday. The local presidential results were:

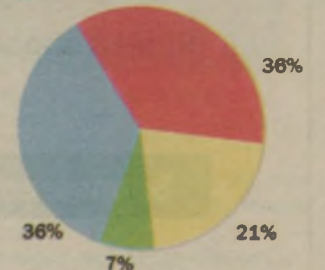
#### Democratic Primary

- Obama - 71
- Clinton - 5
- Edwards - 1



#### Republican Primary

- McCain - 5
- Romney - 5
- Huckabee - 3
- Paul - 1



source: Precinct 21



## Police Reports

### 2-1

Police responded to a car on North University Drive that had run over a stop sign and became buried in snow in the median. Police reported they were able to remove the vehicle from the median.

Police issued Nathan J. Dalezhek a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Nicklas K. Koenig a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police took a report of a hangtag being stolen from a vehicle parked in Lot 4F.

### 2-2

Police took a report of a minor accident in the parking lot of the Art and Design Building. There were no injuries.

Police issued Brian M. Wood a citation for speeding and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

### 2-3

Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property after a door in the 500 side of Cougar Village was kicked in. Nothing was reported stolen.

## Fitness program offers "escape" for students

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Correspondent

Students are encouraged to take control of their own fitness this spring and "escape" with a new program sponsored by the Student Fitness Center and Wellness Center.

"Escape from Edwardsville" is a free incentive program that will allow SIUE students to choose a method of "escape" and chart their own success toward a mileage goal.

"The miles are actually places on a map from Edwardsville," Kyle Wood, coordinator of the Escape from Edwardsville program, said.

Students can run or walk 260 miles to Kansas City, swim 150 miles up the Mississippi

River to Quincy, bike 1,853 miles to Los Angeles or ski 309 miles on the elliptical to Nashville.

"It gives people a long-term goal for exercise," Wood said.

He said giving students a long-term goal aims to get them "hooked" on fitness.

"Most students come in here with a goal for one or two months or just wanting to look good for spring break," Wood said. "This program asks for a healthy commitment to it."

Free T-shirts reading, "I escaped from Edwardsville" are awarded upon completion of each individual escape goal. There is no time requirement for completion of a goal, the program can even continue on

past this semester to fit a student's needs.

More than 50 students have already become part of this fitness incentive program, according to Paula Lenhardt, Wellness Center secretary.

Junior Hendrik Reinold plays indoor soccer and utilizes the Fitness Center often. Reinold said he would be interested in this type of program and believes it is very important to "start at a young age" as far as fitness is concerned.

"Exercise is an excellent way to stave off future problems such as arthritis and carious heart conditions," Reinold said. "A program like 'Escape to Edwardsville' is a great way to stay on track."

Fitness Coordinator Samantha Hackbart said she hopes the "enjoyable options" provided by the "Escape from Edwardsville" program will instill lifelong habits in students.

"It's great that Kyle wanted to start a unique, long-term program like this one," Lenhardt said. "It's a program that will keep students involved and keep them working out."

For more information on "Escape from Edwardsville," or to participate, students can pick up forms in the Wellness Center or contact Wood at [kywood@siue.edu](mailto:kywood@siue.edu).

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"They get to jump around and dig and scream," she said. "They get to do all that fun stuff that they can't do outside (with the weather). They're all having a ball ... It was a cold walk over here, but they're having fun."

Robinson said she has always been interested in the history of the Goshen Ocean.

"It was a regular event for awhile," Robinson said. "I've been here for about 15 years, and one of the things I have

always been interested in was the history of when they had the Goshen Ocean. I jokingly said one day that before I leave here we would bring back the Goshen Ocean. I'm retiring this June, so this was a good time to do it."

"I think it's pretty impressive," Kurt Engle, a representative from Margaritas And More said. "It's kicking up a lot of dust, but I think it's pretty cool. It's a nice little

break from the winter time since it's sleeting outside."

Engle was impressed by the work that was put in to give the Goshen Lounge a tropical vibe.

"It's looks pretty festive," Engle said. "Everyone seems to be having a good time. People are wearing shorts or no shirt, so they seem to be getting into it."

Chris Johnson was surprised to walk into the MUC and see the makeshift beach in

the Goshen Lounge, and said the Goshen Ocean is a good way to bring the campus together.

"I rarely come into the MUC, so it was really surprising when I came in," Johnson said. "It's a great way for the people at school to get together, hang out and communicate and have a good time."

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# A piece of pride

## Current and past members of SIUE purchase bricks for cougar statue

by Sydney Elliot  
Alestle Correspondent

The walk to the Morris University Center on campus was bare and the front doors were in plain sight from across the Stratton Quadrangle, until October of last year when the large bronze statue of a cougar was placed in front of the building.

"Talking Stalk" is the large bronze statue dedicated in memory of SIUE's live mascots Chimega and Kyna, who served the school from 1968 to 1987.

The statue was only on display for a short while before a plastic tent was placed around the crouching cougar. While the cougar was covered, its base was being decorated with engraved bricks purchased by current and past members of the SIUE community, including Greek organizations, Student Government, current members of the SIUE community and alumni including those from the Cougar Guard, who used to watch over Chimega and Kyna during their days on campus.

The bricks were sold as a fundraising event to help purchase the cougar and bring it to SIUE. Each brick was sold for \$50 in an effort to raise the \$39,000 needed to purchase the statue.

Bricks from members of the Cougar Guard appear with the names of former members and dates ranging from 1970 to 1980. Connie Zimmermann and her husband are two of the former guards who purchased a brick for the monument.

The Zimmermanns were students at SIUE during the early-to-mid-'70s and both cared for Chimega from 1972 to 1974.

"We took her for walks around campus, fed her and took

her to parades and soccer games," Zimmerman said. "It was interesting."

Zimmerman spoke of how the Cougar Guard was "(their) thing," because there were not many campus activities during that time.

"It was our social interaction," Zimmerman said.

Many Cougar Guard members recall various stories from their experiences with the cougars. During his time with the Guard, Zimmerman's husband, Patrick, said he once slept alongside Chimega in a tent.

Another former member of the Cougar Guard, Alan Brandt, knew the Zimmermanns and remembers being at school with them and working closely with Chimega.

"It was neat to actually get in the cage with her and play with her," Brandt said.

Brandt felt working with Chimega was fantastic and very enjoyable and said he was sad when he learned of the death of Chimega and the removal of Kyna from the campus.

Brandt felt buying a brick for the monument was a good opportunity.

"I thought it was important that a statue be put up there for them," Brandt said.

Many Greek fraternities and sororities have also purchased bricks lining the base of "Talking Stalk," including sorority Alpha Sigma Tau.

"We just wanted to give something back," AST President Jessica Fann said. "We wanted to show our support for the school. It symbolized a lot for us."



June Farley/Alestle

Members of the SIUE community purchased engraved bricks which now form the base of "Talking Stalk," the bronze cougar sculpture outside of the Morris University Center.

Several campus organizations such as Student Government, the School Spirit and Pride Committee and university officials also have bricks lining the base holding the bronze cougar.

Student Body President Laurie Estillette purchased three bricks, one for the year she served as president and one for each year she served as a Student Government senator.

"I thought it would be nice to have a memento for my service to the student body," Estillette said.

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## King's birthday: remembering, moving forward

by Molly Balkenbush  
Alestle Reporter

Students, faculty and residents of Edwardsville and surrounding areas gathered in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Tuesday for the 26th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration, commemorating the civil rights leader's life and legacy.

"I come every single year," Ameruth Green, a Centerville resident, said. "It is always very interesting. We all come together with a group, The Urban Seniors."

Narbeth R. Emmanuel, vice chancellor for Student Affairs,

planned this year's event, which included members of SIUE's Black Theater Workshop, special performances and recognition of award recipients.

Emmanuel began the celebration with a speech about King and his hopes for the event.

"I believe that the King will be proud of SIUE for what it has done," Emmanuel said. "We hope to inspire you to act and live the dream of Dr. King. We must find the courage within us to open up our hearts."

"Fresco of Life" was put on by the SIUE East St. Louis Center and Charter School and the Performing Arts Company.

The event gave the audience

a taste of freedom marches when eight performing students walked holding signs reading "We Shall Overcome."

Barbara Sams is in charge of the group Upward Bound, an organization from the SIUE East St. Louis Center.

"The performing arts group did a wonderful job and the speakers were very moving," Sams said.

Sams attended the celebration Tuesday with 12 students and four staff from the center.

"We try to pick our honor roll students to (come), and we

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#### Modules

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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

2/12/08

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

2/19/08

Module 5, 2:00 p.m.  
Group Process  
Captain Matthew Cloud  
Army R.O.T.C., SIUE  
Board Room, MUC

2/19/08

Module 15, 6:30 p.m.  
Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know  
Rudy Wilson, Assistant Provost - Retired  
Social & Cultural Diversity, SIUE  
Board Room, MUC

#### SLDP Reminders....

##### Volunteer Projects

Angel Food - Dates to be announced  
Share Food - Dates to be announced  
February 16 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL  
February 23 - Homeless Project  
March 1 - St. Vincent de Paul

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IMAGE Seminar - February 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Morris  
University Center

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel  
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[www.siu.edu/kimme/sldp/volunteer](http://www.siu.edu/kimme/sldp/volunteer).



## Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

### Auditions

SIUE students are invited to try out for the Student Talent Show. First place prize of \$100.00 will be awarded in the following categories: vocal/instrumental, dance, and rap.

Auditions will be scheduled every 20 minutes.

Monday, February 11	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Illinois Room
Tuesday, February 12	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Missouri Room
Wednesday, February 13	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Missouri Room
Thursday, February 14	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Missouri Room
Monday, February 11	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	MUC Illinois Room
Tuesday, February 12	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	MUC Missouri Room

Contact Amanda Banks at **773.746.9177** or at [abanks60651@yahoo.com](mailto:abanks60651@yahoo.com) to schedule a day and time.

# Ex-chancellor honored by state of Illinois

## Shaw to receive Order of Lincoln Medallion, Illinois' highest honor

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

Former Southern Illinois University Chancellor Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw will receive the Order of Lincoln Medallion on April 26 at the SIU Carbondale campus. He has also been inducted as a Laureate of the Lincoln Academy, one of the most prestigious titles an Illinoisan can receive.

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois was created in 1965 to honor Illinois residents who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the betterment of society.

Shaw said it was a great honor for him to be chosen for the award and said he views it as one of his most important accomplishments.

"(The award) is in my home state," Shaw said. "When you're recognized by your own state and its people, it means more than other recognitions you get."

Only about five Illinoisans are awarded the Order of Lincoln Medallion each year. The Laureates come from various fields of scholarship and careers.

"Receiving this award is the state of Illinois' highest honor," SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift said in a press release. "As a university, we are honored that Kenneth 'Buzz' Shaw has been such an integral part of our past, and he remains committed to our present and future success."

Shaw was president of SIUE from 1977 to 1979, and then served as chancellor of the SIU system from 1979 to 1986. He is the only individual in SIU history to serve both positions.

Shaw said it was a hard adjustment changing over to the higher position with the university.

"There's a depersonalization with the job and 24/7 pressure," Shaw said. "It was a challenge with being in charge of two outstanding universities, and I'm proud with how both universities have developed."

Vandegrift said Shaw always wanted the best for SIUE.

"As it was stated by Chancellor Emeritus David Werner during SIUE's 50th Anniversary Convocation

Ceremony last fall, as the leader of this campus in the late 1970s, Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw's vision was for SIUE to become the best of its kind," Vandegrift said.

During his time as president and chancellor, he accomplished numerous goals, including the announcement of the first group of Presidential Scholars. He also started the State of the University Address, an annual tradition at SIUE.

Shaw received the NCAA's Silver Anniversary Award in 1986.

According to University Archivist Steve Kerber, Shaw was born in Granite City. He attended and graduated from Illinois College, where he was a basketball star. He received his Master's degree at the University of Illinois-Urbana and his doctorate at Purdue.

Shaw started his career as a high school teacher at Park Forrest and continued to have administrative positions at Illinois State University and Purdue University.

Shaw has also received eight honorary degrees from universities including Illinois College, Purdue, Illinois State University and Towson.

Shaw worked with Gov. Jim Edgar and the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon on the Vision 2020 committee in 2002 to help make a plan for the growth of SIUE. He also received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from SIUE.

Shaw has written two books, "The Successful President" and "The International Leader." He was also listed in 1999's edition of "Who's Who in America."

Other recipients of the award this year include David Donald, Pulitzer Prize winner and author; William Norwood, the first African-American quarterback at SIU and former Board of Trustees member; and Judge Joel Flaum of the 7th Court of Appeals in Chicago.

Shaw said his time at SIU was "certainly a growing time."

"I got to make all my mistakes at SIU," Shaw said, "but I had all kinds of friends, old and new."

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"... Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw's vision was for SIUE to become the best of its kind."

-Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

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February 26<sup>th</sup>

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FRIDAY:

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"(My grandfather) having a farm is definitely something I'm concerned with."

John Hoover, manager of the Ron Paul southwest Illinois field office, said much of the candidate's goal is to gather as many delegates as possible to influence the Republican National Convention, regardless of the bid for the White House. Hoover also said college students rank among the most fervent Paul supporters.

"Some of our strongest supporters come out (of colleges)," Hoover said.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumnus Daniel Davis was the clear winner of the Democratic nomination for the Illinois 19th Congressional District, winning 40,604 to rival Joe McMenamin's 27,554. John Shimkus, an SIUE alumnus, is the Republican incumbent and has represented the 19th Congressional District since 1997.

On the national level, Hillary Clinton's number of delegates now stand at 845 compared to Obama's 765, according to the Associated Press. To win the presidential nomination for the Democratic Party, a candidate must come up with a simple majority of 2,025 delegates.

McCain also netted a large number of delegates in the course of Super Tuesday and now has a total of 613 delegates, more than twice as many as his closest rival, Romney. A majority of 2,025 delegates will secure a candidate for the Republican Party nomination.

Due to Illinois, California, Arizona and 12 other states moving primaries ahead of schedule, the Super Tuesday 2008 became the largest number of simultaneous primary elections in the history of the United States.

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picked a few boys that had participated in a speech contest and placed well," Sams said. "We just try to incorporate all of the students in one activity or another."

Sams said celebrating King's birthday meant a great deal to her.

"At the time that he died, I was in high school, and I saw such a great shift in the activities of the community," Sams said. "It just had a profound impact on my life."

Sams said SIUE did an excellent job of trying to incorporate what the spirit is all about: moving ahead to create a better America.

Alton residents Renee

Johnson and Robert Smith attended the celebration as well.

"I think it's a very important event, and I wanted to bring my fiancé," Johnson said. "Even though I am an older person, I still need to learn and remember."

Louella Hawkins of East St. Louis is an SIUE retiree and said the event is special to her because it is a celebration.

"I want to celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday," Hawkins said. "We like to feel that the university wants to contribute to maintaining the heritage."

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# SIUE Student Government 2008-2009 Elections

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Monday, February 11

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- Student Body Vice President
- Student Trustee
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*How to apply:*

**Step 1:** Obtain an application and election manual from the Student Government office (1st floor, MUC).

**Step 2:** Return the completed application to the Student Government office by 4 p.m., Friday, February 29.

**Step 3:** Attend the Mandatory Candidates' Meeting On Wednesday, March 5, at 4 p.m. in the Board Room, MUC.

*Questions? Attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 13, at 4 p.m. in the Kimmel Leadership Center Conference Room, MUC.*

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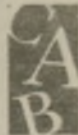
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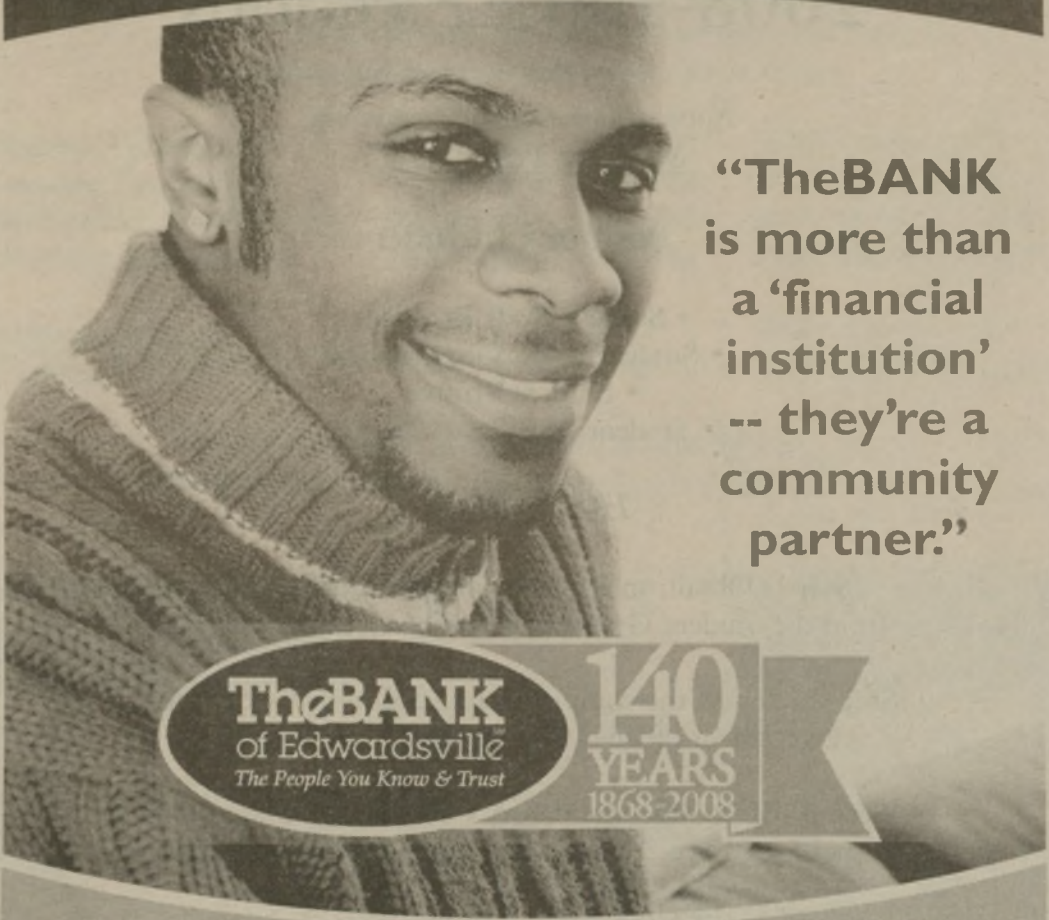
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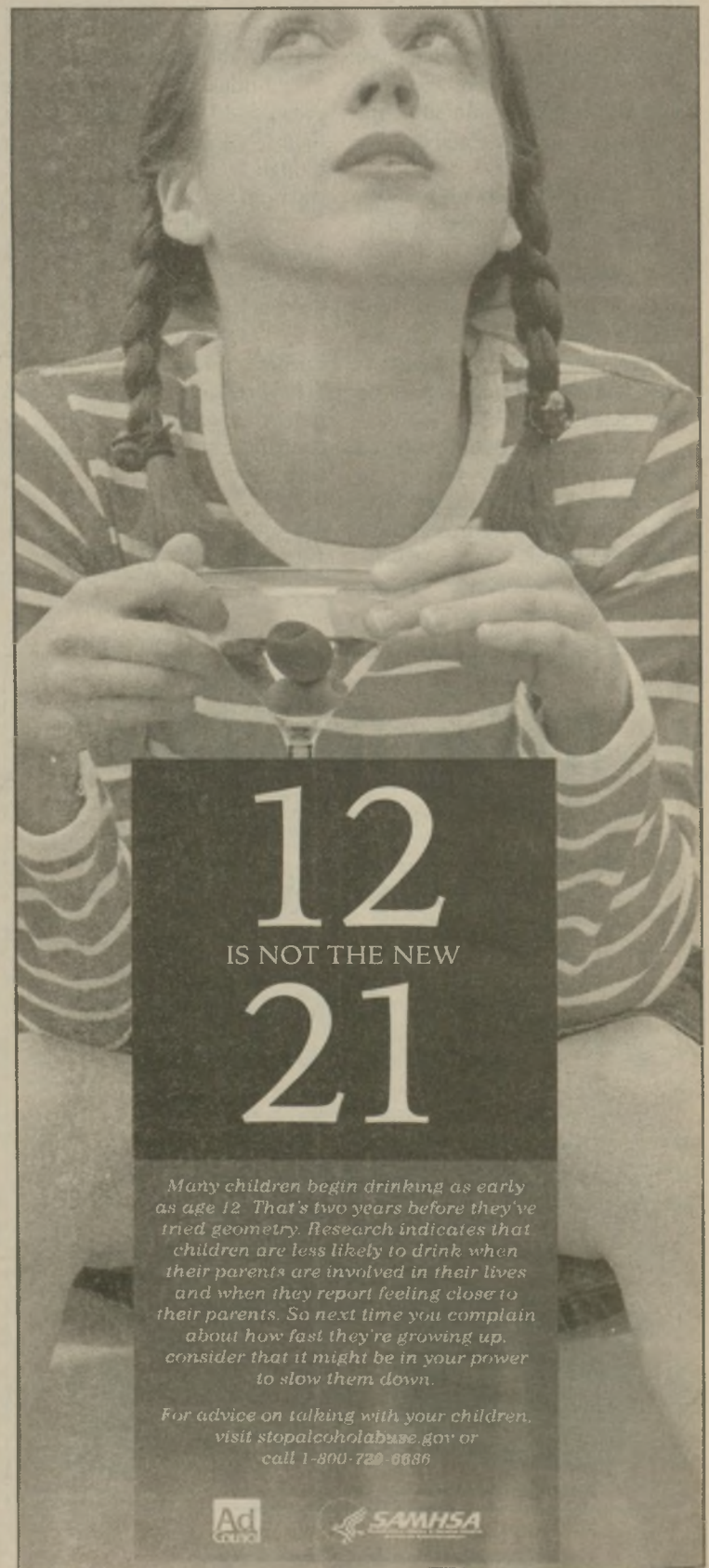


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## Lights, Camera, Politics

When I watch the presidential candidates on television competing for our precious vote, I feel like I am watching just another prime-time television show, rather than the future president take action and seriously try to change the country.

Please tell me why any president should appear on Jay Leno or any other talk show to discuss their personal lives or "agendas." The entire time the candidate is on the show, they are doing just that, putting on a show.

What does being charming, hip, cool and funny have to do with running a country? The last time I checked, being an entertainer wasn't in the job

description for being president. These people need to focus more on being a real leader.

The person holding the most important position in our country is being thrown into the same category as a celebrity. Why else would Hillary Clinton appear on the Tyra Banks show to talk about her first date with Bill and how much she enjoys wearing headbands? Is this what we are interested in to determine who will lead our country in the right direction? It seems to me we aren't holding high enough standards for these people, and are watching them with the same amount of seriousness we give to our gossip magazine.

Who needs to be on a talk show when you can look even trendier by having a celebrity sidekick. Mike Huckabee has Chuck Norris, Barack Obama has Oprah Winfrey and John Edwards had John Mellencamp. At least we know where

politicians get their acting abilities.

It's not what they say anymore that matters, it's who they are with and how they look. We might want to stop looking at what the candidates are showing and telling us, but what we are asking from them and how we demand them to meet our qualifications of a good president.

What would be more impressive, a candidate re-enacting the finale scenes of "The Sopranos" as part of her campaign or donating the money spent on the project to charity? Regardless, Hillary thought it would be better to make a fun little episode. How entertaining.

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Lori Schueler

## Just saying no doesn't work

If history has taught us anything, it's that human beings are extremely gifted at two things: making war and making bow-chicka-wow-wow. And while we know that for millennia humans have been able to accomplish the latter without the humble condom, one is necessary for safe sex.

We know these things well - so it comes with an overwhelming sense of "WTF" that a place of higher learning in the Metro-East recently rejected an opportunity to distribute that

brand of contraception.

As it's been reported in the news, Bethany Place and the Madison County AIDS Program recently approached seven colleges in Southern Illinois asking for permission to distribute condoms and literature about safe sex. The official response from Southwestern Illinois College was, "We do not think it's in the best interest of our diverse-taxpayer community."

This can be loosely translated into non-idiot as "condom bad, abstinence good."

It gets better. In fantastically backwards logic best described as "Darwin-Award-errific," Bethany Place can still distribute educational literature on the SWIC campus. But condoms, that's a big no-no.

Lets suppose that some of these taxpayers (the majority of whom do not attend SWIC), in the course of touring the campus (highly unlikely), were slipped a package of condoms (how dare they). We would hope that, after they recoiled from the brief mental picture of sex, they would feel a tinge of comfort that, perhaps, one such condom went on to prevent a case of HIV or foil an unplanned pregnancy for a college student.

This columnist hopes that if the taxpayer community is as diverse as SWIC claims it to be, they would also have the tolerance and empathy to match. What, are they allergic to latex?

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Matthew Schroyer



Democrat Barack Obama claimed victories in the Illinois and Missouri primaries on Super Tuesday.

What do you think?



Gregg Gonzalez  
Junior  
Accounting

"Since Obama's from Illinois, it's expected. Hillary won New York."



Jennifer Ross  
Freshman  
Nursing

"I'm happy with Obama winning. I agree with most of his views."



Colin Katrenak  
Freshman  
Music Education

"I think it was to be expected considering he's from the area. I wasn't surprised."



Danielle Walker  
Sophomore  
Nursing

"Good. I think he's a very great political leader."



Chris Stephens  
Freshman  
Undecided

"I'd rather see that. He's done great for Illinois so far."

Compiled by  
Catherine Klene and Holly Meyer



## something for nothing

A look at illegal downloading: responsibility, blame and consequence

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Correspondent

The Motion Picture Association of America has reported "human error" as responsible for the wrongful accusation of college students for the majority of domestic losses within the movie industry.

In 2005, a study by the MPAA falsely reported that college students downloading from high-bandwidth networks on university campuses were responsible for 44 percent of monetary losses. Recently, this statistic was scaled down to 15 percent.

Though the MPAA reasons that this 15 percent is still significant in reporting losses, no attention is paid to the nearly 80 percent of college students who do not live on campuses and are not necessarily using these networks.

According to Mike Luker, the vice president of IT group Educause, 3 percent is a more likely percentage of students responsible for the recession within this industry.

The MPAA was using the original study to pressure colleges to take tougher measures in the prevention of piracy. A proposal that would force these actions is currently sitting in the House of Representatives.

"I don't think it's a university's responsibility to prevent its students from downloading copyrighted material," junior Andrew Doty said. "It's the responsibility of the students themselves to not break the law."

Doty said he knows of many students that actively download illegally and that "being poor" is no excuse for stealing.

"To insult the audience that is

technologically advanced is not a good start," mass communications professor Brian Ledford said.

The average movie pirate is male and between the ages of 16 and 24, as defined by the MPAA.

"If it's available, if it's attainable, if it's accessible, then it's going to be acquired regardless of cost. People will actively take advantage of free content if it is offered to them," Ledford said.

This very attitude is what got sophomore Eric Hellrung in trouble a few months ago.

Hellrung began his piracy in the summer of 2007, using a program called BitTorrent acquire episodes of the HBO show, "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

It was not long thereafter that representatives at HBO identified the IP address Hellrung was using on BitTorrent as belonging to SIUE and the corporation took steps to "make an example" out of him.

HBO representatives sent an e-mail to SIUE, informing the school of the copyright violation. Hellrung was notified next and told to make appointments with Dean of Students James Klenke.

"Needless to say, I was quite nervous about the situation I was in," Hellrung said.

"I was not at all excited to shell out \$250 an hour to some lawyer when I could have gotten the entire series of 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' on DVD for much less."

Hellrung contacted Klenke "immediately" after being notified of the complaint and was thankful that the dean and his secretary could support his position and reply to HBO on his behalf.

"I swore to stop pirating immediately and since that afternoon, BitTorrent and all other peer-to-peer or torrent applications have been deleted from my computer," Hellrung said. He has not heard from HBO since.

Hellrung's situation can only serve as proof that corporations really can find out who and what is being illegally downloaded at any time.

"If they want to get your IP address, then they will," Hellrung said.

Original reports by the research firm, LEK, stated that the United States motion picture industry lost \$6.1 billion to piracy worldwide, with most losses coming from overseas.

This kind of enormous loss does not affect the MPAA as much as it would have you believe, Ledford said. It is the independent filmmakers whose existence in the industry becomes more challenging when they are "not being compensated for their work," Ledford said.

"The focus needs to be placed more on the consumer broadband providers than the university networks. This is where more of the illegal activity is taking place," Ledford said. "Colleges and universities are more proactive in stemming illegal activity in comparison to their broadband counterparts."

Duane Schiffman, director of information technology at SIUE, acknowledges the downloading power students could potentially have through



university networks. "We limit downloading bandwidth to discourage peer-to-peer file sharing," Schiffman

said.

The technology department at SIUE works as a middle man between students and legal affairs concerning copyright infringement. If a corporation sends a letter reporting piracy from an SIUE IP address, the student will be found and OIT will then shut off that student's network access. In order to have access reinstated, the student will have to meet with Klenke and come to an agreement in regards to the accusations.

Only after these measures are taken, along with any possible legal ramifications or fines, will a student's network access be turned back on.

"We as employees of a university are directed to take the appropriate actions," Schiffman said.

Though casual theft and free movies has a sense of appeal for most students, the consequences are always lurking. The MPAA's "human error" in reporting on the crimes of collegiates has become an "inhuman error" against the university system itself, Ledford said.

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## Fifth annual Gospel Explosion Friday

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Correspondent

The Fifth Annual Gospel Explosion for SIUE's Black Heritage Month will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

"Gospel is an integral part of the African-American experience in America," said Steve Sperotto, director of the Kimmel Leadership Center, said. He said that it is vital for Black Heritage Month to incorporate such an important musical into the month's events.

"There is a steady show of about 200 people each year for the Gospel

Explosion," Sperotto said.

Local churches from the all over the Metro-East area were invited by letter to take part in the Gospel Explosion at SIUE. This year, nine churches, including ones from Centerville, Alton, St. Louis and Pontoon, will present 12 performances of gospel and traditional music.

"Gospel helps bring African-American people together," senior Jene Carr, chair and host of the event, said. This is Carr's third year in chairing Black Heritage Month's Gospel Explosion and first year in sole leadership of the event.

"Usually we are not as united as we should be," Carr said.

Carr recognizes the disconnection that exists within the black community here on campus and believes that this annual event works to bring students together.

"Many African-American people here believe in God or are Christian," Carr said, "and the faith and music for God brings them together the most."

"There has always been a good outcome," Carr also said.

Junior elementary education major Amanda Banks is a chair for the Campus Activities Board planning committee for Black Heritage Month and views gospel as a "central part of Black History Month

because of the importance of religion in African-American culture."

"Gospel provides hope," Banks said. "Through the Gospel Explosion, it is our goal to promote and inspire hope."

For the last five years at SIUE, the Black Heritage Month committee has sponsored this free event with a "very nice response," Sperotto said.

This year promises to present hope, faith and fun in a "Gospel Explosion" on Friday night.

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# Show displays best of undergrad art

by Molly Balkenbush  
Alestle Reporter

Ceramics, sculptures, paintings, drawings, print makings, textiles, photography, glass and graphic design artwork flooded The New Wagner Gallery in the Art and Design Building, signaling Tuesday as the start of the annual SIUE Juried Undergraduate Exhibition.

"It's a once-a-year exhibition open to enter by all undergraduate students at SIUE," Art and Design Department Chair Matt Wilt said "It's very unique and interesting because it's a different group of work every year, and every year it is a different juror that picks the work for the show."

Out of approximately 200 art pieces, 55 were specially selected to be in the undergraduate show. Debra Wheeler, an undergrad with a textile piece in the show and a strong concentration in her artwork with hidden symbolism, said the artwork is incredible and all of the students did an outstanding job.

"It's a nice competitive display of work that's being done at SIUE," Wheeler said. "A lot of the artwork got in, and I felt that the judging was fair."

Wheeler said "the faculty's in-depth focus on (the students) really shows the dedication of the

teachers and educators."

Senior Matthew Dickey, who has two paintings in the show this year, said there is a wide variety of art this year.

"Compared to the shows that I went to previously, which were kind of bare, this one is kind of the opposite," Dickey said. "There is just a ton of pieces."

Dickey's architectural interests inspired his paintings, which he refers to as "rather larger."

"I have always had this obsession and fascination with architecture so that always carries through with my paintings," he said.

One of Dickey's 48 X 32 inch paintings is the side of a New York City office building and the other is of four London phone booths in a row.

"Both of the pieces are painted with more intense and heightened colors," said Dickey. "The one of the phone booths has more of a leaning forward perspective."

The juried undergraduate Exhibition will be in the New Wagner Gallery on the first floor of the Art and Design Building through Feb. 21. For more information, contact the Art and Design Department at 650-3071.

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Pieces featured in the Juried Undergraduate Exhibition will be on display until Feb. 21 in The New Wagner Gallery. Top right: "Shuttlecock" by Deborah Wheeler. Bottom right: "Grind" by John Eachus. Bottom left: "You've Got your work cut out for you" by Aimee Arseneaux Upper left: Untitled by Tristan J. Ripplemeyer.







## The story of the unofficial co-captain

Everyone expects me to write a column about the Super Bowl. It seems like it should be a no brainer, so I am going to write about the Super Bowl. However, I am going to take a route that some of you might not expect.

No, I'm not going to write about the commercials. No, I am not going to write about how glad I am that the Patriots finally got what they had coming to them. No, I am not going to write about how Eli, Peyton Manning's younger brother, walks in the same imprints of his elder. No, I am not going to write about any of those.

However, I want to introduce you to a man who is the probably the most valuable player of this entire National Football League season. He used to play football. He used to put on a jersey with the number 98 on the front and back and played for Army. Notice, past tense.

He was returning from a memorial service for two of his brigade mates when a roadside bomb struck his car in Baghdad. He wouldn't be able to play football any longer. He wouldn't be able to wear that jersey he wore proudly. No. 98 lost his legs.

His name is Lt. Greg Gadson, and he just celebrated a Super Bowl win.

He was named honorary co-captain of the New York Giants. He was their motivational powerhouse. Who else to give the best advice? A man of the military who also has a history in football. And most of all, that's all he has: history.

"I just spoke from the heart, as a soldier and as a former football player," Gadson said in an interview with Daily News. "I talked to them about appreciating their opportunities in their lives, how special and privileged they were, how everyone needs to understand what they truly have."

This said while sitting in a wheel chair, unable to ever run on the field again, unable to ever feel that crunch of a tackle in the open field while tracking down a running back.

"I told them that they couldn't have done (this) individually, that a bond is formed that can live forever. And finally I reminded them that nothing is promised to anybody in this life, starting with (the Super Bowl)."

No one promised Gadson he'd live to be 100, but did someone have to take away his legs?

Gadson said he hadn't even been on a field since he left the game. But, as his 13-year-old son Jaelen wheeled him onto the field, it seemed as if nothing else mattered except that current time. The outside world might as well have been standing still.

Sir. It's one word. It's three letters. But it's a symbol of respect. Here sits a man in front of men who go day after day smashing into each other, pouring sweat onto their field, shedding their blood on the field, all for a living. They are calling him "sir." In all reality, it seems like football and war are very similar. It takes a strong team with a good leader to succeed.

Gadson sat on the sidelines and cheered for the Giants as they went on to beat the Green Bay Packers on Lambeau Field. He sat and watched the ball fly off the foot of Giants' kicker Lawrence Tynes. He sat as the players jumped up and down and celebrated. He sat. His son jumped up and down and poured onto the field. He, however, sat.

Though he may not have externally been celebrating, inside, he was undoubtedly jumping up and down. This was his victory, too.

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Courtesy of SIUE Sports Information  
 The SIUE softball team is ranked No. 1 in the GLVC and the nation heading into this season. The Cougars are coming off a 49-8 season.

## Softball ranked on top of the GLVC and No. 1 in the nation

by Tony Patrico  
 Alestle Sports Editor

After finishing as National Champions just a year ago, the SIUE Cougar softball team will have big cleats to fill being ranked at the top of the Great Lakes Valley Conference ... and the nation.

GLVC coaches voted the Cougars in with a total of 12 of the 14 first place votes. SIUE will now head into their final season of Division II play looking for its third straight GLVC title.

"We've been ranked number one in preseason for quite some time now," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "It's nothing really new, we just have to be prepared, we need to be playing well."

After a sixteen game winning streak to close out the season, the Cougars finished 49-8 and most notably, beating Lock Haven University 3-2 in the 12th inning of the National Championship game.

"It was exciting last year," Montgomery said. "We really were proud of our accomplishments and the way we were welcomed back by the community and the university was outstanding."

This will be Montgomery's 20th season as the head coach of the Cougars. Montgomery has

led the Cougars to four GLVC titles within the last six years, and guided SIUE to its first national championship in the programs history.

"Our program is used to going out there and being a target," Montgomery said. "It seems like we are always everyone's biggest game of the year."

Along with Montgomery, returning to the Cougars is junior All-American pitcher, Kaitlin Colosimo. Colosimo, who recorded a win-loss tally of 29-3 last year, along with an All-American honor, will return trying to defend her GLVC Pitcher of the Year honors. Colosimo finished the season last year with a 1.03 earned run average.

"I'm just trying to do everything that I did last year," Colosimo said. "Focus on my mechanics and not give up any runs."

Returning to the NCAA tournament for the ninth straight season will be no easy task as last year's runners up, Lock Haven, was ranked directly behind the Cougars in the preseason national rankings.

Along with Colosimo, who pitched two no hitters, including one against Lock Haven in the semi-finals of the national tournament, SIUE will return six starting players as well as a fresh crop of young talent.

"My coaches and teammates are firm believers that good team chemistry will reflect on the field," junior shortstop Courtney Mall said. "Coach does a great job of recruiting not only good players, but also good people."

Included in that young talent is freshman Erika Taylor who will take the mound after heading to SIUE from Boonville High School in Indiana. Taylor earned All-State honors twice and also earned Southwestern Player of the Year honors.

Joining her for the first time with a Cougar uniform on are freshman twins Marilyn and Carolyn Oquendo. The daughters of St. Louis Cardinal third-base coach, Jose Oquendo, both received honors throughout all four years of high school play.

Leading the Cougars with their veteran knowledge and talent are five seniors: outfielder Ashley Price, infielder Haylee Eubanks, shortstop Kaeleigh Rousey, pitcher Lindsey Laas and first baseman Mallory Ruggles.

Price, who batted .328 with six homeruns, led the team with a .466 on base percentage. Price also gained GLVC Player of the Week honors and started all 55 games she appeared in.

Rousey, who started in all



# Cougars blow out Oakland City

by Zach Groves  
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE men's basketball team gave Head Coach Lennox Forrester a nice birthday present with a blowout 85-48 win over Oakland City University and two new school records in 3-pointers.

The Cougars pounded the Oaks with a Vadalabene Center-record: 15 3-pointers from six players combined and tied the school record. The strong shooting effort capped the team's third straight win, which happened to take place on Forrester's 39th birthday.

"I just thought our guys showed some maturity," Forrester said. "I thought they matured as far as not looking at what we did last game and really came out (Monday) and competed."

While the Cougars already had a big lead at halftime, 48-27, Forrester was not about to let his team relax. In the second half SIUE scored seven more points than in the opening half.

Junior guard John Edmison scored a season-high 18 points as he sank four of his six 3-point shots to show that senior guard T.J. Gray was not the only outside threat of the night. Gray still made news, though, because he tied the school record for most 3-pointers with 74, set by Ron Jones during the 2002-03 season.

"We turn down a good shot for a great shot," Edmison said. "(Forrester) has really been stressing the last two weeks making the extra pass getting a wide open shot. We've got great shooters on the team and if they're wide open it's pretty much good."

Gray did not even turn in the second-best offensive performance with his 16 points. That honor went to senior guard Anthony Jones, who

had 17 points and three 3-pointers.

Freshman center Nikola Bundalo added his first double-double of his career with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

"I always have confidence in our guys," Forrester said. "Their shots are falling, and I'd like to see them keep on falling."

Oakland City Head Coach Mike Sandifar said he took a major gamble by starting Eric Sanders, the team's leading scorer with an average of 16 points per game and Darius Clark because they are both battling injuries. Additionally, Troy Cox was reportedly not with the team because of a suspension.

"That's not an excuse, but you don't want to come in and play somebody when they're getting ready to break the record for threes with three starters hurt," Sandifar said. "But that's the roll of the dice, and it could have been the other way around."

SIUE previously defeated the Oaks in Oakland City, Ind. 76-63 Dec. 4. Sandifar said he may not set foot in the Vadalabene Center again because of Monday night's loss.

"I'm not driving three hours for this stuff," Sandifar said. "We got whipped in every phase."

SIUE has a five-game road trip, just days ahead, starting with Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents Lewis University at 7:45 p.m. Thursday in Romeoville and University of Wisconsin-Parkside at 3 p.m. Saturday in Kenosha, Wis.

"We have not won a road game in the conference yet, which is huge," Edmison said. "If we can snag two or three on the road trip I think that will be a building factor for us."

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SIUE senior John Edmison takes a shot during Monday's game against Oakland City. The Cougars have now won three in a row and have improved to 11-8 overall and 4-7 in the GLVC. They will next face Lewis University Thursday in Romeoville.

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SIUE women's distance runner sophomore Kayla Brown runs during a meet last year. The Cougar track and field program on the women's side placed in the top three of the Snowbird Classic. On the men's side, the Cougars placed second in the Snowbird Classic.

# Hoosier Relay leads to many top 10 finishes

by Zach Groves  
Alestle Reporter

SIUE men's track senior Scott Block's latest streak ended last weekend with a top-five finish in the Hoosier Relays.

After a string of first-place finishes in the weight throw and the shot put, Block picked up third in the weight throw and fifth in the shot put. Block said he "did the best (he) could" and made the final round as it was not something he accomplished last season.

"You just want to throw your best," Block said. "It is nice, even on a bad day, to finish in the top five."

Still, Block is still looking at competing in the national indoor tournament in both events. The junior qualified in the shot put

and is closing in on the weight throw.

Block and five others placed fifth or higher at the meet, which Block said was "by far our biggest meet this season." Junior Chris Littleton took fourth in both the 200- and 400-meter dash on the open circuit and finished third on the 1600-meter relay team with senior Kyle Rose, sophomore Marcus Evans and junior Chris Wright.

Rose also took third place in the 400.

Senior Erik Steffens took third in the 5,000-meter run and senior Wasim Walker earned fourth in the triple jump event against several Division I schools such as Illinois State University, fellow national power Eastern Illinois University and host Indiana University.

"It was a lot more competitive (last) week," Block said.

Sophomore Jennie Satterlee agreed with Block's sentiment about the competition, but she saw the Division I battle as an opportunity.

"Considering the competition, I think we did a really good job holding our own," Satterlee said. "I think it was a good experience for us in preparing for Division I."

Rose placed third nationally in the 400 and Littleton is 17th in the same event. Walker is ranked 13th in the triple jump and the relay team is in the top three.

According to Rose, the rest of the team is still vying for an

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"It is nice, even on a bad day, to finish in the top five."

-Scott Block,  
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57 games for the Cougars led the team with a .340 batting average. Receiving All-GLVC Second Team honors she was tied for ninth on the team with nine doubles. Also, speedy on the base paths, Rousey successfully stole 11 bases out of the 16 she attempted.

Joining the young talent and the seasoned veterans are players like Mall. Mall, who led the team in triples last year with four, also earned GLVC Player of the Week honors. Also tied for the lead on the team with nine doubles, second on the team with 19 stolen bases, Mall held a batting average of .267, while starting in all 56 games she appeared in.

"We work hard on the field and hard off the field," Mall said. "It's going to be an exciting season, all our new players have so much to bring to the table."

Leading the team in batting average last year was sophomore outfielder Chaleen Rumpf. While

scoring 14 runs and 13 stolen bases, she led the Cougars with a .444 batting average. She also recorded one homerun and five doubles.

With a preseason ranking of number one in the GLVC, and number one in the country, Montgomery knows of the struggles, hard work and mental preparation it's going to take to repeat.

"We have been telling the kids about this since they got here in August," Montgomery said, "They are fully aware of the implications that being a national champion holds. We have a big target on our back."

The Cougars will start their preseason action Feb. 15-17 in the Delta State Tournament in Cleveland, Miss.

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automatic tournament bid.

The women's team did not crack the top five in as many events, but still fared well. Junior Coreen Ellis won the 600-meter run and sophomore Juliet Alrich took third in the 400 open.

Senior Christine Butler claimed fifth in the triple jump and freshman Jenny Palovcsik tied for sixth in the high jump.

Meanwhile, Alrich, Ellis, junior Deserea Brown and junior Shelinda Brackett garnered third place in the 1600 relay.

According to Rose, Brown's top-10 finish in the 400 at the invitational earned her an automatic national tournament bid. Alrich is believed to be in the tournament as well in the same event, as is Ellis in the 600.

Additionally, Butler and sophomore Megan Dennis are still working toward a national qualifying mark in the triple jump.

Satterlee said the teams are still shifting from more conditioning to more "strength training" as the indoor season passes the halfway point, but the

team's results may be more frequent with the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship coming up in early March.

"We improve every week because of how our workout is set up," Satterlee said.

The teams are scheduled to return Saturday to Illinois College in Jacksonville for the Blue Classic. Unlike the Hoosier Relays, according to Block, the events may not be as intense or even close.

"It won't be as competitive," Block said. "Expect the performances to start getting a little better."

Satterlee said the competition is mostly Division III schools, so the meet will be more of a self-improvement for both teams.

"You're competing against yourself because the competition is not as hard as last week," Satterlee said.

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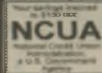
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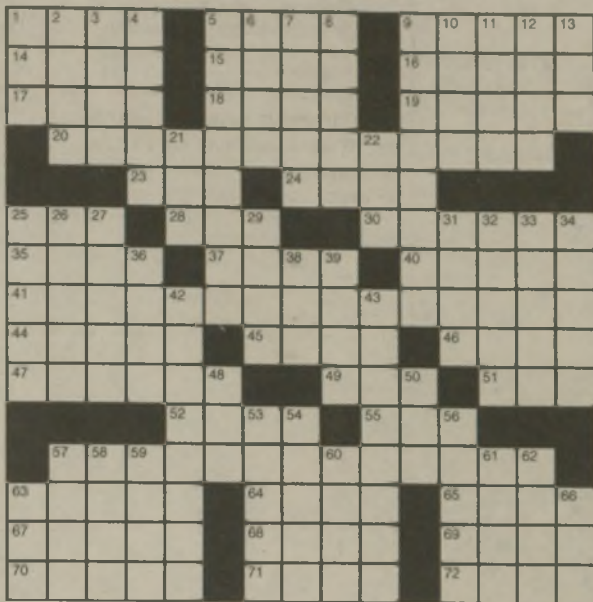


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## ACROSS

- 1 Up to the task
- 5 Current units, briefly
- 9 Treat with derision
- 14 Persia, now
- 15 Boor
- 16 Veil material
- 17 "\_\_\_ Be Cruel"
- 18 Ore store
- 19 Homer epic
- 20 Riparian tree
- 23 Took off
- 24 Ferrara family
- 25 Partook of takeout
- 28 Fella
- 30 Sharpens a razor
- 35 Former World Cup superstar
- 37 Joe Orton play
- 40 Actress Marisa
- 41 Yellowbelly
- 44 Chelmsford England's county
- 45 Moonwalker Armstrong
- 46 MacNelly strip
- 47 Lose one's cool
- 49 Christmas tree
- 51 Santa \_\_, CA
- 52 Take five
- 55 Sister
- 57 Stephen Rea film
- 63 Spicy Mexican dish
- 64 Blackthorn fruit
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- 67 Mini mountains
- 68 Scent
- 69 Corsica's neighbor
- 70 Lauder of cosmetics
- 71 Puts down on paper
- 72 Prognosticator



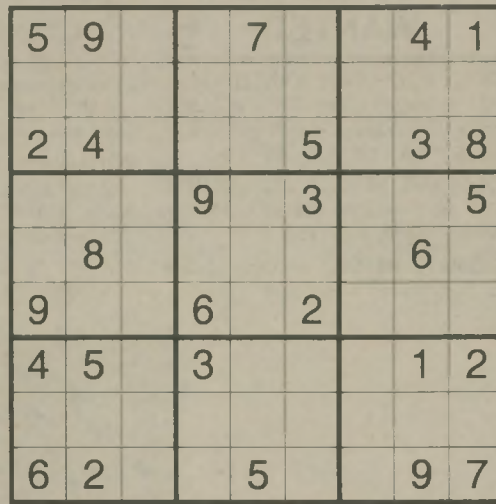
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- 5 Everything considered
- 6 Natural satellite
- 7 Catcher Rodriguez, to fans
- 8 Leftover dishes
- 9 Short dagger
- 10 Remove flawed ones
- 11 Miscellany
- 12 Defect
- 13 Nourished
- 21 Singer Tillis
- 22 Possessive pronoun
- 25 Church areas
- 26 On pins and needles
- 27 "Fur \_\_\_"
- 29 To \_\_\_ a phrase
- 31 Competes at Henley
- 32 City on the Missouri
- 33 Juan of Argentina
- 34 Half a tape
- 36 Even one time
- 38 Individual
- 39 Worker's refrain
- 42 Work out
- 43 Tight grippers
- 48 German article
- 50 Obvious toupee
- 53 Bulletin board operator
- 54 Spanish diacritical mark
- 56 Nostrils
- 57 "\_\_\_ Is Spinal Tap"
- 58 Excalibur's handle
- 59 Model Macpherson
- 60 12 o'clock
- 61 Sleeper agent
- 62 Hamburg's river
- 63 Fidel's amigo
- 66 Hearing organ

## DOWN

- 1 Lend a hand
- 2 Hill crest
- 3 Bowling alley

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By Michael Mepham



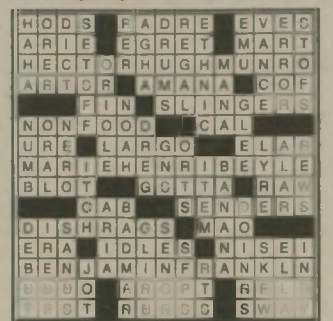
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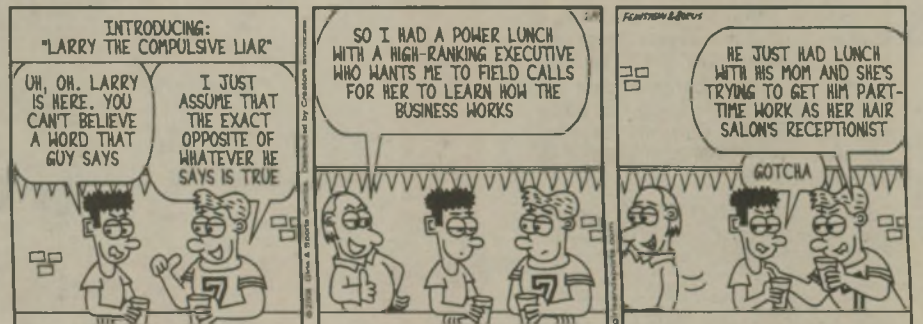
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## Girls & Sports

By Andrew Feinstein



## Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of Feb. 11 - Feb. 17, 2008

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Family members may this week press for private information and public displays of affection. Before mid-week watch for loved ones to require extra reassurance of their importance in your life. Areas affected are social expansion, isolation from the group or a fear of abandonment. Aries natives born between 1978 and 1984 can expect serious discussions in long-term relationships over the next eight days. If so, remain determined: your needs and goals are valid.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

New friendships may be briefly derailed by minor social jealousies. Ongoing flirtations may create small tensions between long-term friends or potential lovers. Respond with cheerful banter and quick, witty comments: friends and colleagues will soon abandon unproductive opinions or outdated ideals. After Thursday a key official may announce lengthy policy revisions to trusted workplace methods. All will be well: go slow and stay focused on small details.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

A close friend may this week reveal hidden social or romantic information. If so, expect past relationships, yesterday's mistakes and repeated emotional patterns to be a strong concern. Avoid becoming enmeshed in the private dramas of others: before next week your insights and practical advice will not improve difficult relationships. After Thursday ask probing financial questions: a family member or trusted friend may need to review outdated money obligations.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Loved ones may now ask for extra time and patience. Over the next two days romantic relationships will require careful diplomacy. Areas affected are disputes with siblings, family schedules or a complicated difference of social values in the home. Offer wisdom and advice: your empathy will be greatly appreciated. Later this week a business

or financial mistake from several months ago may reappear. Don't hesitate to take action: a confident response is best.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Check financial records thoroughly for minor errors or omissions. Early this week friends, close relatives or roommates may be unaware of important deadlines, facts or regulations. The demands of neglected paperwork will escalate over the next eight days: make sure others understand their obligations and restrictions. After Friday an unexpected social invitation may reveal a previously hidden attraction. Remain open. Romantic expression will soon increase.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Revised workplace instructions will this week clarify the extent of recent mistakes. Before Wednesday yesterday's miscommunications may prove costly to key projects. If so, remain diplomatic and expect authority figures to temporarily deny their involvement. Pride, private power struggles and social tensions may also create confusion. Go slow and wait for change. Late Saturday a brief phase of social isolation ends: expect bold proposals and new invitations.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Over the next few days romantic discussions may explain recently changed social or family goals. Someone close may wish to greatly expand the intimacy of key relationships. Areas of prime concern are home security, social approval and long-term acceptance of unique lifestyles. Probe others with meaningful questions and expect detailed, honest answers: you won't be disappointed. Late Friday vital workplace documents may prove unreliable. Ask for more time.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Minor property disputes will briefly escalate this week or require legal advice. Check facts, permissions and financial paperwork for purposely misleading information. Authority figures may now attempt to quickly establish

complex promises or detailed agreements. Remain cautious, however, and avoid emotional pressure: careful planning is needed. After Saturday some Scorpios may encounter an exciting romantic invitation or fast social proposal. React honestly.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Relations with older family members may be emotionally unpredictable over the next three days. Before mid-week expect loved ones to demand special consideration concerning recent power struggles in the home, budget disputes or cancelled purchases. Be expressive: this is not the right time to avoid disagreement or abandon deeply held opinions. Late Thursday pay close attention to the emotional needs of a trusted friend. Support and new advice may be necessary.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

An older colleague or previously shy business associate may now openly vie for your attention. Over the next four days, however, new relationships are best avoided. This is not the right time for unnecessary emotional risk in the workplace: if possible, stay focused on short-term work projects and detailed financial instructions. After Friday some Capricorns may feel obligated to revise their home routines. Remain open: a new schedule will soon work to your advantage.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Controversial workplace methods will now be challenged. Over the next few days expect bosses or managers to revert to outdated or unproductive procedures. Remain diplomatic and find positive ways to involve all in team key discussions or disputed projects: your ability to offer creative suggestions will soon be rewarded. Later this week a past lover or forgotten friend may reappear or demand a quick social decision. If so, refuse to be drawn back into old patterns.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Group events will this week offer unique opportunities. New friendships or

business contacts are strongly accented and may soon bring valuable job openings. Use this time to expand career plans and exchange fresh ideas with long-term friends. Many Pisceans will soon adopt a more assertive approach to social involvement, personal achievement and financial security. After Saturday find time for creative projects or private activities: rest and relaxation may be needed.

If your birthday is this week:

Workplace dynamics will return to normal over the next two weeks. A recent phase of underlying tension or emotional strain between colleagues now needs to fade. Offer encouragement to the shy or withdrawn types and wait for improvement. By early March authority figures will announce rare policy changes or revised assignments. Later this spring a complex romantic relationship or long-term friendship may demand careful diplomacy. Someone close may need extra reassurance of your continuing loyalty. Small comments will prove vital. Remain determined to solidify key relationships. After mid-May business expansion and new employment are featured. Past friends or old employers may reappear and offer unique opportunities. Choose carefully and expect minor complications before June 17.

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