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 Nichole Grant does crunches for senior kinesiology major Jessica Thorpe as a part of Health and Wellness Day Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center. Participants were sent to seven different stations to test their overall health and then offered tips on how to improve fitness.

Help your health

Health and Wellness Day encourages participants to live healthy lives

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Belly dancers' hips swayed and shook, clinking with tiny ornaments, as the sound of Indian music echoed throughout the main courts of the Vadalabene Center. In a far corner, workers drained students' and faculty's blood.

Pamphlets about chewing tobacco risks, spinal care and other subjects littered the rows of tables, manned by physical therapists, chiropractors and health experts. Men and women winced as they stretched their arms and legs to their maximum limit.

While it sounds like a Richard Simmons fantasy mixed with medieval torture, Health and Wellness Day was a relief to Michael Stedelin. After going through the various stations of health tests and information, he

waited for his free massage.

"I'm all good so far," Stedelin said.

Health and Wellness Day, held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and sponsored by Campus Recreation, showed all

"I didn't just come for the free snacks."

-Maegan Bosler, freshman nursing major

who attended just how fit they were by testing blood pressure, body composition, flexibility and other aspects of good physical health. It also featured forms of exercise, including martial arts and belly dancing.

The Red Cross also offered participants the opportunity to donate blood, offering free drinks and snacks to donors.

Samantha Hackbart, a fitness specialist and event coordinator,

said the annual event has shown attendees the true aspects of being physically fit.

"We're trying to promote overall health and wellness to students and faculty," Hackbart said.

After signing up, participants were sent to seven different stations: heart rate and blood pressure, height and weight, lower back flexibility, body composition,

cardiovascular fitness, abdominal endurance and grip strength. After these, a final station explained their results and offered tips on how to improve on fitness.

Tanya Seger of Brasfield Chiropractic explained how practicing yoga and having a healthy back affects other areas of the body.

"If your spine is curved, it

Faculty Senate discusses salaries

By **Allan Lewis**
Alestle Reporter

Through a study presented by the SIUE Faculty Senate on salary market equity, it was determined that the average monthly salary of all SIUE professors was 92 percent of the target monthly salary, according to rank and discipline.

The findings of the equity study are nearly a year in the making, as the study was commissioned in early May.

Faculty Senate Welfare Chair Laurie Puchner said a task force was formed to decide how the study would be conducted and made recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

"What we approved was a document that described the results and how the salary adjustment would be distributed based on rank and discipline and mean salary to the median market salary," Puchner said.

The study was conducted using the monthly salary of 425 full time tenured and tenure-track faculty from all ranks and

disciplines at SIUE. The salaries were then compared to those from the national faculty salary survey by discipline and rank in 98 other institutions.

According to Puchner, the Faculty Senate agreed to perform the study because the chancellor had determined that funds be allocated for a faculty salary adjustment.

"In the meantime the chancellor found a pot of recurring money to make a salary adjustment, so the study was done," Puchner said. "There wasn't enough money to bring everyone up to 100 percent of what they are getting, but there was enough to bring everybody up to about 90 percent of the target median salary."

Target median salaries vary depending on the faculty member's rank and discipline.

University Planning and Budget Chair John Navin prepared the study, which stated that salary equity funds "should be distributed in greater

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Former SIUC coach resigns, files law suit

by **Sydney Elliot**
Alestle Reporter

The former Southern Illinois University Carbondale head football coach Jerry Kill is filing a suit against Southern Illinois University in a dispute as to whether he should have to pay for leaving the school before his contract was scheduled to end.

Kill accepted the coaching spot at Northern Illinois University recently and is now expected to pay a sum of "just short of \$58,000," Associate General Counsel with SIUC Deborah Nelson said.

Executive Assistant for Government Relations David Gross said the provision in Kill's contract is standard for any Division I school head coach. Gross called it a buy-out provision and said it is in the contract because it takes time and money to find a new coach on short notice.

Kill's attorney, Shari Rhode, said Kill is willing to

pay the amount requested, should the courts find that the clause in the contract is valid and not an illegal penalty. However, if the clause is found to be unenforceable, then Kill will not pay.

Rhode said Kill is simply asking the courts to look over the contract and see if the terms of the liquidated damages clause is legal.

Besides having to find a new coach on short notice, other issues arise when a coach leaves before a contract expires, such as assembling and speaking with the coaching staff, new recruits that may have been brought in by the former coach and other "significant loss," Gross said.

The suit has not yet begun, but the complaint has been filed, and SIU has 30 days to file an answer. This must be filed so the courts can go over the contract and clarify anything, Nelson said. The university has not yet filed an

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Police Reports

2-13

Police issued Nikelle L. Turner a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

An officer took a report of graffiti in a men's bathroom stall in the first floor of Dunham Hall.

Joshua E. Haegele was arrested for theft of lost property after police found a lost hangtag displayed in his vehicle.

Police took a report of the theft of a wallet in the Student Fitness Center. The wallet was found later that day in a restroom and was missing checks, money and credit cards.

Police issued Carly H. Foster a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police took a report of a burglary from a vehicle in the Woodland Hall Lot. The case is under investigation.

A caller reported an alleged physical altercation with her ex-husband in the 400 block of Cougar Village. The case is under investigation.

Police took an emergency call from a bluelight phone, where the subject reported someone had broken out the passenger side window of a vehicle to gain access in Cougar Village Lot 4F. The case is under investigation.

2-14

Kyle E. Krebs was arrested for theft by deception after police found a fake

hangtag in his vehicle parked in Lot 4.

Police took a report of a driver who struck a deer on North University Drive.

2-15

Police filed a student's complaint against another student after an alleged confrontation Wednesday in Peck Hall. The case is pending contact with all parties involved.

Police took a call of a theft from a locker in the Student Fitness Center. There were no witnesses or leads.

An officer took a walk-in report of a stolen hangtag from Lot F. There were no leads.

A driver reported that after running out of gas and pulling to the side of South University Drive, she left the vehicle and returned to find the passenger window broken and a stereo and personal items stolen. There were no immediate suspects.

2-16

Police issued Eric P. Thaelke a citation for expired registration on North University Drive.

Police issued Jessica E. Stiverson a citation for expired registration on North University Drive.

Police issued Bryan D. Fulton a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Emma I. Peterson a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

2-17

Police responded to a report of a vehicle that had run off the road and was stuck in the mud near the dam access road in Cougar Village. Amiee L. Bruno admitted to driving the vehicle and was issued citations for driving on a suspended license and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police issued Ryan J. Trimmerger a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

An officer responded to a 911 call of a vehicle striking a guardrail on North University Drive. The vehicle was drivable and did not need to be towed.

Police issued Melissa D. Southmayd a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of a two-vehicle accident in Lot B. The damage was estimated to be more than \$500.

Police issued Jeremy V. Dombek a citation for disobeying a stop sign at the Lot E entrance.

An officer responded to a 911 call of an Indiana-registered semi striking a guardrail on Stadium Drive. There were no injuries or road blockage, and Facilities Management was contacted to repair the guardrail.

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proportion to those needy discipline and rank groups whose salaries fall furthest from the salary target for that group."

The report also states that distributing these funds should aim to reduce differences between median salaries at each salary tier.

Once the total funds have been calculated, they are to be distributed in proportion to the current amount of salary attributable to each faculty member according to discipline and rank.

The funds totaling \$513,487 are being attributed to faculty with \$383,770 in the College of Arts and Sciences, \$81,278 to the School of Engineering and \$48,439 to the School of Education. Under the study's structure, the salaries in place at the Schools of Business, Nursing, Dental Medicine and Pharmacy are unaffected.

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answer and has until early March. Nothing will be decided until after the university files, Rhode said.

SIU is asking the court to enforce the part of the contract that asks Kill to pay the liquidated damages to the university, Gross said. According to Nelson, Kill's attorney said Kill feels the school is trying to punish him by making him pay the sum of money.

The amount Kill is supposed to pay is equal to one-third of his annual salary, Gross said.

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MODULES

Student Leadership Development Program & Volunteer Services

Modules

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Module 16, 2:00 p.m.
Developing Self-Esteem
Traice Webb, Ph.D.
Counseling Services, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

2/26/08
Module 6, 6:30 p.m.
Assess Your Service & Leadership Style
Chay Lemoine, Consultant
Project READ
Board Room, MUC

3/04/08
Module 17, 2:00 p.m.
Leading Your Peers
Mary Griggs, Director
Riverbluff Girl Scout Council
Board Room, MUC

3/04/08
Module 7, 6:30 p.m.
Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences
Stephanie Medhurst, Student Senator
Student Government, SIUE
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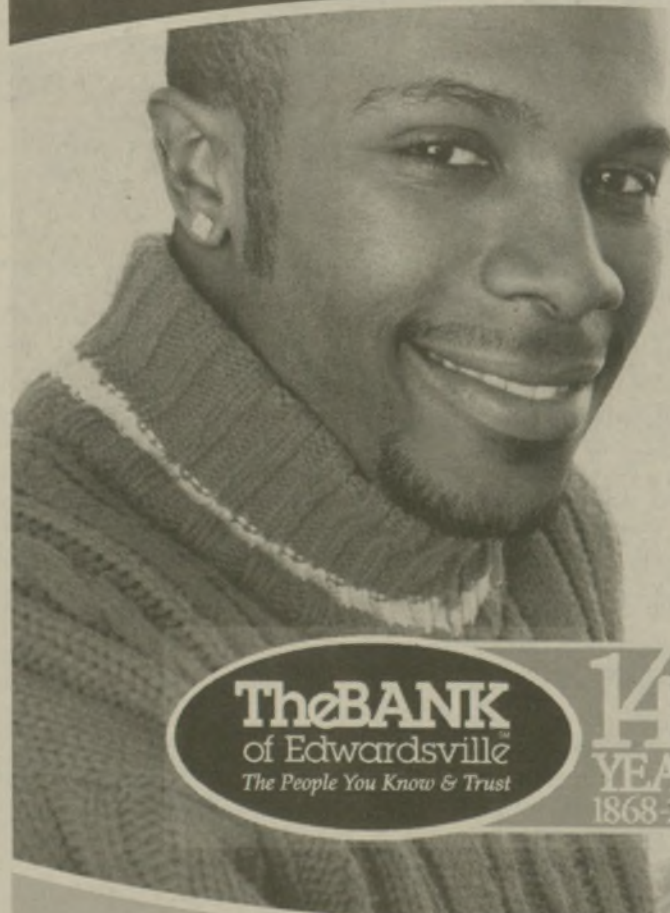
Volunteer Projects

Angel Food - Dates to be announced
Share Food - Dates to be announced
February 23 - Homeless Project
March 1 - St. Vincent de Paul
March 29 - The Gardens at SIUE
March 29 - Homeless Project

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'...It's very easy for us to forget...'

Peace Studies Department presents 'Peace in a Time of War,' advantages of non-violence

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

A recent event conveyed the passionate reflections of a man who faced involvement in many war crimes as a strategic crime analyst.

Uwe Ewald, part of the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, spoke at "Peacekeeping Missions and their Support of International Criminal Justice: a Humanitarian Dilemma?" Wednesday Feb. 13 in the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room.

Ewald said contradictions in humanitarian relief and war crimes prosecution arise during and after wars.

"Peace in a Time of War," a yearlong series from the Peace Studies Program, strives to educate students on their past, present and future living in a world that often fails to recognize the advantages of non-violence.

"I think it's very easy for us to forget that we're in a time of war," professor of historical studies and organizer of the peace studies series, said Steve Tamari. "It's only every once in a while where you see a flag half staff and remember."

Despite the political awareness of students and efforts from youth in military, most people feel only minimal effects from the current Iraq war, he said.

The "Peace in a Time of War" series aims at getting people on campus involved with a critical topic during an important time in America and around the world, Tamari said.

Sophomore philosophy and history major Kelsey Borrowman has attended past peace studies seminars on Wednesday nights.

"There's a reason why 'world peace' is the answer to every beauty pageant question," Borrowman said. "It's the ideal condition. By studying peace, we can come closer to understanding the necessary steps to attaining it."

Political science professor Denise DeGarmo, who directs the Peace Studies Program, urged students to attend the "Peace in a Time of War" series so that they may understand different perspectives on what she believes students think is the "war fighting the Muslim world."

"We decided to hold this series because there has been a change in attitude in regards to the issue of war," DeGarmo said.

Tamari believes both peace

providing students with an alternate view of the Vietnam War. Since then, the program has expanded to include environmental and human rights issues.

This series began with a grant from Excellence in Undergraduate Education, a program that funds these kinds of initiatives for universities.

"Faculty can make proposals to get money to do anything to enhance undergraduate education," Tamari said. He hopes these events will bring attention to peace studies at SIUE and inform students of the option for a peace and international studies minor within their curriculum.

There have been five events so far for "Peace in a Time of War," featuring discussion of peace in Islam, the anti-War on Terror film "The Ground Truth and the 1960s and Vietnam."

The next event in the series is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday March 6 in the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room. Medea Benjamin will speak on Code Pink, the women's anti-war movement she founded in affiliation with Women's History Month and the Women's Studies Program at SIUE.

"She's the most famous person we've had to speak yet," Tamari said.

Though this series of free seminars and forums in the Peace Studies Program was only given a one-year grant, it will hopefully continue into next semester as a film series supported by Lovejoy Library.

"We're in the planning stages now," Tamari said.

Tamari encouraged students to attend "Peace in a Time of War" in order to learn and gain perspective on "something that completely changes lives."

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"There's a reason why 'world peace' is the answer to every beauty pageant question."

-Kelsey Borrowman, sophomore philosophy and history major

and war are things that should be discussed and brought to students' attention.

"We shy away from thinking of peaceful ways to resolve conflicts as human beings," Tamari said. "We often resort to violence when there may be a peaceful alternative. All of the different experiences and situations talked about in the Peace Studies series show how rich the possibilities are for peaceful response to conflict or war."

Senior history major Stephanie Jacober attends many of the "Peace in a Time of War" events.

"If I have the opportunity to hear about events going on in the world from people who really know what they are talking about, then I'm there," Jacober said.

"So far my favorite has been from Chuc Smith, from the organization St. Louis Veterans for Peace," Jacober said.

The Peace Studies Program at SIUE began in the 1970s,

Student Government to welcome two mayors

Alestle Staff Report

Student Government will welcome Edwardsville Mayor Gary Neibur and Glen Carbon Mayor Robert Jackstadt to speak at their next meeting Friday.

According to Student Government Secretary Bonnie Farrington, there is no set discussion topic being addressed by the neighboring mayors.

Also on the agenda are three program requests

coming from the SIUE Gospel Choir, Retention of African-American Men and Student Organization for Sustainability.

The Senate is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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A piece of pie



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School of Nursing Dean Marcia Maurer (left) smashes a pie in Student Nurse's Association Treasurer Shelli Willemarck (right) during a fundraiser Wednesday May 13 in Alumni Hall.

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can cause pain in other areas of the body," Seger said. "A straight spine can make the whole body healthy."

The SIUE Dental School in Alton had a dental health table, explaining good dental hygiene, giving out free toothbrushes and toothpaste and giving participants a chance to impress the dentists by showing the correct way to brush. Six people failed in a row, showing the true ignorance of dental health.

The body composition table employed measuring skin folds on the body. This method, which takes only about two minutes to do, was more accurate than going only by body weight.

Jimmy John's provided free sandwiches for participants, and the Kinesiology Student Association held a healthy bake sale. All food items were low in saturated fat and sugars, showing what kinds of food can provide nutrients.

Vendors from various businesses like BiPod and Wal-Mart also displayed products like contact solution and athletic running shoes. Those who

completed all the stations entered a prize drawing, hoping to win.

Participants were offered the chance to give back by donating blood. Joe Leonard, a donor recruiter for the Red Cross in Madison County, said their goal for the day was 35 units. With 19 units already donated before noon, Leonard said he was confident they would reach their goal.

"This is a perfect opportunity for a blood drive," Leonard said. "We need healthy people to donate."

As the sound of a remixed version of "I Like to Move It" resonated throughout the gym, freshman nursing major Macgan Bosler watched the sea of health enthusiasts that filled the gym, sipping on a small container of juice. She had just given blood, hoping to counteract the current shortage.

"I didn't come just for the free snacks," Bosler said.

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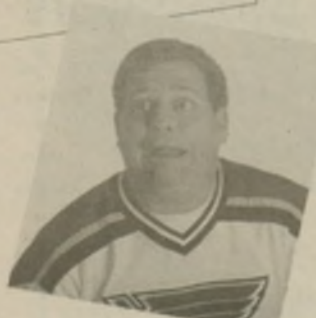
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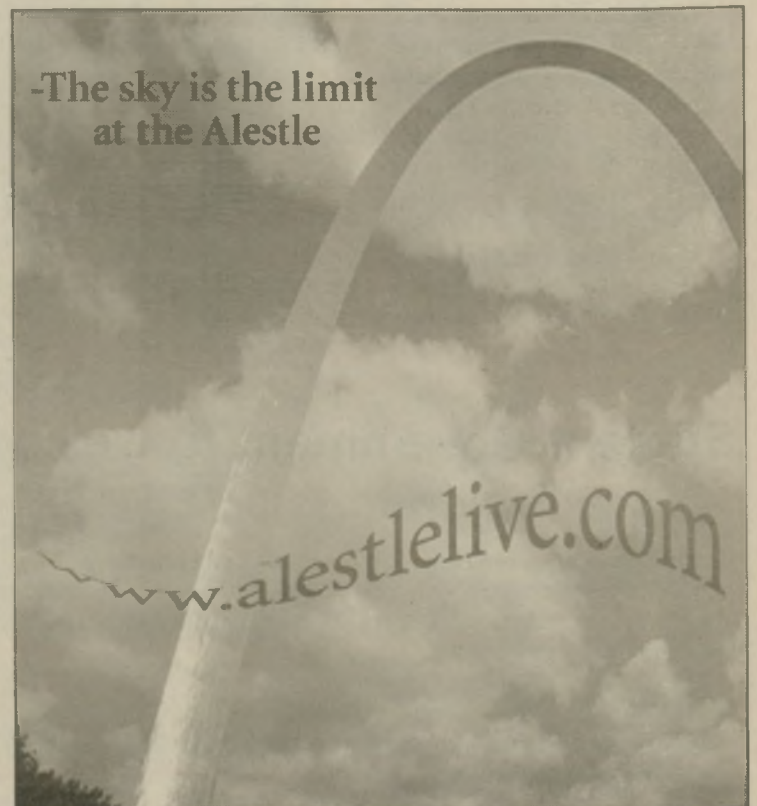
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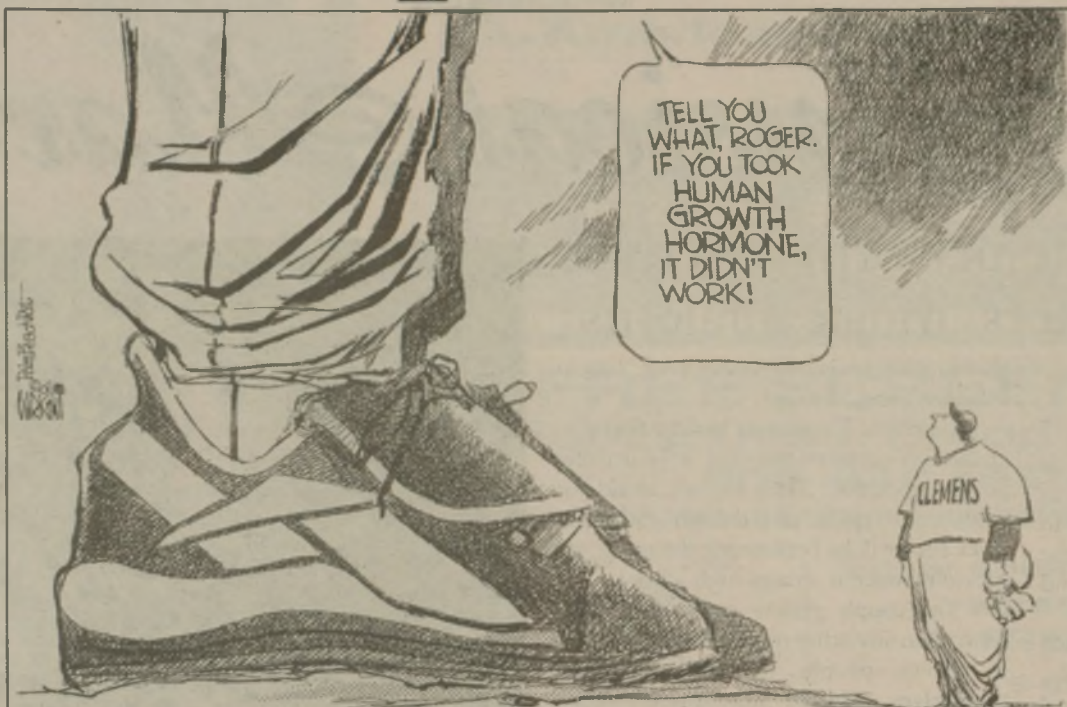
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Gun control not the answer

While putting around town with my girlfriend, a black motorcycle screamed by like a cruise missile. I glanced in my girlfriend's direction.

"You know, those things get like 100 miles to the gallon," I said, trying my best to mask my true intentions of terrorizing the town at 400 mph and humiliating lesser vehicles.

"No, honey," she said, in the way a mother tells a child to get down from the roof and forgo a Superman impersonation. "You'll kill yourself." I hung my head.

On a different trip, I thought of a story someone told me. This person said three enraged, linebacker-sized gents chased him down on the whim of some crazed ex-girlfriend. He

yanked a revolver from his glove box and told them to get lost. They took his advice and ran, completely unaware that the revolver was really a spray-painted starter pistol from a recent track meet.

I don't have any worries about neurotic exes, but my girlfriend's safety is a concern of mine. Even an unloaded gun might give some sort of protection.

"I just want to keep us safe," I said. "We'll keep it locked up and everything."

"No, honey," she said, same tone as before. "It's just not safe."

That discussion, too, was done.

Now, a gun and motorcycle are two different things, but both can be weapons. And like every tool, they can be used for good or evil.

To really make an impact, we've got to look beyond gun control. And while I've heard about safety plans and text

messaging, from this angle, I'm seeing nothing. As a student, what am I supposed to do when violence breaks out? The people that are at the most risk are unarmed and are not being trained to cope with a classroom-turned-shooting-gallery.

We're being groomed into a "these things happen" culture where we simply mop up and move on. A new approach is needed. Perhaps all students should train for violence, just like tornadoes and earthquakes. And perhaps students should be trained to watch for warning signs just as teachers and counselors do.

Will I be paking heat when I'm on my own in the big, mean world? Ask the girlfriend. But just as there's hundreds of ways to cause a crime, there's hundreds of ways to deter one.

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Matthew Schroyer

Voter age down, activism goes up

Illinois lawmakers are considering an amendment to the state constitution to lower the voter age to 17.

Not only should they be allowed to vote on the state level, but the U.S. Constitution should also be amended to vote on the federal level.

Since 17-year-olds can drive, join the military and have a job, they should be able to vote for the people running the country.

17-year-olds are in high school, so registering to vote could easily be done in government class.

Young voters do care about what is going on, it's not just

about parties and prom.

In the Metro-East, two recent examples of activism are proof that young people are capable and interested in helping along political and societal change.

About a dozen Belleville East High School students stood on the steps of the Belleville Courthouse Monday peacefully protesting in support of gay rights at their school.

Also, two eighth graders from the Wood River-East Alton School were suspended at the beginning of the month for protesting in favor of safe sex education instead of abstinence.

Involving people in the voting process earlier could help combat some of the apathy of the current voter age population.

In 2004, about 72 percent of the 18-and-up population were registered to vote, but only

about 64 percent actually cast a vote, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Considering the effects politicians have on the America, these numbers should be much closer to the 100th percentile.

This year, candidates are targeting the young voters, which is increasing their influence in the political process.

Since today's youth are tomorrow's adults, this seems like a good thing.

Exercising civic duties earlier in life could lead to healthy voting habits for life.

Leave the cigarettes for the 18-year-olds.

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Holly Meyer

from the BLOG

The Alestle announces the introduction of its latest blog, written by freshman pre-pharmacy major Harry Zollars. Here's an excerpt:

NIU: A tragedy among many

"As I continued reading, it's all becoming too routine: once every couple of months, some "really nice guy" goes haywire, buys a gun - coincidentally from the same dealer - and shoots at everyone on campus. It seems to happen almost like a lottery to the tens of thousands of colleges across the country.

Then the entire country comes together to mourn the losses, bury them within the week, yell about various safety measures, then go back to their lives like it happened years ago. It's sad enough that this incident happened, even more that it happened in our state, but what the saddest part of all of this is our collective/national ADD when it comes to tragedies."



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A Musical Marriage

Professor and wife perform together, support each others' musical talents

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Department of Music is full of professors who double as performers. Many of them perform live in the St. Louis area and beyond with the support of their fans, colleagues and families.

Professor Reggie Thomas is not much different, except that for him his wife, Mardra, fills the roll of fan, colleague and family. The pair are known well through the Department of Music. Music professors at SIUE call him one of the "finest jazz piano players in the world." For her they reserve words like "phenomenal," "fabulous" and "first rate."

Put the two on the same stage, where they have been finding themselves for years, and their praises are only sung louder.

Though not employed by SIUE, Mardra's name is well known throughout the music department and the Thomas' have been a staple of the SIUE arts programs since they began performing together over 20 years ago.

Reggie and Mardra met during a production for the Unity Theater on the SIUE East St. Louis campus.

Mardra was performing in the show and Reggie was the musical director.

They have been a duet of sorts ever since.

The couple performs primarily jazz music together, though each has separate projects as well.

Mardra is a licensed realtor, but is primarily focused on theater and music at this time in her life. Along with theater performance, Mardra enjoys vocal jazz performance. She said with a laugh, it is "usually great" being able to perform with her husband.

Reggie said it is nice to be able to work so closely with his wife because it gives them the chance to travel together. He said being able to work so closely with a spouse is "neat."

"(It) allows for understanding of what the other person is doing when you are

that intimately acquainted with what each other is doing," he said.

When the Reggie and Mardra find the chance to perform together it is usually jazz composition. They are not afraid to stray from typical jazz though and next week they will be performing the music of Stevie Wonder at an area high school.

The couple prefers performing jazz more than any other type of music because it allows people to freely express themselves. Mardra also prefers jazz because she was exposed to it early on in life and it suits the style of her voice, she said.

"The way (jazz) breathes, it isn't always the same," Mardra said. "It allows the musician an opportunity to make the music or melody their own."

Reggie agreed with his wife's words and also enjoys performing jazz music because of the ability for a musician to express their "originality through jazz," and considers it to be one of the "most intellectually and visually stimulating music there is." He also said jazz appeals to the mind, the heart and the soul.

Reggie has been a professor at SIUE nearly as long as he and Mardra have been married. After earning a degree from Western Illinois University, he was convinced to stay at SIUE for grad school by friend and SIUE music professor Rick Haydon.

"He came back into town to visit, and I convinced him to do his graduate studies here," Haydon said. "Once he was here, we just kept finding ways to keep him here."

Music professor Brett Stamps and Haydon have known Reggie since he attended Lincoln High School in East St. Louis. The three used to perform clinics and concerts together at the school.

Stamps went on to create the jazz program at SIUE and hired Haydon and Reggie as the first two professors for the program.

Stamps considers them to be "like family."

In the decade that Reggie has been part of the SIUE Department of Music,



Courtesy Photos

Above: Reggie Thomas plays jazz piano regularly as a performance musician and teaches music at SIUE. Below: Mardra Thomas and husband Reggie (on the key board) perform at the St. Louis Arts Fair.

Stamps has watched him grow from a "talented high school student, to an outstanding graduate music student, to a full-fledged professional performing musician."

He is one of the "finest jazz piano players in the world," Stamps said, also calling him an excellent educator.

Praise for his teaching skills was echoed by Department of Music Chair Prince Wells who called Reggie an "outstanding colleague and event better teacher and musician."

The department is not shy about their admiration of Mardra either. She is a "very excellent vocalist," Wells said.

Stamps and Haydon called Mardra "phenomenal" and "fabulous."

Mardra has been mistaken for faculty of SIUE in the past, though the school does not employ her. She has performed with several of the students and faculty over the years and "kicks in and helps out when (the department) needs it," she said.

Their relationship seems only to further the quality of their musical performances.

Stamps said, "It's wonderful to hear them perform together. They are a great



couple."

They are "two peas in a pod," Haydon said.

Reggie Thomas can be seen performing in the Southwestern Illinois College Jazz Festival at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 23. The performance is free and open to the public.

Marda Thomas can be seen in "Mama," a Unity Theatre Ensembles stage production that runs through Feb. 24 at Missouri History Museum's Des Lee Auditorium. Tickets are \$12-\$18 and are available through Metro Tix by calling 314-534-1111.

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Jazz students, old and new, to perform SIUE Jazz at the Sheldon

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

For six years, music professor Brett Stamps has put on the SIUE Jazz at the Sheldon Concert at the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis. This year's version, set for Tuesday at 8 p.m., will feature a new twist and dive into the departments past.

Stamps, who has been writing and arranging music since he was a student at SIUE in 1979, said this year's performance will be different from those in the past as it will feature an alumni jazz band as well as student performers.

"This year we are doing that with an alumni

jazz band as part of the 50th year anniversary," Stamps said. "There will also be some student arrangement in the performance, which we have not done in the past."

SIUE jazz professor Rick Haydon is one of the performers in the alumni band.

"It is a good way to get back in touch with some of the guys here and keep the line of communication open between alumni and the university," Haydon said. "It is also a chance to let the young kids check out some of the older guys."

According to Stamps, the concert is a good opportunity to showcase his work as well and the work of students and faculty.

SETO presents One Act Plays

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

The Student Experimental Theater Organization will take charge of the Metcalf Theater at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the One Act Play series showcases student-produced theater.

One Act Play is an ongoing series from SETO that allows students to write, produce and perform free theatrical productions for their family, friends and peers.

Emily Mollet, vice president of SETO, said for some SIUE students, SETO provides an experience of onstage performing

and that it is important for attendance to be high at these special events.

"Students should come to support creativity and the creative process of their peers," Mollet said.

Thursday's showcase will include "Sure Thing" by David Ives, a scene directed by sophomore Rachel Fenton.

"It's a romantic comedy about two strangers, Bill and Betty, who meet at a cafe and the various different possibilities of their very awkward, and sometimes hilarious, conversation, which ends in true



June Farley/Alestle

Graduate music performance major Bennett Wood plays the saxophone during rehearsals for the SIUE Jazz at the Sheldon concert.

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"For the last six years, I have had an opportunity to do concerts on Tuesday nights and showcase what I have written for the last six years, and we have performed a lot of my music at this concert," Stamps said.

Director of Alumni Affairs Steve Jankowski sees the concert as a great opportunity for alumni to keep in touch and participate with the music department.

"We worked with Brett and saw it as a golden opportunity to let alumni get together with the music department and enjoy a great night of music," Jankowski said. "It is great to form a partnership with the different programs on campus and that is critical to the university community."

While this year's concert will

be different from those in the past, Haydon is looking forward to the performance.

"We are going to reach back a little bit," Haydon said. "It should be a really good concert with a wide variety of stuff and be very enjoyable."

An Alumni Reception will run before the concert from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Bistro across from The Fabulous Fox Theatre.

"The pre-concert reception will be a place for people to relax and reconnect before the concert," Jankowski said.

Tickets for the reception need to be purchased in advance and are available for \$15 from the Alumni Association. Tickets for the show can be purchased at the door the night of the show for \$6.

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either talking about or have experience with," Copper said.

Sophomore Marissa Panzeri encourages students to attend.

"You can always find something moving in a piece of art if you look for it," Panzeri said.

She said that the One Act Play series, which puts on one performance per semester, gives the students at SETO a "chance to show off what they can do."

"Students should most definitely come to see the One Act," Fenton said, "if not only to get away from this awful weather, but also to experience a taste of what is going on in the theater department."

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love," Fenton said.

Fenton has been involved in SETO since her freshman year at SIUE and said that it offers students the chance "push their artistic boundaries."

"SETO is about hearing the voice of the independent student which, I believe, we could all use a little more of at this university," Fenton said.

Another one of the several performances for this evening's event is an original piece from senior Wesley Copper, called "Illinois Legislation," which provides a satirical perspective of the Illinois smoking ban.

"Every time I create something original, I always try and do something that people are

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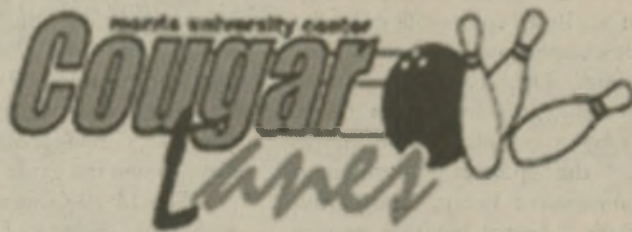
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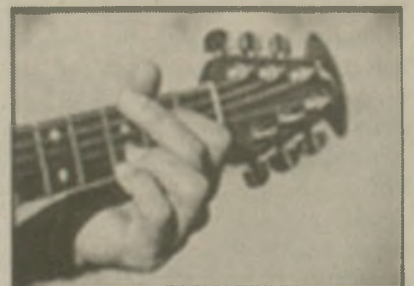
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“Who is Kevin Slaten?”

When a shock jock such as Kevin Slaten gets on air and begins to express himself through one of his wild rants, it's hard to say what will come out of his mouth. Whether it is a slam on a professional athlete or a tirade about steroids in sports, Slaten is the king of saying what is on his mind.

However, Slaten may have just crossed the line that leads him from shock jock into the realm of insanity.

On his daily afternoon sports talk radio show on KFNS 590 The Fan, Slaten was told that St. Louis Cardinals Manager Tony LaRussa declined to come on his show, claiming that Slaten's program was “unfair.” Slaten didn't take this news lightly.

After learning LaRussa declined the invitation, Slaten said he wished LaRussa would sue him; he said LaRussa needed a haircut; said he wished he would run into LaRussa in a back alley; and he referred to LaRussa as “Tough Tony” and “Punk” about 20 different times.

With just one view of Slaten's radio program Web site, one can find the tagline, “When Kevin Slaten is on the air, no player, organization or executive in a three-piece suit is safe and for St. Louis sports fans that's a breath of fresh air and a job most worthy of a king-sized ‘Carpe Diem.’”

As fans of sports, are we supposed to sit back and let a man scream and rant about your opinions, and not let others profess their thoughts without hanging up on them?

Slaten said that if LaRussa would ever agree to come on to his show, he would welcome him with open arms. Will Slaten ask about his strategies as a Major League Baseball manager of a struggling team? Will he ask LaRussa about his choices on signing aging outfielder, Juan Gonzalez? No. Slaten made it clear that he would ask LaRussa why he is keened on signing players listed in the Mitchell Report. The questions would consist of explanation of his tenure as coach of Oakland and St. Louis while some very influential and big named players who have been

accused of steroid use now.

Agreeing with Slaten seems to be the only way that a listener can get a glimpse of airtime. Because, when someone disagrees with the shock jock he shuts them down, belittles them and gives them absolutely no chance for a rebuttal.

Need an example? Slaten consistently hollers about LaRussa's history of signing players with steroid problems, but when he was confronted about previous St. Louis Cardinals coach and current L.A. Dodgers coach Joe Torre, he became silent. Why? It just so happens that Slaten and Torre used to be “tight,” and that he considers him one of his friends. What's the Latin word for bias?

Actually, come to think of it, he is the self-proclaimed “King” of St. Louis sports talk radio. So let's break down the actual word “king.” One that is supreme or preeminent in a particular group, category or sphere. Also known as the perfect, omniscient, omnipotent being, God. Wow, that's a pretty big title to give oneself. Let's try another group of description words. How about conceited, egotistical, narcissistic, vain, self-absorbed and self-serving? Seems about the same for Slaten.

It is rumored that when asked about this situation, LaRussa had four words to say: “Who is Kevin Slaten?”

Slaten doesn't believe that LaRussa could have said this because he claims that LaRussa complains about him all the time.

Whatever the result is, loss of fans or perhaps more popularity for Slaten, one thing can be certain: Kevin Slaten and Tony LaRussa won't be having a beer at the local bar after a Cards victory anytime soon. But then again, maybe Slaten and all the other sportswriters and broadcaster who are anti-LaRussa can create a tag team and take on LaRussa and a partner of his choice, in a no-holds-barred, back-alley match.

After all, isn't that what Slaten wanted?

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Streak ends

SIUE drops game to Quincy in overtime

by Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

With less than 30 seconds left in overtime, the SIUE men's basketball team was up by one and looked to take a close win against Quincy University Tuesday night.

However, Hawks forward Excell Hardy managed to get an air ball, put it back in the net and take a foul to help give Quincy the 74-72 win.

Senior guard T.J. Gray said he tried a 3-pointer in the closing seconds off a pass from fellow senior guard J.B. Jones, but did not succeed.

“I got a pretty good look at it, and it just didn't fall,” Gray said.

SIUE and Quincy exchanged leads six times in overtime before Hardy's game-winning play.

“I just thought (in) the last 30 seconds we didn't make enough plays down the stretch to win the game,” SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said. “(Quincy) made some tough plays to win the game.”

The 14-10 Cougars battled with the Hawks from the opening minutes at Pepsi Arena and climbed back from a five-point halftime deficit. Both teams since then tied five times before overtime. Overall, there were 12 ties.

A mix of jumpers and free throws from Jones, senior guard



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Senior Doug Taylor goes up for a basketball in a game against Oakland City University as junior John Edmison (25) looks on at the top of the key. The Cougars recently dropped a three game winning streak.

Anthony Jones, senior center Doug Taylor and freshman center Nikola Bundalo helped keep the game close in regulation.

“Everybody contributed,” Gray said. “It was a real good team effort as far as helping us compete over the course of the game.”

Forrester said overtime could have been prevented had

the Cougars not turned over the ball and allowed the Hawks offense to tie the game. Senior forward Asa Clayborne attempted a 3-point shot at the buzzer after the tie, but missed it.

“We had a chance to win it, but our shot didn't fall,” Forrester said.

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Rough road trip ended

by Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

The SIUE women's basketball team did not struggle shooting the ball Tuesday night. However, neither did Quincy University who picked up the victory 98-82.

Quincy has not lost at home since November and remains undefeated when hosting Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents.

“They (also) lead the conference in points, and the threes were dropping,” Green said of the Lady Hawks' 50 percent game from the perimeter.

The Lady Hawks shot a scorching 53 percent from the field with five players finishing in double figures. Janette Burgin, who managed just five points the last time she faced SIUE, found a way to pick apart the Cougar defense on her own court with 22 points.

“She knocked down a couple early, and she got confident,” Green said of Burgin. “She's capable of doing that, though. She's an inside/outside player. I think she's the second on the team in 3-point attempts.”

Burgin also hit six of her 10 3-point attempts. She had a lot of help from Jessica Keller, who

netted 19 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and collected 11 assists for a triple-double. Whitney Irby and Lindsey Stellflue each collected 18 points, and Courtney Shuman added 10 points.

SIUE, meanwhile, finished with a solid 40 percent shooting game. For the first time in 11 games, senior forward Amber Shelton was not the leading scorer or even the runner-up in the shootout. Senior guard Whitney Sykes sank 17 points, and junior forward Jessie Stapleton recorded her third double-double.

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NHL icon Bob Plager visits SIUE; meets fans

by **Tony Patrico**
Alestle Sports Editor

"Going to the game last night and seeing his number in the rafters was amazing," freshman Jimmy Kennedy explained as he stood watching retired St. Louis Blues and National Hockey League icon Bob Plager sign autographs Wednesday in the Morris University Center.

Plager came to SIUE as part of Campus Activities Board's Cougar Craze. After CAB sold more than 150 Blues tickets in a week, the ScottTrade Center teamed up with CAB and decided to bring in the hall-of-famer to meet and greet fans on campus.

"After selling so many tickets in a week, they were inspired to come to SIUE and try and do this again," CAB graduate assistant Kevin Coppinger said. "So they decided that bringing Mr. Plager here would be a great experience."

Plager, who made a major impact on the birth of the Blues, slowly became a local legend and a hockey ambassador.

After playing for the Blues for ten seasons, he turned his knowledge of hockey into coaching and scouting. Of all the members of the staff and front office, Plager holds the longest tenure of any St. Louis Blues member.

As an ambassador of the game, Plager hopes the younger fans of the game can someday become the fans he remembers from his days as a player.

"St. Louis is filled with great hockey fans, and unfortunately, some of those fans are getting older," Plager said. "We have a young team right now, and it's a different style of play, so these prices for tickets really appeal to the younger fans."

Plager recalled playing in three consecutive Stanley Cup finals, being in St. Louis during the birth of the organization and continuing to be with this organization as some of his favorite memories from his years in the league. However, his all-time favorite memory on the ice hits closer to home.

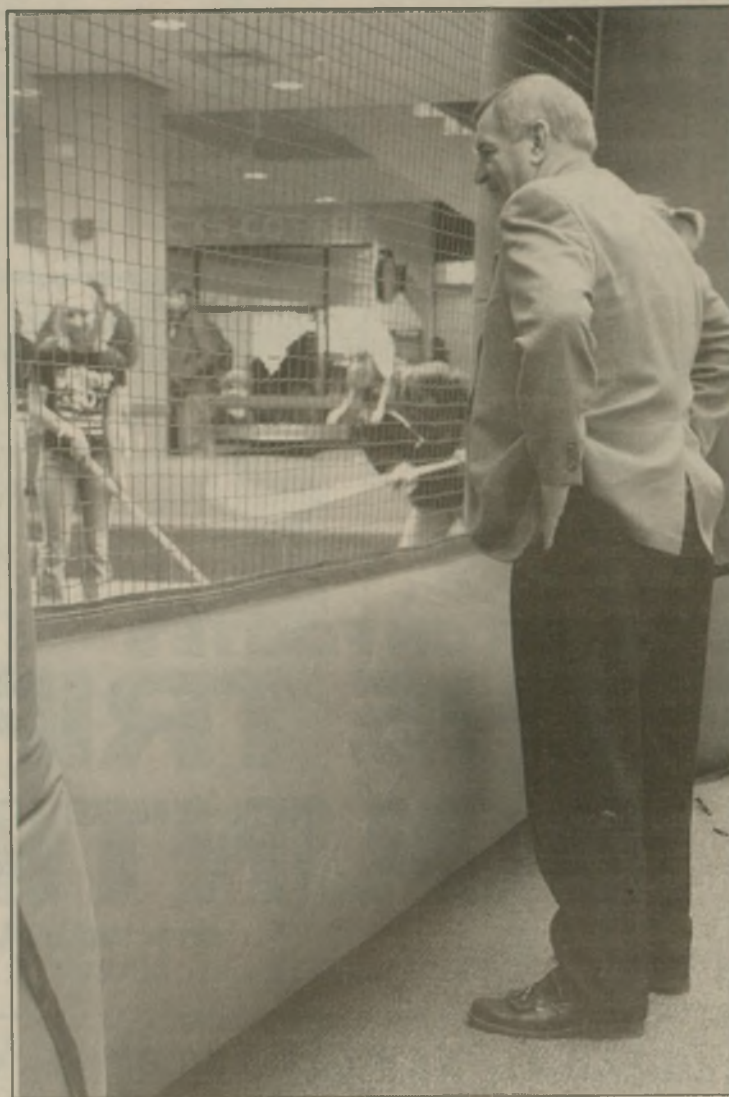
"Myself and my two brothers (Barclay and Bill) all played and started in the same

game up in Montreal," Plager said. "Being from Canada and playing in front of one of the birthplaces of hockey with my brothers was a really memorable thing for me."

Fan appreciation is slowly but steadily rising back to the levels of previous years, and Plager expressed his love for the organization and the strength of togetherness within the team.

"Being here since the first game in 1967, you have a strong sense of pride and a strong sense of history," Plager said. "That pride is slowly coming back, and the bluenote is again becoming something people are proud of."

Plager stressed the importance of practice as players in the NHL are becoming younger and younger. The youngest player in the league right now is 18-year-old Edmonton Oiler, Sam Gagner. Training at a young age is becoming more important to the development of players, but Plager said that training methods have not changed much.



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NHL and St. Louis Blues icon Bob Plager visits SIUE to meet and greet fans on Wednesday. During his visit, Plager looked on as students took part in Cougar Craze which included an inflatable hockey shot activity.

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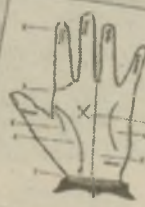
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Gray bounced back to once again to lead all scorers with 24 points and hit six of his 12 3-pointers. Anthony Jones recorded 13 points, and Taylor finished with 10.

Hardy led the Hawks with 19 points, Austin Chapital chipped in 17 points, Andre Muse added 16 points and Cameron Murkey came within two rebounds of a double-double with his 13 points and eight rebounds.

According to Forrester, the Cougars dropped from second to third place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference West Division, at least briefly. University of Southern Indiana is currently in second place and the Cougars will play them Thursday night.

The Screaming Eagles were idle as of Tuesday.

Forrester said the team continues to not focus on the division standings, but rather on

the fact that it will return home after five games for its final three contests.

"All five games we gave ourselves a chance to win," Forrester said. "We went 3-2 on the road, and they're playing with pretty good confidence, and all we're concerned about ... is playing USI on Thursday."

The Cougars take on the Screaming Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Vadalabene Center. Gray said the chance to play in front of his own fans for the rest of the season is nice, but should not be seen as a guaranteed-win week and a half.

"We have to understand that each game is a new game," Gray said. "We have to come out prepared mentally and put forth the effort in front of our fans."

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Shelton finished with 14 points, as did junior guard Brittany Imig.

"I think offensively we clicked a little bit more," Shelton said. "Our defense probably wasn't as good. They just made more shots than we did."

According to Green, the Cougars are still a fourth-place team in the GLVC West Division and may have to win all three of their final games to stay alive for the conference tournament.

"It really kind of depends on what Lewis (University) and (University of Wisconsin-Parkside) do on the other side," Green said. "I'm realistic about that. If we win all three, we'll get in. And we can."

Shelton said the team is "disappointed" in the loss, but everybody is starting to think more positively about shooting. They look to keep the offense going in the final week and a half.

"Losing is not an option," Shelton said.

The Cougars finished their road campaign for the season,

save the GLVC tournament, losing four of five matches outside of Edwardsville in the past two weeks. They will finish the 2007-08 season at home with the University of Southern Indiana at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. They will also take on Drury University and Rockhurst University the following week.

"USI's very athletic," Shelton said. "They're going to come to play. We squeaked out a win there last time, but they're going to remember that."

Green said Thursday is also "Think Pink" night. Fans who attend the game wearing pink will get free admission, and for every 3-pointer made by the Cougars, SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg will donate money to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"It's going to be a good night," Green said. "Hopefully fans will come."

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"It's simple, you just have to work," Plager said. "Just work hard, and practice. You just have to go for it. It's all about work."

Hockey is one of the lowest-rated televised sporting events, but the popularity of the game has been rising ever since the NHL lockout took place. (The lockout, which happened in 2004-05 was between salary disputes with the NHL players association and the NHL itself.) However, the "coolest game on ice" seems to have one of the hottest futures.

"It started with six teams, now the league is at 30," Plager said. "Ever since the U.S. won

the gold in the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, the game has been on the rise. The game is full of young talent, the young fans will soon be the older, loyal fans."

But now, for students and fans like Jimmy Kennedy, meeting NHL legends like Bob Plager is an opportunity he wishes more people could have.

"This was so great," Kennedy said. "I really wish more players would do this. It was amazing to meet him."

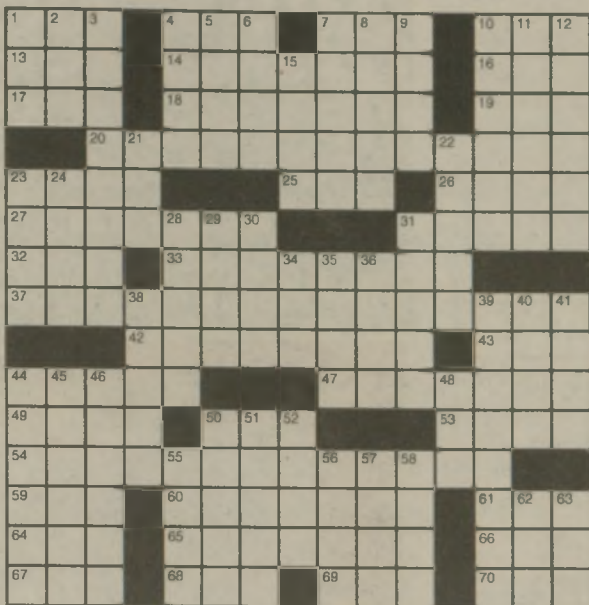
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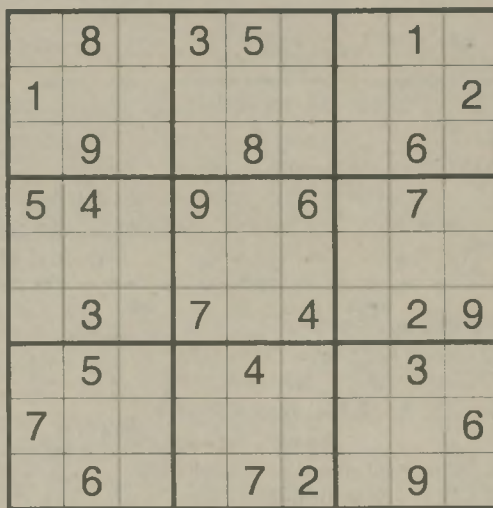
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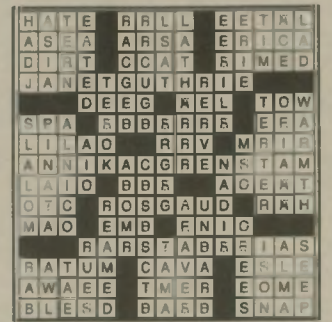
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Tuesday's Answers

THE Daily Crossword

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SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of Feb. 25 - March 2, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Authority figures will soon take responsibility for the emotional strain between colleagues. Early this week expect team assignments, job reviews and deadlines to be rescheduled. Much of this will bring renewed faith in bosses, managers and group policies: don't hesitate to express your admiration for the assistance of others. Late this weekend spend extra time with an isolated friend or recently despondent family member. Your loyalty and empathy will be appreciated.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Financial proposals and romantic planning will now work to your advantage. Before Wednesday expect loved ones to reveal an honest desire for added security in their private lives. Both business and emotional stability may be at issue. If so, offer calm suggestions and seasoned advice: a sincere display of loyalty is needed. After Thursday some Taureans may experience powerful insights. Glimpses of future events and new relationships are accentuated: stay focused.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Family or romantic discussions with this week reveal unique information. Social alliances, controversial friendships or unexpected flirtations may be on the agenda. Emotional conflict, although draining, is temporary: remain determined and find positive ways to establish common goals and new trust. Later this week Gemini's born after May 26 will experience a strong desire to increase financial security or explore new employment. Stay open: there's much to be gained.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Employment and money permissions will this week require quick decisions. Team leadership, business advancement and financial planning are now easily achieved. Early this week expect key officials to ask for added research or

allow for creative expansion. Pace yourself and expect suddenly increased responsibilities: progress will be fast and demanding. After Thursday friends and lovers will offer unique invitations: travel, exotic activities or new entertainment are accentuated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Over the next few days a close friend may avoid planned events or private gatherings. Don't be dismayed. Social invitations will be emotionally complex and unpredictable before mid-week. Use this time to explore quiet activities in the home or increase intimacy and trust in key relationships. Later this week plan new money strategies or revise family budgets. Before mid-March daily financial habits may require adjustment: take time to carefully evaluate all options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Although promising, new employment contracts and business projects may take longer to develop than anticipated. Remain dedicated, however, to small beginnings, long-term agreements and legal partnerships. In the coming weeks paperwork and careful planning will bring vital career options into your life: stay open. After Friday some Virgos will encounter a brief phase of moodiness in the home or minor social disputes. Remain detached: tempers are high.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

This week love affairs and new attractions are temporary but enjoyable. Respond quickly, however, to sudden proposals, romantic compliments or social invitations: in the coming weeks social alliances and romantic obligations will steadily expand. Late Thursday a relative or friend may ask for detailed financial advice. Land documents and investments are highlighted. If so, advocate caution: at present authority figures may withhold key facts, figures or calculations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Girls & Sports

By Andrew Feinstein



Home agreements, housing contracts and vague property documents will this week require new definition. Pay special attention to annual increases, payment requirements or financial calculations. Older officials may soon attempt to finalize faulty documents. Avoid rushed decisions. Wednesday through Sunday highlights romantic seduction and new feelings of love. Listen closely to the subtle hints or gestures of others: private emotions will soon be public.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Unproductive relationships will now begin to steadily fade. Over the next 4 days many Sagittarians will experience a strong desire for emotional closure in key relationships and fulfillment in the present. Romantic memories and vital social decisions will no longer linger. Ask loved ones for special consideration. Later this week watch for a complex request from a boss or older colleague. Delicate team relationships and workplace politics are accentuated: stay alert.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Social events and family plans will this week provide pleasing distraction. Many Capricorns will now, and over the next four weeks, experience surprising group invitations and new levels of home enjoyment. Single Capricorns can expect unusual romantic proposals: if so, expect extended travel and long-term promises to also be highlighted. After Thursday business officials may be reluctant to offer meaningful instructions. Remain optimistic: no serious affects are likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Home restrictions will no longer delay important family or financial decisions. Close relatives or roommates are now willing to expand their daily commitments. Express all doubts, wishes or suggestions: long-term plans and shared group aspirations are easily negotiated. After mid-week watch also for a new friendship to evolve toward romantic flirtation. Planetary alignments

now suggest that private emotions will this week become public knowledge: expect obvious overtures.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Social decisions and romantic agreements now need to be finalized. Over the next two days expect a friend or lover to require clarification of long-term family goals. Provide consistent facts, dates and promises: understanding and support will ensure lasting commitment. Later this week pay close attention to the private hints or subtle comments of a close colleague. Hidden workplace politics or newly revealed information will soon be a key source of concern. Stay balanced.

If your birthday is this week: In the coming weeks business choices and revised career pathways will be a top priority. Loved ones will now press for firm decisions and reliable long-term plans. Improved skills, educational programs and financial partnerships will soon work to your advantage: use this time to research new career choices and initiate meaningful employment change. By late April a new era of romantic and social progress arrives. Stalled relationships will move rapidly forward over the spring and summer months. Passions, however, may prove mildly draining: expect loved ones to push for fast family commitments, co-habitation or rekindled romantic promises. Trust your instincts and wait for clarity.

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