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Trustees propose 12 percent fee increase

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Incoming freshmen are due to see a \$622 hike in annual tuition next fall, as the increase was recommended to the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees Thursday in Carbondale along with 11 different fee increases.

The proposed 12 percent increase would bring the total undergraduate tuition rate to \$5,850 a year. The BOT will vote on the increase in April at the next meeting in Edwardsville.

The new tuition rate would not affect

current students, as Illinois state law tuition is locked in for a four-year period.

According to Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy, if the proposed increases go through, SIUE will remain among the most affordable schools in the state.

"If you look at the past, tuition and fees go up every year, and we have to keep abreast of it," Conroy said. "Even with this, we will still be second least expensive state university in Illinois."

Along with the tuition adjustment, the BOT also recommended 11 fee increases to take hold in fiscal year 2009, ranging from 90 cents per student for the

University Center fee to \$92.60 to fund athletics during the school's transition to NCAA Division I competition.

"Fee increases are presented at the meeting prior to when they are actually voted on and were explained by the chancellor at the meeting," SIUE Student Trustee Christine Williams said. "The Student Government at SIUE is in full support of all fee increases, so they went smoothly."

In total, the additional fees will cost each student over \$250 annually, if approved.

"Each fee has their own specific

purpose," Budget Director Bill Winter said. "Each one has their own specific need to be generated."

Winter said inflation and new student-approved initiatives translated into the fee increases.

"You have to consider inflationary cost. Things go up," he said.

The BOT also awarded contracts for the new Volleyball and Wrestling Center expected to be complete by March 2009. Work on the facility was awarded in four separate deals to R.W. Boeker Co. of

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On alert

Online registration for emergency text-messaging system begins

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

Monday marked the first day that SIUE students could take advantage of the e-Lert text-messaging system, a new safety measure aimed at providing more reliable emergency updates.

"This is the first of many tools that would get the word out in an emergency," Dean of Students Jim Klenke said. The e-Lert system's success relies on individual students to take initiative and sign up to get alerts sent to them quickly and directly through a text message.

"We've got to rely upon one another," Klenke said.

Klenke said he believes implementing a system like this one will not only inform students of emergencies, but will also work to get out "word of mouth" should an emergency occur on campus at SIUE.

"What we put into place is something that is ultimately best for our university," Klenke said.

Sophomore Meredith Landau said all of her friends are planning to sign up for these e-Lerts.

"Everyone is kind of freaked out," Landau said. "It's really important with what's going on ... school shootings and everything, to be informed as soon as possible."

David McDonald, director of Emergency Management and Safety, said text-message systems have proven to be effective in disaster



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Sophomore business student Corinne Boynton sends a text message on her cell phone Monday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Students may now sign up for the "e-Lert" system, which sends text messages in case of emergency.

situations when people cannot call out for help.

"We are always looking to improve our safety communications," McDonald said. "Our big effort is to make sure we can put out emergency communications, and this is an efficient method."

McDonald said signing up for the e-Lert system is easy. All students need is their phone number and access to the university's Web page. There, they will simply enter their phone number into an online form to become part of the system.

E-mail reminders and links to sign up for e-Lert have been sent to all student accounts, and an opt-in reminder will show up each time students change their e-ID password, McDonald said.

A confirmation e-mail will be sent once a student has put his or her phone number on the list to be sent these emergency alert text messages, as well as period test texts to check the system for

errors.

The e-Lert text-messaging system operates in conjunction with the SIUE Police Department, McDonald said, with some emergency alerts prepared ahead of time to ensure faster delivery. These text messages will be sent out immediately after an emergency call is made to the police dispatch, McDonald said.

"Hopefully, the system won't ever have to be used," freshman Julie Mockler said. Mockler said after seeing newsletters and e-mails from the university, she will probably sign up for e-Lerts.

Junior Chris Doiron, however, said he will not be signing up for the alert text messages any time in the near future.

"I've had issues with the same kind of program, through Yahoo, sending me texts when I don't want them," Doiron said. "I still think it's a good thing."

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Police Reports

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Police issued Peter J. Wallace a citation for expired registration and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police arrested Nicole R. Reynolds for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Reynolds was arrested after being pulled over for speeding on South University Park Drive and was given citations for speeding and driving on a suspended license.

Police issued Hannah J. Ritter a citation for expired registration on South University Drive.

Police issued Phillip W. Colbert a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

An officer took a report of money being stolen from a wallet in Woodland Hall. The theft was recorded as being more than \$300.

Police issued Dustin E. Collier a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Jamie M. Baker a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Simon M. Katumu a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Kimberly F. Collin a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Remy M. Shorter a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Brittany N. Zehr a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Krista A. Ginestra a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police issued Jasmine D. Burton a citation for driving on a suspended license on Circle Drive.

Police issued Justin P. Steinkuehler a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Park Drive.

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Police issued Lisa Smith a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Jennifer K. Ritchie a citation for expired registration on South University Drive.

Police issued Britani E. Whitelaw a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

2-27

Police issued Elizabeth A. Bauer a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to a traffic accident in Lot A, where more than \$500 in damages were estimated. There were no injuries and no road blockage reported.

Police responded to a traffic accident on South University Park Drive. A citation was issued to Brandon K. McCormick for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. One vehicle in the accident was towed from the scene. No injuries or road blockages were reported.

Police responded to Woodland Hall regarding criminal damage to government-supported property.

Police responded to Peck Service Road regarding a hit-and-run traffic accident on Circle Drive.

Police took a report of harassment by electronic communication after a university employee reported receiving a harassing e-mail.

Police issued Nicole T. Dittmer citations for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive and

for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police took a report of a stolen license plate from a vehicle.

Police took a report of theft from a vehicle parked in the soccer fields adjacent to Stadium Drive. The owner reported three CDs and an insurance card missing.

Police issued Matthew G. Ferguson a citation for disobeying a stop sign at North Circle Drive.

Police took a report of the theft of a hangtag from a vehicle parked in Lot E.

2-28

Police took a report of a university employee in Rendleman Hall receiving a harassing phone call.

Police issued Vashea L. Stanford a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in parking lot 5G of Cougar Village.

Police took a report of the theft of a red, padded folding chair with SIUE logo from the Vadalabene Center.

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Hamel for general work, Lowry Electric Co. of East St. Louis for electrical work, Hock Mechanical Inc. of Belleville for ventilation work and plumbing from Edwardsville-based France Mechanical Corp.

The total cost of the project is below the \$10 million budget, sitting at just under \$9 million.

The tuition and fee increases will be voted on when the BOT comes to SIUE for their next meeting April 10 in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

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The system will not send any advertisements and holds no other affiliations outside SIUE, McDonald said.

SIUE Police Captain Tony Bennett said the e-Lert system will work to supplement the new additions and training within SIUE's police force.

"This particular method is the fastest and most efficient," Bennett said. "I think students utilize texting far more often than the older population."

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Night they'll never forget

Speaker tells of spring break DUI wreck that killed his three best friends

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Reporter

The crowd filled up the bleachers of the Vadalabene Center. In the corner, someone convinced the crowd to start the wave. Everyone was talking and laughing and having a good time. Twenty minutes later, the mood changed dramatically.

Sunday night, Alpha Phi sponsored guest speaker Mark Sterner, who spoke to the crowd about his experience with drunk driving during his spring break senior year of college.

All students involved in an SIUE athletic team were required to attend, as well as some Greek organizations on campus.

Sterner, who was involved in a Greek organization in college, asked the audience a series of questions about their lives and the choices they had made.

"How many of you have driven drunk? How many of you have killed your three best friends while driving drunk?" Sterner raised his hand.

For spring break his senior year, Sterner and four friends visited Sanibel, Fla., just three months away from graduation. They stayed in a condo and spent the week relaxing on the beach,

drinking and goofing off.

The friends decided to take turns being the designated driver, but on the last night of the vacation, they decided to all have a good time. They decided that at the end of the night, whoever was the "least drunk" would drive home from a bar only 15 minutes away.

Before heading out to the bar, the five friends all did shots. They videotaped the vacation so that they could all go back and watch it years later. None of them knew it would never happen.

On the way to the bar, the boys drove 100 mph. They were talking and laughing, looking forward to the night ahead. Sterner showed the crowd the video and laughs were heard throughout the VC.

On the tape, one of Sterner's friends told the camera "Tonight we are going to get out of hand. We are going to show Sanibel a night it will never forget!"

After the tape was over, Sterner's face was the picture of pain.

"You heard my friend say, 'Tonight we are going to get out of hand. We were going to show Sanibel a night they would never forget,'" Sterner said. "At the time, none of us knew how right

we were."

Sterner told the crowd that when he and his friends were ready to leave the bar around 12:15 a.m., he was voted the least drunk and had to drive. On the way back, Sterner said he did not drive over 50 or 60 mph, but when the car's front tire left the road, the drive home turned deadly.

Sterner said the car flew across the road and crashed on the other side. Sterner and his friends were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car. His friends Jim and Pete both hit a tree, and the car crushed his friend Aaron. All three were killed instantly.

His friend Darren survived the crash with only minor injuries. Sterner was also thrown from the car and hit a tree. One of the branches went through his arm and he fractured nine ribs, one of them puncturing his lung. He also had head trauma, many scrapes and bruises and lost over a third of his blood. When the paramedics found him over 40 feet from the crash scene, they were shocked he was still alive.

"The paramedic told me that when he checked for my pulse, it

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Job fair to bring record number of companies Wednesday at VC

by Whitney Tate
Alestle Correspondent

College is often the last hurrah before heading out into the real world in search for a career. From seniors preparing for life after graduation to freshmen trying to choose a major, SIUE is hosting a career fair to help its students focus on their futures.

Career Network '08 is sponsored by the campus' Career Development Center. Companies pertaining to all majors offered at SIUE, except education, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center. Students should wear business attire.

A separate fair focusing exclusively on education will take place from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. With 52 school districts participating, this will be the largest number of participants the education fair has hosted.

Jean Paterson, Career Development Center director, said Career Network '08 has a number of benefits to offer students. With 153 companies participating this year, there are several co-op, internship and full time positions available.

Even though Paterson suggested going into the fair with an agenda, she recommends giving all companies a chance.

Although the fair is free for the students, each of the employers paid to attend.

"It's a good way for employers to spend a dollar, by promoting on college campuses," Paterson said. "They wouldn't keep coming back if they weren't hiring the students."

Dean of Student Affairs Jim Klenke attended previous SIUE career fairs and is well aware of what they have to offer.

"Students should expect to see a large array of employers anxious to talk to them," Klenke said. "The companies realize the high caliber of our student body."

Paterson said many employers use career fairs when searching for future employees.

"Career fairs are one of the

top four ways employers hire students," Paterson said. "You want to make a lasting impression and a positive one."

Sophomore computer science major Joshua Anderson has been finalizing his resumé for the fair.

"It seems like a great chance to get my name out there and at the same time see what opportunities are out there," Anderson said. "I know I'm just a sophomore, but you can never start too early."

Looking into law enforcement, Anderson plans on visiting the FBI booth, as well as the Illinois State Police recruitment booth.

"There's a good chance I'll talk to other companies while I'm there, but those are the two that I'll definitely check out," Anderson said.

Students should bring several copies of their resumé for the employers.

"Your resumé is your first chance to get your foot in the door," Paterson said.

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Women's History Month starts with 'Women and Elections' Wednesday

by **Lindsay Stuart**
Alestle Reporter

March marks the beginning of Women's History Month and the beginning of numerous events at SIUE that honor women.

SIUE political science professor Carly Hayden-Foster said Women's History Month helps women get the credit they deserve.

"Women's History Month is important because it focuses on women and women's contributions which sometimes get overlooked," Hayden-Foster said.

On Wednesday, Hayden-Foster will host "Women and Elections," a speech presentation about the contributions of

different women in history to the U.S. political process.

"I teach classes in women's politics here, and so the talk I will be giving is about stuff that I normally cover in my class," Hayden-Foster said. "We will talk a little bit about the history of women in elections in the United States. We will talk a little bit about the current presidential primary race, and we will talk about some overall patterns of women in elections in the United States."

The talk will be at noon Wednesday in Peck Hall 3404.

For more information on Women's History Month, see Thursday's Alestle.

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was more to declare me dead than to see it I was alive," Sterner said. "He said that he was shocked to find one."

Sterner was in critical condition for two weeks and came close to being declared dead a few times. When he finally awoke for good, Sterner found that his life had changed forever.

"I never would have guessed how quickly my life would have changed dramatically," he said.

Sterner was charged with three counts of manslaughter. He spent three years in a Florida maximum-security prison, living next to rapists and murderers.

When he was finally released, Sterner decided to devote the rest of his life to warning students of the dangers of driving drunk. He visits more than 120 schools a year, telling his story to people across the country.

"I relive the worst night of my life over and over to complete strangers, so that you won't make the same stupid decision that I made," Sterner said.

Sterner said according to statistics, more passengers die in DUI accidents each year than drivers.

"Take care of your friends," Sterner said. "I didn't take care of my friends, and I will regret it for the rest of my life."

Sterner said he has to live with the guilt of killing his friends every day of his life.

"I was the one driving the car," he said. "I should be the one who died, not my friends."

When Sterner showed pictures from the crash, the VC was silent. Sterner also showed his mug shot, taken when he was still in his hospital bed.

Sterner said he was the baby

of his family, the youngest of four children. He was the first person in his family to go to college.

"Instead of being the first person in my family to graduate college, I was the first person in my family to go to jail," he said.

Sterner asked everyone to think of his or her three closest friends. He told them to picture the inside jokes, the funniest stories and the times spent with them.

"Now imagine waking up tomorrow to hear that they are all dead. I woke up and my best friends were dead," he said. "And, worst of all, I was the reason they were dead."

Sterner asked the audience to not make the same mistake he did. "I'm not here to tell you to make good choices. You all are old enough to make your own decisions," Sterner said. "Have fun, enjoy yourselves and make it back alive."

Freshman Lindsey Liermann said the presentation was different than she expected.

"It was more of a personal story," Liermann said. "Usually it's just a person telling us what happened or what can happen, but this was different because it was someone telling us what actually happened."

Sandy Nicholas, who came with Delta Phi Epsilon, said she had been to another drunk driving presentation earlier in the year, but this one affected her much more.

"It was really, really sad," Nicholas said. "I was blown away."

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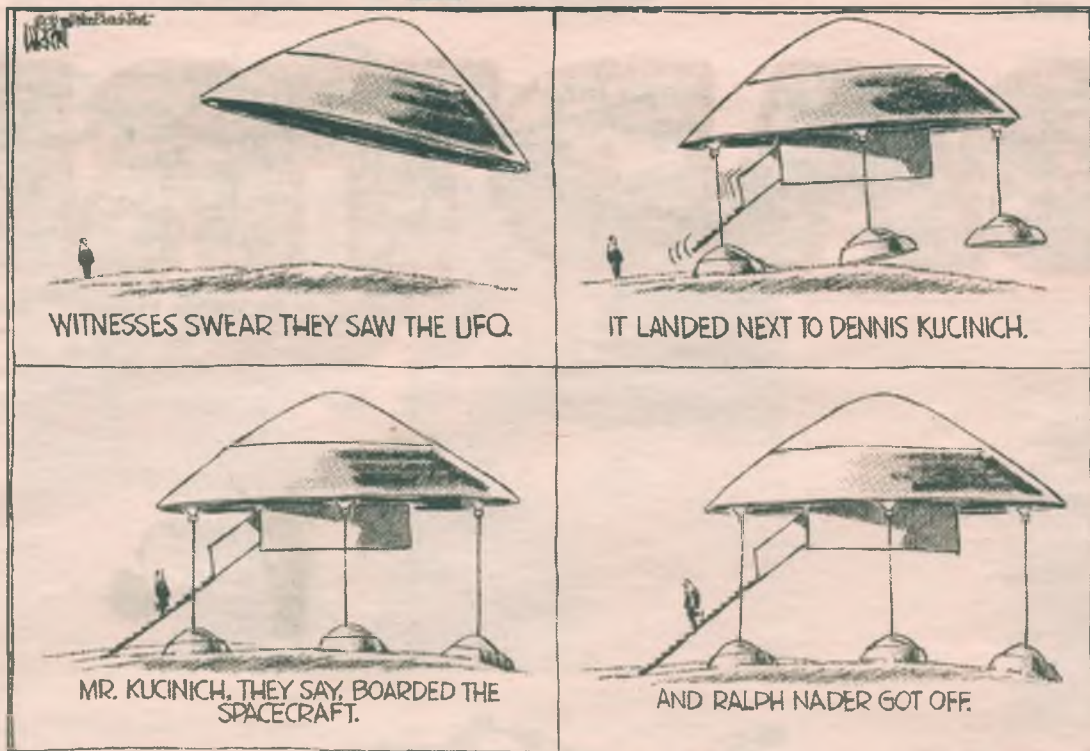
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Dear Weather: We're through

I don't see the love in your eyes anymore. This weekend you were happy and shining in the 70s, and all the birds and forest creatures were singing and taking part in complicated dance routines.

You were telling me "I can change, honest," but then Monday came. I saw you strategically place that ice so I'd slip and you can't fool me; you haven't changed one bit. And to be frank, I think you've lost your damn mind.

I'm staring at the forecast, and I am simply appalled at what you've been up to. You're going to drive me crazy with your three inches of snow on Tuesday and freezing rain Wednesday night.



Matthew Schroyer

Thursday it looks like you're just going to be mean and cold, with lows in the teens. The weather people are telling me to stock up on essentials like I'm hunkering down for a nuke attack.

I'm considering shutting myself in the bathroom with a tub of ice cream and a spoon, locked in a fetal position, crying that I won't come out until spring.

You know that Tuesday morning, I'm going to wake up, find that snow on the ground (even if it's just a teensy bit) and then I'll lose it. I'll be out on that front porch in my housecoat and bunny slippers, arms flailing and hands gesturing inappropriate displays of affection, cursing an indescribable love for you.

Speaking of the mornings, why do I keep waking up to find that you've completely trashed my car? I ought to call the cops on you for always leaving a ton of ice and snow

all over it.

You know how much we students need our cars to get to campus in the mornings, and nobody seems to cut us slack when you sack us in a fit of rage. In other words, you're not helping.

Look, I don't know if this has anything to do with your global warming "thing," or if it's something I muttered during the sleeting storm two weeks back, but it's got to stop. This is ridiculous. You know what, forget you. I'm leaving your crazy ass behind and moving to Florida. Consider yourself dumped.

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U.S. makes peace through music

A milestone in international relations occurred last week when the New York Philharmonic Orchestra performed in Pyongyang, the capital city of North Korea.

The relationship between the U.S. and North Korea has been tense, at best, since just after World War II, when the East Asian country temporarily became the spotlight of a decades-long conflict between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

Since that time, then-U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's 2000 trip to Pyongyang has been the lone visit to North Korea by a major U.S. government figure.

Now, as the North Korean government dismantles its nuclear weapons program, the Philharmonic's appearance may have ever so slightly nudged at the door separating diplomatic relations between the two governments.



Megan McClure

But isn't it an odd coincidence that musicians are being sent as cultural ambassadors to North Korea, while the presence of music education is simultaneously being whittled down in American schools?

According to the Center on Education Policy, 44 percent of school districts have increased English and math instruction in elementary schools and decreased instruction time in other areas - including fine arts - since the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act.

While English and math are undeniably crucial aspects of American education, other subject areas - including fine arts - cannot be ignored.

No Child Left Behind is not the sole cause of this trend. As school districts' pocketbooks grow thin, something has to give. While many areas of education have seen cuts from lack of finances, the arts have arguably suffered the most damage.

Even in my home school district, the orchestra program ended up on the chopping block last year when money got tight.

While the Philharmonic's appearance in

Pyongyang will not directly result in widespread change, it marks a tiny victory for international cooperation. This landmark performance proves that music goes beyond instruments and notes; it is a language of its own that transcends cultural barriers.

If music is one of the first steps to diplomacy, it deserves proper attention in our schools. A generation from now, the results of cuts in music funding will become increasingly apparent.

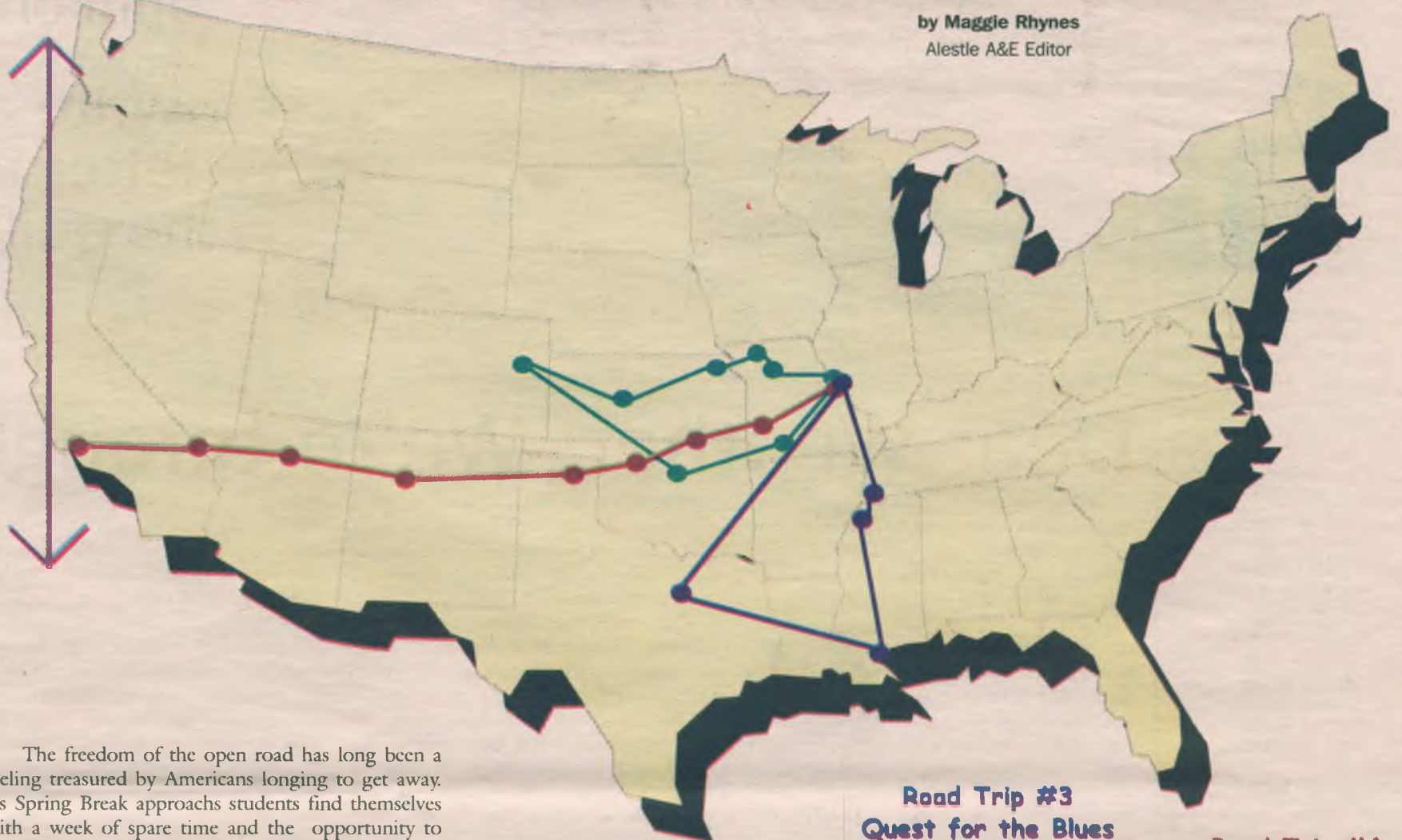
The New York Philharmonic's visit to North Korea has proven the value of music in intercultural relations. By reducing funding for the arts, we are in turn reducing opportunities for the United States to engage in this type of diplomacy in the future.

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Corrections: In Thursday edition of the newspaper, the Alestle erroneously stated the date of the event in the article "Learning a deadly lesson" as taking place on Tuesday. It was actually on Sunday. The Alestle regrets this error.

ROADTRIP

by Maggie Rhynes
Alestle A&E Editor



The freedom of the open road has long been a feeling treasured by Americans longing to get away. As Spring Break approaches students find themselves with a week of spare time and the opportunity to travel. While many will jet off to tropical destinations some will seek to discover America the old fashioned way — by driving its winding roads across the country.

Roadtripping, though often spontaneous, is practically an art. Just the right combination of gas money, loosely planned itinerary and road tunes are needed.

Here is our guide to four very different roadtrips. We've suggest the theme and the general route, the stops along the way are up to your planning. Or, just hit the road and see where you end up.

Road Trip #1 The Off-Beat Journey

The USA is littered with the World's Largest random objects and you can see plenty of them in a quick trip through neighboring states.

This roadtrip will lend itself to weird photographs and quirky adventures. Be sure to enjoy all the little towns and big cities along the way including Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita and Tulsa.

Total Drive Time: 27 hours

Route:

Begin in Collinsville, head west to Kansas City, Mo. with two stops along the way. Then you're on your way to Tulsa, Okla. Make a stop in Branson, Mo. and then back up to Edwardsville.

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World's Largest Catsup Bottle, Collinsville
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World's Largest Chimney Sweep, McPherson, Kan.
World's Largest Praying Hands, Tulsa, Okla.
World's Largest Pecan, Brunswick, Mo.

Road Trip #2 The Extreme Adventure

Brace yourself. This roadtrip is not for the faint of heart. On this trip, you will travel the Pan-American Highway, 16,000 miles from Anchorage, Ala. to Chile. You will cross 13 national borders and experience the widest range of climates possible. So get your passport ready, pack a variety of clothing and find a way to the starting point in northern Alaska.

Total Drive Time: Not even calculable.

Route:

Begin in northern Alaska, travel south through the United States following the West Coast all the way to the bottom and make your way into Mexico. Next up head through Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. You're almost there. Then it's through Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and finally Chile, where you can officially begin bragging that you drove the length of the continent.

Road Trip #3 Quest for the Blues

If you are looking to hear some blues there are a few locations throughout the country where you can get a good dose of historic blues and hear new and up and coming blues musicians. Conveniently, they are located neatly along a straight line south from St. Louis.

Be sure to plan out historical stops along the way with this trip. These southern states and the Mississippi Delta are rich with history you will not want to miss.

Total Drive Time: 26 hours

Route:

Begin in St. Louis and appreciate some close-to-home blues entertainment. Head south to Memphis then spend some time in the Mississippi Delta. From there, New Orleans is an easy drive and a must-see. Head west to Texas like many blues and jazz performers chose to do during the Great Depression. Then your headed back to St. Louis.

Road Trip #4 The Original Roadtrip

Route 66, one of the first transcontinental roadways has been decommissioned for years. Now officially Historic Route 66, the road that runs from Chicago to California is often bypassed for the interstate. But Route 66 still attracts those looking for the original roadtrip experience and a bit of nostalgia. The road is lined with motels, diners and historical stops.

There's something to be said for the view along Route 66 too. The road runs through a variety of terrain as it passes through the Midwest farms into Texas and on through California. There is plenty of fun at the end of the road too, as Route 66 comes to an end in Santa Monica, Calif.

Total Drive Time: 26 hours

Route:

Begin in St. Louis and head west. You'll need a good old map for this trip since you will not find Route 66 on most modern maps. Parts of the original road have been paved over with modern highways or have disappeared all together. So, plan to hop on and off the mother road.

Now Rating: Semi-Pro

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

Will Ferrell sure does love his sports. Not only can you find the former "Saturday Night Live" star at USC football games, but also in a host of sports comedies. He has starred in movies about NASCAR, figuring skating, soccer and now basketball. "Semi-Pro" may look like a rehash of things we've seen before from Ferrell, but don't be deceived. His latest foray into the genre may be the best one yet.



"Semi-Pro" stars Ferrell as the eccentric Jackie Moon, who is a player, owner and coach for his basketball team, the Flint Tropics. When the league the Tropics belong to, the American Basketball Association, decides to merge with the NBA, Moon and his team are forced to fight their way to the middle in order to make the cut and get into the NBA. Believe it or not, the ABA-NBA merger is actually true, and as such, familiar teams like the Nuggets, Spurs, Nets and Pacers are mentioned in the film.

The movie isn't an over-the-top slapstick mess for Ferrell to play around in like some of his other movies, but rather an organized parody with a peculiar central character. In fact, Ferrell is used somewhat sparingly, giving the other actors some time to make a name for themselves and allowing Ferrell's act to be all the better.

Co-starring with Ferrell is Woody Harrelson from the Oscar-winning film "No Country for Old Men." Harrelson represents the more serious, but still comic portion of the movie. He's also surrounded by the only drama in the movie thanks to an ex that is now married and a championship ring he earned while on the bench. For the most part, the dramatic elements work and fit right into the movie but are also fairly shallow.

Alright, alright, so you're probably wondering if it is funny or not. Well the answer is yes, it is. All-

out brawls on the court during commercial breaks to avoid fines, bear fights and dance numbers in sea horse costumes make up the more ridiculous humor in the movie, which is consistently on target. Moon also holds promotions that he thinks are impossible to achieve, causing him to do things such as tackle his teammates in order to avoid giving free corn dogs to fans.

My favorite people in the movie are the announcers. Played by Andrew Daly, who was Ben Franklin on an episode of "The Office," and Will Arnett. The two are a perfect match for each other. Arnett plays the whiskey drinking, raunchy guy to Daly's clean-cut, Christian man who shines in every scene he is in. It may sound a bit cliché, but it is executed in a fun and unique way that makes scenes they are in glow.

Ever since "Anchorman," I've been waiting for another funny Will Ferrell movie, and after a handful of misfires it seems that I've found what I've been looking for. If you are willing to deal with the sight of Ferrell in short-shorts for 90 minutes, then "Semi-Pro" will be worth your while.

4 out of 5 stars

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Black Heritage Student Talent Show postponed, search for talent extended

by Erika Helmricks
Alestle Reporter

Snow and ice weren't the only reasons for the indefinite postponement of the Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show that was set to take place in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center last Thursday night.

"The event was canceled prior to the storm in order to recruit more students to participate in the talent show," Steve Sperotto, director of the Kimmel Leadership Center, said. Sperotto said that there were not enough students performing to constitute a well-rounded show.

"Even if there had been enough students, the university was closed so the event would to have had to be canceled," Sperotto said.

There have been dates set for the reschedule of the talent show, according to Sperotto, but the department is waiting to check on the availability of facilities.

"Nothing has been officially scheduled into the computer," Sperotto said.

The postponement of the Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show will change the event's context in that it will no longer be an event in the

Black Heritage Month series in February at SIUE.

Junior Amanda Banks, chair for the Campus Activities Board planning committee for Black Heritage Month, still plans to run this talent show as a Black Heritage event.

"Though it's not going to be in February, we shouldn't have to limit it to within the month," Banks said. "Black history did not just happen in February."

"African-Americans contributed a lot to our history," Banks said. "Having a talent show allows us to incorporate African-American culture and history into dance and performance."

The talent show will tentatively take place in late March or early April, according to Banks.

"We will give notice long beforehand so that everyone who wants to audition can do so," she said.

This event will aim to display black heritage through self-directed student entertainment.

Students interested in becoming part of the rescheduled Black Heritage Student Talent Show can contact Banks via email at ambanks@siue.edu with contact and idea information.

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Cougars are conference bound



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SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg draws out plays for the women's basketball team against Rockhurst Saturday. The Cougars will play Northern Kentucky University in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Highland Heights, Ky.

Women's basketball advances to tourney on Senior Day

By Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

SIUE women's basketball's 81-60 win over Rockhurst University Saturday may go down as one of the most critical Senior Days in the program's history.

The team's seniors took control of the game and with Great Lakes Valley Conference rival Lewis University falling to Northern Kentucky University, SIUE nabbed the final spot in the GLVC tournament this week. Coincidentally, the Cougars are scheduled to play NKU at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Highland Heights, Ky., in the opening round.

In a Vadalabene Center gym that had bleachers decorated for the seven seniors and retiring coach, the 2008 Senior Day was full of basketball action.

The Cougars were down by 10 to the Hawks early in the first half, but then rallied on a 22-5 run to claim the lead. Jumpers and 3-point shots from seniors Amber Shelton, Laura Witherspoon, Whitney Sykes and Elyse Morris helped pace the comeback.

"We were still getting good shots, but we just missed layups," Sykes said. "We had to just keep on doing what we were doing, and they (fell)."

RU built its early double-digit lead

with a hot 3-point game from Ali Fromm and Chelsea Barnett, who together hit a perfect 3-3 from the perimeter in a span of two minutes. However, the Hawks missed their next six treys and by the time they recovered with a 50 percent perimeter game in the second half, they were already down by 16 and could not catch up to the Cougars.

"I'm just really excited that we made the conference tournament."

-Amy Austin,
 senior guard

"(Three-point) shooting usually comes and goes," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "Even with a good team, it's still hard to shoot it consistently like that throughout the game."

Shelton led all scorers with 22 points and nine rebounds, one short of a double-double, on her last home game. Witherspoon put up a career-best 16 points, which tied with Sykes for the day. Morris and junior forward Jessie Stapleton each posted 11

points in the win.

Barnett was the only Hawk to pass the 10-point mark with 15 points.

"You hope you don't have to rely on somebody else. You'd like to rely on yourself, but sometimes it's better (to be) lucky than good," Sykes said. "It's been a good day, so hopefully we continue that."

While Rockhurst's 3-point game

Men's basketball to host first round after weekend wins

By Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

For the fourth time in five years, the SIUE men's basketball team will compete for the Great Lakes Valley Conference title after cruising through wins against Rockhurst University 82-71 and Drury University 87-49 last weekend.

SIUE also saw career records shattered to complement solid performances from its seniors on Senior Day. Four players scored more than 10 points in the team's final regular-season game at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars, who are the No. 2 seed for the GLVC West Division, will host No. 3 East Division seed Saint Joseph's College at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the VC. Because of the tournament realignment for this season, Tuesday's game will be the first time SIUE basketball has hosted a tournament game since the Cougars entered the GLVC before the 1994-95 season. Typically, the teams would meet at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind.

SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said that hosting a tournament did not

even cross his mind.

"The only focus was just on Rockhurst and coming out and playing well," Forrester said.

SIUE carried a double-digit lead into the second half against RU Saturday, but let the Hawks climb their way back to within a point early in the period. Eventually the Cougars reclaimed their lead with 3-pointers from senior guards T.J. Gray and Anthony Jones. Timely free throws kept them ahead until the end.

"We just said, just keep our composure, we've just got to work harder on the defensive end, keep working our offense," senior guard J.B. Jones said.

Despite 28 points from Hawks star Al Smith, the Cougars managed to limit the team to 41 percent shooting, while they made nearly half their own shots.

Gray led the Cougars with 20 points and sank four of his nine 3-point attempts, which put him at 101 3-pointers in a single season. Gray previously broke Ron Jones' record of 74 during the 2002-03 season.

Senior forward Asa Clayborne recorded his first career double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds and J.B. Jones picked up 13 points. Anthony Jones added 11 points and also shared a record of most games played with J.B. Jones with 118.

J.B. Jones recorded three steals against Rockhurst to cement the all-time lead with 227 in his career. He also recorded three assists to hold the all-time mark for most credited passes with 562.

Junior guard John Edmison chipped in 10 points in the win.

Meanwhile, senior center Doug Taylor kept his record-breaking blocks going with three, putting him at 10 ahead of the previous record-holder, former teammate Dan Heimos, who notched 139.

After the game, Gray, Clayborne, Taylor, Anthony Jones and J.B. Jones stood at midcourt and gave their thanks to their families, their friends and the SIUE faithful.

"It was just like, whew, the four years went by, like so fast," J.B. Jones said. "When I made my first start, I never really did think I was going to get there, I (thought) it was going to be a longer



Pete Ridens/Alestle
SIUE junior guard John Edmison goes for a layup against Drury University Thursday. The Cougars will host Saint Joseph's College in the GLVC first round at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Vadalabene Center.

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slumped long enough to let the Cougars come back, Drury University was not as generous Thursday night. The Lady Panthers sank 11 3-point shots, including six in the first half, mainly from Sara Bos and Lindsay Ballweg.

"We do shoot quite a few threes, but tonight we shot them particularly well from out there," DU Head Coach Steve Harold said. "We were stepping to the ball, ready to shoot."

DU's early lead fell to two points, but a 14-0 run midway through the half put the Lady Panthers in a favorable position at halftime. The 13-point lead continued to grow for Drury in the second half as its 63 percent shooting put the Cougars away in the Panthers' 15th straight victory.

Drury fell to Quincy Saturday, snapping that streak.

"They're out to prove something, and they've been playing well," Hedberg said of Drury. "They had other teams down 20 points at halftime. I thought being down 13, we were still OK, if we just put together a little run and get going."

"But then they started the second half on (an 8-0 run) or something like that," Hedberg said. "It's just frustrating."

"Our major game plan was just to contain Molly Carter and kind of shut her down since everything goes through her," Shelton said. "I think we did a fairly good job of that in the first half, it's just that everyone else around her stepped up."

Ballweg led the game with 31 points. The University of Kansas transfer netted

13 of her 19 shots and hit all three of her 3-pointers. Carter added a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, Bos recorded 12 points and Caitlin Shouse collected 10.

Shelton led the Cougars with 25 points and was backed by 10-point efforts from Sykes and Stapleton. Shelton was honored shortly after the loss for her 1,000-point achievement in just two years as a Cougar. She is the first to reach the milestone in that span.

The Drury loss appeared to be a distant memory Saturday when fans cheered after hearing the announcer proclaim the Cougars' playoff future. Minutes before the men's game, the seniors, Hedberg and their families celebrated their special day at midcourt with balloons and flowers from the rest of the team and coaching staff.

Senior guard Amy Austin said she had "fun with it" on Senior Day, but she is happy her basketball career is alive for at least one more game.

"I'm just really excited that we made the conference tournament," Austin said. "I didn't want my season to end quite yet, it doesn't feel like I've been here for four years, so I think we're all very excited that we get to continue on to play."

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road, but time went by really fast, and I'm glad I was able to get through it."

The Cougars jumped out to a solid 11-point lead against No. 5-ranked Drury University at halftime Thursday, but what they showcased in the first half was a preview of a blowout. SIUE's shooting percentage rose nearly 20 percent in the second half and the team hit eight of 10 from the perimeter with what appeared to be a more intense Cougar squad.

SIUE finished with a 52-25 second-half attack to snap a six-game Drury winning streak.

"I thought our guys were ready," Forrester said of the Cougars' pumped-up approach to the game. He also said that Assistant Coach Mark Allaria came up with a good game plan to "attack the offense."

"I give credit to our guys again for attention, effort and doing a great job for sticking to the game plan," Forrester said.

Gray briefly left the game with an upper-leg injury, but came back to sink multiple 3-pointers for a total of 18 points for the night.

"I got kneed to my quad on a rebound, so I was just trying to stay loose and keep it warm," Gray said.

Taylor led all scorers with 19 as part of a quintet of double-digit performers. Clayborne and Edmision each finished with 14 points, and J.B. Jones added 10.

J.B. Jones said the Cougars bring tournament experience this week and will show no fear. Taylor, Clayborne, J.B. and

Anthony Jones were all members of the 2005-06 team that reached the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. The Cougars may have momentum after winning nine of their last 11 games.

Gray played in conference tournaments while with Western Illinois University and University of Illinois-Chicago, according to the schools' respective Web sites. On top of that, Forrester helped lead the Bradley University Braves to the NCAA Division I Sweet Sixteen in 2006.

"Experience plays a big part. You look at D-I the last two years, Florida won two years back-to-back, and I think their experience had a lot to do with that," Jones said. "In Division II, Virginia Union. How many times have they been back to the tournament?"

"With us having that much experience, we should look pretty good," Jones said.

SIUE fell to St. Joseph's College 82-60 in its only match against them this season back in January at home. J.B. Jones said Tuesday will be a chance to get back at the Pumas.

"I really can't speak for how they're going to bring it, but I know we're going to bring it because last time we met with them, they had a pretty good win on us," Jones said. "We're very excited, plus we owe them from the last time."

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MEDEA BENJAMIN

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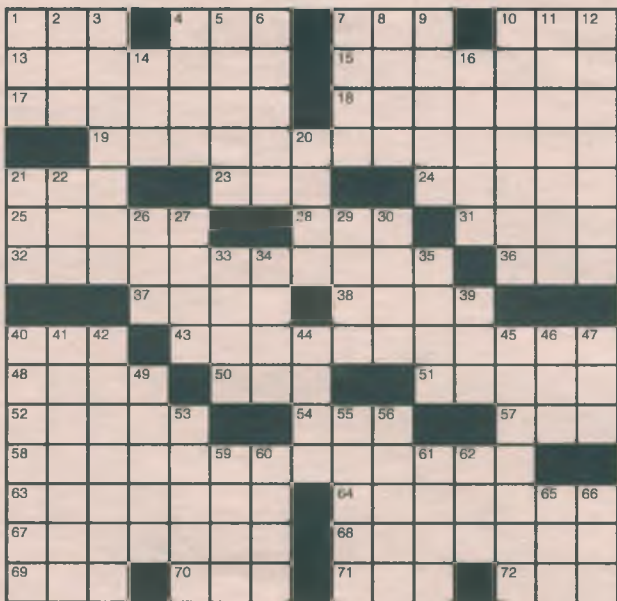
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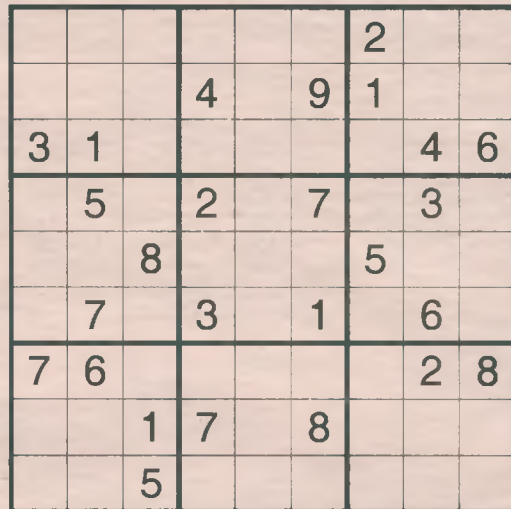


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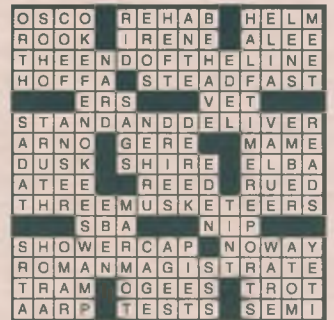


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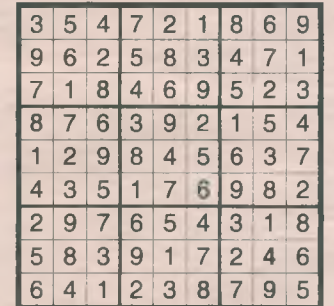
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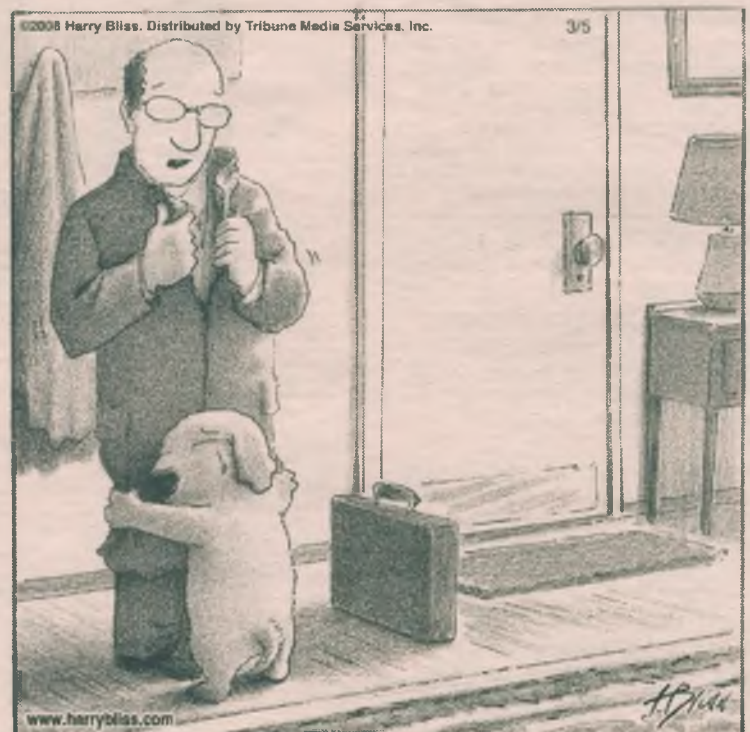
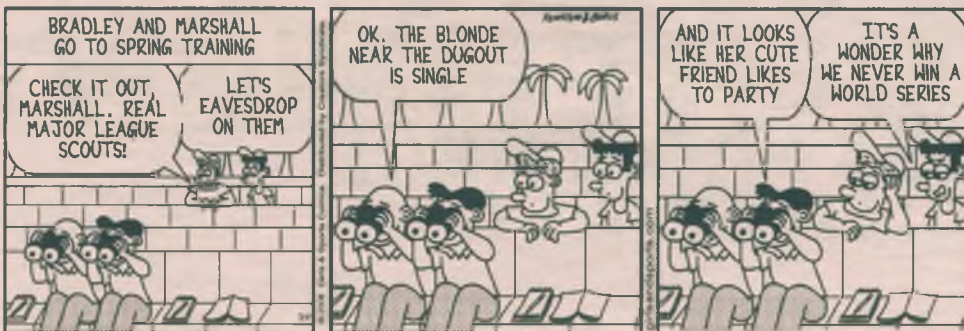


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HORSES: 5 y/ o Paint and 12 y/ o TB for Sale by student. Willing to work with Price! Call 618-830-4012 anytime. 830-4012

FURNITURE FOR SALE Cherry wood desk with lots of drawer, cabinet, and shelf space, wood TV stand, solid oak end table, full size bed with box springs, Ralph Lauren couch equipped with a fold-out bed and matching love seat. Will deliver locally if needed. Please call 618-420-6010 if interested and prices are negotiable. MUST SELL ASAP

MOBILE HOME 2BR, 1.5BA CLEAN! \$9500, 772-9962

HELP WANTED

Production Assistant Wanted

The Alestle is looking for students to work this summer, fall and spring semesters. Design ads for the school newspaper, using Quark, Adobe Suite and the latest computer graphics applications. Work with the latest computer desktop equipment in a real ad production newspaper environment. Call 650-3525 or email resume to migenov@siue.edu

SITTERS WANTED. AVERAGE \$10 per hour. Register free for jobs near campus or home. www.student-sitters.com

GOT NIGHT OR INTERNET CLASSES? Three full-time house painters wanted. 7a-4p M-F. Must have reliable transportation. Can lift 100 lbs. Willing to learn. \$\$\$ depend on skills learned. Call and leave message. (618) 656-9300.

IN HOME SITTER NEEDED -ASAP Evening sitter needed in our Edwardsville home 2-3 evenings, 7:30pm-12am Tuesday, Wednesday, and some Fridays. Must be playful and enjoy children. References a must! Transportation required. 920-7812

DENTAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTION If you are looking for a position w/ o exp. this is your chance to get the skills required to start your career as a dental professional. Sat's Only. 11 week training. Call Advanced Dental 618-541-6949

NOW HIRING Driver to transport school-age children to and from school and a qualified teacher to work in a Day Care Center. Both positions are part-time you must

pass the background check. For more information call 659-9402

SEEKING PHOTOSHOP PRO Looking for someone proficient in Photoshop, experienced with touching up pictures for a publication company in St. Louis. sturr23@hotmail.com 314.882.0140

MISCELLANEOUS

MUC PERFORMERS NEEDED Contact astubbl@siue.edu or call 650 5368 for info.

USED BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES. Good Buy Bookshop, Lovejoy Library Room

0012, Wednesday and Thursdays 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Lovejoy Library. 650-2714

NOW OPEN TLC Daycare 7 Located at 23D Kettle River Dr. Glen Carbon, IL 62034 Ages: 6 Weeks - 6 years old. 659-9402

ROOMMATE WANTED

2 ROOMS OPEN IN MAY, IN HOUSE 5 minutes from campus. Includes w/ d, dishwasher, yard. About \$400/ month or less! If interested, call Brianna at 309.251.8705

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20 cents a word 1-2 insertions, per insertion
19 cents a word 3-4 insertions, per insertion
18 cents a word 5-19 insertions, per insertion
17 cents a word 20+ insertions, per insertion

Print Extras:
All bold, additional \$5

Web Extras Vary

Please schedule your ad carefully as we cannot offer refunds. Corrections must be noted by on the first day the ad appears in the newspaper.

Deadlines:

By 11 a.m. Monday for Tuesday issue
By 11 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday issue

Having trouble? Call 618-650-3528 or e-mail classifieds@alestlelive.com

Alestle Office Hours (MUC 2022):
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri