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Storm leads to third snow day of semester

Emergency text-messaging system debuts one day after registration begins

by Catherine Klene
Alestle Managing Editor

Freshman Layne Vore woke up at 7:30 Tuesday morning to the news every student hopes to hear: classes were canceled due to inclement weather.

Vore and his friends spent their third snow day of the year taking advantage of the late winter weather.

"We went outside and had a snowball fight," Vore said, "because we have the mentality of third graders."

By the end of Tuesday's storm, four inches worth of snow had found its way to Edwardsville and the surrounding areas, closing all SIUE campuses.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenn Neher made the call to close the university for the third time this year. Neher said he could not recall a winter with worse weather since he first began working at SIUE in 1994.

"I think it's really more like the weather has been more severe this year than in years past," Neher said.

The weather may have shut down the campus, but it did provide the university with an opportunity to test out the new e-Lert text-messaging system, which students first had the opportunity to sign up for on Monday. Neher said he was very pleased with the way the e-Lert system operated.

"As of (Tuesday) morning, there were over 2,000 people signed up for e-Lert," Neher said.

When he checked the weather and made the decision to close around 5 a.m.

Tuesday, Neher said he called the SIUE Police and told them to send out the e-Lert.

"The (SIUE) Police pushed the button about 5:06 a.m., and by 5:08, all the messages were sent by the carrier," Neher said.

Neher said some people might not have received the e-Lerts because of "device issues," such as the phone being turned off, out of range or rejecting the

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Univ. Park business buys \$1.7m domain

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

A University Park corporation made history by buying one of the most expensive domain names on the Internet when ESS Data Recovery announced Friday that it purchased www.datarecovery.com for \$1.7 million.

ESS, or Electronic System Services, takes hard drives that have been damaged or have malfunctioned, and copies the otherwise unreadable information onto a new hard drive. ESS also recently added a service to recover files from broken iPods and transfer those files to a new unit.

ESS President Benjamin Carmitchel said the pricey Web spot was secured to distinguish the company from a new crop of competitors.

"When somebody has a data disaster, they may not know those companies since its such a niche industry," Carmitchel said.

The purchase by ESS Data Recovery, Inc., headquartered at 110 North Research Drive, is the most expensive domain transaction so far this year and ranks among the

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Big names on the net

Top 30 most expensive domain name purchases:

Site (Year Purchased)	Price
1 sex.com (2005)	\$12m
2 porn.com (2007)	\$9.5m
3 diamond.com (2006)	\$7.5m
4 business.com (1999)	\$7.5m
5 beer.com (2004)	\$7.0m
6 casino.com (2003)	\$5.5m
7 korea.com (2000)	\$5.0m
8 asseenontv.com (2000)	\$5.1m
9 shop.com (2005)	\$3.5m
10 altavista.com (1998)	\$3.3m
11 software.com (2005)	\$3.2m
12 vodka.com (2006)	\$3.0m
13 loans.com (2000)	\$3.0m
14 wine.com (1999)	\$2.9m
15 creditcards.com (2004)	\$2.8m
16 tom.com (1999)	\$2.5m
17 autos.com (1999)	\$2.2m
18 coupons.com (1999)	\$2.2m
19 computer.com (2007)	\$2.1m
20 england.com (1999)	\$2.0m
21 express.com (2000)	\$2.0m
22 telephone.com (2000)	\$2.0m
23 savings.com (2003)	\$1.9m
24 seniors.com (2007)	\$1.8m
25 mortgage.com (2000)	\$1.8m
26 datarecovery.com	\$1.7m
27 branson.com (2006)	\$1.6m
28 vip.com (2005)	\$1.4m
29 cameras.com (2006)	\$1.5m
30 deposit.com (2006)	\$1.5m

source: DNJournal.com



June Farley/Alestle

Biology graduate student Mariellen Sydow, uses a forced transducer, which measures heartbeats, Wednesday in the Science Building. Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard was recently named to the Illinois Works Coalition, which deals with funding for a second science building at SIUE, among other state projects.

A matter of money

Poshard to co-chair group to secure funds for construction of new science building

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has chosen Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard as the co-chair for the Illinois Works Coalition, along with U.S. House Representative Dennis Hastert.

Illinois Works, the \$25 billion plan to stimulate Illinois' economy, includes funds to pay for the future science building at SIUE.

The governor proposed that Illinois Works would be funded primarily through the Illinois lottery, with 65 percent funded on a "pay-as-

you-go" basis. This way, bond debts are kept to a minimum.

Planning for the second science building has entered the design phase. Faculty members are planning the layout of the labs and the equipment necessary for the labs.

After this process is done, architects and engineers will work on the utility sections of the building, including electrical outlets and gas lines.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Walker said the design phase of the science building

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CAS dean to leave SIUE

Alestle Staff Report

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely will leave SIUE this summer to take a job as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Western Oregon University.

Neely has been the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at SIUE since 2001.

"I will be working as the provost and vice president for

academic affairs and another way of referring to that is the chief academic officer of the institution," Neely said. "... I had similar responsibilities for the college, but this will be for the entire university."

For more information, see the next edition of the Alestle.

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Police Reports

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Police issued Mary L. Wlodarek a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Drive.

Police issued Channing M. Peters a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Drive.

Police issued Sami Ahmed a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police responded to a report of computer memory cards stolen from Alumni Hall. The theft was estimated to be more than \$300.

Police issued Christopher M. Stewart a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police responded to a hit and run accident in Cougar Village Lot F.

Justin C. Hartley was arrested on a felony warrant for criminal damage to state supported property. Hartley was not able to post \$20,000 bond and was transported to the Madison County Jail.

Police issued Mitchell D. McKee a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued Richard W. Ridgeway a citation for illegally parking in a handicapped space and for using another person's handicapped hangtag. The hangtag was confiscated.

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top 30 priciest domain transactions of all time. The purchase fell just below the 25th-ranked \$1.8 million www.mortgage.com, according to data from www.DNJJournal.com, a Web site that monitors the buying and selling of domain names.

ESS has restored experimental data from the world's largest particle accelerator and regularly does business with NASA. From time to time, customers also request the more mundane, but personally important task of recovering family photographs from a crashed hard drive.

"We have a lot of home users, and we apply the same technology that we use to recover from large business or NASA for the average Joe," Carmitchel said. "It's pretty expensive, but the pricing is getting a lot more reasonable for the average consumer."

Carmitchel began ESS in 1997 after graduating from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The service catered primarily to the scientific community of that university and consisted mostly of designing custom computers. That venture proved not to be very lucrative, and Carmitchel changed focus and began recovering data for a living.

"I didn't make any money (designing computers), but I recognized the need for data recovery," Carmitchel said. "There were only four or five data recovery businesses in the United States at the time."

In 2006, ESS moved its headquarters to University Park to position itself in the St. Louis Metro market. ESS has two more offices, one situated near California's Silicon Valley and another located in Minneapolis. The staff of 23 serves

thousands of customers each year and took in \$2.1 million in 2007.

Jerry Weinberg, chair of SIUE's Computer Science Department, said while the domain is pricey, it is essential for a company to capitalize the Web. Weinberg said a corporation taking a popular domain would lock out smaller competitors, but is a necessary cost of a free-market.

"There's a lot of research on search bias," Weinberg said. "You're going to look at the first page, maybe the first five links."

Carmitchel hopes the new domain name will help keep ESS competitive.

"We're already known as one of the top 10 recovery labs," Carmitchel said. "I think it gives us some extra leverage and shows that we're for real."

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message.

As of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Neher said 4,400 had signed up for the text-messaging notification system.

"I think this is something that is going to be pretty popular with people," Neher said.

While some people enjoyed the snow day, Associate Director of Housing Scott Gluntz said he considered resorting to "no-snow dances" on Monday. This week marked the beginning of the housing

reservation process for many students opting for a spot in Evergreen Hall or Cougar Village.

Despite Gluntz's efforts, the snow came, and University Housing had to revise its reservation process schedule.

All Tuesday appointments were moved to Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., all the Wednesday appointments will take place Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, and those originally scheduled for Thursday will stay their

original time from 2 to 5 p.m.

Gluntz recognized that rescheduling appointments was an inconvenience for students, and he hoped the schedule would help as many as possible.

"With it being spring break and with the snow day, we know this is a super huge inconvenience for students," Gluntz said. "It wasn't our preferred plan, so we're trying to be accommodating as possible, but preserving the process so that it's as fair and equitable as possible."

If students cannot attend their appointment, Gluntz recommended a student sent the proxy he or she listed at the bottom of the application.

"I'm sorry for the inconvenience and the confusion," Gluntz said. "I can't make any excuses, all I can do is make the best of what we have."

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Today!

MEDEA BENJAMIN

Peace Activism as a Way of Life



A co-founder of CODEPINK, a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement that has been organizing creative actions against the war and occupation of Iraq since 2002, Medea Benjamin has been a tireless advocate for social justice for more than 20 years.

Thursday, March 6
MUC Maple / Dogwood
5:00 - 7:00pm

This program is part of Women's History Month 2007 and "Peace in a Time of War: A Film and Speaker Series"
 It is jointly sponsored by SIUE's Women's and Peace Studies Programs

"Peace in a Time of War" is made possible by a generous grant from SIUE's Excellence in Undergraduate Education Program. For more information on the series, contact Steve Tamari at 650-3967. For more information about Women's History Month events, contact Prof. Mariana Solares at (618) 650-5060.

'Code Pink' peace activist to speak on campus Thursday

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Reporter

Peace activist Medea Benjamin will speak Thursday at SIUE, continuing a the yearlong series of films and speakers, "Peace in a Time of War."

Benjamin is the co-founder of Code Pink, a women's initiated peace movement dedicated to ending the war in Iraq.

According to the Code Pink Web site, the name of the organization plays on the Bush Administration's color-coded homeland security advisory system. The Web site says that, "While Bush's color coded alerts are based on fear, the Code Pink alert is based on compassion and is a feisty call for women and men to 'wage peace.'"

Benjamin will speak at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room. Benjamin said she will discuss topics such as the present situation in Washington D.C., the effects of war, trying to stop it and examples of how Code Pink has tried to stop the war and what good foreign policy would look like.

Benjamin has been a peace activist since the Vietnam War

when her fellow classmates were drafted to a war and not told why or told why they were supposed to kill certain people.

"It was wrong then, and it's wrong now," Benjamin said.

Code Pink was established after Sept. 11, though it was not originally planned to start a new organization. Benjamin is also the co-founder of Global Exchange, and until 2001 she said she kept busy with work through that organization.

According to Benjamin, after Sept. 11, "all this negative male energy" existed through killing and revenge. The founders of Code Pink felt a need for a response from women to stop these men.

"It is important to re-energize the peace movement," Benjamin said. "Especially during a presidential election ... to make sure things change."

Benjamin has spoken at other universities and colleges, most recently in Oregon, and said she tries to speak to many colleges, though lobbying against Congress in Washington takes up much of her time.

Benjamin said traveling the country and speaking to people is important to her, and she said it is important to focus on the rural

areas because it is from those communities that most people are being sent to war.

"Peace Activism as a Way of Life" is co-sponsored by SIUE's Women's Studies and Peace Studies Programs as part of the "Peace in a Time of War" series and part of Women's History Month, historical studies professor Steve Tamari said.

"She's a good example of woman leadership," women's studies graduate assistant Liz Stygar said.

Stygar said people attending this event from the Peace Studies Program might be different from those in the audience attending from Women's Studies Program.

"(Benjamin) is a good overlap between the two groups," Stygar said.

Tamari believes it is important to hold discussions like Benjamin's because the war "feels so distant from everyday reality." Even though some people are directly affected by the war in Iraq, there are still many that do not deal with it on a daily basis.

"Whatever your position, it's our responsibility as citizens to talk about it," Tamari said.

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Panel discussions to explore feminism in areas of academia

by Erika Helmerichs
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Sociology graduate students at SIUE held the first of two panel discussions on feminism Wednesday night in Founders Hall. These panels not only show the research in feminist fields done by students, but also serve as part of Women's History Month festivities on campus.

Women's studies graduate assistant Liz Stygar, the coordinator for the month's events, sat on the sociology panel for discussion.

"Usually if you want to learn about women's history, you have to take a specific course," Stygar said. "It's not taught in most basic introduction courses."

Stygar said Tuesday that she planned to use the panel to discuss her research on how "heterosexual, uncoupled, childless women over 30 perceive their single-hood."

Each of the panelists presented research and then an open forum was held.

Other topics in Wednesday's panel included graduate student Jamie Paul's research on Female Sexual Agency and her study done on the female experience in losing one's virginity.

Paul said Tuesday that "agency in a first experience for

females can affect future agency in current sexual experiences" and touched on the topics of female sexual control and desire.

The forum also featured graduate student Lauren Rowe's research on why women were left out of sociological research until the 1930s.

"It's important for women to feel comfortable and feel the freedom to ask questions," Stygar said.

Sociology graduate student Natalie Mette-Bory presented the preliminary research for her thesis, titled "Instructing Feminist Identity," which presents a male perspective into what feminism means and whether or not male professors identify themselves as feminists.

Mette-Bory said the panelists were eager to present research to students in a forum in affiliation with Women's History Month.

"I really think that this could create a good dialogue on campus about women's issues," Mette-Bory said Tuesday. "I hope students attend these panels and Women's History Month events because it brings awareness and gets them thinking about their own research in the field."

The next panel on feminism will bring research from the perspective of English graduate students at SIUE and will take

place Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Founders Hall. The format will be the same as Wednesday's panel with presentations focusing on feminism in literature and then open forum for discussion.

English graduate student Amber Scruton will present her research on the appearance of feminist themes in fairytales, including abuse and sexual behaviors.

"It's extremely important to analyze women's history," Scruton said. "People hear 'feminism,' and they think; 'oh, the f-word, it's awful.'"

Scruton said these panels on feminism do not aim to elevate women over men, but rather the panels strive to educate people so they can see culture from a different perspective.

"Feminism is typically thought of as a sociological field," Scruton said, "so you would never expect an English discussion like this one."

Student Michelle Ashley will cover the subject of androgyny in Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," with specific discussion of her thesis, titled "Pussies and Penises."

Additionally, graduate student Derek Velazco will

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Paul Pitts, Director, Institution Compliance Office

Shrylene Clark-Langston, Manager, Human Resources

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Board Room, MUC

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Module 18, 6:30 p.m.

Motivating Others

Pat Rzewnicki, The "Speech Teach"

Let's Talk

Board Room, MUC

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Module 9, 2:00 p.m.

Cross Cultural Awareness

Nikki Weinstein, Policy & Community Engagement

Focus St. Louis

Board Room, MUC

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Module 19, 6:30 p.m.

Understanding the Organizational Climate

Jack Holcomb, Compliance

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March 29 - The Gardens at SIUE

March 29 - Homeless Project

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www.siue.edu/kimmel/sldp/volunteer.

Senate to cover material from snowed-out meeting

Alestle Staff Report

Picking up where they left off after their last regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 22 was snowed out, the Student Senate and Executive Board will meet at 2 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Multiple orders of business slated for the previous meeting will be re-visited, as Glen Carbon Mayor Robert Jackstadt will be on hand as the afternoon's guest

speaker. Three program requests from the previous meeting will be addressed as well.

The groups vying for program funding include the SIUE Gospel Choir, Retention of African American Men and Student Organization for Sustainability. A travel request will also be presented by the Psychology Club.

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would take about six months.

While funds were provided for design and planning, funds for construction of the science building remain unfounded. Walker said the request for funding from the state is still pending.

"After the designs are complete, any work on the project will stop until funding for the construction is released," Walker said.

Rick Klein, a campus architect working on the project, said construction on the new building would take two years to complete. Renovation on the old building will take another two years.

Klein said the campus is in need of the funding and deservedly so.

"In the past we've been identified as the number one campus in need of new buildings," Klein said.

The cost of the project is \$75 million, with \$69 million for the building and the rest for other fees, including architect fees and furnishings.

Klein said while these are the

projected costs, inflation could cause a spike in costs. Though the budget would take this into account, he said the sooner the project is completed, the better.

"In this case, those numbers will increase with each year the legislature doesn't pass the bill," Klein said.

The science building is awaiting funds from the Illinois Works bill. The bill will provide funds for maintenance of roads, bridges and new school buildings.

Klein said Poshard's appointment to the head of the committee might help in receiving funding for the new building.

"Hopefully, it will lead to a breakthrough that the bill will be passed," Klein said.

As of Wednesday evening, Poshard was not available for comment.

For more information about the Illinois Works Coalition, visit www.IllinoisWorksCoalition.com.

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present research on the feminist nature of Ayn Rand, specifically through the novel, "Atlas Shrugged."

"I use her approach to the self to define her literature as feminist in nature because it does not force women into roles," Velazco said. "Through her (Ayn Rand) definition of selfishness, she defends women's ability to do anything."

Velazco said he does not support the months dedicated to specific groups within society because they allow these groups to be ignored the rest of the year.

"The fact that we read a novel by a woman during Women's History Month because it is obligatory is not really progress," Velazco said. "It is covering the fact that this section of literature can be largely ignored by the educational system."

Velazco said this is his first year in participation with

Women's History Month and with this type of panel.

"I think that the most important reason for students to come is the fact that most of them have not had a great exposure to thinking about how gender roles affect everything in life," Velazco said. "This would be a good introduction."

Women's History Month features a diverse group of events this year, Stygar said. Workshops, discussions and theatrical productions will all be included.

"I think too often people forget the important sacrifices and strides women have made in all disciplines," Paul said, "and we need to continue to educate ourselves about the past in order to move forward in a positive direction."

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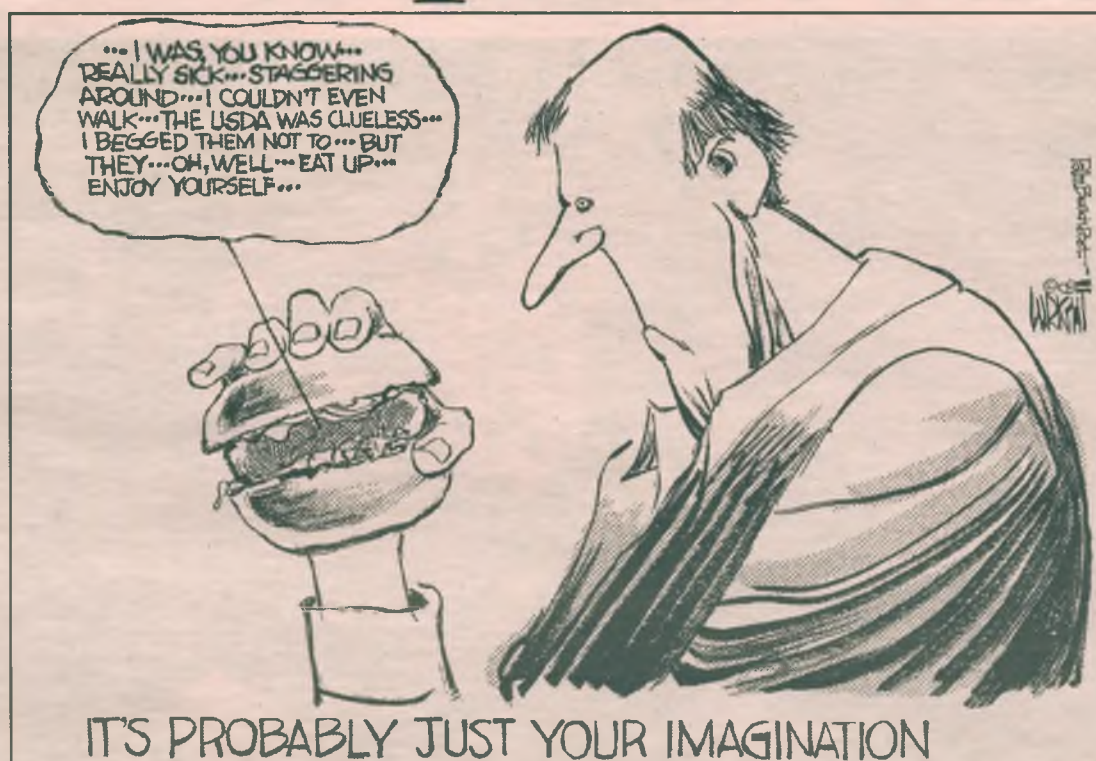
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Election drama raises interest

This year's presidential race feels like something straight out of a TV show. In fact, it practically is.

Three years ago, "The West Wing" had a storyline where two Democratic candidates were locked in a dead heat. One of the candidates was a Latino congressman from Texas, while the other was the sitting vice president, hoping for an easy, early win.

The race went all the way down to the wire, ending at the Democratic National Convention with each candidate furiously trying to get delegates on their side. Meanwhile, the Republicans had their moderate candidate from the West coast picked months beforehand. Alright, it's not a perfect match, but it sounds familiar, right?

So with all of this drama taken almost straight from the set of an Emmy winning series, it's no wonder people are coming in

droves to vote this time around. Maybe this year more people will vote in the presidential election than at the "American Idol" finale, even if it does have the benefit of repeat voting.

In the Democratic primaries, the youth vote has quadrupled in some states and has gone up five points to make up 14 percent of all voters, according to the Washington Post.

In Rhode Island, the Associated Press said the primary turnout record was smashed, jumping from 82,000 to 176,000 ballots and counting from Tuesday's pivotal primary.

And don't think it's only the Democrats who are bringing in the large crowd. In the Florida primaries, the Republican voter turnout nearly tripled to about 1.9 million ballots cast, according to www.npr.org.

Even CNN is breaking records. The CNN/Congressional Black Caucus Institute Debate, which was held in January, broke ratings records for primary season with nearly 5 million viewers.

It's incredible to think that at a time when American politics seemed to be in its darkest days, people have found a reason to

go to the polls and vote. "Change" may be the buzzword uttered often enough to warrant its own political drinking game, but obviously people really do want to see something different in the next four years.

Two weeks from today marks the fifth "anniversary" of the invasion of Iraq, and we still seem to be in the same hole we quickly fell into. Whether you agree with McCain or one of the Democrats, it's clear that voters want a new perspective.

Bush may be waiting for the history books to decide his ultimate fate, but the American people aren't. We've taken things into our own hands, just like Jefferson, Hamilton, Franklin and the rest had planned.

Just when I was losing faith in democracy, it pulled me back in.



Jeff
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Use caution while on spring break

Spring break has all but arrived. It is like Christmas, but in Florida at the beach with warm weather, cold drinks and just about everything else a college student would ever want. Okay, it's nothing like Christmas, but it sounds like it should be a good time.

Word of mouth and Facebook statuses give the impression that half of this school will be descending upon Panama City Beach next week. Given the large contingent of Cougars heading southeast, it is apparent that at least a few will make a questionable decision, maybe two (or 27).

Whether those questionable decisions are merited, such as littering a hotel room with

this edition of the Alestle, or doing who knows what with who knows who's sister (she was cute) or something of the opposite affect, like (insert embarrassing drunken experience that earns you a nickname here), try not to make a complete ass out of yourself. Remember, MTV is watching you, (although looking like an idiot on cable TV does sound really fun).

While earning a reputation as the guy who did the "Soulja Boy" on the set of TRL, partying non-stop and becoming oblivious to snow or classes for a week sounds appealing, so does staying alive.

Sunday night, Alpha Phi sorority hosted guest speaker Mark Sterner, who killed three of his closest friends in a drunk driving accident during spring break while he attended college in Rhode Island. The presentation brought with it the message that this could happen to anyone. Everyone

knows drunk driving is illegal and very dangerous, yet it is still very common among SIUE students, as a recent survey revealed 26 percent of all undergraduates have driven under the influence. If you are in Panama - or anywhere else - get a cab.

Alcohol is not the only thing to be safe with during spring break. Remember, he's not really that cute, condoms break occasionally and sunscreen is always a good idea. If a little dab here and there is too much work, you may as well spend spring break right here in Edwardsville. That's where I'll be.

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Courtesy Photo

The band Everest includes, from left to right, Jamal McLaughlin, Josh Steinman, Chris Ash and Justin McLaughlin.

Sounds of Everest

SIUE grad and former students produce album

By Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

In the span of a year, a collection of nine catchy and innovative songs from a band of former SIUE students and grads was imagined, recorded and captured in plastic discs. But between the two McLaughlin brothers, Justin and Jamal, who form the creative essence of the Edwardsville band Everest, neither will accept responsibility for forming the band.

"It really started out with (Justin)," Jamal said. "It's his band."

But Justin insists his younger brother "is Everest, and we back him up."

"We're brothers, so that's not too surprising I guess," Justin said.

What is discernable, however, are the individual influences of the McLaughlin brothers. Guitarist/ vocalist Jamal prefers the Beatles, whereas drummer Justin prefers the intense drums and driving bass of Rush. The sum of those influences, along with Electric Light Orchestra's keyboards and the heavy rhythm and gutsy vocals of Canada's Tegan and Sara, inspired Everest's most recent album.

"You take a couple Beatles-heads and

a couple Rush-heads, and that's how we sound," Justin said.

The album, titled "meet us again," is decidedly keyboard-driven, while catchy guitar riffs and strong drum-and-bass movements fill out the rest of the sound. The bulk of the music applies the instruments in a patchwork of subtle layers that phase in, drop out and pick back up through the progression of each song.

"It's always a balance of adding more layers, but not going over the top," Jamal said. "So I tried to strip it down a little bit."

On the vocal end of the sound, Everest's lyrics are deep and hauntingly cryptic. In the opening track, "reprise," Jamal sings, "I noticed something just today/ there was meaning in the tiny space between words/ so listen close to what I mean/ and you can barely hear somebody scream." Jamal said this and the rest of his vocals are improvised on the spot as songs are developed.

"We'll just start jamming, and I'll just start singing," Jamal said. "I don't ever write the lyrics down until we start recording. I just make them up, kind of like free style."

Other songs strike a sentimental

chord. One song, "Urbana," is dedicated to Jamal's memories of visiting friends in that college town. Jamal sings, "The times we'll have there/ the things we'll see... If telltale signs are telling only lies/ meet some friends there to wonder why." Another, "Nina and Seth," was originally an acoustic piece written for and performed at the wedding of their sister, completes the album.

For Jamal, Everest is the culmination of a jam session that has been going on since he was young. Justin and Josh Steinman, who work the bass and backup vocals and has known the McLaughlins since kindergarten, would play together as kids growing up in Alton. Jamal eventually learned guitar and joined the two on several musical projects. Josh took a break from music in 2002 and rejoined in February 2007. Factor in keyboardist Chris Ash, cousin to the McLaughlins, and Everest's lineup was complete.

Jamal, 27, and Justin, 32, said it's too late to take Everest on the road due to responsibilities that have built up over time, but said they are quite content with playing local venues. Though, Justin said, if "meet us again" caught enough attention, a tour would not be out of the

question.

"We're kind of old and stuff," Justin said. "We'd like to hit the road, but logistically I don't think it's realistic. But we would jump on it if it hit the roof."

Everest does, however, try to perform at least twice a month. Everest's next show will be 7 p.m. Friday on the stage of Illegal Tones at 6 South Church Street in Belleville. Also featured that night is SIUE alum Corey Goodman in his Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship act, along with Virginia Reel, Marlow Honey and Deep Roots. The cost of admission is \$5.

"It's nice and small, not too big," Jamal said of the venue. "It's a really professional performance, a really nice place."

As for obtaining the album, which is labeled "unauthorized duplication is not so bad" on the backside, Justin suggests sending a message to the band on their MySpace site to arrange for the transaction.

For more information about Everest, visit their MySpace page through the site everesttheband.com.

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You ought to be in pictures

Campus Activities Board sponsored a free photo booth in the Goshen Lounge in Morris University Center on Wednesday. Stephanie Medhurst, a sophomore International Business major and Kevin Coppinger, a graduate student in business, have fun in the photo booth.



June Farley/Alestle

A cure for cabin fever

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Reporter

The weather before spring break has been anything but fun in the sun, but come the end of March and into April, Campus Recreation has a few outdoor activities planned for post winter blues.

Campus Recreation is planning a Great River Road Bike Ride to Pere Marquette State Park, an afternoon hike in Pere Marquette and a Backcountry Cooking Clinic, all leading up to the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry Camping Trip in the Ozarks in Missouri.

"All of that sounds really cool," freshman geography major Jared Greek said. "Especially camping in the Ozarks."

These events are organized by Campus Recreation to get students outside and involve them in activities in the area that would benefit them the most, Outdoor Recreation & Aquatics Specialist Elizabeth Noffke said.

"Our primary goal is ... for individuals to gain a greater appreciation, awareness and understanding of our natural environment while having fun at the same time," Noffke said.

The Great River Road Bike Ride on March 29 is a 28-mile ride through the river towns of Alton, Elsah and Grafton up to Pere Marquette State Park. Noffke said the terrain is relatively flat for an easy ride for those who may not be very experienced, though it can become "very windy" up the River Road, making the ride more difficult.

Participants will have chances to stop and rest on the way up to Pere Marquette, and everyone will be able to eat at one of the local restaurants on the way back. The cost for participation ranges from \$5 to \$12.

Sophomore elementary education major Heather Hellmann is excited about the afternoon hike at Pere Marquette and says all the activities planned sound great.

"I love hiking and being outside. I love the outdoors," Hellmann said.

The afternoon hike will be on April 4, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Participants have the option of either bringing a sack lunch or purchasing lunch at one of the local restaurants, Noffke said.

Learning how to cook with and without fire, learning about edible plants, discussing nutrition and other topics will be covered during the Backcountry Cooking Clinic hosted at the Cougar Lake Pavilion on April 5.

Cost for this event and the afternoon hike at Pere Marquette also ranges from \$5 to \$12.

The cooking clinic is not mandatory for those wishing to



Photos Courtesy of Campus Recreation

Top: Students on a campus recreation outdoor trip go rockclimbing at Red River Gorge. Below: Campus recreation took an outdoor trip over spring break 2007 to go dog sledding. Several trips are planned for after this year's spring break.

attend the Backcountry Camping Trip, but Noffke said it is helpful and all participants are welcome.

The camping trip is scheduled for April 7 and 8 and participants will be leaving the Student Fitness Center at 7 a.m. on April 7.

Camping will take place in the Roger Pryor Pioneer Backcountry in a remote area of the Ozarks. The backcountry is 61,000-acre tract of land and is the state's largest privately owned forest.

Costs for this trip range from \$50 to \$70.

Senior civil engineering major J.D. Berge has participated in Campus Recreation trips before, saying the ski trip to Colorado was "a lot of fun" and a "good, cheap trip."

Space is limited to about 15 students per trip, Noffke said. Participants register at the front desk in the Student Fitness Center. The registration deadline for the bike ride is March 21, the deadline for the afternoon hike is April 2, the deadline for the cooking clinic is March 31 and a deadline for the camping trip is currently unlisted.

For more information students can check out the Campus Recreation Web site at siue.edu/crec or check out the Outdoor Recreation bulletin board in the Student Fitness Center. Other inquiries can also be e-mailed to Noffke at enoffke@siue.edu

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Women, men track win indoor GLVC



file photos by Laura Lengyel/Alestle
(top) Deserea Brown (left), shown in this 2007 photo, was named the GLVC Women's Athlete of the Year Saturday. (bottom) Chris Littleton (left), shown in this 2007 file photo, contributed to the 4x200-meter relay win.

By Josh McCarty
Alestle Reporter

Both SIUE track teams became champions Saturday, winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field competition.

The women's team dominated the field, scoring 270 total points. The second place school, Lewis University, had only 91.5. The men finished with 224 points, 80 more than second place University of Indianapolis.

The teams' success earned Head Coach Dave Astrauskas the GLVC Coach of the Year honors for both the women and men.

"The award is for the entire coaching staff," Astrauskas said. "I'm fortunate to have very good coaches around me in Coach (Ben) Beyers and (Eileen) McAllister."

Astrauskas was not the only Cougar receiving recognition. For the second year in a row, junior Deserea Brown was named the GLVC Women's Athlete of the Year.

"She's having one of the best seasons of anybody I have ever coached," said Astrauskas.

Brown finished first in the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 27.27 seconds. She also posted top three finishes in the long jump, 55-meter hurdles and the 200.

Her success was not limited to individual events, as she teamed with junior Shelinda Brackett, freshman Amber Triner and junior Angel Royston to win the 4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:40.34.

Triner also took first place in the 55 hurdles, while Brackett posted the fastest time in the 200. Brackett also teamed with junior Jessica Levy, Valery Taylor and Coreen Ellis to win first in the 4x400 relay.

Other first place finishers were senior Christine Butler in the long jump and sophomore Megan Dennis in the triple jump.

Senior Kyle Rose continued his successful season for the men's team with a first place finish in the 400. Rose also contributed to first place finishes by the 4x200 and 4x400 relay teams.

"We just knew we had to get out to a good start," Rose said. "The rest of the race would take care of itself."

The 4x200 team consisted of Rose, junior Chris Littleton, senior Michael Isbell and senior Chris Wright, while Rose, Wright, Nicholas Harold and Marcus Evans made up the 4x400 team. Evans also took first place in the 200-meter hurdles.

Senior Scott Block broke his own indoor record in the shot put, as he finished first with a throw of 16.92.

"Both of our teams have a very wide range of talent."

-Dave Astrauskas,
head coach

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Women's basketball ends season with loss to NKU

Head Coach Wendy Hedberg retires

By Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

As the buzzer sounded in the SIUE women's basketball team's 68-56 loss to Northern Kentucky University Tuesday night, the Cougars walked out of Regents Hall in Highland Heights, Ky., with the feeling of disappointment.

SIUE closed its season with the loss in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament quarterfinal. It would also mark the end of an era for SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg, who after 29 years at the helm will retire, as well as for a group of seven seniors.

According to Hedberg, the realization that she and the seniors are done with basketball has not sunk in yet, but she wants the players to walk out "with their heads up high."

"After the game, in the locker room, (I) told them that they played hard (Tuesday)," Hedberg said. "I congratulated them on a good season. It could have been better, but it was a good season."

SIUE battled through nine ties and 14 lead changes

with the Norse until the final seven minutes of the game. The Cougars were up by five until NKU went on a 17-0 run to claim the opening round.

"I just think they clamped down on defense and wouldn't let (us) score," senior guard Amy Austin said. "We couldn't find a way to score."

Unlike SIUE, the Norse did find a way. Several layups by Angela Healy and Cassie Brannen as well as several timely free throws helped them build a lead that could not be met by the Cougars.

"We were sitting in the zone and trying to force outside shots and then they just made some adjustments and got some shots inside against us," Hedberg said. "I kind of thought when we got that five-point lead that we could build something, but we ran out of gas."

The Norse appeared to capitalize on the Cougars' turnovers, as they scored 20 points off the 17 errors.

Senior Amber Shelton led all scorers with 22 points.



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Senior guard Laura Witherspoon fights for the ball in a game against Drury University last week. Witherspoon, six other seniors and SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg took part in their last game together in the 68-56 loss to Northern Kentucky University Tuesday.

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"...They competed their butt off"

Men's basketball finishes season losing to Saint Joseph's College, 73-71

By Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

With less than eight seconds to play, SIUE men's basketball senior guard T.J. Gray tried to erase what was an otherwise rough 3-point game for everyone, including himself.

However, his final attempt did not come close to the basket and it gave Saint Joseph's College the 73-71 win in the Great Lakes Valley Conference quarterfinal Tuesday night at the Vadalabene Center. Gray, who now holds the single-season record for most 3-pointers in a season with 101, managed just one try out of seven tries.

"Their defense seemed to be geared towards stopping us on the perimeter," Gray said of the Pumas, who limited the Cougars to four 3-pointers and a 20 percent perimeter game. "I take some of the personal blame for that, for taking some bad shots, in my opinion."

SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said the play was not intended for Gray, but for senior guard J.B. Jones. Jones overcame two Puma defenders to get the pass to Gray.

"(J.B.) made a heck of a decision," Forrester said. "I (also) have to give T.J. a lot of credit. He found a way to get the shot off and gave us a chance."

The Cougars battled the Pumas for practically the entire game. Even though SIUE entered halftime with a five-point lead after a 14-point effort by senior center Doug Taylor, who also blocked three shots, dunked six times and limited SJC center Brandon Mayse to two baskets.

However, several clutch shots from Devin Thomas and key 3-pointers from Will Jones helped the Pumas avoid a growing Cougars lead in the second half and maintain a slim distance of their own until the end.

"In the first half, they looked like they wanted it a lot more than we did," SJC Head Coach Richard Davis said. "At halftime, there were a few choice words here and there. I had to get our guys going."

Davis said the Pumas needed to focus more on defense because he believed they were "going to get buckets eventually" and did so with enough stops.

"We kept chipping away, chipping away and eventually get that swing going," Davis said.

Forrester said he did not deny the team's effort, but little things like bad passes, a lack of good free-throw shooting, defensive stops and consistent 3-point shooting hurt SIUE.

"(SJC) did a good job taking away Doug in the paint after we were trying to get it to him," Forrester said about the second half, as Taylor was limited to one basket after netting seven in the first half. "They gave us some open looks outside, and



Pete Ridens/Alestle

Senior center Doug Taylor looks to make a shot against Drury University last week. Taylor managed 14 first-half points, a school-record eight blocked shots and six dunks. Taylor finished with 18 points in the 73-71 loss that ended his career.

we just couldn't knock it down."

J.B. Jones and Thomas each finished with 19 points to lead all scorers. Taylor recorded 18 points and a school-record eight blocks and eight rebounds as he came close to a triple-double, and senior guard Anthony Jones added 10 with two key 3-pointers.

Ronald Coleman was the only other Puma to finish in the double digits with 13. Coleman also collected 10 rebounds for a double-double.

The season is over, as are the careers of Gray, J.B. Jones, Anthony Jones, Taylor and senior forward Asa Clayborne. Gray has only spent a year with the team, but he said he was proud of how the team grew into a collective unit.

"It was definitely a senior-led year," Gray said. "I think the seniors did an exceptional job of taking younger players under their wing."

Forrester said he was proud of the seniors and the rest of the team for competing and working hard for the 17 wins they finished with in his first season as head coach.

"I'm disappointed about the loss, but I'm not disappointed in how we ended the season," Forrester said. "I thought they competed their butt off."

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meters.

"I would've liked to have thrown it farther," Block said. "But I'll always take a record breaking throw."

Block also placed second in the weight throw with a toss of 18.37 meters.

Senior Wasim Walker scored 18 points, finishing in first place in the triple jump and second place in the long jump. The Cougars' distance medley team of Shawn Dillard, Brent Rehkemper, Aaron Wilson and Brian Getz finished in first-place with a time of 10:32.23.

Overall, the SIUE teams combined for 17 first-place finishes. The coach said the varying skills of

the athletes have a lot to do with the overall success.

"Both of our teams have a very wide range of talent," Astrauskas said. "We're able to put multiple people in these events, and that gives us a better chance to win."

The Cougars now turn their attention to the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships, beginning Friday, March 14, in Mankato, Minn. Fifteen SIUE runners and throwers have qualified for the event

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Fellow senior Whitney Sykes was the only other Cougar to finish in double digits, ending up with 13 points.

NKU boasted four players in double digits with Jessie Slack's 17 points and four treys. Danyelle Echoles also finished with four 3-pointers to complement a 16-point performance. Brannen recorded 14 points and Healy added 12.

Hedberg said NKU Head Coach Nancy Winstel exchanged good luck pleasantries and Winstel, who is also a good friend, wished her well in her retirement. She also said playing Winstel in the tournament was an "appropriate" way to finish a career.

"I've known them for years," Hedberg said of the NKU program. "I've gotten to know them, and it's kind of a good place to go, either way (if we win or lose)."

While Hedberg still has not fully reflected on her career at SIUE, Austin said her time as a Cougar athlete was "fun while it lasted" and hopes to carry on her



SIUE Women's Basketball Head Coach Wendy Hedberg

experiences to a coaching career of her own.

"I just got to take everything I've learned from Coach Hedberg and (Assistant Coach Lee) Green and teach some kids what I've been taught," Austin said.

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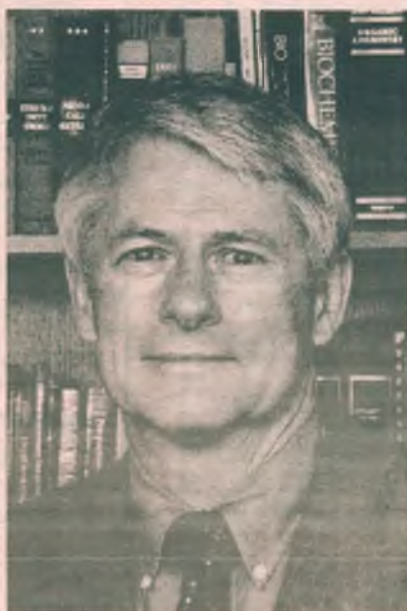
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48 1976-80 Wimbledon champion

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55 Sticking stuff

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SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham

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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of March. 10 - March. 16, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Business partnerships may now enter a brief period of intense negotiations. Over the next two days expect the announcement of new time or financial restrictions. Key officials will be moody and potentially misleading: avoid bold public statements or fast explanations. After Wednesday a long-term friend or lover may reveal deep feelings of doubt or mistrust. A demanding few days: stay focused and watch for rare romantic ultimatums, fast invitations and bold social comments.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
Close relationships will this week experience minor tensions. Group loyalty, canceled plans or recent social disappointments may prove vital: if so, remain determined and react quickly to comments or suggestions. Later this week gentle moments and changed attitudes will emerge. After Thursday a recent business or employment proposal may need to be redefined, debated or postponed. Ask for written documents and reliable promises: there's much to be gained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Examine money habits and financial obligations carefully this week. Planetary aspects indicate that new paperwork or business regulations will soon demand detailed attention. All is well, so not to worry. Do, however, pay special attention to changing deadlines or revised payment schedules. Later this week new invitations may be unusually distracting: team projects and social acceptance will soon offer tangible rewards. Stay open: new friendships will prove beneficial.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Unique career paths are intriguing this week. After Monday watch for friends or relatives to reclaim lost business dreams or return to uncompleted projects. For many Cancerians workplace diplomacy will provide valuable new options: offer support, guidance and continuing respect. Later this week long-term relationships

may experience a brief but intense phase of rekindled sensuality and newfound love. Ask partners for renewed promises: you won't be disappointed.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22)
Colleagues and officials will this week notice past efforts or personal style: before mid-week expect unusual overtures for your expertise, insights and advice. Some Leos, especially those born after 1962, may also encounter fast financial proposals: thoroughly check all facts, dates and figures. Late Saturday a new friendship may quickly evolve toward passion and romantic intrigue. If so, remain cautious: at present potential lovers may offer unrealistic promises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Loved ones may this week express restlessness, boredom or social isolation. At the same time that long-term relations are becoming more demanding, new social or romantic attractions may appear in your life. Remain philosophic and avoid quick decisions: new information and potential relationships will soon emerge. Wednesday through Friday highlights unexpected business announcements and revised financial information. Watch calculations closely for vital errors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
New business alternatives will arrive early this week: after Tuesday watch for written permissions or uniquely creative contracts. Recently unanswered questions will no longer be bothersome: pace yourself and let others define their own roles. Thursday through Saturday friends and relatives may probe for answers concerning recent social decisions or romantic changes. Offer clear explanations: loved ones want to appreciate and understand your motives and goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Early this week social disagreements may involve family politics, parent/child power

struggles or the emotional obligations of loved ones. Conflicting values, traditional roles and daily duties may be intense topics: remain patient and avoid strong statements, if at all possible. After Thursday many Scorpios will experience the renewal of workplace contracts or business promises. Watch, however, for minor financial errors or misinterpreted facts: small details will soon prove vital.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Late messages or sudden cancellations may now cause minor tensions: before mid-week watch for family obligations to be complicated by new social demands. Loved ones are now easily influenced by public pressure or innuendo: expect scattered promises and vague responses. Privacy is important: refuse to be drawn into gossip. After Friday daily workplace duties may be briefly increased. If so, disruptions may be bothersome: pay special attention to new deadlines.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Travel plans or last minute news may soon be revised: early this week watch for home events to be cancelled or postponed. Be diplomatic: unavoidable circumstances should not be taken personally. After Tuesday physical vitality returns: skin, upper chest and throat are accented. At present body awareness is on the rise: use this time to begin fitness regimes or adjust dietary habits. Later this week rest and regain energy: private family discussions may prove draining.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Relatives and friends may be emotionally unstable over the next few days. After Monday expect unusual requests for social clarity and dramatic statements of opinion. Areas affected are subtle romantic promises or disappointing decisions. All is well, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid detailed discussions involving past relationships. Wednesday through Saturday new financial opportunities may arrive without warning. Remain cautiously optimistic: extra time

is needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Workplace confidence is now on the rise: over the next 4 days expect difficult projects to be easily completed. Pisceans born after March 5 may also experience an unusual business request. Extra duties, added skills or training may be a strong theme: watch for valuable new options concerning management or team leadership. After Saturday loved ones or close friends may suggest rare group events: unique entertainment and artistic creativity are highlighted.

If your birthday is this week: In the coming weeks 16 months of strained home or romantic relations will end. Key issues may involve strongly disputed opinions, conflicting values or sibling disagreements. Let all fade and take extra time to rethink old problems: before April 19 little progress concerning family decisions will be made. Early May through mid-June, however, will usher in a new era of financial responsibility and emotional independence: use this time to restore confidence and social enjoyment. After Aug. 23 watch for a powerful wave of romantic interest, new sensuality and social intrigue. New relationships will arrive quickly and remain highly committed: stay open to sudden invitations and bold romantic proposals. 2008 will bring many positive changes: don't hesitate to follow your first instincts.

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Girls & Sports

By Andrew Feinstein

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