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Students attempt to put on a frozen shirt during a game at Relay for Life. Friday was the first time SIUE hosted a Relay for Life, the main fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Fighting for life

475 participants raise funds during SIUE's first Relay for Life

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Junior psychology major Leslie Bone walked the opening lap of SIUE's first American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on Friday.

Joined by seven other survivors, she marched around a crowd of applauding SIUE students and other supporters to Daft Punk's "One More Time."

Bone was joined by another small crowd of caregivers, increasing the intensity of the ovation and quickening the pulse and tempo of the 12-hour relay.

The entire crowd entered on the third lap, circling the EHS gym in an unbroken chain. Some participants danced to the pounding beat, jovial in spirit and emotion, while others held hands and marched forward.

Bone led her legion of supporters to the track, where survivors, caregivers and relayers walked, jogged and ran their way toward a cure for cancer.

The spring semester of Bone's junior year was cut short four years ago when she passed out while working at a restaurant. A subsequent doctor's visit confirmed that Bone had brain cancer.

"When you're 20, you're not supposed to have this disease," Bone said.

Chemotherapy and radiation treatment weakened her immune system, forcing her to put school on hold so she could cope with her ailment.

Bone said Relay for Life is successful in making the community aware about cancer.

"Being able to relate to people helps greatly," Bone said.

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Senior dies in weekend crash

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

Erika M. St. Arbor, of Millstadt, a senior studying childhood development, died after a car accident Saturday in Collinsville. She was 22.

The wreck happened at approximately 11:05 p.m. at the intersection of Illinois State Route 159 and St. Charles. According to a press release from the Maryville Police Department, St. Arbor was attempting to make a left turn in her 2003 Chevy Cavalier onto Route 159, when she was hit by a 2001 Ford F-150.

St. Arbor was pronounced dead at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, and a passenger in her vehicle was transported to the same hospital.

David Giger, 18, of Troy, was driving the Ford F-150 and was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. Maryville police reported that alcohol did not play a part in the accident and that an investigation into the crash is ongoing.

Pat Early, an early childhood student teacher supervisor, said St. Arbor was preparing to graduate in two weeks and was also engaged to be married. Early was St. Arbor's supervisor at the Early Childhood Center and said the senior was an enthusiastic and caring student teacher.

"It's just tragic," Early said.

Stephanie Henschen, a lead teacher at the ECC, said St. Arbor worked with children at ECC for about two weeks, but had already developed a bond with the children and parents.

"She got right in there with the kids and got to know the family," Henschen said. "She was just one of those people that understood children. She fit right in."

St. Arbor was in the process of finding a school to work in after graduation and recently had interviews with a school in Triad and a school in her hometown of Millstadt.

"She was out there trying to line up a job, and I was certain someone would snap her up," Henschen said. "I have no doubt that she would have had a teaching job in the fall."

Henschen took the task of telling St. Arbor's students about the accident and spent time with them as they wrote letters and made drawings to deal with their grief.

"It was hard to sit down and talk with these kids and let them know she wasn't coming back anymore and why," Henschen said. "There were a lot of questions. They were asking specific questions, and we were just trying the best to answer them at the three- or four-year level."

Henschen said students created a memorial poster that will continue to hang in the classroom.

"I'm glad that I got to meet her," Henschen said. "I'm glad she was part of the classroom. I'm so sorry for her family and friends."

St. Arbor's family was not immediately available for comment Monday afternoon.

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Senate approves funding manual, constitutional changes

by **Allan Lewis**
Alestle Reporter

Student Government wrapped up the semester Friday, approving their constitution and funding manual with little debate.

After the Senate approved changes to the SG funding manual through an omnibus motion, Student Body President Laurie Estilette reminded the Senate that no further discussion could be made in regards to the constitution and voting was the only option left for senators.

"As we all know, we spent five

hours at our last meeting debating various changes to the constitution," Estilette said. "I would like to remind you again that these items are not debatable, and the only thing we are doing today is either approving or denying the changes."

Notable changes within the Student Government constitution primarily deal with internal issues, and include new GPA requirements for members, changing the duties of the election commissioner and redefining the School Spirit and Pride Committee as responsible for promoting Student Government at all events.

Under the revised constitution, student Senate members must have a 2.5 GPA to qualify and maintain their GPA within a 2.4 buffer zone. The election commissioner is now constitutionally required to attend all Senate meetings and provide verbal and written reports to the Senate.

Changing the impeachment process for senators, an issue debated in detail at the April 11 Student Government meeting, was not included in the submitted constitution changes.

Senator Stephanie Medhurst put

SENATE/pg.7



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Among other things, the Senate made changes within their constitution and approved new GPA requirements for members during their final meeting of the semester.

Police Reports

4-22

Police issued Aaron Koch a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Larissa L. Hartman a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Katelynn A. Zumwalt a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police responded to a two-car accident on East University Drive. Police issued Wesley W. Burgess a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. There were no injuries or road blockages.

Police issued Elvira Blackledge a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road and a written warning for disobeying a stop sign.

Police issued Mindi M. Mellor a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Jessica L. Chou a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road and a written warning for no driver's license on person.

Police issued Erin M. Tonsor a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police received a complaint of a solicitor, but did not find subject during a preliminary search of the

core campus. After responding to another call about the subject at 5:13 Tuesday evening, police arrested Ryo Takahata for criminal trespass to state supported property. Takahata was transported to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police issued a citation to Lori A. Taylor for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Russell T. Morrissey a citation for speeding at South University Drive and University Park Drive.

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Police issued Brandon L. Thompson a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jason A. Hahn a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Nicole R. Reynolds a citation for driving without a seatbelt on.

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Police issued Alan Amy a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of two flat-screen monitors and a computer tower stolen from Peck Hall. The case is under investigation by SIUE Police.

RELAY

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ACS Income Development Representative Becky Beckwith said with 475 registered participants divided among 50 teams, the first Relay for Life at SIUE is expected to be successful.

"(Relay for Life) is very important," Beckwith said. "It is the main fundraiser for the American Cancer Society."

Each team's participants are encouraged to raise \$100 in pledges. During the relay, at least one member from each team walks the course during the 12 hours.

"Cancer never sleeps, so neither will we," Beckwith said.

Between laps on the track, senior geography major John Randolph and Sergeant-at-Arms of Delta Lambda Phi helped raise more money for cancer research by selling cake and ice cream at their "Happy Birthday" themed table.

"Every year someone diagnosed with cancer survives is a celebration," Randolph said.

Beckwith said the teams' tables added to the donations for the relay, with tables selling a variety of foods like nachos, grilled cheese, cotton candy and pulled pork sandwiches.

Delta Lambda Phi raised \$950 with relay pledges alone.

"We doubled our goal," Randolph said.

Randolph said it was not a problem to get their 20 participants to come out for the relay.

"We enjoy volunteering in our community," Randolph said. "It also helps to get our name out as well."

Junior medical science major Kolby Bissell, the vice president of recruitment for Sigma Phi Epsilon, said cancer runs in his family.

"The least I can do is come out and

support (ACS)," Bissell said.

Bissell's fraternity had set up tents in the gym as well as a dance party-themed table.

"(Relay for Life) lets different groups on and off campus interact," Bissell said. "The games ease the tension and lighten the mood."

Live music, poker and an Easter egg hunt provided entertainment while giving teams the opportunity to net points for prizes at the end of the night.

At one point during the night, teams were asked to all gather on the track for the Luminaria ceremony.

Pre-purchased bags with names and messages to those who had survived or lost the battle with cancer written on them dotted the inside of the track. Inside lay a single, colorless glow stick.

As the lights faded, the teams grew silent. Volunteers then shared personal stories of how cancer had affected their lives and nearly every person's life today.

The mood, once cheery and upbeat, now hung solemn and sober in the air, cloaking participants in a mist of emotion, sniffles rippling through the group.

Prompted by coordinators, participants cracked the glow sticks and returned them to their bags, causing them to glow in pale neon colors, warming the track's edges in soft light.

As a poignant song played, the relay became a solid circle once again, but this time, moving with the grace and speed of a requiem for those affected by or hoping for a cure for cancer; slow, but with a sense of finality.

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(above) Freshman computer science major Dirk Masonholder builds a home out of a box. (right) Students at Box City stand outside a box home.

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Box City comes short on cash, but not on awareness

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

In the early 1980s, Dan was engaged to be married, had a job, a roof over his head and a future ahead of him. But sometime around the age of 22, he began having mental problems that made it difficult to function and eventually claimed his way of life.

"The delusions would come fiercer and fiercer all the time," Dan said. "I just got real psychotic."

Dan went from doctor to doctor, none of whom helped his situation. His relationship with his fiancé exploded. He later married a friend who had mental problems of her own, and he let his career slide.

"I became very unstable in my thoughts, and I had delusions. I'd interact with the voices I heard," Dan said. "They meant more to me than my job, so I quit working."

Seeing no other option, Dan hitchhiked the country, moving from one big-city shelter to another, until he came to Peter and Paul Community Services in St. Louis and became part of a rehabilitation program. He has since found stability in the form of housing and an hourly job driving a van.

"I can only work part time, but it's very gratifying," Dan said.

Thursday night, Dan shared his experience of being homeless to more than 50 students outside Bluff Hall who gathered for Box City 2008. The price of admissions was \$3, donated to Peter and Paul, or three can goods, donated to the GlenEd food pantry in Edwardsville.

Event planners hoped to have record attendance, but the threat of rain prompted organizers to relocate Box City to the Bluff Hall Multi-Function Room, which may have dampened turnout. However, by the time registration began at 8 p.m., there was no rain to be found, and organizers moved the event once more to outside Bluff Hall. An e-mail sent out at noon Thursday telling students Box City would be relocated to the Quad "should the sky clear up" also added to the confusion.

As a result, Box City chair and Bluff Hall Resident Assistant Kurt Clothier, a senior studying

electrical engineering, said Box City 2008 brought in only \$115 in cash donations, well short of the \$1,000 goal. Clothier said organizers will continue to accept donations to help meet the goal. As for food donations, students went beyond the goal of 250 food items and brought in 273 canned and boxed goods.

"I think the evening went well, but I was really disappointed with the circumstances we had," Clothier said. "It's possible more donations are coming in this week."

Clothier said Box City comes under scrutiny every year because of how the event is conducted. Karaoke is played until 11 p.m., there is food and laughter, and the location is changed if the weather gets too harsh.

Clothier said organizers sometimes take grief from people who believe Box City trivializes homelessness, but the social nature of the event helps bring in donations for charitable organizations. Also at night, Clothier said, after the music is turned off and people start trying to sleep, the atmosphere changes greatly.

"It calms down a lot more. People start to settle in," Clothier said. "You'll get the

people that really came out to sleep outside in a box to have their state changed for the night, which is a good experience for anybody to do."

Among the 52 people who spent the night under a cardboard roof was sophomore psychology major Naomi Williams, along with her brother and her Bluff Hall roommate. Because her room was so close, Williams said the change in venue for Box City 2008 did not create any problems for her.

"I think it's a good cause," Williams said. "It's a creative idea."

Members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity spent nearly two hours constructing a castle-like structure for Box City, complete with turrets.

"The awareness is where it all starts," Sigma Phi Epsilon vice president and senior business major Christopher Erickson said.

Clothier said all further donations would be accepted at the front desk of Bluff Hall until Friday.

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"The awareness is where it all starts."

-Christopher Erickson, senior business major, Sigma Phi Epsilon vice president

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Stress management helps ease finals pressures

Tips include mnemonic devices, resting and studying in groups

by Whitney Tate
Alestle Reporter

Everyone knows who Where's Waldo is and what he looks like, but the minute you put him on paper with clutter, he's not so easy to find. Finals week test information is not much different.

That's academic adviser Dawn Reed's take on finals.

Reed gave a seminar Tuesday about the pressures students are faced with at this point of the semester and some tips for stress management.

Reed compared this to the children's book "Where's Waldo." She said how everything is easier when it's looked at individually, but adding additional images, or information in this case, can cause tension during the learning process.

The seminar included tips on how to organize the material and tips on making studying easier. Reed recommends using mnemonic devices, images or anything that can help connect a student to the information.

Procrastination is the biggest problem students face this time of year, Reed said.

"The best way to prepare for finals is to prepare all semester long," Reed said. "Talk to your professors, regularly review your

notes, get involved in study groups, and if you haven't done it yet, do it now."

Studying over the semester allows students to relax the last few weeks and not race to improve their grades before the year ends.

Finals week can be especially stressful for the senior class with graduation, job offers or graduate school.

Haley Weintz, a senior Speech Language Therapy major, explains how finals week is adding to her already filled workload.

"My program requires students to have a 3.5 GPA so that is really demanding," Weintz said. "Finals are always challenging for seniors, especially when you're applying for grad school. Luckily I only have two finals but you still have to make time to study."

Attending graduate school at SIUE, Weintz said it was "hard to focus when you've already been accepted and you know you're going to graduate."

Aaron Fritz, a sophomore business major, said although he has not started studying for finals yet, he has certain procedures to help him remember the material.

"My strategy is to study a little on the subject a few days before the test, then cram the



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Biology major Daniel Chartrand studies on the Stratton Quadrangle.

night before," Fritz said. "I usually re-write my notes from class and try to go over the major examples presented in class."

Nearing the end of the semester, it can be hard to stay focused on any upcoming finals, especially for those who have already adopted a summer mindset.

"I think that I speak for most of the students on campus, especially upperclassmen, that we are all, at least a little, worried about finals because they are worth so many points and can have a huge impact on final

grades." Fritz said. "And we just want them to be over with so we can start our summer break."

Reed said introducing a specific schedule gives students a systematic form of study, helping them organize their workload.

Jeremy Clinton, a senior mass communications major, said he usually sticks to a certain study plan and cramming with friends is not an option.

"Studying with a friend is out of the question," Clinton said. "They are nothing but a distraction. I do try to study for a big test a week or two in advance.

I figure if I have some sort of idea before going into the final, I might have a chance."

While some students find the up-all-night scene beneficial, Clinton says he does not "stay up all night studying because rest is important."

Finals week is May 5 to 8, so students have more than week to find which study tips work for them.

Who knows, maybe they'll be able to find Waldo after all.

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Agflation: a word to know and fear

When the price of bread and other food items made a leap in recent months, America responded with groans and made adjustments to our checkbooks and sulked home. Prices started out to be innocent enough, but now the food issue is starting to heat up, and the American way of life just got a little more desperate.

One week ago, Sam's Club announced they would limit customers to buying four 20-pound bags of rice at a time. A day before that announcement, Costco announced it would limit how much rice a customer can buy. Most college students, or even the general public, don't buy rice in bulk, so the news may not have any immediate importance. But the mere fact that the biggest stores in the U.S. are limiting

purchases should show that something is wrong.

Something the U.S. seems to be even less aware of is the violence breaking out in Latin America over tortilla prices, or in Haiti due to fuel and rice costs or the ongoing struggle to eat in Africa. The word at the heart of it all has been known for some time around the world and is just now becoming a part of the American vernacular: agflation.

Some agflation comes from a growing middle class in Asia that is developing a taste for something the U.S. takes for granted — meat. It takes a lot of farmland and energy to raise cattle and that directly competes with room to grow rice. There is also a great deal of crop damage in Australia, where a 100-year drought, quite possibly linked to global warming, is talking a toll on the world food market.

But the biggest agflation comes from us. Ever since our oil addiction became expensive, we've been taking more of our

corn and turning it into ethanol. In fact, as much as one-quarter of the 13 billion bushels the U.S. will produce this year will be burnt up instead of eaten, according to the Department of Agriculture.

The fact that emissions from the vehicles will contribute to global warming and likewise reduce crop production makes the system seem even more insidious. And yet the Bush administration defends this practice, lauding ethanol as some kind of cure to our problems.

It might be easy to forget these figures when swiping food cards or gassing up at \$4 a gallon. But the fact that people in developing countries must go without food so the U.S. can maintain its quality of life should elicit a moment of pause.

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Matthew Schroyer

Semester's end marks personal growth

I talk quite a bit about the transition from high school to college.

That is perhaps the longest, yet most rewarding transition I've ever experienced. Moving from the packed rooms in grade school through high school, filled with the same people I've been with for more than eight years to now always sitting with someone different in EVERY class, is a rather big change.

Every day yields something different: a new challenge, a new relationship, a new reason to stay up until 1:30 in the morning — everything is so different. But above all of that, I have to say that I love it all. The freedom, the independence, the responsibility — everything is just so exhilarating. I truly feel a part of the college experience. Wait, I feel something else: I feel

like a true adult.

In high school, we all knew we were adults, but everyone still put the stigma of "child" on us. We had the most childish of things: posters, reports, homework. But even though we still have these things, it's different. We're not obligated to do all those things, but rather we want to in order to get the grade. That's a complete 180 from my last semester of high school, where everything was always "an obligation, a necessity." It's just amazing how much has changed within a year.

Now, I know this is rather odd to talk about, especially coming from the guy who always does something political, but this is just something I have to put forth as a freshman instead of a pundit. I notice how all of my friends have changed from the high school jocks, drama kings and queens, presidents of classes and more to just the truest of all people: college students. Life slapped every single one of our faces (some harder than others), and we all woke up from

the stupor of monotony and town politics to a thing called "the world."

Then I look at the upperclassmen, and I can barely see the remnants of that stupor on their tired or beaming faces. Life has overwhelmed them, and they've taken the responsibility to deal with it. Yes, immaturity still abounds, as well as regression and more, but they know what life is supposed to be. They know that if they want to be successful and happy, they will have to deal with it eventually ... they just want to prolong it a little longer.

So what I'm trying to say is it has been a long, tiring year. There have been a lot of achievements, both physical and intangible for all of us. Yet, I know we will still achieve more throughout our years here at SIUE.

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Harry Zollars

Resurrecting Wildey Theatre Plans could bring 99-year-old theater back to life

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Reporter

The salty aroma of freshly cooked popcorn, the sound of cups being filled with fizzing soda and the sight of dozens of people piling into a single theater to watch one of their favorite movies: these are the images one hopes to see again when the renovations on the Wildey Theatre are finished.

Freshman music therapy major Emily Ridgon from Edwardsville said the renovations on the Wildey would be good for the community.

"Right now its just kind of this old monument that isn't really used for anything," Ridgon said. "I think it would be really great if they tried to make it into something again."

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration Rich Walker, who is also an Edwardsville alderman, has spent the last nine years trying to preserve the theater in downtown Edwardsville.

Walker said he heard people in the area talking about a need for more parking in downtown and that where the Wildey Theatre stood would be a perfect place. All they would need to do was knock down the building.

"Preservation of the arts has always been an interest of mine," Walker said. "And when I heard that, I thought 'that isn't right.'"

The Independent Order of the Odd Fellows built the Wildey in 1909. The building is nearly 100 years old and has had only three owners, Walker said. The original owner was the Edwardsville Investment Company created by IOOF, a private owner who resides in the Netherlands was next, and now the city of Edwardsville owns the old theater.

The IOOF held a contest in 1908 before the completion of the building to find a name for the new community space. The Wildey Theatre was suggested to commemorate Thomas Wildey, the founder of IOOF, Walker said.

Walker approached Mayor Gary Niebur about trying to find a way to preserve the theater. The two went to then Sen. Evelyn Bowles for help. Bowles was able to secure a state grant for the city to purchase the building.

Not only did the grant provide the funds to purchase the building, but also replace the roof which was leaking at the

time, Walker said.

The outside of the Wildey has been restored; now the interior of the building needs the work.

"Now it gets expensive," Walker said.

The city of Edwardsville has been working with The Alliance of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon to market the building to potential developers. Many have looked into the building, but none have been as serious as Stan Hoffman and his associates at Lloyd and Bennett, LLC.

Hoffman and his associates have until October before they address the city with their plans for the Wildey. Their presentation will include plans for the building and who will be investing in which aspects of the project, Walker said.

While the developers take the time to go over the building and all the plans, Walker said the city does not have much to do except wait.

"That's the nerve-wracking part of it," Walker said.

St. Louis County Realty and Lloyd and Bennett, LLC have done business in the Edwardsville area before. What once was the Montclair Bowling Alley became Harvard Square.

Hoffman said they were familiar with the area and approached the city about the Wildey because they were looking for a new project. They had heard about several attempts to renovate the theater and thought they could do the job, Hoffman said.

"We are actually going to bring it back to the original use of the building," Hoffman said. "The theater and the retail space."

The developers currently on the project already have a plan, and Hoffman said they are trying to work out the feasibility of the idea. They need to know the economics of the area will support the finished building.

Ridgon said she thinks it would be great for the Wildey to be opened up to the community to show movies and other entertainment.

"I think it would actually be really good," Ridgon said. "Especially if they show older films that give the younger generation the chance to see older films."

While the city of Edwardsville waits for October to come, Walker has been personally collecting memories and memorabilia about the Wildey in a project called the "Living History Project."



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The Wildey Theatre, located on Main St., has been a part of the Edwardsville community for nearly 100 years. Plans to renovate the theater are set for approval in October.

"As each year ticks off the clock, we lose more stories, so I am trying to collect as many as I can now," Walker said.

Walker's collected stories go as far back as the 1920s. He said sometimes it is frustrating because the project seems at a standstill, but then more interest is shown in the Wildey, and he is "reminded that it really is an exciting building and has an exciting history for the community."

Hoffman said Edwardsville is already a great area without the theater and called the downtown area "fantastic."

"This is just the one building that hasn't been renovated yet," Hoffman said. "I think it's a great community and cityscape ... down there in Edwardsville."

For more information about the Wildey Theatre and the Living History Project, visit www.wildeytheatre.com. For more information about the developers, visit www.stlcorealty.com.

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Today SIUE Wind Symphony and Concert Band 7:30-10 p.m. Dunham Hall Theatre	Wednesday Cougar Craze Free Massages 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. MUC Goshen Lounge	Thursday Greater St. Louis Book Fair Macy's, West County Center \$10 opening night	Friday Drowning Pool 6:00 p.m. Pop's \$15	Saturday Ben Kenney & DJ Kilmore 7 p.m. Pop's \$15	Sunday The Jersey Boys 2 and 7:30 p.m. Fabulous Fox Theatre \$30-80	Monday Cinco de Mayo Cherokee Business District 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Evergreen dock gets rocked

First "Rock the Dock" concert features 11 bands and draws large crowd

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

While it may not have been on the scale of larger annual music festivals such as Warped Tour, Lollapalooza or the late Mississippi River Festival held at SIUE, the first-ever "Rock the Dock" put on by the new Evergreen Area Council gave students the opportunity to see and hear 11 bands Saturday behind the residence hall.

Near perfect temperatures and the picturesque lakeside setting concert drew a large contingent of music fans and residents alike to the event.

"We wanted to make a statement because we just got approved by Kimmel Leadership Center," EAC Publicity Chair Lauren Rennie said. "We just wanted students to know we are here and put on a nice program for everyone."

EAC Programming Chair Jake Griffin said the organization had been contacted by a multitude of bands wanting to play Saturday, but had to turn a few away.

Many of the bands playing Saturday hail from around the St. Louis area, but some, such as the Iowa-based band Bridgeford, traveled to SIUE for the show.

"We got on Myspace since that is a big thing with bands and listened to songs and at one point we had to narrow it down," Griffin said. "We have a list of all of them for next year in case we decide to do it again."

Originally not scheduled to perform Saturday was Troy based band We Were Kids, who got the chance to play Saturday at the expense of a band dropping out of the lineup.

"I was determined to get on this show since it was promoted so heavily online," guitarist Blake Hardesty said. "We heard about this show and figured all of the bands were pretty sick, and it was



something we wanted to be a part of."

Hardesty said he and his band mates, who attend Southwestern Illinois College and Triad High School, were glad to have the opportunity to play Saturday.

"It's cool," Hardesty said. "It's a beautiful day out here, the sound is good, and the bands are good."

The event also included a hot dog eating contest and a DVD raffle.

The success of the inaugural event leads Rennie to believe that "Rock the Dock" will become an annual tradition at SIUE.

"This is our first one, and our goal is to do this every year," Rennie said. "The turnout is very good. I am impressed."

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Above, local band Bridgeford performs at "Rock the Dock." Below, Junior SIUE biology science student Jonathan Long (center) dominated the "Rock the Dock" hot dog eating contest.

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the constitution changes to a packaged omnibus vote, but Senator Bryan Kress made an objection. Kress then amended the motion to include all of the changes with the exception of a clause that would require Student Government members to attend four events sponsored or co-sponsored by Student Government.

Kress' objection paid off, as the constitution changes were passed with the exception of the held item, which failed by a vote of 8-2.

When all was settled with the constitution for 2008-2009, Election Commissioner Robert Yost gave the Senate his final election report before the final results were unanimously approved to settle who will be operating under that constitution.

"For the most part, campaigns were held according to the rules in the election guide," Yost said. "(The turnout) was better, but obviously we can do better in a school of 13,000 students."

Yost said one grievance had been filed in the election, from write-in Senate candidate Michael Malone. After a recount, it was concluded that Malone had received 68 votes instead of the 69 reported in the unofficial results. Malone finished 248 votes behind sophomore Leah Scherwinski, who qualified for the final Senate seat.

Once the results were finalized, Estilette told president-elect Dominique Majors and vice president-elect Bryan Kress she "looked forward to seeing what (they) had in store for the university next year."

Estilette also said Student Government accomplished all of its goals for 2007-2008.

"Every goal we set out to accomplish has been completed in one way or another, Estilette said. "(The Senators) did a great job this year."

The Senate would go on to approve travel requests for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Sigma Pi Fraternity each in the amount of \$550 to send delegates to their respective international conferences. Sigma Pi would also receive \$4,500 from the Senate to fund the fraternity's annual pig roast and luau Sept. 4.

The SIUE Chapter of the Hillel Foundation received approval from the Senate as a student organization through acceptance of their constitution. The group is a Jewish student union, open to all students regardless of religion.

In the last open forum of the semester, multiple guests addressed the Senate. SIUE Club Football President Kevin Nesselhauf announced to the Senate that the club has set its homecoming game for next fall for 1

p.m. Oct. 11 against the University of Miami-Ohio.

Chair of the Illinois Student Association and University of Illinois-Springfield Student Body President Bob Scherwinski came to SIUE to tell the Senate about his organization and to talk about SIUE's interest in joining.

"We really want to work with anyone who is interested," Scherwinski said.

United Students against Sweatshops representative Andy Lucker expressed frustration regarding to having SIUE affiliate with the Worker Rights Consortium and the Designated Suppliers Program.

Lucker, who came to the Senate after multiple failed attempts in reaching the chancellor, brought with him an SIUE T-shirt made from the manufacturer Gildan, which he said has been cited for worker deprivation, sexual abuse and other violations in Honduras.

"Gildan has a reputation," Lucker said. "I recommend we take this seriously because I don't think the chancellor is."

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Freshman Ali Wulfers serves during a tennis match earlier in the year. Wulfers, who holds a 18-9 record, is currently tied for second for most victories on the team. With 21 wins, freshman Carli Connors is leading the team. The women's tennis team will begin NCAA tournament play on May 8.

Tennis falls out of conference tourney

Women's squad to head to nationals

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

Both the SIUE men's and women's tennis teams fell out of the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament last weekend, but the women's squad will play another day.

According to freshman Carli Connors, the women, who lost to Northern Kentucky University in the GLVC Semifinals 5-0 after 10 straight wins, will get another shot at the Norse in the NCAA tournament. The opening round, according to the NKU Web site, will start Thursday, May 8 in a site to be determined.

"Everyone played their hearts out, and I would say the other team just had a better day," Connors said. "We (were) just so close to beating NKU, we have another shot at them in two weeks so hopefully we can take the victory over them then."

The doubles teams of Connors and freshman Laura Horning, freshman Ali Wulfers and sophomore Amanda Niebur and sophomores Sarah Rhein and Stephanie Clark all lost 8-3, 8-5 and 8-5, respectively. Meanwhile, Horning and Wulfers both dropped their singles matches and because of a

GLVC rule, any team that reaches five points total in the singles and doubles matches combined wins, regardless of who else is playing.

Therefore, sophomore Kelsey Laird, Connors, Clark and Rhein all did not finish their singles matches.

"We didn't quite pull it together with our doubles, which put a lot of pressure on our singles matches," Horning said.

The No. 5 regionally ranked Cougars beat the University of Southern Indiana 5-1 in the tournament-opening round.

The men, meanwhile, could not surpass the first round after they dropped a 5-2 score to Bellarmine University to snap their own winning streak at five. Senior Mike Jolly and junior Cole Garrison pulled out SIUE's only doubles win, 8-6, over the Knights while freshman Paulo Gonzalez picked up the only singles match in the 6-3, 6-2 decisions over Nathan Matthews.

The same five-point rule applied as Garrison and Jolly did not finish their matches.

On a side note, the Cougars played Bellarmine the previous week and won, 5-4. SIUE finished 12-8 with a 7-3 conference mark.

Sophomore Rob Young said the Knights looked to not repeat any mistakes from last time and get their revenge in the GLVC tournament.

"It's real tough to beat a good team twice," Young said. "The match-ups were fresh in their mind, they switched up their lineups a little. I think they were a little more motivated this time."

"A couple of breaks didn't go our way," Young said.

Both teams did not necessarily go home empty-handed though. Gonzalez and Connors both received the GLVC Freshman of the Year and Gonzalez, who finished 21-7 with a 16-3 singles record, picked up All-GLVC honors.

Connors, who was 20-10 during the season and Horning, at 17-10, also earned All-GLVC honors.

"When they called my name I got butterflies in my stomach, and I got a little teary-eyed," Connors said of the FOY award. "I have worked so hard at my tennis game, and I was very proud to accept the freshman of the year award."

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Cougar Diaries

Softball players reflect on division switch

by Kaitlin Colosimo and Courtney Mall
as told to Tony Patrico, Alestle Sports Editor

Kaitlin Colosimo

My greatest memory from Division II will always be winning the national championship last year. I will remember it for the rest of my life.

The softball team has had a lot of success at this school, but my freshman year was the first year making it to the World Series. We didn't do so well, two games and out, but it was still a great accomplishment just to be one of the final eight teams in the nation. And the next year, we made it back and won it all, not losing a game. We had the longest championship game in history, and the entire time, not one of us thought that we were going to lose.

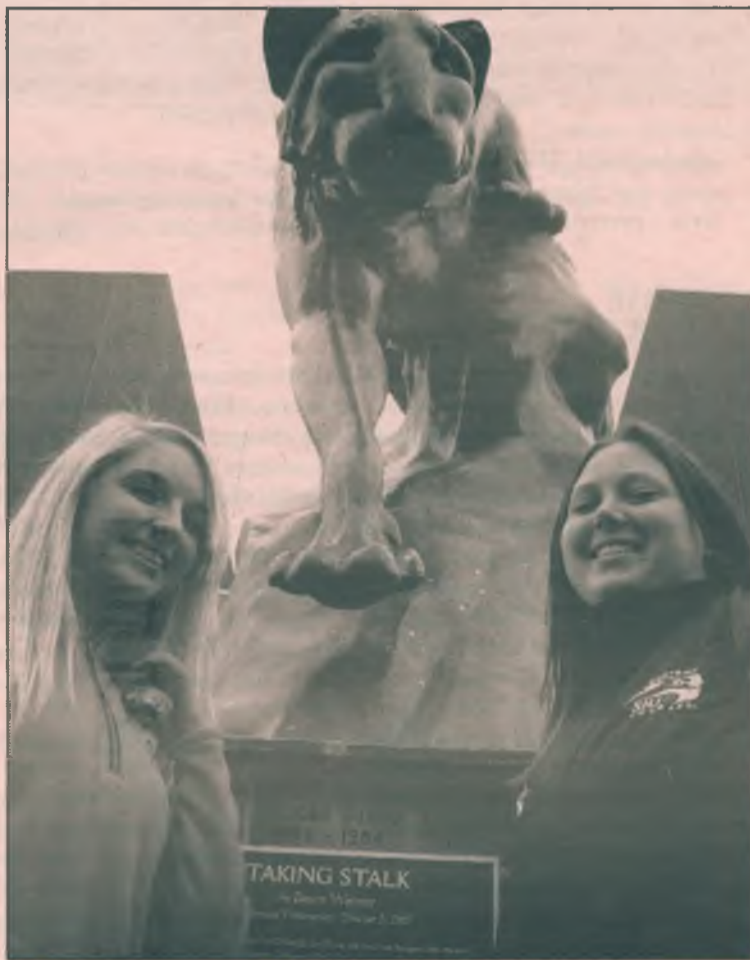
I will always remember throwing that last pitch, striking out the batter. Then, everyone went crazy. We were the Division II national champions. That is something not many people can say they have done. It's one of those achievements you dream of as a little kid. Winning a national championship. And it actually happened for us.

In the three years I have been at this school, I have not had many disappointments. I mean, every team goes through their rough patches, losing a few games here and there, but we have never really had it that rough. I honestly believe one of the toughest

times for a team occurs at the beginning of every season. Every team goes through a transition period. It takes some time for the new and returning players to get used to each other. We have always been very lucky on the softball team though. It still amazes me how you can take such a diverse group of 20 people from across the nation and get them to become a family in a short amount of time. Once a team gets to the point where they all get along, the rest of the season is just about having fun and playing the game everyone loves.

As for next year, I am looking forward to competing at a D-I level. I believe our team is good enough to play against schools like Carbondale and win. I think that by playing at the Division I level, we will be able to show everyone how good we actually are. We will be able to make a name for ourselves and for SIUE. I believe going Division I will be very beneficial for our school. SIUE is a very good school, with a very talented athletic department, yet many people do not know about it. When I was first getting recruited, I had never heard of the school, and I only live 4 hours away. The transition from D-II to D-I will bring visibility, which I think will help the school out in more ways than one. We will become one of two D-I schools within 100 miles of St. Louis, and we will expand our recruiting radius. Another benefit of becoming

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Both Courtney Mall (left) and Kaitlin Colosimo will enter their senior year as athletes transitioning to Division I athletics. In this Cougar Diary, they both give us their thoughts on D-I and the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Cougars split series with No.10 ranked SJC

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

SIUE baseball split its four-game set with No. 10-ranked Saint Joseph's College last weekend and was only the second team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference this season to do so against the Pumas.

SIUE split the Sunday doubleheader on a 5-3 game one loss and a 5-4 game two victory and split the Saturday games as well with a 20-7 game one win and a 9-8 game two loss.

However, the series did not come without a series of notable events. Fans witnessed a 40-hit game, a game-winning grand slam, a complete-game victory and SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins getting tossed for arguing balls and strikes throughout the weekend.

Collins' ejection and the complete-game by sophomore pitcher Nick Wooley both came during the 5-4 win Sunday. Wooley gave up a two-run homer to SJC shortstop Matt Reimer in the first inning and after Collins left the game in the bottom of the first he cruised through eight more innings of two-run ball.

"He wanted to get the team going ... and it worked," Wooley, who struck out nine, said of Collins.

Junior outfielder Adam Eggemeyer keyed a three-run fifth inning with a two-run single to put the Cougars ahead 3-2 for the eventual win.

Wooley, normally a reliever, said he had to switch from reliever to starter more than once, including this

season.

"It's tough when you get later in the game because your arm gets tired pretty fast from being a closer," Wooley said. "I think I finally adjusted, though."

The Cougars were in position to win game one on Sunday, but Reimer's two-run double broke a 3-3 tie late in the game for the loss. Junior Aren Cummings went the distance for the loss and was only credited with one earned run as the Cougars committed three errors. Eggemeyer said for SIUE to collect eight hits and three runs against SJC starter Blaine Cravens, who came in with an ERA lower than one, was still an accomplishment.

"Everybody tried to stay on the pitches that he gave us to hit, and fortunately, he let some balls up for us, and we hit them," Eggemeyer said.

SIUE's 28-hit parade in game one Saturday rivaled its 27-hit effort against Mayville State University in March, but instead of a 19-run first inning, the Cougars broke a small 10-7 lead with 10 runs in the eighth. The Cougars' nine two-out hits and RBIs were also notable, according to sophomore outfielder Dustin Brooks.

"The two-out hits were very clutch," Brooks said. He also said the team was pretty "relaxed" that afternoon in its hitting approach.

The Pumas recorded 12 hits to complete the 40-hit game.

Brooks said the team might have been "too relaxed" during game two when the Cougars carried an 8-4 lead into the top of the sixth inning of a seven-inning affair.

Senior lefty Cody Litteken left the game with two runners on base and nobody out. Freshman lefty Mitchell Fairley came on in relief and surrendered an RBI single. After a flyout, he walked the bases loaded and SJC first baseman Ryan Murray homered to right field to help win the game.

"I thought our team just did a really good job, they got the bases loaded," Murray said. "It was a first-pitch fastball. I swung."

The home run was the second game-winning hit Fairley allowed within a week. Fairley surrendered Quincy University slugger Joe Palumbo's walk-off homer last Sunday in a 5-4 loss.

Eggemeyer said the split was a momentum builder, and with the Cougars in a tight race with Drury University for the last spot in the GLVC West Division for the conference tournament, it could be a deciding factor.

"We should be able to hopefully go and carry this into next week and be able to make some wins and get that going and rolling in the right direction for this conference tournament," Eggemeyer said.

The Cougars will have a chance to do so at home all this week as they host Lindenwood University for a non-conference game at 7 p.m. Wednesday and conference division rival Missouri University of Science and Technology for four games starting at 7 p.m. Friday on Roy E. Lee Field.

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D-I is the fact that SIUE degrees will now be perceived as more valuable because they come from a Division I institution.

I will always cherish the memories I have from competing at the Division II level, but I believe our school is ready to move up and show the rest of the nation what we are capable of.

Courtney Mall

For kids across the country, the college experience brings about countless memories that last a lifetime. It could be meeting a significant other, receiving an "A" in a difficult class, joining a sorority or attending a great party. College is full of great times with the great people that you get to meet.

My college experience has been defined by one single moment in time that will last with me forever. I am a part of the SIUE softball team, and in our 2007 season, we had the fortune to win a Division II National Championship. The game lasted a marathon 12 innings, but looking back on it now, it all happened so fast. To this day our team jokes about the last pitch Kaitlin threw. It was her infamous drop curve and the opposing batter swung for the fences and missed. Tears of joy immediately followed and later came the reality that we had joined an elite group of people that had won an NCAA National Championship.

Of course like any other team in any other season, we had our ups and downs. Similar to others, we went through our slumps and our pitchers had their glitches, but working out of those times is what makes good teams great. Seventeen games before we won the National Championship, we lost to Missouri S&T 8-0 in a short 5

innings. This was the lowest feeling our team had felt all season. We had flat out got beat by a mediocre team. This game opened our eyes to what we really needed. It wasn't about batting averages or ERA, it was about having fun with your teammates and playing a game you loved. After this loss, we won 16 straight games including a national championship.

Division I will be another experience and challenge that athletics must face. I can honestly say my teammates, coaches and I are looking forward to the future and the challenge. I say challenge because we all know it won't be easy, but once again working out of the hard times makes a good team great, and great is what we all aspire to be.

Going Division I is an essential move for SIUE and is going to benefit the university and the community. Edwardsville is a growing town and our university is a thriving college campus. A Division I classification brings national recognition SIUE has never seen before, and it begins with us, athletics. As athletic teams travel, other universities will begin to know our name and as our teams begin to go deep into NCAA tournaments, the national coverage will follow. In a few short months our fall sports will begin play and the excitement will start. As athletes, we can only hope the rest of the student body will share our enthusiasm.

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As the men move on with their off-season and prepare for the Division I move to a more competitive schedule, Young said the team had great "chemistry" and was "proud" of everyone's achievements. He said as the "new kids on the block" next season, every player will have to step it up again.

"Everyone's going to overlook us," Young said. "(We

need) to get some respect ...

I think we can do it. I think (this season) sets the table for next year and the year after."

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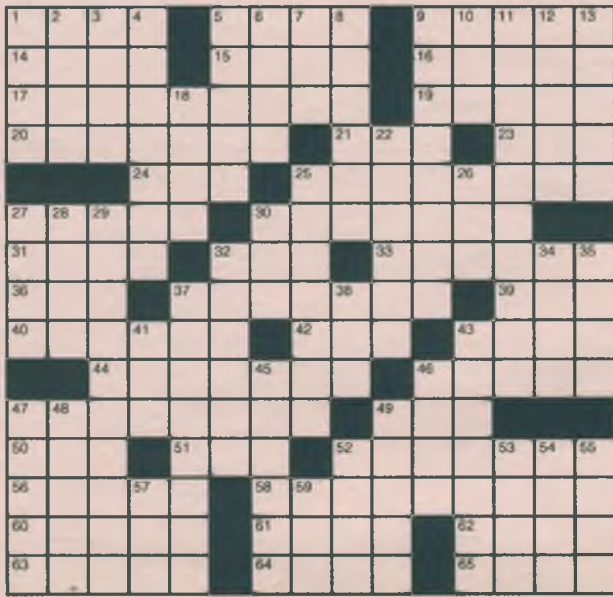
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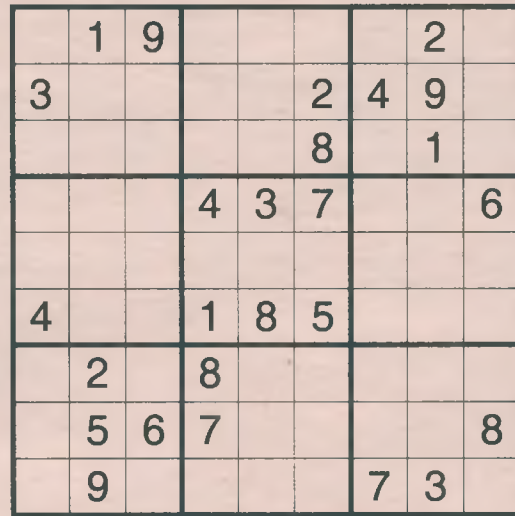


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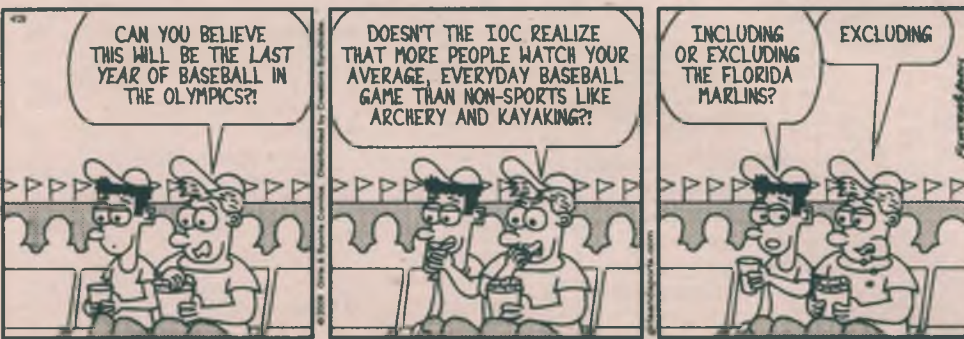
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