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Obama picks vice presidential running mate

by **Sydney Elliot**
Alestle A&E Editor

And the winner is ... Biden. Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama announced Saturday that Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware will be his vice presidential running mate for the November election.

Biden, who has over 30 years experience in the Senate, is believed to be the balance of experience to Obama in the run for the White House.

"Biden is a wise choice in terms of balancing the ticket where Obama is perceived weak," political science professor Laurie Rice said.

Rice said Biden would help Obama in the areas where he is seen as lacking, such

as foreign policy and years in politics.

The Democratic National Convention, which began Monday in Denver, will last through Thursday. Afterward, it is expected Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain will announce his running mate.

"He'll probably wait until the Democratic Convention ends so he won't seem to be competing for the (media) spotlight," Rice said.

Rice said she suspects McCain will make his announcement just before the Republican National Convention begins Monday. The Republican National Convention will take place in St. Paul, Minn.

Rice said the conventions' locations are shuffled around the country so political

parties can try to focus in states that may heavily swing toward the opposing party.

"Colorado is a state the Democrats are targeting," Rice said. "It has been republican in the past, but has been showing signs of a shift to democratic."

Although some may have hoped to see Sen. Hillary Clinton added to the ticket for November with Obama, Rice said it was no surprise Clinton was not chosen as the vice presidential nominee due to the possibility of "overshadowing the presidency."

Brian Harward, American politics and constitution law professor, was also not shocked when Clinton was not announced as running mate alongside Obama.

Harward said he was surprised to see the Clinton campaign not pleading to the

public that she was not up for the nomination.

"It would surprise me if there was any indication from the Obama people that Hillary was going to be VP selection," Harward said. "I'm sure there was some discussion of 'Well, we aren't ruling anyone out.' At that point sure, Hillary was part of that crowd, but so were probably 38 other people."

Although Clinton did not grasp the nomination for VP, political science professor Ken Moffet said Clinton as a running mate to Obama would be a "sigh of relief" to the Democratic Party, but Biden was a much better pick because "it would give the ticket a much broader appeal."

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Pharmacy student dies over weekend

by **Soni Kumar**
Alestle Reporter

An SIUE third-year pharmacy student died on Sunday after committing suicide, according to Deborah von Nida, supervising investigator for the Madison County Coroner's office.

Aaron M. Fagan, of Beardstown, was pronounced dead at 3:55 p.m. Sunday, according to von Nida. He was 22 years old.

"His death is a suicide at this point," von Nida said.

Fagan was found dead in a vehicle on Buckeye Road in Highland, according to Greg Conroy, director of Public Affairs.

Pharmacy student Greg Booth said he and Fagan had been close friends for 20 years.

"He was always there for anyone," Booth said. "He's a brilliant guy, never confrontational. He loved to study, and he loved to learn."

Booth said Fagan was almost finished with pharmacy school. He had one year of schooling left, and then he would start his rotations.

"I don't know why he would do something like this," Booth said. "I just talked to him last Friday. He was really excited for school to start, and he seemed really happy... We will never forget him."

At this time no further information regarding Fagan's death will be released, von Nida said.

Fagan's family informed the SIUE School of Pharmacy that his visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Sager Funeral Home in Beardstown.

His funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Beardstown City Cemetery.

Fagan's family was unavailable for comment.

Conroy said the university's thoughts were with Fagan's family.

Grief counselors are available to students in SIUE's Counseling Services. For more information or to speak to a counselor, call 650-2197.

Chancellor welcomes with enthusiasm



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Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift greets students as they receive free ice cream and a T-shirt Wednesday during Cougar Welcome 2008. Mayor of Edwardsville Gary Niebur was also present to encourage students to get involved on campus.

Graduate student teaches Yoruba language class

Teaching assistant comes to SIUE from Nigeria to teach, learn

by **Lori Schueler**
Alestle Reporter

Chosen from of a pool of applicants, Omotola Shoyoye left Nigeria for the first time and came to SIUE this year to teach college students a foreign language and further her own education.

"I'm learning at the same time I'm teaching," Shoyoye said.

For the spring and fall semesters she will teach Foreign Language 121, Introduction to Yoruba.

Yoruba is one of the three common languages spoken in southwestern Nigeria. Shoyoye said the other two languages are Hausa and Igbo. Considered a tonal language, it has three types of tones: high, low and mid.

"If you don't use the tone correctly, you can give the word a different meaning," Shoyoye said.

Shoyoye was chosen from the Fullbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, which is funded and organized by the United States State Department to enhance language on college campuses.

Ron Schaefer, director of International Programs, said the Illinois State Department interviews applicants who are predominately from countries with developing economies and have a bachelor's degree. In addition, the candidates must be capable of taking graduate courses.

Approximately 15 people applied for the Fullbright Program. The university received a list of three people and picked Shoyoye.

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According to CNN.com, Biden has been a senator since he was 29 years old, only turning the constitutional age of 30 two months after he was elected to the U.S. Senate and right before he was sworn in.

Harward called Biden an "interesting guy" and considered Biden to have the reputation of being a fighter.

Though Rice said Biden would help Obama in the areas of foreign policy and experience, Harward also said that Biden would be able to help secure the presidency because he has "working-class

roots and a working-class sensibility.

"He carries (himself) with that kind of approach and always had that," Harward said. "There's a sense about Biden of authenticity that I think will really help the Obama campaign."

During the primaries, Clinton and Obama fought for the white middle class, and Harward said selecting Biden would help to secure that group.

To some, Biden and Obama seem to be the Democratic dream team ticket for November's election, but others still wonder if the two can create all the change

they have promised.

"It is with any presidential campaign you are not going to see every single promise fulfilled," Moffet said. "But I think many of the bigger things they want, I can see them getting."

Moffett said he could see Obama and Biden bringing change to the healthcare system. Though it may not be universal healthcare, but it will be some health care reform.

Harward thought both Obama and Biden would be able to make changes in the White House, but wasn't sure to what

degree.

"You are fighting for change with a guy who has been in the Senate 37 years," Harward said, "I can't say a sweeping generality that 'Yes, there will be great change,' or 'No, there won't be any change,' but what I can say is that in some context (there will be change)."

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Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama, left, and Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.), right, take the stage with their wives Michelle Obama, center left, and Jill Biden, center right, at the Old State Capital in Springfield, Illinois, on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Obama has chosen Biden as his vice presidential running mate.

What do you think?

"I was fine with it. He was one of the candidates that I liked in the preliminaries so I was glad to see (Obama) pick him"

-Megan Duke,
senior, human resources major

"I feel that although Obama is a very qualified democratic candidate, I feel that Biden's wealth of experience will definitely benefit their campaign."

-Ben Harris,
senior, chemistry major

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First Student Government meeting Friday

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

The first week of the new semester is coming to a close, and with it Student Government and new Student Body President Dominique Majors will convene their first meeting of the fall on Friday afternoon.

New Morris University Center Director Joseph Pearson, who served as the university center director at Louisiana State University-Shreveport before coming to SIUE, will address the Senate for the first time. Pearson takes over the position after the retirement of Mary Robertson in June.

Other items on the agenda for Friday's meeting include program requests for Psi Chi's Criminalization of the Mentally Ill and the Anthropology Club's "Katherine Dunham Beyond the Dance."

Student Government will also go through senator and executive reports. An open forum will also ensue for students wishing to address the Senate.

The meeting is scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge

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"What we thought was very useful in Tola's case was her undergraduate degree was in Yoruba studies," Schaefer said. "She also had experience teaching in Nigeria."

Because she has a linguistics degree in Yoruba, she was chosen to teach at SIUE, as well as take three graduate level classes.

"We can benefit as an institution to have somebody like that," Schaefer said.

The candidate receives a stipend from the state department, which helps fund living arrangements while in the U.S. Also, a waiver is given to the applicant to pay for their tuition at the university.

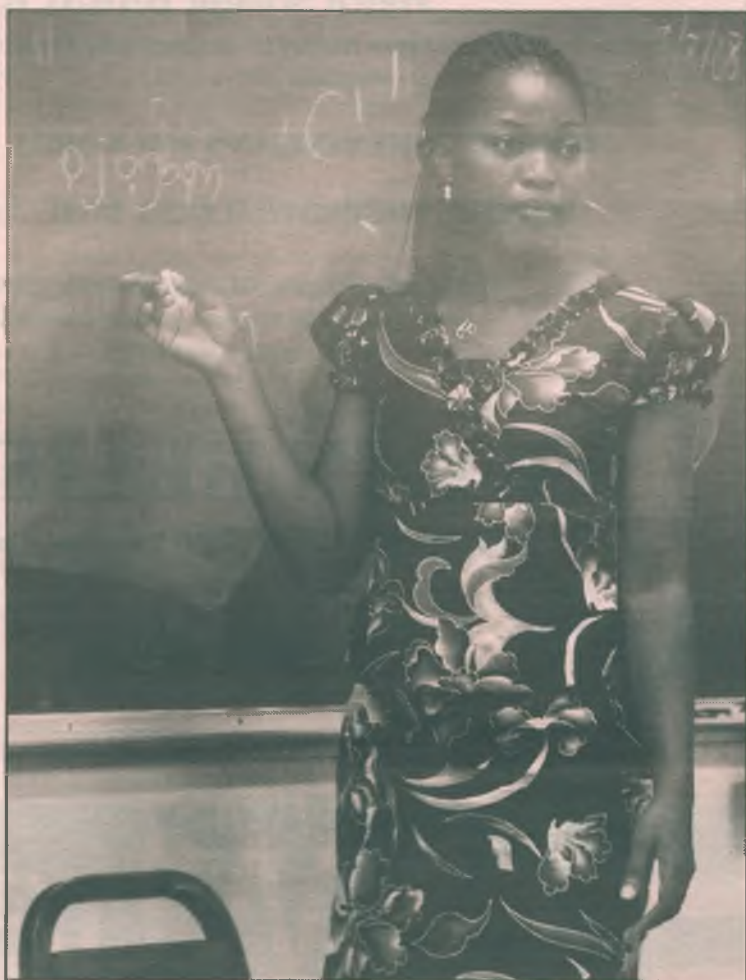
"We have been trying to offer Yoruba for several years," Schaefer said.

A Yoruba class was offered in 2007 and in 2006. The state department intends to continue this program, but it will be up to SIUE to decide to offer the class again and apply for another applicant.

"It helps American universities to expand their repertoire," Schaefer said. "It gives people from other countries (the experience of) the American education. Without this program they wouldn't have this opportunity."

Shoyoye said her class is geared to compare and contrast the American and Nigerian cultures and said she "looks forward to impact the students."

A foreign language background is not necessary to take the class, and students with any major can sign up. About nine students are enrolled this



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Omotola Shoyoye teaches Introduction to Yoruba. Yoruba is a common language spoken in Nigeria, which is Shoyoye's home country. She left Nigeria for the first time to teach the class.

semester.

Valerie Elizabeth Young, a senior sociology and criminal justice major from East St. Louis, said the class is beneficial because she can learn about other cultures. She also said she enjoys Shoyoye as a teacher.

"I think she's great, friendly, informative and determined to teach us the language," Young said. "I would recommend the

class because it's a new form of learning."

Shoyoye only had good things to say about her experience in the U.S. so far.

"Everyone is always willing to help and make things work out," Shoyoye said. "Everyone is so friendly. It's been fun."

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Student Legal Services is here to help

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

The semester has already started and, chances are, most students are already behind in their work. Maybe it's a forgotten textbook, a class that they need to get into, a parking pass that isn't hanging from their mirror or the last will and testament of under \$50,000 that hasn't been drafted.

There are a lot of things students will have to do by themselves in the coming semester, but when it comes to legal matters, Student Legal Services is there to help for the low price of \$2.50 a semester.

"Student Legal Services is a free service, provided to enrolled SIUE students, which provides free legal advice for students," Steve Sperotto, director of the Kimmel Leadership Center, said. "This could be advice on landlord-tenant issues, speeding tickets and items of that nature."

Glenn Orsey has been SIUE's student legal services attorney for seven years and a practicing attorney for 28 years.

"The program is designed to allow students that starting point where you can actually meet with an attorney, talk about your legal problem, have an explanation of your legal right and legal options presented to you," Orsey said.

Orsey cannot represent students in court, but he can help students in a variety of other ways.

"At the end of the consultation, if there's something that I can assist them with in terms of writing a letter, making a phone call (or) just pointing them in the right direction, we provide that service that day," Orsey said.

Undeclared freshman Alan Cooper of Edwardsville didn't know about Student Legal Services, but was interested in the offer.

"I think it's pretty neat that SIUE offers the service," Cooper said. "If I was in a situation where I needed it, I'd definitely

use it."

While Orsey can help students in most instances, he cannot give advice to students in situations that involve a conflict of interest.

"There are certain (occasions) Orsey will not be able to assist," Sperotto said. "For example, if a student has a legal concern against another student ... both students have paid the fee, so that would prevent the attorney from giving legal advice."

The most frequent complaint involves landlord-tenant issues, ranging from problems with the apartment to difficulties with landlords, but these are just a couple of the many issues Orsey can help students with.

"Typical issues include landlord-tenant disputes, traffic citations, dissolution of marriage issues and may involve financial issues such as bankruptcy or debt relief," Orsey said. "Really there's a large variety of issues that we can assist (students) on if they're having legal problems."

Orsey's work as a general practitioner helps him in his work with students since it gives him a diverse base to start from.

"One of my strengths that I bring to the position is that I have broad general practice experience in a lot of different areas," Orsey said. "These are the types of things I do every day in my general private practice." After seven years, things seem to be going smoothly for Orsey.

"My sense is ... that students consistently feel that they get a good benefit from having access to an attorney," Orsey said.

For more information about Student Legal Services, pick up a brochure at the Kimmel Leadership Center in the Morris University Center or contact Glenn Orsey at his office in Granite City at 797-2800.

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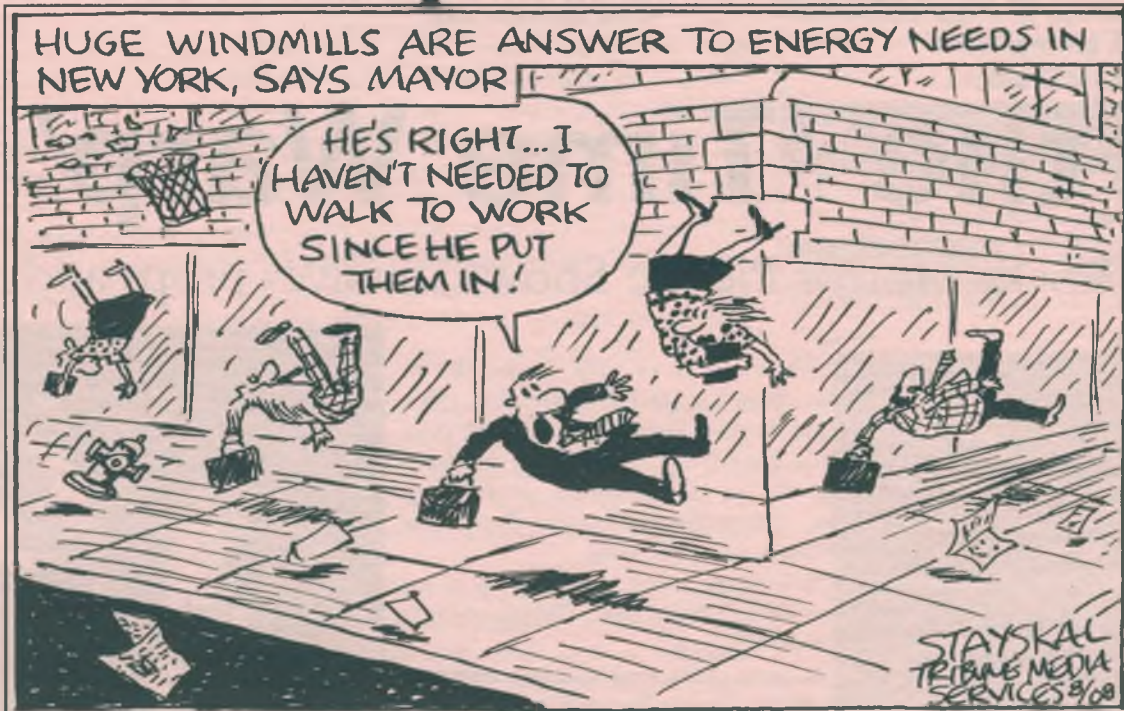
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Separation of stars and state

Paris Hilton should stick to Hardee's ads. When I say this, I mean not only Paris, but the majority of Hollywood in general.

There's no denying that the United States is obsessed with its own celebrities. Instead of sticking to their jobs of acting, writing and whatever Paris does, they've managed to stay in the spotlight by involving themselves with other organizations and causes.

But should a celebrity's political opinion be the deciding factor for millions of voters?

This election isn't the first time Hollywood has stuck its nose in politics. They've been mixing for many years now. Take Marilyn Monroe and John F. Kennedy. While she didn't make commercials about it, her choice between JFK and Nixon wasn't

hard to figure out.

In more recent years, "Vote or Die" was another Hollywood venture into political support. P. Diddy and musical artists like Mary J. Blige and 50 Cent tried to encourage political activism with this more threatening campaign.

Now the musical dinosaur called Madonna has cast her public vote, comparing John McCain to Hitler and Barack Obama to Ghandi.

I'm sure there may be similarities, like blood type or hairstyles, but comparing two U.S. senators to almost the extremes of good and evil is insulting. McCain doesn't have the body count of over six million, and Obama hasn't starved himself for peace or pioneered non-violent protests, helping free a nation. Neither comes close.

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion. That's the great part of being in a free country, but I'm afraid the fans of these

celebrities won't think for themselves in the upcoming election.

It doesn't help that the campaigns themselves are pulling celebrities in, but I think Hollywood and politics shouldn't fraternize quite as much when the issues are of such a serious nature.

Instead of being sheep to people you will never meet or even share the same tax bracket as, look at the issues that effect you. Things like education, taxes, health care, foreign policy and other issues that impact the average person should be more of a concern.

So Paris, shove another overloaded bacon cheeseburger in your mouth and keep your opinion to yourself. This way two of America's unnecessary creations can help each other out by keeping them quiet and out of sight.

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What it really means to be green at SIUE

It's not easy being green.

Recently, I have seen and heard so much about the efforts of SIUE (and every other school, business, celebrity and public institution) towards "going green" and becoming "eco-friendly."

And if there's one common denominator for every entity that seems to be making an attempt to save the world, it's that each and every one is forgetting that protecting the environment doesn't come from just choosing reusable cups over disposable or switching out old-fashioned light bulbs for fancy spiraled ones (though these actions do make small impacts). "Going green" is all about preserving the eco-habitat encompassing our lives. It is about preserving life as it is now.

If SIUE was truly making efforts towards going green, I wouldn't be getting a scoff and a fifteen minute wait when I asked for one of the only vegetarian options, a bean burger, in the cafeteria of the Morris University Center. If SIUE was "going green," I definitely wouldn't be seeing thousands of Chik-fil-A bags and Pizza Hut boxes crumpled and emptied in the hands of students.

Even if these students are placing this trash in campus recycling bins, the problem will continue to grow from its mass-produced

source. I've read quotes from administrators eager to explain how our university is working to teach students how to utilize sustainability tips and make habits that can change and save the future.

What SIUE has neglected in the search for sustainability is the very nature that it is trying to protect. Students should be learning how to live separate from mass-produced animal products, pesticides, genetic engineering and propaganda from a government corporately endorsed by the meat-packing industry. Students should be taught the benefits of ditching their usual dead cow burgers in exchange for options that are both environmentally and morally friendly.

I realize asking for the elimination of the national chain restaurants and shipped animal patties on campus is a far-fetched and extremist call to action for most of the inhabitants of our little SIUE eco-culture, but asking to be provided with the correct ideology for "going green" is not. The production of meats, especially the meat products found in corporately-owned food business, can be attributed to factory farming, a leading agent in environmental unhealthiness.

According to a study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency titled "Animal Waste: What's the Problem?" the growing scale and operation of factory farms,

or animal feeding operations, has contributed to negative effects on the environment and human health. According to the study, "Pollution associated with AFOs degrades the quality of waters, threatens drinking water sources, and may harm air quality."

For example, a single dairy cow produces a large amount of waste in both the form of methane gas emissions (which have harmful effects on the Earth's ozone) and manure equivalent to 20 to 40 humans every day. The waste from factory farms holding thousands of cows in small cells can become extremely detrimental to local streams and ecosystems as well, according to the EPA's study. Factory farms are sprawled across Illinois, where the local division of the EPA has refused to pass laws regulating pollutions from these sources, according to www.farmweb.org's documentation urging people not to support an industry that pollutes.

Facts like these, along with the abundance of others like them, should raise a red flag for those at SIUE. Maybe "printing on both sides of papers and refilling used printer cartridges" isn't enough for us to call ourselves "green." Maybe we need a little work. My only hope is for a better system for student awareness of what it means to protect the future at SIUE.

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Doing the 'Time Warp' again

Showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" involves props and a costume contest

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

Armed with a handful of rice, a water gun, a newspaper and a bell, students will watch a movie on a whole new level Thursday.

The 15th annual showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," sponsored by Campus Activities Board, will give students a chance to see the cult classic in an interactive environment and even join in on the acting.

"It's a different kind of event than we normally do," Kristin Hoover, CAB graduate assistant, said. "It's a fun time, just something new and different, and we get to meet new people."

Besides showing the movie, CAB will also hold a costume contest for people who want to come dressed up.

"Some people dress like people in the movie, and some dress like I don't even know what," Michelle Welter, assistant director of the Kimmel Leadership Center said. "We base the contest on crowd applause. We've gotten some very unique costumes."

Hoover said she went to the event last year and really enjoyed the costume contest.

"It is always very exciting," Hoover said. "Last year this guy showed up dressed exactly like Dr. Frank N. Furter."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is the story of a newly engaged couple, Brad and Janet, who are traveling when their car breaks down in the rain. They walk to a nearby castle and ask to use the phone. They do not realize they are at the castle of Dr. Frank N. Furter, a transvestite mad scientist hosting a dinner party of equally unique characters in order to show them his newest creation, a humanoid named Rocky. What happens at the party is a night Brad and Janet won't soon forget.

To make the movie more interesting for viewers, CAB will provide props to be used throughout the movie. For example, in the scene with a rain storm, students are provided with water guns to squirt at people and newspapers to cover their heads with.

"It's fun to see the crowd interacting," Hoover said. "People are throwing things and yelling things at the screen. There's even a dance sequence so that's always fun

to see."

The tradition of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at SIUE was started in 1993. For the first few years the event took place outside, but CAB started showing it indoors about five or six years ago, according to Welter. Other than the location change, the tradition remains the same.

"It's pretty much the same as it has always been," Welter said. "People seem to like it the way it is."

Because of its long-standing tradition, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" brings in more than just SIUE students.

"Because the movie itself has a sort of cult identity, it brings people back in to watch it," Welter said. "We have SIUE alumni who come back to watch it, as well as the people in the community. We even have people who drive down from Springfield."

Freshman Alex Johnson said although he had never seen "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," he had lots of friends who would probably go see it.

"I have a few friends who are interested in it," Johnson said. "I have one friend who is a big fan and keeps telling me I have to watch it, but he won't tell me anything about it because he doesn't want to give anything away."

The event is free for students, and all necessary props will be provided.

"It's really fun," Welter said. "People should see it at least once... If they've seen it once or if they've seen it a thousand times, then they know what it's about and can see it in an interactive environment."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

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New Vocal Masterclass Series to be offered

Music students will have the opportunity to study with masters of their craft

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Assistant Music Director Mark Schapman is providing students interested in vocal arrangement a unique opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade from professionals with the SIUE Vocal Masterclass Series.

The series, which was recently announced by the SIUE opera theatre, is funded through a grant by Excellence in Undergraduate Education. The program allows undergraduates to work with renowned musicians in vocal study masterclass.

A masterclass is usually set up so a small group of students spend a classroom session with various masters of the field and participate in one-on-one learning opportunities for each undergraduate.

Specific program dates have yet to be released, but the first masterclass will take place in late September with Katherine

Mitchell of the St. Louis Center for Alexander Technique - a physical movement discipline practiced by vocalists that loosens the upper torso and thereby loosens up the voice.

"This will be the type of masterclass for pianists and singers to train themselves to function their bodies properly," Schapman said. "(Mitchell) is

not a singer per se, but she will work on that Alexander technique with our singers and help with postural alignment."

Mitchell opened the SLAT in 2001, and her three-year training program on the Alexander Technique is certified by the American Society for the Alexander Technique.

This is the first year for the

Masterclass Series Program according to Schapman.

"In the past, before professor (Sandra) Bouman passed away, she would bring people in to do a masterclass," Schapman said. "This program is going to be more consistent throughout the year and offer students many different opinions."

Music professor Prince Wells said Bouman, who died June 22 of breast cancer, left a mark on the SIUE music program, leading the Vocal Studies Program Schapman has taken over.

"Sandra was truly dedicated and talented as a teacher," Wells said. "Mark has done a wonderful job to take over the additional duties since she passed."

When the SIUE Vocal Masterclass Series gets underway, Schapman said he

hopes music students take full advantage of its offerings.

"It is nice to give students a real chance to work with different professionals in the field of vocal study," Schapman said. "Hopefully it will encourage more people to be interested in the music department and what is going on in the area."

Other candidates for the series include American baritone John Packard, vocal coach Gary Arvin and music theatre professional Joy Powell.

For more information on the SIUE Vocal Masterclass Series, including dates as they become available, visit www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/music/oper/a/Announcements.

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Damascus Revolution returns

by Soni Kumar
Alestle Reporter

Get ready to rock SIUE because the campus will be jamming Thursday with the "Damascus Revolution."

According to junior nursing student and president of Baptist Student Ministries Andrea Brinkman, the Damascus Revolution is an all-campus concert event meant to unite Christian organizations on campus.

The concert will provide an environment where students can all come together and learn about the Christian organizations on campus. Each Christian organization will have a table set up for students to learn more about their organization.

"This is a great opportunity for students on campus to figure out what all the Christian organizations are," Brinkman said.

According to senior Katie Entrekin, president of Christian Student Fellowship, the event will provide an opportunity for students to meet other students. There will be a live music concert with eight different bands, a guest speaker, a gospel presentation and free food such as hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and soda, all for the students' enjoyment.

"We want to give the campus a free concert, an event that (students) can come to (and) serve them that way like God serves us," Brinkman said.

Students can come and meet new friends and enjoy the concert and free food.

Sophomore early childhood education major Kayla Prior attended last year's Damascus Revolution.

"It's a good opportunity for freshmen to get to know people from all over instead of just their roommates," Prior said.

Entrekin said there is no better place for the event than the Stratton Quadrangle.

"The quad is the ideal place for the event because it's in the middle of campus where people walk so it will grab their attention," Entrekin said. "The cool aspect with it being outside is you can hear it from anywhere and it is casual."

This is the second year the Christian organizations have put on this event. Prior said last year had a good turnout and plenty of things to do.

"I thought it was really good," Prior said. "They had all the different tables set up of all the different organizations you can choose from, and they had good music."

Entrekin said two years ago the Christian organizations wanted to have one big praise night to unite all the Christians on campus and after brainstorming, they came up with the idea of the Damascus Revolution, inspired from a story in the Bible.

"The road to Damascus is where God encountered Saul and told him the way you're living is not right, and you need to stop sinning," Brinkman said. "God then changed his heart and changed who he was as a person."

Brinkman said the Damascus Revolution is an opportunity for God to change one person's heart like he did for Saul and led him into the life of Christ.

"We just want to show love to the students like God loves us, and this event shows that we can hang out with students and have a good time," Entrekin said.

The Damascus Revolution will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday on the Stratton Quadrangle.

"We encourage everybody to come out and have fun," Entrekin said. "This is a great way to meet a ton of people and enjoy."

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SIUE student closes in on his father

by Lori Schueler
Alestle Reporter

Joel Thomas wakes up early in the morning, heads over to the Vadalabene Center for a swim and then bikes on the Madison County Transit trails.

Drawing inspiration from his father, Thomas has participated in triathlons since April and has competed in a total of six races.

"I guess some dads go fishing with their sons. We run races," Thomas said, a senior chemistry major from Effingham.

"I just like doing it," Thomas said. "I think it's fun."

A triathlon consists of swimming, cycling and running. Out of the four basic distances — sprint, Olympic, half iron and full iron, also known as iron man — Thomas participates in the sprint and Olympic races. The races are each a progression of distance, with the sprint being the shortest and the iron man being the longest.

In a sprint, a competitor swims about a half a mile, bikes 12 miles and runs three miles. An Olympic race is twice the length of a sprint.

When his family went to Panama Beach, Fla. in the spring,

Thomas watched his dad and uncle compete in an iron man race. During that time, he became inspired to follow in his father's footsteps.

Because he was already a runner, Thomas had to train harder for swimming and biking. His father said he has come a long way since he began his triathlon career.

"He was worried about swimming 400 meters in a pool and now he swims in open water," Doug Thomas said. "And he's gotten a lot faster on the bicycle."

Joel Thomas' friend, Glenn Ezell, who is a senior biology medical science major from St. Charles, Mo., said Thomas is passionate.

"He's really getting into biking and swimming, and he is really expanding his horizons," Ezell said.

In addition to keeping fit, Thomas must be able to make quick transitions between stages of a race, which beginners sometimes fail to practice. When he trains, he practices doing a 'brick,' which is a transition between bicycling to running or swimming to bicycling.

"Bricks are what's hard,"

Thomas said. "Doing bricks are on the intense training days."

Thomas said when he does a brick he bikes for about 15 to 25 miles and then hops off his bike to immediately run another six miles.

"It's all about endurance," he said.

The night before a race, he consumes plenty of carbohydrates and keeps himself well hydrated for at least 12 hours before a race.

Though he doesn't follow a strict diet, he eats healthy, and when he is racing he takes in a lot of electrolytes, like Gatorade, to keep his energy up.

Other than being in physical shape, Thomas said it's important to be mentally tough, stay focused and motivated.

Even though he is athletic, Thomas is not an athlete at SIUE. He planned on running track in college, but ended up fracturing a vertebrae playing football in high school and then re-injured it the summer before his freshman year at SIUE. Though his back still hurts him occasionally when he runs, it hasn't kept him from doing well in races.

He placed 10th out of 100 participants during a race in



photo courtesy Joel Thomas

Joel Thomas completes the last part of a triathlon he ran last May called "May Madness," taking third place.

Effingham and fourth out of 20 people of his age group in another race.

"When I graduate, I'd like to be really competitive," Thomas

said. "It's hard to balance school, work, studying, a social life and training."

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Cross country team ready for a challenge

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Correspondant

After the hard work and training, SIUE's cross country teams are prepared for their first meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Washington University in St. Louis at Forest Park.

Both squads are small in number this year, but make up for it in talent. The men's team is led by senior Kyle Cameron, a national qualifier in the steeplechase the last two years. Senior Kelly Flounders and junior Kayla Brown lead the women's team.

Head Coach David Astrauskas said he is ready to see how the 2008 season will unfold.

"We have a great schedule that will challenge our players," Astrauskas said. "I am excited to see how the younger athletes will develop throughout the season."

A couple key recruits for the women's team are Afton Noon and Jamie Nagel, both freshmen. Nagel is recovering from a knee injury and is

uncertain if she will run in the first meet.

Brown, is excited about the team this year and the new recruits.

"They (Noon and Nagel) should both help our team improve," Brown said. "We should be stronger, and the top five should be closer together."

Rounding out the women's roster is junior Stacey Briggs, and sophomores Stephanie Briggs, Heather Hackel, Maggie Krall and Lindsey Mulvey and the two freshmen recruits.

As any group sport, team success is a priority. However in a sport like cross country, individual goals are also important. This is the case for Flounders this year.

"This is my fifth year, so I am excited to end my college career with a good season," Flounders said. "I want to set a lot of personal records and run the best season I have ever had at SIUE."

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Volleyball team hopes past successes can carry over into Division I play

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Coming off a 27-win season, which saw a birth in the NCAA Division II Tournament and a No. 14 national ranking, SIUE's volleyball team is set to usher in a new era on an extended road trip.

In the university's first year of reclassification to Division I, the Cougars will be tested early and often, challenging a full slate of D-I opponents for the first time in SIUE volleyball history.

"(Playing Division I games) is going to be awesome," SIUE senior middle hitter Kelsey Hubert said. "I'm excited to be going out with a bang my senior season."

Head Coach Todd Gober feels his team is coming in healthy, prepared and ready to compete at the D-I level.

"I think this team has a chance to collect some wins," Gober said. "We are not planning on having our butts kicked every weekend. I think we are going to be competitive."

The Cougars return five out of six starters from last year, including four seniors in Hubert, middle hitter Samantha Schulte, outside hitter Emily Rahn and setter Mallory Clements who led the team in 2007 with 1,509 assists and 41 aces.

"Mallory is a team leader, and we are going to look to her a lot this year," Gober said. "She works extremely hard and is the type of player who makes my job easy."

Schulte and Rahn are also returning after a

solid season in which Schulte paced the Cougars with 147 blocks and a .295 hitting percentage. Rahn's 385 kills were good enough for the team lead.

Hubert put up a .247 hitting percentage and her 373 kills put her second on the team behind Rahn.

"In the middle (Schulte and Hubert) have been doing a great job in practice getting our tempo up and running the offense," Gober said. "Our goal is to have our hitters hit and establish the outside game."

Other key returnees include sophomore outside hitter Sydney Winslow, junior Tiffany Turner and sophomore middle hitter Antonette Palumbo.

"Sydney has become a real force on the right side of the floor as a go to player," Gober said. "She is going to have a big year and really has taken some major steps towards becoming a great player."

The bench could become a key to the Cougars' success, as Gober said his team has many interchangeable parts with deep athletic options on both ends of the floor.

"This year we have more depth at outside and middle hitter than we have had in a number of years which has made for some interesting and competitive practices," Gober said. "We plan on throwing out a lot of different combinations with

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SIUE soccer enters 2008 with optimism

Senior leadership will play a key part in men's success for upcoming season

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Correspondent

Senior leadership, promising recruits, a new head coach and a challenging Division I schedule is what will make this year's SIUE men's soccer season such an interesting one.

There are six seniors this year, five recruits and a packed roster of returning sophomores and juniors.

Every player and coach is looking forward to playing at the Division I level. New Head Coach Kevin Kalish said he is excited about watching his players compete at such an intense level.

"We have very good players," Kalish said. "Some players that can play at a very high level. Now it is just a matter of getting the team to realize their potential and win some games."

Nick Frasca, Dustin Attarian, Zach Bauer, Matt Harris, Nick Bigogno and Bob

Ridder are the senior leaders heading into this season. Following their lead are the incoming freshmen Brian Groark, Jack Twellman, Kyle O'Brien, Nash Maduekwe and Nick Collico.

Chris Anzalone and Ryan Wilhelm are two sophomores who have already had a good preseason.

"We have a bunch of young players to play with this year," Wilhelm said. "It is going to be an exciting challenge."

Senior goalkeeper Nick Frasca said he saw the mix of players on the team with positions, age and experience spread all over as a positive.

"Everyone brings something to the table," Frasca said. "The recruits help keep the starters honest and will help bring the level of play to the next level."

Although there is a large amount of senior leadership on this team, there are also several young players and newcomers, along with a new coaching staff.

Kalish said he sees it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

"We are a little young and inexperienced," Kalish said. "It will take a little time to perfect our style of play. We'll be much better at the middle of the season than we were at the beginning, and will be better at the end of the season than we were at the middle... By the end you will see a much improved team."

This is not the team's first time playing together. More than half of the team has grown up playing under the same club.

"We all know the system well," Frasca said. "That is definitely a strong point."

With only three home games this season, Kalish said he hopes to get a lot of fans to these games.

The season opener for the Cougars is 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo.

MENS SOCCER/pg.10

New coach Burton leads women's team into Division I

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Correspondent

For the SIUE women's soccer program, 2008 represents the beginning of a new era.

The team enters Division I play under new Head Coach Derek Burton, who brought in a handful of new faces during the offseason.

"I am excited about all of the recruits," Burton said. "Any player could start on any given day. There isn't a lot of separation. They are all good."

Senior leadership will play a large role for the SIUE women's soccer team on and off the field. Burton said the seniors use guidance to lead the team.

"They are helping get people assimilated," Burton said. "Helping (new players) get comfortable on a new team and in a new college environment. Even outside of soccer."

Senior goalkeeper Kaci Backs is a player Burton will rely

on for leadership. For Backs, the switch to D-I is a welcome challenge.

"I am excited for the increased intensity level," Backs said. "It is definitely more physical."


The raised level of competition, intensity and speed is a unifying theme throughout SIUE sports this year, along with excitement and increased preparation.

Junior defenseman Kelley Humphrey said she is also looking forward to the D-I challenge.

"It is a lot harder," Humphrey said. "It is much more physical."

The Cougars next home game is 7 p.m. Wednesday October, 1 when they host the University of Missouri- St. Louis.

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many different players seeing time on the court."

Aside from the senior leadership and depth the Cougars feature on the court, some new faces could find themselves making an immediate impact for the team.

Newcomers include a pair of 6-foot transfers, junior outside hitter Brittini Birley, formerly from Grace College, Ind. and sophomore outside hitter Noelle Franke, formerly of Arkansas State, while Gober's freshmen recruiting class is made up of middle hitter Ashley Brockenbrough of Chesterfield, Mo., setter Kelly Farrell of Crystal Lake and Haley Rosenkranz of Moro.

"Personally, a goal of mine is to just improve upon my game and get in well with the new team," Birley said. "I think it is going to be a tough year, but we are definitely up for the challenge."

While the Cougars are not expected to do much in their first

year of D-1 competition, as they will be ineligible to compete in postseason play, the team is buying into Gober's plan to compete with some of college volleyball's Goliaths.

"We are expecting a lot of battles," Hubert said. "We are just going to go out there and leave it all out on the court."

The Cougars square off with Austin Peay State University Friday evening at the Lady Gov's Volleyball Classic in Clarksville, Tenn. SIUE will play 14 matches away from home to start the season before returning to the Vadalebene Center Oct. 11 for a showdown with Air Force Academy.

"We really encourage everyone to come out to our home matches," Gober said. "This level of volleyball has never been seen on this campus before, and it is important to have the students and the university behind us."

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Following Cameron's lead on the men's team are juniors Sean Gosewisch and Ryan Wessling and sophomore Shawn Dillard who all had solid performances in last year's NCAA regional.

"Both recruits have a hard work ethic," Cameron said. "As long as they continue to do the small things I think they will bring a lot to the team."

Cameron is not concerned about having a small team.

"We don't have the depth in numbers as other teams have, but we have worked hard all summer and put in the miles," Cameron said. "You may not see us at the beginning, but in the last two or three miles, that's when our training kicks in and you will see us."

Cameron also has some individual goals for himself this year as a senior. His number one goal is to set the school record for the 8k. On top of that he is excited about the SIUE Border

Wars meet.

"I want to be in the top five definitely, but I don't think winning is out of reach," Cameron said.

The schedule is full of competition, but it is a much shorter season than normal. This changes things a little for Assistant Coach Eileen McAllister.

"This is a shorter season, so the dynamics will be a little different," McAllister said. "The end of this season is usually where the middle of our season is."

Despite the short season and small numbers, Astrauskas is optimistic about the outlook.

"We are small in numbers this year, but we have a lot of talent," Astrauskas said. "We were very selective on who we let tryout for the team this year."

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work, studying, a social life and training."

Thomas said his nerves sometimes get to him right before a race.

"I think, 'Holy cow, I'm going to drown. I can't swim that far.' You kind of get freaked out," he said.

But when he finishes a race about an hour or two later, depending on the distance, he feels a sense of achievement.

"When you get done, it's just a good feeling of accomplishment," Thomas said. "It's like getting an A on a test."

His goal is to do an iron man race by 2009 or 2010, where he would have to swim about two

and half miles, bike 112 miles and run about 26 miles.

Thomas said he does triathlons to stay healthy, but more importantly to keep in touch with his family. His father said he is proud of his son and every race he has competed in.

"That's huge to have (your child) want to do something that you do," Doug Thomas said. "I can't even describe the feeling and how important it is that he does that."

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GLEN CARBON - MINUTES TO SIUE 2 Bedrooms start at \$605, 2 bedroom townhomes with 1.5 baths start at \$655, with basement \$725, 2 bedroom lofts start at \$675. All units have washer/ dryer hookups and MOST with deck or patio. For more information, please contact our office at (618) 346-7878 or visit our web site at www.osbornproperties.com 346-7878

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3 BEDROOM TOWNHOMES 1200 sq. feet, internet available, quite, private parking, ceiling fans, ideally suitable for 3 upper classman or Grad. 1 year lease \$780.00 month. skyviewtownhouses.com. 618-345-9610

THREE AND FOUR BEDROOM houses. Also: Male Roommates wanted. 618-444-2267

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Heights Rd., Caseyville. See infotube.net/191107 or call 618-593-2112 or 288-5297

10 MIN.FROM SIUE 3 bdrm. w/ poss. of being 5 bdrm., 3 bath, 2 car gar. IMMACULATE CONDITION 5157 Stacey Drive, Granite City. \$ 1 3 5 , 0 0 0 . www.wainwrightrealty.com 309.523.3338

HELP WANTED

GOT NIGHT OR INTERNET CLASSES? Three full-time house painters wanted. 7a-4p M-F. Must have reliable transportation. Can lift 100 lbs. Willing to learn. \$\$\$ depend on skills learned. Click the envelope icon to request application (or call 656.9300 and leave your email address). Thanks.

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skills. Hours needed - M, W, F, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or M, F, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call, ask for manager. 656-4011

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WAITRESS WANTED: "Mr. Currys" Restaurant **HIRING WAITRESS / SERVICE** staff, no experience needed- will train. 7403 Marine Rd, Edwardsville. www.MrCurrys.com Please call: 415.577.2274 415.577.2274

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