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Campus housing continues to secure students

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Opinion Editor

Freshman Woodland Hall resident Jeannie Gapsch said she thinks SIUE should work harder to increase safety around her residence hall.

Gapsch said university police could work harder to prevent incidents like the armed robbery Friday in the Woodland Hall parking lot, but that for the most part, she felt safe at SIUE.

"I know students think it's freaky hearing about an armed robbery, but you have to remember that kind of thing happens everywhere," Gapsch said.

Housing Director Michael Schultz said SIUE has gained local notoriety for its extensive safety measures.

"Last year (KMOV) Channel 4 did a story on security in residence halls," Schultz said. "They sent an undercover person to four different universities, and SIUE was the only one where the person could not enter the dorm ... That's a huge deal."

Schultz said the residence halls at SIUE are equipped with cameras and alarms at each exterior door so no unwanted guests could enter through fire exits. When an alarm is triggered at any of the university's residence halls, the SIUE Police Department is also notified.

"In order to enter any of the dorms, all students must swipe an SIUE ID," Schultz said. "That's different from most schools because we have a front desk staff 24 hours a day."

Schultz said issues arise from students feeling "too safe" in residence halls.

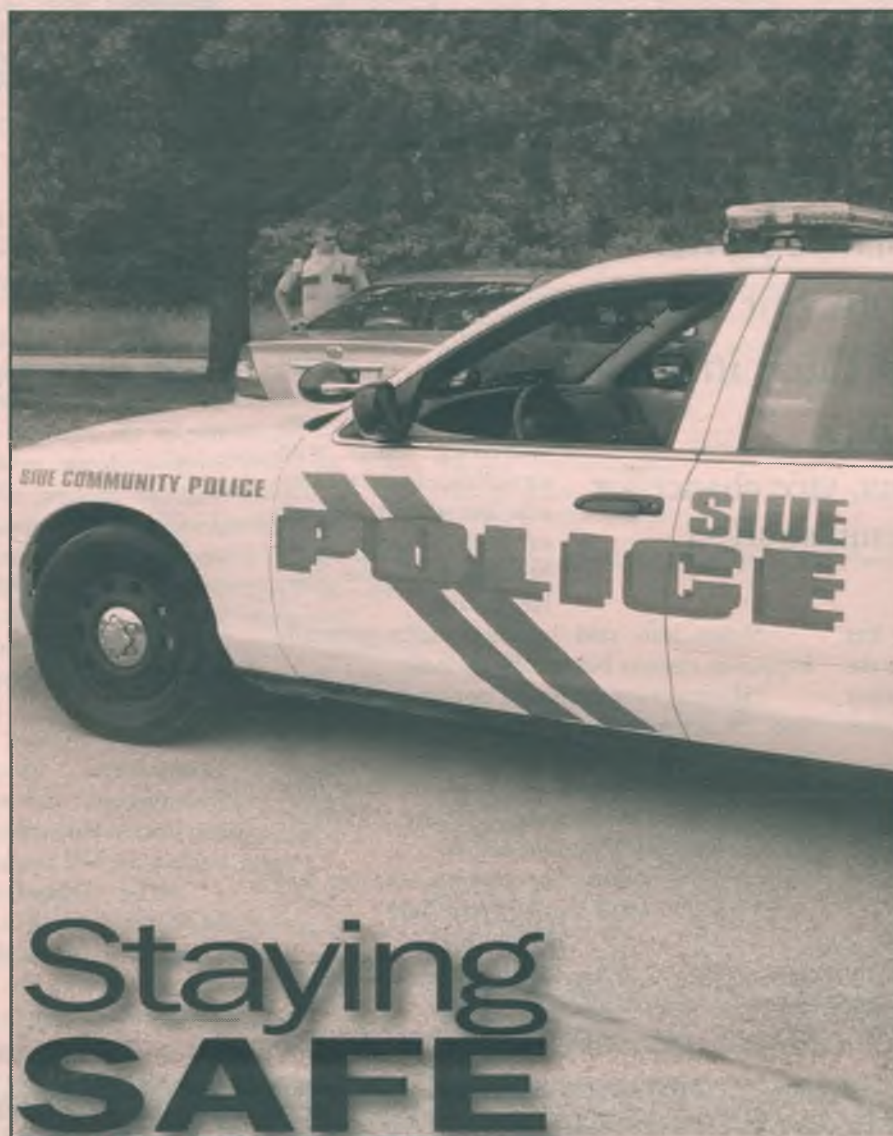
"Many of the students become so comfortable that they leave their doors unlocked," Schultz said. "This is what causes problems."

Schultz said a few years ago, a Prairie Hall resident stole computers and other items by simply entering unlocked rooms.

"We can only provide as much security as possible, but students must make sure they protect themselves," Schultz said.

Schultz said students should always

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Staying SAFE on campus

Hunter Creel/Alestle
SIUE police officer
Brandon Sellers patrols
parking lots Wednesday.

Security cameras raise financial issues

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Sports Editor

Security cameras might be an option to deter crime in SIUE's parking lots, but Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenn Neher said they aren't the perfect solution.

"Cameras are not a panacea against crime," Neher said.

The issue of campus security has come under scrutiny again after a recent armed robbery in one of SIUE's many parking lots, as well as multiple hangtag thefts in the last two weeks.

One possible solution to the problem, equipping the expansive parking lots with security cameras, was discussed at Friday's Student Government meeting.

Neher said this is not the first time security cameras have been discussed as a crime solution.

About a year ago, SIUE hired an engineering firm to determine the cost and efficiency of cameras in parking lots.

Neher said after two separate studies, SIUE would need to install approximately 132 cameras to cover only the parking lots, costing \$1.5

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Students talk about their safety concerns

by Soni Kumar
Alestle Reporter

After an armed robbery occurred in Woodland Hall parking lot early Friday morning, safety on campus has become a primary concern for both SIUE administration and students.

SIUE Police Chief Regina Hays said it was important for a student to be aware of his or her surroundings.

"Take note of anything suspicious or unusual," Hays said.

To avoid becoming an easy target, Hays said student should park in well-lit, heavily traveled areas and walk with confidence. If confronted, Hays said, the student should simply hand over whatever item the person wants.

"Your personal safety is more important (than) that (of) your personal property," Hays said. "Whatever they want give to them."

Senior art history major Jamie Freeman said walking in groups at night helps keep her safe.

"I think it's important to always be with someone else," Freeman said.

Senior psychology major Andrea Keller, who is also a member of sorority Gamma Phi Omega, said the SIUE Police can also assist students when traveling to their cars late at night.

"One thing we encourage as a sorority, if you have night classes, is to utilize the SIUE Police escort service and to go in groups," Keller said.

According to Hays, the police escort service is available every day at any time and will transport people on campus to and from buildings, parking lots and residence halls.

The police escort service can be reached by calling the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324.

"If you feel unsafe traveling, give us a call," Hays said.

Keller said calling a friend can also be a helpful medium of safety transportation.

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The race to the White House officially begins

McCain chooses Alaska Gov. Palin as vice presidential running mate

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle A&E Editor

Sen. John McCain will officially accept the Republican presidential nomination Thursday at the Republican National Convention, and he will have Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin running alongside him as his vice presidential candidate.

McCain made the announcement Friday, just days before the Republican National Convention began in St.

Paul, Minn. Political science professor Laurie Rice said Palin, who has been the governor of Alaska for two years, might be what McCain needs in order to win the election come November.

Rice said Palin was a surprising choice because her name had not been mentioned previously, but Palin could be what McCain needs to distance himself from the Bush Administration.

"The Democrats had really successfully painted McCain during their convention as four more years of

Bush," Rice said. "He needed someone who didn't have any ties to George W Bush and Washington D.C., so Sarah Palin ... is a good example of that."

Carly Hayden-Foster, a political science professor with an emphasis in women in politics, said she found it interesting Palin was being greeted so warmly by the Republican party when, for so long, they advocated a more traditional role for women, especially since there are other women in politics with more experience than Palin

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million alone and not including maintenance and replacement costs.

"It's not that one camera or parking lot is expensive," Neher said. "SIUE is extremely large, with multiple parking lots."

The lifespan of the cameras would be six years.

The results of the studies were presented to Student Government last fall and were discussed during an analysis of SIUE's security and safety.

At the Friday's Student Government meeting, members said they were hoping to get input from students about security cameras.

Student Body President Dominique Majors said Student Government is reopening the possibility of security cameras.

"We're going back to the drawing board with it," Majors said. "We'll be gathering information and will look into all the possibilities with the security cameras."

Neher said the possibility of security cameras in the parking lots wouldn't necessarily prevent violent crimes like the armed robbery last Friday, where an SIUE student was robbed at gunpoint of her purse and then kicked repeatedly by her attackers.

"That (crime) happened to be in a parking lot," Neher said. "It could just as easily have been anywhere on campus."

SIUE Police Chief Regina Hays said as of Wednesday, there weren't any leads in the case, but SIUE Police remain on increased security.

"We've increased officer presence on campus and put additional officers and staff on duty," Hays

said. "Normally at the beginning of each semester we're on high alert for a few weekends."

Hays said the increase in police not only allows them to search for the two attackers, but also puts students at ease.

"If they see officers, it helps calm people down," Hays said. "We'll see how things are in another week and reassess the situation."

According to SIUE Police's Student Right to Know analysis of SIUE's crime, the last armed robbery was in 2000.

Neher said armed robberies have never been a major source of crime at SIUE, and security cameras would help mainly in the identification process of criminals, although he said they many not necessarily prevent crimes.

"We can do some interesting things with surveillance in the parking lots, but they're difficult to catch in some areas because they're so big," Neher said.

Neher also said hangtag thefts generally happen in clusters but usually dwindle.

"Hangtags are a crime of opportunity," Neher said. "Locking cars usually prevents hangtag thefts."

Neher said while the cameras have their advantages and disadvantages, he does not think they are the best option for SIUE.

"They're an option, but they're not the best investment we could make," Neher said.

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-Kenn Neher, vice chancellor of administration

Dental students charged with academic misconduct

Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

Five SIU School of Dental Medicine students have been charged with academic misconduct, after an incident in May 2007 temporarily suspended the grades of the entire first-year class.

The school investigated all 52 students in their first year at the SIU School of Dental Medicine in Alton after allegations of academic dishonesty were brought to the university.

According to a statement released by Ann Boyle, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, five of the students are charged with academic misconduct, as well as misuse of university documents with intent to deceive and unprofessional behavior under the School's Student Conduct Code.

Two of the students being charged are appealing the findings.

The SDM's Conduct Committee handled the investigation and unanimously recommended the sanctions against the five students.

"The School of Dental Medicine Student Conduct Committee followed established school policies in addressing these issues," Boyle said in the

statement. "The five students found in violation of the School's Student Conduct Code were sanctioned, based on the available evidence. However, since the appeal process is ongoing at this time for some of these students, the final disposition of each case is not yet complete."

The university will not release the names of the students involved.

"We have to be careful about what we say regarding this because of privacy laws," Greg Conroy, director of public affairs at SIUE, said.

Punishment for the academic misconduct can range from disciplinary warning to dismissal, but due to privacy laws, the school will not release the actions that will be taken against the students.

"Faculty members of the school are now studying our protocols governing examinations to prevent such problems in the future," Boyle said in the statement. "Personal integrity and ethical standards form the foundation of all healthcare professions, including dentistry. We take these issues very seriously."

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Hayden-Foster said she was shocked when McCain announced his decision on Palin for a running mate.

"McCain was trying to make his ticket more exciting, and he was certainly suffering from a lack of that before then," Hayden-Foster said. "The McCain campaign has been doing a lot of complaining that (Democratic presidential candidate Sen.) Barack Obama is the media rock star ... I think he was trying to counter that."

Palin's personal life and that of her children have already been splashed across the media. At first, it was most notable that Palin once participated in a beauty pageant, competing in the Miss Alaska contest in 1984, according to CNN.com.

As the days continued and more information was given about Palin and her family, including the news that Palin's 17-year-old daughter Bristol is pregnant.

Obama spoke out against Palin's family life being brought into the political ring.

"Obama has come out strongly and said family issues should be off the table and that really should be a private family matter that shouldn't be in the media spotlight," Rice said.

Rice said although the Democrats will drop the issues about Palin's family, the media may follow up on the story for a few more days before finding another "big story."

Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, assistant director of the Kimmel Leadership Center, also heard the news raving about Palin's family issues and Obama's stance on not making it a part of the election.

"Right now all the quick gossip (is) starting, you're hearing all this stuff, but what truth is there to any of (these) rumors?" Kutterer-Siburt said. "(Students) really need to work to go and learn the truth, do



Doral Chenoweth/Columbus Dispatch/MCT

Republican presidential candidate John McCain introduces his running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin during a rally at the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, Friday, August 29, 2008.

some research."

One point that has been raised against Obama has been his lack of experience. Since McCain has chosen a running mate also with little experience, Rice said she believes this will no longer be an issue within the confines of the election.

"McCain before was attacking Obama about experience. Now that he has named someone without a lot of experience, it makes it more difficult to attack Obama in that dimension," Rice said. "But it also makes it difficult for Obama to attack Palin on that dimension because if he does then he's calling attention to his level of experience."

Palin is also expected to win over some women voters in favor of McCain, many of which are expected to be drawn from devoted Hilary Clinton supporters.

"This seems like a pretty bald

approach to trying to court those voters by picking a woman so that he can say he's picking a woman, but this particular woman doesn't really have that much experience," Hayden-Foster said.

If a student is still confused about the important issues surrounding the campaigns, Kutterer-Siburt said students should visit each political party's Web pages and the Web pages of the individual candidates.

Kutterer-Siburt also said students should be sure to register to vote, and the Kimmel Leadership Center will begin hosting voter educational forums after Oct. 7.

"I want somebody to go to the poll and vote for either McCain or Obama or Mickey Mouse, I don't care, but know why they are voting for that person," Kutterer-Siburt said.

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What do you think?

"Hopefully more people will be open minded towards having a woman in that type of office."

-Audra Gall,
junior, marketing major

"I thought it was interesting about how they were making a big deal about her daughter being pregnant."

-Mandy Cygne,
senior, sociology major

"He's grasping at straws. Totally a political move. He did it to win votes, not for the country."

-Jennifer Melton,
senior, electrical engineering major

"I don't even know what to think about it. He's mocking Obama by picking Palin because she has barely any experience."

-Phillip Rainwater,
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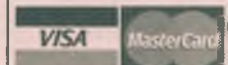
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"I can call my sorority sisters, and they will come and help me out, give me a ride," Keller said.

According to junior CMIS major Tim Edwards, there will always be criminals and crimes, so the school cannot stop them from happening, but there are some actions SIUE could take to prevent crimes from happening and to secure student safety.

"Having better lit parking lots could help," Edwards said.

Freeman said increasing police patrols on campus could also help prevent crimes.

"If someone would have seen the police, it would make them more apt to think they cannot get away with something like that," Freeman said.

"Having surveillance cameras might have also helped. They have surveillance cameras in mall parking lots."

According to Hays, the SIUE Police Department has increased the patrol on campus as a result of the incident Friday.

"We are exploring options such as security cameras," Hays said.

According to a statement David McDonald, director of

emergency management and safety, one of the steps students can take to be prepared for emergency situations is signing up for e-Lerts, the SIUE emergency text messaging system that informs students of emergency situations on campus.

To sign up for e-Lerts, visit www.siue.edu/e-lert.

Hays said if there is an emergency situation, students should call 911 or utilize the emergency telephones on campus, which will automatically connect to 911.

"We are exploring options such as security cameras."

-Regina Hays,
SIUE Police chief

Hays said the SIUE Police has information to educate the public on how to generally stay safe on campus, including

informational pamphlet on how to survive an active shooter, as well as an online video. This pamphlet can be accessed on the SIUE Police Department's Web site. For more information about emergency situations and safety awareness visit

www.siue.edu/POLICE or call SIUE Police Department at 650-3324.

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lock doors to ensure the upmost safety for both themselves and their valuables, and they should keep a record of model and serial numbers of valuables as well, so stolen property can be more easily found and returned.

"Go to the SIUE Police Department and check out an engraver for your valuables even," Schultz said.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said his department works closely with all residence assistants and Housing personnel to ensure safety in campus housing.

"We do training with RAs and professional staff, giving them safety situations and teaching them how to handle them," Schmoll said. "Even more training for this professional staff would be helpful, I think, in increasing safety."

Schmoll said officers walk inside and outside the residence halls several times each night.

"We are always looking to step up safety," he said.

Students are encouraged to utilize the SIUE Police Department's "escort service," Schmoll said. This service provides an officer to walk with a student from any dorm to the parking lots, or vice versa.

"Lots of students call us at night," Schmoll said.

Freshman Alanna Murphy said she was walking back to her Woodland Hall dorm alone from

the parking lot fifteen minutes after the student was robbed at gunpoint in that same place last week.

"I didn't see the incident, but I saw the police there," Murphy said. "There are usually cops all over the place at night."

Despite this disruption, she said she still believes SIUE is "one of the safest places to go to school."

"You can't even get into the dorm without your ID after 11 p.m.," Murphy said, "and you can't sneak by the front desk at night."

Murphy said she thinks SIUE is taking all reasonable safety precautions to protect students in university housing.

"I can't think of anything else they could do," she said.

Schultz said students should always look out for suspicious activity in residence halls and call the police department with any concerns.

"Safety and security are such huge components of university housing that it was the number one criteria for our residence halls," Schultz said. "From design to daily operation, security is the major part of meeting students' needs."

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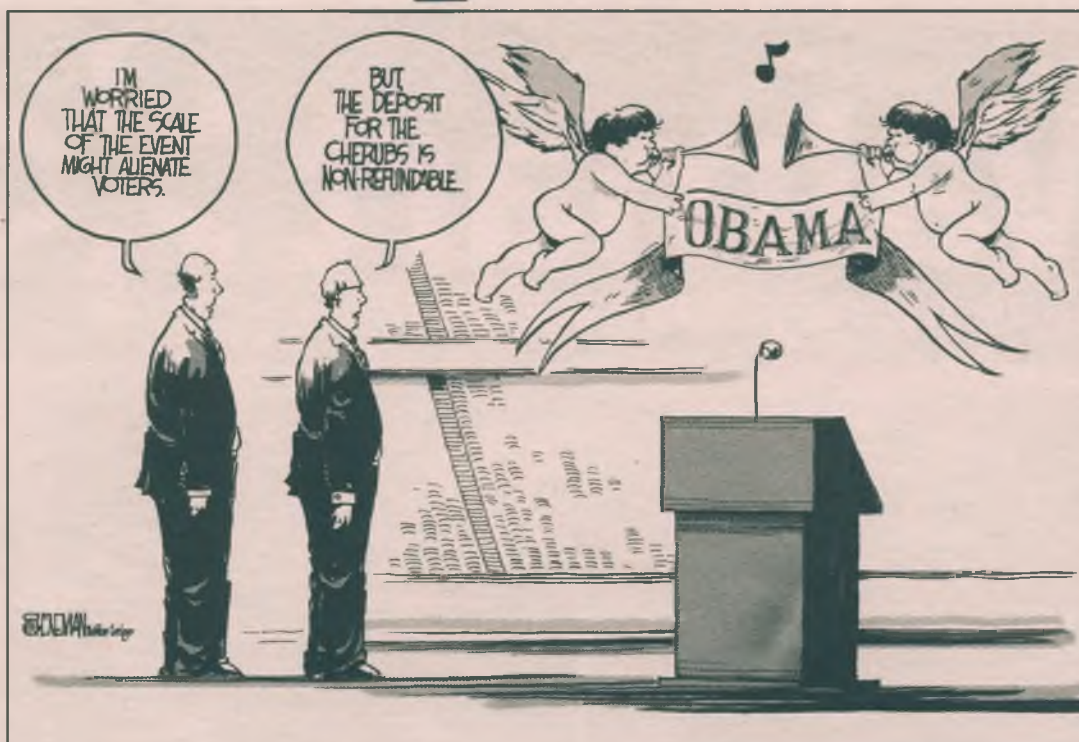
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Cheering on SIUE's Division I transition

This year marks a historic change at SIUE, moving up to the Division I level. The coaching staffs and players from every sport are working hard to up their game; I think the fans should too.

The transition to D-I is not going to be an easy one. SIUE is renovating the Vadalabene Center to help accommodate the change. Nearly every player I have spoken with has said it is going to be a very challenging switch that will bring a new level of intensity, competition and toughness.

It is going to be a fun and exciting change though. Bigger games, more attention brought to SIUE, harder competition and a list of things beyond those.



Levi
Kirby

Just as all the players and coaches are expected to rise to the challenge, I believe the students should be held responsible as well. When I say students I mean fans, but they should be synonymous. Any student at SIUE, even if they are not into sports, should be a fan.

Any student here should be proud to represent SIUE and excited to cheer on other students representing our school. Students should be as excited about going D-I as the players and coaches are.

One downside to the switch to D-I is this year all of the sports teams, with the exception of basketball, are playing mostly on the road. The majority of sports have very few home games. Since we do have very few home games, nobody has many excuses not to come to at least some.

Men and women's soccer both only have three home games. The cross country teams only get to play at home during the SIUE

Border Wars. The same goes for nearly every team.

SIUE Head Coach Kevin Kalish of the men's soccer team is hoping to see a lot of fans at the only three home games they have, and I am almost certain the same goes for all the coaches and players.

We need a packed house of crazy Cougar fans at every home game this year. Just as the players have to step up, the fans need to step up as well. We need to show all those big D-I schools we can be just as crazy as them, and we belong.

We need face paint, body paint, hair dye, big foam fingers and a lot of screaming any time another D-I school comes onto our turf.

Even if they beat us in our first year, the players won't forget us, and the fans should be right behind them.

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Lowering the drinking age to 18, responsibly

I know that this is a heated debate and that everyone from PBS "Donnybrook" hosts to students on the quad, argue about what is right and what is wrong about the drinking age. However, I think that there is always room for compromise, even about this topic.

The two sides do bring up valid points. Lowering the drinking age will make the illusion of rebellion by drinking underage disappear, thus making more and more students at college who would have considered to drink to stinking inebriation think otherwise. Also, deaths related to going overboard with liquor would decrease dramatically on college campuses across the country. Confusing rules about only the few getting to drink would be a thing of the past (again).

Letter to the Editor

However, in doing so, the place for that would show up more at high school - which is a more critical time in anyone's life. How else do you move onto college or a workplace when you have a drinking problem straight out of high school? Drinking in high school could lead to what many consider is happening at the college level: loss of interest in the future and plain failure at life. Also, lowering the age would not guarantee a drop in the number of people who drink anyway. In fact, it may increase.

So here's my proposition: make a law where 18-year-olds can drink upon the completion of a high school degree as well as boost Health classes to include programs on how to drink responsibly. That way alcohol will (legally) stay out of the high schools, everyone would be better educated about alcohol (which is always a good thing by me), and college administrations will have one less problem to worry about. Everyone would

pretty much win.

This would be pretty simple to implement. With the alcohol corporations just vying for more business, they would be more than willing to sponsor any "responsible drinking" programs. This would then offer an opportunity for more taxes, thus pleasing all the politicians. And, we (those above 18) would finally get most of our rights at the age when we are technically citizens. We can then fight for our country, vote for who runs our country, and then we have a Bud, thanks to our country.

So, enough debates, arguments, and just plain yelling about who is right or wrong about drinking. Instead, why not end it now and compromise. There are more important issues - especially on an election year - than to be wasting our time about the drinking age.

Harry Zollars
Sophomore pre-pharmacy major
Bethalto

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Music professors write books of craft

A jazz professor and trumpet professor both write books to help educators and students



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by Lori Schueler
Alestle Reporter

Students may not be able to learn music from a book alone, but it can't hurt to check out two books written by SIUE professors.

Two professors, Reggie Thomas and John Korak, from the Music Department, have published educational books helpful to professors looking to enhance their teaching as well as useful resources for student learning.

For jazz educators wanting to improve lessons, "Teaching Music Through Performance in Jazz," helps teachers overcome challenges that accompany jazz training.

Music professor Thomas co-authored the book along with Ronald Carter, Wynton Marsalis, Ron McCurdy and Ron Modell.

"The book is aimed at music educators and for enhancing music education abilities to teach jazz," Thomas said.

Released in December 2007, the book is comprised of five chapters – one by each author – in addition to music reviews, which, according to Thomas, gives the best resources to use to teach jazz, along with a CD.

"For students who are going into music education (the book) is a great resource," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, some of the challenges educators face are teaching improvisation and teaching the rhythm section. His chapter is dedicated to the rhythm section and jazz ensembles.

"What this book offers to do is to help fill in those gaps that students have not received in the music education training," Thomas said.

He said the book is available through GIA

publications and can be ordered online or bought at a music store that carries band materials.

"What we have been seeking to do is to get these types of materials in the hands of educators to better prepare our students to be well rounded musicians," Thomas said.

Rick Haydon, music professor and long-time acquaintance of Thomas, said the book is invaluable for jazz enthusiasts.

"It's very well done, and something we have needed in jazz education for a while," Haydon said.

Haydon said he would highly recommend the book and said also commended the other contributors.

In addition, trumpet professor Korak has recently revised, "Giuseppe Concone: The Complete Solfeggi." The first edition was released in 1999.

"We updated the book and gave it a face-lift cosmetically," Korak said.

According to www.earfloss.com, the book focuses on a singing approach to instrumental music and helps trumpet players learn breath control, musical understanding and lyricism, with a collection of 160 exercises.

According to the Web site, the exercises "stress a singing approach which helps the performer learn the proper voicing, expression and accuracy."

In the new edition, the book contains a CD with a technology called Smart Music. The software is downloaded on to a computer, where the program allows the computer to serve as an accompaniment to the trumpet by generating piano sound through the speakers.

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Sing your way to class

SIUE offers four choir groups to all students

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

Instead of sitting at a desk and listening to lecturers, Hannah Kreoger sings for class credit.

Kreoger, a music major, said although choir was required for her, it was a class she would have gladly taken anyway.

"It was my favorite class in high school, and I also heard that we have a great concert choir here," Kreoger said.

SIUE offers four choirs for students to participate in, a concert choir, a madrigal choir, a choral society and a treble choir.

"The madrigal choir is a highly select choir," Joel Knapp, director of choral activities, said. "They have two main events, performing at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival and putting on the Madrigal Dinner."

Allison Wamser, a senior music major, said at the Renaissance Festival people dress up and speak as if they were living during the Renaissance time period. There are also booths set up as well as comedians and theatrical performances.

"The Renaissance Festival is like a big outdoor theme

park," Wamser said. "You can do really cool things there. Last year, I rode an elephant."

Half of the SIUE choral society's members are SIUE students, but the other half are part of the local community.

The treble choir, directed by music instructor Chris

"It has given me countless advances in my music ability . . . I couldn't have gotten anywhere else."

- Allison Wamser, senior music major

Eubank, is a training choir, according to Knapp. It primarily focuses on development of a singer's voice and sight-reading.

The concert choir is SIUE's premier choir. The concert choir performs multiple times a year, including a fall concert and a holiday concert. It is composed of half

music majors and half non-music majors. Students don't have to be a music major to join. Non-music majors are also part of the concert choir.

Knapp said non-music majors are welcome to join the choirs as well, and having non-music majors involved brings a new perspective.

Wamser, who joined as a freshman, said she has benefited greatly from joining concert choir.

"It has given me countless advances in my music ability and the fun of new friends, as well as amazing experiences I couldn't have gotten anywhere else," Wamser said.

Students can also get class credit for joining choir. If interested in joining, students should contact Knapp and set up an audition.

"They must sing for me, but it's not high pressure, and they don't need to have anything prepared," Knapp said. "Nobody gets turned away. We have a choir for every singer."

To contact Knapp about an audition for any choir, e-mail him at jknapp@siue.edu or call 650-2024.

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Labyrinth Peace Walk offers time for reflection and meditation

Photo illustration Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

by **Soni Kumar**
Alestle Reporter

Lectures, homework and teachers can sometimes create stress for students, but the Labyrinth Peace Walk is one resource students have to relieve that stress.

According to the business administrator at the Religious Center, Juli Jacobson, the labyrinth walk is a large canvas mat set up in the middle of the Religious Center's Dome for anyone's use.

The labyrinth walk is sponsored by SIUE's United Campus Ministry and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Tuesday starting Sept. 9 in the Religious Center Dome.

According to the Rev. Paul Burden, director of the Campus Student Ministry, the labyrinth is an ancient device used for prayer dating back to the medieval European church.

Jacobsen said walking the labyrinth is a popular

activity for anyone looking to meditate.

"It is a reflective, meditated walk," Jacobson said.

SIUE's United Campus Ministry introduced the labyrinth walk eight years ago. The director of the United Campus Ministry at the time, Cherry Hamilton, brought the idea to SIUE when she found out SIU Carbondale had a permanent labyrinth, Burden said. The walk has been going on every year since then.

The labyrinth is a circle-shaped structure that has an outlined path leading to the center. Walking and following the path is meant to help people enjoy some quiet time, relaxation, prayer and meditation.

"It's not like a maze. A maze is a puzzle where you have to figure out where to go. A labyrinth is much different. It has only one path," Burden said. "... People can focus on issues, concerns and joys following the path."

Junior political science major Marianne Murchison is looking forward to the relaxation walking the labyrinth

has to offer.

"I think the benefit of walking (is that) it helps you calm down between classes (and) reflect on life without having to think about homework," Murchison said.

Burden said the circular shape of the labyrinth suggests a symbol of eternity, and the labyrinth is a reminder of the cyclical nature of life.

"The winding nature refers to how each life is a journey, not a straight path," Burden said. "Sometimes we have to make important decisions and make adjustments."

According to Burden, the path the labyrinth follows is designed so people don't have to think about how to get to the center. Instead they can focus and reflect on other things.

"It's helpful in a contrary context," Burden said. "We tend to try to obtain so much as quickly as we can. The labyrinth helps us so we are not in such a hurry. (It) helps

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Now Rating:

by **Jeff Mason**
Alestle Reporter

It's hard to believe that in one week the country will be commemorating the seventh anniversary of September 11. The faint taste of the attacks is still in the country's mouth and rears its head every now and then. Even Hollywood is still trying to better understand the attacks, and, in some instances, educate people about how terrorists misuse Islam. "Traitor" is the latest of these movies hoping to entertain and educate, merging a slick thriller with the world of international terrorism.

"Traitor" follows Samir Horn (Don Cheadle of "Crash" and "Talk to Me") in his globe-trotting trip to plan a large scale attack on the United States. Unbeknownst to his fellow terrorists and nearly all U.S. authorities, he is actually working to stop the attacks. Heading up the chase for the government is FBI agent Roy Clayton



(Guy Pearce of "Memento").

Things start off with a bang, literally, and don't let up for the length of the film. It's not action packed, nor is it full of rhetoric on Islam. Instead, it strikes a light balance in both categories. The insight into the religion is relatively minimal but manages to accurately portray the Islamic faith on some level.

Cheadle turns in another great

performance as the conflicted undercover agent, adding to his résumé as one of most underappreciated actors in Hollywood. There are plenty of opportunities for a burst of emotion, but Cheadle opts to go for the subtler approach every time, and the rest of the cast follows suit.

Jeffrey Nachmanoff wrote the script, with some help from Steve Martin. (Yes, that Steve Martin). The story is never dull

"Traitor"

and throws in enough twists and turns that change the game enough to keep the audience guessing. The dialogue isn't extraordinary by any measure, but never falters, putting all of the focus on the tension happening on screen.

Nachmanoff, who also wears the director's hat, does an excellent job keeping things interesting throughout the movie. The limited amount of action is handled well, and the tension builds as it should in a thriller. No complaints in this department. A solid job all around.

While "Traitor" doesn't quite do enough to warrant the highest score available, it does come off as one of the bigger surprises of the year.

4 out of 5 stars.

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Annual luau and pig roast postponed until Tuesday

The Sixth Annual Sigma Pi Pig Roast originally scheduled for Thursday has been postponed due to rain. The pig roast will be rescheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Kyle Worman, chair of the event, said that everything else about the event will remain the same, and only the date has changed.

The pig roast and luau will take place in the Stratton

Quadrangle. The fraternity members will hand out free pulled pork sandwiches, chips and drinks, as well as providing entertainment. A DJ will play music throughout the day, and there will be games such as limbo, jousting and an obstacle course.

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"It helps (trumpeters) play more musically. It is an advantage pedagogically and artistically," Korak said.

Jim Martin, music professor, has used the book in his classes and recommends it to students and teachers.

"John has really filled a niche with it and it's been a very successful book," Martin said.

The book has a version for trombonists as well.

Korak recently published another book, "Bel Canto," which translates into English as "beautiful singing." The book

also has Smart Music, which allows a computer to play the accompaniments, and has 77 PDFs available to print out at the end of each study and have been altered to transposition.

"(Transposition) is something trumpet players need to do," Korak said. "It is sort of like Sudoku for trumpeters."

Both books are distributed by Carl Fischer and can be purchased online or at music stores.

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us slow down."

According to Burden, people from all religious backgrounds can benefit from the labyrinth, enjoy it and find some quiet time.

"I think we all have a lot of expectations and demands in our lives imposed by others," Burden said. "It is important to take time out of our schedule to wind down, look inside, think about what is important and focus on what really matters. The Labyrinth helps us do that."

Murchison said it was

important to have downtime once in a while, especially with a busy schedule.

"The labyrinth is something that has to be experienced," Burden said. "It is hard to explain it, walking the labyrinth is something that you have to feel."

For more information about labyrinth walking visit www.siu.edu/religion/ucm/labyrinth.shtml.

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Basketball schedule finalized

by Josh McCarty
Alestle Sports Editor

While SIUE's move to Division I was made official in June, the SIUE basketball program removed any doubt of the university's status with the release of the 2008-09 schedule.

During the upcoming season, the Cougars pay visits to multiple major D-I programs as well take part in the ESPN sponsored Charleston Classic Tournament.

The season begins 6 p.m. Nov. 14 with the Charleston Classic, as SIUE will play the College of Charleston in the primetime slot. Other schools participating in the tournament include Temple University, Clemson University, Western Michigan University and Texas Christian University.

For SIUE freshman Brandon Dunson, playing in front of an ESPN regional audience is something the team will not be used to.

"Your family and friends will be able to see you play," Dunson said. "It's definitely going to be fun. We just got to get out there and compete to try to pull some of these upsets off."

It doesn't get any easier for the Cougars since on Nov. 18, they will travel to Madison, Wis. to take on the defending Big Ten Conference champion Wisconsin Badgers at the Kohl Center.

SIUE men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester said while the challenge will be daunting, the game is one his team is looking forward to.

"Playing Wisconsin is a great opportunity for our players," Forrester said. "You're talking about the Big Ten champs and the tournament champs. It's a great opportunity."

Dunson said he anticipates a large home field advantage for the Badgers that SIUE will have to contend with.

"It's going to be crazy," Dunson said. "It's a great honor to be able to play (in Wisconsin). To be in that

atmosphere it will be real live."

The Big Ten isn't the only major D-I conference SIUE will pay visit to, as they have two games scheduled against Big 12 opponents, including a contest with the Missouri Tigers Dec. 27 in Columbia, Mo.

"It's a huge game for us and excitement for our fans," Forrester said. "(The game against Missouri is) a game they can travel to and help support us."

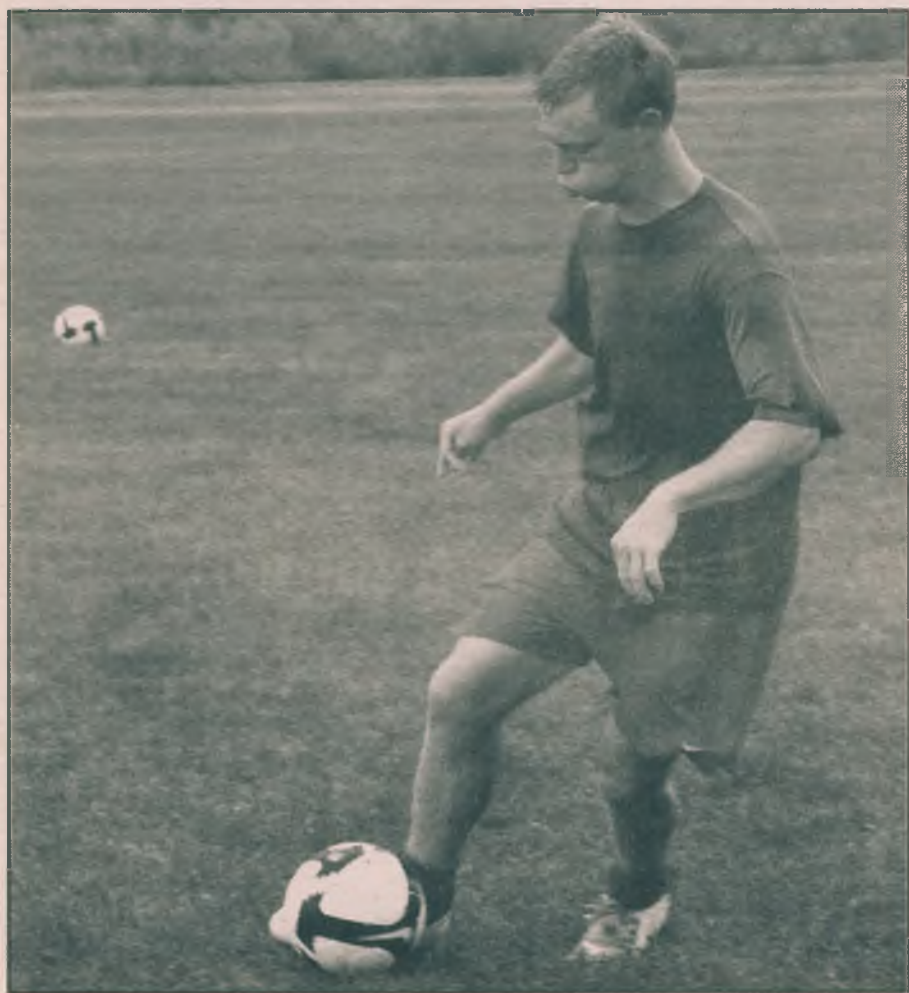
The Cougars will also travel to Ames, Iowa on Jan. 3 to clash with Iowa State University.

Other notable road contests include games at Ball State University on Nov. 23, Southeast Missouri State University on Dec. 31, Bradley University on Dec. 23 and Wisconsin-Milwaukee University? Jan. 12, 2009.

The Cougars 31-game schedule includes 12 match ups at SIUE. With the move to D-I, SIUE athletics have struggled to schedule many home games in various sports. For Forrester, playing games on campus was a priority,

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SIUE soccer teams open seasons with mixed results



June Farley/ Alestle

An SIUE soccer player controls the ball during practice. SIUE is 1-1 on the year.

Men's team begins season 1-1with weekend split

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Correspondent

SIUE began their Division I season 1-1 last weekend at the Drake Classic in Des Moines, Iowa.

In the season opener Saturday against Missouri State University, SIUE grabbed a 1-0 victory thanks to the eventual game-winning goal from senior mid-fielder Bob Ridder.

"It felt like we were getting after them (Missouri State) for awhile, and like we were going to score soon," Ridder said. "It was a good feeling making the shot. Overall, it was great to go out and get a win in the first D-I game."

Seniors Ridder and goalkeeper Nick Frasca both achieved personal milestones with the victory. Ridder's game winning score was his first regular season goal, and Frasca recorded his 18th career shutout.

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Correen Roark dribbles away from a defended during a game last season.

Women's team falls to 0-2 after overtime loss

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Correspondent

A rough overtime loss closed out this weekend for the SIUE women's soccer team.

The first of two games in Ohio resulted in a 2-0 loss to Akron.

SIUE women's soccer Head Coach Derek Burton said it was not their best performance but the effort was there. Kaci Backs, senior goalkeeper, had six

saves on the game, but Akron kept pounding the net out-shooting the Cougars 18-4.

In the second game, the Cougars fell by a score of 2-1 in overtime to the Kent State Golden Flashes.

Senior Jenny Kates said there were multiple mistakes made in different areas, resulting in the Cougars second loss of the season.

"It was the little things," Kates said.

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SIUE volleyball season begins with strong showings against Ohio Valley Conference foes

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Coming into the Lady Gov's classic in Clarksville, Tenn. this past weekend, SIUE Head Volleyball Coach Todd Gober was unsure how his team would fair against the competition.

Gober got the answer he was looking for, as the Cougars put up a strong showing against two Ohio Valley Conference foes, defeating the University of Tennessee at Martin 21-25, 25-11, 25-21 25-20, while falling in the tournament opener Friday at the hands of Austin Peay State University 23-25, 23-25, 15-25.

"I think it was a big confidence building weekend," Gober said. "We learned a lot in our first match, and overall it was a very successful trip."

In game one Saturday, the Cougars led UT-Martin 8-6 early until an attack error by sophomore outside hitter Sydney Winslow and a bad set by senior setter Mallory Clements rallied the Skyhawks as a part of a 13-3 run, to give Martin a comfortable 18-11 lead.

The Cougars would use a 6-0 run of their own to get the game within two points at 19-21 late, but that was as close as they would come, falling 21-25.

The first set loss did not damper the Cougars' day, as they came back with an impressive 25-11 win to tie the match. Senior middle hitter Sam Schulte recorded five kills to pace the Cougars with some help from Clements who had 12 assists.

"Sam was ferocious at the net," Gober said. "Her kills were not easy ones, and she had to work for each of them. As far as Mallory (Clements), she is our unquestioned floor leader and a big part of our team as setter."

SIUE's offense went on a torrid pace in game two, jumping out to a 14-7 lead before a Skyhawks timeout, which left the Cougars unfazed as they continued to pile on with four straight points to put the game out of reach at 18-7. Senior middle hitter Kelsey Hubert finished the game strong, accounting for kills on two of the Cougars' final three points.

Sophomore outside hitter Noelle Franke slammed five kills in the third game, as Clements put down four, assisted by a different player each time.

With the match tied, the Cougars pounced on the opportunity to take the lead heading into the fourth game, with Schulte and sophomore outside hitter Sydney Winslow both contributing with key blocks to give SIUE a 14-12 lead.

Winslow, who led the team on the day with a hit percentage of .400, came out strong in the finale, clipping the Skyhawks with three of her four kills early in claiming the game and match.

The Cougars defense was led by sophomore Diane Schmidlin with 16 digs, while Franke put up strong numbers on both ends of the floor with 12 kills in 33 attempts, two service aces and six digs.

"Noelle (Franke) played a tremendous game for us and was really a terminator out there," Gober said. "The other teams had Noelle listed as a go to player, and they were right in saying that."

In the loss Friday night, Gober said his team came onto the floor a bit nervous, and was unable to capitalize on chances late in games.

"We came out and did a few things that were uncharacteristic of our team," Gober said. "We were in position to win both of the first two sets, but we took it

as a learning experience. We had to settle down and make adjustments, and I have to give my team credit for coming out and winning the next day."

Coming down the stretch tied at 22 in the first game and holding onto a 22-19 lead in the second against Austin Peay, the Cougars fell apart late, making what Gober called critical errors and miscommunication on his team's part.

"They put serves right by some of our best defensive players, and mentally we weren't quite as sharp," Gober said. "We just didn't play our best match."

Schulte judged the opening weekend as a success.

"I thought we came together as a team, and in the second match we were flowing really well, and it seemed like everything we have worked on has come together," Schulte said. "We are (in D-1) to stay."

The next stop on the Cougars' 14-game road trip is Peoria, where SIUE will square off against host school Bradley, Eastern Michigan of the Mid-American Conference and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee of the Horizon League in the Bradley tournament over the weekend.

"I expect more tough competition this weekend as two of those schools won 20 games last season," Gober said. "This is a terminators game, and we have to go out and hit this weekend in order to find a way to win more games."

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even in year one.

"We're pretty happy with 12 home games," Forrester said. "It was important for us to play at home this year with the renovation of the Vadalabene Center. It is going to be a beautiful arena to play in."

The home schedule opens with an exhibition game against Westminster at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1.

The first regular season home game will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25 when the Cougars host Blackburn College.

SIUE has three home and home series on their schedule, matching up with Seattle, North Dakota and South Dakota.

With the loaded schedule, SIUE will be tested early in their transition to D-I. Forrester

said the exposure of playing big-time programs will not only benefit the growth of his current team on the court, but also the growth of the program.

"I thought it helped us with our recruiting this year," Forrester said. "To be able to play schools like that and give our guys an opportunity."

While the Cougars are not eligible for post-season honors this season, Forrester said they still have plenty to look forward to.

"There are tons of guys that have an opportunity to play basketball and play post season, but never have an opportunity to play against Wisconsin or Bradley," Forrester said.

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victory, leaving him two shy of the school record of 20.

In the second game of the classic, SIUE fell in defeat Sunday to the hosting Drake Bulldogs 2-0.

Frasca said the difference between winning the first game and losing the second game was primarily missed opportunities.

SIUE Head Coach Kevin Kalish had a similar response to what happened in the Drake game.

"We had an opportunity to put ourselves in a position to win," Kalish said. "They capitalized on chances, and we didn't. At this level, there is not much separation between teams."

Ridder said losing a game due to missed opportunities can be a valuable lesson to the Cougars going forward.

"In the Drake game there was a lot of pressure, and it was harder to stay composed,"

Ridder said. "It is crucial for us to start out relaxed and play our style of soccer."

With a 1-1 start to a brand-new D-I level of competition, the players and coaches are happy with the direction they are heading.

"Looking back from the Bradley (exhibition) game to this weekend, we improved tremendously," Kalish said. "The team played well for 25 minutes last week and 45 minutes this weekend. The focus for the year is to play a full 90 (minutes) at the D-I level."

The Cougars next game is set for 5 p.m. Friday against Northern Illinois University in Dekalb.

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"Closing down, going quick to the ball."

Caitlin Hester of Kent State had threatened the Cougars all day offensively. SIUE was able to hold her to only one goal, the tying goal, until she used her dangerous sideline throw in overtime to win the game.

Kates said most of the team is growing accustomed to how physical and intense it is at the Division I level, and now they have to consistently play at that level.

"We don't know what to expect," Kates said. "It is definitely more physical, but it is not more than we can handle."

Freshman goalkeeper Claire Lovercheck made her first regular season appearance in the overtime loss. "I was pretty

nervous ... it is a lot of pressure," Lovercheck said. "It was fun though."

Even with the two rough losses, Burton is pleased with the effort of his players.

"The effort is there," Burton said. "It is just the realization of how focused and intense we need to be every time to match a D-I team."

Burton said issues the team worked on over the weekend in between games were visible on Sunday and definite improvements were made. Burton said he knows his team will bounce back strong for two more games this weekend.

"I have confidence in our team as soccer players," Burton said. "We will be ready for next weekend."

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2008-09 Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat., Nov. 1	Westminster (Exh.)	HOME	7:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 5	Webster (Exh.)	HOME	7:30 pm
*Fri., Nov. 14	College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	7 pm
*Sat., Nov. 15	TBA	Charleston, S.C.	TBA ET
*Sun., Nov. 16	TBA	Charleston, S.C.	TBA ET
Tue., Nov. 18	Wisconsin	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Sat., Nov. 22	Ball State	Muncie, Ind.	TBA
Tue., Nov. 25	Blackburn	HOME	7:30 pm
Tue., Dec. 2	Evansville	Evansville, Ind.	7:05 pm
Thu., Dec. 4	Millikin	HOME	7:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 7	Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBA
Tue., Dec. 9	Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
Mon., Dec. 22	Loyola	Chicago, Ill.	TBA
Tue., Dec. 23	Bradley	Peoria, Ill.	7:05 pm
Sat., Dec. 27	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	TBA
Sun., Dec. 28	Missouri-Kansas City	Kansas City, Mo.	2 pm
Wed., Dec. 31	Southeast Missouri St.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	TBA
Sat., Jan. 3	Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	7 pm
Thu., Jan. 8	Saint Xavier	HOME	7:30 pm
Mon., Jan. 12	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Milwaukee, Wis.	7:05 pm
Mon., Jan. 19	Greenville	HOME	7:30 pm
Wed., Jan. 21	Purdue Calumet	HOME	7 pm
Sat., Jan. 24	Seattle	Seattle, Wash.	7:30 PT
Tue., Jan. 27	Oakland City	HOME	7:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 31	Seattle	HOME	7:30 pm
Tue., Feb. 3	Robert Morris	HOME	7:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 7	South Dakota	HOME	7:30 pm
Thu., Feb. 19	North Dakota	Grand Forks, N.D.	8 pm
Sat., Feb. 21	South Dakota	Vermillion, S.D.	TBA
Sun., Mar. 1	North Dakota	HOME	3 pm
Sat.-Sun., Mar. 7-8	North Dakota Tourney	Grand Forks, N.D.	TBA
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SUDOKU

By Michael Mephram

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Girls & Sports

By:Andrew Feinstein



Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of September 1- September 7

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Social timing and diplomacy are vital this week: after Monday pay special attention to privacy issues or newly revealed romantic information. Friends or co-workers may now be unusually sensitive to public comments: stay balanced. Later this week contact distant relatives and offer emotional support. At present loved ones may need encouragement concerning recent property or financial decisions. Provide detailed examples and complex facts: solid information is needed.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Long-term payments or money schedules may now need to be redefined. Early this week discuss all possibilities with family members and rely on group decisions. After mid-week a close friend may request a special favor. Romantic introductions or fast social plans are accented. If so, remain cautious and wait for all information: in the coming weeks new relationships may trigger unexpected emotional triangles. Late Sunday rest and pamper the body: energy may be low.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Yesterday's romantic promises may now be open for discussion. Late Monday watch for loved ones to ask for added freedom, understanding or time. Long-term relationships now need to be briefly redefined. Be patient: new emotional boundaries will soon work to your advantage. Wednesday through Sunday sudden or unexpected financial opportunities may arrive. If so, expect quick reversals and surprising new options. Business luck is now changing: stay focused.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Late Monday friends and relatives may plan unusual group events or family gatherings. Social isolation and deep feelings of regret may now play an important role in the private lives of loved ones. Remain empathetic and ask

probing questions: all is well. Tuesday through Friday accents revised budgets, new financial strategies and fresh opportunities in the fields of social services, medical research, public relations and technologies. Remain open: new pathways are available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Subtle hints from loved ones may this week reveal vital information. Pay close attention to all social opinions and comments. Some Leos may now experience profound revelations concerning the motives, long-term expectations or special needs of others. Stay open. Late Thursday marks the beginning of almost 7 months of fast business expansion and new employment opportunities. Financial rewards, however, may be sluggish to arrive: remain patient and ask for valid promises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Business relations will this week work in your favor. Before mid-week pay close attention to unique opportunities in advertising, management or public relations. Some Virgos may be asked to take control of a recently delayed or postponed project. Older colleagues and key officials may prove temperamental: remain quietly dedicated. After Friday new flirtations and romantic attractions will intensify. Love, family acceptance, social celebrations and long-term promises are highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Minor workplace errors may this week escalate without warning. Faulty information, conflicting reports or mistaken numbers may briefly cause tension between colleagues. Wait for authority figures to provide reliable instructions: much now depends on your ability to be patient and find creative solutions. After Thursday loved ones will be moody. Stay calm: this is not the right time to challenge new ideas or press for concrete decisions concerning family schedules or travel plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) For many Scorpios new social invitations and unique public events are accented over the next few days. Friends, relatives or close colleagues may now wish to greatly expand their daily obligations. Join in and accept all new proposals: your insight and approval is now important. After Friday check documents and business agreements for fresh opportunities. Hidden income sources and unusual work projects will soon captivate attention: remain flexible and watch for bold decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Before mid-week watch for a close friend to challenge the ideals of loved ones or trusted companions. No serious consequences will result but do expect an ongoing conflict between old loyalties and new obligations. Wednesday through Friday highlights unexpected business delays and complex social triangles. Remain quietly cheerful: this is not a good time to focus on private information. Later this weekend dreams will be vivid: carefully study all family or romantic insights.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Home routines will this week require careful planning. Early Monday watch for a loved one or close friend to introduce new workplace schedules or revised family activities. Conflicting business demands are temporary. Remain positive and quietly dedicated: after mid-September daily obligations will revert to normal. After mid-week some Capricorns may experience a powerful increase in sensitivity and emotional insight. Romantic triangles are accented: stay focused.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Many Aquarians will this week begin a new era of group participation, family planning and romantic sharing. Emotional loyalties will soon expand to include rekindled social optimism.

Don't hold back: this is a powerful time for improved intimacy and home enjoyment. Wednesday through Friday accents revised business routines and minor scheduling decisions. Carefully examine all regulations, methods and daily procedures for obvious improvements: there's much to be gained.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Sultry flirtations will now captivate attention. Beginning early this week, and lasting over the next 7 weeks, watch for unexpected attractions or sudden romantic overtures. Love, short-term commitment and exotic travel plans may be accented. Go slow and expect unusual emotional triangles. Later this week some Pisceans will be asked to act as leader concerning a difficult team assignment. If so, make quick and obvious decisions: a rapid response to controversy is best.

If your birthday is this week...long-term relationships will remain complicated in the coming weeks. By late September, however, family planning and home discussions will bring closure to recent misgivings. Loved ones will soon publicly adopt a committed attitude. By late November long-term relationships will dramatically expand: pace yourself and watch for detailed proposals and meaningful facts, figures or deadlines. Early in 2009 financial miscalculations may be problematic. Pay special attention to property evaluations, investments or lengthy payment arrangements. Remain dedicated to long range security and plan for expanded relationships: financial and romantic progress will begin in February 2009.

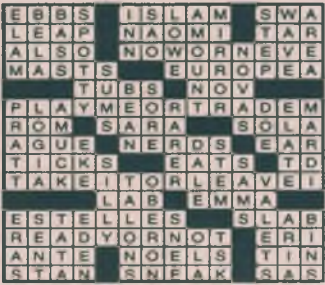
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