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Next president of the United States: Barack Obama

by **T.J. Cowell**
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Whether they were tears of joy or disappointment, students saw history made Tuesday night when Illinois Democratic Sen. Barack Obama was named the next president of the United States.

Obama dominated the Electoral College, claiming 349 electoral votes compared to Republican Sen. John

McCain's 162.

Obama also won the popular vote, claiming about 63 million votes, good enough to earn 52 percent of the popular vote. Obama won the electoral votes in popular states such as Florida, California, New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Obama also dominated in certain areas of the United States, including New England, the Midwest and the West Coast states.

Freshman business major Nicole Maier of Carmi said she was not an Obama supporter at first, but after he claimed victory last night, Maier developed trust in her future president.

"After hearing Obama's speech last night, I have more confidence in him," Maier said. "I feel Obama will do his job well."

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Illinois elections by the numbers

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Students celebrate in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Tuesday night as Democratic Sen. Barack Obama is declared the winner of the presidential election. Obama defeated Republican Sen. John McCain with 349 electoral votes to McCain's 162.

Witnessing history

Students celebrate election results in the Goshen Lounge

by **Lindsay Dunham**
Alestle Reporter

A group of students sat huddled around a large screen in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Tuesday, munching popcorn and chatting excitedly as another wave of electoral votes was counted on CNN.

Some made bets of what the outcome will be, while others just stared at the screen, unwilling to miss even the slightest change.

When CNN announced that Democratic candidate Barack Obama had received the required 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency, much of the Goshen Lounge erupted into a mess of screaming, jumping Obama supporters, sharing a moment in one of the most historical

elections in U.S. history.

The election night viewing party drew over 100 people, all waiting anxiously to find out who would be the next president of the United States, according to Nichole Butler, Student Government External Affairs chair.

The viewing party, sponsored by Student Government, included a large screen showing the election progress on CNN, free popcorn, punch and other snack foods.

"The viewing party (is) an opportunity to see a diverse group of students and hear a diverse group of opinions, and you can witness an election that will affect all of our lives," Butler said.

Senior Sarah Sullivan said she chose to go to the

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Student appears on Oprah for being first-time voter

by **Lori Schueler**
Alestle Reporter

After filling out an online survey about being a first-time voter, sophomore nursing major Sarah Fuemmeler unexpectedly found herself on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"When I got the phone call, I didn't really believe it," Fuemmeler said.

Fuemmeler said she visited Oprah.com on Oct. 27, clicked on a page titled, "Are you are first-time voter?" and answered a survey related to voting for the first time in the 2008 election.

At most, she only expected the question she submitted to be answered on the show. Little did she know she would be catching a train and heading up to the studio a week later to discuss how it felt to be a first-time voter.

Fuemmeler, along with her mother, arrived in Chicago at midnight Tuesday and was at the Oprah studio by 6:45 a.m.

"I was so nervous. I couldn't even sleep (Monday night)," Fuemmeler said. "It was surreal."

When she entered the Oprah studio, Fuemmeler said she was in shock.

"Walking into the actual show I was like, 'Oh my goodness, it's Oprah,'" Fuemmeler said.

She was seated with a group of other college students in the "new voter" section of the audience. She said most of the audience members were new voters, with many people new to the country, but as a special guest, Fuemmeler went backstage to have her hair and make up done because she was chosen to speak on the show.

When Winfrey approached her during the show, she asked Fuemmeler, "How did it feel to vote for the first time?"

Fuemmeler told Winfrey she wanted to be a part of the election and have an impact.

"This is it. This is more my time to make a difference," Fuemmeler said.

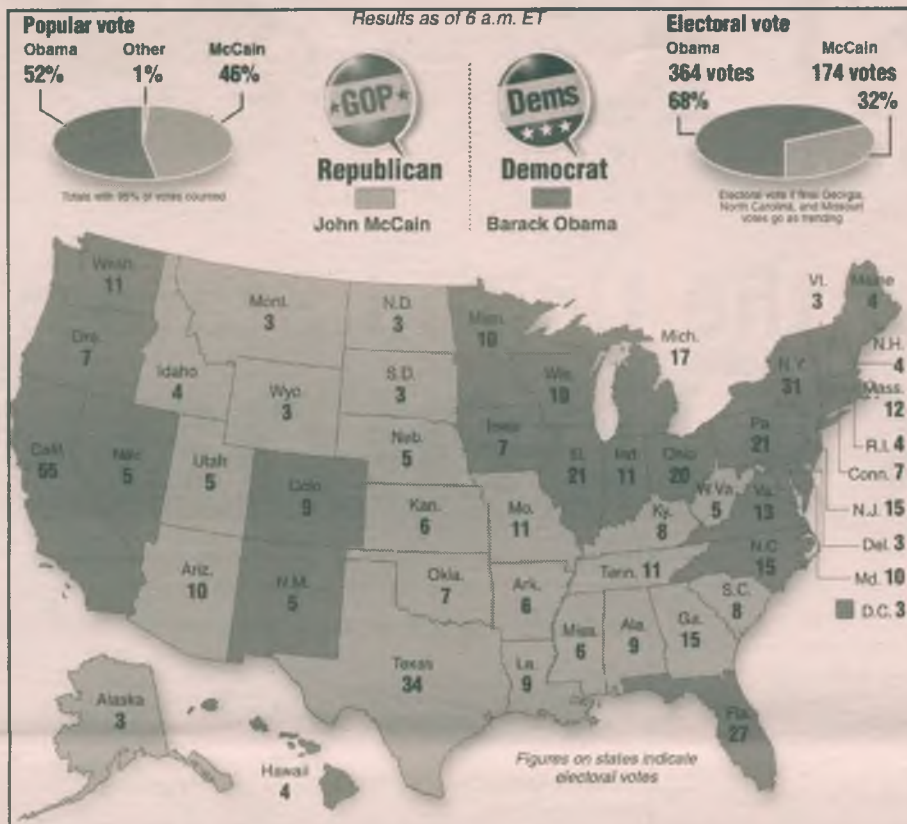
Fuemmeler participated in the early bird voting and made her decision Thursday in the Morris University Center.

According to Madison County Clerk Mark A. Von Nida, 9,500 citizens in Madison County under

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U.S. presidential electoral race



Junior biology majors Erica McDonald and Da'Nisha Gause, both of Decatur, said they were ecstatic once Obama's victory had been made official. McDonald said she is thrilled about the election results and the change she expects.

"I feel John McCain stood for all the views that President Bush was standing for," McDonald said. "I am proud of what Obama stands for."

McDonald said she is proud of the fact that all the different races and cultures came together.

"With Obama winning, that shows there is less racism and prejudice in today's society," McDonald said. "I hope Obama follows through with what he says he is going to do for this country."

Despite the nation's struggling economy, McDonald said she is

hopeful the nation will rise, and she hopes everybody will benefit from this year's election results.

Gause was a first-time voter in this year's election and said she was looking forward to voting for the first time. One of the reasons Gause said she supports Obama is because he appeals to a wide audience.

"Obama cares about our education," Gause said. "Right now an education is so expensive. Obama is making the effort to make it more affordable so that people who want to go to college have the opportunity."

Senior history education major Dan Lawrence of Pontoon Beach said he felt this year's election ran smoother than it had four years ago.

"This year it was more apparent of what direction the country is trying to get into," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said Obama appealed to his own views on issues such as energy, the economy and responsible spending.

"His economic plan calls for spending, which would come from taxes of people with an income of \$250,000," Lawrence said.

Lawrence said the main problem with this year's election was "super partisanship," which is not the best for the country.

"You saw it with President Bush. Now you are seeing it with both McCain and Obama," Lawrence said. "The problem with our election

process is the presence of super partisanship with a group of people who will back a certain party no matter what."

Overall, both McDonald and Gause said they feel the man who deserved the job, got the job.

Gause followed the election coverage with a group of friends throughout the night. Once Obama's victory was set in stone, Gause said there were tears of joy.

"It was so nerve wracking," Gause said. "Anything could have happened."

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30 years old have registered to vote since January, which makes up 5 percent of all the actual voters. He said it's hard to tell how many first-time voters voted in this election.

"It's kind of difficult to tell who is registered, but never voted. It's a big number," Von Nida said.

During her Oprah experience, Fuemmeler was star struck.

"I couldn't believe Oprah was right there," she said. "She stood right in front of me and held the microphone. I could smell her, and she smelled really good."

Fuemmeler's mom, Nancy Fuemmeler, said she was excited for her daughter and "proud of her for caring about the election" and for stating her opinion.

"I was kind of nervous for Sarah because she was afraid she wasn't going to say anything intelligent," Nancy Fuemmeler said.

Nancy Fuemmeler said when her daughter called to inform her that she was going on the Oprah show, she was in disbelief.

"I was like, 'Are you kidding?'" Then I thought, "What did she do to get on the Oprah show? What did she say and what happened?" Nancy Fuemmeler said.

The show aired at 4 p.m. Tuesday on KDSK Channel 5.

"It was a great adventure for us," Nancy Fuemmeler said.

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Chancellor announces two new scholarship programs for 2009

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

During his address to the university last week, SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift announced two new scholarship programs for 2009 and a plan to cut tuition rates for select out-of-state students.

To go along with the Jhonetta Haley scholarship and Meridian Scholars program, the chancellor unveiled the new E Guarantee and Cougar Pride Scholarships, programs aimed at assisting students in meeting financial obligations to the university based on both merit and need.

“Our new multi-tiered approach to scholarships and our new Geographical Enhancement Program are designed to provide high-achieving students who are admitted to SIUE the financial resources to attend,” Vandegrift said during his address. “These programs will increase the numbers of excellent students attending SIUE, adding to an academically well-prepared, diverse freshman class, characteristic of a premier metropolitan university.”

Under the mainly need-based E Guarantee program, applicants who scored at or above a 19 on the ACT, with no expected family contribution and with family incomes below the poverty line, qualify.

“It is a program designed to directly address the financial need of our neediest students,” Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Scott Belobrajdic said. “The purpose of the E Guarantee is to lessen the burden on those families in need.”

The award from the program is good for eight semesters, in which students are required to complete 12 credit hours each semester, and

maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

“We have implemented it and modeled it after other programs in the state,” Director of Admissions Todd Burrell said. “Last year we identified about 30 students that met the criteria for the award, and it will open up doors for students whose costs may prevent them from coming here.”

The new Cougar Pride scholarship is designed to give financial assistance to students who would miss the cut on the Meridian Scholars Program, but still possess a great deal of academic aptitude.

“The Meridian Scholars Program is competitive and only accepts the best of the best 20 students for full tuition, room and board,” Belobrajdic said. “If you go through the process and didn’t make the top 20, we had nothing for you.”

Through the Cougar Pride scholarship, 130 freshmen will receive new \$2,000, while 30 awards will be available to transfer students.

Freshmen must have an ACT score at or above 27 to apply for the competitive scholarship, while transfer students must have a 3.0 GPA and an associate degree. The same credit hour requirements as the E Guarantee apply to the Cougar Pride scholarship, while a 2.9 GPA is required.

“It pretty much has the same standards as the Meridian, but more students will be able to do this,” Belobrajdic said. “There are some fantastic students in our applicant pool, and this scholarship allows us to compete with other institutions for them.”

Vandegrift talked about a new Geographic Enhancement Program, which would give qualified out-of-state students a rate of 1.2 times the in-state

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Selected first time out-of-state students may pay decreased tuition

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Opinion Editor

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees is awaiting the finalization of a plan to grant in-state tuition at SIUE to some out-of-state students, which will be considered at its Dec. 11 meeting.

This initiative will allow certain first time, out-of-state freshmen to pay 1.2 times the tuition rate of in-state students, decreasing costs from the current 2.5 tuition ratio. Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift introduced the initiative at his state of the university address Oct. 29.

“We’re working hard to have a high-achieving freshmen class next year,” Vandegrift said.

Currently, SIUE students pay \$7,020.50 for one year of in-state tuition, while out-of-state students pay \$14,861.75 for one year.

If approved, this program will begin in fall 2009 at both Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses of Southern Illinois University. The changes at SIUE will differ from those at SIUC by only granting this special out-of-state rate to “selected students,” Vandegrift said. SIUC’s plan would grant in-state rates to all students from Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri.

“It will benefit high-achieving, talented students,” Vandegrift said. “Ones with high

ACT scores, artistic talents and athletic talents are what we’re looking for.”

On average, there are 2,000 first-time freshmen students every fall at SIUE, Scott Belobrajdic, vice chancellor of Enrollment Management, said. Of these 2,000 students, only about 100 are from out-of-state.

“Only about eight percent of SIUE’s population is from out-of-state,” Belobrajdic said

Senior mass communications major Derrick Halpin from Pittsfield said this change in tuition “will bring in a lot more prospective students.

“We might hear initial complaints about this plan from in-state students,” Halpin said, “but this will help so many more people planning to go to SIUE.”

Belobrajdic said this plan is not aimed at increasing SIUE’s enrollment, but at creating “interest” in the university, as only a certain number of out-of-state students will be allowed to reap the benefits of the lowered tuition.

“We’ve already had some high school counselors from St. Louis say that this kind of initiative would help their students,” Belobrajdic said. “We need to do whatever we can to step up and become competitive with other schools in the area.”

Senior mass communications major Whitney Hamilton from St. Louis said

out-of-state tuition until she was able to move into Edwardsville for the lowered rates.

“I wish they had this going on when I started here,” Hamilton said. “But I do worry that prices of other things we use on campus might go up because of this. The school has to keep making money somehow.”

The idea to allow 1.2 times in-state tuition for some out-of-state students came out of SIUC’s prior proposal of a similar plan in hopes of increasing enrollment. Vandegrift said SIUE has chosen to implement this not as a “necessary action,” but to add a “desirable characteristic” to our campus.

Vandegrift called the proposed plan a “geographical enhancement” which would work to build a “better” class at SIUE.

“We’re still working on everything,” Vandegrift said. “It has yet to be seen how this plan will work out, but it’s worth trying for a few years to see.”

Though the board of trustees has yet to vote on this issue, Belobrajdic said there is a high likelihood it will pass.

“We’re always working to assess our needs, and I don’t see any reason why this won’t become reality,” Belobrajdic said.

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Freshman social work Catalya Allenwork reacts after hearing the news of Obama's victory at the viewing party Tuesday.

viewing party because she enjoys the political discussion and was excited to see how it all turned out.

"I think I will be good with whatever candidate wins, but I know this is a momentous election, so I wanted to see what would happen," Sullivan said.

International graduate student Jerin Ninan said he stopped by the viewing party to check the progress of the election.

"I'm just here to see who's winning and check out what's going on. I like politics, and I like to learn more about U.S. politics," Ninan said. "This election is very crucial to this country, and I'm watching to see how the decision making goes."

Student Government has

also sponsored presidential and vice presidential viewings, Vote Like a Cougar Day, early voting and voter registration.

According to Butler, planning for these events began in July.

"We were kind of hesitant to do (these events)," Butler said. "We didn't know if students would be interested."

Butler said the viewing party was a good event for all students to attend, regardless of their political affiliations.

"The MUC is the heart of the campus, and we wanted to provide the students with an opportunity to come together and watch the results," Butler said. "We are hoping it will help to unite the campus no matter who wins."

On Wednesday, Student Government also gave out hot dogs and provided patriotic cookies for students to decorate.

Genesis Revelation, who is not an SIUE student but came with a friend, said he voted for McCain, but is not upset at the thought of having Obama as a president.

"I am completely at peace," Revelation said. "I look at it as I have done everything I can to support my candidates. At this point it is in God's hands."

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rate, as opposed to the current 2.5, although the program is yet to be made official.

"Literally, we are still working on what that might look like," Belogradjic said. "The impact will obviously depend on what the final program looks like, and the board has given us some latitude to explore this opportunity."

Belogradjic said the

university budget and planning committee has budgeted the new scholarships, and they make sense for the university.

"It was a part of the institutional budgeting process," Belogradjic said. "It has been determined that this is a good thing."

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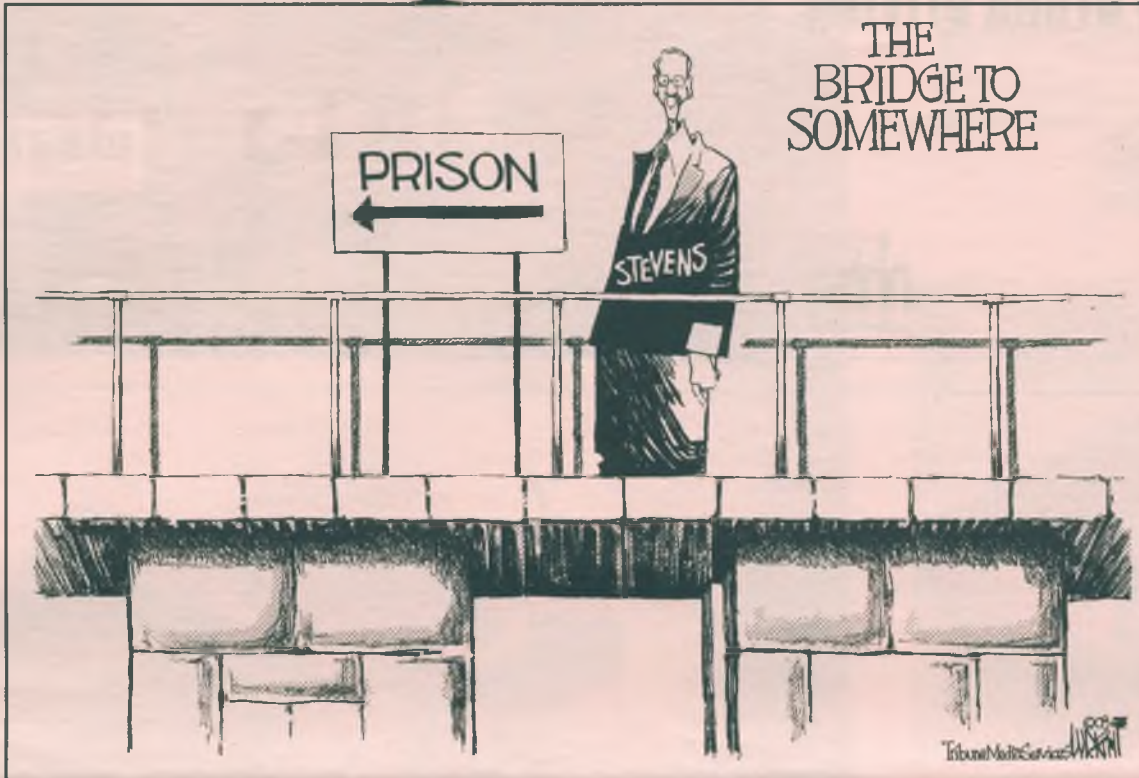
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They are from different backgrounds. They may be different races. Some are business personnel, physical service members, engineers and nurses, but all share the common trait of brotherhood. They are the service men and women of the United States armed forces and their service deserves our thanks and gratitude.

On the campus of SIUE, there are service men and women returning to school to better themselves and become the next leaders of tomorrow through their classes and training experiences.

SIUE offers students and service members alike the chance to participate in Army or Air Force ROTC. These programs offer individuals the opportunity to take on leadership rolls and give themselves a taste of what military life is like.

Senior Army ROTC cadet Jarod Thomas said he learned valuable leadership skills in the Army.



Jeremy Clinton

"It's not just all about the training or job you do, it's for that guy next to you and the pride in serving the people and country I love," Thomas said. "When I made the choice to join the Army I knew it was the right one for me."

Senior political science major Allen Dismuke serves in Air Force ROTC at SIUE, St. Louis University and McKendree University as vice wing officer, and he said his service falls in the line of his family.

"It's traditional to serve in my family in branches of the military. There was always a sense of pride I saw and honor when you put on the uniform, and I want that," Dismuke said.

Retired U.S. Army Major Michael Porch works on the campus of SIUE with the Army ROTC program, and he said the program is designed to develop leadership skills for future military service.

"In training we try to put the individual or group in situations that stress them and help to develop their leadership's skills so that they and their unit they are in can fulfill their purpose to the best ability they can," Porch said.

One of many success stories coming out of the ROTC program is Lt. Nicholas Toney, who graduated from the School of Business in August. Toney is currently serving in the office of the Army ROTC, after his curiosity led him to the program.

"After a while I was just drawn into the military lifestyle, the structure, the sense of adventure, discipline, and the honor that comes from it, but mostly it was the camaraderie you have with those you serve with," Toney said.

Every soldier has his or her own story, but the common theme in all is the pride they feel. I support our troops and all they do.

So next time you see them, give them a handshake and thank them for what they are doing, and ask them what their story is. They just may make you hear the call.

For more information on SIUE ROTC go to www.siu.edu/ROTC/.

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Change in America began with Rep. Shirley Chisholm

Shortly after last month's Delta Phi Epsilon eating disorder event began, host and philosophy department Chair Margaret Simons shared a few words that struck me. Dr. Simons began, "Before there was Hillary and before there was Barack, there was Shirley Chisholm."

Dr. Simons made an imperative point. "You see, Shirley Chisholm was the change agent that wrote on the wall. Chisholm's political involvement was the signifier that a change is going to come."

Chisholm, born of Barbadian descent, was reared in Brooklyn, N.Y. Chisholm was a teacher by trade but an advocate by heart.

For seven terms, Chisholm represented New York's 12th Congressional District. This seat is now held by the first Puerto Rican woman elected to Congress, Nydia M. Velázquez. Talk about change!

However, on Jan. 23, 1972, Chisholm

became the first major party African-American candidate for president of the United States. She received 152 first-ballot votes at the 1972 Democratic National Convention.

What is important about Chisholm is what she projected. In her 1970 book "Unbought and Unbossed," which later became her campaign slogan, Chisholm said who she was, who she wanted to be and who she wanted all candidates for public office to be.

America at that time was adamant about change and unity. Chisholm knew that in order for change to come, someone had to help it along. She knew someone had to take the symbolic beatings of media crucifixions, political reticules and physical harm to make way for future change agents.

More importantly, she was convinced that change had to come through coalitions. Chisholm wrote in her book, "There must be a new coalition of all Americans - black, white, red, yellow and brown, rich and poor - who are no longer willing to allow their rights as human beings to be infringed upon

by anyone else, for any reason. We must join together to insist that this nation deliver on the promise it made, nearly 200 years ago, that every man be allowed to be a man."

She implied that we, American citizens, all have to win and not use the political system to widen divisions among groups based on color or ideologies.

Before Chisholm died on Jan. 1, 2005, she said she wanted to be "remembered not as the first black woman elected for Congress, not as the first black woman to run for president, but a catalyst for change."

Now the change has come, transcending any category possible. It's a new day. It's a new chapter. It brings a new paradigm shift. Nonetheless, it was brought on by a coalition of Americans. Chisholm said this was how it had to be done. I wish she were here to see the fruit of her labor.

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Battle of the Bands coming in January

by Leo Brown
Alestle Reporter

Before too long the sounds of the best local bands will reverberate off the walls of the Morris University Center as Campus Activities Board hosts its annual Battle of the Bands.

CAB Concert Chair Jessica Schuette said several major changes were made for this year to ensure the event's success.

"The Battle of the Bands event

held earlier this year was on a Thursday afternoon and was therefore poorly attended," Schuette said.

The event is planned for Friday, Jan. 30 in the evening in order to spark greater attendance. Schuette said she expects a minimum of five bands to compete and is planning to have 250 to 300 people in attendance.

One new attraction for the January event includes intermission

entertainment provided by Play N Trade video games of Glen Carbon.

CAB approached Shannon Zimmerman of Waterloo, whose game shop opened in August, to participate in the event.

"We're excited about setting up several tables of video games," Zimmerman said. "Between the performances of the bands people can play games like 'Guitar Hero,' 'Rock Band,' 'Halo' and 'Call of

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For your consideration: Potential Academy Award nominees

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

There may be 12 months in a year, but when it comes down to the movies listed as the Academy Award nominees, most of them come in those final two months.

Yes, it's the season again to go hunting for those movies that are better (or perhaps just more pretentious) than the rest. These are just a few of the movies to look out for now and in the coming months.

"Changeling" — in theaters now

In case you've somehow missed Universal's advertising campaign, the first big flick of the year is already here.

Clint Eastwood ("Mystic River") directs this period piece that follows Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a mother whose son is returned home after being kidnapped. After realizing this boy is not her son, she begins to petition the L.A. Police Department, but is met with brutish force. "Changeling" delves deep into the corruption of the LAPD and the treatment of women during the end of the 1920s.

"Rachel Getting Married" — in St. Louis now

Believe it or not, this one has already been out for a month and should go nation wide within the next few weeks. The movie focuses on Kym (Anne Hathaway), who returns home for her sister's wedding after an extended stint in rehab. This naturally leads to a host of unresolved family issues that play out both comically and dramatically.

Interesting fact: "Rachel Getting Married" is directed by Jonathan Demme, who directed Oscar winner and all around dark film, "The Silence of the Lambs." No, there aren't any scenes involving lotion in a dungeon setting (that I've heard of).

"Slumdog Millionaire" — expands to St. Louis Dec. 12

What is it with famous horror directors taking a turn for Oscar flicks this year?

Danny Boyle ("28 Days Later," "Sunshine") helms this film about a contestant on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire" who is accused of cheating. In order to avoid being charged with the crime, he tells the story of his life and each part reveals the answer to one of the game show's questions.

Interesting fact: British native Simon Beaufoy is the mind behind the unique script, but also wrote the cult

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ARTIST EXPOSURE



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Kevin Grier, a senior metalsmithing major, works on one of his recent sculptures. This piece is made of iron.

Q&A

Artist: Senior metalsmithing major Kevin Grier

by June Farley
Alestle Photo Editor

Q: How would you describe your current work?

A: The pieces reference life forms. I am welding and coloring the metal, which is known as a patina, through a chemical process, which can either rust or blacken the metal by heating the piece and quenching it in oil.

I am working with iron, and I am welding rather than soldering, which is a different bonding method for the metal.

Q: What does being an artist mean to you, and how does your artwork relate to and reflect your definition?

A: An artist is someone who creates, whether it is conceptual or formally based.

I have a drive to create objects, whether it is a vessel or a jewelry piece. My artwork reflects my definition because I create these pieces that are intimate to me, and they are not your everyday common objects that are made for mass production or designed for everyday use.

Q: What question does your work raise or attempt to answer?

A: My current work raises the questions of what is sculpture and what is

body adornment. Is there a clear-cut difference? I hope the interpretation of the work from the viewer is the answer.

Q: What issues, either technical or conceptual, have you been working with recently?

A: Technically, I have been building up better skill sets of welding and diversifying my technical skills. I have been working with surface design in my current work, and I am also working on trying to produce more elaborate and dynamic forms.

Q: In what direction do you think you are going with your work?

A: The next step is to keep producing. I can't clearly say what exactly the next step is. However, I know it is going to lead me onto something stronger. I am always looking into incorporating numerous processes and materials in my work.

Q: What draws you to architectural and also organic forms?

A: My dad is a carpenter. Therefore, I have grown up around construction of houses and buildings. It is an influence that has been around me my whole life. These frameworks and structures are apparent all around us.

For the full interview with this artist, visit www.alestlelive.com.

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Art building to become exhibition hall for "car show"

by **Soni Kumar**
Alestle Reporter

Fine arts graduate student Aaron Held has sculpted a "common theme of masculinity" in his sculpture exhibition: cars.

Held is using the theme of a car show in his exhibition, the next in the Master of Fine Arts series.

The exhibition will be showcasing Monday through Nov. 21 in the Art and Design Building's Exhibition Room.

"The body of work would show car culture and motorcycle culture to make art and create the style," Held said. "It's an ode to my father's time."

It also resembles the pop-culture of today with many TV shows revolving around fancy cars and motorcycles.

According to the Art and Design Department Chair Thad Duhigg, the main theme of the exhibition has a lot to do with men and their toys.

"(There are) a lot of issues here with masculinity, especially in the shop and toys men are perceived to play with," Duhigg said. "(Held) used really different types of materials to communicate toy model in reality."

In Held's exhibition, he will showcase his sculptures in more of an abstract point of view.

His main piece is a sculpted V8 engine that actually blows air, which will be displayed on a rotating pedestal, just as cars are displayed in showrooms. There

will also be other pieces which resembles car parts such as gears.

"Fuzzy gears render it completely non-functional," Held said. "The whole idea is like the same, to show how cars are never driven," Held said.

Held is using a variety of materials to create his pieces.

"I am using materials like steel, rubber ... things you can find in custom cars," Held said.

Other forms Held will display include car gears that he made and air ducts. There will be a wall of gears, which can operate when moved.

"I'm trying to tie everything together, painting hard structure duct pieces and attaching them to the ducts in the ceiling," Held said.

In his exhibition, Held said he uses the concept of movement to tie all the pieces together. The gears will move while the engine will pump air, and the air ducts will transfer it.

"There will be movement throughout the whole exhibition. It's pretty abstract," Held said.

Red and black will dominate the color scheme of the exhibition.

"Red means fast cars. They get pulled over the most," Held said. "It gets attention. It's an aggressive color."

In the process of creating all of the pieces, Held used many different techniques, one of which is called flocking.

Held said flocking creates a velvet-like covering on the piece, which he will use to cover the

gears.

Held also had to use a computer aided drafting program to design his pieces. Computer aided drafting is a program which takes the design of your piece and creates a pattern that gets cut out in the perfect shape.

To cut and shape the metal forms, Held also had to use a metal lathe. A metal lathe is a tool used to cut metal into different shapes and forms. The metal is fed in through a tube and shaved down into the desired form. Because the metal lathe is so dangerous, Held is the only one allowed to use this tool on his own.

After the exhibition is over and Held is done with his thesis, he plans to teach college courses and continue his work.

"I will probably be just as happy working on my own stuff, trying to get public culture commissions," Held said.

According to textiles professor Laura Strand, Held has come a long way since he first arrived at SIUE.

"He came with a body of work acceptable as a graduate student. The first year he struggled with which direction to go with, and he found it here," Strand said. "He is a very strong artist (and a) very strong worker."

For more information about the exhibition, contact the Art and Design Department at 650-3183.

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of Duty'."

Schuette said several bands have already responded, but could not provide their names until final selections have been made.

A printable application for bands that would like to compete is available online at www.siu.edu/cab. They are due by Dec. 23.

The event is free for students and open to any bands that would like to compete. One major stipulation for the bands is that no profanity be included in the lyrics of any songs performed.

This year's first-prize winner will be awarded \$700, with \$300 and \$150 going to second and

third-prize winners, respectively.

Besides the first, second and third place winners, other guests will again have the opportunity to win door prizes.

Kristin Hoover, CAB graduate adviser, said several electronic gifts, games and concert tickets will be given away.

Battle of the Bands will be held Jan. 30 at the MUC's Meridian Ballroom. The doors open at 7 p.m., and the competition begins at 8 p.m.

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classic "The Full Monty" and co-wrote "Miss Pettigrew classic "The Full Monty" and co-wrote "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day."

"The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" — in theaters Dec. 19

Based on an F. Scott Fitzgerald short story and starring Brad Pitt, "Benjamin Button" is another Oscar favorite at this point.

The movie follows the title character (Pitt), who is born as an

old man and ages backward. The story's primary focus is his relationship with Daisy (Cate Blanchett) and the complications that follow as he grows younger while she grows older.

Interesting fact: "Benjamin Button" is directed by David Fincher, who also directed "Se7en," "Fight Club" and, most recently, "Zodiac."

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Visiting artist



June Farely/Alestle

(from left to right) Lee Turner, a visiting artist from Newcastle, United Kingdom, Cayla Scherf, Kristen Bartel and Jessi Cerutti work on an artist's book project titled "Love: Hate, featuring 10 artists from across the states." Here they are binding the 12 pages of the book through a process called Japanese Stab, where holes are drilled through the binding and pages and held together with a needle and thread. Twenty copies of the books will be made, one for each artist, and the rest will go back to the UK with Turner and sold at www.holeeditions.co.uk.

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'Mat'adores take Division I by the horns

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Reporter

A young SIUE wrestling team dominated by freshmen is prepared to begin their 2008-2009 season and lay the foundation for Division I wrestling at SIUE.

The first match-up of the season for the Cougars is on Nov. 16 at the University of Central Missouri Open in Warrensburg, Mo.

There are only two seniors on the roster this year, manager Scott Wolfmeyer and wrestler Daniel Midgett, along with a possible growing number of 12 freshmen.

"This year's team is young. It is going to be a growing season," Midgett said. "I really want to see the team continue to grow as the season continues, especially the freshmen."

New SIUE Head Coach David Ray said the door is still open on the roster, and men are still coming and

going.

"We still have an undecided team. We still have people in tryouts," Ray said. "New guys are still coming in. I'm not saying no to anyone because we need the bodies. Recruiting is going on right now for me."

The team is young, but Midgett said the squad is still optimistic heading into the season.

"It is going to be a learning year for those transitioning from high school wrestling to college wrestling because there is a big difference," Midgett said. "It's going to be a learning year, but it will help build them for their next three years in college wrestling."

The transition to D-I restricts any of the wrestlers from competing in the NCAA tournament, but Ray said this year is still a major building block for the future of the team and is excited to see his players grow.

"I just want to make sure this is a positive experience for each individual player on the team," Ray said. "Everything we do this year is laying the foundation for next year."

Sophomore Eric Pretto, a national qualifier last season, said the transition to D-I is going to be a rough but also exciting competition.

"It's going to be a fun season," Pretto said. "We have a lot of young guys bringing a great attitude into the weight room everyday, and everyone's getting better."

Two freshmen on the roster, Dillon Pousson and Blake Reed, are two wrestlers the upperclassmen and Ray are particularly excited to see improve throughout their first season.

"Blake has worked really hard in the off season," Midgett said. "He has improved leaps and bounds."

Pretto said Pousson is an "up and coming" athlete, and he is excited to watch him wrestle.

Pretto is the team captain this year, and Midgett, the only senior wrestler on the team, said he is well-qualified for the job.

"(Pretto) is taking the job seriously. There is incredible change in his work ethic and how he handles practice," Midgett said. "Now he's staying after practice and working extra hard. His dedication to the team and the sport has intensified just over the off season."

The Cougars have five matchups at home this year.



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Freshman Steven Ross of Carlock (right) grapples with fellow freshman Tim Mahoney (left) of Robinson during the Red and White game last Sunday. Their next meet will be the University of Central Missouri Open on Nov. 16.

Last home game ends in five set heartbreak

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Up 2-1 in the match and 24-20 in game four, the Cougars seemed to have all but wrapped up a victory, needing a point to put away Eastern Kentucky University.

That point never came.

The Cougars went the distance in their home-court finale, losing a rough and emotional match Tuesday to the Colonels 30-32, 25-17, 25-21, 26-24 and 12-15 at the Vadalabene Center.

With the loss, SIUE falls to 11-12 on the season, while having a chance to push their record above .500 for the first time since Sept. 5. The Colonels, a future Ohio Valley Conference opponent, earned their sixth victory of the season and sit at 6-19 on the year.

"The whole night was frustrating," volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober said. "We were our own worst enemy."

Senior Emily Rahn led the Cougars with 20 kills and 24 digs on the night to go along with a team

high .319 attack percentage. Rahn was one of three Cougars to score double digit kills on the evening, as sophomore middle hitter Sydney Winslow of Farmington, Mo., had 16, sophomore outside hitter Noelle Franke of Ballwin, Mo., knocked down 13 and senior middle hitter Kelsey Hubert of Freeburg added nine.

Lindsey Loescher led the Colonels and all players with 24 kills.

"If you looked at the stats, you would have said we would have dominated this team tonight," Gober said.

From the onset the two teams played close, as the first set consisted of 16 ties, and needed to be decided by extra points.

Following one of Hubert's kills, SIUE had a chance to go up in the first game, holding a 24-22 advantage. After two ECU kills and a bad set from Clements, the Cougars were behind, as the Colonels led 25-24. All did not seem lost for SIUE, as ECU's Abby O'Conner put a serve into the net, and Rahn knocked down a kill to put the Cougars back

ahead at 26-25. After trading points, the Cougars held a slight 27-26 advantage, but ECU held on to get five of the final eight points to win by two at 32-30 on a Winslow attack error.

The Cougars fell behind early in set two before going on a 3-0 run down 2-5 to tie the set. With the game tied at seven, the Cougars went on a 3-0 run to take a 11-7 lead, which they held onto throughout, evening the match.

Another rough start was in store for SIUE in the third set, falling behind by as many as seven points. ECU controlled the tempo of the set early, as a bench-clearing save was made to get the ball back in play, resulting in a Loescher kill, making it a 15-9 game. Instead of sparking ECU's attack in order to control the set, the Cougars came out of nowhere after another Colonel point to collect eleven straight of their own, to go up 20-16. Winslow collected three kills in the Cougar run. Both teams went five and five down the stretch, as the Cougars claimed a 25-21 victory and sat a

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Hunter Creel/Alestle

The SIUE volleyball team responds to a set from Chicago State last Friday at the Vadalabene Center. Their next game is against the University of Illinois-Chicago University this Tuesday.

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The first is against Rend Lake College at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Vadalabene Center.

Other big events on the schedule this season include the Mizzou Open Nov. 23, the Missouri Valley Open Feb. 7 and

the end of the season National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Tournament March 12 through 14.

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game away from victory.

"We made some great runs and some great comebacks tonight, but I simply felt like we shouldn't have been in that situation to begin with," Gober said.

Momentum from winning the previous two sets did not stay on the Cougars' side, as SIUE fell behind 7-2 in game four, following three consecutive attack errors, forcing Gober to call a timeout.

After regrouping, the Cougars finally tied the set at 12 on an EKU attack error before giving the lead back on the next point. SIUE rallied down the stretch, gaining a significant 24-20 advantage on a Rahn kill, with a shot at ending the match. SIUE failed on four consecutive attempts, all coming off of errors, giving the Colonels another chance. They took it, capitalizing on two more SIUE errors to force a tiebreaker and end a 6-0 run to finish out game four.

"We fought hard and just got lucky," Eastern Kentucky Head Coach Lori Duncan said.

Gober said not wrapping up the match was uncharacteristic of his squad.

"That is a game we normally ice," Gober said. "It was all us. They really didn't do much."

Eastern Kentucky would defeat SIUE in the fifth set tiebreaker 15-12 to take the match.

The loss Tuesday was particularly rough on seniors, as it was their last chance to play at home during their college careers.

"That was my last game in this gym as a Cougar, so tonight was really kind of a letdown," Rahn said. "We will do well in practice this week, and get ready for Chicago. What is done is done, and we need to focus on the future."

SIUE ends the regular season at 7 p.m. next Tuesday with a shot to finish with an even record at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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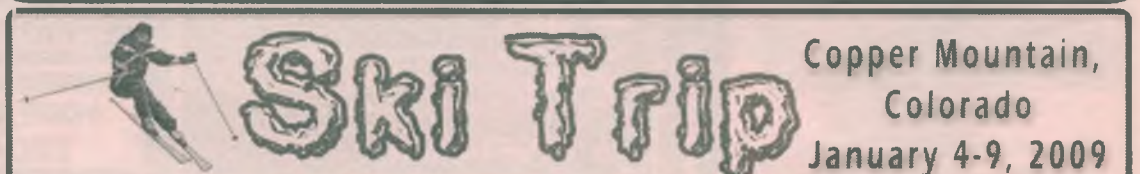
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