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Suspect arrested in on-campus armed robbery

by **Jeremy Clinton**
 Alestle Reporter

SIUE Police announced Friday that an arrest was made for an armed robbery incident that occurred on Aug. 29 in Woodland Hall parking lot.

17-year-old Montrei M. Woods of Cahokia was arrested in connection with the armed robbery in which two assailants held an 18-year-old female student at gunpoint and demanded her purse according to SIUE Police.

After attaining the purse, the victim said the two assailants kicked her several times then ran south into the woods. The victim went into Woodland Hall and called the police. SIUE Police have not released the victim's name.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said though the police have a suspect under arrest, the case is still under investigation.

"Right now we can't release a lot of information pertaining to the case because we still have an open investigation," Schmoll said. "What we are charging

Woods with is armed robbery ... and he is currently being held on \$100,000 bond."

Schmoll said they have leads as to the identity of the other assailant, but are still investigating.

"There were reports of another individual involved with the robbery," Schmoll said. "We can't release any of the individual's names we are looking at, but we are looking at a couple of people of interest and will release information as soon as we make it clear who it was."

Vice Chancellor for Administration

Kenn Neher addressed the Student Government Friday about steps taken to increase security at SIUE, including the formation of a campus security committee.

"It is comprised of three students, faculty and staff members committed to the safety of the campus," Neher said. "Since then we have done a safety walk around campus and made decisions on applications to be implemented."

Some of those safety proposed applications include seven more emergency phones, additional lights

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Oduwole returns to jail after bond hearing

by **Allan Lewis**
 Alestle Reporter

Former SIUE student Oduwole will stay in Madison County custody after a judge revoked his \$1 million bond Monday afternoon for allegedly attempting to purchase a weapon in October.

On Oct. 18, Oduwole attempted to purchase a .45 caliber semi-automatic machine gun in Missouri. Oduwole filled out a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives form incorrectly at Capricorn Gun Repair in Hazelwood, Mo., answering "no" to the question "Are you under indictment or information in any court for a felony or any other crime for

which the judge could imprison you for more than a year?"

Oduwole's attorney, Philip Dennis, said Judge Richard Tognarelli deemed his client to be a "threat to society," playing a part in the judgment.

"My client has been under attack quite a bit," Dennis said. "The judge felt it was not a matter of if he appears in court, but it is a matter of safety for the community at large."

In July 2007, Oduwole was originally charged after SIUE Police found his car abandoned on North University Drive for two days. Once inside the vehicle, police found a handwritten note, saying that unless money was sent to a Paypal account, a

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Speakers address Senate on campus safety issues, tuition and fee involvement

by **Allan Lewis**
 Alestle Reporter

A duo of guest speakers came before Student Government Friday, including Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenn Neher and Chair of the Tuition and Fees Committee Justin Montgomery.

Neher spoke about campus safety and outlined some new initiatives the university is working on in order to maintain a safer campus

"We will add seven more emergency phones to the campus," Neher said. "We will also be adding additional lights on some sidewalks that are not lit at this point."

Landscape modifications in areas where views of pedestrians are blocked and additional lights

in Cougar Village are also a part of the plan.

"We are finalizing a safety survey and will have it available to students either late this semester or early next semester to get an assessment on the security and safety on campus," Neher said.

Neher told the Senate that police had arrested a suspect in connection to August's armed robbery in the Woodland Hall parking lot, and the arrest has a positive impact on the community.

"(Thursday) we arrested an individual in the armed robbery case," Neher said. "That represents significant progress in that regard."

The visibility of the police

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photo courtesy of Tony Rovertoni

Senior Tony Rovertoni's United States Army unit serves in Iraq. Rovertoni joined the Army when he was 17 years old and helped start Cougar Vets, an organization for SIUE student veterans.

Serving with honor

Students discuss their military experiences

by **Lindsay Dunham**
 Alestle Reporter

When most teenagers turn 18, they begin thinking of what colleges they are going to apply to and what they will choose as their major. But some students take a different life route.

Senior kinesiology major Megan Upperman, an Illinois Army National Guard soldier, joined the military at 17, about a month after Sept. 11, to help pay for college.

Upperman was sent to Iraq and helped transport equipment, rations and personnel from base to base as a motor vehicle operator. Upperman said she remembered the day a fellow soldier was killed, although her unit was not told immediately.

"We were out on the road, and we were told none of us could move on," Upperman said.

Upperman said it was a policy that no one could call home until the family of the fallen soldier was notified.

"That was really hard," Upperman said. "When something like that happens you want to call home and talk to the people that you love, but you can't. It can really bring a unit together. It's a real eye opener and really puts things into perspective."

Upperman said her time in the military made her grow in a considerable way.

"I think I matured quite a bit," Upperman said. "I was 20 when I went over there and turned 21 while I was there. But I didn't know I changed that much until my family told me."

Although this is her last year of her contract, Upperman has signed up for three more years.

"I do well (with the military)," Upperman said. "It started out as an educational benefit, but it became an opportunity for leadership and fulfillment."

Upperman is also the founder and president of the Cougar Vets, an organization on campus that helps student veterans adjust to life at school.

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Police Reports

10-30

Gregory A. Manery was arrested in connection with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia after police responded to a report of suspicion of marijuana use in Woodland Hall. Manery was processed, given a notice to appear and transported back to Woodland Hall.

10-31

Police took a report about a loading ramp stolen from the Morris University Center.

Police issued Rachel N. Venton a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Erin A. Groeteka a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Adam K. Martin a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

11-1

Brandon A. Usery was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor on South University Drive after police responded to a report of a possibly intoxicated individual knocking on people's doors on South Extension. Police found Usery's vehicle with two blown-out tires. Usery was processed, given a notice to appear and was released.

11-3

Police issued Joseph E. Kovarik a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Daniel P. Pavlisin a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

11-4

Police issued Mark L. Goesmann a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police took a report about a laptop stolen on Nov. 2 from Starbucks.

Police took a report from a Prairie Hall resident who had personal items stolen from her while she was in the shower.

11-6

Travis C. Schaller was arrested in connection with possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver on Whiteside Road. Schaller was processed and transported to Madison County Jail. He was later released on his own recognizance.

Scott R. Edmonson was arrested in connection with theft under \$300 after his parking hangtag was not registered to him. Edmonson was processed, given a notice to appear and was released.

11-7

Police issued Holly A. Edwards a citation for speeding on University Drive.

11-8

Police issued Bradley J. Byerton a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Ashley C. Sanders a citation for speeding on University Drive.

11-9

Police took a report about phone harassment.

Police issued Kenneth L. Wise a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

11-10

Police took a report from a student whose Xbox was stolen from his room.

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force has been increased in light of the incident, Neher said, and two extra officers have been added to the staff, while another two are currently in training.

"They are reevaluating and assessing the campus as a whole to make sure that it is safe," Student Body Vice President Bryan Kress said. "At the same time they want to make sure they are providing cost effective measures or measures that are actually going to work."

Montgomery came to the Senate in order to get some additional input on the fees process, as final recommendations are due to the Senate in two weeks.

"I encourage you senators to get involved in the process," Montgomery said. "We are cramped for time, and it is a strenuous process we take a great deal of pride in."

The Tuition and Fees Review Committee appropriates funds and recommends the amount students pay each semester on top of tuition costs.

"They have to appropriate proper fees for those areas, and they try to balance what they can do to keep fees at a minimum, but also have all of those areas on campus thrive," Kress said.

Montgomery said the process is going along fairly well as they approach the final stretch before numbers are due to the Senate.

"We are very fortunate to have a very involved group," Montgomery said. "The university tries to get student input in this process. We have two weeks to give our final recommendation and justify those recommendations."

No fee decreases are currently planned, according to Montgomery, but some will stay the same.

The Senate granted a rare addendum to a program request for the Anthropology Club's "Katherine Dunham: Beyond the Dance" program in the amount of \$94.50. The group left a booking fee for the Dunham Hall Theater out of their initial request to the Senate, which was also approved by acclamation.

Three orders of new business were on the docket for the Senate, including a program request from the American Pharmacists Association in the amount of \$4,215 to hold a diabetes education symposium, which passed the Senate with little debate. The Pi Delta Pi French Honor Society and the Roller Hockey Club of SIUE had their constitutions approved.

Student Government will next meet Nov. 21, when the Tuition and Fees Review Committee submits their proposal.

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Students attended "Girls Fight Back" Sunday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom to learn self defense. Erin Weed, an Alpha Phi alumna from Eastern Illinois University, taught the class as part of her 30- campus tour around the country to teaching women self defense.

One tough cookie

Students on campus learn self defense

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Women of SIUE kicked butt and took names Sunday as Erin Weed hosted the self-defense seminar "Girls Fight Back" in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

Junior speech communication major and Alpha Phi member Tiffany Leschke planned the event. Leschke said SIUE was lucky to have Weed come talk since it had been three years since the last self defense seminar was held at SIUE by Alpha Phi.

Leschke said the seminar came at a good time, particularly with incidents regarding potential attacks on people at night.

Both men and women were invited to the event.

"We want men to come out, too, because not only women can be victims," Leschke said.

Weed said her appearance at SIUE is part of a tour stretching across 30 campus, teaching women around the country how to defend themselves.

Weed, a member of Alpha Phi and Eastern Illinois University alumna, said she became involved in self defense after the murder of a close college friend. She then explained her

training, ranging from Krav Maga to small arms fire.

Weed's self-defense philosophy is a three-part strategy. The first part is to trust your intuition and survival instincts. The second part described what attackers are looking for in a victim. The third and final part covered how to fight back, and Weed taught the audience a selection of self defense moves called "the badass ballet."

Weed said sometimes the most effective way to stay safe was to stop a fight before it starts. Weed also discussed what could be done to stop an attack if someone senses danger, including setting up barriers through verbal and non-verbal messages.

"I try to make self defense approachable," Weed said. "I have 90 minutes to teach hundreds of girls the basics of self defense, so I focus on the easiest and most effective way to defend themselves."

Using volunteers from the audience, Weed focused on realistic ways to stop an unwelcome attack by a male. Weed highlighted where an attacker's weaknesses and the defender's strengths are so the audience knew where to strike and what to strike with. Weed also suggested some impromptu

weapons women might have on them during an attack such as car keys, cell phones and rolled-up magazines.

Weed said her presentation is only the starting point and women should look for places to expand their self-defense knowledge.

"It's like swimming," Weed said. "You wouldn't jump in the water without first having the skills you need to swim, so why should we live in a world where you don't know how to defend ourselves?"

Beth Ravanelli, a parent of a SIUE student, came to participate in the seminar.

"(Weed) was great," Ravanelli said. "Anytime you can bring humor into a presentation like this really helps the audience get the message."

Leschke said the turnout was better than most of her sorority anticipated.

"With the softball team here we had upwards of 200 people come out today, and everyone I talked to really enjoyed it," Leschke said.

For more information about Weed and self defense, go to www.girlsfightback.org.

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"murderous rampage similar to the VT shooting will occur at another highly populated university. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!"

During a search warrant on Oduwole's Cougar Village apartment, police found a loaded .25 caliber handgun. Police testified in a hearing that several

.25 caliber bullets were found in the impounded vehicle.

Oduwole has been free since his father posted a \$100,000 bail in August 2007. The trial for the July charge was set to begin Dec. 8.

Dennis said he filed a request for the motion to be reconsidered, which was granted.

Oduwole was escorted back into custody immediately following the hearing.

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office was not immediately available Monday evening.

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around campus and Cougar Village, upgrading alarm panels and installing a backup receiver for the SIUE Police Department for fire alarms.

Neher also said the university is overhauling the e-Lert text message alert system on campus to better serve SIUE.

"The e-Lert ... system is going to be used more. It will be connected to the main page, send out more school announcements and alert students better if there are school closings or warnings," Neher said.

According to Neher, more than 7,000 individuals have signed up for the e-Lert system.

Woodland Hall Director Kyle Lineback said the Woodland

Hall staff on duty that night took the appropriate course of action.

"The staff immediately called the police, which arrived quickly, and they took care of the situation," Lineback said.

Lineback said there was no breach in the Woodland Hall security, and all security handled in parking lots is by SIUE Police and Parking Services.

To sign up for SIUE e-Lerts, go to <http://www.siue.edu/e-lert/>. To report suspicious activity, contact SIUE Police at 650-3324, or in the case of an emergency, call 911.

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"We just wanted to make some type of line between education and military veterans," Upperman said. "We want to make sure they know there are people out there that have been there too and can help them."

Senior international business and marketing major Tony Rovertoni is vice president of Cougar Vets, and a soldier in the U.S. Army.

"The point (of Cougar Vets) is to acclimate them back to the school environment and be there for them when they need help," Rovertoni said.

Upperman said that there are approximately 500 SIUE students involved in some way in the military, and she hopes Cougar Vets will help build community among them.

Rovertoni had a track scholarship waiting for him at University of Illinois when he graduated high school, but his sense of adventure propelled him to take on a new challenge, so at 17 years old, Rovertoni signed up for the U.S. Army.

After basic training, Rovertoni's first assignment was the Hurricane Katrina relief effort near New Orleans August through October of 2005.

Rovertoni was stationed in a small town about 10 minutes from New Orleans. Everyday he and his fellow soldiers met with police in the morning and together, they figured out what they hoped to accomplish that day. Rovertoni said he experienced a lot of gunfire his first couple of days in New Orleans.

"It was weird getting shot at by Americans," Rovertoni said.

Although Rovertoni was also stationed in Iraq for over a year, he said the time he spent in New Orleans would always stick out in his mind.

"We were where it flooded really badly," Rovertoni said. "You could smell it from 20 to 30 miles away. The water was black and everything smelled like rotting flesh and decay. It was the first time I had ever seen a dead body, and it's one thing I will

always remember.

"I've had a lot of wild and crazy experiences, but I have learned a lot from them, and I've gained leadership experiences," Rovertoni said. "These experiences have definitely changed my life and my decision making process."

Sophomore kinesiology major Ian Pflug of the U.S. Army Infantry can relate to these experiences.

Pflug was stationed in Iraq from December 2005 through December 2006 and said he signed up for a two-year contract with the Army, but had an extension of six months because of his time in Iraq. He said he would probably not re-enlist.

Pflug was a captain's gunner on a humvee stationed on a small base with approximately 200 soldiers in a remote area of Iraq.

Pflug said while on patrol one day, an Iraqi couple flagged him and some of his fellow soldiers down. Their child was badly burned, and the couple wanted Pflug and the other soldiers to help them, but because they didn't cause the injury, the soldiers were not allowed to help.

Pflug also remembers the first time he saw a dead body. He and his captain came across a small tank carrying soldiers and one of them had been shot.

"That was the first time I had seen one of my own hurt," Pflug said.

Pflug said his experiences in the military changed him for the better.

"They definitely made me the man I am today," Pflug said. "It made me stronger and tougher and made me appreciate the real things in my life. I really respect my family more than ever, and it humbled me and gave me confidence at the same time."

For more information about Cougar Vets, contact Upperman or go to the Facebook group, "Cougar Vets."

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Success in "living" the college life

Over the weekend I met with some friends who accused me of not "living" because 1) I am in college, which is school, and you never truly "live" in school, and 2) I don't have a job, which is the primary goal in life, and having a job is a necessity to "living."

I'm sure many have confronted this problem before. It's unnerving to have someone demote your life because you choose education over working or to have a little less cluttered life.

It seems like they, and perhaps a good majority of the authority figures in our lives, equate having a job and being out of school with having a life and being successful. I agree it is a goal in life, as well as meeting someone wonderful, getting married and just being happy. However, it's a part of a list of so many other goals. Yet, my friends explained to me that there are three types of "college kids"



Harry Zollars

who have varying degrees of "living."

There are those who go to college just to get the degree as quickly as they can, so they can move onto the next step: a job. These are the people who usually have a job through college so they can gain the experience to ensure they achieve their dream job. They would be considered "living."

Then there are those who solely go to college for the "college life." They go out every weekend to an unnamed city to party and then rush back here to pass whatever test is up. They may or may not have a job, but they at least have an income to pay off their habits. As my friends had said, "At least they have some life."

Then there are those who go to college just gain as much knowledge as they can. They aren't ready for a job, because the job they seek is something special and usually a result of all their education. Thus, they are holding life off until they are ready. They are there for the education and education alone, which some consider not living.

However, living to me is not having a job or getting out of school, but rather accomplishing the goals you have. I am checking off a lot of my "Things to do before I die" list right here, right now, and everyone here is doing the same. To say only one of these goals matters is not only rude, it's wrong. Everyone here is accomplishing goals, from the partier to the rush-person.

A job does not, and should not, factor in to "living." Even if it's a means of contributing to society – a volunteer does that all the time – or to secure a financial future – which this special job would ensure – any job does not measure the level of your success.

Success is only measured by how much you achieve, and anyone in any of these groups can achieve everything.

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Media must focus on what Obama will do, not his race

President-elect Barack Obama is black. You'd be hard pressed to find a single American who doesn't know this, but for some reason, many mainstream media outlets, such as CNN, ABC and FOX, feel the need to remind us all.

We get it. Of course, finally electing the first black president is a historic milestone and should be recognized and respected. After more than than 200 years, we have a president of a different color, something completely new to the White House.

However, when it comes to the actions he will take as president, the media needs to stop publicizing his ethnicity.

As the post-election coverage started up, bumpers for "in-depth" analyses about



Kenneth Long

Obama's future began to air. One for CNN tried to hook people by advertising the segment that viewers should see "what the first black president will do."

In journalism, there's a test to see if it's necessary to include someone's race by replacing their race, in this case, black, with white. If it doesn't make a difference when read that way, then it's irrelevant to include race.

Either CNN overlooked this, or it's jumping on the racially redundant bandwagon.

Technically, Obama is still just as much white as black. Obama's roots trace back to not only Kenya but to Ireland, Germany and England.

Should we describe him as not only being black, but also as Irish, German or English?

Historically he wouldn't be the first president of any of these white ethnicities. I doubt that any other president would be

analyzed for his or her Irish, English or German heritage. Do we have to ask what he'll do by being the first black president?

It was news that he was black whenever he first got into the race for the presidency. Now it's like saying President Bush is a tad bit unpopular right now.

By asking what he'll do as the first "black president," it makes Obama sound like he got into the presidency for his race.

While it's still too soon for bitter Sen. John McCain supporters and still a celebration for Obama fans, don't question what his actions will be based on his race. Instead question what his actions will be based on what he promised during the election and his past decisions, then scrutinize him.

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Dance to represent life of multitaskers

"Dance in Concert 2008" opens Wednesday; focuses on busy life

by Leo Brown
Alestle Reporter

Through aerial acrobatics, film shorts and diverse choreography, the movements of this year's "Dance in Concert" make the abstract art of dance come to life.

The event, comprised of a balance of dance and theater, has been a part of the theater landscape for more than 30 years and continues to innovate under the tutelage of Director of Dance Calvin Jarrell.

Jarrell chose this year's "Dance in Concert" theme based on the book, "Crazy Busy."

"People have become much more comfortable with multitasking lifestyles, so I think the audience will understand the pieces that we've prepared," Jarrell said.

Jarrell said the audience should also expect an element of surprise.

The night's performance is comprised of six acts and is shorter this year than last year, but the group of 16 dancers will present acts never before performed by the dance group.

Jarrell said the group would perform an aerial act emphasizing the over-tasking of modern society.

"The piece is meant to show that we are so busy and moving so fast that the only thing that keeps us grounded is gravity," Jarrell said.

Senior theater major Janelle Richardson of Caseyville has been a part of the concert for several years. Richardson said each year the production is different.

"Last year's Cuban and jazz influenced performances consisted of a larger cast," Richardson said. "This year



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(From left to right) Blake Ammann (with mask), Lynn Bobzin, Geoffrey Schmidt, Chad Miller and Janelle Richardson are a few of the cast for this year's Dance in Concert. The theme this year focuses around multitasking in life and keeping constantly busy. The performances begin Wednesday and run through Sunday.

the cast is smaller, and the themes for each of the six acts are independent."

Dance professor Kerry Shaul, a choreographer for the production, said each act is high in energy and is accompanied by incredible stage design.

"The aerial performance requires a high degree of technical skill, but is not the most important tool of the production," Shaul said. "The human body is the (most

important) tool we use as performers."

Richardson said each year "Dance in Concert" holds an open invitation for people from all majors to participate in the event.

"You don't need to be a dance or theater major to try out for the performance," Richardson said. "We will teach participants what they need to know each year."

"Dance in Concert 2008" will hold performances at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Dunham Hall Theater.

Admission for SIUE students is free. For more ticket information, contact the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

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Mary Mack to perform on campus as part of Just 4 Laughs

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Mary Mack isn't just a childhood limeric, she is a comedian and musician ready to bring something different to SIUE than the usual stand up routine.

Mack has been featured on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," "Comedy Central's Live at Gotham" and "The Bob and Tom Show," according to her Web site, www.marymackcomedy.com.

Mack's comedy blends musical styling and off-color humor and should prove to be the cure for mid-semester blues.

Junior mass communications major and Campus Activities Board member Veronica Steele said Mack's comedy is a bit off-color, utilizing items like musical instruments in her act.

"She's a little strange," Steele said.

CAB member and SIUE graduate student Kristin Hoover said Mack brings a different kind of humor than students are used to.

"She's multi-talented. She sings, she plays a bunch of instruments, and she isn't your run-of-the-mill comedian," Hoover said.

Mack, who has been a professional comedian for five and a half years, started her career as a music teacher while performing with her polka band at night.

"We weren't very good, so I used to talk in between the songs and people said they liked the talking more than the songs and then I just started to talk. So I accidentally started in comedy," Mack said.

Mack said she uses the phrase "folk humorist" to describe her comedic style.

"(My material) all stems from where I grew up and

how I grew up. I think it is a unique perspective of someone who grew up in the woods," Mack said.

With the semester starting to wind down and the workload of students piling up, down time starts to become scarce, Steele said the Just 4 Laughs Comedy Series provides an outlet for the stressed out student.

"It's a good time and a nice break from studying," Steele said. "It's completely free and there are snacks and soda and the comedians are really funny."

Steele said the CAB sponsored events are usually held in smaller venues to imitate comedy clubs, which Mack said she enjoys.

"I like the smaller, more intimate venues," Mack said. "I've been doing a lot of universities in the last couple of years, but I also do comedy clubs and some

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Ways to eliminate the election hangover

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

After what seemed like an endless amount of time spent watching the primary coverage, campaign ads, presidential debates, speeches featuring air quotes and election coverage involving holograms, it would seem natural to drift away from the political scene and hide in a political cave.

But for those mad enough to still be starving for more politics and are tired of watching Wolf Blitzer, Bill O'Reilly and Keith Olbermann, Hollywood has the answer. While there are certainly the stranger options out there (like "The Brady Bunch Goes to the White House"), here's a list of the some of the best options available.

"The West Wing"

Also known as the winningest show in Emmy history, "The West Wing" mixes humor and serious politics through the lens of the president and his closest staff. If you're hungering for more election coverage, seasons four, six and seven will be your cup of tea, especially since the last two seasons follow a minority Democratic candidate facing off against an aging Republican senator from out west who's not afraid to reach across the aisle.

Yeah, it's that similar.

"Primary Colors"

Still wishing Hillary won the Democratic primary? You can always go back in time and watch the glory days of Clinton with "Primary Colors." The movie follows John Travolta as a candidate extremely similar to that of President Clinton through the primaries and into the White House. More satire than truth, "Colors" is the translation of a book that was submitted anonymously, but later revealed to be written by long time Washington, D.C. journalist Joe Kline.

"Wag the Dog"

Back to straight fiction with this satirical comedy that watches Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro create a fake war in order to get the president re-elected. "Wag the Dog" is one of my personal favorites and is consistently funny from start to finish.

"24"

Go back to the days when a black president was simply the norm with "24." Sure, the show is mostly an action packed adrenaline rush starring Kiefer Sutherland as the hyper-intensive Jack Bauer, but there are plenty of scenes involving back room discussions with the president. Seasons two, three and four see Dennis Haysbert in the highest office while season one sits him as merely a candidate.

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theaters as part of other people's tours." Mack said in larger venues, people don't always believe who she is on stage.

"When I go to a big city, the people always wait for me to get out of character. They think I'm lying about everything, but that's how I view things," Mack said.

Mack said she thinks the show will be

fun because she grew in a setting similar to those of SIUE students.

"I enjoy performing at colleges because the audience is usually more positive than other environments," Mack said.

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Final Livewire performer



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David Campbell performed in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge on Nov. 4 as part of the Livewire Concert Series sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

Stand on the X



June Farley/Alestle

Director of Theater Performance Chuck Harper demonstrates where students will stand on an "X" painted on the floor for their auditions.

Spring auditions held Friday

by June Farley
Alestle Photo Editor

Freshman Cassandra Sampson was one of many students who waited for their numbers to be called outside the closed audition Friday afternoon.

Some were there for their theater and dance degree requirements, while others waited their turn to display their passion for acting. Regardless of the reason, all the students were eager for a chance to participate in the Department of Theater and Dance auditions for three upcoming plays.

Students tried out for "Anton in Show Business," written by Jane Martin and directed by theater and dance Chair Peter Cocuzza; Shakespeare's "As You Like It," directed by theater and dance professor Chuck Harper, "Recent Tragic Events," written by Craig Wright and directed by senior theater education major Jay Harvey.

The three directors watched and listened to students eager for a part in one of the plays. At the beginning of the audition students announced their name and the title of their monologues, then walked to an "X" marked on the floor and presented their monologues for the directors.

Sampson said spending time alone allows her to get into character.

"I have to stop and think what the character is thinking, putting myself in the position of the character, so I am not just reciting lines from a play, but I am actually becoming the character so when I say it, I can feel what she is feeling," Sampson said.

Sampson said she redirects her nerves to do well in auditions.

"I take a deep breath," Sampson said. "I actually like the nervousness. It helps you do better. You just have to direct it to something good, so I direct it toward the passion inside my monologues."

The students prepared two

monologues, one of which is contemporary, while the other is classical or Shakespearian. The two styles will show the directors different sides of the actress or actor.

Sophomore theater and dance major Sarah Goins further prepared her monologues in the dance room prior to her audition.

"Now my size 16 skirt is giving my size 18 hips hell," Goins said, quoting her contemporary monologue from "Groovin'."

The students search for monologues to find a piece that will represent them best, which is followed by days or weeks of preparation. What drives these students to take the path as actors is to take part in another world.

"I think it is being in a different world, and it is being in a character's world, because I think everything is intriguing," Sampson said. "When somebody produces a play, they do it for a reason. There is a purpose. There is a theme, and to be able to act it out is pretty nice."

Students trying out said they understand those chosen are the best to represent the play and bring it to life for an audience.

Harper said he is looking for actors who immediately show themselves.

"What I am always looking for is an actor who comes in, and it is pretty easy to tell what their talent and technique is, but more importantly, it is going to give you a sense of who they are, get a sense of their energy and attack from them," Harper said.

"Anton in Show Business" is the first production of the Spring semester from Feb. 25 to Feb. 28 with a final performance on March 1. For more information contact the Department of Theater and Dance at 650-2773.

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Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Senior Guard John Edmison attempts a jump shot during SIUE's exhibition game against Webster University.

COUGARS squelch the GORLOKS

SIUE wins 75-56 against Webster University's imaginary mascot with 29 forced turnovers

by T.J. Cowell
 Alestle Reporter

The Webster University Gorloks' name may be confusing, but the men's basketball team overcame the name. SIUE forced 29 turnovers en route to a 75-56 victory over the visitors Wednesday night in the Cougars' second exhibition game.

SIUE saw 10 different players contribute points in a total team effort. SIUE men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester said the Cougars had several players stand out in Wednesday's performance.

"Our guys were ready to play," Forrester said. "They brought great intensity for 40 minutes. Hopefully we can keep building on this."

Freshman guard Mark Yelovich paced the Cougar attack, leading all players with 14 points and six steals. Yelovich was four of six from the field and sank three out of four attempted free throws.

The first half of play saw the Cougars make it to the free throw line for 17 shots, making 11 of them. The SIUE defense forced Webster into 16

first-half turnovers. The Gorloks were 11 of 28 from the field in the first half, shooting 39.3 percent.

Sophomore center Nikola Bundalo led SIUE with eight points and three offensive rebounds in the first half.

SIUE headed into the locker room with a 14-point lead after the first 20 minutes, 43-29. The Cougars shot 44 percent from the field in the first half after hitting 14 of 32 shots.

The Gorloks came out of the locker room looking to close the 14-point gap in the second half, but failed to slim the margin of deficit as SIUE would lead by as much as 23 midway through the second half.

Webster senior guard Ryan Turk led Webster in Wednesday night's effort. Turk posted 13 points and had four steals for the visitors. Senior guard Luke Niebrugge also finished in double figures for the Gorloks with 12 points.

Junior guard Aamir McCleary said the Cougar effort on Wednesday was a lot better than SIUE's last game against Westminster University, but there is still room for improvement.

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Two players denied entrance to next and final game of season

by Levi Kirby
 Alestle Reporter

SIUE men's soccer finished out a 3-1 loss to Belmont University with fewer men on the field than they started with after red cards placed two SIUE players on the sideline.

SIUE struck first when sophomore midfielder Benny Jeffrey scored off an assist by freshman midfielder Jack Twellman early in the first half.

However, the 1-0 lead lasted a mere six minutes before Belmont's Dan Meacock won a free ball from the SIUE defense

and scored unassisted to tie the game 1-1. The first half closed with the score notched 1-1.

The momentum of the game drastically swayed Belmont's way coming out of halftime when SIUE senior midfielder Bob Ridder missed wide on a penalty kick two minutes into the second half.

After the miss by Ridder, Belmont freshman Will Moorad scored in the 54th minute, giving his team a 2-1 lead.

Things got ugly for the Cougars in the 65th minute. Jeffrey and senior midfielder Nick Bigogno both received red



Carded at the door with 3-1 loss

Ashley Hinkle/Alestle
The men's soccer team huddles up during their Homecoming Game in October. Their next game against the University of Central Arkansas will be their season finale, but senior midfielder Nick Bigogno and sophomore Benny Jeffrey will be on the sidelines since both received red cards in their game against Belmont University last Saturday.

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Freshman guard for SIUE Kate Affourtit dribbles down the court, defended by freshman guard for Missouri Baptist University Andrea Seabaugh during their exhibition game last Oct. 30. Their next game is against the University of Illinois-Springfield this Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

SPORTS BRIEF

Women's basketball ends preseason

Alestle Staff Report

In a final preseason tune-up, the SIUE women's basketball team held a half-time lead on the University of Illinois, but failed to take a victory home from Champaign.

Senior forward Jenny Wuest led the Cougars with 12 points on the afternoon while freshman guard Kate Affourtit added 11 and junior guard Ashley Bey of Chicago chipped in 10. Wuest and Bey were perfect from the free throw line, going 4-4 and 3-3, while freshmen guard Melia Duncan led SIUE on the boards with eight rebounds.

The Cougars kept the Assembly Hall crowd silent for much of the first half as the Illini turned the ball over 11 times, resulting in 13 SIUE points. Despite the Cougar's lead, Illinois outshot SIUE 41 percent to 32 percent from the field in the half.

With 2:24 left in the first half, the Cougars held a comfortable 10 point advantage on the Illini after freshman guard Madison Meade of Auburn, Calif., drained a three pointer to pad the Cougars lead at 26-16. The Illini finished the half on a 10-0 run, while SIUE's shooters went cold, going 0-4 to finish out the half.

Just 16 seconds into the second half, Illinois tied the game

at 26. A jumper by Chelsea Gordon and a free throw by Illa Smith gave the Illini their first lead since the game's first possession at 27-26. A three pointer by Bey four minutes later put the Cougars back in front with a four point lead at 36-32.

SIUE kept the lead until half way through the second half, when Illinois' Josil Fabiola hit a three to put U of I up for good at 44-41. The Illini went on to outscore SIUE 24-11 the rest of the way, preventing any chance of the Cougars pulling out an upset against the Big Ten power.

The Illini shot 57 percent in the second half while dominating the boards, collecting 25 rebounds to the Cougars nine. Illinois scored 13 points off of rebounds in the half to SIUE's two. Illinois' All-American center Jenna Smith led all scorers with 23 points.

The Cougars begin the regular season at home on Saturday, when they take on the University of Illinois-Springfield. Like the Cougars, who are transitioning to NCAA Division I, UIS is currently making the switch to Division II, where they will take SIUE's spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

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cards within seconds of each other, leaving only nine men on the field instead of the usual 11.

Bigogno received a red card as a result of two yellow cards, earning his first yellow card early in the first half.

"The first (yellow card) I was sticking up for Frasca because of a tackle on him," Bigogno said. "The second was just a 50/50 tackle which I won the ball, but got too much of the man."

Contact between the Belmont goalkeeper and the SIUE defense ended with Jeffrey getting his red card.

"Reffing wasn't the best, the game got chippy early," Ridder said. "One of their players kicked our goalie after the play and their goalie initiated contact with one of our guys."

With only nine men on the field, SIUE gave up one more goal before the end of the game, resulting in the 3-1 loss.

Despite the red cards and the loss, SIUE still out shot Belmont, 11-10. Frasca grabbed three saves during his 76 minutes of play, and freshman goalkeeper Nick Collico came in to finish the game and snagged two saves of his own.

Because of their red cards, Bigogno and Jeffrey will also have to sit out next week's game against the

University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Ark. The Cougars play their final game of the season at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For six of the Cougars, it will be their last game ever at SIUE. With that and a three game losing streak on their minds a final victory is especially important said senior goalkeeper Nick Frasca

"I will do everything in my power to get a result on Saturday," Frasca said.

Frasca is currently tied for second in the school record books for career shutouts by a goalkeeper.

Number one on the all-time list is a tie between Ed Gettemeier and Bret Richardson, who both have a total of 20 career shutouts while at SIUE. Frasca has 19 heading into the final game of his collegiate career.

Ridder said he also wanted to end his SIUE soccer career on a high note.

"I definitely want to go out on a win," Ridder said. "Hopefully we'll turn it around in the final game of the season and get a result."

"The first (yellow card), I was sticking up for Frasca. The second was just a 50-50 tackle which I won the ball, but got too much of the man."

- Nick Bigogno, senior midfielder

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"We still need to work on defense and boxing out," McCleary said. "That is going to be the key when playing against Division I schools. We need to keep playing together."

Junior guard Barry Wellington said the team cannot afford to play selfish basketball.

"We need to focus on boxing out," Wellington said. "We cannot give opponents second and third chance opportunities."

Wellington and McCleary

finished with six and three points, respectively, for SIUE.

The Cougars will next travel to Charleston, S.C., to compete in the Charleston Classic. SIUE will start off regular season play against tournament host, the College of Charleston Cougars on Nov. 14. Tip off is set for 5 p.m.

From there SIUE will either play Eastern Tennessee State University or Temple University on Saturday.

Wellington said the Cougars will head into Charleston looking to make a name for SIUE basketball.

"We are looking to go into Charleston and play team basketball," Wellington said. "We want to come out of the Charleston Classic as the number one team with a couple of wins under our belt."

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Junior forward Denykco Bowles and junior guard Barry Wellington speed towards the basket at their exhibition game last Wednesday. Their next game is the Charleston Classic this weekend at Charleston, S.C.

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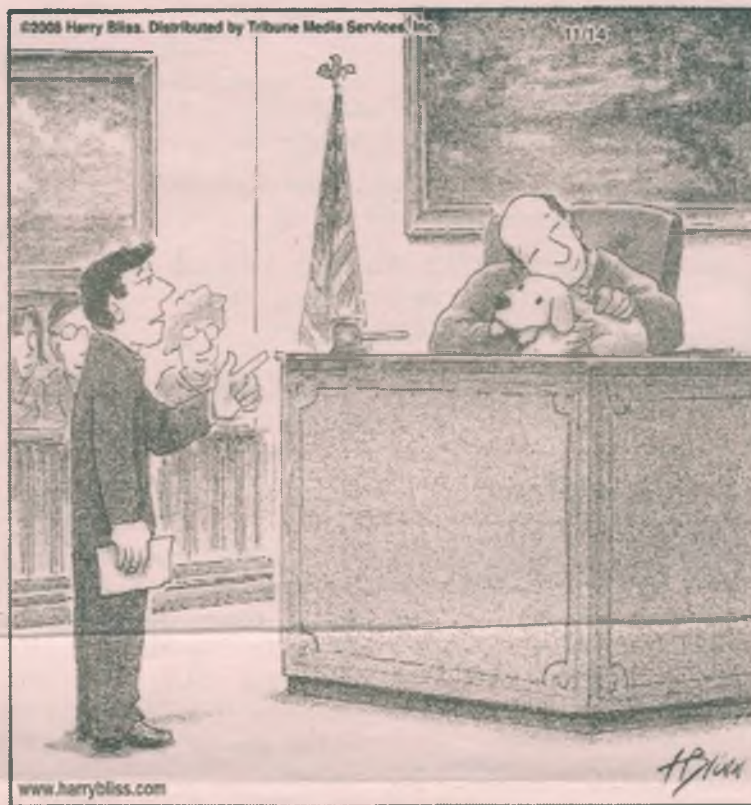
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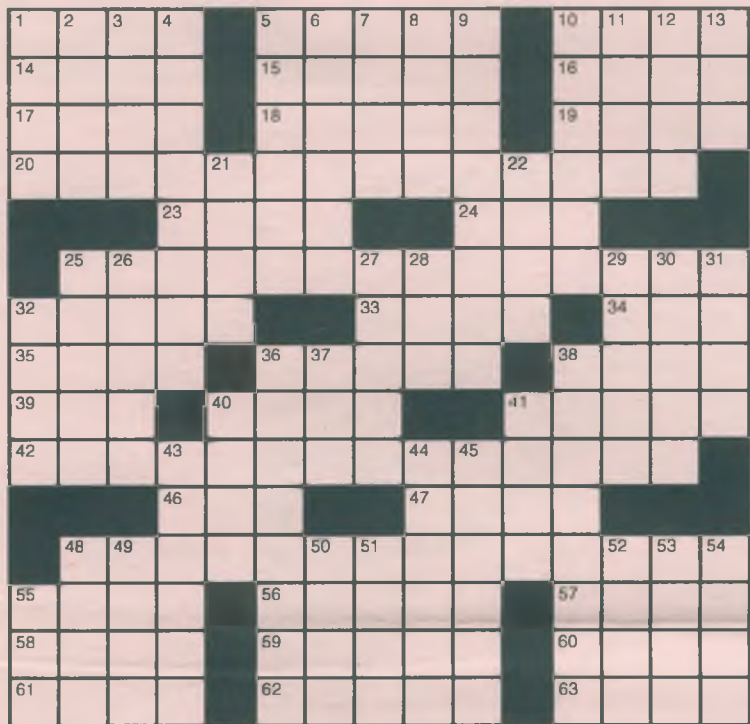
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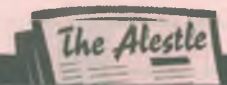


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