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Safe Zone aims to offer haven for **GLBT** students

by Ben McDonald Alestle Reporter

The Safe Zone program on campus has recently had some changes in leadership and received a kick in the pants as the organization is offering more training sessions for students and faculty alike

As a national organization, Safe Zone has branches on university campuses all over the country with Safe Zone "Allies," providing a safe, judgment free environment for gay, lesbian, and transsexual students to express themselves.

According to SIUE's Safe Zone Web site, the purpose of Safe Zone is to train allies who

can provide support to gay, lesbian and transgender students by providing an environment free of prejudice or judgement.

Safe Zone focuses on training SIUE faculty and employees on how to create a tolerant and understanding environment for gay, lesbian and transgender students.

Trained Safe Zone members refer to themselves as allies and can be identified by the triangular card that is posted outside of their office.

Allies will listen to students in need and offer advice only when asked for. Allies are not counselors, but they provide a

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After the final evening of fall semester, applications opened for replacements for three senators.

One-fourth of Senate resigns amid arguments

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Roland Burris prepares to testify before an Illinois House panel looking to impeach embattled Gov. Rod Blagojevich in Springfield Thursday. Burris is Blagojevich's pick to fill the Senate seat vacated by President-elect Barack Obama.

Take a seat Burris to be admitted to U.S. Senate

by Ben McDonald Alestle Reporter

In the wake of criminal charges against Gov. Rod Blagojevich, many Illinois citizens questioned his right to fulfill the duties as governor, but Senate leaders said on Monday they expect to accept Burris' credentials, according to CNN.com.

After testifying before the Illinois House Committee

Impeachment, CNN.com reported that Burris was notified that he is now accepted as the Senator-Designate and will receive all the rights and privileges of a senator.

The legality of the situation continues to be debated across the country, but political science professor Ken Moffet said the governor was still within his rights at the time of the appointment.

"He will probably sit in the Senate, but Burris is going to be watched with a chain of suspicion since he was appointed by Blagojevich," Moffet said.

The vote was a 114-1 in favor of impeaching the governor.

Even after Burris denied any deals took place between him and "... Burris is going to be the embattled governor, some still questioned watched with a chain of Burris's credibility. Senior computer science major Brian Pritchett said he felt anyone appointed by the governor should be watched carefully. "I don't care much for (Burris). Blagojevich only appointed him because he knew that if Congress rejected him, they were going to be rejecting the only black

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

Student Government faces the daunting task of replacing a quarter of its Senate after a tense meeting and three resignations at the end of the fall semester.

Senators A.J. Mitan, Kenny Yasger and Rick Gonzalez called their Senate careers quits after a Dec. 12 meeting including numerous internal arguments regarding the duties of a student senator.

Student Body Vice President Bryan Kress said the

interview process to replace the trio will begin now that the semester is underway. The deadline to apply for the Senate positions is noon Friday.

Applications can be turned in to Student Government in the Kimmel Leadership Center, and will be date-stamped by the secretaries to ensure they are received by deadline.

According to the SIUE Government Student Constitution, applicants for the open Senate seats must have at

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suspicion since he was Burris' formal swearing-in is expected to appointed by Blagojevich." be later this week -Ken Moffet, In early December, prosecutors federal political science professor recorded the Illinois governor trying to sell President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat to the highest bidder. Blagojevich later exercised his duty as governor and appointed Burris on Dec. 30 senator," Pritchett said. after the federal investigation was underway.

Blagojevich's impeachment on Friday brought more uncertainty to Burris' future, and whether Blagojevich was able to legitimately choose Burris came into question.

Pritchett said he thought Blagojevich continues to flaunt his arrogance with the appointment of Burris.

"He is still only trying to serve his own purposes," Pritchett said. "Even though he was

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Police issued Megan R. Dennis a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued Andrea S. Budde a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jennifer N. Butler a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South Circle Drive.

Police issued Edward A. Pluhar III a citation for speeding on University Drive.

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Anna Jean Snider and Kylie N. McCarver were arrested in connection with unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor on North Circle Drive. Snider and McCarver were processed, given notices to appear and released.

12-14

Brittany M. Hogan was arrested in connection with domestic battery after police received a 911 call from Cougar Village Apartment 426 about an altercation. Hogan was processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

12-15

Timothy C. Stevens and Aakash D. Patel were arrested in connection with possession of drug paraphernalia at Cougar Village Apartment 424 after a call saying a suspicious odor was

coming from the apartment. Stevens and Patel were processed, given notices to appear and were released.

Police Reports

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Police issued Frankie J. Seavey a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive.

Police took a report of a cell phone stolen from a car parked in Lot C.

Police issued Eileen E. McCallister a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

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Police issued Everlyn M. Lane a citation for driving in the wrong lane on State Route 157 near University Park Drive.

12-20

Police issued Damien M. McGiffen a citation for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

12-22

Police took a report of a male subject who created a fictitious SIUE degree.

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Police took a report of a computer monitor stolen from a kiosk outside Room 1010 in Dunham Hall.

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Police took a report of a bass guitar stolen from Cougar Village Apartment 417. 12-30

Police issued Jeffery D. Mundy a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued Henry E. Thompson a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Elizabeth A. Kunz a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Aaron J. Schutte was arrested in connection with theft of services after he exited Lot B without paying at the booth. Schutte was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

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Police took a report of a hangtag stolen from a car parked in Lot C.

1-9 Police issued Andrea M. McQuillan a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

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

Police issued Justin Hampson a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police took a report of a burglary at Cougar Village Apartment 427. Several items were stolen, including a large screen TV. Entry was gained through a sliding door.

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least a 2.5 GPA and maintain a 2.4 cumulative GPA throughout their term in office. Applicants must also have completed 12 hours as a full-time undergraduate student or six hours as a graduate student at SIUE. Candidates must also be enrolled in SIUE and in good academic standing.

In addition to these requirements, there are certain qualities that Student Body President Dominique Majors and Kress are looking for in a new senator.

"I am looking for dedication," Kress said. "I'm looking for people that take time out of their day to help the Student Government at SIUE."

Communication skills are a vital asset to the Student Senate according to Majors.

"In any position we need people with good people skills," Majors said. "We need people that can relate to those they are representing."

According to Majors, roughly 10 applications have been submitted thus far for the empty seats.

Majors said she hopes the seats will be filled by the second Student Government meeting of the semester, slated for Feb. 6.

In addition to the three empty Senate seats, Majors is also looking to appoint an election commissioner.

"This will be a student that oversees the upcoming Student Government election," Majors said.

The positive visibility of Student Government remains a top priority for the group throughout the selection process.

"I don't think a lot of people address their issues with Student Government," Internal affairs chair Kevin Starks said. I don't think a lot of people know what we do."

The next Student Senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23 in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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Tina Kassa, former group fitness instructor, exercises with her "Boot Camp" class that took place last summer. She discovered that she lost her job at the end of last semester when she was unable to access the gym where she works. University officials said that her firing was a private matter, and that they were going in a different direction.

Worked out of a job

Veteran fitness instructor removed from position

by Kelly Taylor Alestle Correspondent

Former group fitness instructor Tina Kassa will not be teaching fitness classes this semester for reasons she said were unclear.

For the past 19 years, Kassa taught classes including Bootcamp and Hardcore Abs at the Student Fitness Center. On Dec. 19 she said her access to the gym was denied. She then spoke with her immediate boss, Fitness Recreation Specialist Samantha Hackbart.

"She said they wanted to take the classes in a new direction," Kassa said. "If you're going to go in a new direction get rid of all the instructors, why just get rid of me?"

Hackbart said the issue is private and declined to comment.

Kassa said she always maintained the necessary certifications and had not received any complaints. She received one write up in November for saving exercise mats for students.

"My classes were getting 30 to 90 people. I was doing something right," she said.

Junior business major Allison Venhaus of Breese agreed.

"I've taken other classes, and nobody challenges you the way Tina does," Venhaus said. "And it's very obvious she loved her job."

Venhaus, who found out through friends of Kassa's dismissal, has been a regular in her fitness classes for three years. She sent a 358-word e-mail on Dec. 20 to Campus Recreation Director Mick

anything corrupt.

Moffet said.

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comfortable at the time.

Ostrander expressing her concern and stating she will no longer participate in group aerobics classes at the Student Fitness Center. Venhaus said she received an 11-word response thanking her for her comment.

Junior speech pathology major Lara Price of Olney received the same response to her letter from Ostrander.

Ostrander could not be reached for comment as of Monday.

Price, who took Bootcamp and Hardcore Abs classes taught by Kassa, started the group "We Love Tina" on the social networking site Facebook. The group currently has 109 members. She said she created the group to inform other students that Kassa would no longer be teaching group fitness classes and to garner support for what she considers to be an important issue.

"We pay a fee to use the Student Fitness Center. It seems completely unfair to her and unfair to us," Price said.

Price said she started an online petition, but does not expect Kassa to be rehired

Kassa said she contacted Human Resources to file a grievance, but was told there was no formal grievance process for her position.

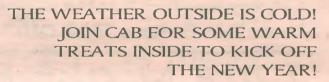
Kassa said all she really wants is an answer.

"I really did it for the passion," she said. "It just seems extremely unfair to me why they let me go for no real reason."

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caught and indicted, he is still bold enough to try and play it off."

Senior English education major Ashley Walden said she would not be too upset if Burris secured the appointment.

"It would be difficult for him to do something illegitimate," Walden said. "He's under too much scrutiny."

Walden said even if Burris is good appointment, his ktaylor@alestlelive.com or 650-3527

affiliation with the governor Moffet said had the governor tainted him even if he never did made the appointment after the Illinois House of Representatives impeached him on Friday, it Moffet said no one Blagojevich could have appointed

would be likely that Burris' appointment would be seen as less valid.

Blagojevich's trial in the Senate is slated for the end of January.

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Safe Zone signs, like this one in Dunham Hall, are posted on the doors of participating faculty members' offices.

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students in minorities.

professor Laurie Puchner said the first resident assistants Safe Zone has reemerged as an active organization after a few years of inactivity. Safe Zone initially started with administration support, but training was inactive after Rudy Wilson, the former assistant provost for Cultural and Social Diversity, retired. Safe Zone is now completely organized by faculty members.

"We have started training sessions again and are more active with student organizations like the Gay-Straight Alliance," Puchner said. "We had a booth set up for Coming Out Day and have started training sessions for RAs."

Puchner said one of the strongest objectives of Safe Zone is more open communication with students.

"I think it's great. It really strengthens Safe Zone," Puchner said.

The involvement with the student body was the biggest reason for the creation of the Safe Zone Web site.

Vanwinkle, Elizabeth president of the Gay-Straight Alliance and senior mass communications major, said Safe Zone has been working with GSA much more than they have

safe and secure forum for they scratch ours," Davis said.

Kinesiology professor and Safe Zone ally and education Safe Zone ally Nicole Klein said training session was scheduled last spring, but occurred on the only snow day of the year. The revamped Safe Zone focused on training faculty, and student involvement is a recent addition to the Safe Zone strategy.

"We train them to create a comfortable, safe. nonjudgmental environment for all sexual orientations and gender expressions," Klein said. "It isn't just for gay and lesbians, but heterosexuals who feel pressured in how they express themselves."

Klein said there is now a for push heterosexist understanding, as well as homosexual tolerance.

"Since becoming a Safe Zone ally, I've started to see how heterosexuals are forced to express themselves in a way that is how heterosexuals are 'supposed to act'," Klein said.

Students have also attended training sessions.

Klein said the organization hopes to mainstream the idea of tolerant expression for gays and lesbians without the idea that all affection between gay couples is sexual. Klein said heterosexuals sometimes flaunt their sexuality while homosexuals are forced to hide theirs.

Panel Discussion before the Inauguration 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PANELISTS: DR. DAVID KAUZLARICH, CHAIR SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE DR. LYNN MAURER, CHAIR POLITICAL SCIENCE DR. KATHLEEN TUNNEY, CHAIR SOCIAL WORK

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in recent years.

"In the past year we've done a lot with Safe Zone," Vanwinkle said. "We worked with them on the candle light vigil with Matthew Shepard and with national Coming Out Day."

Vanwinkle said the workload is split in half when working with Safe Zone for events.

GSA secretary and sophomore speech communications major Andrew Davis said GSA learned a lot from Safe Zone and has tried to return the favor by aiding in Safe Zone training.

"We scratch their backs, and

"Why is it that I can kiss my

male partner in public, and it is seen as an acceptable form of expression, but if a gay or lesbian couple kisses one another or even hold hands, it is seen as sexual?" Klein said.

The next Safe Zone training session will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. April 4. To attend, contact physics professor Lenore Horner at lhorner@siue.edu.

For more information on Safe Zone, go to at http://www.siue.edu/lgbt.

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Burris legally takes seat despite corrupt governor

Illinois Gov. (soon to be ex-Governor) Rod Blagojevich is a crook. There is no debate. When an indictment is filed and the feds have enough evidence to show up at your place with a big smile and handcuffs, you are screwed.

After an impeachment vote of 114-1, the Illinois House of Representatives feels the same way.

The charges filed against Blagojevich in the 76-page federal indictment are pretty impressive. The guy tried to auction a Senate

seat because it was a "(expletive) golden idea" and wanted to hold back

federal assistance to the Chicago Tribune because some editor made him look bad.

While Blagojevich is the perfect poster child for the historic trend of corruption in Illinois politics and deserves to share a prison cell with former Illinois Gov. George Ryan, I will let his appointment of Roland Burris to President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat slide. Was the timing perfect? No.

Is the appointment questionable? Sure. Blagojevich's spike strip should not have been able to flattened the tires of Burris on his road to the Senate.

Behind Blago's blowdryer comb over and disregard for ethics, this appointment is either a sincere make-up call for his mistakes, or a smokescreen to escape the feds.

The person Blagojevich would appoint to the Senate under any circumstances would be a Democrat, because he wants to maintain power within his own party. There is no way a Republican would get away with paying the governor for that seat because that's too obvious. Why not appoint an actual legitimate candidate right before you go down in flames?

It is true if you don't use it, you lose it.

As of Monday afternoon, the vacant Illinois Senate seat belongs to Burris after Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White effectively signed the seat over with on a separate document, after initially refusing to sign alongside Blagojecvich.

All of the runaround regarding Burris' seat on the Senate was due to the governor's

questionable ethics, not Burris and his qualifications. Nothing Blagojevich can say will make up for the past. He tried to sell the Senate seat.

No one cares about how he supposedly helped provide one person with a kidney transplant. He is responsible for 13 million people in Illinois, and contrary to popular belief, there is more to Illinois than Chicago (surreal, I know).

Burris said during a press conference in Washington, "There is certainly no pay-toplay involved, because I don't have no money."

Proper grammar aside, Burris seems like a nice guy in a bad place. There is no way to tell whether or not Burris pawned the seat off Blago, and in the heat of a federal investigation and a media sandstorm, I doubt a corrupt Burris would come out and accept the seat he has now secured.

Then again, politicians never cease to amaze me.

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New Year's resolutions result in procrastination

A large percentage of people made vows to change their lives for the better and kick those nasty vices that have haunted them for the last 12 months. I'll be optimistic and guess that some of those people made it through the weekend.

New Year's resolutions are meant to be vows to make the next year better than the one before. It is a time to reflect on the year

with money in '09, or should I begin saving and stop the credit card bills from piling up?

And you with the cigarettes, the ones you vowed to put down on New Year's Day, did you just find out smoking caused cancer on Dec. 31? Don't get me wrong, I encourage you to quit and wish you success, but if you really wanted to quit, you would have done it for yourself, not for the sake of your best effort. The result of your project will be a grade less than you are capable of, since your resolution failed by February.

There will be those of you that make good on your resolutions, and congratulations, but you are still a procrastinator. Don't get me wrong, vou're still a leg up on the rest of us that made our empty promises over a champagne toast, but you could have done it months ago instead of waiting until the imaginary due date. If you are serious about making a change, do it now. Whether it's January, June or October, don't procrastinate, and certainly don't think a change in the calendar year will make you more motivated. Change requires commitment, which can be done any day of the year, not just the first one.



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Why sit around and wait? Do you need a day on the calendar to spark motivation? If you do, chances are you lack the real motivation to follow through with your resolution anyway.

I knew in June I was broke and in debt, but should I have spent money aimlessly until New Year's Eve and then resolved to be better

an empty tradition.

New Year's resolutions are for procrastinators. They are like that assignment you get at the beginning of the spring semester that isn't due until the end of April. You know in February that you should work on it, but you put it off until March. Then March comes and goes, and soon it's a week before your final classes and you have just started.

The project may get completed, but the end result will be something with less than Neal Gough is a senior mass communications major from Fairview Heights. He can be reached at ngough@alestlelive.com or 650-3527.

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A potpourri of pottery, eggs and bras MFA students prepare for last show

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Arts Entertainment



Ashley Hinkle/Alestle "At least we're in it together," by MFA student Evan Wagman is a large egg made of clay. This semester's graduate art show displays work from every department medium.

by Ben McDonald Alestle Reporter

Graduate art therapy student Tamara Wilke created a bra of Czechoslovakian crystals not for a Victoria's Secret fashion show, but for the Art and Design Graduate Art Exhibit, beginning Tuesday.

The Graduate Art Exhibit is annual show and a requirement for master of fine arts majors, according to Paulette Myers, the metalsmithing professor and coordinator of the Graduate Art Exhibit.

"This year's work is very diverse. It represents the eight areas of study we have here," Myers said.

The works range from sculpture, photography, textiles, art theraphy, ceramics, painting, metalsmithing and printmaking.

The piece Wilke will display is one in a series of women's undergarments she has worked on over the past few years.

"I've had a difficult time bra shopping before, and it frustrated me, so I took that frustration and did something productive with it," Wilke said. That's what art therapy is."

With the exception of Wilke, who is getting her master's degree in art therapy, all students in the show are MFA students.

"MFA students are required to be in the show, but art is important to me, and I'm not going to let the fact that I'm not a studio major hold me back," Wilke said.

Metalsmithing major Jillian Palone also drew from personal experience when creating her piece, which consists of three hand sculptures made out of paper and copper. Pallone said she was inspired by the illustrations in the anatomy book "Gray's Anatomy."

"I started focusing on anatomy after a personal injury and sort of what goes on inside and how ignorant we are of our own anatomy until an ailment occurs," Palone said. "I'm just enamored at how well we are put together and how well we work and heal and adapt to our surroundings."

major

Ceramics

MacMillan also drew on organic form to influence his work. "The piece I have in the

show is called 'Specimen'," MacMillan said. "It is ceramic and has a-steel mount attached to the wall. It is based on forms I found in a book with microscopic images of seeds."

MacMillan said he is interested in showing the natural element of the seed juxtaposed against the man-made steel.

"The seed has a very hard edge, and the steel has a very high gloss that shows the tension between the two substances," MacMillan said.

MacMillan said he generated the idea from exploration of his past work and his own personality.

"(I) tried to make sense of aspects (of) my own personality coexist that together," MacMillan "The said. perfectionist and the laid back parts (and) how do those dualities work together."

Sculpture major Manda Remmen was also interested in

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Top area high school musicians converge at SIUE

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

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Friday will bring top high school musicians from more than 60 area high schools as the annual SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival prepares for its 21st year of music.

According to music professor John Bell, and director of bands at SIUE, there will be more than 200 students from local high schools vying for a spot in the Honor Band at the Festival.

Bell said high school band directors nominate their

Community High School in "When the students arrive on campus, they audition for Normal, and Brad Wallace, director of Bands at Effingham there will also be a performance placement into one of three bands," Bell said. "The students High School in Effingham. Their by the SIUE Wind Symphony, receiving the highest scores on performances will be at 6:30 also under the direction of

their audition are placed in the Honor Band. The two Festival Bands are then staffed equally in talent."

Each year Bell chooses a guest director to lead the Honor Band. This year the director will be Larry Gookin, director of State University.

"I met Professor Gookin many years ago," Bell said. "I chose him because I am impressed with him as a conductor and as a person. His bands at Central Washington play very well, and his students speak highly of him."

The other two bands will be students, and then he chooses the participants from over 400 led by Lisa Preston, director of students. Bands at Normal West

p.m. on Saturday for Wallace's band and 7:15 p.m. on Saturday for Preston's Band.

The SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival was created in 1987 by former director of SIUE bands, Victor Markovich.

Bell said he continued to Bands at Central Washington host the festival in 1990 when he arrived at SIUE and after Markovich left the university to become Director of Bands at Wichita State University.

The first SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival was a oneday event hosting about 100 students. Under Bell's direction the event has been expanded to two days and now hosts approximately twice the number of high school musicians.

In addition to the three bands of high school students,



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SIUE has hosted the Bi-State Honor Band Festival since 1987. The festival allows area high school students to compete for the chance to be a part of the Honor Band.

at 1p.m. on Saturday.

Gookin. The performance will be Charles, Mo., will be performing with the Wind Symphony.

Adrian Lepique, senior Lepique is the principal trumpet music merchandising and music performance major from St. HONOR BAND/pg. 7



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Now Rating:

by Jeff Mason Alestle Reporter

It's not too often when a film without any big name actors makes a splash in the American movie scene, let alone one starring a no-name minority cast.

Lucky for us, "Slumdog Millionaire" is just one of these movies, and even though it has studio roots, a relatively well-known director and a veteran writer, the movie feels authentic to its native India and worthy enough to take on any of this year's Oscar challengers.

"Slumdog Millionaire" tells the story of Jamal Malik, a teenager living in Mumbai, India, who winds up on the Indian version of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Jamal is arrested for allegedly cheating on the show after he gets all the way to the final question.

In order to clear his name, Jamal tells the story of his life, which coincides with how he knows the answers to the show. Each chapter of his life, from his childhood up to his time on the show, answers a question and elaborates on his relationship with his brother, Salim, and childhood friend, Latika.

As cheesy as it might sound, the story ends up working beautifully. It flows seamlessly, thanks to an excellent first story that sets the emotional tone for the movie. From there, it goes on a dark and winding ride through the slums of India and begins to unfold the film's love story.

Each character has three different actors behind them, and each group does an excellent job, but most of the credit should go to director Danny Boyle, who takes a cast of unknowns and transforms them into a cast capable of handling the emotional weight set in front of them by writer Simon Beaufoy (who adapts author Vikas Swarup's "Q&A").

Beaufoy uses the younger versions of characters to bring in his viewers quickly, allowing him to quickly set them into motion and weave his story all the better. When the timeline finally catches up to the game show, viewers are fully invested in all three characters.

Boyle ("28 Days Later," "Trainspotting") creates a visual work of art on screen and paints India with vivid colors and plenty of style. Everything in the movie is shot perfectly, from the chase scenes to the scenes full of dialogue. Boyle's camerawork and use of light provide a textbook example for future directors.

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And if all of this weren't enough, "Slumdog Millionaire" also has one of the best movie soundtracks of the year. A.R. Rahman provides nearly all of the tracks (hip-hop artist M.I.A. makes two appearances) and adds to the film's foreign flair while heightening every scene just the way a soundtrack should. It's a little bit pop, a little bit foreign and absolutely worth buying.

"Slumdog Millionaire" is easily one of the best movies of the year and will most assuredly be one of the films listed in the Best Picture category when the Academy Award nominations are announced next week, not to mention its Golden Globe sweep in all four categories it was nominated in. There's really nothing more to say than just go see this movie.

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the relationship between man and nature when she made her pieces for the show and created a sculpture from objects she found on the ground.

"I've been working with found objects for awhile, and they the fragility of nature.

Photography major Amanda Pfister is also displaying her talents in the show.

Pfister's work analyzes the relationships between people and

show, titled "Egg," concentrates on abandoned and vacant, how we treat them displays how we view our own history."

> The idea of a room or building telling a story also fueled Pfeister's sculpture in the show, which is a sculpture of a room.

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in the Wind Symphony and a former participant in the SIUE Bi-State Honor Band Festival.

"I think the festival is a great opportunity to showcase to high schoolers opportunity for students to

performance major A.J. Roth from St. Peters, Mo. also participated in the festival as a high school student.

"This is a great

encourage you to experiment with new things your first year, but instead I'm trying to focus it down and pay homage to natural things," Remmen said.

Remmen said she enjoys working with found objects because she doesn't believe she can recreate the beauty of what is created in nature.

"There is a certain exquisiteness of how things grow and function. I can't recreate that," Remmen said. "There are things that happen in the natural growth process that makes things unique and cannot be duplicated."

One of Remmen's pieces in the

places and the imprint they leave behind. Pfister has two pieces in the Graduate Art Exhibit, a photograph of the old Powell building in St. Louis and a sculpture of a room. Pfister has recently been taking pictures of deserted places such as empty buildings and parking garages in hopes of retelling the

stories that happened there. "In America, we really don't have that sense of history, so I

started looking at buildings as landmarks that give us an idea of where we've been, and what we do with those buildings gives us a sense of where we are going," Pfeister said. "Even when they are

"It is a container of memories, the idea that someone's memories (are) trapped in the room, maybe incidents that happened there tell a story, and they are trapped in that room," Pfister said.

Pfeister's room as well as other artists' work will be on display in the Art and Design Building from Tuesday until Jan. 28. A reception will be held Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Art and Design Building at 650-3074.

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music wonderful the program we have here at SIUE," Lepique said. "It was a pivotal reason for me in deciding to go to SIUE." Lepique said the festival

is a great way to bring musicians and students together.

"As someone who came from Missouri, it's a great chance to introduce people from all over Missouri and Illinois to SIUE and allow them a chance to have a great musical experience for the weekend," Lepique said. Junior music see SIUE," Roth said "Doing the Bi-State Festival (for) two years gave me insight into the school and the professors that teach here.

All performances will be held in Dunham Hall, and admission is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Music at 650-3799.

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Upcoming Cougar Events:

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Cougars sneak win over St. Xavier

A second-half run boosted SIUE to an 80-72 victory and a 5-12 record

by Allan Lewis **Opinion Editor**

SIUE may have taken the win against St. Xavier University, but for men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester, Thursday's effort was not successful.

Despite four players scoring in double-figures, the Cougars escaped their first home game since Dec. 4 with a sloppy 80-72 victory against the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school from Chicago.

"We didn't show any type of emotion or excitement," Forrester said. "We weren't ready to play, and they took advantage of us on the backdoor cuts and easy baskets. Our casualness on the defensive end is not acceptable.'

The win improved SIUE's season mark to 5-12, while SXU dropped to 10-9.

Junior guard Barry Wellington scored 19 points to pace the Cougars, while freshman Mark Yelovich followed with 18. Senior John Edmison picked up his second double-double of the season and first since Nov. 22 at Ball State University with a 12 rebound, 10 point performance. A solid performance from freshman Aaron Garriot resulted in 15 points.

St. Xavier's leading scorer, Rob Broughton, had a huge performance, scoring 16 points while collecting 17 rebounds. Three other SXU players scored in double-figures, with Paris Davis and Julian Scott pacing the team with 17 points.

Forrester said Wellington's intensity attacking the basket was a bright spot for the Cougars in their victory.

"Barry did a good job attacking the rim and the basket, but you can't have just one guy or a couple guys do that," Forrester said. "We have to have a team full of guys who give us a consistent effort every single night."

Both teams had trouble getting into their offensive flow, as SIUE committed 27 turnovers to St. Xavier's 24.

"It was a little sloppy," Yelovich said. "We will take the win, and we did a good job pressuring them and forcing turnovers."

SIUE led early, holding an 8-7 advantage on SXU with 16:06 remaining in the first half, before the Cougars from Chicago turned the tables on SIUE, holding the lead for 13 minutes by as many as seven points.

The Cougars never put together a true first half run, but instead chipped away at the SXU lead. SIUE reclaimed the lead with 3:46 to play in the half, and went into the locker room up 36-33.



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Freshman guard Aaron Garriott takes a jump shot against Millikin University in the SIUE victory before winter break.

Freshmen-led wrestling team goes 1-3

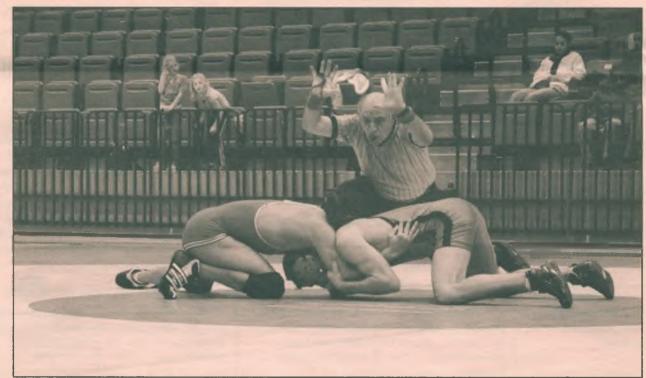
Cougars lose three in a row after winning home opener during break

by Levi Kirby Sports Editor

The young SIUE wrestling team, made of 11 freshmen and two sophomores, played on their home turf twice last week for the first time this season.

Over the weekend, the Cougars hosted a quadrangular meet with Missouri Baptist University, the University of Indianapolis and Northern Illinois University

SIUE was forced to forfeit 18 points to each team due to lack of wrestlers and lost all three duels on Saturday.



SIUE Head Coach David Ray said the team performed well, but they are forced to give up a disappointing number of points due to the lack of wrestlers in certain weight classes.

"We're forfeiting 18 points to each team right off the bat," Ray said. "It's almost impossible to come back on that."

SIUE took on Indianapolis for the first duel of the afternoon and fell to a 38-9 loss. NIU followed with a 38-9 victory over the Cougars. SIUE finished the meet with a 34-18 loss to Missouri Baptist.

SIUE freshmen Dillon Pousson and Terrence Connors, along with sophomores Derek Pousson and Blake Reed all had victories for the Cougars.

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Freshman Dillon Pousson wears down Northern Illinois' Pat McLemore before eventually pinning him for the victory, which gave SIUE its first points of the duel. SIUE would fall to NIU 38-9 despite the efforts by Dillon Pousson and teammates.

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 SIUE finishes with eight athletes in top three at season opener

Senior Scott Block takes first in shot put; junior Megan Dennis wins triple jump

by T.J. Cowell Alestle Reporter

The 2009 indoor track season got off and running on Friday as SIUE athletes headed to Columbia, Mo., to compete in the Missouri Invitational.

SIUE track Head Coach David Astrauskas said he was impressed with the team's competitiveness and effort in Saturday's meet.

"At the end of the meet, I saw a lot of individuals competing hard," Astrauskas said.

Included in the list was SIUE junior Megan Dennis, who won the women's triple jump with a mark of 37 feet, 6 inches.

Missouri State University sophomore Shawntee Middlebrook finished second behind Dennis with a jump of 37 feet, 2.25 inches.

Dennis also qualified for the finals of the 60-meter hurdles after finishing in second place in her preliminary heat with a time of 9.04 seconds. Dennis rounded out the day by also competing in the 400meter dash and long jump.

SIUE junior Juliet Alrich finished in sixth place in the 600-yard run after posting a time of 1:26.61 minutes.

The 1,000-meter run saw Cougar time of 6.97. Littleton's performance in sophomore Maggie Krall place fifth, finishing with a time of 3:03.98.

Junior Kayla Brown placed in the top five of her race, after finishing with a time of 5:10.05 in the women's mile.

Juniors Jennie Satterlee and Breanna Branson had strong the "We just have to keep showings in

women's weight throw, finishing in second and fourth place respectively. Satterlee's best throw was marked at 53

feet, 3.5 inches, and Branson's best mark was spotted at 49 feet, .75 inches.

SIUE senior Kelly Flounders said she hopes the team will

continue to build their chemistry as the season progresses.

"We have good teamwork, and there were some individuals who had some [personal records]," Flounders said.

On the men's side, senior Chris Littleton broke his own school record in the men's 60-meter dash with a time of 6.94. Littleton's previous record was set in started his indoor track season off on the February of 2007 when he finished with a

the 60-meter was good enough to finish in fifth place.

Littleton would go on to finish in second place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.29, just .05 shy of his own personal best.

> Senior Steven Werths and freshman Marc Amarillas had respectable performances in the men's 3,000-meter run. Werths clocked in with a time of 9:02.61, finishing in third place. Amarillas finished right behind Werths with a time of 9:10.61.

Senior Kyle

Cameron posted a new personal record in the men's mile with a time of 4:23.18, finishing in sixth place. Junior Marcus Evans finished in third place in the men's 60-meter hurdles with a time of 6.48, just .06 seconds behind Western Illinois University's Tony Odele.

In the field events, senior Scott Block right foot, claiming victory in the shot put and finishing second in the weight throw. Block's shot put throw of 55 feet, 11

inches won him the event by almost two feet. Block's top performance in the weight throw was marked at 61 feet, 9.5 inches.

Missouri's Chris Rohr won the men's weight throw with a toss of 70 feet, 4.25 inches.

Junior Eric Mammoser finished third in men's high jump after clearing 6 feet, 4.25 inches. Mammoser would go on to claim fourth place in the men's pole vault with 14 feet, 7.25 inches.

Cameron said he is looking forward to seeing how the team stacks up against other Division I competition.

"We just have to keep on improving as the season goes on and take it one step at a time," Cameron said.

The Cougar track team will compete in the Badger Track Classic on Friday and Saturday in Madison, Wis., where they will get a taste of more D-I competition.

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Track and Field Schedule 2009

Jan. 16, 17: Badger Track Classic in Madison, Wis. Jan. 24: Redbird Invitational in Normal Jan. 31: Illinois Intercollegiates in Charleston Feb. 6, 7: Rod McCravy Inv. in Lexington, Ky. Feb. 13: Hoosier Hills in Bloomington, Ind.

Feb 20: Eastern Illinois University Friday Night Special in Charleston Feb. 28, March 1: U.S. Indoor Championships in Boston, Mass. March 14: Florida Atlantic University Outdoor Inv. in Boca Raton, Fla.

March 27, 28: Spring Classic in Carbondale April 3, 4: SEMOtion Inv. in Cape Girardeau, Mo. April 11: Cougar Classic at HOME April 17, 18: Memphis Invite in Memphis, Tenn. April 25: SIUE Twilight at HOME May 2: Pacesetter Inv. in Terre Haute, Ind. May 8, 9: Billy Hayes Classic in Bloomington, Ind. June 25 – 28: U.S. Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore.



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SIUE senior runner



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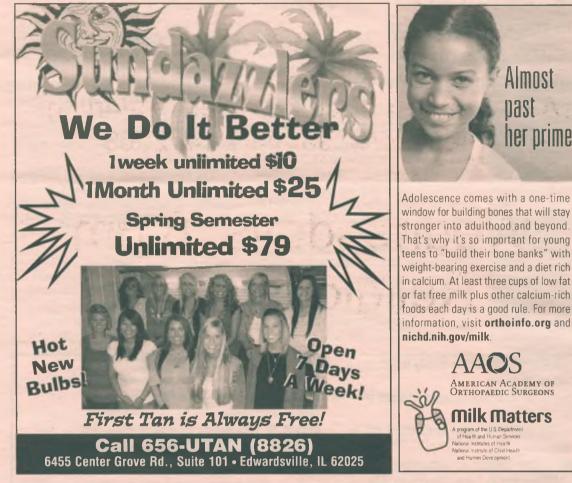
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In the second half, SIUE soared out of the locker room riding a 14-2 run to go up 50-35 during a stretch in which SXU turned the ball over 10 times, three coming off of steals by junior guard Aamir McCleary. "Our casualness on

There was still some fight left in SXU, who cut the Cougar lead to three on a free-throw by Broughton with 4:25 left in the

game, taking advantage of a number of SIUE shooting fouls.

"They were using our pressure defense against us a little bit," Wellington said. "We put too much pressure on them, and it created fouls."

Three points would be as close as SXU would come to SIUE. The Cougars hit 11 of 14

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"Not having a full lineup makes it difficult to win duels with other teams," freshman Dillon Pousson said. "Also, some kids have confidence problems and do not wrestle to their full potential."

Dillon Pousson, Reed and Connors each had one pin at the meet. Dillon Pousson pinned Northern Illinois' Pat McLemore, putting SIUE on the scoreboard before falling to NIU.

Reed pinned J.T. Jenkins of Indianapolis in his first match of the day and later defeated Clayton Olsson of Missouri Baptist 17-7.

Connors and Derek Pousson both had victories in their final match of the day. Connors pinned Nick Bowman of Missouri Baptist, and Derek Pousson defeated Missouri's Clayton Wise 17-7.

Ray said the young team is focusing on individual performances right now and not point results.

"Looking at points sets yourself up for failure. Then it becomes no fun, and the kids won't want to compete," Ray said.

Ray used the Missouri Baptist duel for an example. Out of the seven matches SIUE wrestled in, the Cougars won 4-3, but after handing 18 points to Missouri Baptist on three forfeits, SIUE fell to a 34-18 loss.

from the charity stripe with time running out to cap the victory.

As the Cougars enter the latter portion of their schedule, Forrester said his team has to do a better job handling the mental aspect of the

> game. "If we come out like we did tonight, I guarantee it's not going to be

pretty," Forrester

said "We have to

get a healthy

mentality."

the defensive end

is not acceptable."

-Lennox Forrester,

head coach

The Cougars' next matchup is at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19 in the Vadalabene Center where SIUE will take on the Greenville College Panthers.

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grabbed a win for the Cougars against Indianapolis and said the team looks to get better as the season goes on.

"Mainly our confidence in ourselves (is where we need to improve)," Ross said. "We've been doing a lot of good things, but we have a lot of small things that we need to improve on that will make a big difference down the road."

The home opener for the Cougars was against Rend Lake College on Wednesday of last week, and SIUE started off the new year with a 36-27 victory.

Dillon Pousson led the Cougars with a pin over Rend Lake's Eric Ellington in the 141weight division.

Sophomore teammates Derek Pousson and Reed each added wins to the SIUE score.

"(They) worked hard. Some of them did very well. Some we have to go back to the drawing board," Ray said. "We videotaped (the matches), and hopefully when we look at those, we can work and ... get better."

SIUE now has a team record of 1-3, and their next matchup is against the University of Central Missouri at 7 p.m. on Friday in Warrensburg, Mo.

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by the medical professionals who helped her rectain her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries. We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound, messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its relling here has been well worth while.





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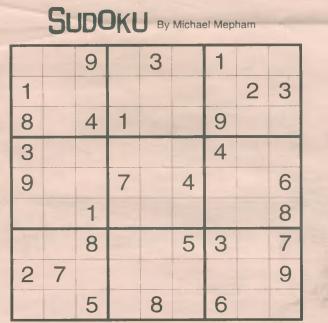
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