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**Senate
discusses
housing
facility fee**

by **Allan Lewis**
Alestle Opinion Editor

Student Government was not satisfied with University Housing's decision to charge student organizations to use its facilities and discussed options for change during Friday's Senate meeting.

Finance Board Chair Brandon Rahn introduced a resolution with hopes of changing or eliminating the new policy, which went into effect Jan. 19.

The Senate approved the resolution by acclamation, which will be sent to numerous administrators, including Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and Director of Housing Michael Schultz.

The resolution says the current policy hinders the ability of recognized student organizations, so Student Government will establish a committee to work with the administration to improve the policy.

Rahn said they are requesting the chancellor lay down the policy until further discussion.

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**Freedom of
Choice Act
stirs debate**

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

After being in office for a week, President Barack Obama seeks to bring more change by possibly signing into law the Freedom of Choice Act, creating strain among abortion rights and anti-abortion supporters.

The Freedom of Choice Act is a piece of legislature to repeal all laws and restrictions on abortion at the national and state level, according to The Library of Congress Web site.

The proposed bill would uphold the legalization of abortion that was passed by the Supreme Court in the case Roe v. Wade of 1973.

On the Library of Congress Web site, the bill states, "It is the policy of the United States that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child, to terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability or to terminate a pregnancy after fetal viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman."

Political science professor Ken Moffett said FOCA has been sent to Congress on several occasions and has constantly been unsuccessful.

FOCA/pg.2



courtesy of Denise Degarmo

Top left: The silver section's view just before President Barack Obama's swearing in. Top right: The crowded subways of Washington, D.C., were a problem for inauguration goers. Bottom left: The event stretched out toward the Washington Monument and the reflecting pool. Bottom right: Political Science professor Denise Degarmo and many others braved the 11 degree chill to witness the inauguration.

Firsthand perspectives
SIUE faculty attend historic inauguration

by **Rachel Carlson**
Alestle Correspondent

Millions of people made the trip to Washington, D.C., for President Barack Obama's inauguration Jan. 20, including pharmacy professor Cathy Santanello, pharmacy professor Lakesha Butler and political science professor Denise Degarmo.

The three were some of millions in attendance at last week's inauguration. Santanello planned her trip after a friend in politics offered her a ticket to the ceremony weeks earlier.

Santanello was able to position herself in front of the reflecting pool to watch the inauguration and said the energy of the crowd was upbeat yet peaceful.

According to Santanello, the scene was one of togetherness, good will and joy for America's newest president.

"They were just so supportive," Santanello said.

Degarmo and Butler said they were both in the silver ticket section, though they did not go to the event together. The silver ticket section was located behind the reflecting pool in the mall

standing area.

Like Santanello, Degarmo said she also felt the peaceful and united aura that engulfed Washington, D.C.

"We sang together, we cried together, we even booed (former Vice President) Dick Cheney together," Degarmo said. "We stood together as one people united in the renewal of our nation. It is something I will always remember."

Butler said she would never forget celebrating with other Obama supporters.

"The sense of unity among people from all over the world, from different cultures and different ethnic backgrounds, celebrating a new day in politics was absolutely inspiring," Butler said.

Despite record amounts of attendees, Santanello, Butler and Degarmo did not run into any serious problems while in D.C. Their only rocky moments came when using public transportation. Santanello said getting to the airport and around the D.C. area was a hassle because the streets were blocked. She said she was stuck in a taxi for an hour due to the roadblocks and

was then kicked out of another (taxi) when it could not get through the crowds.

Butler and Degarmo said they had the same transit problems.

"I was literally stuck underground in the subway station for an hour," Degarmo said.

Despite the traffic congestion, Degarmo said she was shocked by the patience of the throngs of people helping each other get through the city.

"I have never seen anything like it," Degarmo said. "People were truly joyous, respectful, polite and united in faith, hope and pride in the U.S.A."

Regardless of the city's planning, there was still some disorganization. Santanello said she met a family who was able to get into the inauguration without tickets and watched people who did have tickets get turned away.

Butler said the line to get into the ceremony was long and unorganized.

"The gate was supposed to open at 8 a.m., but did not open until 10:30 a.m., and the inauguration had already started," Butler said. "It's a good thing I packed my patience along with my hand and foot warmers."

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Police Reports

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Police responded to Cougar Village Apartment 504 because a resident received harassing phone calls.

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Police took a report from a student whose student ID was stolen from the Cougar Village Commons laundry room.

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Police issued Christen M. Ringhausen a citation for speeding on University Drive.

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Kiana N. Johnson was arrested in connection with speeding and an outstanding warrant in Alton for a high weeds/grass ordinance violation. Johnson was processed, posted bond and released.

1-22

Police took a report of a wallet stolen from a desk in the East St. Louis Higher Education Center.

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Police issued Tammy M. Merrett-Murry a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Mohammed A. Salisu a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police took a report about a vehicle with its back window broken out.

1-24

Amanda J. Ensley was arrested at the Madison County Courthouse in connection with a warrant for speeding. Ensley was processed, posted bond and was released.

Police issued Paige S. M. Walters a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Curtis A. Crawford a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Moffett said the reason the bill has yet to be passed through Congress was because it is centered on abortion, but differing American opinion on the subject was also a likely cause of its failure to be passed.

"If you look at American attitudes about abortion, a majority of Americans believe that there should be some restricted access to abortions," Moffett said. "Maybe about 20 to 25 percent are all the way pro-choice and maybe about 10 to 15 percent are all the way pro-life. The rest of Americans are in the middle."

Despite FOCA having been sent to Congress on multiple occasions, Moffett said he was uncertain the bill would gain enough votes to pass successfully through the Senate.

Moffett said the main issue surrounding the bill concerns the access it will grant for women to obtain an abortion. This goes in line with the trend the Obama administration has already begun by signing an executive order to lift restrictions on funds going to family planning organizations overseas, Moffett said.

FOCA is controversial among many Americans. Every year, thousands protest in Washington, D.C. in the March for Life on the anniversary of

Roe v. Wade, Jan. 22.

This year's march became more prevalent to many because of Obama's intentions to pass FOCA.

Senior biomedical science major Lacey Feezel of Brownstown attended March for Life five times between 2000 and 2005.

"The March for Life is a peaceful protest. It isn't just a bunch of crazy people. I think when a lot of people think of pro-life (supporters) they have a very negative image," Feezel said. "There are people who pray as they march, and it's in no way offensive."

Although she was not entirely familiar with what FOCA was, Feezel said it sounded horrible and could not understand why being able to get an abortion should be made any easier.

"There isn't that much red tape to have an abortion right now. You don't even have to have the consent of your parents right now if you are under age," Feezel said. "I think it would be more harmful than helpful to the nation for sure."

Sr. Claudia Calzetta, who heads the Catholic Newman Student Union of Campus Ministries, said she was not familiar with everything FOCA said in its text, but said she knew

a part of it would be unacceptable to the Catholic Church.

"We believe in the sanctity of life, and we believe that from conception to birth to natural death, we respect life, and therefore the Catholic Church does not support anything that would lead to an abortion," Calzetta said. "It's a big moral dilemma in our country."

Senior studio art major Matt Levek of Woodriver said he is for abortion rights.

"I think (women) should be able to choose ... it's still everyone's choice regardless of any law (abortion) is still going to happen," Levek said.

Moffett said it is difficult to discuss a timeline of when FOCA may be presented to Congress because of the opposing views on the topic.

"Any bill that deals with abortion either directly or indirectly becomes a sticky situation because it is a salient issue within the American public on both sides," Moffett said.

To read the full text of FOCA, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:H.R.1964>.

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Junior business major Chris Blanchard asked for a travel request to go to Sigma Phi Epsilon's Carlson Leadership Academy at Friday's Senate meeting.

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"There are some problems with this that need to be addressed by housing," Rahn said. "Student Government was not informed on the continuation of this policy, and we were unable to have an input on behalf of the students."

Under the policy, Student Organizations pay a \$37.50 fee to use space in University Housing, while university departments pay \$75 and non-university personnel pay \$150. The fee is primarily in place to cover cleanup and personnel costs.

Senator Abby Fritz said the new policy is unfair to smaller student organizations using the spaces because they may not have the funds to regularly pay a fee to use university facilities.

"Some student organizations do not have the funding, and they won't be able to have the programs that are a part of their organization's policies and goals," Fritz said.

Sophomore Michael Carr, a representative from Campus Crusade for Christ spoke in front of the Senate, and said the policy has a negative effect on his group.

"We have been hosting a program on Thursday nights in the Woodland Hall Multipurpose Room and have cleaned up and haven't been too loud," Carr said. "We could try and raise the money to pay for the space, but it is something we would rather not do."

Student Body Vice President Bryan Kress said the policy could drive some organizations off campus and hurt campus life.

"One of our goals is to promote life on this campus, and I believe charging fees to any organization will force them off the campus," Kress said. "This is not entertaining or helping campus life in any way."

The Senate voted in a new member, sophomore business administration major Louis Browning, to fill one of three vacant positions.

"I have had some experience in small group leadership, but I haven't had enough experience, and I would like to gain some in that respect," Browning said of his appointment to the Senate. "I believe I hold myself to a high level and can hold a high standard for Student Government at SIUE."

Student Body President Dominique Majors said he would be a good asset to student government.

An executive board resignation prompted the Senate to promote Cynthia Colon from her vice chair position on the School Spirit and Pride Committee to the chair position. Colon said her new position, which was nearly eliminated from Student Government during its constitution review last year, plays a vital role in the university.

"I want to bring a more togetherness with School Spirit and Pride and other organizations on campus," Colon said. "This committee shows that we as students need to have pride for the school we attend."

Sociology graduate student Muznah Madeeha will oversee the upcoming Student Government elections and said she hopes she can tap into the international population to spur interest in Student Government voting.

"I am interested in this position and interested in working with (Student Government)," Madeeha said.

Student Government tabled the appointment of Sarah Bailey as Funding Review Subcommittee chair because she was unable to attend the latter

portion of the meeting.

The open forum brought three students discussing the firing of workout instructor Tina Kassa.

"Tina was a huge asset to the SIUE campus," junior Matthew Gonzales said. "She has helped me become a more productive student. We are demanding clarity from the ambiguity of this issue, and we would love to see her come back."

Kress said Kassa's dismissal is an issue Student Government has a sincere interest in, but there is nothing they can do to change the university's decision.

"It is none of our business, and there is nothing that we or other individuals can do about this," Kress said. "The school is not going to be able to give you an answer because it is simply the law."

Junior Kristin Bell said the number of responses Campus Recreation has gotten regarding Kassa and their unwillingness to respond bother her.

"A number of students have contacted Campus (Recreation) and all got the same response thanking them for their comment," Bell said. "That doesn't really make - you feel appreciated if they don't send you any other message back."

Sophomore political science major Kenny Yasger said the situation has been handled in an unprofessional matter.

"We want clarification for the students, and since we pay for the fitness center, we should have a right to know what happened instead of dancing around the issue," Yasger said.

Two additional Senate appointments are scheduled to be made when Student Government next meets on Feb. 6.

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Admissions seeks new Springboard student leaders

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

applications until this Friday," Glosser said.

SIUE alumna Andrea Coop first took the dive into SIUE via Springboard to Success, the freshman welcoming program. The next time she stepped up to Springboard, she took the plunge head-first as a Springboard Student Leader.

Coop said she first considered volunteering for the program when she went through it.

"When I went through the Springboard process, I talked to the leaders and thought that it would be really cool to help out new students," Coop said. "The first time I tried they were full, but this summer I got to do it, and it was a lot of fun."

There are only a few requirements for being a Springboard leader, but according to senior psychology major Andy Glosser, the qualities that make good Springboard leaders are important.

"Anyone who is outgoing. Leadership qualities are important, but they need people who can show the lighter side of SIUE and still teach about the campus," Glosser said.

Senior business administration major Jacob Presley stressed leadership skills and the importance of being able to handle a group of freshmen with little to no outside aid.

"A good Springboard leader should be personable, friendly and able to work without supervision," Presley said. "I had a group of kids and needed to make sure they got where they needed to go on my own."

Both Glosser and Presley agreed there needs to be a willingness to lead in any Springboard candidate.

"They need to be generally outgoing and extroverted. You can't be introverted and a Springboard leader," Presley said.

One way to be set apart from the masses, Glosser said, is to have experience in mentoring or leadership beforehand. Glosser said that he was a member of STAR, SIUE's student ambassador program, as are a good number of Springboard leaders.

"However, there is no harm in applying. They are taking

Glosser said he decided to apply because he felt the need to help students enjoy Springboard as well as the campus.

"I wanted to make it a better experience than I had because I didn't have much fun when I went through," Glosser said.

Since his time as a freshman, Glosser said there have been many changes to the program.

"It has become more of an overnight event. The students come in the afternoon on the first day and then register for classes the next day," Glosser said. "Staying overnight isn't mandatory, but it is encouraged."

Presley said the leadership experience gained from the program is in the experiences with the students.

Leaders are enrolled in a two-week training retreat with other leaders so they can learn to work with one another and learn icebreaker strategies, Glosser said.

Glosser, Coop and Presley all agreed that one of the best things they get out of the program is becoming friends and mentors of freshmen.

"Between the other leaders and the incoming freshmen, I gained a lot of friends, and they are still good friends," Coop said.

Glosser said he enjoyed getting to meet the new students and helping them get a feel for the campus.

"The interaction was my favorite part, getting to know the students and having freshmen feeling like they can go to me on campus. You get to know them, and they get to know you really well, too," Glosser said.

Coop said she wanted to make the transition to higher academics as seamless as possible.

"It's hard to transition from high school to college, and I wanted to help make that transition easier," Coop said. "I learned how to be a mentor, (and) the freshmen look to you (for) guidance because most of them are scared to death."

The Springboard to Success leadership application can be found at http://www.siu.edu/prospective_students/admitted_and_submitted_online.

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Along with the inauguration ceremony, Santanello was able to attend the Illinois Inaugural Ball. Degarmo went to the Mid-Atlantic Ball and Illinois Ball as well.

Santanello said she was grateful to be a part of the

historic inauguration.

"I feel really, really lucky," Santanello said. "I wish more of the public could have experienced it with me."

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Cougar basketball uniforms shooting bricks

The jump to Division I meant a lot of things for our university, including increased national exposure on the athletic front. Around the same time this was all happening, the university began updating its look to get "D-I ready." Unfortunately, part of this process was updating our basketball uniforms.

I understand the emphasized "e" as a local marketing campaign to differentiate us from our sister school in Carbondale, but does it really have to be a central graphic on everything associated with the university? People from outside the area don't understand the significance of the emphasized "e" and probably think it looks more stupid than those that actually get what it is trying to convey.

If we are stuck with the big red "e," put it back on the collar of the jersey, but for God's sake do something more than just type

SIUe in Lucida Sans font and stick it on the front. Our uniforms look like they were designed in Microsoft Paint. They are dull, boring and absolutely lifeless. Most area high schools have uniforms that are a lot nicer than ours on budgets that probably come nowhere close to what half of ours is.

Neal Gough

By no means am I trying to insinuate that our old uniforms were all that great. However, I would definitely be willing to argue that our current uniforms are the worst in the university's history. All of the ones that I have searched for looked better (aside from the shorts) in black and white than our current ones do in full color, especially the away uniforms.

However, it's not like those responsible for designing the uniform had a whole lot to work with. They could have used our logo, but putting the word

"Cougars" above a logo that looks like an angry beaver or Sonic the Hedgehog's evil nemesis would have been equally as confusing as a big red "e" next to three plain black letters. I'm not exactly sure what the logo looks like, but it's not a cougar. I guess that's what you get when you pay \$4,000 over the minimum bid to hire someone to design the logo, but that's another story.

Too bad we don't have any graphic design majors at the college that could have given it a try and saved the university \$9,989. Here's a thought for administration: next time we change our logo — which will hopefully be soon — wouldn't it be nice to make a contest out of it and let the students have a say in how they are represented?

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A stimulus package without bureaucracy

There is no quick fix for the current economic downturn facing the world. Dare it be said that government is not the answer. While President Barack Obama is planning to solve all of our woes through a wonderful "silver bullet" stimulus package, the United States citizens are just starting to taste the snake oil sold by the current Congress and former President George W. Bush.

Both packages share the wonderful intentions of FDR's New Deal plan, which as historical data has shown increased the Great Depression by seven years. There are much better ways to save the economy. The following is a stimulus package that would require government bureaucracies to stop working so hard.

First, quit collecting federal individual income tax for four years. According to the IRS, in

2006, there were \$106.6 million tax returns, which produced \$1.06 trillion dollars worth of tax revenue. The government is already spending \$700 billion to save companies.

Let consumers reward good businesses with money. The government should not reward poor companies with money. This would also allow the IRS to concentrate its resources on businesses or audit government institutions. It would also put pressure on Congress to reduce spending or even cut unnecessary federal programs.

Second, allow anyone to opt out of social security. Of course, if someone wanted to opt back into social security, they could. But their benefits would still be based on the number of years paid into the system. Businesses would also benefit because they

match what you pay to social security. Any business could use this money to reinvest in the company or pay the workers better. Most employees only think of what comes out of their paycheck, not what the boss also has to pay. Either way the business decides. It would be more money in an employee's pocket.

That is the simple economic stimulus package. It asks the government to do less and lets U.S. citizens decide what is best to do with their money. Do not get this hopeful about change this simple and "radical." It is more likely that the Cougars' basketball team could win the NCAA title in the next decade than the government to take its hand out of your pocket.

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Graduate Student
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Blagojevich checks in with "The View"

Imagine Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich on a plush couch surrounded by the likes of Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar and Sherri Shepherd after taking a seat alongside a life size screen of Barbara Walters asking hardball questions.

This is no nightmare, Blago, you are on "The View."

In an attempt to clear his name, Blagojevich appeared on the ABC morning talk show Monday, in which a group of



Allan Lewis

pompous women shoot the bull while sipping coffee.

Not really Blago's crowd, but whatever works.

While Blagojevich could not hit the mute button on Walter's high definition projection in the New York studio, he did dance around multiple questions regarding what he said during his wiretapped phone calls, but adamantly claimed his innocence.

"I'm an innocent man," Blagojevich told Walters. "For me to resign would be to admit I did something wrong, which I did not do."

Blagojevich said he felt the tapped tapes will speak for themselves once released. He is also under the impression that he should be allowed to call witnesses to speak on his behalf during his impeachment trial, which began Monday, the same day he made his multiple TV appearances. Trying to gain some brownie points with the general public is fine, but appealing to the general public does no good when you are trying to convince the state Senate, who has the ultimate say during the impeachment process.

Walters did not buy into Blago's sincerity, although Behar bought into the Governor's ability to impersonate Richard Nixon. Oh, the irony.

"Say 'I'm not a crook,'" Behar said. "C'mon."

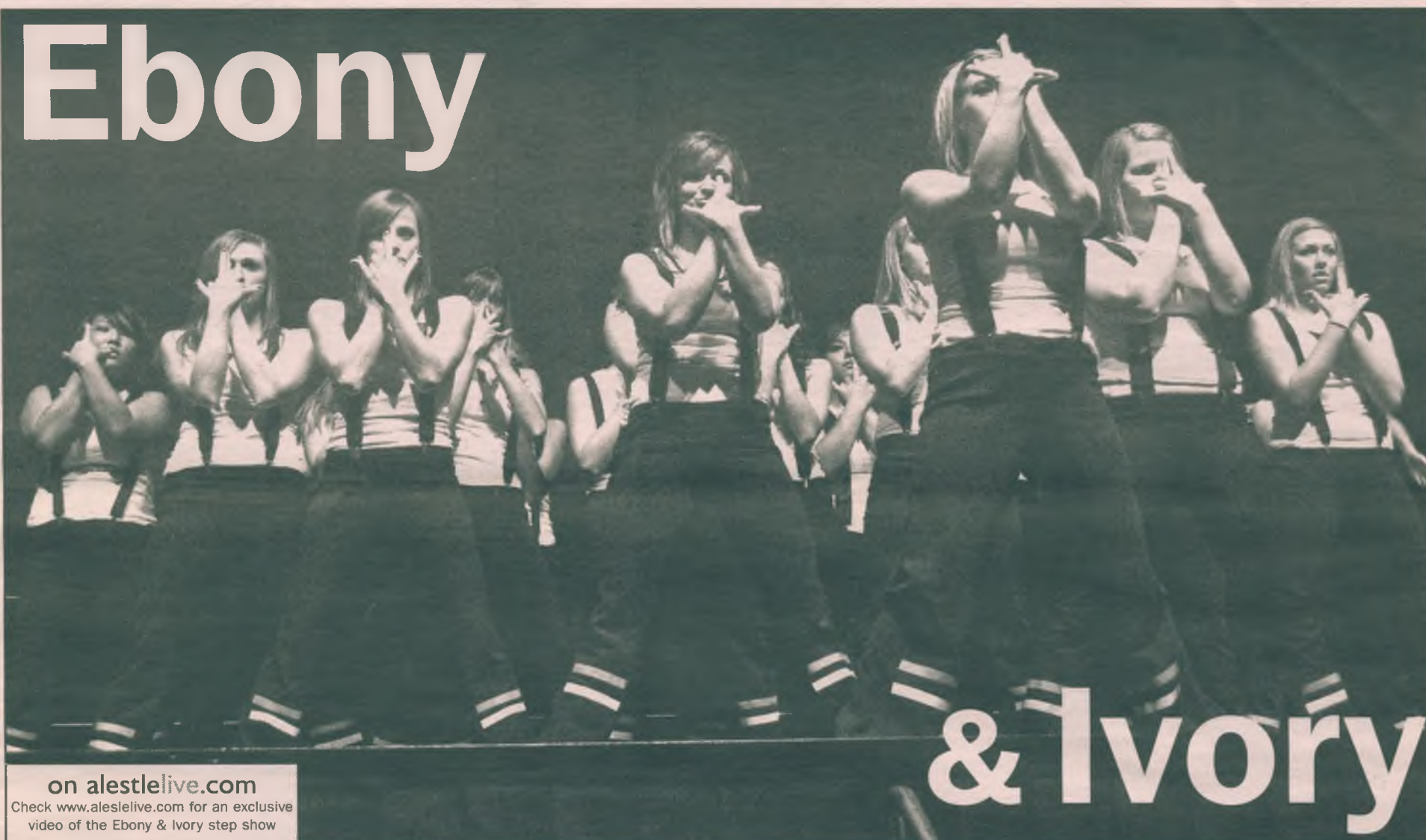
Walters read the governor's every move and seemed to become frustrated with Blago's tactics on multiple occasions, nearly reprimanding the senator for expletives in his wiretapped conversations like a grandmother would.

He has this thing, and it's "(expletive) golden." Problem is, this "thing" will end his tenure as governor, appearance on "The View" or not.

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SIUE Greeks stomp across the stage

The SIUE Greek community took control of the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Saturday for the annual Ebony & Ivory step show. The fraternities and sororities practice stepping and display their skills for the step show.

Stepping is a type of dance that focuses primarily on foot work, clapping and chanting.

Each year, several of

Saturday night four sororities and three fraternities faced off against each other.

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Alpha Kappa Lambda member Dan Richardson stepped with his fraternity brothers Saturday night.



Left: Delta Sigma Theta member Andrea Hicks chants to the crowd and makes the delta symbol with her hands during their performance at Saturday night's step show.



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To open the annual Ebony & Ivory step show, the girls of Alpha Phi make their way to the stage down the aisle in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Saturday.



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The members of Sigma Phi Epsilon work their moves on the stage of the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

Children’s play teaches cooperation

“The Three Little Pigs” entertains children, provides life lesson

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

As Lauren Bare, 4, approached Dunham Hall Saturday night to see her favorite fairytale, “The Three Little Pigs,” her excited yells and laughter could be heard clear across the parking lot.

“I can’t wait for the wolf to lose his tail,” Lauren shouted.

Amanda Bare brought her two children to Dunham Hall for the Friends of Theater and Dance’s third show of A Season for the Child theater series this year, after hearing about it from a friend.

The play was performed by the Piwacket Theatre for Children, which has worked with FOTAD on a number of productions for nearly 20 years.

The Bare family found seats with friends from a playgroup, and Andrew Bare, 6, bounced on the edge of his seat in anticipation for the characters to take the stage.

The Bares were joined by the Vicari family. Charlene and Tony Vicari said they were thankful they were able to find a production that appealed to their daughters Julianne, 5, and Erica, 3.

“This is the first time for all of us,” Charlene Vicari said. “This is the first time the kids have been old enough.”

The Vicari’s timing might have been a little preemptive, as Erica could hardly keep herself awake before the beginning of the show.

“I can’t wait for the show to start,” Erica said to her father as she rested her head on his shoulder.

Tony Vicari said it was his wife who discovered the FOTAD production.

“I just stumbled across it when I was



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Parents watch as their children head toward the stage of the Dunham Hall Theater to talk to the cast of “The Three Little Pigs” on Saturday. After the performance, the actors removed their costumes to give autographs and spend time with the children.

on the SIUE Web page,” Charlene Vicari said.

The familiar fairytale enchanted a crowd of more than 100 children and their parents.

The turnout for the FOTAD production was unprecedented for a show in January. Even the 18 degree weather couldn’t keep the children away.

President of FOTAD Greg Conroy said he was not prepared for the large turnout.

“I didn’t expect this many people,” Conroy said. “I just ran out of programs.”

Conroy attributed the large audience to the popularity of the fairy tale.

“Something as well known as ‘The Three Little Pigs’ is going to draw people out of the woodwork,” Conroy said. “I just wouldn’t have expected this many people in the middle of January.”

In the past, children have been frightened by some of the characters that took the stage. To remedy this problem, the Big Bad Wolf, played by Piwacket veteran Scott Sears, took to the stage before the show out of costume so he was sure not to scare “the parents.”

The theme for the adaptation of “The Three Little Pigs” was cooperation, and the actors prompted the audience to follow along with songs and key words as they came up.

“Cooperation is the name of the game. No, it’s not lame,” Erica, Andrew, Julianne and Lauren sang along as Peggy Pig danced with Alfred B. Wolf.

The Vicari and Bare children helped fill in the blanks for the story as well, since the actors would often forget lines.

“I’ll huff and puff and... and... and...,” Wolf said.

“And blow your house down,” the children said.

Once the play ended, the audience met with the actors out of costume for an autograph and photo session.

“That wasn’t the Big Bad Wolf,” Erica Vicari said once she saw Sears out of his costume. “That was a man in a suit.”

Andrew Bare and his sister Lauren said their favorite part was when the Big Bad Wolf lost his tail.

At 45 minutes, the production was long enough to give the audience their money’s worth and still short enough to not lose the younger audience’s attention.

“It was very nice and the perfect length, and they had good audience participation,” Amanda Bare said. “And it was really affordable.”

Toni Vicari said he recognized the need for theater that FOTAD provides in the Edwardsville area.

“The library will put on a puppet show every year, but this is the only place they can see something like this,” Tony Vicari said.

Tickets for A Season for the Child are \$5. Proceeds go toward scholarships for theater and dance majors and general funding for the Theater and Dance Department.

The next Season for the Child production will be an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s “Merry Wives of Windsor” on March 21.

For more information visit <http://www.siu.edu/~gconroy/FOTAD/index.html>.

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Now Rating: “The Wrestler”

by Jeff Mason
Alestle Reporter

The world of professional wrestling is something I can honestly say I’ve never been a part of. I had a brief stint during middle school when I watched it, but I never saw The Rock or Hulk Hogan or any other famous wrestlers bash each other with chairs or pile drive their opponents into the ground.

Despite my ignorance to the male soap opera, there’s something more universal about “The Wrestler” that makes it work.

Randy “The Ram” Robinson (Mickey Rourke, “Sin City”) is an aging wrestler whose glory days have passed him by and who has nothing but his job going for him. When a heart attack takes that away, he tries to reconnect with his daughter and start a relationship with his favorite stripper (Marisa Tomei).

“The Wrestler” is not afraid to show off the gritty world of wrestling and the self-inflicted pain existing outside of the ring for Robinson. Rourke’s character fits in best while fighting. Using a staple gun, dropping an opponent on barbed wire or smacking them with a fake leg is nothing outside the norm for “The Ram” and proves to be more disturbing than entertaining.

Despite the numerous cuts, bruises and gashes, Randy “The Ram” suffers more outside of the ring. It quickly becomes clear that Rourke’s character is truly alone. He plays an old wrestling video game with a clearly uninterested kid, he is working on his last chance with his daughter and the closest thing he has to a relationship is with a stripper. With his career as a wrestler behind him, he has nothing more to do than to work on his two important relationships.

Rourke steams through this range of activities perfectly and is only overly emotional when inside the

ring. When he’s spilling his guts to his daughter it’s done with just enough tears and sorrow to make it real and not over the top. There’s no hand ringing or melodramatic tone, only varying degrees of subtleties.

Robert Siegel’s screenplay makes all of this possible, letting Randy “The Ram” handle most situations with grace and a heavy heart. Whether his character is telling his daughter how he feels or simply working the deli counter, it feels right. Tomei and Evan Rachel Wood, who plays Robinson’s daughter, are good fits as well and are more than just launching pads for Rourke.

While “The Wrestler” is getting a good dose of attention for its lead actor’s performance, the movie as a whole works wonderfully. It certainly isn’t going to warm your heart like “Slumdog Millionaire,” but it is an achievement in its own regard and fits in line with director Darren Aronofsky’s previous movies, “Pi” and “Requiem for a Dream.”

★★★★★

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Cougar streaks snapped by Redhawks

52 points in the paint leads to Cougar loss on the road

by Kyle Wiese

Alestle Sports Correspondent

The SIUE men's basketball team's winning streak ended this weekend with a loss to Seattle University by a score of 99-82.

Seattle made 68 percent of their shots by hitting 39 of 57 from the field. SIUE followed closely Seattle hitting 47 percent of their shots.

Defensively the Cougars allowed 52 points in the paint.

"Everything starts on the defensive end," SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said. "We gave up a lot of points in the paint, and to me, those are just easy baskets."

Chris Gweth had 29 points for Seattle and was a perfect 9-9 shooting from the field. Michael Wright added a double-double finishing with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Freshman Mark Yelovich scored a season high 25 points for SIUE by shooting 9-16 from the field and 4-6 from three-point range.

Junior Barry Wellington contributed 18 points, while freshman Brandon Dunson scored 12 points and grabbed eight

rebounds.

"They were in a zone, and we have a good offense for shooting out of the zone," Yelovich said. "Our guards were penetrating very well and made guys leave shooters."

Despite the loss, SIUE scored 82 points, only the fifth time the Cougars have scored 80 plus points this season.

"We were patient offensively," Dunson said. "We played very unselfishly, which led us to getting good shots."

Forrester was also pleased with the offensive output and points to the team concept on offense, which was led by Yelovich's production.

"Mark (Yelovich) scores in a variety of ways and is a hard matchup for our opponents because of his size," Forrester said.

As SIUE prepares for the coming week, Forrester wants to emphasize improvement to the defense.

"We have a home game this week against Oakland City which is a good team," Forrester said. "We have to really get back after it on the defensive end, and the offense will take care of itself."

"We played with great effort in the second half, and we've just got to do that for 40 minutes instead of 20."

-Brandon Dunson,
freshman guard



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Freshman guard Brandon Dunson flies high to slam home two points for SIUE in Wednesday's game against the University of Purdue-Calumet.

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11 three pointers by Seattle University scorch Cougar flame

by Kyle Wiese

Alestle Sports Correspondent

The SIUE women's basketball team's three-win streak ended on Saturday at the hands of the Seattle University Redhawks 87-56.

"They really hurt us in transition, and I give them a lot of credit," SIUE women's basketball Head Coach Amanda Levens said. "They're a big, strong and physical team."

This was the first of eight games in which the Cougars will play other teams in the process of reclassification to Division I status.

Senior forward Jenny Wuest led the Cougars with 14 points from the floor despite shooting 29 percent.

"We scored enough points to win the game," Levens said. "Fifty-six points should always be enough to win a game."

As a team the Cougars struggled, shooting just 30 percent from the floor. The Cougars were only 4-21 from three-point range and 21-68 from the field on the night. Seattle Head Coach Dan Kriley said the long commute to Seattle may have had an effect on SIUE.

"I know how the road is, and they looked a little bit road weary," Kriley said. "We had a lot of energy on Saturday."

Freshman guard Madison Meade scored nine points for the Cougars, and junior guard Ashley Bey added eight.

The Redhawks were led by Brenna Salley who poured in 26 points on a 12-17 shooting night.

"We were able to counter their pressure and utilize our speed," Kriley said. "This is kind of what we build our program on."

Seattle had three other players in double figures scoring with Chelsie Morrison contributing 17, Elle Kerfoot with 11 and a double-double from Mercedes Alexander with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"They're bigger than us at every position, and that really hurt us," Levens said.

The Cougars were out-rebounded 50-35 and were led by Wuest and Jessie Stapleton, who each had six.

"They're a really good team," Levens said. "We just didn't do a good enough job on defense."

The Redhawks were led by Alexander's 10 rebounds and Tatiana Heck's seven. However, the Cougars did out-rebound the Redhawks on the offensive end 16-15.

"If we don't compete with them in rebounding, then it won't translate offensively for us," Levens



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Senior forward Jessie Stapleton makes a pass on offense for the Cougars while junior guard Ashley Bey watches the offense work last week against Eastern Kentucky University.

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View from the sidelines

Nostalgic twist on Superbowl XLIII

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Opinion Editor



It seems like yesterday. I was 11 years old and watching Kurt Warner donning a blue and yellow jersey leading the "greatest show on turf" to a Super Bowl championship while wearing my own replica jersey.

This Sunday's Super Bowl is not just another Super Bowl Sunday. For closet St. Louis Rams fans, it will be a trip down memory lane, as a childhood hero will lead the Arizona

Cardinals.

I will admit it — I like the St. Louis Rams. I have since I was too young to really understand the game of football. The days of Tony Banks and Busch Stadium come to mind and, more importantly, the days of Warner.

After years of struggling through their move to St. Louis, the Rams finally decided to get serious in 1999, much like they will be doing in 2009. The team landed free agent quarterback Trent Green and traded for Indianapolis Colts star Marshall Faulk.

The likes of Torry Holt, Isaac Bruce, Az-Hazir Hakim, Ricky Proehl, Dre Bly, Grant Winstrom,

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Macon Telegraph/MCT
Kurt Warner (right) and St. Louis Rams Head Coach Dick Vermeil (left) celebrating the win of Superbowl XXXIV in 2000.



Belleville News Democrat/MCT/Tim Vizer
Kurt Warner, in his Arizona Cardinals jersey, will play in Superbowl XLIII in hopes to earn himself another ring.

Rebounds boost Cougars

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE hit 12 of 21 shots from beyond the arc in the first half and knocked off the visiting Purdue-Calumet University Peregrines Wednesday.

Freshman forward Mark Yelovich paced the Cougars with 19 points as the Cougars rallied to their third straight home victory by a final score of 88-55.

"Putting together back-to-back wins is important for us," SIUE men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester said. "We did a good job of getting the ball inside and making shots. We have been trying to play as many guys as we can."

SIUE started the game off with a 13-2 run in the first 3:44 of play. The Cougars shot 58.5 percent in the first half.

Purdue-Calumet had trouble keeping up with the fast paced Cougars and were held to 26 first half points.

The SIUE defense forced the visitors to shoot 10-33 from the field in the first 20 minutes and headed into the locker room with a 60-26 advantage at the half.

SIUE would stretch their lead to as much as 36 in the first half.

The Peregrines came out strong after the half as they more than doubled their score in the first seven and a half

minutes of the second half.

However, SIUE would not allow the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference members to come any closer than 24 points to secure their seventh victory of the season.

The Peregrines dropped to 3-16 with Wednesday's loss.

"We showed some maturity tonight," junior guard Barry Wellington said. "We played hard all 40 minutes."

Freshman guard Brandon Dunson had his second career night in a row scoring a new personal best, 14 points. Dunson hit four three-pointers for the Cougars. Sophomore center Nikola Bundalo also had a solid night with 15 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Bundalo and the Cougars dominated the points in the paint, 42-24. SIUE's defensive pressure forced the Peregrines into 13 turnovers, which turned into 21 points for the hosts.

The Cougars collected 47 rebounds on the night, one short of their season high that came on Monday against Greenville College. SIUE also won that game by a score of 88-55.

"Our shooting was good tonight because we were playing team basketball," Yelovich said. "Coach stresses blocking out, and it is starting to pay off for us."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's tennis sweep in doubles, but get the loss

Alestle Staff Report

Despite a sweep in the doubles matches, the Eastern Illinois University Panthers snuck by the Cougars on Saturday with a 4-3 win thanks to four consecutive singles victories.

SIUE sophomore Carli Connors and freshman Maggie Boeckman both grabbed the first two victories for the Cougars.

Connors defeated EIU's Amanda Dibbs 6-4, 6-2, and Boeckman topped Cara Huck of the Panthers in similar fashion 6-3, 6-2.

After the 2-0 start for the Cougars, EIU took control of singles, winning the next and final four matches.

With a 4-2 lead, EIU was in no danger heading into the doubles matches.

SIUE went down fighting winning all three doubles duels, giving them the doubles point, but still leaving them short of a victory 4-3.

The duo of Boeckman and Connors defeated the EIU competition 8-3. Sophomores Laura Horning and Ali Wulfers cruised to an 8-2 victory, and juniors Stephanie Clark and Amanda Niebur had the toughest win, finishing with an 8-6 victory.

The Cougars now have a record of 2-3 on the season, but a 1-1 record since beginning the spring season.

SIUE is set to host Valparaiso University for their next matchup at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Matches will be played at the Edwardsville YMCA.

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Women's basketball wins by one in last seconds

Alestle Staff Report

SIUE senior forward Jenny Wuest clinched an SIUE victory over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers on Thursday by sinking a last second free-throw after being fouled by UWP with a mere one tenth of second remaining on the clock.

SIUE was able to extend its winning streak to three games after defeating the Rangers 52-51.

On the defensive end, junior guard Ashley Bey set an SIUE record after coming up with 10 steals. The previous record was held by Tiffany Sproat who had an eight-steal game in 2004. Bey and Madison Meade also added eight points each on the offensive end.

"We just did a good job of executing the game plan," SIUE Head Coach Amanda Levens said. "We forced them to take tough, contested shots."

The Rangers were led offensively by Jen Moran

with 14 points on a 6-8 shooting night from the field. Beyer added eight points and was 4-10 shooting.

As a team, the Cougars shot 37 percent from the floor, while the Rangers shot 47 percent.

The Rangers out-rebounded the Cougars 39-23 with Moran leading the way, collecting 13 rebounds. Wuest led the Cougars with six rebounds on the night followed by Jessie Stapleton who grabbed five.

"We were hurt (by) offensive rebounding, but everybody contributed defensively," Levens said.

The win improves SIUE's record to 4-16, while the loss sent Wisconsin-Parkside to 11-6 on the season.

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Dunson said improvement on defense will come with putting together a better effort for the entire game.

"We played with great effort in the second half, and we've just got to do that for 40 minutes instead of 20," Dunson said.

Forrester and Yelovich both pointed to a need for an increase of a solid defensive presence inside the paint and defensive

rebounding.

"We need to keep the ball out of the paint and limit them to only one chance," Yelovich said. "We need to finish plays off."

SIUE's next game is against Oakland City University at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at home in the Vadalabene Center.

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said.

The Redhawks shot a blistering 52 percent from the floor and 45 percent from three-point range. Morrison, Kerfoot and Cassidy Murillo shot a combined 8-16 beyond the arc.

This coming week, the Cougars will take on Houston

Baptist University at home on Thursday, followed by a rematch with Seattle on Saturday. Both games will tip-off at 5:30 p.m.

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OPINION

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D'Marco Farr and new Head Coach Dick Vermeil immediately turned the Rams into a contender, while their no-name back-up quarterback would perhaps be one of their most valuable weapons and the Super Bowl MVP.

The Rams season took a fateful twist before it even started. Green's year ended in week three of the pre-season via injury, and Warner was given the task of leading an NFL team for the first time.

No big deal.

Not long after bagging groceries in Iowa, tearing up the Arena Football League and serving a stint in NFL Europe, Warner was the man. His wizardry led the Rams to a 6-0 start and a 13-3 season.

Warner and the Rams survived a nerve racking postseason en route to the Super Bowl, which included a 49-37 win over the Minnesota Vikings and an 11-6 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers highlighted by "The Catch" of Proehl.

Super Bowl XLIII is still a fond memory for me, and the excitement I had watching Warner lead the team to a championship remained unrivaled until 2006 when the St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series.

Speaking of the Cardinals, the team Warner is playing with this season spurs more local interest because ironically the Arizona Cardinals left the greatest sports city in the world after their 1987 season. The man

who led the St. Louis Rams to a Super Bowl title is looking to lead the team that left St. Louis behind. While my entire life has been spent without the Big Red playing in St. Louis, it has a nostalgic twist to it.

While Warner fell out of favor with Rams fans and personnel, I will never forget what he brought to the city of St. Louis. Warner is in a different uniform, but it's as if he is still right across the river lighting up the Edward Jones Dome each and every Sunday.

Funny how the performance of Warner has been able to change the way St. Louis fans feel about Warner and the football Cardinals organization.

This Super Bowl Sunday will be much different than the January night in early 2000, but so much the same. I will not be in my basement dragging every piece of Rams memorabilia I own down to add to the ambiance of the room.

The day will begin with my fraternity seeking its eighth consecutive toilet bowl championship at the Intramural fields and go from there. The excitement of the Super Bowl will continue up until kickoff, and is an excitement I have not felt for a Super Bowl in years.

The Warner jersey I own will come out from the depths of my closet, and I will cheer for the Arizona Cardinals as if they were still in St. Louis.

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chance points on Wednesday and had 36 points come off the bench.

Forrester said he was impressed with the fan support his team got on Wednesday, and he was not the only one to notice the great fan support brought to

the Vadalabene Center.

"The atmosphere here is getting better and better," Yelovich said.

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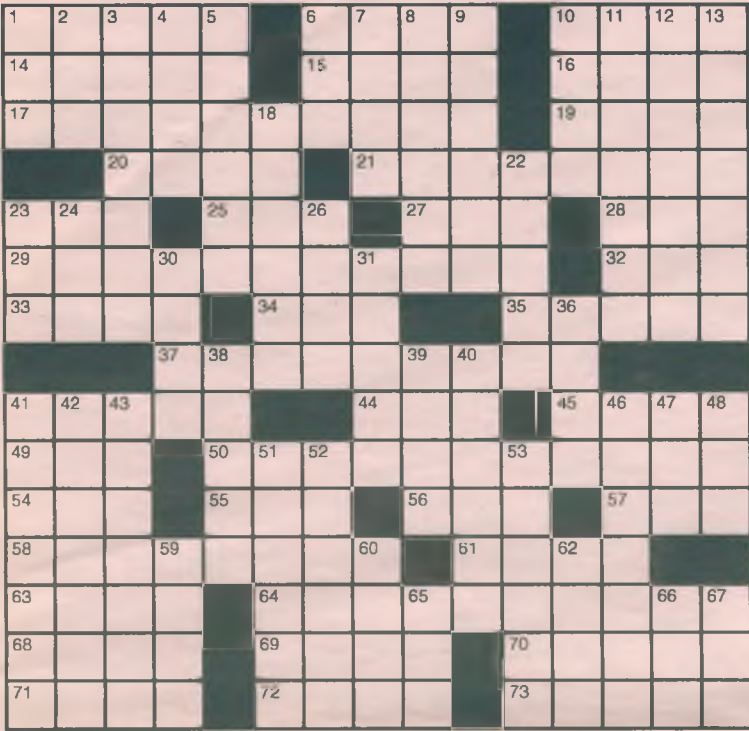
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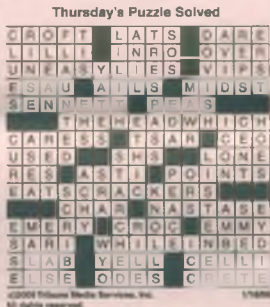
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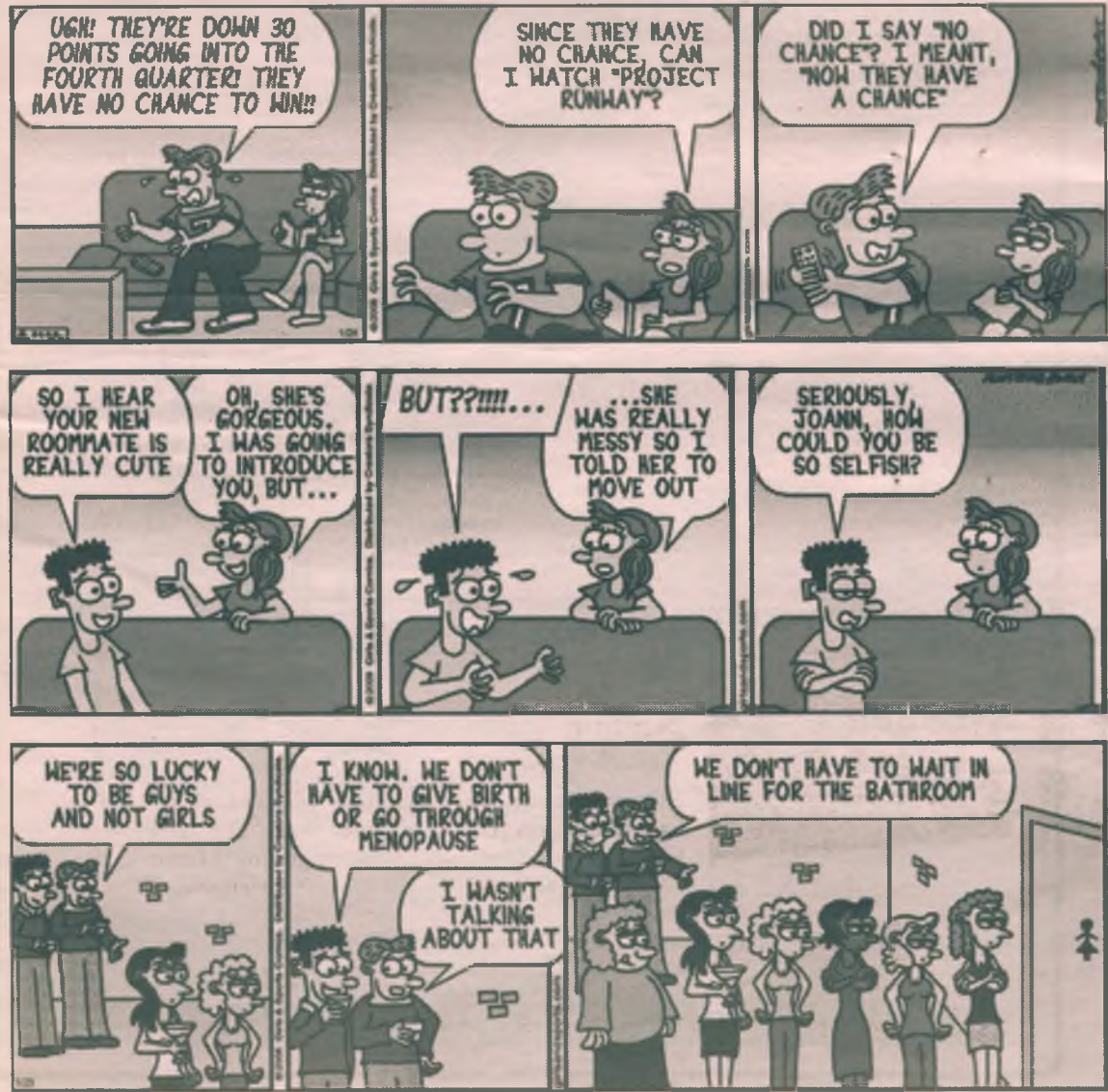


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