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Freshman biology major Polly Bland and sophomore biology major Abigail Gibbons are pushed down a hill in Cougar Village by junior political science major Mike Vogel. SIUE closed campus two days in a row due to heavy snows.

Campus closure snowballs

Seven inches of snow causes class cancellation

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

Sheets of snow blanketed the SIUE community earlier this week, shutting down the campus and canceling school on Tuesday and Wednesday due to inclement weather and insufficient driving conditions.

According to the National Weather Service, the Edwardsville area received more than seven inches of snow on Tuesday and Wednesday, with lows at about 14 degrees.

According to Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenn Neher, the decision to close the university was made in accordance with the university's Inclement Weather Policy.

"The bottom line on today's decision was not the amount of snow, but that the extreme cold rendered the salt ineffective, so we did not expect to have the sidewalks clear," Neher said Tuesday. "Additionally, we (are) expecting another shot this afternoon with very little rise in temperature."

According to Neher, the salt used to keep ice off the sidewalks loses its effectiveness at very cold temperatures.

"In the mid teens, it was largely ineffective," Neher said.

The vice chancellor of administration makes the decision on whether or not to cancel classes after consulting with university police, facilities management, the provost and the chancellor.

Neher's mornings began with a call from the SIUE Police Chief Regina Hays at 4:30 a.m., giving him an update on the condition of the roads on and around campus.

After consulting with those involved in the decision making process, Neher decided to call off classes for the day at about 5 a.m.

"I informed the police dispatcher, who activated the e-Lert system. I received my e-Lert message at 5:09 a.m.," Neher said.

The decision to cancel class was seen as a good move by



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Junior political science major Mike Vogel sleds down a hill in Cougar Village.

more than eager students.

"It was a wise choice because of what we got and what we are expecting," David Phelps, assistant secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, said.

Phelps described travel as "very limited" Tuesday morning, but not because of lack of effort of IDOT road crews.

"Over last night and today, we had 300 crew members working in the 16 counties," Phelps said.

There were over 100 trucks working on the Illinois roads, according to Phelps.

Many students saw the snow as a welcome break. A quick drive around campus found people sledding on nearly every hill big enough to build up speed with an array of home-made sleds.

One such group was sledding on the hill in front of Prairie

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SIUE to set up nursing program in Carbondale

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Correspondent

The SIUE and Southern Illinois University Carbondale campuses will open a regional nursing program at SIUC's campus next year, Dean of the School of Nursing Marcia Maurer said.

Numbers across the country and the area are low for nurses, while SIUE, on the other hand, has a large number of qualified applicants turned away each year, Maurer said.

The Carbondale campus does not currently offer a nursing program for their students. The extension of the SIUE nursing program involves Edwardsville students going to school on Carbondale's campus as an SIUE student. Their degrees would be delivered through SIUE, Maurer said.

The idea for the

program was created by the SIUE School of Nursing two years ago and then presented to the Carbondale campus in 2008 with a great response.

"(SIUC) is very excited. They think it will add to programming at that campus," Maurer said.

John Kevin Dorsey, dean and provost of the Southern Illinois University Medical School in Springfield, said because the generation of baby boomers is getting older, there will be a higher demand for healthcare and, in turn, nurses.

"Not everyone who is pre-nursing will be accepted, then what's plan B?" Dorsey said. "Being on campus (at SIUC) could help them transition if they didn't get in (at SIUE)."

SIUE currently boasts a large amount of applications for the

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Poshard to seek part of stimulus package

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard will make his annual trip to Washington, D.C., to try and secure funds for the SIU budget, and this year's trip may prove more fruitful than previous years.

Poshard will attempt to secure a piece of the \$825 billion economic stimulus package proposed by President Barack Obama, according to David Gross, SIU executive assistant for government relations.

The stimulus package was a cornerstone of Obama's

campaign for presidency and is set to reach states through federal funding for state infrastructure.

Gross said SIUE could benefit from the stimulus package in multiple ways, but certain criteria must be met to obtain funds for different parts of the package.

"There is an immediate cash infusion (in the stimulus plan) for universities that have lost state funding in the past year," Gross said. "Even though we lost funding a little more than a year ago, there could be money coming to us through that."

Another possibility could be included in a \$39 billion stimulus for

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School of Nursing, with 275 to 400 viable applications a year. Only 160 of those sophomore students will be admitted due to the lack of space or resources to accommodate them all Maurer said.

The program at Carbondale should help this problem since they can still be an SIUE nursing student, just at a different campus, Maurer said.

Maurer said there were two reasons why the number of nurses has declined. The first problem is the shortage of faculty with certain specialties like obstetrics, while the amount of competition in the St. Louis area marks a second issue.

SIUE competes with schools like Southwestern Illinois College, Lewis and Clark Community College and universities in St. Louis for the same clinical sites. The average hospital only takes eight nursing students.

Maurer said basing students further south at SIUC will provide them more opportunities with the clinical experience they need.

"We only have two community colleges to compete with (in Carbondale)," Maurer said.

She also said they will bring Edwardsville's quality program to Carbondale by putting a nursing program director, support staff and nursing faculty at SIUC.

"The nursing students at SIUC will be taught by the same nursing faculty at the Edwardsville campus through live video teaching," Maurer said.

The School of Nursing decided to use video teaching, or tele-

education, because nursing students need specialty teachers for subjects like obstetrics and pediatrics. Subjects like these have a low number of professors, which is why the SIUE faculty will teach on both campuses at once.

A nursing faculty member will be onsite at SIUC for the video teaching in case there are technical problems. The SIUE School of Nursing has already implemented the tele-education process with their graduate program.

SIUE will also hire faculty to teach clinics in the southern clinical sites, Maurer said.

According to Maurer, the school of nursing is hoping to recruit students from the Carbondale campus because most students stay near the area where they were educated. If students are involved in a nursing program in southern Illinois, they are likely to find jobs in hospitals close by. This could help the area with their baccalaureate nursing shortage.

The program at Carbondale will begin once tuition and administrative issues are in order so the entire process from admission to graduation is smooth for students.

"The school of nursing faculty and administrators are very excited about starting a regional baccalaureate in nursing program at SIUC," Maurer said. "It allows the school to admit more students while responding to the nursing shortage."

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public buildings and university budgets.

"It appears that it is going to be more of a block grant given to the state and then distributed to the community and education," Gross said.

Gross said the package also has additions to student aid, such as a \$500 increase of the Pell Grant.

The House of Representatives voted for the bill on Wednesday, and it is expected to pass with Democrats having majority vote. However, Obama has been working to secure Republican votes as well. Obama met with Republicans in the House on Tuesday.

"I am absolutely confident that we can deal with these issues, but the key right now is that we keep politics to a minimum. There are some legitimate philosophical differences with parts of my plan that the Republicans have, and I respect that," Obama said in a press conference on Tuesday.

Even though there is little doubt as to whether the bill will be passed, Gross said Congress would still need time to allocate the funds and states might not see money for a year and a half.

"The details are yet to be worked out," Gross said. "I think they want most, probably 75 percent of the funds, to be spent in the next two years."

According to a press summary released on Jan. 15 from Congress, the plan will

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Hall on Tuesday. Freshmen Abby Gholson, Aaron Koprowski, Andrea Wadley and Frankie Johnson hit the hill with plastic storage containers as makeshift sleds.

Wadley's plans for the day were going sledding and drinking hot chocolate instead of homework.

For some students, the snow day couldn't have come at a better time.

include \$41 billion in funding for local school districts and \$6 billion to modernize higher education programs, as well as \$10 billion for new science facilities, which could greatly benefit SIUE.

According to Greg Conroy, director of public affairs at SIUE, the package could help secure money for long needed additions and renovations at SIUE.

"That bill they're looking at could help to renovate the old Science Building and, maybe, build a new lab building," Conroy said.

Gross said a large portion of the stimulus package is dedicated to new energy research.

"There are plenty of opportunities in the science aspect, (including) expansions to the pharmacy building, the science building and the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center," Gross said.

Gross said a portion of the package is focused on bolstering research for alternative fuels, and NCERC is poised to greatly benefit from that.

Gross said Poshard will leave for Washington, D.C., at the end of February to talk to Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, about making an appeal for more funding for the SIU system.

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"I was supposed to turn in a paper today that wasn't finished," Johnson said, while preparing to make another pass on his storage lid.

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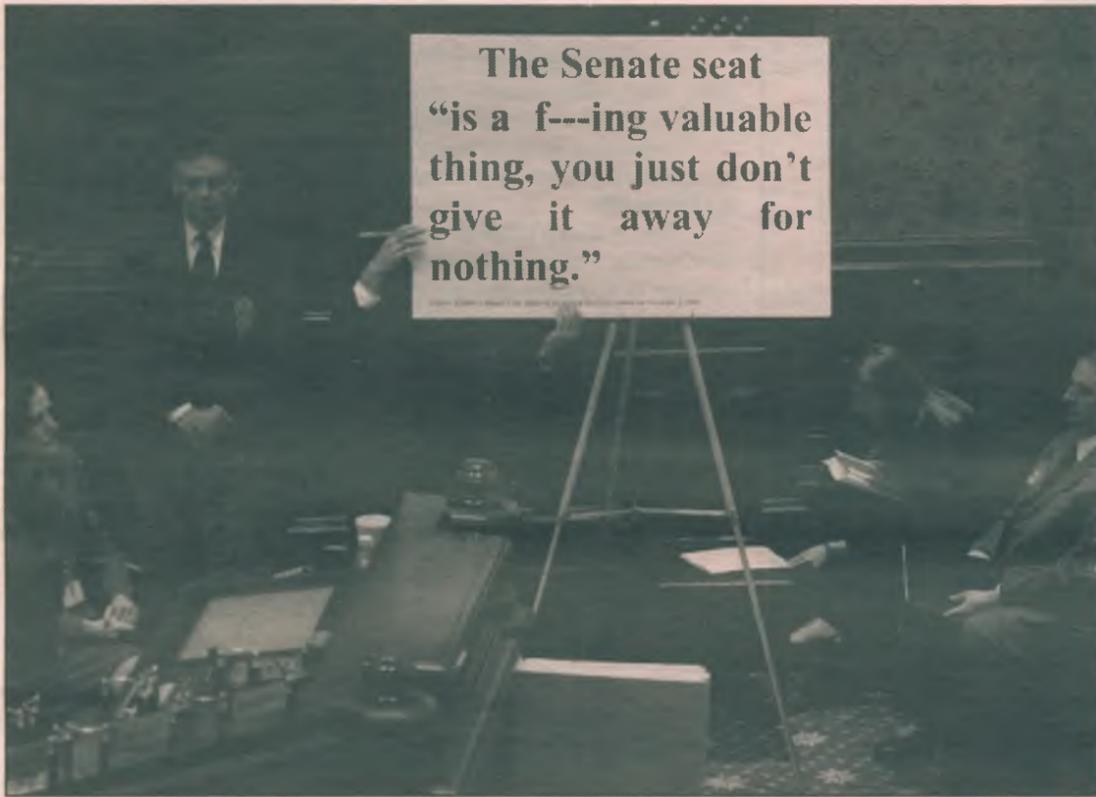
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Blagojevich recordings draw mixed responses at impeachment trial



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One of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's more infamous quotes is displayed as evidence during the second day of his impeachment trial in the Illinois Senate Tuesday Jan. 27 in Springfield.

by Ray Long, Ashley Rueff
and John Chase
Chicago Tribute (MCT)

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's voice resonated through the Illinois Senate at his impeachment trial Tuesday in the first tantalizing airing of the undercover recordings that triggered his arrest on federal corruption charges.

But the snippets of bugged phone calls cut both ways for House prosecutors trying to boost their case for removing the governor by using his own words against him. Some senators said the recordings strengthened their resolve against the two-term Democrat, but several others said the meaning was ambiguous and left them with new doubts about the criminal charges at the heart of the impeachment effort.

The calls, a little more than five minutes in length, featured the governor discussing raising campaign cash from a horse track owner who wanted to see him sign favorable gambling legislation. They contained none of the coarse language associated with the now-famous allegations that Blagojevich sought to sell a U.S. Senate seat.

The fresh sound bites of Blagojevich reverberated through a political body whose members have often had to walk the fine line between pushing legislation for a special interest and taking campaign contributions from supporters with common goals.

State Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Maywood, an assistant majority leader feeling pressure from constituents to oust Blagojevich, said she and a growing number of colleagues believe the "federal case isn't strong." At the same time, she criticized Blagojevich for boycotting the proceedings in favor of a national media campaign blasting the trial as unfair.

"The governor (and his defense counsel) should have been there, in my opinion, to defend themselves," Lightford said. "I think they would have had a grand opportunity to take some context and turn it into substance because I just felt like there wasn't much substance to it today."

In New York instead of Springfield, Blagojevich kept up a frenetic pace of interviews with television stations, completing 16 different stops over two days as he argued the Senate rules were unfairly stacked against him.

In a FOX radio interview, Blagojevich remained true to his style of comparing himself to iconic figures, likening his battles with the state legislators to the

fight President Franklin D. Roosevelt had with Congress over helping England in World War II.

Blagojevich acknowledged he soon would have to "find some employment," but he also compared himself to the "hundreds of thousands of people across America who, unfortunately, are losing their jobs, because this economy is so bad."

In Chicago, Attorney General Lisa Madigan lashed out at Blagojevich for "making a mockery of the Constitution" by failing to participate in his impeachment trial. She predicted the governor could be out of office by Thursday.

Standing before the Senate's wooden doors, state Senate President John Cullerton, D-Chicago, urged Blagojevich to appear at the Capitol to plead his case in person before lawmakers vote on whether to convict and remove him from office.

Cullerton made it clear he believed "it would be in the governor's best interest if he would come to Springfield and defend himself.

"He's not appreciating, I don't think, the seriousness of this matter, and he is not appreciating the fact that he can come to defend himself," Cullerton said, because "we're only hearing one side so far."

For the first time, senators heard the prosecution's star witness of the case, FBI Special Agent Daniel Cain, who confirmed line-by-line the accuracy of a his 76-page affidavit that outlined the sweeping corruption charges that led to Blagojevich's Dec. 9 arrest.

House Prosecutor David Ellis accentuated Cain's testimony by putting on an easel such alleged remarks as Blagojevich calling the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama "(expletive) golden" because the governor could use it to try to enrich himself.

The affidavit included the allegations the governor tried to shake down a top official at a children's hospital in exchange for a campaign donation and that he sought to get editorial writers at the Chicago Tribune fired as a condition of giving financial aid to the Tribune Co.'s Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs.

"I would not have attributed statements to Gov. Blagojevich if I did not believe those statements belonged to Gov. Blagojevich," Cain said.

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Black Heritage Month events to begin Monday

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Correspondent

Black Heritage Month at SIUE will begin Monday with presentations from SIUE administration, choirs and professors to commemorate an entire race's achievements through history.

Sophomore business major Nikirra Peoples and the Black Heritage Month Committee have planned the opening ceremony and other events for the month.

"The Black Heritage Month Committee has been doing events like the Opening Ceremony for several years," Peoples said. "We encourage students to come out and get involved. My committee and I have been working hard and planning a series of fun and educating events for this year."

Black Heritage Month began as "Negro History Week" and was started by Carter G. Woodson, according to biography.com and history.com. The month of February has been annually recognized as a time to honor black history since 1926. Black Heritage Week was originally celebrated during the second week of February because that week marked the birthdays of two men that played an integral part in influencing black culture, Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

According to biography.com, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History decided to extend the weeklong celebration to a month-long celebration in 1976.

The Opening Ceremony at SIUE is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The ceremony will feature performances by the African Dance Troupe from Wirth Middle School and Cahokia High School and the SIUE Gospel Choir. Speakers for the event include Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and Eugene Redmond, retired SIUE professor and East St. Louis poet laureate.

Junior nursing major Jasmine Monet Andrews of Chicago has been to events sponsored by CAB during her years at SIUE.

"The few things I went to were nice," Andrews said. "The people who did go to the events probably walked out having learned something."

Senior mechanical engineering student Nkere Encyo is part of the African Student Association, which sponsors an international night during the month of February that allows students to experience different aspects of African cultures.

"From what I participated in during Black History Month last year, I enjoyed it," Encyo said. "I'm looking forward to more activities this year."

The Black Heritage Month Committee has planned a series of events for the month of February, including events such as Blacks in the Military, Gospel Explosion and a student talent show.

For more information on Black Heritage Month, contact Peoples at the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

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Black Heritage Month Schedule of Events

Opening Ceremony Feb. 2, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2009 Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dr. King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Meridian Ballroom	Black Theater Workshop—We Wear the Mask: A Theatrical Exploration of Identity Feb. 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 22, 2 p.m. Metcalf Theater
Blacks in the Military Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Sixth Annual Gospel Explosion Feb. 21, 7 to 10 p.m. Meridian Ballroom
Black Activism in the Age of Obama Feb. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show Feb. 26, 7 to 10 p.m.
Speak on It Feb. 17, 7 to 10 p.m.	Africa Night Feb. 28, 6 to 10 p.m. Morris University Center's Conference Center
Reliving the Lives of Historical African American Educators Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Charles Drew Blood Drive Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. SFC's Court 1 and 2 Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Conference Center
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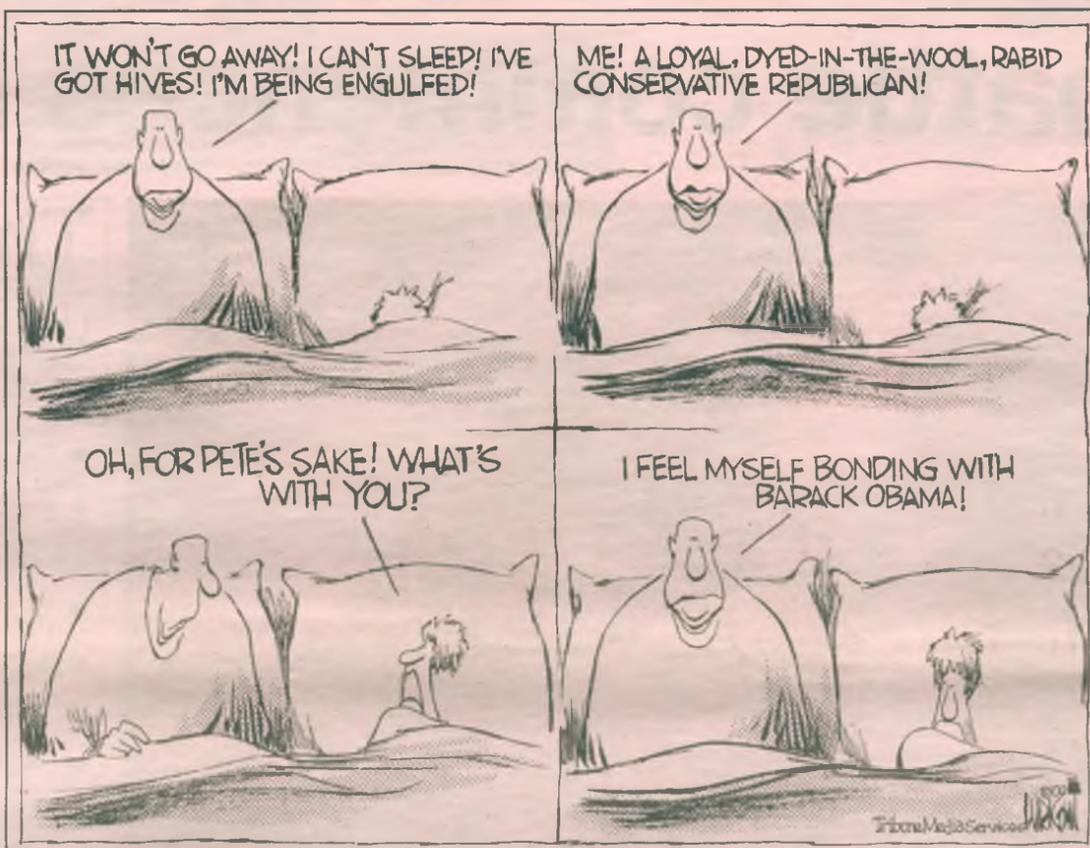
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Weather makes for long nights waiting for Cougar Shuttle

After walking for more than 20 minutes in the freezing snow, I was numb. In fact, I was more than just numb. I was covered in snow. My hair could not be seen under the thick layer of white powder.

On top of being sick, the snow made for a rather unpleasant Monday evening. I had class until 9 p.m. Monday. It's a class I enjoy, even if it is three hours, but I was excited to leave at least somewhat early. I saw a bus coming I thought just might be headed to Cougar. It wasn't. In fact, I had just missed the Cougar Shuttle.

According to Madison County Transit, the No. 16 bus replaces the Cougar Shuttle for trips to Cougar Village for night classes, running once every hour. My bus left at 8:32,

well before I could have gotten to it. The next bus was set to arrive at 9:32, an extended amount of time to wait when all I really want to do is go home. It would be a lot more convenient if they could work the schedule around classes, especially at night, so that students who live in Cougar Village would not have to drive, find a ride, waste time on campus or walk.



Sean Roberts

The minimum amount of time I would have to wait under these circumstances is 40 minutes. For a poor college student without a

car, this means that if I want to get back home, I'm going to have to walk.

If you have ever had to walk to Cougar Village at night, you know it's quite the trek. Walking all alone on a cold night down a desolate, barely lit path would certainly scare me a little bit. I understand that Madison County Transit cannot be perfect. Ridership probably decreases after a certain time, and they cannot please everybody.

I am very thankful that we even have a Cougar Shuttle, but it would help if it was around during night classes.

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Texas-sized basketball blowout teaches lesson in sportsmanship

On Jan. 13, the Covenant School of Dallas, a private Christian school in Texas, defeated Dallas Academy in a high school girls' basketball game by a score of 100-0. Yes, 100-0.

Covenant's Coach Micah Grimes was fired on Sunday after refusing to publicly apologize for his team's actions. Grimes sent an e-mail to a local newspaper stating that he will not apologize for his team's blowout victory because his team "played with honor and integrity."

Grimes' e-mail went on to say that his team "...should not be embarrassed or ashamed for their actions. We played the game the way it was meant to be played."

After listening to several morning radio talk shows Monday, I heard the subject of Coach Grimes and his team's shutout victory over a school with students with "learning disabilities" brought up on several instances. Different stations each went on to discuss how Grimes' actions were inexcusable and he deserved to be punished for his lack of respect.

I agree with the radio personnel on this one. Dallas Academy has eight girls that dress varsity and has only 20 girls in their whole school. Some students who attend Dallas Academy have "learning disabilities" such as

dyslexia and short attention spans. The program has not posted a victory in four years.

Clearly, Covenant needs to find the balance between aggressiveness and competitive integrity. Obviously it is not very Christian-like to keep the full-court press on a team through the fourth quarter when ahead 90-0. There is nothing wrong with milking the clock or easing up on the three pointers when blowing the other team out. I think this is called sportsmanship.



T.J. Cowell

Spectators at the game stated Covenant, who led 59-0 at halftime, became more aggressive as they edged closer to the 100-point mark. I understand it is not fair to tell high school basketball players not to try their hardest, but there are athletes on the bench who never get to play who should be seeing some minutes at this point.

Dallas Academy Coach Jeremy Civello told the Dallas Morning News that the game quickly turned into a "lay-up drill" for

Covenant. After scoring their 100th point with four minutes left in the game, Covenant finally eased up on Dallas Academy.

Covenant school officials are now claiming that they are trying to do the right thing by seeking a forfeit and apologizing for their coach's decisions. The school's Web site says that school has made a ceremonial request to forfeit because "...a victory without honor is a great loss."

Grimes' actions show a lack of class that reflects back to his school. Some are arguing that Civello should be the one to lose his job. It has been noted that Dallas Academy refused on several occasions to forfeit the game. It is a matter of whether they were too proud to give up or they just wanted national recognition.

Unlike in Illinois, where a running clock goes into effect once a large point-differential is reached, Texas high school basketball games do not have a mercy rule. Yet there is kind of a sympathy rule, or "golden rule" of morals. It should have been used. This is not the NCAA. There is no reason to keep putting the hurt on a significantly weaker team.

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Correction: In the Jan. 22 issue, In the article "Diabetes education program to offer free testing," school of pharmacy professor Chris Lynch was quoted according to a university press release rather than directly. The Alestle regrets this error.

Music battle commences Friday



Photo Illustration Ashley Hinkle

Campus Activities Board will host its annual Battle of the Bands Friday night in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. CAB expects a larger crowd this year because it is on a weekend and better prizes for competitors and attendees. Cash prizes include a \$700 grand prize, \$300 to the second place winning band and \$150 to the third place band. Attendance prizes include a Nintendo Wii, video iPod, T-shirts and iTunes gift cards.

Nine bands to compete for \$700 grand prize and bragging rights

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Bigger cash prizes, a larger crowd and even fiercer competition await the nine bands that made it out of the 43 who applied for SIUE's annual Battle of the Bands.

The nine bands playing on Friday are from all around the Edwardsville area. The band Nester Class 5, named after the robots from the film, "I Robot," hail from Greenville and have played together for about a year and a half. They beat out 34 other bands to play at SIUE's Battle of the Bands.

The band met at Greenville College and started out playing jam sessions in the garage of vocalist Charlie DeVos. Nester

Class 5 plays most of their shows out of Greenville and have competed in a few Battle of the Bands before.

DeVos said the band plays in the rap/rock style of bands like 2 Skinny J's and to a lesser extent, Rage Against the Machine. The band members write many of their own songs and draw inspiration from what they see in life.

"I base my lyrics off of a lot of the stuff I see during the day," DeVos said.

DeVos said he uses metaphor in his lyrics to explain a deeper meaning.

"I talk a lot about robots," DeVos said. "One song is about robots enslaving the earth and getting people to live their life before the robot armada comes and takes over."

Bassist Andrew Dawson said he hopes to win the battle, but the band's main goal is to have fun performing.

"Whenever you go into these things, you hope for the best and play your best, and that's the best you can do," Dawson said. "We want (the audience) to listen and have fun, and we want to have fun playing. That's our goal."

Dawson said the band was thankful for the opportunity to play at the Battle of the Bands and is looking forward to seeing the other performers.

"No matter what happens, we're going to be happy that we got to play for people who usually don't get to see us in Greenville," Dawson said.

There have been a lot of changes

The Bands (In order of performance)

- The Drama Scene
- Aaron Kamm & The One Drops
- Japanese Bat Bomb
- Leaking Africa
- Our First Summer
- Nester Class 5
- BENIAH
- Indecision
- Spotting Waldo

made to the competition since senior business administration major Jessica Schuette helped plan the event with the Campus Activities Board last year.

"Since I helped last year, I knew more about how to advertise for it this year," Schuette said. "Last year it was on a Thursday in the middle of the afternoon. Since it is on a Friday night this year, it meant a lot more bands were available to play."

Schuette said the larger prizes were also a draw for more bands to apply.

"Last year the grand prize was \$250. This year the grand prize is \$700, second prize is \$300 and third is \$150," Schuette said.

Schuette said the prize money is taken from activities fees.

CAB also hoped to increase the attendance of the event and offer more for the fans while at the show.

"This year we have free food available, pizzas and little sandwiches, things like that," Schutte said. "We're also giving away attendance prizes like a Nintendo Wii, a video iPod, Battle of the Bands T-shirts and iTunes gift cards."

Schuette said CAB is hoping for a crowd of 200 to 300 people to attend the event.

Battle of the Bands is free for all to attend. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 7 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Each band will play for 20 minutes and has 10 minutes of sound check time. Performances are scheduled to be finished by 11 p.m.

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Check out www.alestlelive.com next week for an exclusive Battle of the Bands video.

ARTIST EXPOSURE



Photo courtesy of Rachael Wilbur

Senior photography major Rachael Wilbur has been working on a series about nuclear families. Most recently she has been creating the works using dolls.

Artist: Senior photography major Rachael Wilbur

by Ashley Hinkle
Alestle Photo Editor

Q: How would you describe your current work?

A: Right now I am working with the ideas of different narratives and the concepts of family and reality. The concept of the nuclear family is something I have been working with lately. I have been photographing different staged scenarios to recreate ideas of family, the most recent using toy dolls as a metaphor for the real thing.

Q: Why have you chosen to take the path as an artist at this point in your life?

A: I feel like art, specifically photography, allows me to express and explore different ideas and concepts in a way that is completely my own. With art, I can be as expressive as I want and engage the subject matter in a new way.

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

A: To me, being an artist is a creative outlet. It allows me to put my own ideas into creating something, and I think that is what being an artist is all about. It's about creating something and exploring its possibilities and having people react to it.

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

A: I am very interested in the debate of reality and photography and working with narratives. The argument between reality and photography is one that has been around for a long time, and I feel is something that is still relevant especially, with the changing technology of photography. I think this debate will always be around. Playing with the ambiguity and blurring the lines of reality is fun, and I like dealing with it in new ways.

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

A: Conceptually, the issues revolve around family and reality. Technically, working in the studio has allowed me to understand various lighting methods, including using the strobes to create various lighting effects. Also, I have been learning some new sharpening techniques in Photoshop that have improved the print quality of the photographs tremendously.

Q: Describe your work in historical/contemporary terms, and to what school or genres would you associate it?

A: I think my photography lends itself to the ideas of narrative.

Q: What historical and contemporary artists are most influential to you and why?

A: I look to people like Gregory Crewdson and David Laundy to start. I think Crewdson creates elaborately staged narratives that are extremely interesting, most of them dealing with suburban life. Also, he has an amazing use of light that gives his photographs this eerie and intriguing look. Laundy, on the other hand works, on a miniature level. He uses iconic toys and photographs them in such a way that blur the lines of recognition, they start to look like real scenarios.

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

A: It is hard to pin down exactly, but I think the direction I am going now, with ideas of family and essentially the reality within the photograph, provides me lots of different opportunities that I can continue to pursue. I don't want to sell myself short with my ideas, and there are lots of directions I can still go with them.

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Quest for the "Golden Toilet"

Pre-SuperBowl celebrations between Sigma Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon

ΣΠ

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Fraternities Sigma Pi and Sigma Phi Epsilon will renew their flag football rivalry on Super Bowl Sunday when they continue the 25-year tradition of the "Toilet Bowl."

Over the years, these two fraternities have faced off in a game of flag football on the Intramural Fields the same day the big game is to be played.

To the winner goes the spoils, and for the past seven years that has been Sigma Pi. The fraternity that claims victory of this historic tradition is awarded a painted gold toilet to commemorate their victory.

Toilet Bowl is a play on words off of the ever famous SuperBowl.

Junior Chris Blanchard, a Sigma Phi Epsilon member said the Toilet Bowl is a great chance for alumni to get together and spend some time with active members. In the past, some alumni even joined in and



Jon Gallez (left), Nick McCauley (center) and Adam Hughes (right) played in last years Toilet Bowl for Sigma Pi. Sigma Pi went on to win the Toilet Bowl in 2008.

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participated in the game.

Blanchard, the Sigma Phi Epsilon defensive corner,

predicted his team will snap their seven-year skid this Sunday by a final score of 28-21.

"Tell Sigma Pi that we are coming," Blanchard said. "We are doing it big this year."

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Blanchard said Sunday's tradition, which starts at noon, is normally followed by the brothers coming together and watching the Super Bowl.

Senior Jon Gallez of Sigma Pi will be on the other side of the ball on Sunday. Gallez plays on the defensive line and will see some time playing quarterback and wide receiver on the offensive end. This year marks Gallez's third in participating in the Toilet Bowl.

Gallez said the Toilet Bowl is something he looks forward to every spring semester.

"It is a great tradition that has been going on for years," Gallez said. "I like the fact that both teams go out and leave it all on the field. It is something that I am going to miss."

Gallez said he did not go as far to make a prediction for Sunday's Toilet Bowl, but he is confident with his team and what they have up their sleeve.

"We are going to put up a

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SIUE wrestlers squelch Prairie Fire 33-17

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE wrestling team split a dual meet in Peoria Tuesday despite the snowy weather, losing to Lincoln College 27-20 first, then beating Knox College 33-13.

In the first match against Lincoln, SIUE highlighted their new heavyweight wrestler, sophomore Joe Peters, who was cleared by the NCAA last week.

In the final match against Lincoln, SIUE was down 23-20 when Peters debuted in his Cougar uniform. Lincoln's Corey Anderson proved too much for Peters in his first match, and the Cougars fell 27-20.

SIUE Head Coach David Ray said it was Peter's first match since high school, and the experience of Anderson was a major disadvantage for him.

"(Peters) has only been practicing for two weeks. It was a tough situation," Ray said. "He wrestled against a heavyweight that has wrestled probably around 20 matches. (Peters) needs lots of mat time."

Freshman wrestler Dillon Pousson said Peters needs some time to adjust and get back in the groove.

"I think once he gets in better shape and gets used to wrestling again, he will do well," Pousson said. "He did a good job for us today."

The Cougars stepped their game up

against Knox and used lessons learned when they were stomped by the University of Central Missouri Saturday and what they had learned from the Lincoln match and "dominated," according to freshman Justin Bucsa.

"We took that weekend (against UCM) in stride," Bucsa said. "From that weekend we learned a lot about what we need to work on. We lost our first match (on Tuesday), but it was close ... The second match just shows how much we improved because we just dominated."

Bucsa wrestled in the 133-pound weight division on Tuesday for the first time. He had previously wrestled at the 144-pound level. Bucsa said he likes 133 better, but getting there was no easy task.

"The first time cutting weight is a pain in the butt," Bucsa said. "But once I got there, I felt really good. I like 133 better than 141, except for the fact that 141 is so much easier to make."

The Cougars beat Knox 33-13, and Ray said they did look better, but is still concerned with how his team is warming up.

"A few guys didn't wrestle good against Lincoln. Against Knox they looked a little better," Ray said. "Guys still don't properly warm up and prepare for their matches. The first match might be a little sluggish because they didn't warm up hard, and it needs to be intense."



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Sophomore Blake Reed pinned his first opponent of the day against Indianapolis University on Jan. 10 in the Vadalabene Center.

Freshman Steve Ross agreed with Ray, saying the team does have a problem coming out a little weak due to preparation problems, but all the hard work is starting to pay off.

"A couple of us went out flat, and it might have cost us the match against Lincoln," Ross said. "But we've all been working hard, and it's all just starting to come together for us. Everybody is still

working hard and improving all the way from 133 up to heavyweight. That's all you can really ask for from an almost entire freshmen-led team."

The freshmen-led Cougars head to Evansville, Ind. next on Feb. 7 to compete in the Southern Indiana Open.

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Records and victories becoming standard

SIUE track and field has school records broken and personal bests set

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE track team continued to set new personal bests Saturday at the Redbird Invitational, despite small numbers.

Juniors Kayla Brown and Juliet Alrich showed their dominance as they both claimed victory in their respective events. Brown's 5,000-meter time of 17 minutes and 44.05 seconds broke her own school record and gave her the easy victory. Alrich won the women's 400-meter dash with a time of 57.58.

Brown said even though the Redbird Invitational was a small meet, the Cougars still saw good competition from other teams on Saturday.

"I believe that we competed under good circumstances today," Brown said.

Senior Coreen Ellis was another top finisher on the women's side with her victory in the women's 800-meter run. Ellis ran to a time of 2:16.99.

Sophomore Valery Taylor continued

her impressive indoor season with a second place finish in the women's long jump. Taylor's best jump was measured at 5.11 meters.

In other field event action, junior Megan Dennis also claimed a second place spot with a jump of 11.42 meters in the women's triple jump.

Dennis had a third place finish in the women's 60-meter hurdles finishing with a time of 9.07. Her time was a new personal best.

The Cougars got another third place finish in the women's 200-meter dash from senior Angel Royston. Royston crossed the line at 26.64.

Junior Jennie Satterlee set a new personal best with a throw of 16.11 meters

in the women's weight throw. Satterlee placed third in the women's weight throw.

The 4x400 meter relay team of Alrich, Ellis, Dennis and Royston placed second with a time of 4:02.79.

"The future looks promising for SIUE track."

-Chris Littleton, senior track and field sprinter

On the men's side, seniors thrower Scott Block and sprinter Chris Littleton also had top place finishes. Block's throw of 18.80 meters won the men's weight throw. Block also placed second in the men's shot put with a throw of 16.62 meters.

Littleton posted a time of 50.11 in the men's 400. Junior Marcus Evans placed third behind his teammate with a new personal best of 50.26. Littleton's time of 7.20 seconds helped him to a third place spot in the men's 60-meter dash.

Distance runner Kyle Cameron placed second in the men's 3,000-meter run. Cameron finished with a time of 8:28.52, a new personal best for the senior.

"I have never competed in the (3,000 run) before," sophomore Shawn Dillard said. "So Saturday was a learning experience for me."

Dillard said even though this year's team is small in numbers that is not stopping them from strong performances.

"The team is doing really well this year. We keep seeing personal bests as the season goes on," Dillard said.

Junior Eric Mammoser just missed a top spot in the men's pole vault after he placed second behind Illinois-Chicago senior Mike Savegnago. Mammoser cleared 4.56 meters.

Senior Steven Werths finished in third place in the men's 5,000, clocking in at 15:56.93.

The men's 4x400 meter placed second with their time of 3:23.20. The team

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GAME CANCELLATIONS

-The men's basketball game scheduled for Tuesday against Oakland City University was canceled due to inclement weather. No agreement has been made for a rescheduled date and time.

-The wrestling meet scheduled for Wednesday against McKendree University was canceled due to inclement weather. The meet has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 12.



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A different kind of Cold War

by Megan McQuinn

When I awoke this morning, the temperature hovered around zero. With the wind still up into the negative digits, I knew that about 100,000 people had taken the day off. But I suddenly found myself not so sure. Yes, it was cold today. Coldest in ten years, they say. However, as most of us know, I knew we were the lucky ones.

More than a week ago, Russia shut off natural gas service to the Balkan, European countries. (Read: you know I won't be able to fully understand the importance of this international dispute, but I can tell you this is a massive problem affecting more of our world's people.) In fact, just a month ago, I was in Bulgaria, completing the final month of a semester-long study abroad program. To think that the place that was my home away from home is now facing such a crisis, my heart aches.

What's more, this problem isn't confined to Eastern Europe. There we aren't in the midst of a national utility disaster, but there are people in our own community who are battling this home-heating predicament in their own homes.

According to news-up the Louis, America's shut-off made for about a 12 percent dip of gas prices. That's a small price to pay for the energy crisis that's been plaguing the world in the past few months.



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers heading home after losing last year's Toiletbowl to Sigma Pi for the seventh year in a row.

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heck of a fight," Gallez said. "We Bowl and Greek Life represents. have a game plan." "I love it," Thomas said. "It

Gallez said after the Toilet is a good, fun thing to do in Bowl on Sunday he will be Greek Life."

rooting for the underdog Arizona Cardinals.

"(Arizona quarterback Kurt) Warner is going to take it," Gallez said. "Warner is going out with a bang. After Sunday he is going to retire, and we will never see him in the NFL again."

Senior Joel Thomas, wide receiver and corner back for the purple and gold, is Sigma's Pi coach for this year's contest.

Thomas said there is nothing like the tradition that the Toilet

"I like the fact that both teams go out and leave it all on the field. It is something that I am going to miss."

-Jon Gallez, senior Sigma Pi brother

As far as the Super Bowl is concerned, Thomas sided with Gallez, saying the Cardinals will "shock the world" and bring home the trophy to Arizona.

"It will be a good competitive game," Thomas said. "I am a Kurt Warner fan. I am pulling for him on Sunday."

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consisted of Littleton, Evans and freshmen sprinters Tony Bowman and Darien Orr.

"Bowman and Orr really stepped up for us in the men's 4x400," Littleton said. "The future looks promising for SIUE track."

Littleton said Saturday's meet will also be a small one, but Cougar athletes will get to compete in events they do not

always have the chance to participate in.

"We are looking for some big marks at Kentucky and Indiana," Littleton said.

The Cougars will head to Charleston to compete in the Illinois Intercollegiate on Saturday.

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Many Paths to Knowledge: The Black Experience in America and Beyond



Left to right: Nelson Mandela, Shirley Chisholm, Malcolm X and Mary McLeod Bethune

Monday, February 2

Opening Ceremony

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Join the 2009 Black Heritage Month Planning Committee as they launch the month long celebration. The opening program will feature Chancellor Vandegrift, poetic readings by East St. Louis Poet Laureate and retired SIUE Professor Eugene Redmond, a performance by the African Drum and Dance Troupe from Wirth Middle School and Cahokia High School and the SIUE Gospel Choir will lead the singing of the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Tuesday, February 3

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

SIUE's annual birthday celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr. will feature guest speaker Associate Judge Duane Bailey. The event will include lunch, special performances, and recognition of award recipients.

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Tuesday, February 10

Blacks in the Military

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This panel will explore the role African Americans in the military played in United States history. The military played a historical role in the social and economic development of African Americans. The panel will be led by Enrique Howell, Retired Chief Master Sergeant, US Air Force and Ted Baugh, Retired Master Sergeant, US Air Force.

Tuesday, February 17

Black Activism in the Age of Obama

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This multi-generational panel will discuss its experience with activism, and will attempt to

forecast where the movement will go now that America has an African American president. The audience will be allowed to ask questions after panelists give introductory statements and questions from the moderator. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Anthony Cheeseboro, Chairman of the Department of Historical Studies, and will include Professor Emeritus Eugene Redmond; Paul Pitts from Institutional Compliance; Dominique Majors, Student Body President; and others.

Speak on It

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of spoken word and poetic verse of the past, present and future, exploring issues and solutions.

Co-sponsored by One Mic Poetry

Wednesday, February 18

Reliving the Lives of Historical African American Educators

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This event will simulate the lives of historical African American educators, portrayed by University administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The event is directed by Dr. Venessa Brown, Assistant Provost for Faculty Development and Diversity.

Wednesday, February 18 -

Thursday, February 19

Charles Drew Blood Drive

Feb. 18 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Court 1 and 2, Student Fitness Center

Feb. 19 - 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Conference Center, Morris University Center

Dr. Charles Drew, an African American physician and medical researcher, pioneered techniques for blood storage that made the development of large-scale blood banks possible. Dr. Drew also protested the practice of segregating blood on the basis of the race of the donor.

Thursday, February 19

Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2009

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

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Friday, February 20 -

Sunday, February 22

Black Theater Workshop - We Wear the Mask: A Theatrical Exploration of Identity

Feb. 20 & 21 - 7:30 PM

Feb. 22 - 2:00 PM

Metcalf Theater

This SIUE student created, performed and directed production is a potpourri of scenes, monologues, songs and poetry.

Saturday, February 21

Sixth Annual Gospel Explosion

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Join us for an inspirational evening to spread the gospel of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. The event will feature poetry, rap, praise dance, and gospel music.

Thursday, February 26

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Come watch SIUE students as they take their turn on stage showcasing their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents.

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Saturday, February 28

Africa Night

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Conference Center, Morris University Center

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2:00 5:15 7:40 10:15
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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R)
1:20 4:20 7:10 9:55
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG) 2:10 5:00 7:50 10:10
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG)
1:30 3:50 6:30 9:20
BRIDE WARS (PG) 2:20 4:40 8:00* 10:20
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