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Blagojevich impeached, Illinois familiar with scandal

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

The state senate unanimously removed former Gov. Rod Blagojevich from office on Jan. 29. This historical move by the general assembly was evidential of the state's tradition for employing corrupt officials.

Political science professor

Andrew Theising said while the Blagojevich corruption scandal was not good for Illinois, it wasn't out of the ordinary for the state.

"I think the scandal is unfortunate, but actually typical of Illinois and other individualistic states," Theising said.

Blagojevich was arrested

Dec. 9 on federal corruption charges, alleged attempting to sell the Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama. The state Senate voted to impeach and subsequently remove him from office, instating former Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn as the new governor of Illinois.

According to Theising, the political culture of Illinois is

considered individualistic when political favors and favoritism rule the day.

"It is clearly an on going problem in Illinois," Theising said. "That's two governors in a row."

Blagojevich's predecessor George Ryan also landed in hot water nearly three years ago when he was convicted of 18

counts of corruption, including steering state business to associates for bribes and misusing state resources for political gain.

Ryan did not seek re-election in 2002 due to the scandals that led to the conviction of numerous aides and associates.

For senior sociology major Justin Horton, the arrest of

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Chad Seidler is starting the correction of the non-compliant pool drain at the Vadalabene Center's indoor pool Wednesday. Inset: Ray Gallup (left) and Chad Seidler (right) continue the pool drain update.

Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

No swimming

Insufficient drain cover causes pool closure

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Managing Editor

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel closed the Vadalabene Center Swimming Pool on Jan. 30 until further notice because of safety issues that conflicted with a recent pool safety act passed by Congress.

The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act was signed by former President Bush in 2007 and went into effect on Dec. 19, 2008. Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said because the VC pool did not have a drain cover that complied with the act, Emmanuel ordered the pool be shut down to comply with the law and prevent possible injuries.

"(SIUE) decided that safety was paramount," Conroy said. "We're following the prescribed act."

The act was named after former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III's granddaughter who drowned in 2002 at a spa after being trapped underwater by a hot tub drain's suction. The act stated every public pool and spa in the United States

would need to be fit with "anti-entrapment" devices or systems. It also said no pools built before the act went into effect could be grandfathered in.

In an e-mail sent to SIUE students, Emmanuel said the drain cover would need to be replaced before the pool would be reopened. SIUE was unable to find a drain cover before the act went into effect.

Conroy said SIUE began looking for a new drain cover during the summer, but one has not been located because of the scarcity of suppliers and complications with design.

"(The act) requires pools to have a particular type of drain," Conroy said. "It mitigates the suction so a person can't be drawn into it."

Dave Hagedorn, assistant director for Facilities and Informal Recreation, said he could not comment on the pool closing, but said SIUE is working with suppliers to fix the safety problems.

Conroy said SIUE's manufacturers might have a drain

University posts notice of drug, alcohol abuse policy via e-mail

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

SIUE students and employees were privy to the university's alcohol and drug policies last week when a university wide e-mail was sent out, warning students of the dangers that surround drug and alcohol use and abuse.

Director of Counseling Services Andrew King said the notice is a state mandate of Illinois to make students and faculty aware of the university's policy on substance abuse. King said the state requires one notification a year, but he would like to see a more active attempt by the university to make students aware of the dangers of alcohol and drugs.

"It's a matter of course to continually remind the campus that no matter what you see on T.V., they (students) need to be careful," King said. "We could notify the campus by other means, but we chose e-mail because it is effective and how a lot of people communicate. It certainly is greener than sending out 15,000 fliers."

SIUE's official Policies and Procedures state money collected by a university entity, whether they are academic or student groups, cannot be spent on alcohol. The rule applies to students on school-sponsored or "cultural, political or educational activities."

King said the e-mail has no correlation to the amount of drinking-related incidents on campus. However, he said the incidents are fairly steady.

According to SIUE's Cleary Act Fall 2008 statistics, SIUE has decreased in alcohol violations from 2006's 110 violations to 2007's 61. However, drug abuse violations increased from 15 to 27 from 2006 to 2007.

King said he has a meeting each week with representatives from the SIUE Police, University Housing and Student Affairs to discuss the drug and alcohol incidents at SIUE.

"(Almost) every week there is at least one student who has violated the policy," King said. "We try to deal with it appropriately. If a couple of guys snuck a six-pack of beer into the dorms, and it's their first offense, they are going to be educated on the policies. If it happens again, we might consider taking some action against the

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Police Reports

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Police issued Alexander E. Kowalchik a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Sarah E. Lang a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Anne Nyambweke was arrested in connection with stealing a hangtag. Nyambweke was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police issued Muhammad J. Hamed a citation for speeding on University Drive.

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Police issued Eric D. Wrobbel a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

Police issued Daniel R. Smith a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report about money stolen from a wallet in an employee's office in the Science Building.

Police issued Beau D. Galloway a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

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cover for the indoor pool and were inspecting the pool on Wednesday and would most likely know if the new cover would fit by the end of this week at the earliest.

"Nobody knows for sure, but hopefully we will know soon," Conroy said. "We're keeping in contact with our suppliers."

The Cougar Lake Pool, which is currently closed, is an entirely different matter. Conroy said because the VC Pool and Cougar Lake Pool are two

different designs, the drain issues would be different.

"We're working on the (Cougar Lake Pool)," Conroy said. "Thankfully, there's a little more time (until it opens)."

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BLAGOJEVICH from pg. 1

Blagojevich at his Chicago home came as a surprise.

"It was rather shocking," Horton said.

Horton said he met Blagojevich when he was governor back in his hometown of Chicago.

"He used to bring his family to Salem Baptist Church in Chicago, where I was an active member," Horton said. "He came across as very nice and kind."

Despite his previous impressions of Blagojevich, Horton said he does find Blagojevich's impeachment a positive thing for the university.

"It shows that the government is strict when it comes to people in power," Horton said.

Blagojevich did not appear at his impeachment trial until the very end, choosing instead to make appearances on several national television shows. This act bothered many people, both in government and the general public.

According to Theising, Blagojevich's criminal trials, if they are brought about, will not be optional for Blagojevich.

"He can't refuse to show up in criminal court (like he did in the impeachment hearings),"

Theising said. "He would be arrested and go to jail for contempt of court."

As for Illinois politics, Theising said it will take a lot of effort to fix a corrupt system.

"The political culture of Illinois is ingrained in the institution," Theising said. "It will take action over time, not just one-time action while people are watching."

According to Theising, there are two main things that need to happen to turn around Illinois government. The first is transparency.

"Government activities and records need to be opened to inspection by the media, individuals and interest groups," Theising said.

The second, however, may not be so easy.

"People need to pay attention," Theising said. "It is very easy for people to forget about elected officials."

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SIUE Black Heritage Month - Schedule of Events - February 2009

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



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

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

Come and celebrate your health through health screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health care providers can improve your health in 2009 and beyond.

Co-sponsored by SIUE School of Nursing

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.

Co-sponsored by the Black Student Union

Saturday, February 28

Africa Night

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Conference Center,

Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of African culture through food, dance and entertainment. Sponsored by African Student Association

Contact the MUC Information Center at 618.650.5555 for ticket information.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for additional information. All events are subject to change. Black Heritage Month is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.



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New University Bookstore renovation nearly complete



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

top: The information desk in the renovated bookstore has moved to the front of the store. The remodeled bookstore should be finished by the end of this week. bottom: During the renovation, the bookstore was temporarily moved to the second floor of the Morris University Center.

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Correspondent

The decorated, temporary wall hiding the University Bookstore came down last week, and students passing by got their first look at what the new bookstore will look like.

Since October 2008, workers have been remodeling the store, and it now has light-colored wood shelving, bright lights and an overall cleaner, more updated look. The many open windows give the store an enhanced, seemingly larger appearance.

Morris University Center's Director Joseph Pearson said students can expect a "soft opening" the week after spring break, meaning the bookstore will have all the merchandise and books moved in and open for business at the newly renovated location. Although no exact date has been set, the grand opening should be the last week of March.

According to Pearson, the construction process has gone smoothly and the contractor, Limbaugh Construction, has been good to work with.

The bookstore's scheduled completion was originally set for mid-February. It is now ahead of schedule, and all the remodeling should be completed this week, except for a small patch of flooring. Once the store is moved from its temporary upstairs location to downstairs, Pearson said the bookstore will reopen.

Freshman music and business major Brit Lockhart said the bookstore changes were

significant.

"From what I saw it's pretty barren still, but it looks sophisticated," Lockhart said.

Pearson said he thought the bookstore was in need of a remodel, and it is now much brighter and has more shelving.

"Students are getting their value for their money," Pearson said. "Everyone's going to be pleased with the modern bookstore."

The store's temporary move left some students confused as to where to go. Sophomore biomedical sciences major Adam Gurski was upset when the books he needed were lost in the move. Gurski said the new renovated store seems completely different.

"I don't like the new layout (of the remodeled store) because I used to know where everything was and now I don't," Gurski said.

Sophomore business major Zach Wright was also confused by the bookstore's move to the second floor of the Morris University Center and is ready for it to return to the store's original location.

"I was going to buy a book for a class, but I couldn't find the bookstore," Wright said. "So I didn't buy the book."

Bookstore location confusion aside, Wright said he liked the new look of the remodeling.

"It looks a lot bigger," Wright said. "There's a lot of good woodwork in there."

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Student Government to make Senate appointments Friday

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Correspondent

New presidential appointments are expected to be made at the Senate Government meeting on Friday.

Other expected personnel appointments on Friday include freshman Natalie Patton to the School Spirit and Pride Committee and freshman Brentney Hutchinson to the External Affairs Committee.

The Student Government will consider a resolution for a student travel request increase, as well as travel requests for the SIUE women's club basketball

team, Gamma Theta Upsilon, Eta Sigma Gamma and Formula SIUE.

The Muslim Students Association will present their program for Islamic Awareness Week, and Student Government plans to review the constitution for the Geography Club.

The Senate meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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POLICY from pg. 1 students."

While the alcohol policies leave certain areas on campus open to alcohol and permit the drinkers who are of age, the drug policy is far less lenient, making the possession, distribution or sale of controlled substances illegal unless prescribed by a doctor.

King said the university's first job is to educate students, which includes alcohol and drug safety. If students can learn from their mistakes, then the university has done its job.

Student responses to the e-mails are usually sparse, King said, and he would like to see more of a response or inquiry from the student body.

"We usually get a few e-mails. (We are) hoping people would take the time to remind themselves of university policies," King said. "Mainly we want the students who are going to drink to do it responsibly and legally."

Junior Spanish major Alicia Timmerman said the policies seemed reasonable.

"I'm pretty sure that Cougar Village and Evergreen Hall have the majority of upper classmen, and if those are the only areas they allow alcohol, that seems acceptable," Timmerman said.

According to SIUE's policy, alcohol on campus is limited to certain areas, including Evergreen Hall and Cougar Village. Any other locations, including the freshman residence halls, are illegal, unless permission is given by the university.

The policy also states parties with alcohol must be private, not advertised to the general public and must be held in a residence which has at least one resident 21 years or older.

Timmerman also said the university is responsible for maintaining a safe and secure work environment for the students.

"It has to do with professionalism," Timmerman

said. "You're here to learn, and someone openly drunk in public disturbs (education.) The same with drugs. Crack is whack."

Timmerman said the university's policy on educating the students was the right position for the university.

"If you get caught with alcohol on campus, I think that there should be some sort of education," Timmerman said. "Whether they take some sort of (Alcoholics Anonymous) class or whatever."

Senior history and political science major Grenville Nash said a reason for the strictness on substances might be a way for SIUE to create a different image than that of its sister school, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"I guess in a way, it depends on who they are trying to attract to SIUE," Nash said. "It seems like SIUE is trying too hard, like they always do, to not attract the wrong kind of students."

While some may not like the restrictions SIUE has on alcohol and controlled substances, the policies are not likely to change anytime soon. King said the university does have the students' interests at heart. The limitation of controlled substances and alcohol on campus is meant to protect the students as well as the integrity of the school.

Nash said the university's limitations on alcohol are not a problem.

"There are plenty of places to drink around (Edwardsville)," Nash said. "I don't have a problem limiting alcohol on campus."

To review the university's policy on drugs and alcohol, go to www.siu.edu/securityreport/alcohol_drug_policies.shtml.

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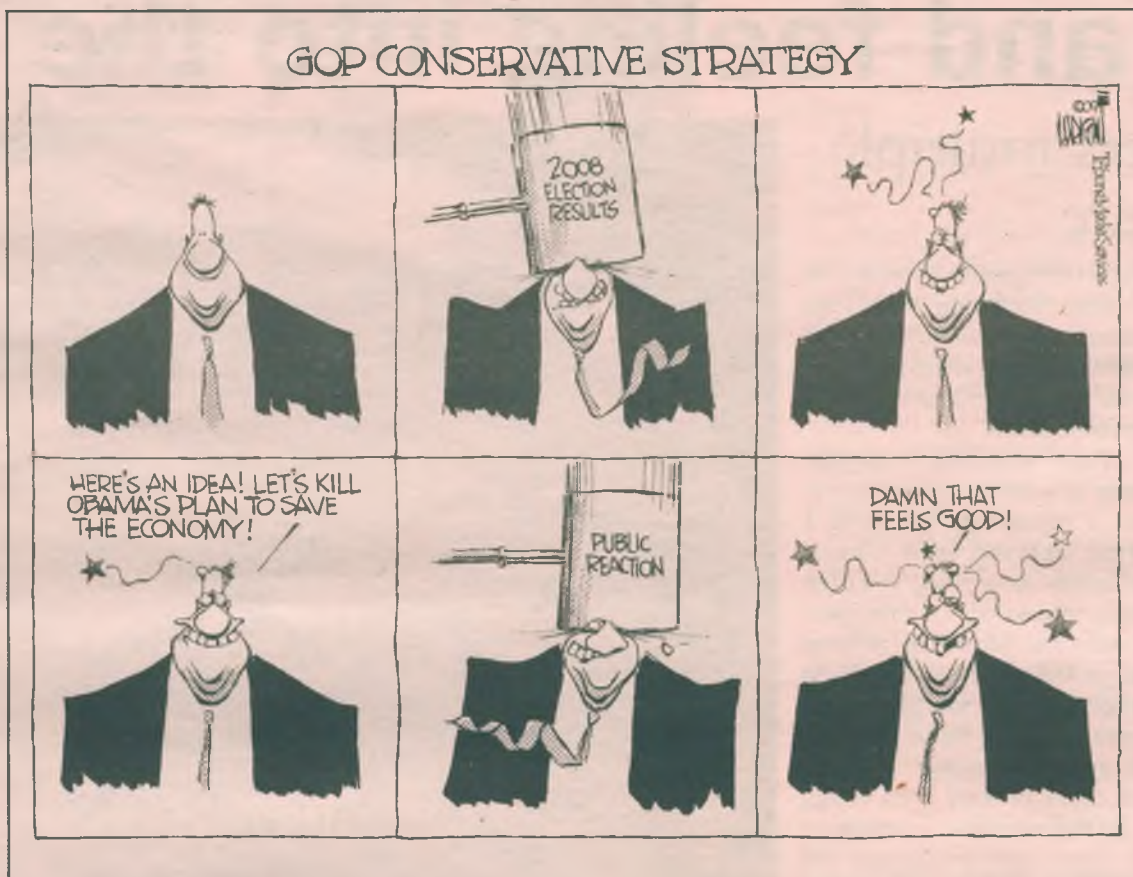
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AlestleView: Time for SIUC to view us as equals

If you have ever wanted to get that Carbondale lifestyle with the SIUE degree, now you can.

Both SIU campuses are coming together next year to offer a nursing program on the Carbondale campus, and those taking part in the program will not be considered Salukis. They will be SIUE students taking their nursing requirements down South.

This is somewhat ironic, considering Carbondale seems to be lacking in respect for us, its sister school.

While the two campuses are run by the same higher administration, SIUE seems to be looked down on by Southern Illinois University Carbondale as its unwanted stepsibling. The general feeling from the Carbondale community is that SIUE is the inferior school, sucking funding from the SIU system and distracting administrators from the firstborn.

Yet SIUE is the growing university, while Carbondale's enrollment has seen better days. Academically, the Edwardsville campus

continues to grow rapidly and offers a wide variety of programs and opportunities that characterize SIUE's positive reputation.

While athletics may be far superior at SIUC, the notion of the "C" being slapped onto Southern Illinois because of our jump to Division I leaves Carbondale uneasy.

And contrary to popular belief, we do know how to party, too.

SIUE may be the younger sibling, but we have grown up in the past 50 years. Pending SIU President Glenn Poshard's plea in Washington for a part of the stimulus plan, SIUE should deservedly get a large chunk of it. It's not politics or sibling rivalry; it's fair.

A growing university feels the need to branch out, and our sister school is taking full advantage of this. As family, we're happy to share what we have, but give us the respect we deserve.

Many in the southern Illinois area will benefit from SIUE stepping into Saluki territory, providing an opportunity to obtain a nursing degree without the commute or

relocation to the Edwardsville area. SIUC will benefit as well, not only with increased enrollment, but also because the students purchasing supplies, food and other necessities will purchase them from SIUC.

But future participants in the Carbondale-based nursing program must remember they are Cougars surrounded by Salukis and be proud of that fact.

If SIUC wants to borrow our professors and programs through satellite feeds, fine, but don't take our resources with one hand and shun us with the other. The SIUE name will go on the nursing diplomas, and the respect for SIUE should go along with it.

Carbondale, your little sister has grown up, and it's time to treat us like an adult.

Alestle Editorial Board

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In news, Americans should look beyond the local

In the past couple of weeks, two major fires, responsible for killing dozens of people, have devastated Kenya.

Many students attending SIUE are most likely not aware of these fires and the effect on the citizens of Kenya. There are students who don't know anything other than what is going on outside their little "bubble." Most college students are more interested in what is going on with the latest celebrity scandal or newest television show than they are about what is going on in the world around them that could affect their lives.

It is not that SIUE students are ignorant. Living in southern Illinois is fairly peaceful. After living in this country for almost eight years, I have found the people who live in the region are compassionate, good natured and willing to help out in a tough situation.

I grew up in Kenya, where the news was not censored or altered. Many of the newscasts should have had warnings about the content. Television stations and newspapers felt no compunction about

showing the viewer pictures that were disturbing and powerful.



Rosie
Githinji

But there was one thing that stood out about Kenyan newscasts that is lacking here: the fact that there was time set aside in each newscast to cover world news. The news in the U.S. on local television channels rarely covers issues that are outside state lines.

One of the best parts about living in another country is that I was always aware of what was going on, even though sometimes it was happening right outside my window. Students rioted over governmental policies, politicians made powerful speeches and I even witnessed the aftermath of the American Embassy bombings in 1998.

In southern Illinois it is hard to find local news that is stimulating enough to grab the

attention of the viewer. There are a few occasions where notices written on the sidewalk on campus will stop someone walking by long enough to read it. Campus events are not well publicized, except for in the Morris University Center.

Going to college does not allow for much free time. Between homework, projects and jobs, there is not much time left to have fun or just relax. There is less work involved in sitting down in front of the television or playing a computer game than finding a news story that is interesting enough to care about.

Students should take the time to pick up a newspaper or read more than just the headlines on the Internet. The best way to make a difference in the world is to actually know what is going on around the world.

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Seeing and feeling into the future

Psychic fair offers multiple ways to see future

by Ben McDonald
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Students attending the annual SIUE Psychic Fair will be treated to more than getting their palms read as self-proclaimed "bizarre" magician Brian Brushwood will perform at the event.

Brushwood has toured universities and performed shows for the last 10 years and began filming a podcast last year titled "Scam School."

"It's a show about using trickery to score free drinks at the bar," Brushwood said.

Brushwood said he films the show in California and spends the rest of his time on tour.

"I'd call it 'bizarre magic' because when people hear magic they think, 'Hey, my five year old loves magic,' and it is definitely not a show for kids," Brushwood said. "But when they hear bizarre magic, they hesitate a little."

In the course of his show, Brushwood breaks bricks on his head and sticks nails in his eyes.

However, Brushwood is only one part of the show on Friday. Jaime Pence, graduate assistant and coordinator of the Psychic Fair, said the event will have a plethora of psychics and attractions for students to take part in and have a good time.

"(Brushwood) is a magician and does a lot of stunts with his body and various escape techniques," Pence said. "He uses comedy in magic to make his show. There's a lot of physical stuff."

Pence said many different

kinds of psychics will be available, including tarot card readers, palm readers, a psychic reader, a writing analyst, an aura fluffer, a clairvoyant and a hypnotherapist.

Pence described a psychic reader as someone who is able to read a person's psyche using a crystal ball and other various techniques, as opposed to a palm reader who strictly uses the palm to tell the future. A writing analyst looks at the way a person writes and can tell his or her future. An aura fluffer looks at the aura surrounding a person and cleans it. Aura is an energy cloud that surrounds a person.

Pence said Brushwood will perform at 10 p.m., and another magician will roam the fair from 7 to 11 p.m.

The Psychic Fair is part of siblings weekend at SIUE and is organized like a carnival. Booths will be set up for each psychic where students wait in line to have their fortunes told.

During siblings weekend, siblings and friends of SIUE students are invited to visit the campus, take part in events around campus and see what life is like at SIUE.

Last year, the Psychic Fair was cancelled due to inclement weather. This year, however, the forecast looks better.

Other than Brushwood's performance, the Psychic Fair will offer more palm readers and tarot card readers. Pence said they are expecting roughly 300 people to attend the event.

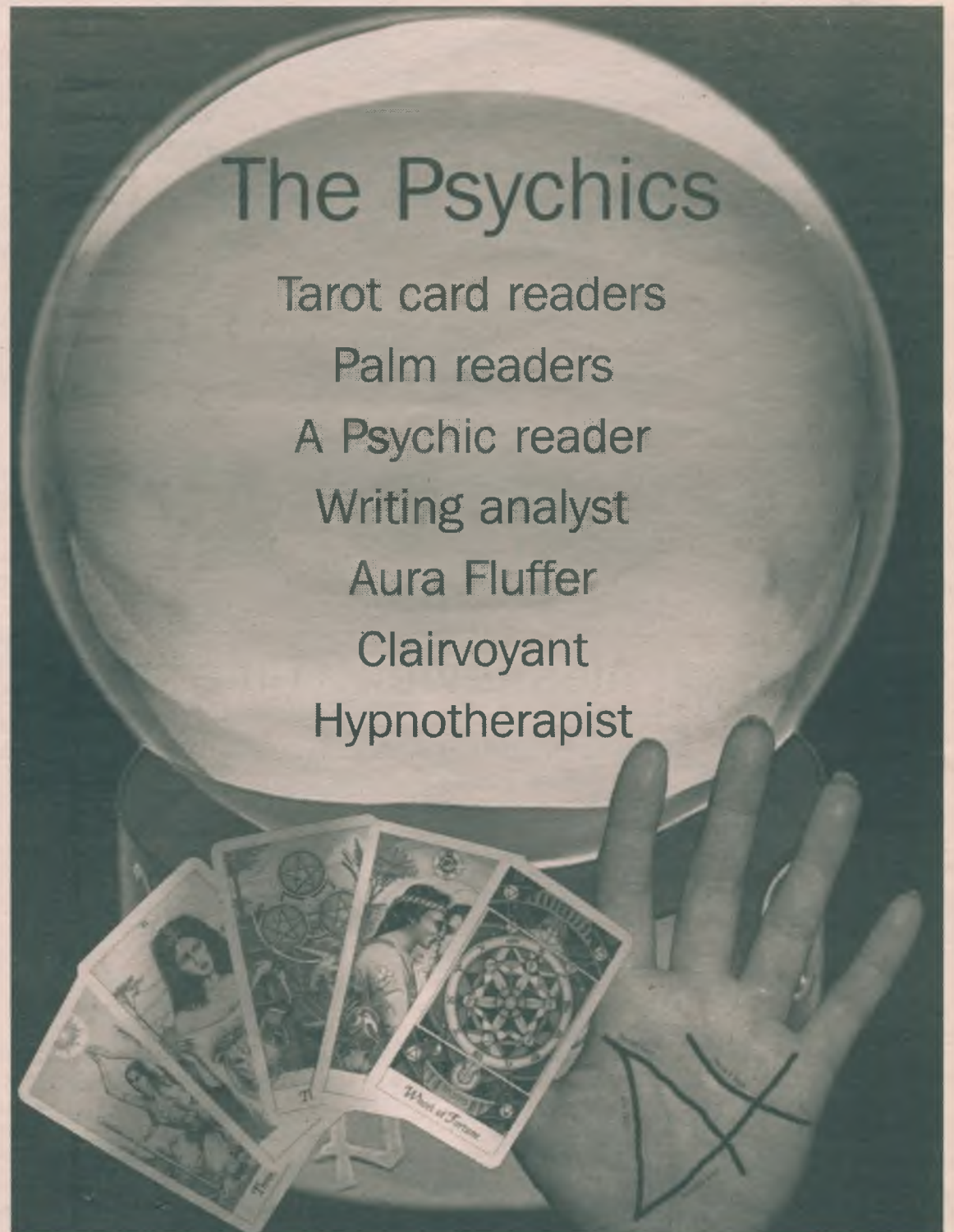


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Campus Activities Board hosts an annual psychic fair for students and the SIUE community. This year's psychic fair will be from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

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Men's beauty pageant raises money, awareness for cardiac care

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

A new kind of king will join the deck in Friday's King of Hearts competition hosted by Alpha Phi sorority.

The King of Hearts is an annual contest that pits a group of male contestants against each other in a beauty pageant format and collects donations for each round to see who can raise the most money for the Alpha Phi philanthropy, cardiac care.

This year's pageant will have nine men competing against each other for the illustrious title of King of Hearts.

The winner of the King of Hearts competition will receive a \$100 Visa gift card to go along with the title of King of Hearts, Alpha Phi Director of Philanthropy junior Kari Cerentano said.

Coordinator of Greek Life John Davenport said each national chapter of Alpha Phi will host the same event. The money made from each chapter will then be pooled together

and donated to the Cardiac Care Foundation.

Alpha Phi has focused on cardiac health as its philanthropy priority for nearly 50 years in an effort to raise money and awareness for the number one killer of women, Alpha Phi President Senior Catie Foster said.

Spectators at the event are given the opportunity to donate money for the contestant they think performed the best after each of five rounds. The rounds include formal wear, sleepwear, a question portion and a talent portion and native wear. Native wear used to be just Greek wear, but since some of the contestants are not Greek affiliated, the sorority changed the name of the category, Cerentano said.

"The talent portion is my favorite," senior Casey Snead, vice president of Program Development for Alpha Phi, said. "The guys that are in it try to make it as fun as possible."

Snead said last year there was a contestant that took his shirt off and ironed it on stage as his talent.

"It's not really a talent, but he made it



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Pedaled journal



Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

Senior Marcus Griffen's "Puzzle Box" is one of many pieces displayed in the Art and Design Building as part of the undergraduate exhibition, which will be on display until Feb. 19. As the pedals are cranked, entries of journal appear in a window on the side

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funny," Snead said.

Snead said the event is popular among the members of the sorority and is a day many look forward to.

Foster said the King of Hearts was one of her favorite events.

"It's really a lot of fun, and it goes for a good cause," Foster said.

Sigma Phi Epsilon member senior Chris Blanchard said the men competing have as much fun as the ladies.

Blanchard was the runner up two years ago and plans on attending this year's event to support his fraternity brother. He said he also enjoys the talent portion of the event.

"It's unique to everyone," Blanchard said. "I (rode) a pogostick."

According to Foster, the event does more than raise money and provide a good time for a lot of people.

"It takes away from general stereotypes of what sororities and fraternities are," Foster said. "Any money we make for the event goes straight to the philanthropy."

Davenport said events like this are crucial in the development of college students as responsible contributors to society.

"I think it is very important for student organizations to get involved with raising money and doing charity work," Davenport said.

This year's King of Hearts competition will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Conference room on the second floor of the Morris University Center. The doors will open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

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"It's a completely free event with door prizes and free food available as well," Pence said.

While some students may question the validity of the psychics, the fair is still meant to be enjoyed by students and visitors alike.

St. Louis psychic Cynthia Becker will not attend the event, but offered insight into the psychic world.

Becker has honed her ability since 1976 and has been a practicing psychic since 1988. She said she has been invited to attend the Psychic Fair before, but has never had time to make an appearance.

"Everybody has some kind of psychic ability, and there are quite a few different abilities," Becker said.

Depending on how much time a person has spent honing that ability determines how strong an ability is.

Becker said while everyone has a certain amount of psychic ability, it does take practice.

According to Becker, psychic ability is sometimes called accelerated logic. It is linked directly to a person's intuition and is sometimes brushed off as intuition.

"When you ask a question, your own mind will begin to give you information and work through the problem on its own," Becker said.

Becker discovered her ability after she became afflicted with an

illness and still had the responsibility of raising a child by herself. Becker said many psychics discover their ability while working through a troubled time in their life.

"I don't believe that God just drops you down here. I set out to develop my ability and figure out how God wanted me to live my life and what to do with my life," Becker said. "It was through listening to my intuition that my psychic ability opened up."

Becker said everyone gets information all the time from somewhere. While not everyone is spiritual, Becker said spirituality gives an added dimension to receiving information. Not all psychics are spiritual, and not all spiritual people use their psychic ability.

Becker specializes in having a person write down their name and age and after touching the piece of paper she begins to see and hear information about that person. Becker said it helps when a person comes in with a specific question in mind so she can look for a specific answer.

The Psychic Fair is from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information visit www.siu.edu/cab or call the CAB office at 650-3371.

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SIUE boosted by 37-point lead at half



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Freshman center Terrance Williams slamming down two points to help lead the Cougars to a 30 point victory over Robert Morris College.

by T.J. Cowell
 Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE used an aggressive offensive attack to gain the advantage and cruise to an 88-58 victory over the Robert Morris College of Springfield Eagles on Tuesday.

The Cougars got the ball rolling with a 72.4 shooting percentage in the first half. The hosts wore down the Eagles with their run-and-gun style.

"Everything was clicking for us in the first half," SIUE men's basketball Head Coach Lennox Forrester said.

Sophomore center Nikola Bundalo and the Cougars used their size advantage to score 34 points in the paint in the first half. The Cougar bench accounted for 22 of SIUE's 60 first half points.

SIUE headed into the locker room with a 60-23 advantage.

"We executed what coach was asking from us," Bundalo said. "We still gave up a few too many offensive rebounds, but tonight's effort was good."

The Cougars picked up where they left off coming out of halftime, scoring seven quick points in the first 1:20 of the second half.

SIUE then went cold on the offensive side of the ball and did not score again until 9:50 left in regulation after a jumper from junior guard Aamir McCleary.

The Eagles continued to battle SIUE, but could not bring the game any closer than 26.

SIUE improved to 8-15 with Tuesday's home victory. Robert Morris dropped to 5-14 on the season.

The hosts showed what team basketball can do on Tuesday as SIUE had six players finish in double figures.

Freshman guard Mark Yelovich and junior guard Barry Wellington both had 13 for SIUE. Freshman guard Brandon Dunson continued to make a mid-season impact for the Cougars, as he also had 13.

Bundalo had 12 points on the night, followed by freshman guard Aaron Garriott and McCleary with 11 and 10 points, respectively. McCleary was two assists short of a double-double. Bundalo and Yelovich both had seven rebounds for SIUE.

The Eagles, whose team is made up of nine freshmen and only one upper classman, were paced by freshman guard Terry Gilbert.

Gilbert had 12 points for Robert Morris. Junior forward Ephrem Davis and freshman forward Raymond Stepney added 11 and 10 points for the visitors.

SIUE finished the night with 12 fast break points compared to Robert Morris' four. The Cougars turned 18 Eagle turnovers into 26 points.

"Coach stressed getting the ball inside," Yelovich said. "When we push the ball, things open up for us."

The Cougars dominated the interior game, out scoring Robert Morris 50-30 inside the paint.

SIUE is now 7-1 on the year when out rebounding opponents, but when rebounds go the opponents way the Cougars are a mere 1-14.

"We have got to get tougher and stronger in rebounding," Forrester said.

SIUE looks to keep their winning ways alive when they play host to the University of South Dakota Coyotes on Saturday.

This weekend's contest also marks the grand re-opening of the Vadalabene Center with a schedule of events set to entertain the SIUE faithful.

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Two Cougars excel at more than academics

Classes just one factor in a basketball, volleyball and track-heavy schedule

by Kyle Wiese
 Alestle Sports Reporter

For most students, staying on top of a fulltime class schedule alone provides plenty of challenges, but for senior Jenny Gilman and sophomore Sydney Winslow, classes are only a fraction of their day-to-day activities.

For a student-athlete, a tight schedule is a problem compounded by the hours they put into the sport they play, which can be considered another fulltime activity.

Gilman and Winslow not only play a sport on top of their full class schedule, they play two.

Gilman and Winslow compete on both SIUE's women's basketball and volleyball teams, and Winslow even competed last season for track and field.

"Sydney is a tremendous athlete with great size," SIUE track and field Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "She was the Great Lakes Valley Conference champion in the javelin."

According to Astrauskas, Winslow had a prolific high school career in track, becoming a two-time state champion in Missouri for the high jump.

"She had a jump of 5 feet, 9 inches, which is a really impressive jump,"

Astrauskas said. "We wanted her to high jump for us, but we found that the javelin was a better fit."

For this pair, what would seem like a daunting task is solved by a simple solution for both of them: time management.

"Balancing schoolwork and sports is

"Balancing schoolwork and sports is always a challenge, but I think it actually helps because it teaches you to manage your time."

**-Jenny Gilman,
 senior basketball, volleyball athlete**

always a challenge, but I think it actually helps because it teaches you to manage your time," Gilman said.

Winslow echoed this sentiment and is always prepared to stay on top of both.

"I constantly have out my planner and calendar," Winslow said. "It is always nice to try and get ahead sometimes because you do have to miss some days for travel and games."

There is never a worry about their dedication to their sports or their classes

SIUE women's basketball Head Coach Amanda Levens said.

"It's a tribute to both of them, and they are very motivated and unique individuals," Levens said. "It helps that they both have now had experience with their full schedules."

Volleyball and basketball are played in

players and their coaches believe their skills in each sport are enhanced by their skills in the other.

According to Winslow, her participation in both sports (she is not currently competing in track and field) helps her to keep in top shape for the others. Both demand hard work when playing and in the off-season.

"(Both) sports help me to keep in the best shape," Winslow said. "This comes from all of the running and being in the weight room."

Putting in the time and effort to a volleyball season, basketball season and fulltime academic schedule takes a special type of person, Levens said.

"It really depends on a player if they are able to play two sports," Levens said. "But I think both girls have proved it can be done."

Gilman said she believes there are lessons to be learned by participating in athletic competition and in school, and at the end of the day, she knows it will have paid off for her.

"Any sport teaches competitiveness, discipline and hard work," Gilman said. "I think that is crucial not only in sports, but in the classroom and life as well."

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2009 annual soccer banquet draws crowd

Senior Nick Frasca wins Jack Blake Award



Hunter Creel/Alestle
SIUE senior goalkeeper Nick Frasca receiving his senior gifts before being awarded the Jack Blake Award later in the evening.

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Editor

Amidst an array of championship banners, pictures and trophies from soccer teams past, SIUE soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish among many others, hosted the annual men's soccer banquet on Friday honoring players, alumni and families from the 2008 season.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious Jack Blake Award to senior goalkeeper Nick Frasca. Blake played for the Cougars from 1969 to 1972 and was a Division I All-American in 1970.

The award is given to the SIUE soccer player who resembles the characteristics of Jack Blake: talent on the soccer field, academic dedication and social responsibility.

"It is the most coveted award you can win as a Cougar soccer player," Kalish said.

Frasca is a five-year veteran of SIUE, and in his senior season Frasca topped the SIUE record books with 21 career shutouts.

"Winning the Jack Blake Award is the biggest accomplishment one can receive, apart from winning a national championship," Frasca said.

"It felt phenomenal (to win)."

Frasca played the majority of his time at SIUE under the leadership of former soccer Head Coach Ed Huneke.

Frasca was unable to give much of a speech due to an untimely loss of his voice, but thanks to his goalkeeper coach, Brian Jones, he was able to speak about his two former head coaches.

"Ed (Huneke) and Kalish

I did."

The Student-Athlete Award and the 12th Man Award were also presented at the event. Senior Tim Weir received the Student-Athlete Award due to his outstanding performance as a Cougar soccer player and his 3.83 GPA.

Tim Kelly, father of former SIUE goalkeeper from 2004 to 2006, Pat Kelly, won the 12th Man Award for his generous contributions of time and money to the SIUE soccer program.

Another highlight of the evening was the honoring of all the soccer seniors who have played their final game as a Cougar.

The seniors included Bigogno, Frasca, Matt Harris, Tim Lindsay, Bob Ridder and Weir.

A few hopeful recruits were even scattered among the crowd on Friday, and Kalish is not only pleased with last season, but excited about the future of SIUE soccer.

"This is an exciting time to be a Cougar," Kalish said. "There are new buildings popping up everywhere, and the SIUE soccer family is stronger than ever. 2009 will be a successful season."

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"This is an exciting time to be a Cougar ... 2009 will be a successful season."

-Kevin Kalish,
SIUE soccer Head Coach

created an environment where anyone can achieve anything," Frasca said.

Other honors awarded at the banquet included the Newcomer of the Year and Most Valuable Player, both of which were won by senior midfielder Nick Bigogno.

"I was not expecting to win it, but it felt great to know the players and coaches felt that way," Bigogno said. "I only had one year to prove to the program that I could play, and

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Panthers pounce Cougars, season record now 2-3

Alestle Staff Report

The SIUE men's tennis team lost to the Eastern Illinois University Panthers 6-1 on Saturday at the YMCA Meyer Center.

In singles play, SIUE sophomore Paulo Gonzalez defeated Eastern Illinois's Jeff Rutherford 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

However, the Cougars lost all of their other singles matches for the day. The loss dropped the

junior Rob Young and senior Cole Garrison beat the EIU team of Matyas Hilgert and Jordan Nestrud 8-5, but EIU received the doubles point due to their victories in the number one and three matches.

"We took care of ourselves in our match and had pretty good chemistry," Young said. "Cole (Garrison) and I both returned the ball pretty well."

In other doubles matches, the SIUE team of Gonzalez and sophomore Michael Chamberlin lost to the Panther team of Rutherford and Vuk Milicevic 8-4.

The EIU team of Drew Grimaldi and Jamie Firth defeated SIUE's freshmen Morten Christensen and Pete Wilson 8-5.

During singles play, EIU's Nestrud defeated SIUE's Young 6-3, 6-2. Milicevic rolled over Garrison 6-2, 6-1, Hilgert edged out Chamberlin 7-5, 6-4, Firth handled Devon Faulkenberg 6-4, 6-1, and Grimaldi beat Jordan Faulkenberg 6-4, 6-0.

Despite the loss, the SIUE team has not lost any confidence in their goals and what they feel can be accomplished. Eastern Illinois will be a future opponent in the Ohio Valley Conference and is an established Division I program.

"It was a good effort on our part," Young said. "A lot of matches were closer than scores indicated, and we haven't lost any confidence."

SIUE's next opponent, Bradley University, is a familiar opponent.

"We've seen Bradley before, and we will be pretty pumped," Young said.

Gonzalez said he believes the team is really finding its way and sees SIUE as a tough opponent for all of their upcoming matches.

"Improvement is easy to spot in every match we play," Gonzalez said. "Little by little, we will get there."

The Cougars will take on Bradley at 5 p.m. on Saturday in Peoria.



Hunter Creel/Alestle
Sophomores Paulo Gonzalez (left) and Michael Chamberlain (right) in an 8-4 doubles loss to Eastern Illinois University on Saturday.

Cougars' record on the season to 2-3.

"I felt good about my match yesterday, but there is still a lot of work to be done," Gonzalez said. "I thank my coaches and assistant coaches for believing in me."

In doubles competition, the SIUE team of

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Women's tennis rolls Valparaiso University

Alestle Staff Report

The SIUE women's tennis team defeated Valparaiso University on Saturday 5-2 at the YMCA Meyer Center.

The Cougars were led by sophomore Laura Horning's 6-3, 6-4 victory over Valparaiso's Molly Kiefer and junior Kelsey Laird's 6-3, 6-1 win over Jenny Schwartz.

In other singles action, Valparaiso's Kim Sajevec defeated SIUE's freshman Maggie Boeckman 6-3, 6-4. The Cougars' Ali Wulfers defeated Christine Androbus 6-1, 6-3. Katie Bilyeu of Valparaiso bested SIUE's Stephanie Clark 2-6, 7-5, 10-5. Amanda Neibur of SIUE defeated Valparaiso's Stephanie York 6-3, 6-0.

In the doubles matches, Boeckman and Laird defeated Kiefer and Schwartz 8-5. Horning and Wulfers defeated Sajevec and Julie Wingstrom 8-2. Clark and Neibur defeated Bilyeu and York 8-4.

The Cougars' next match will take place at 2 p.m. on Feb. 13 when they travel to Ft. Wayne, Ind., to take on Robert Morris College.

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Hunter Creel/Alestle
Freshman Maggie Boeckman serving in her 6-3, 6-4 loss to Valparaiso University's Kim Sajevec on Saturday.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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