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Alcohol-related car crash claims two SIUE alumni

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Managing Editor

Two SIUE alumni and their unborn child died Saturday in a three-car accident caused by a man suspected of drunk driving on Route 111.

Illinois State Trooper Evan Coates of District 11 in Collinsville said Adam W. Zimmer, 26, and Lindsey Arnold-Zimmer, 24, both of Granite City, died at the scene of the accident, along with their five-month-old unborn child. The couple was married June 2008.

Coates said Donald W. Canterbury, 56, also from Granite City, was driving in a Corvette and rammed the Zimmers' vehicle at approximately 4:20 p.m. while traveling southbound on Illinois Route 111. Arnold-Zimmer then lost control of the vehicle and drifted into the northbound lane.

Tiffany R. Orgara, 27, of Granite City, was driving a Chevrolet truck that collided with Arnold-Zimmer's vehicle head-on.

Coates said Canterbury and Orgara are being charged with DUI, and Canterbury is also being charged with reckless homicide.

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Commencement weekend expands to two-day schedule

by Megan McClure
Alestle Senior Editor

An increased number of additional graduates and the first graduating class of the SIUE School of Pharmacy have prompted university officials to revise the traditional commencement weekend schedule for spring 2009.

To accommodate the increased number of schools graduating, the university will offer four commencement ceremonies over a span of two days. May commencement weekends in recent years have included three Saturday ceremonies.

According to Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Scott Belobrajdic, university officials researched commencement schedules at similar-sized universities to aid in their decision-making process. Belobrajdic explained that many of the schools researched had commencement events spread throughout an entire week.

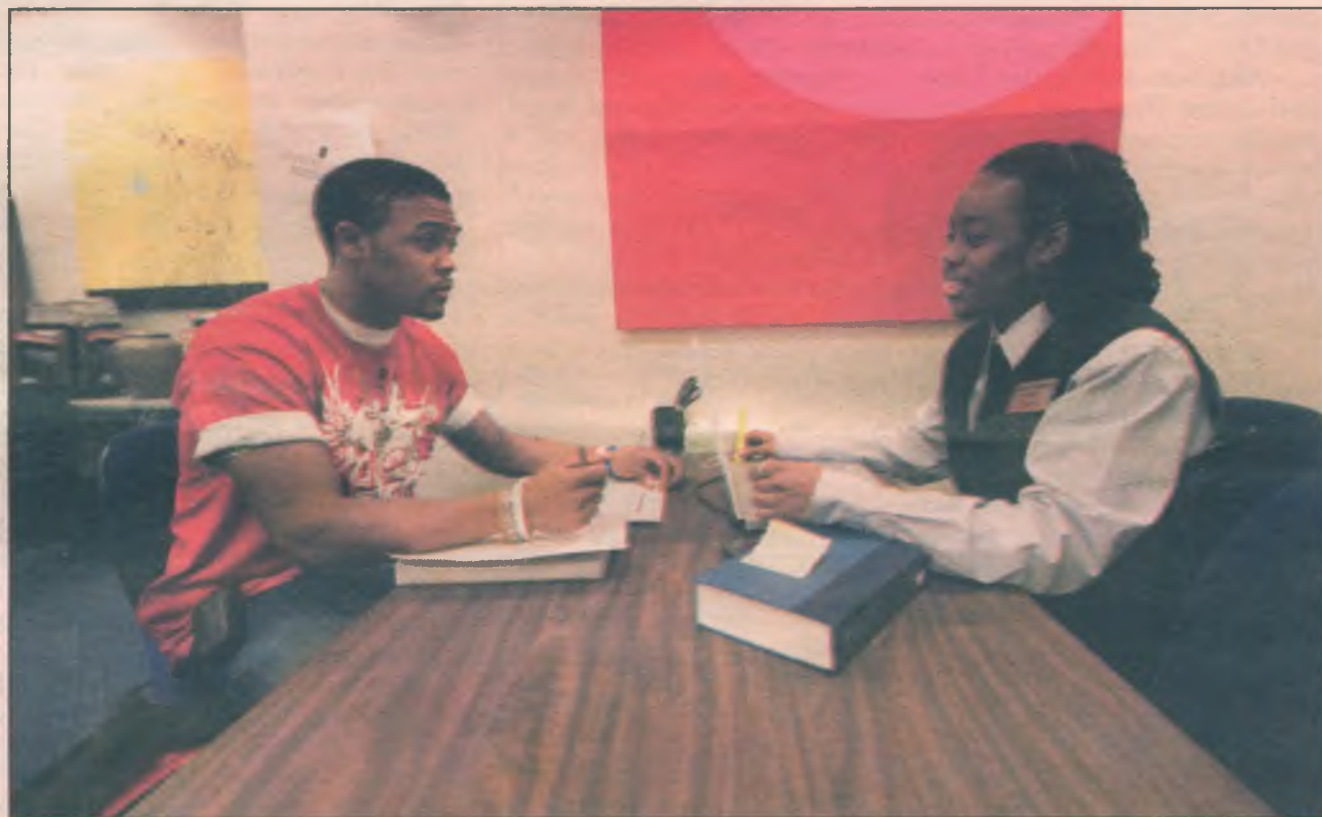
"We think we're transitioning to something kind of like that," he said. "It's a first step."

In this semester's schedule, the School of Nursing and School of Business will host the first ceremony at 7 p.m. May 8.

The following day, May 9, the School of Education ceremony will take place at 9 a.m., while College of Arts and Sciences undergraduates will receive their diplomas at 1 p.m.

The final ceremony, including the School of Pharmacy, School of Engineering and graduate students from the College of Arts and Sciences, will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 9. All ceremonies will be in the Vadalabene Center.

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Freshman social work major Ryan Hill from Round Lake Beach and senior speech communications major Reshod Robinson from Anchorage, Alaska, do their homework together at a study session for the group Retention of African American Males.

Stay in school

Student organization works toward raising SIUE's retention rate

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Reporter

The student organization Retention of African-American Males is putting its best efforts in to raise the retention rate of SIUE students, particularly those of black men.

RAM has been organizing events and seminars geared toward raising the retention rate of black men since 2000, according to Reshod Robinson, senior speech communications major and RAM president.

According to Scott Belobrajdic, vice chancellor of Enrollment Management, SIUE's retention rate of black men has fluctuated between 2002 and 2007, with its highest percentage at 74 and lowest at 65 percent. Black women have a retention rate varying between 78 percent and 62 percent.

Belobrajdic said while the SIUE retention rate is a little higher than the national dropout rate, SIUE makes a conscious effort to retain students until they receive their degrees.

"Our goal is to recruit people who graduate," Belobrajdic said. "We're always looking to improve (the retention rate)."

Belobrajdic said the three top reasons students leave SIUE for another institution or drop out entirely are personal reasons, a change in program study or financial issues. To combat these reasons, the university is

trying to offer a broader range of course availability and to make students feel welcome and engaged while attending SIUE.

"Retention is a university-wide effort," Belobrajdic said.

While the university is offering solutions to student dropout rates, campus organizations are also helping raise the retention rate.

Robinson said RAM is a way for underrepresented students to stay motivated in college through study halls, workshops and social events. The difference between RAM and other campus organizations is members can attend tutoring sessions and study halls on a voluntary basis.

"We have the advantage of having students who actually want to be there," Robinson said.

For the past six years, RAM has produced a fashion show called Cool Outrageous Lovers of Uniquely Raw Style, or COLURS, to help their members put their skills from the classroom to use. There are committees for parts of the event such as financial committees run by accounting students, a publicity committee run by public relations students and an advertising committee made up of mass communications students, Robinson said.

According to Robinson, RAM is not just for the benefit of college students, but also for the benefit of future college students. In RAM's

annual program called Shadow Day, each RAM member is given two to three East St. Louis high school or junior high students to sponsor for a day. The sponsor will take his students to class with them for experience and insight into the differences between college and junior and high school classrooms.

After the classes are finished, the sponsor escorts their shadows to the building of their area of interest and introduces them to faculty members in that department. At this point shadows can ask questions about the program.

The day ends with a tour of the campus and an assembly in the Center for Spirituality & Sustainability to discuss what students did with their sponsors.

Robinson said RAM hopes to educate the junior high and high school students about their fast approaching futures.

"It's our way of letting them know college is not as far off as you think," Robinson said.

Robinson said students' backgrounds can contribute to student dropout rates, and students with backgrounds with limited finances or with parents who did not attend college can leave students without the option to stay in school. Robinson said the Shadow Day program works to inspire the junior high and high school students to ignore those obstacles and strive to attend and succeed at a

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university.

"A lot of (RAM members) in the program come from similar situations as the kids like single parent homes," Robinson said. "We're trying to motivate them to not give up. Just because (their parents) didn't do it shouldn't deter you."

Aside from Shadow Day, RAM also offers study help, résumé building seminars and community service opportunities to help build character. They also hold proper interview etiquette workshops to provide tips like mimicking the behavior of the interviewer to appear more comfortable.

In 2003, RAM opened its doors to all underrepresented students, not just black males. This summer, Robinson said, the organization plans to change its name to recognize the other ethnicities and genders in the organization. Among the options are Retention of African

American Masses and the Retention of African American People, Robinson said.

According to Robinson, although the organization is currently named Retention of African American Males, they "do not segregate against any genders or races on campus."

Robinson said RAM hopes to keep students in college and propel them toward their degree and a career.

"It's a great way to network," Robinson said. "We work together for the same common goal."

For more information on RAM, contact the Student Opportunities for Academic Results office in Peck Hall, Room 1313.

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During last year's remodeling of the Vadalabene Center, officials explored options outside of the Edwardsville campus.

"We looked at a lot of off-campus venues last year, and none of them are suitable for us, especially on this side of the river," Belobrajdic said.

According to Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn, the remodeling project resulted in decreased seating availability, but the number remains "in the same ballpark." With a change in venue not possible, Belobrajdic said the two remaining options were to limit attendance or host more events, so officials sided with the latter.

"At this point, we're still resisting the idea of tickets," he said.

School of Pharmacy students will participate in a private hooding ceremony at 11 a.m. before their 5 p.m. commencement. Tessa Keys, academic adviser for the School of Pharmacy, estimated that most, if not all, of the class's 80 students would participate.

"Because they were our first class, they tend to be very involved," Keys said.

Belobrajdic said a nursing-pharmacy commencement had

been discussed, but did not come to fruition.

"Why it went away, I don't know specifically," he said.

In addition to the Friday evening commencement, the School of Nursing's convocation ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. that afternoon.

Caitlyn Knight, a senior nursing major from Moweaqua, said many of her classmates had "mixed emotions" about the School of Nursing ceremonies being on Friday. Among the factors she cited was the issue of families having already made plans to come on Saturday.

"I think the biggest frustration with the whole situation is that it has to start so early on a Friday afternoon," Knight, the School of Nursing senior class president, said.

For senior business student Jamie Baker, the date change came as a welcomed surprise, as she can now attend a friend's wedding scheduled on Saturday.

"For the most part, it's personally convenient," Baker said, "but I'm also excited to graduate a day early."

Although the College of Arts and Sciences will have its

own ceremony as in years past, CAS graduate students are being moved to the final Saturday ceremony.

"That's the ceremony pushing the bounds of the facility, even on their own," Belobrajdic said.

The School of Engineering typically hosts a reception following commencement, explained Associate Dean Oktay Alkin. However, with the ceremony scheduled for 5 p.m., the reception may be moved to an earlier time.

The SIUE School of Dental Medicine traditionally organizes its own separate commencement ceremony, as is the case this year.

Students planning to walk in graduation ceremonies must pick up their academic regalia from the University Bookstore beginning April 6. Pre-orders are available online. Orders must be placed and paid for by April 24.

For more information, visit the commencement Web site at www.siu.edu/commencement.

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Assistant director of dining services Dennis Wobbe and Morris University Center director Joseph Pearson meet with the Student Senate Feb. 20 to discuss the openings of the Student Success Center and the University Bookstore.

Student Senate discusses building openings

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Reporter

Student Government discussed changes to the Morris University Center, including the future Student Success Center and the closing and reopening of the University Bookstore and a new dining services staff member at its meeting Friday.

Joseph Pearson, director of the Morris University Center, discussed the University Bookstore's closing, Feb. 25 through March 7, and reopening, March 16. Pearson encouraged students who need to order materials from the bookstore to do so online while the bookstore is closed. Pearson also said anyone with feedback for the bookstore should provide it either on the bookstore Web site or on comment cards provided in the store.

"I think you and your fellow students will be pleased with what we have," Pearson said. "We are going to be offering new products. We've had a lot of good response to the new items we've brought into the store."

Wobbe has spent much of his career as a chef and has been cooking since the age of 15. He has a degree in food service management and would like to implement new ideas in the dining area in the basement of the MUC as well as in the Student Success Center.

Student senators had the chance to speak with Dennis Wobbe, the new assistant director for SIUE Dining Services.

Wobbe said he plans on offering more food choices to attract students, including vegetarian food choices.

"Vegetarian options are available that students are not aware of," Wobbe said.

Wobbe said Dining Services will have an alternative to Starbucks in the form of Kaldi Coffee. Wobbe also plans to put in a grab-and-go line that will work better with student schedules if they do not have the time to sit down and eat. Senators suggested new areas on campus for grab-and-go centers, including the Engineering Building and Peck.

Ken Aud, community organizer for the United Congregations of Metro-East, was also a guest speaker at the Senate meeting.

Aud asked Student Government for their endorsement and support for health care reform. Aud works with 11 congregations on many issues in education, youth, housing, healthcare and others. He asked the Senate to help him in raising awareness about health care on campus, citing a need for affordable healthcare on college campuses. He said the issue of health care is a growing need on campus and spoke of the

inclusion of healthcare when he was a student in college.

"We have to be out there expressing what we want for a better country, a better community," Aud said.

The drafts for five new \$500 scholarships from Student Government for various areas of service within Student Government, the Kimmel Leadership Center and student organizations were reviewed, but tabled until the next meeting because parts of the scholarships needed to be rewritten.

The Student Senate approved three travel requests for the SIUE Print Council, the SIUE Chemistry Club and Wagner Potters Association. They also approved constitution reviews for the Men's Soccer Club and the American Advertising Federation.

Four new personnel appointments were approved for the Funding Review Subcommittee, the School Spirit and Pride Committee, the Teaching Excellence Award Committee and the External Affairs Committee with one removal from the External Affairs Committee.

The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. March 6 in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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Orgara's three passengers were treated for minor injuries.

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said Arnold-Zimmer graduated in May 2006 with a bachelor's in English, and Zimmer graduated May 2008 with a bachelor's in special education.

Arnold-Zimmer was a part

of Big Brothers Big Sisters and a member of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

William D. Arnold, Arnold-Zimmer's father, said the accident was a tragedy.

"It's a parent's worst nightmare," Arnold said.

Visitation for Arnold-Zimmer is Wednesday from 4 to

8 p.m. at the Irwin Chapel in Granite City. The funeral is at 11 p.m. on Thursday.

Services for Zimmer are pending.

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

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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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.

Saturday, February 28

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6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Conference Center,

Morris University Center

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Sponsored by African Student Association. Contact the MUC Information Center at 618.650.5555 for ticket information.



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The NCAA Division I Reclassification Work Group invites the University Community to an open forum

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SIUE sorority helps form chapter at Webster University

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Webster University sophomore Brooke Borgan never thought the sorority life could be for her until she met her boyfriend a Delta Upsilon member last summer.

After she saw the bonds of friendship and brotherhood between the members of the fraternity, she wanted the same. With a little help from the SIUE chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon, she helped establish the first sorority at Webster in the school's history.

"When I met all his friends I realized I wanted the same thing," Borgan said. "I never had a tight group of girlfriends and thought that a sorority would be the way for a tighter relationship with some girls."

Delta Upsilon was established last year at Webster, and there were no sororities on campus. Once her interest was peaked, it was a matter of going through the proper pipelines to get a sorority on her campus.

"The sorority process is complicated to start a new chapter," Borgan said. "The administration is the only one allowed to contact them."

After meeting with Sarah Tetley, the chapter's adviser and dean of campus activities on campus, the school contacted the National Panhellenic Conference, which is made up of 26 national sororities.

It was then up to the sororities to decide who would be interested in establishing a charter on the campus. Three sororities were chosen by the students at Webster to come speak.

"(Delta Phi Epsilon) blew us out of the water," Borgan said. "They were exactly what we were looking for, very personal and very intimate with only about 70 chapters."

Borgan said Delta Phi Epsilon emphasizes individuality, which is one of the qualities she said is imbedded in Webster culture.

SIUE's Delta Phi Epsilon adviser Kathy Deppe was one of the presenters when Webster was interviewing the different sororities. Deppe said the Delta Phi Epsilon motto, "Esse Quam Videri" or "To be rather than to seem to be," was one of the biggest selling points for the women on the campus.

"That is true for any (member)," Deppe said. "We are an organization where every sister brings their own unique qualities to the table, but they all hold the same values (at) heart."

Deppe said this was the first time SIUE had the chance to help

establish a Greek organization off its own campus. Deppe said the sorority is excited about having a chapter close by, as the next closest chapter of Delta Phi Epsilon is at the University of Illinois in Champaign.

"Delta Phi Epsilon just turned 10 years old, so it's great they had an opportunity to open a new chapter," Deppe said.

Deppe said there were about 20 women at Webster that were already in the interest group that wanted Delta Phi Epsilon to come to their campus.

"The reason that (Delta Phi Epsilon) was chosen to present, and ultimately the reason there is a colony there now, is that there was already an interest group at Webster," Deppe said. "They had already decided their values, and they almost mirrored (Delta Phi Epsilon's), so it was almost already decided that (Delta Phi Epsilon) was chosen to come."

After the Delta Phi Epsilon presentation, a group of SIUE Delta Phi Epsilon's met with the interest group at Webster. Borgan said she was impressed by the visiting sorority.

"They were so down to earth and so personable and personal and that really spoke loudly for them," Borgan said. "They were just really easy women to talk to. It was so important. They definitely made an impact for their organization, and they really represent their sorority well."

Samantha Nelson, senior special education major and SIUE Delta Phi Epsilon president, was one of the women that visited Webster.

"We went over the social events and some of the philanthropy that the sorority is involved with," Nelson said. "We helped relate to them."

A total of 45 women are required for a new charter, Borgan said, a feat she said she wasn't too worried about.

"We're up to about 22 girls now, but we haven't started our official recruitment yet, and we are planning that for mid-March," Borgan said.

Along with the recruitment, Borgan said the sorority will have a series of other criteria to meet before they are chartered. Borgan said she was still unsure about whether they will charter in May or the beginning of the next fall semester.

For further questions regarding Delta Phi Epsilon recruitment at SIUE or Webster, contact Samantha Nelson at samnells@siue.edu.

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Students should not pay for a Senator's education

Students already spend thousands of dollars on tuition, fees and housing. We shouldn't have to “bail out” their own elected student officials.

Drafts for five new \$500 scholarships through Student Government were presented at their last meeting, with Student Body President Dominique Majors as the catalyst for them. While some involved being active in student organizations and volunteering, one was suggested exclusively for a member of Student Government, the Student Senate or Campus Activities Board.

How would this be paid for? From the Student Government account, which derives its funds from the Student Welfare and Activity Fee.

While the \$500 scholarship would mean just a few cents per student, this fee is completely unjustified.

If this were to go through, Student Government and CAB would essentially award a nice chunk of change to one of their own.

If only everyone could award themselves

money by charging the student population as a whole. Unfortunately, the economy is in a sad shape, and students might not want to pony up for another fee.

Not that Student Government or CAB members are undeserving of scholarships. Many senators and executive board members have excelled at keeping students as their first priority when it comes to fees, legislation and campus life. They have the right to apply for the scholarships that they qualify for, like some of the other scholarships they are proposing that are available to many other students.

But by creating such an exclusive pool for this scholarship, it seems they would be dipping their hands into student fees for their own benefit.

Thankfully, the scholarship was tabled until the next Student Government meeting. Some, like Student Body Vice President Bryan Kress, said the money for this possible

scholarship shouldn't come from charging more student fees.

If it did come out of student fees, students should have the right to opt out of being charged for the Student Government and CAB self-gratifying scholarship. The Student-to-Student Grant, a \$6 fee, which appears on every student's bill, can be refunded to students upon request.

While many probably don't ask for this money back, the option is there. If students decide they don't want to give Student Government or CAB their table scraps, they can show their disdain to unnecessary fees by not shelling out their own money to their government.

The next Student Government meeting is March 6, when the scholarships will be addressed again. Student senators can be reached at 650-3820 and Majors at 650-3821.

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Baseball steroid era comes to a close, questions remain

Alex Rodriguez cheated and used steroids. Just in case the dead horse hadn't been beaten enough, I figured I would get my shot in, too. Unless you have been in a coma for the last couple weeks, you probably know more about what happened in Rodriguez's life from 2001 to 2003 than you do about what happened in your own life.

Let's get a few things out of the way first. Cheating is wrong, steroids are wrong and lying is wrong, especially if you're lying about cheating and steroids. Also, I am not an Rodriguez fan and could not particularly care about him as a person or his legacy. He is only mentioned in this column because of his current controversy and my opinions go for all of those accused of the same wrongdoings.

That being said, whether you agree with it or not, it is a fact that there was a culture in baseball during the turn of the century of rampant steroid use. The number of players using steroids is impossible to speculate and will never really be known. This was not a huge secret in Major League Baseball, yet for a long time nothing was done.

That was until players started hitting

homeruns like they were swinging metal bats in a little league park. Major League Baseball stepped in and the sport is now cleaner that it has been in a long time. However, people constantly want to visit the past and rake the latest star to be discovered over the coals until their legacy, career and sometimes freedom lay in ruins like a pile of ashes.

Steroid use should not be condoned, and as a fan, I am grateful to Major League Baseball for cleaning up the game, but the past is the past.

The steroid use was the culture, much like casual drug use in the 60s and 70s. Are we going to chase every senator and CEO that smoked a joint in their neighbor's garage and call into question their integrity?

There has been talk of removing Rodriguez's statistics from his years in Texas when he used steroids. Sounds good, but what about the hits and homeruns that were obtained off of pitchers also on steroids? Doesn't that even the field? What if Rodriguez

would have hit a homerun off of Roger Clemens at this time? Would that count?

If we are going to take his homeruns, shouldn't we take away everyone's homeruns that were using steroids? There were so many people using steroids during this time that it is impossible to right the enormous wrong that took place.

Unless punishment can be doled out fairly, then nothing should be done at all. If Rodriguez's “anonymous” test results were leaked, everyone's should be leaked. If Rodriguez's stats are going to suffer, then every player that used steroids stats should suffer, and since there is no way of knowing everyone, then nothing should be done.

There will forever be an asterisk on this era in baseball, but it is impossible to completely correct. Accept it for what it is: a dark period in baseball that we will never get back. Let's focus on the present and put more emphasis on ensuring the future of the game than trying to correct the past.

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Flying high and labeling others

Dance majors take senior assignments to new heights

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Correspondent

When senior dance major Janelle Richardson of Caseyville chose a concept for her senior dance project, she decided the best place to practice was the rock climbing gym in the Student Fitness Center.

Richardson said aerial dance is a part of visual theater performance and is becoming a more popular form of dance.

"My inspiration came from being in an aerial piece and then seeing one," Richardson said. "Without the support and guidance of the staff in the climbing gym, my vision for my senior project would not be possible."

Richardson uses aerial work as an exploration of movement in the vertical dimension. She was first introduced to aerial works in dance in 2007 when she performed in a piece that was a part of the student dance concert.

Richardson traveled to London in the summer of 2008 and saw a performance using aerial works. Richardson and her dancers have been using the rock climbing gym in the SFC to practice repelling off the walls.

Richardson has been dancing for the past 13 years and said she hopes to keep dancing after she graduates, but said if it is not possible, dancing will always be a part of her life, if only as a hobby.

Senior dance and mass communications major Emily Taul will also showcase her project in the student dance concert. Taul has been dancing since the age of 3 and has experience in choreographing as an underclassman. Taul said she will incorporate both of her majors into her project theme. Her dance concept is based on words and labels.

"I am trying to get the message across on how we label people," Taul said. "I am trying to bring awareness on how we communicate simple terms and make them more complex."

Each year, seniors in the theater and dance



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

(left to right) Junior dance major Deanna Helton, sophomore kinesiology major Rachel Breuer, sophomore dance major Lindsey Wolf and senior marketing major Emily Heitzig practice Thursday night for senior dance and mass communications major Emily Taul's senior assignment. The dance is called "Branded" and is meant to show how people label one another.

department are assigned a senior project, incorporating what they have learned into a dance concept that will be performed during the student dance concert each year, Taul said.

Sophomore kinesiology major Rachel Breuer of Hazelwood, Mo., is a part of both Richardson and Taul's dance pieces. Breuer has been dancing since she was 5 and has been involved in a lot of dance competitions. Breuer described both pieces as modern dance and said she is enjoying practicing for both of these pieces.

"I never thought of doing (dance) as a career," Breuer said. "I needed something more stable. I dance to meet people and make new friends."

The dance pieces will be performed as part of the Student Dance Concert in the Metcalf Theater from April 15 through 19. For more information on tickets, contact the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

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'Vagina Monologues' raises awareness of domestic abuse

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

As numerous people took the stage, the monologues recited by each moved the audience to laughter at a woman's vagina being "pissed off" and then the atmosphere changed, leaving the crowd in a solemn mood.

"The Vagina Monologues" was performed from Friday to Sunday in the Abbott Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library.

After four years of missing out, senior English and theater performance major Mandi Oefelein finally had a chance to perform in the production of "The Vagina Monologues."

Taking part in numerous monologues, Oefelein spoke on topics ranging from the colloquial use of the word "c—" to statistics on violent crimes against women.

"I wasn't initially in the monologue, but one of the girls didn't work out, and I said, 'wait a minute, I speak French,'" Oefelein said. "So I got the part."

Oefelein said she wanted to be involved in the monologues before, but because of her busy schedule, never had a chance to audition.

The production has been performed at SIUE for six years. According to junior

mass communications major and show Director Elizabeth VanWinkle, the production was previously headed by the student feminist organization Making Waves.

"The Vagina Monologues" was originally written by Eve Ensler 11 years ago, VanWinkle said. Because of the play's popularity, it inspired the V-Day movement, a global movement dedicated to stopping violence against women.

VanWinkle said "The Vagina Monologues" is set up in a way so that its production is inexpensive.

"It's a really funny play and cheap to put on because Ensler made the rights to the play open to anyone. She just wants to spread the word," VanWinkle said. "It's a good way to raise funds to end violence against women."

VanWinkle, a member of Making Waves, traveled with the group to see the national "Vagina Monologues" in New Orleans last year for its 10 year anniversary.

VanWinkle said after this trip, she decided to direct "The Vagina Monologues."

"Making Waves was having some funding issues with the performance, and it looked like they might not have been able to put on the show," VanWinkle said. "Since I was already the president of the Gay Straight Alliance, (I) said that we would do it."

Sophomore speech communications major Andrew Davis performed one of the more serious

monologues for the performance, about a transgendered person's trials and tribulations throughout their life.

Davis said he has done drag for a few years and thought the monologues would be a reason to do drag for a good cause.

"I asked Liz if I could do this one, and she said that there wasn't any other person that could do (the monologue)," Davis said. "I think it went pretty well."

Davis said he was a little disconcerted by the fact that the audience laughed at some of the more serious portions of the performance, such as during his hormone shots.

**"People should know
that feminism is not
just about not shaving
your armpits."**

- Krystan Camille Giltner,
performer

Another performer in the monologues was SIUE Dining Services employee Krystan Camille Giltner. Giltner said she saw the performance for the first time five years ago and fell in love with it.

"I knew a few of the people involved, and I was very afraid because I have crippling stage fright," Giltner said. "But I showed up anyway, and Liz (VanWinkle) asked me if I wanted to perform."

Giltner said the biggest draw for her was the show's frankness.

"Up until now I've never been involved, but even watching the show is liberating," Giltner said.

Giltner stressed the show is not for women alone.

"People should know that feminism is not just about not shaving your armpits," Giltner said. "People should look up the word feminism in the dictionary. I abhor all of the misconceptions surrounding the word."

Oefelein said SIUE's performances of "The Vagina Monologues" raised more than \$2,000 for women's shelters and programs dedicated to ending violence against women, such as the Phoenix Women's Shelter, Call for Help and The Oasis Women's Shelter.

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Bulls, guitars and Woodstock

This year's Souldard Mardi Gras' Parade of History, featured floats from the 1904 World's Fair, to Mark Anthony and Cleopatra, to the 40th Anniversary of Woodstock and more.

Each year, Souldard hosts a Mardi Gras festival which includes the parade and other events. This year's

Mardi Gras festival began in early January and ran until Tuesday.

Event's this year included Twelfth Night, a poker ride, a carnival, a wine tasting, a cook-off, and ended Tuesday with the Lumiere Place Fat Tuesday parade.

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"The Mystic Knights of the Purple Haze," celebrates the musical works of Jimi Hendrix, Rick James and other rock legends.



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The float, "I want my MTV" featured some of MTV's greatest stars.

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Coyotes pounce Cougars in Dakota Dome

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle Sports Correspondent

The University of South Dakota evened the season series at 1-1 with the Cougars on Saturday after beating them 107-73.

In their first meeting on Feb. 7, at the grand re-opening of the Vadalabene Center, the Cougars rallied a comeback against the Coyotes and beat them 73-68.

Junior guard Aamir McCleary led all SIUE scorers on Saturday with 19 points on 6-13 shooting from the floor and three three-pointers.

"The shots Aamir (McCleary) got were because his teammates helped him to get open, but he was also able to create his own," SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said.

Junior guard Barry Wellington contributed 15 points and seven rebounds for

the Cougars, and freshman guard Aaron Garriot added 10 points off the bench.

South Dakota out-rebounded SIUE 52-29 in the game and allowed SIUE to shoot 37 percent from the floor.

"They made their shots and dominated us both inside and outside in both halves," Forrester said. "I have to give them credit because they played good defense as well."

South Dakota's Mitch Begeman led the team in scoring with 19 points, 15 of which came from behind the three-point line. Tyler Cain and Roman Gentry each grabbed nine rebounds for South Dakota in the game.

"They really tried to pound the ball inside to Cain, and he was producing for them," SIUE freshman forward Mark Yelovich said. "We tried some new things in the second half

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SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester drawing up a play for the Cougars in a team huddle against the University of South Dakota in the Vadalabene Center on Feb. 7.

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Track and field continues to succeed

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE senior Coreen Ellis, junior Eric Mammoser and freshman Dana Fischer all broke SIUE records this weekend in an impressive performance by the Cougars at the Missouri Collegiate Challenge.

Ellis broke yet another university record to add to her collegiate résumé, becoming the first Cougar to break the three-minute barrier in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2 minutes 58.79 seconds, a time good enough to land her second place. The previous record was held by Colleen Casey, who ran in the Olympic trials for the marathon in 2008.

Mammoser and Fischer both broke university records in the pole vault. Mammoser received second place at the Collegiate Challenge with a

jump of 16 feet 1 1/4 inches, breaking the old university record by half of an inch.

Fischer landed a jump of 10 feet 1/2 inches, beating Sarah Turpin's old record and getting her fourth place in the event.

Along with the record-breaking performances by those three athletes, SIUE had multiple finishes in the top three spots, including two first place finishes by juniors Marcus Evans and Megan Dennis.

Evans won the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.746 seconds, and Dennis won the triple jump event with a distance of 38 feet 9 3/4 inches.

The Cougars will close out their indoor season Feb. 28 to March 1 at the U.S. Indoor Championships in Boston, Mass.

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Softball falls in final match of tournament, 2-0

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle Sports Correspondent

The SIUE softball team traveled to Mississippi State University for tournament play and earned the runner-up position after splitting four games during the weekend and losing to host MSU in the championship game.

The Cougars defeated the University of Evansville, 9-1, in five innings in the opening game of the tournament on Friday.

Sophomore pitcher Erika Taylor gave up one hit over four innings of work for the Cougars and one earned run with one walk and three strikeouts.

"Evansville is a Missouri Valley Conference team, and we knew we had to come out and not make mistakes," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We came out focused and got the job done."

Senior outfielder Nicole Beecher, freshman first baseman Whitney Davis and senior second baseman Lindsay Longfellow each had two hits for SIUE, and Davis also had four RBIs in the game. Longfellow knocked in two runs and junior third baseman Lauren Zembruski scored three times for SIUE.

"Our pitchers just threw

great for us, and we were able to make adjustments at the plate," Zembruski said.

In the second game, SIUE took on Rutgers University and won by a score of 8-0 in five innings of play.

SIUE senior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo pitched all five innings and gave up three hits with no runs and no walks and three strikeouts.

Zembruski, Beecher and Longfellow each had two hits in the game for SIUE with Zembruski and junior outfielder Chaleen Rumpf each knocking in two runs for the Cougars.

"I wasn't sure if we matched up really well with Rutgers, but Kaitlin (Colosimo) pitched a great game for us," Montgomery said.

SIUE was able to score four runs in the second inning after Rumpf hit a two run homer and Zembruski's RBI double.

In the third game of the tournament, SIUE took on host Mississippi State University and was defeated by the score of 3-0.

Mississippi State scored two runs in the first inning off of Taylor and added another in the sixth inning.

Taylor threw six innings, giving up three earned runs on

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	Name	Event	Results
1st	Megan Dennis	Triple jump	38 feet 9 3/4 inches
	Evan Marcus	400-meter dash	49.746 seconds
2nd	Kayla Brown	1-mile run	5 minutes 11.47 seconds
	Scott Block	Shot put	56 feet 7 1/4 inches
	Scott Block	Weight throw	60 feet 1/4 inch
	Kyle Cameron	1-mile run	4 minutes 26.20 seconds
	Coreen Ellis	1,000-meter run	2 minutes 58.79 seconds**
	Sean Gosewich	3,000-meter run	9 minutes 11.80 seconds
	Eric Mammoser	Pole vault	16 feet 1 1/4 inches**
	Andrew Thierry	Triple jump	44 feet 3 1/2 inches
3rd	Marc Amarillas	1-mile run	4 minutes 28.10 seconds
	Tony Bowman	60-meter dash	7.01 seconds
	Tony Bowman	400-meter dash	50.60 seconds
	Kayla Brown	1,000-meter run	3 minutes 2.85 seconds
	Andrew Thierry	Long jump	21 feet 1 1/4 inches
	Steve Werths	3,000-meter run	9 minutes 13.18 seconds
(4th)	Dana Fischer	Pole vault	10 feet 1/2 inch** (** School Record)

SIUE baseball drops three in a row at Upstate Tourney

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said missed opportunities was one of the reasons why the Cougars dropped three consecutive decisions in the University of South Carolina Upstate Tournament this weekend.

Sunday morning's game featured the Cougars facing off against the George Mason University Patriots.

Things looked promising at the start, as SIUE led 5-2 after two innings. Patriot starting pitcher Kevin Crum was no match for the Cougars' bats as he was ripped into giving up five runs on eight hits in two innings.

George Mason, who had not trailed all year leading up to Sunday's contest, changed the momentum of the game with a five-run eighth inning that was capped off by freshman outfielder Dan Schafferman's triple, allowing three Patriots to cross the plate.

The Cougars clawed their way back late into the game after junior outfielder Brent Rynearson hit an RBI single. But George Mason junior pitcher Ryan Brecko denied SIUE their first victory as a Division I program after he struck out freshman infielder Mitch Matecki to end the game, 7-6. George Mason is now 4-0 on the season.

"We have to know how to finish games," Collins said. "(Sunday's) game was better pitching wise, but a few missed plays here and there hurt us."

Senior pitcher Andrew Beatty started for the

Cougars and struck out three and surrendered four hits in five innings. Freshman pitcher Dustin Quattrochi took the loss for SIUE.

Tournament host, USC, put the Cougars away on Saturday with a 15-5 victory.

SIUE kept the game close early on. The USC Spartans led 7-5 after three innings, but the Cougars could not produce any more runs in the last six innings and a four-run seventh inning put the game out of reach.

Junior pitcher Spencer Patton took the loss for SIUE, giving up seven runs in 2 and 3/4 innings of pitching.

"It was a bunch of little things that hurt us,"

-Andrew Beatty, senior pitcher

Sophomore infielder Mike Hurt and senior second baseman Chilos Norris led the Cougars offensively against USC Upstate with two hits apiece. Hurt had two RBI's for SIUE.

Both SIUE and USC Upstate left 12 runners stranded in Saturday's game.

"It was a bunch of little things that hurt us," Beatty said. "We hit very well overall for our first few games of the season, but we did not capitalize when we had runners in scoring position."

The Cougars mounted an impressive comeback against Wofford College in Friday's game marked with a five-run ninth inning, but fell short, losing 11-10 to the Terriers.

Senior pitcher Scott Summers earned the win for Wofford, striking out eight and allowing six hits in six innings.

Junior pitcher Luke Vine was named the starter for SIUE's inaugural D-I contest. Vine was

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SIUE women's basketball allows 94 points in loss

Alestle Staff Report

Senior forward Jessie Stapleton's career-high 22-point game was not enough to beat the spread in Saturday's 94-61 loss to the University of South Dakota.

Stapleton finished the night with a double-double and was the only Cougar to finish in double figures in scoring for SIUE.

"She was very aggressive from the beginning of the game on," SIUE Head Coach Amanda Levens said. "She was able to knock down some threes for us."

South Dakota's 94 points is the most SIUE has allowed all season.

The Cougars shot 35 percent from the floor for the game and 20 percent from the three-point line. The Cougars made 18-28 from the free throw line.

Bridget Yoerger scored 20 points for South Dakota while shooting 5-7 from the field and 10-14 from the free throw line.

As a team, South Dakota shot 53 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the three-point line.

"We had too many breakdowns defensively, and they shoot the ball extremely well as a team," Levens said.

The Cougars were out-rebounded by South Dakota 39-33, with Yoerger grabbing nine

and Ashley Wiemann grabbing seven.

Stapleton was SIUE's leading rebounder for the game as well with 10 and senior forward Jenny Wuest contributed six boards.

The Cougar loss set the regular season record at 5-21.

SIUE will travel to Houston Baptist University next for a 7:05 p.m. game on Feb. 27 in Houston.

The Cougars then close out their season with two final games, both at home, against the University of North Dakota and the University of South Dakota on March 1 and 3, respectively.

The game against North Dakota is the first half of a double header, beginning at 1 p.m., with the SIUE men's basketball team following at 3 p.m.

The season ending game against USD is set to tip-off at 7 p.m.

To see the results of the men and women's basketball teams from Thursday night's game against the University of North Dakota, go online at www.alestlelive.com for game coverage and much more.

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but we just dug too big of a hole."

South Dakota shot 50 percent for the game from the floor and 45 percent from beyond the three-point line. They also shot 81 percent from the free throw line, going 26-32.

"We played a lot better and had a bunch of guys get good shots and were very fortunate to get a good turnaround," South Dakota Head Coach Dave Boots said. "It was kind of a surprise this game was that much different from the last one."

During the road trip, SIUE first traveled to the University of North Dakota for the Thursday night game (see Sports Briefs for

details) and then traveled to South Dakota for the Saturday game.

"I feel more than anything that we may have really caught them on an off night," Boots said. "I thought maybe it showed a little bit during the game."

SIUE will take another trip to North Dakota on March 7 for their season ending appearance in the North Dakota Tourney in Grand Folks, N.D.

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

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seven hits with no walks and nine strikeouts.

Lindsey Dunlap pitched all seven innings for Mississippi State, giving up two hits with no runs or walks and nine strikeouts.

"Mississippi State is the best team we have faced all season, and they will be in the top 25 rankings for most of this season," Montgomery said.

Beecher had both hits for SIUE, going 2-3 in the game. The Cougars left four runners on base in the game.

"Our pitchers mixed speeds very well and hit their spots," Mississippi State Head Coach Jay Miller said. "We never really got into too much trouble in either game."

Miller, in addition to coaching MSU, was recently announced as the head coach for the USA Softball Women's National team for their upcoming season.

In the tournament championship game, SIUE again took on Mississippi State, this time falling by a score of 2-0.

Colosimo threw six innings for SIUE and gave up two earned

runs on four hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

Kelsey Nurnberg threw five innings for Mississippi State and allowed no runs on three hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

Senior outfielder Courtney Mall had two of the Cougars' three hits in the game and Zembruski picked up the only other SIUE base hit.

"I was really very pleased with the way our pitchers threw the whole tournament, and we were able to make some nice defensive plays," Miller said.

Chelsea Bramlett, who was later named the tournament Most Valuable Player, was 2-2 in the game and scored both runs for Mississippi State.

"(Bramlett) is absolutely the best player in the country at her position," Montgomery said. "After her first step, she is at full speed and she can absolutely fly."

SIUE will travel to the University of Missouri next to play in a double header at 2 p.m. on March 4.

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marked with the loss after giving up four runs in 2 and 1/3 innings.

The Cougars trailed 8-2 after three innings, but refused to die after adding two runs in the fifth inning and six more in the last two.

Hurt was named to the All-Tournament team after posting a .615 batting average highlighted with six RBI's and four runs over SIUE's three games.

"Mike (Hurt) had a great weekend," Collins said. "He stepped up for us both offensively and defensively."

Hurt, of Springfield, said his first three games in Cougar uniform were memorable.

"This weekend was a big step from junior college," Hurt said. "Making the All-Tournament team means a lot to me."

The Cougars will seek their first win as a D-I program when they travel to Jonesboro, Ark., to take on Arkansas State University for a three-game series next weekend.

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