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Investigation continues in Cougar Village attack

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by Sydney Elliot Alestle A&E Editor

The investigation of an attack on a Cougar Village resident in her apartment Monday is still ongoing, according to SIUE Police Sgt. Dan Reed.

The resident, whose name is not being disclosed, arrived in her Cougar Village apartment that afternoon to find a man standing in her bedroom, according to SIUE Police Sgt. Justin Lieberman. The man struck the resident on the back of the

head, and she was rendered unconscious. When the resident regained consciousness, the suspect was gone, and she called the SIUE Police. Cougar Village residents were notified of the attack

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through an SIUE e-mail crime alert Monday night. Reed said there was no reported forced entry into the apartment, and he could not disclose whether or not the resident had reported if the door of her apartment was left unlocked. Reed said nothing was reported as stolen from the

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Reed said the resident has given no indication she knew the man who attacked her, and she has been moved to another location on campus.

Reed said the crime alert was sent to residents as soon as it was properly approved and sending out an e-Lert to campus may not have been an option.

"At the time we were investigating the case," Reed said, "sending out the e-Lert would not have been feasible to do at that particular time until we got the

investigation under control."

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Although a crime alert was sent to Cougar Village residents, some students said they thought the entire campus should have been made aware of the attack

Freshman biomedical major Daniel Patel from Chicago, who lives in Woodland Hall, said the police should have told the entire campus via an e-mail and the e-Lert system because an attack like this could have happened anywhere.

"It would have been more beneficial

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Movin' on down

Driver charged with reckless homicide in **SIUE alums' deaths**

by Rachel Carlson Alestle Reporter

Several criminal charges, including three counts of reckless homicide, are being brought against a man in connection with a drunk driving accident on Saturday that resulted in the deaths of two SIUE alumni.

According to a press release from the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, Donald W. Canterbery, 56, of Granite City will be charged with 18 felony

charges and one petty offense. Adam Zimmer (left) and The charges include three Lindsey Arnold-Zimmer counts of reckless homicide, (right). three counts of aggravated

Courtesy of Irwin Chapel

driving under the influence of alcohol, four counts of aggravated driving with a blood alcohol level of .08 or which results in a death and eight counts of aggravated driving with a blood alcohol of .08 or more causing great bodily harm. Canterbery was also charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Canterbery was speeding on Route 111 in Pontoon Beach Saturday afternoon when he struck the back of the car belonging to Lindsey Arnold-Zimmer, 24, and Adam Zimmer, 26, both of Granite City. The Zimmers' car was pushed into oncoming traffic and struck by the vehicle of



Freshman broadcast journalism major James Webb from Naperville helps move into the new University Bookstore with sophomore political science major from Springfield, Antonette Palmbo, and freshman biochemistry major Christina Palka from Troy.

Low economy leaves fewer internships

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

Senior Haley Nelson from Ashtabula, Ohio, loved photography

these cutbacks is Edward Jones. According to their general partner for financial adviser recruiting, Phill Leathers, Edward Jones has reduced active recruiting for their home

According to Koss, students need a great resume to stand a chance in an increasingly competitive job market, which is something that the Career Development Center is prepared to help with. Leathers said the objective portion of the resume is an important element because this is where students have the opportunity to display their clear understanding of the career field. "You have the opportunity to say 'I want to work for your company'," Leathers said.



Tiffany O'Gara, 27, also of Granite City. Both Zimmer and Arnold-Zimmer, who was five months pregnant, died at the scene.

If convicted, Canterbery faces a minimum sentence of 41 years and a maximum of 232 years.

Charges against O'Gara are still pending based on toxicology results, but, according to the press release, she was not "a contributing factor that caused the accident."

According to Madison County State's Attorney spokesperson Stephanee Smith, Canterbery has had at least one past DUI in Illinois and may have DUIs from other states as well, although they are still waiting for confirmation.

Smith said because of Canterbery's previous DUI charges, they "believe he did not have a valid license at the time (of the accident)."

Canterbery is still in custody at Madison County Jail. His bond of \$1 million has not yet been posted.

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said Arnold-Zimmer graduated in May 2006 with a bachelor's in

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and wanted to pursue a career in it --that is, until her internship.

"I decided it was something I want to just do as a hobby and not a career," Nelson said.

Nelson did another internship the following summer at Children's Hospital and found the career she really loved: art therapy.

"It was an eye-opener," Nelson said. "It let me know that I definitely want to work in a hospital."

Unfortunately for students such as Nelson, these valuable life lessons are becoming harder to attain. Due to a struggling economy and suffering job market, many companies are being forced to cut back on their expenses by cutting down on internships.

One such company making

office. Leathers said this business decision was based on cutting some expenses and controlling costs.

Associate Director of Career Development Yasemin Koss said she has seen firsthand the decline in internships, and she stressed the importance of being a well-rounded student with an assorted skill set to secure the limited number of internships being offered.

"It's a tight labor market," Koss said. "They are going to look at people who are more diverse and have done more extracurricular."

Koss said while certain industry cutbacks, such as steel and another important aspect of landing automotive, have caused a decrease in the number of internships offered to students, government internships and co-ops have actually increased.

Koss said students also need excellent interview skills and said students should practice, whether it is in front of a mirror or with a friend or counselor.

Leathers said networking is that desired internship, and students need to meet as many people as they can.

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Police Reports

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Christopher L. Rogers was arrested in connection with driving with a suspended license on Access Road. Rogers was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police took a report of a coat stolen at the Morris University Center.

Police issued Nancy T. Clemens a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued Kalima D. Woody a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Chelsea D. Bryant a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

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Police issued Corey A. Brooks a citation for speeding and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

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Police issued Mack D. Caldwell a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Terry R. Ward was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. Ward was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

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Michael Breckenkamp was

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Module 17, 2:00 p.m.

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arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Breckenkamp was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Jonathan T. Mintert was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Mintert was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Aaron D. Pritchard was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Pritchard was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Richard R. Sauls was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Sauls was processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

Alexander S. Highley and Randolph L. McEldowney were arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol a minor. Both were by processed, given notices to appear and released.

Police issued Stephen L. Terry a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Tara Winkler a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Ronald N. Madlock Jr. a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Jeffrey H. Haake a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Louis A. Koester a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

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Police issued Said D. Issa a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police took a report of a backpack with a laptop in it stolen from the MUC.

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Nicole C. Eblin was arrested in connection with theft after police found her vehicle with a fake hangtag. Eblin was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Nicholas M. Enright was arrested for possession of drug police paraphernalia after responded to a call of a suspicious odor coming from his room at Bluff Hall. Enright was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Sean M. Cunningham was arrested in connection with possession of cannabis after police observed a strong odor coming from his room. Cunningham was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

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Norris Manning, director of Student Services for the School of Business, said grade point average is another crucial criterion.

"Companies often select students to interview based on G.P.A.," Manning said.

Manning said GPA alone will not get the student the internship or job.

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However,

communications professor Ralph Donald said SIUE students may have a leg up.

"We are hoping that since our internships are a finishing experience, that students are actually providing value to the company," Donald said.

Donald said this knowledge is benefit to SIUE students competing for internships because they have a grasp of what they are doing and are able to "do more than just get coffee."

In fact, Donald said he sees a different set of problems for mass

communications students.

"For (mass communications) students, internships will not be a problem," Donald said. "Finding a job will be a problem after they graduate."

Not all students are worried, though. Speech communications junior Shannon Flynn from St. Charles, Mo., said she is confident in her ability to find an internship.

"You just have to work to find them," Flynn said.

Senior economics and finance major Todd Krydynski from Highland is not as optimistic.

"There is a shortage of opportunity right now," Krydynski said. "A few years ago it was a lot easier."

For more information on internships, contact the Career Development Center at 650-3708.

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Student Senate meeting Friday

The Student Government has called a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center. The meeting room has yet to be determined.

The Student Government will discuss the student scholarship program proposed by Body Student President

Dominique Majors. The program scholarship was introduced at the Student Government meeting on Feb. 20 and was tabled for further discussion.

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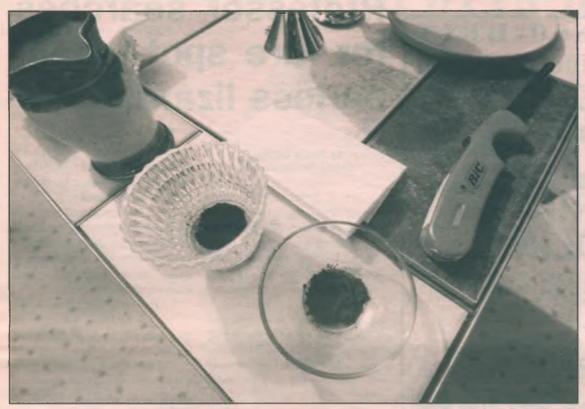
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On Ash Wednesday, ashes are used to mark on the foreheads of Catholic parishoners to symbolize reverence and mortality. People who participate in the season of Lent also fast between meals on Ash Wednesday and abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

The symbolism behind the ashes

by Kenneth Long Alestle Managing Editor

Some students walked SIUE's campus Wednesday with dark, dusty smudges on their foreheads.

They weren't dirty. They were celebrating Ash Wednesday.

Sr. Claudia Calzetta, director of Catholic Campus Ministries, said the practices and traditions of the Christian season of Lent date back to the year 500, and symbolize the imperfection of people who strive to improve.

"Lent is about conversion," Calzetta said. "It's about people trying to make themselves better."

Calzetta said Lent is the 40-day period that leads into the Holy Week for Catholicism, ending with Easter Sunday. The Catholic Church officially adopted the traditions and practices of Lent in the 11th century, including the ash mark on foreheads, abstinence and fasting.

The ash used at the Catholic Ash Wednesday service in the Center for Spirituality and Sustainability is made from the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The bishop blesses the ashes after the palms are burnt, making them sacramental. Calzetta said the ashes are to remind people they are mortal and should remain reverent.

"Sometimes we forget that there's a pecking order," Calzetta said. "(The ash) is a sign that you're going to die (someday)."

Junior international business major Evin Opp, a member of Catholic Newman Student Union, who is currently in France as a international student, said she honored Ash Wednesday from across the ocean. She also said she saw many French natives with ash marks.

harder thing," Calzetta said.

Those celebrating Lent are not supposed to eat between meals on Ash Wednesday. Breakfast and lunch are smaller, while supper is bigger.

Calzetta said the old Catholic practice of eating fish instead of meats like beef and pork on all Fridays originated because fish was cheaper. Since the price of fish became much higher, the Catholic Church changed this to every Friday during Lent.

Food Service Administrator Vickie Edsall said Dining Services keeps Catholics in mind for their stricter meal options during Lent and every Friday with vegetarian and fish alternative food choices, including other daily Lent-friendly foods.

"We do a lot of different options, especially during Lent," Edsall said. "We beef it up on Fridays."

Opp said fasting wasn't an inconvenience for her.

"Fasting is just a small sacrifice that we make in our daily lives to remind ourselves of the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us," Opp said.

While many of the French Opp saw did not celebrate Marti Gras, those that celebrated Ash Wednesday were earnest in doing so.

"It's the same as in the (United States), some do it and some don't," Opp said. "The parishioners who do observe it take it much more seriously."

Calzetta said Ash Wednesday draws one of the largest crowds during the year. She said the large numbers still baffles her after many years at SIUE.

"For some reason, most Catholics attend (on Ash Wednesday)," Calzetta said. "Some (Catholics) need a ritual to identify themselves."

Though the large crowds might not attend regularly, Calzetta said she wants those who attend to understand the traditions and ceremonies

(Ash Wednesday)," Calzetta said.

help her signify the "somber" season.

"Hopefully, people realize the meaning behind

Opp said the practices and customs of Lent

"Everything (Catholics) do (during Lent) has

some sort of significance of symbolism," Opp said.





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"I was very surprised to see that many of the shops were closed to observe Ash Wednesday," Opp said

Calzetta said ash on a person was a sign that a person had sinned in Biblical times. She said Jesus made the connection with the ashes to fasting and praying.

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English, and Zimmer was a couple was married in June 2008.

Allison Fahsl, special education and communication disorder professor, described

Zimmer as a motivated and special education student who enthusiastic student. Fahsl said graduated in May 2008. The the department is saddened by was well liked by students and his loss.

> "In addition to being a great future as a teacher. personal loss to the family, it's also a significant loss to the field

of education," Fahsl said. Zimmer, according to Fahsl, faculty and had a very promising

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Professor searches for rare spot-tailed, earless lizards

by Rosie Githinji Alestle Correspondent

When most children were playing fetch with their dogs, biological sciences professor Ralph Axtell was building cages that housed the rattlesnakes he would hunt down as a young man.

Axtell said he has had a fascination with reptiles for most of his life. As a boy, Axtell moved to Texas City, Texas and one day, while walking down an alleyway with his father, found some snakes.

"We were walking around and decided to walk down this alley. There was a lot of trash, and I lifted up some cardboard and found these snakes underneath," Axtell said. "I had to find out what they were."

His father bought Axtell books to identify the reptiles. Axtell's childhood interest moved on to the lizards that are now part of his life's work.

After moving to Bishop, Texas, Axtell saw lizards running across the road, and his fascination with these lizards is one of the reasons Axtell is now considered a leading expert on the Holbrookia lacerata subcudalis, more commonly known as the spot-tailed, earless lizard.

Chair of the Department of Biology William Retzlaff said Axtell is a highly respected member of the faculty at the SIUE Department of Biology.

"It is certainly an honor for him (to be at SIUE) and this department at SIUE because he is considered an expert in his area of work," Retzlaff said.

According to Axtell, these

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(to alert the entire campus) even though there would be people who would be worried or panicked," Patel said. "But the outcome (would have been that) people would know what happened."

Junior biology major Julie

particular lizards are a sub species of the Holbrookia lacerata, which was first discovered in the 1800s and can be found from Nebraska to New Mexico. Axtell renamed the southern species of the lizard while he was a graduate student at University of Texas and has spent more than 50 years studying these creatures.

Axtell will return to Texas during spring break and again in the summer to look for these lizards.

"I don't have anything to do with preserving this species," Axtell said. "I am just trying to find them."

Mike Duran, a vertebrate zoologist with the Nature Conservancy of Texas, will work with Axtell when he is in Texas. Duran said he and Axtell will visit more than 170 locations in the areas the spot-tailed, earless lizard is believed to live, documenting the animals' habitats.

Duran said these lizards are particularly sensitive to environmental circumstances and are more likely to be found in the spring and summer because they are a warm-weather species.

The lizard is not considered extinct, but Duran said its rareness is ranked as a three on a scale where one is the most rare and five is the least rare.

"Originally these [lizards] were all one species. Currently the one we are looking at occurs around the San Angelo area. That's the only place this species occurs," Duran said. "We just don't have enough information to rank this species."

For more information on these lizards, visit nature.org/texas. Rosie Githinji can be reached at rgathanji@alestlelive.com or 650-3527.

locked, as well as the sliding door and everything," Senger said.

Extra police officers were stationed at Cougar Village Monday, and Reed said the extra officers would remain in Cougar Village and at the other residence halls until further notice.

Download the form at <u>www.siue.edu/kimmel/sg</u>, and submit it to Student Government by March 6 at 4 PM.

> For more information, contact Finance Board Chair Brandon Rahn at brahn@siue.edu.

Senger from Springfield lives in Cougar Village and said she received the crime alert around 10 p.m. Monday.

"I was just kind of wondering how the guy got in," Senger said. "(The crime alert) didn't say what actually happened to her, if she was robbed or hurt or anything, so I was just curious as to what all happened."

Senger said she and her roommates usually lock all their doors and windows, but the alert made them more cautious.

"I definitely made sure today and last night that our doors were "It will probably just be an ongoing continuation of efforts until we hear otherwise," Reed said. "Until we have more details of this case, they will just keep up the extra patrols in that area."

According to the crime alert, the suspect is a white man, approximately 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, with short, dark hair. The suspect was reported as wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

SIUE Police can be contacted at 650-3324.

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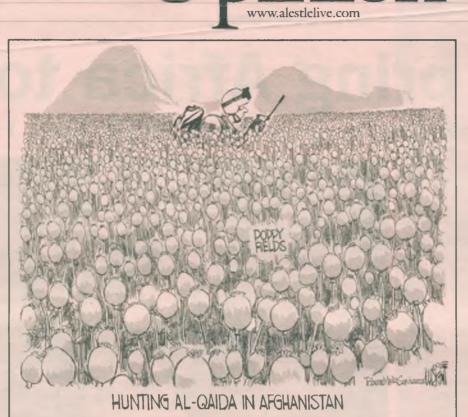
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"I encounter rude people in public at least once a day. Whether it is not holding the door for someone half a step behind you, running into someone without a word of apology or something as small as interrupting a conversation, I am taken off guard every time.



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Rachel Carlson

For more on this issue and for daily updates, visit our opinion blog at alestlelive.com/opinionblog.

Moment of silence leads to reflection on drunk driving

Before the St. Louis Blues dropped the community, as I'm sure many people here have spokeswoman for the Madison County puck at the Scottrade Center Tuesday night, a met the Zimmers.

moment of silence took place for two SIUE alumni, Adam Zimmer and Lindsey Arnold-Zimmer, who were tragically after their vehicle was struck by an alleged drunk driver Saturday traveling on Route 111.

The couple was on their way to another Blues' hockey game at the time of the accident, and this moment of silence struck me. Not only are the Blues a classy organization to take the time to recognize a few young fans taken too soon, but the proximity of the individuals involved gave added perspective.

I have been fortunate not to lose any friends or family members to drunk driving, but a number of students at this university have, and it's a terrible feeling. These two individuals were recent graduates just getting their lives started. Lindsey was pregnant with the couple's first child at the time of the accident. This has a deep impact on the SIUE



Allan Lewis

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Illinois is making strides to keep repeat drunk driving offenders off the road, by forcefully adding breathalyzer ignition systems to vehicles, but more should be done at both a personal and legal standpoint to avoid future tragedies.

It is a driver's personal responsibility to know their limits, not only to protect themselves, but those around them on the roads.

According to a Madison County State's Attorney's Office

press release, Donald Canterbery, 52, of Granite City, the man who collided into the back of Zimmer's vehicle was charged with 18 different felonies, and one petty offense, ranging from failure to slow down in order to avoid an accident to reckless homicide.

To top it off, Canterbery, if charged, is a repeat offender, Stephanee Smith,

Attorney's office said in today's paper (see news story on page one.)

Safe to say, he should be locked up for a long time.

The driver of the third car involved in the accident, Tiffany O'Gara, 27, also of Granite City, was also suspected of driving under the influence.

Mardi Gras or not, there should not be this many drunk people on the roads at 4 p.m. or any time for that matter.

Law enforcement officials do the best they can to keep things like this from happening, but they cannot catch everyone, so friends need to keep friends off the roads.

If anything, a lesson should be learned from this tragedy, and hopefully fewer innocent people will be killed in this fashion.

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bill prohibits use of lead gear Inconvenient fishing

A bill proposed by Sen. Heather Steans (D-Chicago) that is currently being debated in Springfield would ban the distributing or selling of lead sinkers and jigs for fishing.

Senate Bill 1269 would prohibit "the use of lead sinkers and lead jigs to take fish in freshwater lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, brooks and similar bodies of water under which the Department of Natural Resources has jurisdiction under."

If the bill is passed, any person caught in violation would have hunting and fishing privileges suspended for up to six

work to protect the outdoors for future shots. generations.

Considering a typical lead shot weighs about 1/8 ounce, it is hard to believe all this lead contamination in our

waterways is from lost fishing gear. The concentration of lead in fish is strongly due to the lead discharges in the waterways, not a split shot that someone leaves behind. The bill being proposed is also said to protect critters like eagles, loons, pelicans, cranes and

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And what will keep birds from mistaking these alternative weights as grit to help digest food anyway? The alternatives offered would then seem just as deadly as lead.

The immediate passing of the bill is inconvenient and unfair to manufacturers and anglers alike. The process of "getting the lead out" will have to be a progressive one. Distributors and fishermen will need time to make the transition from lead to whatever alternative becomes enforced.

If the bill does happen to pass and

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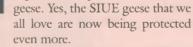
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months and face possible fines that would be enforced one year after its passing. Some people have too much time on their hands.

An article in the August 1995 edition of Fly Fisherman stated that the Environment Protection Agency discovered thousands of tons of lead were released into the environment each year from lost hunting and fishing gear.

Outdoorsmen are getting singled out in this bill even though they already do their part in preserving the environment. Organizations like Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever



Cowell Alternative materials being used for split shots include tin, copper, steel and tungsten, just to name a few. If a cheaper alternative is being sought out, it is not going to be found in the metal listed above. Prices for tin and copper greatly exceeds that of lead.

On the more scientific side of things, lead has an atomic weight nearly twice as great as tin. That means that most of your alternative weights are going to be twice the size of lead

becomes effective, how will it convince anglers to hop on the "no lead sinker" bandwagon? There is an old saying that says, if something is not wrong then there is no reason to fix it. Where is the funding going to come from to make this transition?

With the war and the way the economy is nowadays, there are more important issues that need addressing rather than banning lead sinkers.

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Students bring Africa to MUC

Annual event brings awareness of heritage during SIUE Black Heritage Month

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

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Public administration graduate student Gameli Kumasi from Ghana will help educate students and members of the SIUE community on the positive aspects of Africa.

This Saturday Africa comes to SIUE with the help of the African Student Association and will include dance, dress and cuisine.

Africa Night will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Conference Center on the second floor of the MUC. Tickets are \$7 for children, \$11 for students and \$13 for faculty, staff and the general public. Tickets are available at the MUC Information Center.

speech According to communications professor Isaac Blankson from Ghana, who is also the adviser for the African Student Association, Africa Night is an event structured to entertain and educate people about the beauties of African culture, a culture which many people are unfamiliar with.

Blankson said many people would be surprised to know about the more developed parts of Africa. From his experiences, Blanson said he finds that many people think of Africa as being primitive and undeveloped, which he said is untrue.

"The first time I saw a lion was in a zoo in Ohio," Blankson said.

Blankson said an event like Africa Night breaks stereotypes and exposes people to things they might not have experienced otherwise.

Kumasi said many people view Africa as resonating with

poverty, disease and war because of mainstream news coverage of the continent.

"They gleefully report the violence that ensued from the last Kenvan elections," Kumasi said. "However, they were virtually mute on the success of Ghana's presidential elections in December 2008."

Senior biology major Hafiz Ojulari said this is an important event because it not only entertains, but also educates people about some of the misconceptions about Africa.

"The event portrays a positive image of our culture," Ojulari said.

According to Blankson, professional dancers in traditional African garments performing traditional African dances, will be brought back to Africa Night this year. It is something that has not been performed at SIUE in a few years. In past performances, only students performed, and while professionals will dance this year, students will be involved in some aspects of the dances as well.

Ojulari said in addition to the dancing, there will also be traditional African clothing, a brief dramatized history of African culture, poetry and a buffet of African food.

Kumsai students should not be apprehensive about the African buffet.

will be no "There 'strangeness' about these foods because they are prepared from ingredients that can be found in this country," Kumasi said.

Kumasi said he hopes the event will peak the interest of some of those in attendance.

"The event can only whet the appetite of patrons to learn more about Africa and about



Courtesy Photo

Each year the African Student Association hosts Africa Night as a way to bring African heritage to SIUE. Africa Night uses dance and traditional African-American music to teach about the culture.

Africans," Kumasi said. "The closer people get to Africans, the more they will realize that there is more to the continent of Africa than the doom and gloom that is often reported in the news."

According to Blankson, the knowledge of other cultures is becoming increasingly important in today's society.

"We live in a global community," Blankson said. "In a global community, we all need to be knowledgeable of each other."

For z more, information contact the African Student Association at (773) 426-3977.



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This year's Africa Night is Saturday on the second floor of the Morris University Center. This year's events will include an African buffet made from foods that can be found in the U.S.

Student talent show about education and entertainment

by Rosie Githinii Alestle Correspondent

Sophomore business major Dometi Pongo of people to come out and support their peers, but also Black

the talent show.

the material was appropriate," Howze said. "We want hope they will be enlightened."

"My focus is if they listen, they will be educated. If "The acts we have were all auditioned to make sure they don't listen, they will be entertained" Pongo said. "I

Freshman nursing major Joanna Gillespie of St.

Chicago will take the stage to show off his musical stylings in the student talent show.

The Campus Activities Board will host the Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show to take place in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom at 7 p.m. Thursday. Acts will include singing, dancing and poetry readings among others.

Sophomore business administration major Joy Howze of Chicago is part of the committee involved in organizing the talent show. Howze said prizes will be given to performers and some members of the audience. Between different acts during the talent show facts about black history will be shared. The audience will also be asked trivia questions relating to black history.

Howze said featured local St. Louis group Sosy will join SIUE students performing at the talent show. Sosy is a group of three high school girls who will be singing in

History Month."

Pongo will perform a hip-hop style rap with video images of Rodney King beatings, the New York Post's cartoon, which has been a controversial issue in the black community and other images. King was beaten by Los Angeles police officers after he allegedly charged at police officers while they were placing him under arrest. A recent cartoon appeared in the New York Post depicting two police officers standing over the body of a dead chimpanzee. The caption of the cartoon said, "They'll have to find someone else to write the next stimulus bill."

The cartoon has been viewed by some as racist because historically black people have been referred to as monkeys or gorillas and the cartoon is targeting the stimulus bill President Barack Obama presented to congress. Pongo said he is happy to have the opportunity to perform in an event for Black Heritage Month.

Louis will perform as part of a dance group that will focus on African-American music throughout history. Gillespie said she has been dancing for years and enjoys being involved in school activities.

"We like to dance. We can express ourselves better through dance more than poetry or singing," Gillespie said. "It represents hip hop and R&B, which is a big part of African-American history."

A live band will perform as an accompaniment to the various acts of the talent show.

Junior jazz performance major Alfonzo Jones of Chicago is a part of the band, which he described as a human jukebox. The music the band will perform is more "old school" style music, Jones said.

"We are the CD player," Jones said.

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Hardships at the Oscars Review of the Oscars ceremony by Alestle film critic

by Jeff Mason Alestle Reporter

Oh, Oscar. It seems the economy even affects your \$500 body. Or at least that's what Hugh Jackman was told.

The theme for Jackman's monologue was his "low budget," causing the Aussie host to use cardboard set pieces mimicking this year's nominated films that only the crew from "Be Kind, Rewind" could appreciate. An odd, but effective way to start off what's often called "the most glamorous night in Hollywood."

The tough times became apparent again when it came time for Jackman to include "The Reader" in his opening number. The host said he hadn't seen the film starring this year's Best Actress, Kate Winslet, and was forced to assume what any responsible entertainer would: that the movie is a futuristic, techno-pop musical.

Then again, this year's nominees haven't exactly helped the Hollywood economy. Only "Benjamin Button" and "Slumdog Millionaire" have passed the substantial \$100 million mark, while the other three Best Picture films combined haven't passed the \$70 million mark, according to boxofficemojo.com.

So where did all the money go this year? Apparently it went to creating two rather exquisite stage pieces for the technical awards. Dollies, set pieces and other movie equipment dominated the stage only to be overshadowed by a Joaquin Phoenix-bearded Ben Stiller, who was apparently trying to out-do "Tropic Thunder" co-star Robert

Downey Jr.'s Oscar-nominated, black-face.

The Academy even tried to teach us some of the intricacies of the lesser known awards, answering questions like, "What exactly do the cinematographer and art director do?" A noble effort, but I don't think it quite landed since even co-presenter Natalie Portman was distracted by Stiller's McCain-ish wandering around the stage.

Another thing missing from the Academy Awards was the music leading the presenters off the stage, or as Oscar producer Laurence Mark told the L.A. Times, the "embarrassing interruptions of impassioned speeches." No more shall the orchestra fervently play until the grateful recipient walks off the stage. Yes, that's right, now you can practice accepting the Oscar in the mirror without a timed and taped recording of the Academy band.

Even the awards fit the show's economic theme. A movie about a street rat took Best Picture along with six other awards, including Best Director and Adapted Screenplay.

Meanwhile the winning actors were the usual cast of characters: a Nazi, a suicidal Spaniard, a gay rights leader and the first role from a comic book movie to ever win an Oscar.

In the end, there are no complaints about the winners from me. Winslet finally won one, humorously just as she said she would in her guest appearance on BBC's "Extras": by starring in a Holocaust film. Think the Oscars don't have their own stereotypes now?

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Clark Gable's only Oscar award. Each statue is made of solid gold and costs about \$500. This year's Oscars ceremony felt the effects of a declining economy and tried to make light of the situation.

The Winners...

Best Picture "Slumdog Millionaire"



Supporting Actor Heath Ledger - "The Dark Knight" Sean Penn - "Milk"



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Upcoming Cougar Events: Friday, Feb. 27 - (W)Basketball at Houston Baptist - 7:00 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 - Baseball at Arkansas State - 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 - Wrestling at NCWA Conference Tournament



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Cougars slam Mighty Oaks SIUE hits triple digits with 118

by T.J. Cowell Alestle Sports Reporter

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It did not take SIUE long to bounce back from a long, disappointing weekend at the Dakotas when the men's basketball team knocked off Oakland City University back on their home court Tuesday by a final score of 118-75.

The Cougars were hot on the floor all night, breaking the SIUE record for three-pointers and having every player contribute points offensively.

Things did not start off on the right foot for the Cougars as they trailed by as much as nine in the first half.

A jumper from junior guard Barry Wellington several minutes after tip-off sparked SIUE offensively as the hosts soon took control for the remainder of the game.

The Cougars were all over OCU from the beginning, and it caught the Mighty Oaks by surprise SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said.

"(Oakland City) came out dead, and we got after them," Forrester said. "Our steals led to easy buckets."

SIUE took the lead for good when a jumper from senior guard John Edmison gave the Cougars the 28-27 advantage with 7:04 left to play in the first half. Both teams were impressive from the field in the first half with shooting percentages over 53 percent.

An impressive 19-point first half effort from junior guard Aamir McCleary gave SIUE the 53-34 advantage at the half.

Defensively, the Mighty Oaks were forced into 13 first half turnovers that resulted in 20 points for SIUE. The Cougars stuck with their "run and gun" quick style of play to wear down Oakland City and outscore the Mighty Oaks 12-2 in fast break points for the first half. "We came out feeling tired from being on the long road trip," sophomore center Nikola Bundalo said. "Coach said a few things in the timeout that got us going, and for 30 minutes we played well."

SIUE picked up right where it left off in the second half. The closest Oakland City could come in the final 10 minutes of regulation was 29.

The Cougars managed to break the 100-point barrier once this season heading into Tuesday's game, defeating Blackburn University 106-53 on Nov. 25.

The Cougar offensive attack set a new season-high for points when a jumper from freshman guard Brandon Dunson put the hosts' total at 108. Sophomore guard Dane Church drained a three from the corner in the final minute to cement SIUE's final mark of 118.

The Cougars muscled 65 second-half points and shot 78.1 percent in the second half.

McCleary led all players with 26 points. Four other players finished in double figures for SIUE with Edmison, Dunson, freshman guard Mark Yelovich and freshman guard Aaron Garriott all scoring at least 11. Junior center Brandon Hopf had 24 for the Mighty Oaks.

"Playing as a team and hitting shots was the key for us," McCleary said. "Coming back from the long road trip we knew (Oakland City) would not take it easy on us so we could not be easy on them."

Forrester said he was impressed with the role his point guard played in Tuesday's game.

"(McCleary) has been shooting the ball better and has put in a lot of work," Forrester said.

In addition to his 26 points, McCleary had a team-high eight assists and four steals along with zero turnovers.

SIUE's deep bench ontinued to play well, as 46 of the Cougars' 118 points were off the bench. The Cougars had 16 team steals that led to easy buckets for the hosts.









This season the Cougars have had trouble maintaining intensity for all 40 minutes by letting teams back into ball games, but that was not the case Tuesday.

The Cougars' third straight victory at the Vadalabene Center puts them at 10-17 for the season. The Mighty Oaks dropped to 11-14 with Tuesday's

The Cougars get a second chance at North Dakota University on Sunday when they play host to the Fighting Sioux. Game time is set for 3 p.m.

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Freshman guard Aaron Garriot (top left), junior forward Denykco Bowles (top right), freshman center Terrance Williams (bottom left) and senior guard John Edmison (bottom right) all slam down points in the Cougars' 118-75 victory over the Oakland City University Mighty Oaks on Tuesday.

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Salary: touchy for Jim Calhoun

by Levi Kirby Alestle Sports Editor



A reporter recently questioned University of Connecticut Head Coach Jim Calhoun about his \$1.6 million salary and asked if he would be willing to give any of it back in light of our horrific economic situation.

Calhoun replied with, "Not a dime back."

Now, I realize the initial reaction to this response might be negative, since Calhoun makes more money in a week than I make in a decade.

However, this reporter asked Calhoun a question about the economy in a post-game press conference. Calhoun gets paid to coach basketball, which he does very well, not to rescue our failing economy.

Calhoun may have been out of line when he snapped at the reporter, but it did supply a good laugh, and if anyone in Connecticut is allowed to be "out-of-line" it has to be Calhoun. He has transformed UConn into a powerhouse Division I school, which in turn put Connecticut on the map in the sports world.

They don't have anything else in sports. If it weren't for Calhoun's Huskies, Connecticut would never make Sports Center. No offense to Yale University, but I haven't seen them in the Final Four recently.

I'm not arguing any human being deserves \$1.6 million for anything, but Calhoun was prepared to talk basketball, not finances.

It's almost the end of February, which is the most crucial time of the year leading up to "March Madness." There's a reason this week is called "Judgment Week" in basketball

With continued prodding by the reporter, Calhoun eventually told the reporter, "My best advice to you: Shut up."

SIUE wants taste of Olympics

by T.J. Cowell Alestle Sports Reporter

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The university has officially expressed its interest in playing its part of hosting international soccer teams for the 2016 Olympics Games that may be held in Chicago, according to SIUE Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt.

Hewitt said the process is in its beginning stages and only time will tell what could happen.

"If given the opportunity, there would be a lot of cost and work to be done in preparation," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said when Chicago submitted its bid to host the 2016 Olympics, SIUE stated its potential involvement through a licensing agreement. The letter of interest showed the university's willingness that included direct cost plus rental.

"The association that it would do for our programs would be tremendous," Hewitt said. "It would be a status symbol that we were quality enough venue to host international teams."

The impact of hosting a training site in Edwardsville would not be limited to just SIUE.

Scott Onken, general manager of Country Hearth Inn and Suites in Edwardsville, said many restaurants and other local business would see an increase in the use of facilities and number of customers.

Ken Porter, assistant superintendent of Grounds at SIUE, said the possibility of SIUE playing host to some of the greatest players in the world would be a great opportunity for the university.

Porter said a new artificial turf field is in its final stages of preparation, which would provide a quality place for teams to scrimmage and practice.

"We have a lot of natural grass fields which would take a lot of beating," Porter said. "Those would need to be prepared one year in advance."

The artificial turf field would be less sustainable to wear and tear from athletes.

Porter added that the cost level of maintaining the natural grass fields would be at a maximum and would require a great deal of work. Therefore the SIUE campus, although Porter said is in respectable condition, would need to maintain a pristine image.

"The attention that the teams bring will filter out to the rest of campus," Porter said. "As a whole the campus would need a lot of attention."

Both SIUE women's soccer Head Coach Derek Burton and men's soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish said the national exposure SIUE would gain would bring notoriety to the school and its facilities.

Porter said in addition to all the teams being present in the area, the participation would lead to national exposure, which would be followed by media and tourists.

"If someone is watching TV or reading a newspaper and sees that Argentina's soccer team is at SIUE, that would be a great thing for the game," Burton said. "It gives us and others impressions that we are doing things at a high level."

Burton said which teams come to the area would determine the public involvement and how long each team will stay. Due to the large size of the event, both loyal fans and non-soccer fans would be attracted to SIUE.

"Not every team prepares the same way," Burton said. "Teams from far away would most likely arrive earlier in order to adjust to the climate of the weather and time change."

Burton said there could be possible scrimmages open to the public and even a live match if some of the teams want a tune-up game before they enter what could be the biggest games of their lives.

Kalish said with the rich history of soccer in the St. Louis community and at SIUE in particular, the Metro Area would be an ideal spot to facilitate the Olympic teams.

"St. Louis (University) and SIUE have had long success in the Division I ranks," Kalish said. "St. Louis is one of the hot beds for soccer. So to have some of the best soccer players in the world here would be a fantastic opportunity."

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Ice hockey season cut short

"I do look for us to be a

-Mike Dolan,

junior team captain

by Levi Kirby Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE Club Ice Hockey teams fell short in the Mid-America College Hockey Association Conference Tournament this weekend to complete their 2008-2009 season.

The gold team advanced to the semi-finals on Saturday, while the silver team lost in the opening round.

Gold Team

The gold team opened the tournament against Kansas University on Friday and won in an impressive performance against the Jayhawks, 7-3, but could not overcome the top-seeded University of Iowa Hawkeyes in the semi-finals.

"Pretty much every game this year we seem like we only play two good periods, then we quit," senior goaltender and team Vice President Brandon Becker said.

"Either we start early in the game and then finish kind of weak, or we start really slow."

In the first period against KU, the Cougars jumped to an early 3-0 lead with two points coming off of the man

advantage.

SIUE sophomore center Dan Guarino, who landed his 50th career SIUE goal earlier this season against Eastern Illinois University, and senior right wing Andy Stratton scored the first two goals of the matchup off deflections from KU goalie Andy Paulitsch.

Sophomore center Cory Beck netted an easy goal for the Cougars in the final minute of the first period, giving SIUE the three-point edge.

However, the Jayhawks were far from quitting and came out hot in the second period. Two KU players scored within one minute of each other on a two-man advantage against the Cougars, closing the scoring gap to one point.

On top of scoring twice, KU also held the Cougars defensively to a scoreless stanza.

Fortunately for SIUE, the third period for the Cougars topped the impressive play of the Jayhawks' second period.

SIUE scored four goals in the final 20 minutes, giving them the 7-3 victory to boost them into the semi-final game.

Sophomore Kendall Price, senior Jake Niccum, sophomore Aaron Dalton and junior team captain Mike Dolan all had a hand in finishing off the Jayhawks, each scoring goals in the third period.

"We came out hard in the third because we wanted to put them away," Dolan said.

The semi-final game took place the following day and matched the Cougars up against Iowa.

The first stanza against the Hawkeyes turned into a shootout between Iowa's Nick Butera and SIUE's freshman center Jared Ippolito.

Butera scored first on the Cougars just past SIUE senior goaltender Luke Venker. Ippolito answered right back notching the score at 1-1 only

the Hawkeyes a one-point advantage heading into the second period.

Iowa would extend their lead in the next 20 minutes, getting two more goals on the Cougars and making the score 4-1 heading into the final period of play for a shot at the MACHA trophy.

Effort by SIUE brought them within one point in the final period after goals by Dolan and Beck

Despite the Cougars' effort, an empty net score in the final minute by Iowa sealed SIUE's fate, and the Hawkeyes knocked the Cougars out of the tournament, beating them 5-3.

"Overall it was a good playoff, (but) unfortunately we fell short in the game against Iowa," Dolan said. "I do look for us to be a strong team next season with a majority of the players returning."

Becker said he is excited about next season as well and hopes to draw some larger crowds to the

"We are trying to get more people out for next year and more of a fan strong team next season," base," Becker said. "We are going to try and extend our season a little longer than we did this year. To get more people to know about

us and to get more fan awareness is pretty much our goal for next year."

Silver Team

The silver team had a short run this year in the conference tournament, losing 10-1 against Missouri State University in the first round.

SIUE junior right wing Cameron Petrie said like the gold team, they did not put together 60 minutes of solid play.

"That's always the way it goes. First period we play even. The second period is usually our bad period where they score everything," Petrie said. "A lot of it was defensive zone breakdowns. We didn't move the puck well, and Missouri is a pretty good team, and they capitalized."

MSU had an edge on the Cougars from the beginning, going up 4-0 in the first period.

The second period was a scoring spree for MSU. The Bears scored their final six goals in the second going up 10-1, which would be the final score

Freshman center Nick Enright scored in the second for the only SIUE goal of the game, but the Cougars went cold offensively after their one and only goal.

The third quarter was even, and the Cougars could not rally a comeback in the opening game.

Despite the loss, Petrie said the silver team is as optimistic as the gold team in regards to the future of the program.

"Next year we should have a really good team ... as long as we can keep everybody healthy we should be able to build off of this year, and it should be a really good year," Petrie said. "Twelve kids are supposed to be coming from the area that should be pretty talented and both teams should be pretty strong."

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to have Butera answer again with a goal, giving 650-3524.

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The question wasn't inappropriate; however, the timing and placement of the question in a post-game press conference was.

Calhoun even offered to meet the reporter outside and talk about it, but the reporter kept prodding. When Calhoun dropped the bomb that he helps draw in millions of dollars to the university (which is state run), the reporter finally withdrew.

A person's salary shouldn't be brought up in that situation in the first place. Calhoun didn't ask the reporter if he wanted to give any of his salary back to help the economy.

Then the governor of Connecticut, M. Jodi

Rell, decided to side with the reporter and said Calhoun's action was an "embarrassing display."

Imagine that, the most powerful person in Connecticut gets mad at the highest paid stateemployee in Connecticut.

The reporter was the one who was out of line. Calhoun is a basketball coach. He was there to answer questions about the game his team just played, and as he told Hartford Courant, "... We have three really tough games coming up, and that's what I'm interested in."

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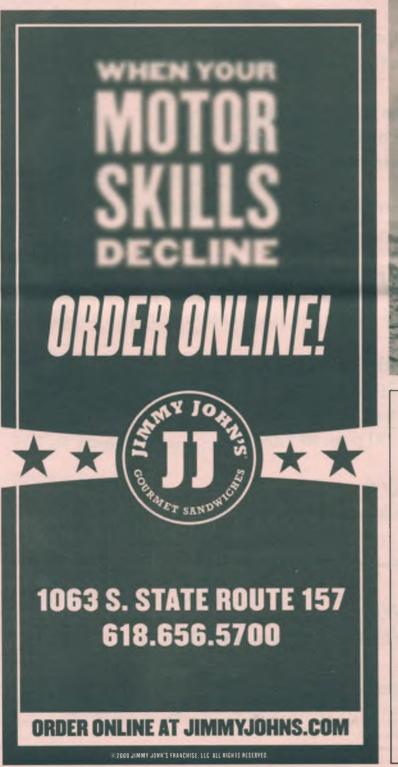
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