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Budget: State may cut more education funds

by **Aren Dow**
Alestle Managing Editor

Cutting funds to balance the state's budget may come at a heavy cost to education.

Illinois' fiscal year 2011 budget was unveiled last Wednesday and included cuts to state employees, pension stabilization and health and human services to help combat the state's \$13 billion deficit. However, even if the savings of all those cuts were added up, it would still fall around \$500 million short of the \$1.3 billion cut from education.

The total amount in cuts exceeds \$2 billion.

The university had already anticipated a 7 percent loss in state appropriations back in September, when the Board of Trustees convened on campus. Dave Gross, SIU executive assistant for Government Affairs, said the anticipated loss of

revenue is still the same despite the proposed cuts.

SIUE's immediate future for classes looks secure for now, as the summer semester hasn't seen a decrease in the number of classes offered.

In fact, Executive Director of Educational Outreach Roger MacLean said the number of classes had increased from last year, up to 700 classes and 1,250 sections overall. MacLean said the number of online classes is increasing as well, which should help students who are hurting because of the recession and live at home to save money.

"Many of students can't afford to live on campus," MacLean said. "[Online classes] make it so students don't have to take it somewhere else and then transfer [the credits]."

For fiscal year 2010, the SIU system was slated to receive \$236 million from the state,

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Women's studies panel promotes sustainability

by **Greg Maddox**
Alestle Reporter

A panel of community activists met in Peck Hall on Wednesday to discuss issues with recycling and sustainability in the environment as a part of Women's Studies' Women's History Month events.

Anthropology professor Jennifer Rehg invited four women as guest speakers to her global problems class to discuss environmental sustainability with students.

"The class discusses problems around the world and how they affect people," Rehg said. "We brought them in to get to see real life examples of what we talk about in class."

Among the panel members

was organic farmer Rae Leining, who has been practicing sustainable farming in Madison County for the past 10 years. Leining grows and sells vegetables in the poverty stricken areas near St. Louis and said she hopes to bring the community together around farming.

"With community work like this, we want to start from the ground up," Leining said. "We want to reconnect the young with the old."

Kymbyrly Koester is an artist in Edwardsville who bases most of her art around farming and gardening.

"I often find garbage and trash that people throw out, and I'll put it together and try to get

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Scavenging for luck of the Irish



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Sophomore speech communications major Keonia Beckley from Cahokia and sophomore social work major Chelsea Macon from East St. Louis peel potatoes as part of a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

SIUE's global reach Campus raises \$20K for Haiti relief

by **Jason Frazier**
Alestle Reporter

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel and student body President Brandon Rahn were on hand to present a \$20,000 check to American Red Cross Representative Robin Summers for Haiti relief on Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Vandegrift said SIUE exhibited citizenship in multiple forms.

"Truly a response by our university in terms of citizenship: local citizenship on the campus because people had to organize to help out in this effort; community citizenship because the work extended ... to the community of Edwardsville and beyond;

of course world citizenship because we were helping out the people of Haiti," Vandegrift said.

Emmanuel, who led the charge for many of the relief efforts, said he was impressed by the many different ideas and concepts created by organizations around SIUE to lend a helping hand to Haiti.

"I was certainly impressed the bake sale that was done by the Catholic Newman Center. The athletic department came together and made donations possible at the intercollegiate athletic games. Greek chapters helped with the unloading and loading of supplies that were collected. I could go on and on about the numerous activities and events," Emmanuel said.

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Highlights from Tuesday's issue at Alestlelive.com...



Two contested SG races, too few senators

by Kari Williams
Alestle Reporter

Student Body President Brandon Rahn will run uncontested in the Student Government elections. Two current senators battle for vice president, and the Residence Housing Association liaison and current financial officer contend for trustee.

Current senators Cory Bosco and Joel Durham will battle for the vice presidency.

Bosco said he was elected as a senator last spring and also serves on the School Spirit and Pride Committee and the General Education Committee of the Faculty Senate. The university and state budget issues are of top concern, according to Bosco.

"Right now with budgetary crisis, and everything that's going on in the state, we need to really look at where we're spending, what we're doing and really analyze what really needs this money," Bosco said.

As vice president, Bosco said he would ensure that senators make decisions for the students as opposed to their own beliefs, as well as continuing work with instituting Greek housing.

Greek housing is projected to be available by 2012, and for that to occur, Bosco said if things are not done now, they will never be done, but through the vice presidency he can get the students what they want through administrative contacts.

"There's been committees throughout this semester deciding what rules and regulations Greek housing will have to go through if they get the housing," Bosco said, "and having a student voice within that can aid a lot, and that's really what I

want to try and do."

Bosco said a large portion of the election will rely on student involvement, as evidenced by nine senators running with 12 seats.

"We're going to see a year where the beginning of our session is going to be the appointing of new senators. The students will have no choice then," Bosco said. "I don't feel that's right. It's a process that has to be done, but students need to be here to be a part of it and to do that they need to be involved."

"I also feel that I have invested in this campus, so I will make sure that student voices are heard and all situations are being addressed," Durham said.

Funding does not concern Durham because he said outside resources, such as federal grants, could fund his initiatives, and SG can help spread SIUE's name to both the Illinois and St. Louis communities.

"I feel like having more items and more programs and having Student Government being more active in

administrators and telling them what the students want."

As part of his goals, Robinson-Holman said he would like to bring artists or speakers to the university and allow the Edwardsville community to be involved on campus. Making students more aware of SG and its members is a goal, according to Robinson-Holman.

"You're supposed to know who your senators are, your president, your vice president because we make things happen for you and if you have any issues or concerns of anything on campus I want to make sure student government is known throughout campus, not just when organizations need funding for something," Robinson-Holman said.

Making sure the board of trustees knows what students want, not necessarily what Robinson-Holman wants, will be an objective, he said.

"A lot of times government, or organizations, try to say this is the best for you, and we're just going to do it that way, where I think the opposite way," Robinson-Holman said. "Where I say if that's what you want, you should have it that way."

Harrison has served as SG's financial officer since July 2009 and said his leadership skills and managerial roles give him the experience necessary for the position. According to Harrison, the budget situation will be his niche area and the most crucial issue because the university may lose about five to six percent of the funding provided by the state.

"I think [my niche would] be trying

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'Talk is talk. Action is what really proves everything.'

-Shante Murray
freshman nursing major from Chicago

Rahn said the vacant Senate seats will be appointed the same way as any other Senate vacancies. After the election, Rahn said students can apply for the open seats and the appointments can be approved at the beginning of May.

Durham joined SG as a senator in November and initiated the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Resource Center and the Resident and Commuter Life Committee. If elected, Durham said he would continue with those initiatives, as well as creating a campus-wide diversity center.

Durham said he represents all students and will continue to do so in the vice president role.

representing the students as a whole will better the institution, and it will further our goals and our initiatives and bring in more diverse groups of students," Durham said.

Senator and RHA liaison Steven Robinson-Holman will take on Financial Officer Jeff Harrison as they contend for the trustee position. Robinson-Holman has been in SG for two years and said he shares the same vision for SIUE as the students.

"I believe that I have some aspect of what the students want from SIUE, and I believe I'm the best person to give the board that information," Robinson-Holman said. "And I also believe that from different roles, being [a Resident Assistant], I'm good at talking to



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2010—2011 Student Government Candidates



Brandon Rahn
President Candidate

Year: Junior
Major: Business

Candidate statement:

"Over the past year, I have dedicated my life to the pursuit of making SIUE the best university for its students. If re-elected, I will continue to represent the student body to the best of my ability while striving to ensure that SIUE is a sound, academic and inviting campus."



K. Joel Durham
Vice President Candidate

Year: Senior
Major: Business

Candidate statement:

"I will ensure all senators are completing their required duties. I will strive to make sure all students are represented on campus. I will vigorously endeavor to support the GLBT Resource Center Initiative that I started as a senator. I will ensure that student concerns are recognized and thoroughly addressed."



Cory Bosco
Vice President Candidate

Year: Senior
Major: Political science/ History

Candidate statement:

"My reason for putting in my bid for vice president is to be able to address the major concerns that face students, such as the quality of student services, campus safety and the equality of students' race, religion and orientation. All students should receive the services that they pay for."



Jeff Harrison
Student Trustee Candidate

Year: Junior
Major: Business

Candidate statement:

"As student trustee, I plan to develop stronger ties between the board of trustees and SIUE. I will use my leadership experience as financial officer of Student Government to achieve this goal, and my number one priority will be to advocate for current and future students. I appreciate your vote."



Steven J. Robinson-Holman
Student Trustee Candidate

Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science/ Speech Comm.

Candidate statement:

"I have a dream to improve campus life for all students. I want to work with the Carbondale campus to build a stronger bond between our campuses. I want to help the board understand what we the students want. I also want to bring more resources and outlets to campus."



Nicholas Simpson
Senator Candidate

Year: Junior
Major: Arts and Sciences

Candidate statement:

"During my term in office I would like to see the advancement of the campus community. I would like there to be more activities for both individuals and groups to participate in. I would also like to see an outreach of SIUE to the greater Edwardsville community."



Hillary Heaton
Senator Candidate

Year: Freshman
Major: Biomedical Science

Candidate statement:

"Students at SIUE are in need of a person who will recognize, stand up and help them pursue their wants and needs. It is important to me that my fellow students can achieve their goals. I hope to do everything I can to ease and improve their experience at SIUE."



Jacob Manuel
Senator Candidate

Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science

Candidate statement:

"If elected, my overarching goal will be to uphold and defend the interests of the student body to the utmost of my abilities. I will strive to be responsive to the voices of SIUE students, to be a greater agent of progress and pursue every issue with passion and integrity."



Margaret Sherer
Senator Candidate

Year: Senior
Major: Philosophy

Candidate statement:

"While serving as a student senator for my second term, I plan to continue to work to make campus life for all residents and commuters as productive and enjoyable as possible. I represent an often overlooked demographic of students and will continue to make their voices heard."

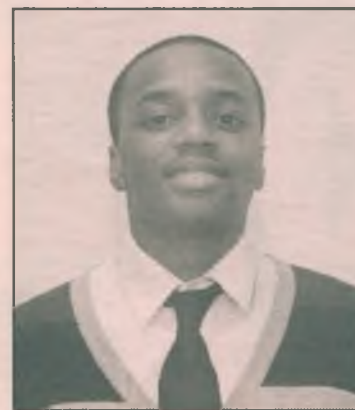


Mary Clabaugh
Senator Candidate

Year: Senior
Major: English Education

Candidate statement:

"As a returning senator, I wish to continue to represent my fellow students by listening to what the student body has to say and addressing their issues. I also would like to continue to be a source to various student organizations in order to help them make their organizations' goals possible."



Corvé Smith
Senator Candidate

Year: Sophomore
Major: Political Science

Candidate statement:

"If given the opportunity to be a senator here at SIUE, I will focus on making sure that all SIUE students get the most out of their college experience."



Chase Newson-Jones
Senator Candidate

Year: Junior
Major: Business

Candidate statement:

"I, Chase Newson-Jones, vow to continue to serve in the best interests of the students, faculty and staff of SIUE. It is my honor to be of service to you for the 2010-2011 academic year."



Richard Broyles
Senator Candidate

Year: Freshman
Major: Political Science

Candidate statement:

"If elected as a senator here at SIUE, my focus will be on understanding and solving student campus life problems."



Erik Zimmernan
Senator Candidate

Year: Freshman
Major: Political Science/ Speech Comm.

Candidate statement:

"You as students deserve an outlet in which your voices can be heard. You deserve to know and be involved in the processes that affect your daily SIUE experience. I will be a voice for the students, and I will work to involve more students in the governing process."

Candidate Breakdown

Election Day:
April 5 and 6

- 9 candidates for 12 senate seats
- 1 uncontested presidential race
- 2 candidates for vice president
- 2 candidates for student trustee
- no write-in candidates allowed

SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

2-25-10

Police met with a student in Dunham Hall for a report of theft of a trumpet and trumpet case.

2-27-10

Police took a report regarding credit cards and a driver's license stolen from Dunham Hall.

2-28-10

Police issued Nicholas Santella a state citation for improper lane use. Due to cold temperatures the officer transported both subjects to the department to conduct a field sobriety test. Santella was arrested and issued a citation for DUI. Police also arrested passenger Molly Minton for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Santella surrendered his license and posted \$100 bond. Both were processed and released.

3-2-10

Police issued a citation to Nicholas L. Simpson for unauthorized parking in a handicapped parking spot.

3-3-10

Police stopped a vehicle for one taillight on Stadium Drive. Jake Tobin was arrested for possession of cannabis and was transported

to the police department for processing and was released.

Police responded to a call of a possible burglary at the Eye Clinic of the East St. Louis Higher Education Center. Suspect was seen leaving the building.

3-4-10

Police responded to an accident in Lot 12. Jalaina Jones was issued a citation for improper backing.

Police responded to a deer struck on East University Drive. Sadie Sakurada was issued a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

3-8-10

Police issued a citation to Eric Taylor for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on South University Drive.

3-9-10

Police responded to a fire alarm at Founders Hall and advised there was smoke coming through a floor drain in the basement. Cause of smoke was not determined, but assumed to be electrical. There were no damages, and the alarm was reset.

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accounting for nearly 56 percent in the universities' discretionary funds.

Of those funds, the SIU system has only received 28 percent of those appropriations despite being 75 percent of the way through the year, according to Gross. Gross said SIU has not received any funds from the state for two months.

"Our situation hasn't changed since January," Gross said. "What we've been banking on are those stimulus dollars."

Those stimulus funds are expected to total \$16 million for the SIU system. That money would be used to secure March's payroll, which is still \$13 million short. Gross said the money has already been pledged and is in the state.

Gross said the state's financial situation is the best in the months of April and May.

To alleviate the cuts from education, Gov. Pat Quinn is proposing a one percent income tax increase. The current income tax rate is 3 percent.

"We can't afford to deny reality or delay action any longer. We don't have time for any more partisan

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to deal with the budget situation because of the budget from the governor last Wednesday, the cut in higher education is going to be severe to the SIUE campus," Harrison said, "so I really want to help advocate for those funds and make sure all the funds are used properly within the SIUE system to keep the institute running at the highest potential."

Additionally, Harrison said he would like to build a relationship with the BOT and make them known on campus as well, possibly through a "meet the trustees" day.

"If they can understand that I'm here for real, I'm not just doing it because I want to do something different, I want to do it to serve the students, then I think it's going to make a good difference," Harrison said, "and I think the Board of Trustees will take me seriously and listen to what I have to say to the students."

According to Harrison, this year's election will be an online ballot.

Senior business administration major Terrence Murphy from Chicago said he thinks the online

battles, parliamentary maneuvers or political expediency," Quinn said in a speech in Springfield March 10.

Also part of the state's budget under 'Creating Jobs' is \$6 billion in spending for 'Illinois Jobs Now!'

Gross said SIU President Glenn Poshard supports the governor's proposed income tax increase. The state is anticipating \$20.8 billion in revenue from taxes in this fiscal year, which is \$3.8 billion less than what was received in fiscal year 2008.

"President Poshard sees it as the only proposal out there that will increase revenue," Gross said. "That's the problem, is the drop in revenue."

The budget is detailed online at budget.illinois.gov where the public can view the 2011 budget, receive updates and even submit their own solutions to the budget crisis.

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ballots are strange because people are used to the traditional voting style and that the tables in the Morris University Center act as a reminder to vote.

"If they don't [inform the] mass public about the new way to vote, it could have a less impactful turnout," Murphy said.

According to Murphy, the candidates should keep their word once elected into office.

"[They need to] do what they say, or at least make the public think they're doing what they say. People feel like they've been bamboozled," Murphy said.

Freshman nursing major Shante Murray from Chicago said she plans to vote in the SG election, but she is still waiting to see what the candidates will bring in. According to Murray, the candidates should "plain and simple, keep their word."

"Talk is talk. Action is what really proves everything," Murray said.

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Counting Cougars

2010 Census wants students to call campus home

by Greg Maddox
Alestle Reporter

The United States Census Bureau wants college students to fill out their census forms correctly by listing their residence at the university where they live.

Every 10 years the United States government performs a census of the 50 states to determine the population of citizens in the country. People will be mailed forms or have census workers come to their houses in order to find the exact number of people residing in each home.

For many students, this will be the first census they will actually need to take part in.

Sophomore marketing major Ryan McCullough said he was confused about filling out the census form.

"I saw the advertisements for it in the Super Bowl, and I generally know what it is," McCullough said. "But I didn't know whether or not to say I live in Edwardsville or back home."

According to www.census.gov, the U.S. Census Bureau said that many students share this problem and that's why they have formed the Census on Campus campaign.

"The Census on Campus Initiative seeks to educate, engage, and mobilize college and university students, administration, faculty, and parents so that in the 2010 Census, every individual is counted—once, and in the right place," the U.S. Census Bureau said on the Web site.

The most common concern for the Census Bureau is to make sure the correct number of individuals are counted for their correct locations. This includes the common confusion about where a student should say they reside. Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said it is important to list your college residence.

"Generally the rule of thumb is to list where you live the majority of the year," Conroy said.

The bureau also doesn't want people to be listed more than once, as this can skew the results. Conroy said students need to remind their parents not to list them on their census forms.

"Parents can't list their children on their census if they live at college the majority of the year because that will count them twice," Conroy said.

The census is consulted in order to make sure that regions get an appropriate number of representatives in the government. If an area is not represented well in the census, the population won't be proportionally spoken for in the state government.

The census is also used to help divide money throughout the country. In order for places like Edwardsville to get the money they need, it is important for the census to represent the true population of the area.

SIUE is doing its part to make the process easier for the students. Next Tuesday through Thursday, there will be a booth set up in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge that will provide information about the census. Janet Haroian of the Edwardsville Alderman Committee is organizing the event and said it was important to teach students to fill out the form correctly.

"It's a 10 question form," Haroian said. "It helps with the allocation of federal dollars and the reallocation of state dollars to various institutions."

The local census bureau will be on hand to help students who are curious to what is involved with the form.

"There will be copies of forms if students have questions and the local census bureau will have members there to talk to," Conroy said.

"If students make sure to fill out their letters and mail them back in, it will save money in the long run so the Census Bureau doesn't have to go to people's doors," Haroian said. "They had about 72 percent of people mail their forms back last time, and they are looking to improve on that number this year."

Students living on campus should look for their census questionnaires to be arriving in the mail soon and should fill them out according to their location here in Edwardsville and also make sure parents know not to include them.

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Edwardsville artist Kymbyrly Koester spoke with other women at the women's activist panel discussion Wednesday, discussing vegetarianism, organic seeds and local farming.

plants and vines to grow around it," Koester said. "As a kid I would collect candy wrappers and try and use them for something because it was better than them being in a landfill."

Sacred Grounds worker Jennifer Courtney was also on

hand and talked to students about the negative effects the coffee industry has on the environment. According to Courtney, more than 23 billion coffee cups are thrown away every year, which is why her coffee shop has switched to using

recycled paper cups. She tells students that they should look for this when they go shopping for coffee.

"It is important to let businesses know what you expect if they don't have environmentally friendly accommodations," Courtney said. "You are the consumers and you have the power."

Students were encouraged to use metal thermoses when drinking, and to attempt to buy food from local growers. They were also encouraged to try and grow their own food.

Rehg said the meeting was a success, and she hopes that students can take something away from the speakers' experience.

"We want to highlight the fact that individual people can make a difference in their communities and in the environment," Regh said.

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Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift speaks Tuesday on SIUE's efforts to raise \$20,000 for the Haiti relief fund since the disastrous earthquake in January.

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Political science professor Denise Degarmo, who was in charge of the SIUE 4 Haiti Teach In program and the collective drive, which raised about \$15,000 in medical supplies, clothes, water and other desperately needed items, was in awe by the way so many different ideas came together to work for a common goal.

"The university was able to pull together as a whole and work toward a common goal, something often difficult for universities to do. Students, staff, faculty and administration were able to rise above their differences and their ideologies all in the name of assisting the people of Haiti," Degarmo said.

Rahn said the university had to realize that the earthquake in Haiti was not confined to its borders, but sent shock waves of influence across the world.

"Although we live hundreds of miles from Haiti, our students and faculty understood the impact that an experience like the earthquake in Haiti can have not only on Haiti, but the entire world," Rahn said.

Vandegrift said the global sense of community SIUE is exemplified in this time of need.

"This is a great statement about the sense of community we have at SIUE and the fact that

sense of community extends to the entire world," Vandegrift said.

SIUE has showed that it has the ability to stand strong and unite to aid in important causes now and in the future if needed, according to Degarmo.

"SIUE has the power and the people to respond to all sorts of disasters. We have the values to make us an international citizen," Degarmo said.

March 12 was the two-month anniversary of the start of the relief effort. While the immediate efforts for Haiti have been successful, the problem solving in Haiti is far from over.

"This relief process is not going to be a short-term process for the Haitian people, while we rallied and met the immediate emergency needs of these people. The rest of the funds collected by the Red Cross will be providing support for years to come," Summers said.

Vandegrift said he knows the work to help Haiti is not over and SIUE will need to keep up its effort.

"To those citizens of Haiti, we stand behind you, we wish you the best and we will continue to be supportive," Vandegrift said.

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Write-in voting option should be restored to the Student Government ballot

Student Government needs to hold a special session, return the option of writing in candidates for elections and restore the choice students should always have had.

The two main complaints I heard as to why write-in votes for elections were eliminated were: they usually aren't serious nominations and lead to time spent counting useless votes, and they do not attend the official Student Government candidates meeting.

As far as non-serious nominations, I don't care if Mickey Mouse is elected. If that's who the students want, then maybe candidates should try harder to voice why they should be elected.

The time spent counting joke write-ins can't possibly account for that much. The opportunity for students to nominate a candidate should far outweigh the time taken tallying their votes.

This election, there are just two real races. Vice president and student trustee are the only two positions with actual competition. Brandon Rahn is the only candidate for president and there are only nine students running for Senate. Barring a scandal which forces one to drop out of the race, we already know who will fill those positions for next year.

The uncontested candidates will not need to bother campaigning for a position, which should be absolutely crucial to winning a position. There have been 12 or fewer candidates for the 12 senator positions three

of the last four years. This isn't something new.

Student Government is the one of the most, if not the most influential student organization on campus. They decide, directly and indirectly, how much we as students pay to go to SIUE.

Student Government decides exactly how much the student body pays in student fees, and they have a representative on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, which decides how much we pay in tuition.

They aren't planning decorations for homecoming or prom.

They are directly deciding where nearly a grand of the cash I earn goes to, and I should have the choice to nominate someone else if I feel those running aren't worthy, even more so now since races are uncontested.

The meeting all candidates are required to go to is the other issue why write-in votes were abolished. Despite the effort to get candidates to this meeting, replacement senators do not have to go through the same process when appointed in the middle of the year. It's not a small number either. There have been at least six senators since last year's elections who have resigned this school year, and the replacements were then appointed without having to attend the said meeting.

Write-in votes may have been done away with for now, but it's not too late to correct the mistake.

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Aren Dow

The media is giving the wrong people a celebrity status

These days it does not seem to take much to be considered a celebrity. Case in point: former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is now more famous after his arrest, on charges of federal corruption, than before.

He is now being featured on reality television, where most famous people go to keep their careers from completely fading into the background.

"The Apprentice" is now featuring celebrities, with the winner giving their prize to his or her favorite charity.

Blago is the big attention-getter on the show this season. It takes a pretty strong-willed person, who was caught publicly on the telephone saying things that shouldn't have been said concerning a certain Senate seat, to go on television and act like nothing is wrong.

He has also made his rounds throughout the country, telling people that he has done nothing wrong and will fight to clear his name.

Blagojevich has been on the "Late Show with David Letterman," he was invited to a college campus to speak on, of all things, ethics and has appeared on various talk shows (from FOX to CBS) to proclaim his innocence and lack of

wrongdoing while he was governor.

I have heard the joke that Illinois is the state where the governors make the license plates, and that seems to be true when it comes to some of the men who have been elected to run the state of Illinois. Now, it would seem that their wrongdoings are going to start being rewarded instead of scorned when they reach celebrity status.

Why should the man be allowed to make large amounts of money while he is waiting to go to court? It is not right that he should have full run of the media while he is waiting to hear from a judge whether he is going to join former Illinois governors like George Ryan in prison to pay for his alleged crimes.

The media may be right in that they give the public what they need or want. But, in cases like this one, they are making a man more famous after his crimes than when he was relatively unknown to most people across the country.

We should not be making these people famous. We should make sure that they are first tried for whatever they got in trouble for. Then they can have the chance to rebuild themselves if they are acquitted.

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- Jermaine Mcneese
Sophomore jazz performance major



"I think it interferes with the learning experience, which is what we're all here for. I know a lot of people have class at the times the power outages occur, so I know its probably really hard on the professors as well as the students."

-Kendyl Schmidt
Senior political science major



"I really didn't have a problem with it. Like, it seems like an inconvenience, but I thought it was a nice break to get out of class when I wasn't expecting it."

- Chris Hanner
Junior accounting major



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- Olubunmi Ayoola
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The Alestle Awards

When making a film, the director has final say. So when watching the Oscars on March 7 on our home television sets, the world saw a panel of judges decide which directors were recognized for their efforts this past year in the art of movie making. However, some Alestle staff decided that since the panel gets their say, we should, too. The Alestle analyzes the background of a few directors and how each one arrived at their current state of stardom.

james cameron

by Karina Swank / Alestle Editor in Chief

Combine growth hormones, blue coloring and tails to "Dances with Wolves" and the outcome is "Avatar."

Most of the plot lines for movies, books or things of that nature are simply tweaked versions of another story, but those differences, like the fact that the Na'vi ride dragon-like creatures versus horses, make the movie worth watching and even nominating for an Academy Award.

James Cameron understands that in today's world a good story is necessary, as he is a screenwriter as well as a director, but the special effects are what bring in the box-office records.

Cameron began his love for worlds unknown after watching "A Space Odyssey." His love for untouched worlds continued when he considered physics or the field of sciences for his major in college.

According to JamesCameronOnline.com, Cameron considered oceanography or marine biology because the ocean was an unknown world for him; one that he wanted to be transported to. Deciding that college was not for him, he dropped out and got a job as a miniature model maker at the Roger Corman Studios. There he got his foot in the door and began learning outside the library, where he had been self-teaching himself techniques for special effects.

The first movie Cameron truly became known for was "Terminator," which originated from a dream he had, but while working on the movie he accepted two writing jobs for "Rambo: First Blood Part 2" and "Aliens."

Cameron's repertoire of movies also includes: the sequel to "Aliens," "T2," "The Abyss" and "Titanic."

It was the research that went into "Titanic" that makes Cameron one of the most dedicated and inspired directors currently working. He got his wish multiple times to be transported to the ocean when he dove down to the site of the sunken Titanic.

They say Cameron is a perfectionist, but that might not be the right word. He's obsessed, but it's the obsessive-compulsive disorder in people that pushes them to give us movies like "Titanic," which grossed more than \$1.8 billion worldwide.

Cameron recreated the world of Titanic so we learned who those people were before becoming tragic history. He made them more than a big boat, but gave them a story and created a love story that may stand the test of time.

Part of the success of "Titanic" is credited to the special effects used to create the sinking of the unsinkable ship and the images of the beaten cruise-liner. The CGI techniques were undoubtedly incredible. Many theatergoers must have held their breath as the ship snapped in half, even when it was their third or seventh time watching it.

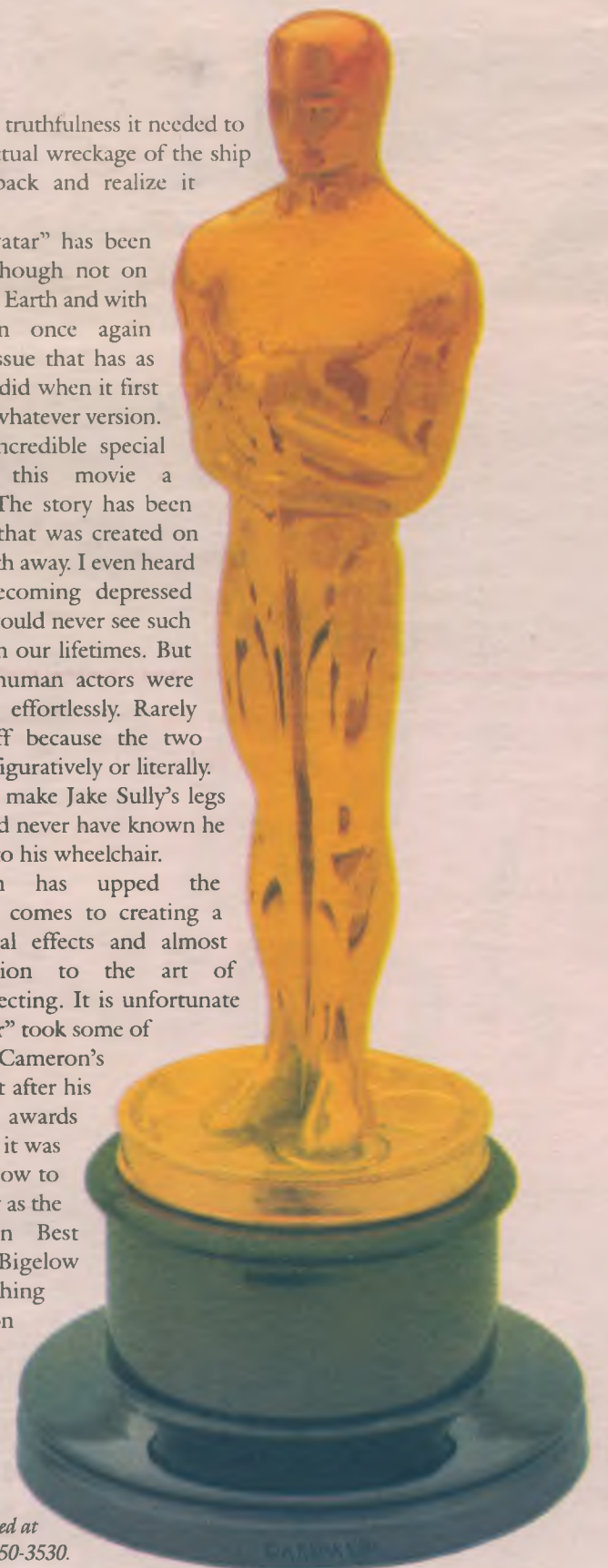
It was Cameron's contribution to underwater filming

that gave "Titanic" the truthfulness it needed to be huge. Seeing the actual wreckage of the ship made audiences sit back and realize it actually happened.

The story of "Avatar" has been played out as well, though not on some far planet, but on Earth and with its natives. Cameron once again brought to light an issue that has as much merit now as it did when it first hit the silver screen in whatever version.

But it was his incredible special effects that made this movie a tremendous success. The story has been done, but the world that was created on Pandora took our breath away. I even heard rumors of people becoming depressed because human eyes would never see such a world, at least not in our lifetimes. But more than that the human actors were woven into the story effortlessly. Rarely were you thrown off because the two worlds clashed either figuratively or literally. Also, the job done to make Jake Sully's legs was perfect. You would never have known he wasn't truly confined to his wheelchair.

James Cameron has upped the competition when it comes to creating a world through special effects and almost unparalleled dedication to the art of screenwriting and directing. It is unfortunate that "The Hurt Locker" took some of the glory away from Cameron's visual masterpiece, but after his incredible success at awards shows like the Oscars, it was OK for Kathryn Bigelow to make Academy history as the first female to win Best Director. After all, Bigelow may have learned a thing or two from Cameron after having been married to him.



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Precious

by Kari Williams
Alestle Reporter

Starring the unknown, sudden sensation, Gabourey Sidibe, "Precious" defined what the Oscars were meant to do—shine a spotlight on the most deserving actors and actresses, regardless of their backgrounds. Filled with raw emotion and heartfelt acting, "Precious" stands in a category of its own. With Sidibe being, literally, a nobody in regard to Hollywood, her nomination tells a true tale of accomplishing one's dreams. Though nearly every movie deserved its place in the Oscars, none deserved it more than "Precious," which set a precedence for the award ceremony that will last for years to come.

500 Days of Summer

by Sean Roberts
Alestle Photographer

The Oscars are full of a certain genre. If a director shies away from that genre, that director has no chance of getting an Oscar. This is unfortunate. After watching "500 Days of Summer" I noticed one thing about this romantic comedy. It didn't completely suck. That alone should make it worthy of at least a nomination. It did something completely new and refreshing for the genre by making it a more realistic, life story instead of a love story. If there were a comedy category at the Oscars then movies like this, and another great film, "The Hangover," would not be ignored.

Watchmen

by Lindsey Oyler
Alestle A&E Editor

When asking the question "Who watches the 'Watchmen?'" I have to reply, "Apparently not the Oscars' judges." This comic book adaptation explores the dangerous, but beautiful realms of color, special effects and dialogue. Each superhero is more intricate than the last, especially Dr. Manhattan, with his eerie glow and astonishing strength. Even the soundtrack is the epitome of classic, taking classic rock music and putting new twists on it with covers by new age bands. Overall, I don't know why "Watchmen" didn't get more attention at the Oscars, but it should've brought home all the hardware.

Films in short

The Hurt Locker

by Mathew Camp / Alestle Copy Editor

At the Academy Awards, "The Hurt Locker" was nominated in nine categories, won six Oscars, beating out movies such as "Avatar" and "Inglourious Basterds" in many. I think "The Hurt Locker," was a good movie, but I do not think it deserved quite the attention it received, especially with the controversy surrounding the film. Producer Nicholas Chartier was banned

from attending the ceremony for sending e-mails to academy members urging them to vote for his movie, which is not only morally wrong, but against rules of the Academy. Shortly after, an Iraqi war veteran claimed the story was based on him filing a pending lawsuit. I did enjoy the film, but I do not think it should be as acclaimed as it is when other movies followed the rules.

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quentin tarantino

by Aren Dow / Alestle Managing Editor

For nearly the last 20 years, Quentin Tarantino has revitalized the film industry, breathing life into a stale, cookie-cutter Hollywood.

In the late 1970s, "Star Wars" and LucasArts revolutionized the industry of special effects in movies, which devolved into some movies centering around the effects rather than the story itself. The 1980s thrived on this, paving the way for the likes of Bruce Willis, Sylvester "Sly" Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jean Claude Van Damme to become huge stars.

Tarantino needs little special effects to hype his films. He rather relied upon characters and story to drive audiences.

When "Reservoir Dogs" was released in 1992, it marked the beginning of a revival in the independent film industry not seen since Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas co-founded American Zoetrope in the 1960s.

The quirky dialogue, strong violence and unique story structure rocked traditional Hollywood. Some of the most memorable moments from his films include dialogue on tipping or cheeseburgers in France—which do nothing to advance the plot, but provide highly quotable entertainment.

When "Pulp Fiction" was released, Chicago film critic Roger Ebert lauded the contrast of "Pulp Fiction" to the traditional Hollywood films.

"The screenplay, by Tarantino and Roger Avary, is so well-written in a scruffy, fanzine way that you want to rub noses in it—the noses of those zombie writers who take 'screenwriting' classes that teach them the formulas for 'hit films,'" Ebert wrote in his review.

Tarantino's popularity became so great in 2005 that his name was attached to trailers of "Sin City" and "Hostel," even though he directed neither of the two. It was merely there to sell tickets.

In fact, Tarantino has only directed six, full-length motion pictures. He has dipped his hand into other projects like "Grindhouse" and "Four Rooms," but he has become incredibly successful off a small body of work.

What is particularly fantastic about Tarantino is his ability to resurrect careers, such as John Travolta, or pave the way for future ones, like Uma Thurman. He took Christoph Waltz, a German actor who had never crossed over into the States, and turned him into an Oscar winner last week in his first American lead in "Inglourious Basterds."

Tarantino's latest work, "Basterds," shows the diversity he can bring to the table. Having WWII as the setting is a stark contrast to the more modern-day settings "Reservoir Dogs" or "Kill Bill" used.

So why do I love Tarantino? Because he simply provides the best

entertainment in the industry. I usually grudgingly hand over money to the movie theater, not knowing whether I just threw away \$10. With Tarantino I don't have to worry. I enjoy the show.

I like seeing thieves talk about regular topics. I like seeing them dance on a stage at a '50s diner like everyday people. I like hearing about why Superman is the most unique superhero and why he is a reflection of the human race from a self-proclaimed "murdering bastard."

Interspersed with the dialogue is the brutal nature of Tarantino, which he will probably be remembered for. But, the genius is more in the anticipation or the thought of what is to come.

One of the best scenes in "Reservoir Dogs," my favorite, is when Mr. Blonde is torturing the cop and the camera pans away from the action. All you hear is screaming and "Little Green Bag" blaring in the background, while looking at a doorway against a blank wall. The thought of what is happening is far more gruesome than the actual act, which is already gruesome enough. It is an incredibly powerful scene.

"Kill Bill Vol. 3" is slated for 2014, but I'm not sure I can wait that long. But as Jules Winnfield would tell me, "... be cool."

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One man's struggle to take it easy.

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

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john hughes

by Jill Cook /Alestle Graduate Assistant

It is hard to believe that a man who wrote, produced or directed (or some combination of the three) more than 30 movies had never been nominated for an Oscar. This is the case of John Hughes, but do not let the lack of recognition fool you.

John Hughes is possibly most well-known for the movies "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Home Alone," "Sixteen Candles" and "The Breakfast Club." What Hughes lacks in awards, his movies make up in timelessness. In fact, that could be what made Hughes worthy of the posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award given during the 82nd annual Academy Awards.

His movies, especially the teen drama movies, seem to resonate with every generation long after they were first shown. Look at "Sixteen Candles" or "The Breakfast Club." Granted, the movies lack mobile phones and computers (two must-haves for any teenager nowadays), but the storylines seem to touch a nerve, a level of understanding, with today's generation as much as it did with Generation X. The awkwardness, the painful self-awareness, the desire to belong, the myriad of family problems and that amazingly difficult hormonal explosion were all quite well expressed in Hughes' movies.

But it wasn't just the storyline that connected

(and still connects) with the audience. It was also how the film was shot. Several of his films have a character narrator. In "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," there are shots where Ferris speaks directly to the audience. Other times, he narrates for us. While a movie of actors acting with each other gives the audience the feeling of being privy to something we shouldn't be, the narration gives the feeling of that person sitting next to you telling the story. This style was a Hughes trademark.

Hughes might be most famous for his teen dramas, but he also worked on many popular adult comedies. He wrote many of the National Lampoon movies, including "Vacation" and "Class Reunion." He also wrote "Mr. Mom," the comedy of a husband and father who loses his job and takes on the responsibilities of raising the three kids while the wife goes off to work.

Hughes showed his audience the funnier side of their own lives while recognizing the calamities and heartbreaks that come with it. His audiences could see a little bit of themselves in his characters. His works might not have won critical acclaim, but they earned something worth much more, a connection with the people.

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Montgomery said Taylor had a confident approach to Bradley's hitters in Tuesday's victory.

"She had command of all her pitches and worked the count well," Montgomery said. "We had a good game plan on all their hitters, and she only made one mistake."

That mistake came on a two-out double by Vitale in the top of the fifth, but Taylor worked around it, getting Julie Sherman to foul out to left field.

Bradley threw four different pitchers, with Brandi Ore taking the loss, allowing two hits in her single inning of work. Zembruski said adjustments were necessary throughout the game dealing with Bradley's different hurlers.

"We had to adjust to the different pitchers they threw," Zembruski said. "They did that to try and keep us off balance at the plate."

Taylor said this year's Cougar team is different from last years 40 win-edition, but is starting to come together as the season progresses.

"We are finally starting to get everyone to perform: pitching, hitting and defense," Taylor said.

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won two games straight as of Tuesday. Brooks said SIUE put together all three aspects of the game in Tuesday's win: pitching, hitting and fielding.

Sophomore right fielder Thad Hawkins went four of five at the plate, driving in a run and scoring four times himself. His brother, Zach Hawkins, a sophomore third baseman, added a couple hits and an RBI to the Cougar effort.

But despite the respectable offensive showing for SIUE, perhaps the most impressive performance came off the mound. Three Cougar pitchers combined for the shutout in Tuesday's effort.

Sophomore starter Dustin Quattrocchi was awarded with the win in six innings of work. Quattrocchi struck out six and gave up just two hits, earning his second win of the year. Sophomore Brian Lorenz came in for relief in the seventh, tossing two scoreless innings. Freshman Josh Malin finished North Dakota off at the mound in the final inning.

"The schedule is starting to get a little easier, and we plan on competing."

Prior to the win Tuesday, SIUE had faced nationally ranked Southern Illinois University Carbondale and power-conference opponents in University of Nebraska, Auburn University, the University of Mississippi, Kansas University and the University of Arkansas. Early in the season, SIUE knocked off Ohio Valley Conference powerhouse Jacksonville State University. A two game set against No. 3 University of Missouri at Cougar Field set for March 3 and 4 was postponed due to cold temperatures.

"We have played some quality competition, so we are happy to get a win and are just trying to get better if we happen to take a loss," Montgomery said.

The Cougars took the diamond again on Wednesday, and fell 9-1 to Murray State on the road. Taylor took the loss, pitching four innings and allowing eight unearned runs. SIUE will play at the University of Indiana Saturday.

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"[Dustin] Quattrocchi and Brian Lorenz threw excellent for us," SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said. "They didn't allow any walks and they were ahead of the hitters all day. We pitched a lot better than we have been."

Collins listed a core of young players who have stepped it up this year for his team, including Vazquez and Quattrocchi. It was a young lineup that gave SIUE a 10-6 win against East Tennessee State University last Sunday, where the starting Cougar rotation included five freshman, three sophomores and a senior.

After the Cougars and North Dakota faced off on Wednesday. SIUE will go on with their season this weekend continuing life on the road. Coach Collins' squad faces the University of Evansville in a three-game stint this Friday through Sunday.

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A 'Devine' championship

Freshman takes NCWA title, Cougars place third

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Reporter

The Cougar wrestling team represented SIUE at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Tournament this weekend with six All-Americans and a third place team finish.

Freshman David Devine, the Cougar heavyweight at 285 pounds, led the team with a first place finish at the tournament.

Devine, in his first year of collegiate wrestling, said it was great getting first place, but there is much more to come.

"I thought it was pretty awesome that I won a national tournament, but it was only a small part of a bigger picture now," Devine said. "I'm going to find out how good I really am when I compete at the Division I level."

Devine also said he learned a lot in his first year at SIUE and made steps in improving his game.

"I [learned not to] let any of my losses affect any of my other matches. They encouraged me to get better and improve on the ones I didn't do too well on," Devine said. "And now in college, I've started to push myself even more than when I was in high school."

Another SIUE freshman, Brendan Murphy, finished at the top of the 133-weight division with a third place finish.

Murphy said he has also improved during the course of the season.

"My conditioning went from not being able to take people down in the third to being able to take them down and win matches," Murphy said.

Murphy said the season-ending tournament was the peak of the team's performance.

"Almost everyone wrestled above their seeds, and it just seemed like everyone came together and was cheering each other on," Murphy said. "It

finally seemed like everything was clicking and with everyone wrestling well, we were able to take third."

Other top finishers for SIUE were sophomores Dillon Pousson, Steve Ross, Eric Pretto and freshman A.J. Smith.

Pousson, Ross and Smith all took fifth place at 141, 157 and 197 pounds respectively.

Pretto finished at eighth place in the 165-pound division.

Pousson said out of his eight matches, he wrestled well in seven of them. However, he said the matches he lost he knows he could have won, so he wants to work on the little mistakes to improve for next year.

"Going in, I always tell myself it doesn't matter what place I take," Pousson said. "As long as I perform to my best abilities I can be happy with myself."

Pousson said if he had to choose a teammate who has improved the most since the beginning of this season, it would be freshman Kyle Lowman.

Pousson said Lowman started this season recovering from a neck injury, but improved throughout the year. Lowman finished the conference and national tournaments with a 9-3 individual record.

Pousson said as far as his own performance, he made a strong attempt to work on his offensive skills.

"I have been working on my offense because I am predominately a defensive wrestler," Pousson said. "As the year went on my confidence grew with my offense, and I ended up winning big matches at nationals because of it."

The national tournament ended the Cougars 2009-2010 season. For complete bracket results, visit www.siuecougars.com.

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Senior Nick Jones (pictured left) and SIUE finished third in a field of 79 teams at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championships last weekend in Hampton, Va.

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Guest view from the sidelines

Responsibility should come with fame for athletes

by **A.J. Sanson**
For the Alestle

When reports broke last week of Steelers' quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's alleged sexual assault of a Georgia college student, eyes should have been opened across the sports world. Mine definitely were. I spent the first two years of my college life in Milledgeville, Ga., the town where this incident took place.

I also happened to be spending spring break there during the aftermath of the incident. Roethlisberger, who already has a rape allegation on his résumé to go along with a near fatal motorcycle accident and two Super Bowl rings, is obviously no stranger to the tabloids and a perfect example of the pampered lives athletes lead.

Roethlisberger was in Milledgeville because he owns a house on nearby Lake Oconee, but the question is: Why was he at the club, Capital City? Unless it is hosting a Luke Bryan or Zac Brown Band concert, Capital City is usually packed wall to wall with unsuspecting freshmen or sophomores women who aren't legally allowed to take a sip of alcohol. (The bars in Milledgeville

are 18 to enter, 21 to drink.) Most of the people I know quit going there at the age of 19. Roethlisberger is 28 so I'm going to have a tough time being convinced that Big Ben was just there to "hang out with his buddies."

It's sad that a lot of athletes get what they want just by their last name. Many of them don't even possess a college degree, and some that do, most likely had the better looking female student that sat next to them in class take tests for them. Now, it's obviously not easy to pick apart an NFL defense, or get a hold of a Roy Halladay curveball, but anyone who has heard an interview with Cardinals' centerfielder Colby Rasmus should have an idea of how intelligent some of these high profile people really are.

Yes, Tiger Woods is a Stanford graduate, and probably the greatest athlete of our generation, but he also proved that being an athlete has its perks last year, didn't he?

I honestly could care less how many home runs you can hit, goals you can score, touchdowns you catch or dunks you can throw down. Being a better person off the field and realizing that once

you become famous your personal life is essentially non existent, needs to be higher on the list for some of these athletes we love.

True fans will remember what you did off the field a lot longer than what you did on the field. So next time you decide to check out the night life in



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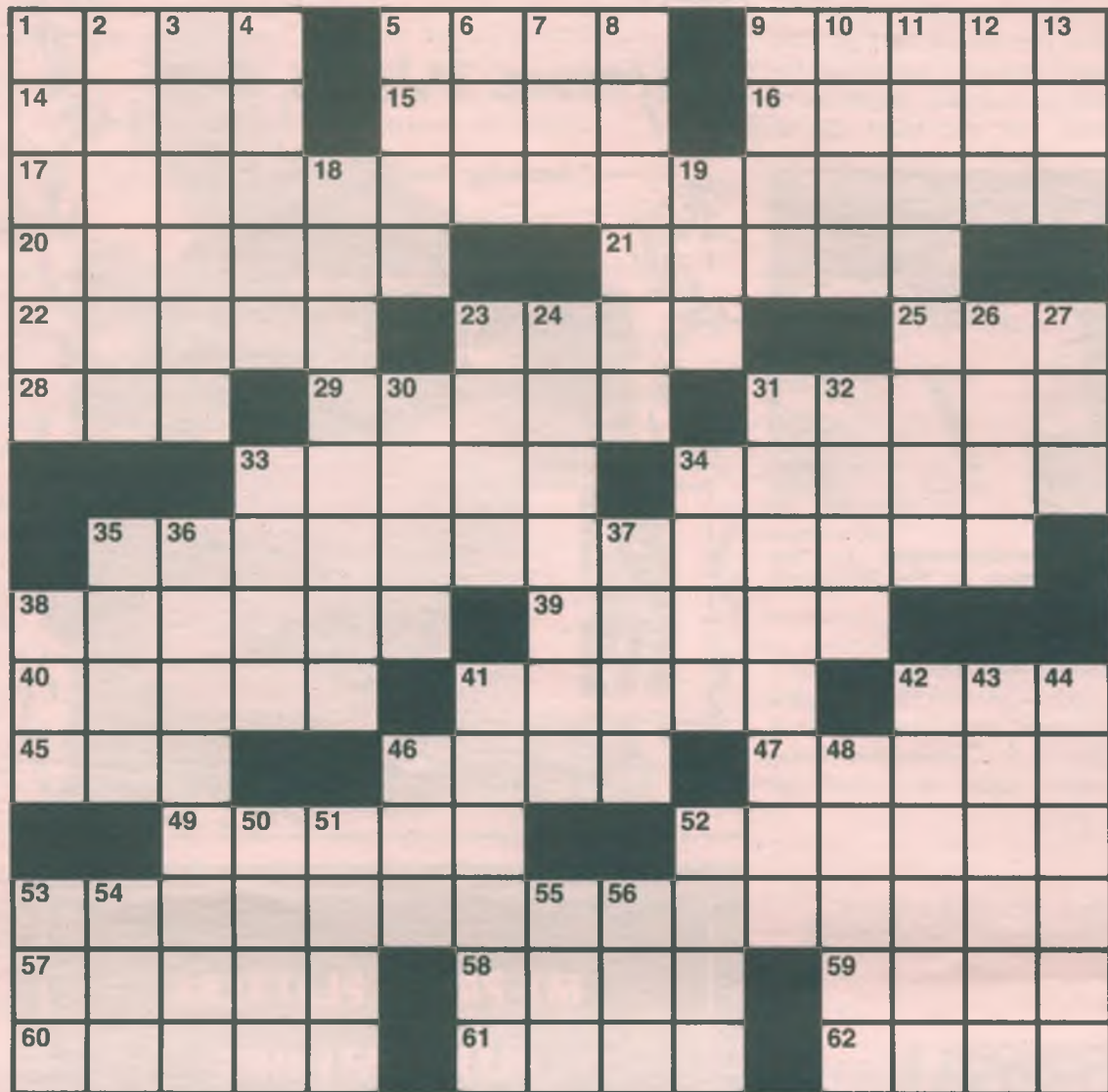
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22. Lock of hair
23. Med. plan choices
25. Opposite of “Huh?”
28. Damascus is its cap.
29. Fashion’s Gucci and actor Ray
31. Nudge rudely
33. Makes a long story short?
34. City leaders
35. Ideal getaway
38. Taken care of

39. "Rich Man, Poor Man" novelist Shaw
40. Give body to, as hair
41. Obvious disdain
42. Meditator's syllables
45. Calculate sums
46. Coarse file
47. Rub it in
49. Key in the sea
52. Defective, as wiring
53. Armchair quarterback's hobby
57. Change
58. Summoned the butler
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1. Passes out
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4. Pieces jigsaw puzzlers usually start with
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7. Kazakhstan, until 1991: Abbr.
8. Assertions
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10. Opera highlight
11. Game played with a baby
12. "Raggedy" girl
13. Inc., in England
18. Appointment-confirming words
19. Dix and Knox: Abbr.
23. Set with a sharper picture, briefly
24. Inlaid designs

26. Traffic jam honker
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 exclamations
30. Prom car
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32. "___ Eyes": 1975
 Eagles hit
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 Actress winner in
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Dueling shutouts



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Junior pitcher Erika Taylor went seven innings, allowing no runs on three hits with five strikeouts to earn her 12th win of the season Tuesday at Cougar Field. SIUE scored the game's only run in the top of the seventh on an RBI single by senior Lauren Zembruski.

Taylor baffles Bradley hitters, Zembruski delivers in seventh

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Sports Editor

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Senior Lauren Zembruski came through with an RBI single in the seventh inning and junior Erika Taylor tossed a complete game shutout for SIUE (14-12) to knock off Bradley University 1-0 Tuesday at Cougar Field.

With one out, Zembruski took a 1-0 fastball through the hole on the left side of the infield to score Brianna Fulginiti, who was into the game pinch-running for designated Hitter Laurie Siebert, following her double for the game's only run.

Zembruski said she had other plans at the plate, but ended up with a better pitch to drive through the infield for her 14th RBI of the season.

"I was looking for something inside to get out of the infield to tag the runner from third," Zembruski said.

Although Zembruski has struggled during the first half of the season, softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said she has the capability to drive home key runs, as was the case Tuesday.

"We have been up and down this year," Montgomery said. "We know what she can do and how clutch she can be and not everybody knows that."

Taylor held the Braves in the bottom half of the frame and pitched her way out of a jam to earn the victory and improve to 12-7 on the season.

Bradley had runners at the corners with one out before Taylor struck out Taylor Cox. Jacqueline Vitale then grounded out to Taylor Tooley at second base to end the game.

Montgomery said one run is not typically enough to win games, although Tuesday's outcome proved otherwise.

"You get goose eggs on the scoreboard going into the fifth and at that point you are just hoping you score before them," Montgomery said. "Erika threw very well, and we have played great defense all year long and came up with a timely hit. Sometimes, that's just the way it goes."

Taylor allowed just three hits, went without issuing a walk and had five strikeouts on the afternoon, tossing 99 pitches.

Despite the numbers Taylor put up, she said she was not completely on top of her game.

"I didn't feel as on as I could be," Taylor said. "I had good command and was locating my pitches well. I am confident in our [defense] picking it up behind me."

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Sean Roberts/Alestle

SIUE second baseman Matt Highland looks to add to the Cougars' hit total in the eighth inning of Tuesday's baseball game at SimmonsCooper Complex. SIUE exploded for 11 runs, and three pitchers held the Fighting Sioux scoreless to help SIUE to a victory in its home opener.

Offense, strong pitching help drop Fighting Sioux at home

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

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After starting the first 15 games of the season on the road, the Cougar baseball team was all business by the time their first home contest of the year rolled around on Tuesday.

SIUE wasted little time making a point, routing the University of North Dakota by a final score of 11-0 at Simmons Cooper Complex. It marked the first time the Cougars have shutout an opponent offensively this season.

The two teams looked evenly matched through the first three innings, a stretch where neither team put runs on the board. South Dakota thought they had scored the first run of the game in the top of the fourth inning when Josh Lagein tagged from third base on a sacrifice fly by Jake Magner. The Cougars appealed the play at third base, and Lagein was called out for leaving the bag early.

In the bottom half of the inning, SIUE began to take over.

"I think it was one of the best games we have played all year," senior center

fielder Adam Eggemeyer said. "If we keep playing like we did tonight, we are going to be winning a lot more games."

The win was more than welcome for SIUE. Eggemeyer said between the nice weather and playing at home, it was an ideal day for baseball for the Cougars.

"It was definitely a plus getting a win on in our home opener," Eggemeyer said. "The pressure of the road can really get to you."

The Cougars began connecting on the bats in the bottom of the fourth, where a triple from freshman second baseman James Vazquez highlighted the inning. Vazquez ended his day with a solid performance at the plate, going five of six with a pair of RBIs.

Sophomore catcher Brett Keeler was the one who got things going for the home team on the offensive side. Keeler batted in SIUE's first run of the day in the fourth and finished the day with five hits to his effort.

It would take just an inning later for the Cougars to add to their total with five hits and four more runs in the fifth frame. From there, it was all SIUE.

"It was great to get home and finally play on our own soil," senior catcher Dustin Brooks said. "Just being at home and trying to get back into the swing of things here drove a lot of people to play well, especially for our home opener."

After dropping seven straight decisions on the road, the Cougars have

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