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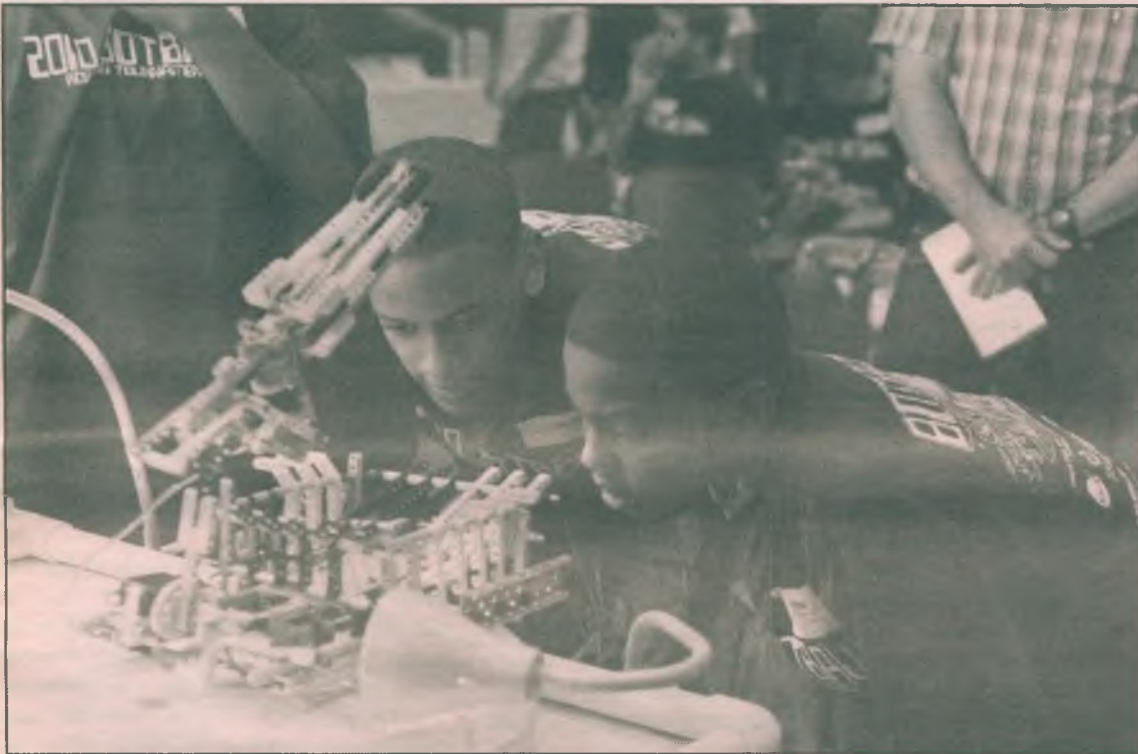


Photo courtesy of the Kiss Institute for Practice Robotics

Two high school students take part in the regional stage of the 2010 Botball tournament. The international tournament will span four days, starting July 7 and running through July 11.

## SIUE to host global robotic conference

by Justin Wingarter  
Alestle Reporter

SIUE will be the focus of the robotics world when the School of Engineering plays host to the Global Conference on Educational Robotics July 7-11. The four-day annual event will feature lectures and discussions on the latest in robotic technology along with the conference's most popular events: two autonomous robot tournaments which will be open to the public. Computer science professor and department chair Jerry Weinberg is the event's organizer.

"This is a great thing for SIUE," Weinberg said. "For one thing it brings 400 to 500 kids - many of them high schoolers who are thinking about college - onto our great campus."

The conference's two robotic competitions will feature a wide range of students. The International Botball Robotics Tournament is an annual opportunity for middle and high school teams from around the world to showcase their expertise in robotics.

"Botball is an educational experience that is disguised as a robot competition," explains Weinberg. "We bring [students] in for workshops and teach them about building robots and programming robots so they learn a little bit of computer science, electrical engineering, and mechanical engineering."

Somewhere between 60 and 70 teams are expected to compete in the Botball Tournament - including two or three teams from the Middle East and two from Poland - making it the conference's largest event. The competition will last for three days, culminating Sunday, July 11. Although the theme for each year's international botball competition is chosen well prior to the event, this year's theme will make for an ironic twist.

"This year the theme is, interestingly enough, cleaning up an oil spill," said Weinberg. "There are areas represented as oil slicks and robots will have

sponges that represent dispersants that they will have to deliver to the oil slicks while picking up oil-covered 'ducks' that they will bring to the designated cleaning area. It was an unfortunate, timely theme."

For robot enthusiasts and students that have graduated high school, there is the conference's second tournament: the KIPR Open hosted by the Kiss Institute for Practice Robotics. Twelve to 15 teams are expected to compete in the Open, comprised mostly of students and engineers from private companies.

"SIUE has had a team for the last four years and we usually take first or second. We've been trading off first and second place with a team from Boeing," Weinberg, who is also the coach for SIUE's KIPR Open team, said.

In addition to the competitions, the conference will also feature a series of guest speeches by Rice University assistant professor James McLurkin and Boeing Vice President Jeffrey Rice. Pam Gay, a research associate lecturer for the Department of Physics at SIUE was scheduled to deliver a speech titled "Space Exploration and the Role of Robotics" before being forced to cancel due to a scheduling conflict.

"Bringing people here to talk about the work that they're doing is a very important part of this and is great for SIUE," said Weinberg.

A majority of the conference's events - including the competition activities and conference talks - will take place in the MUC. Bluff Hall will house around 200 of the conference's guests.

In addition to the many educational benefits, Weinberg said he sees an economical benefit as well.

"For the school in general it's going to generate quite a few dollars," Weinberg said.

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## Greek housing over budget, moved

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A&E Editor

Cougar Village residents may have to make room for Greek housing, after the initial plans for building houses came in over budget.

Planning was approved for the project, but the Board of Trustees did not approve the actual project, according to Student Body President Brandon Rahn.

"The project came in over budget so we're having to look at other options," Rahn said. "We were expecting it to be around \$13 million and it came in at around \$15 million."

University administration is looking at renovating buildings from the 400 or 500 side of Cougar Village, although Rahn said there are no plans set.

Steve Sperotto, director of the Kimmel Leadership Center, said an architect was on campus

for a week to begin the planning for Greek housing.

"The figures that came back were well over budget," Sperotto said. "We spent about a month working with the architect to see if we could cut the budget. It still came in about \$2 million over."

The organizations were given the option of paying to make up the extra cost. For every million over budget, the students would have to pay about \$500 extra, which came to about \$1,000 extra per person each year.

If the apartments were renovated for use of the Greek organizations, they would be able to put their letters up and there would be a chapter room in each building on the first floor.

Sperotto said the decision will be made by September. Once it has been determined how many chapters are interested in living in Cougar Village, then an architect

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## Walk this way



Sean Roberts/Alestle

The sidewalk construction, which will parallel Circle Drive around campus, is expected to last until the end of July.

by Jason Frazier  
Alestle Reporter

pedestrians.

"With more and more students coming that equals more cars on campus," Walker said. "Once this is complete you will be able to walk or jog around circle drive by staying on the sidewalk and not entering automobile traffic lanes. This should increase safety."

Walker said the money to complete the project is coming from SIUE's operating fund.

"The bid to complete the

Summer appears to be the season for construction on the SIUE campus. University Park Drive and Circle Drive continue the trend by getting curbside makeovers.

The growing population at SIUE equals more traffic on campus. Assistant Vice Chancellor for Administration Rich Walker said this construction will increase safety for motorists and

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# SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

6-22-10

Police issued Kayslee C. Kayser citations for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a stop sign on Lewis Road.

6-23-10

Police issued Wilma C. Schillinger a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

6-24-10

Police took a report of a subject suspected of exposing himself in the basement of the Science Building.

6-25-10

Police arrested Atiyayein A. Wallace for theft of lost property. Wallace was taken to the police department where she was processed and released with a notice to appear.

6-26-10

Police issued Paul J. McCormack citations for expired registration and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Benjamin A. Wilkinson a citation for the illegal transportation of alcohol after observing a car parked at the baseball facilities with several subjects in it. One passenger had been injured and was taken to Anderson Hospital by the Edwardsville Ambulance Service. A parent was contacted to transport the remaining passengers home.

Police arrested Carl D. McCaleb for possession of cannabis and issued him a citation for the illegal transportation of alcohol after checking on his car parked at Korte Stadium and noticing an odor of marijuana. A search revealed open alcohol and cannabis. McCaleb was taken to the police department where he was processed and released with a notice to appear.

6-27-10

Police issued Maegan J. Bosler citations for one headlight and driving under the influence on North University Drive. Bosler was taken to the police department where she was processed and released after posting \$100 bond and relinquishing her driver's license.



Sean Roberts/Alestle

**Greek housing, which had plans to locate near Bluff and Evergreen Halls, may now be moved to Cougar Village after cost estimates were \$2 million over budget.**

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can be called in to begin the planning.

Phi Kappa Psi President Doug Sandweg said the idea for Greek housing in Cougar Village was brought up in 2004, but was rejected by the Greeks.

"If it's not going to be a space we would use, and that we are not going to use, I don't want it," Sandweg said. "It's just one of those things where let's do it right or let's not do it."

Sandweg was hopeful a central location would be made if the Cougar Village apartments were converted. As of now, the apartment buildings are made up of separate rooms.

"We wouldn't get the living community like we would in a big house," Sandweg said. "Basically we would just have an apartment complex."

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Brian Russell said the main problem with the housing project was the money. The new plans for Greek housing in Cougar Village are feasible.

"It's probably what's going to end up happening," Russell said. "All the groups have to show interest."

There would be one apartment building for each organization, but four or five groups must be interested in the Cougar Village plan. The original plan for housing was for seven houses.

The decision will be made in the fall, when all the organizations are back on campus. The timeline for the housing would be the same as before, completion expected in the fall of 2012 if the plans are approved.

The plans will not be taken to the board for approval until there is a better chance for approval.

"Because of the economy and because of how short [on money] they were, they were not going to take it to the board," Russell said.

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project was \$165,000, which came from the university's operating fund," Walker said. "That fund is a mixture of our state appropriations and tuition income. We set aside money each year to do facility improvements."

This project has been on the agenda for SIUE for many years and Walker said the project has finally come to fruition thanks to the operating fund.

"We thought that having a safe walking path along Circle Drive was an important thing to have," Walker said. "We have been working at completing Circle Drive for about 14 years now as money became available through the operating fund."

Maintenance Operational Manager Janice Lariviere said she hopes students, faculty and visitors will benefit from the safety enhancement these sidewalks will provide.

"I think it provides the SIUE community with safer commute by foot through campus," Lariviere said.

While the roads are not directly affected, Walker said they had to take some precautions along Circle Drive to ensure the safety of the workers.

"There is no construction going on involving the actual road, just the sidewalks," Walker said. "However, we have to protect the construction workers. We had to close off one lane along part of Circle Drive. I appreciate the cooperation of the students during this time."

The construction on University Park Drive is nearing completion and Walker said there are just few more things to be taken care of.

"We hope to have University Park Drive finished by the end of July. They are very close to completing it now. There is still some asphalt to lay down, stripes have to be put down and [Illinois Department of Transportation] has to do their inspection after everything is complete," Walker said.

The construction on Circle Drive started this month and Walker said this leaves the timetable for completion to be later than University Park Drive.

"The construction for Circle Drive began a couple of weeks ago. It will be done before the fall semester begins," Walker said.

Walker said the design of the sidewalk is aimed at protecting pedestrians.

"They are putting in a barrier cove sidewalk. It is slightly elevated. If a car was to hit the sidewalk, it lowers the chance of vehicle striking a pedestrian," Walker said. "In addition you will see some small culverts to help drain."

# D.A.R.E. celebrates 20 years in the community

by **A.J. Sanson**  
Alestle Reporter

Forget all the theories, equations, long hours of clinicals, or case studies you've had to do since you've been in college and try to remember back to the days of the D.A.R.E. program.

D.A.R.E., which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, celebrates 20 years of providing children with the information and skills they need to live drug free and violence free lives in 2010. The program is currently used in 75 percent of U.S. school districts, with Edwardsville being no exception.

Maj. Don Lask of the Edwardsville Police Department originally implemented the program in the Edwardsville school district in 1989. Lask says the program is constantly evolving.

"The biggest change has been in curriculum. There have been three rewrites over the years and it constantly changes in time to update with new drug information," Lask said.

Lask said the main goal of the program is not just to inform young students about the dangers of drugs, but the dangers of violence and the importance of making smart decisions as they grow into adults. Lt. Scott Evers

currently supervises the D.A.R.E. program in Edwardsville and has great faith in what the program provides for all parties involved.

"It's a program I believe in," Evers said. "It has a place in the community and school districts, and has a positive impact on parents, students and faculty."

D.A.R.E. still has a presence at SIUE in the minds and actions of the students. Senior public relations major Brittany Luehmann of Pontoon Beach said she remembers a day back in middle school when the D.A.R.E. officers brought in a model of human lungs that had suffered from smoking.

"They looked a hundred times worse than the lungs that had not been affected by smoking, and from that day on I never wanted to even try a cigarette or any type of drug for that matter," Luehmann said. "I am very happy I never became a smoker and I think that lasting impression was in the back of my mind every time I considered smoking."

Senior exercise and wellness major Jason Follick of Bloomington said the D.A.R.E. program helped him make the right choice as he grew older.

"It absolutely helped me make decisions," Follick said. "I had a lot of peer pressure to try new things, but I was able to resist

the temptations."

Senior mass communications major Marcus Evans of Skokie felt the program seemed just like a regular class.

"I remember the booklets and homework we had to do," Evans said. "It was all supposed to teach us how to stay away from crime and bad people."

Graduate student and exercise and physiology major Stacy Gavin of Peoria said the exposure to police at a young age make her feel at ease.

"I don't always remember what they taught us, but they were always friendly and made me feel comfortable to be around cops," Gavin said.

Lask said he agrees establishing positive relationships between law enforcement and children is another great characteristic of the program. He said the positive feedback he has received over the years regarding the program gives him a sense of fulfillment.

"It's a rewarding part of my job," Lask said. "It's nice to know I made a difference and [the students] remember me. Every day we have a shot to not just help kids, but their parents as well."

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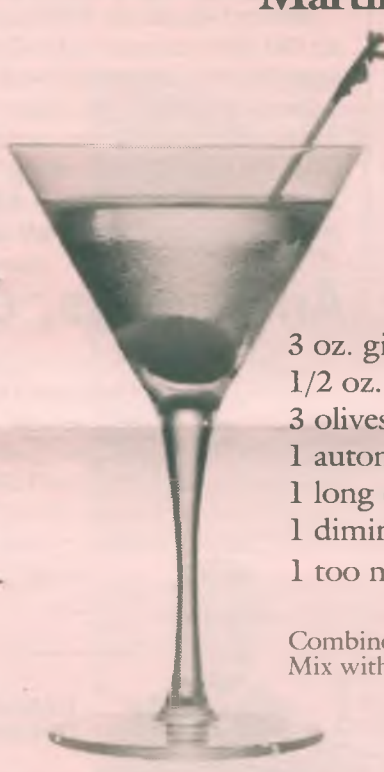
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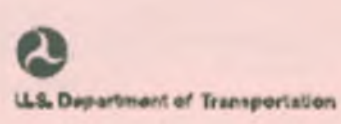
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## Limitations should be placed upon senators' terms

The death of Sen. Robert Byrd on Monday has been met with the inevitable odes and praises that follow the death of a politician. Men and women who had slandered his name up and down the halls of



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Congress during his lifetime suddenly scurry to sound as sorrowful as politically possible. It's a horrendous undertaking of outright lies and comical fabrications, unfit for the common citizen's ear. Of course the jocularity of this false praise is all the more amplified when rained upon a former Ku Klux Klan member who once wrote, "I shall never fight in the armed forces with a Negro by my side ... Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds." This quote - along with Byrd's impressive rise up his local KKK chapter's ranks - was not-so-shockingly ignored in the

ludicrous lamentations Monday.

But the real lesson to learn from the death of Senator Byrd is not what was left out of Monday's praise or even the lies that were spoken. It's one fundamental fact, spouted endlessly by every news organization and political friend of the late senator, that should trouble American citizens: Byrd served 58 years in the U.S. Congress. In the eyes on some, including many of the nation's Founding Fathers, that's at least 46 years too many.

Political theologians as far back as ancient Greece and Rome imposed term limits on a number of elected offices, including legislative seats. The idea was that the imposition of a constant rotation would limit the inherent evils of power from taking hold in antiquity. Well versed in ancient political theory, the American revolutionaries followed suit, placing term limitations on legislatures and plural executives in many of the colonies. In 1789, Thomas Jefferson successfully made the case for limited tenures "to prevent every danger which might arise to American freedom by continuing too long in office the members of the Continental Congress." Although a key part of the Articles of Confederation, the absence of congressional

term limits in the U.S. Constitution proved unnecessary for the 18th and 19th centuries as congressmen generally upheld the Washingtonian precedent that had been placed on the executive branch.

Political power in the first century after the nation's founding was dreaded by both those under it and those holding it. The idea of obtaining political power was feared by many revolutionaries who hoped to somehow avoid the hunger of power, the idea that "contact with the affairs of state is one of the most corrupting of the influences to which men are exposed," as American author James Fenimore Cooper put it.

Strong - albeit futile - attempts in the past two decades to install congressional term limits should be seen as a sign of political discontent and disenfranchisement from the American people. And the supposed legacy of career politician Robert Byrd, a man who certainly didn't fear the inevitable corruption that accompanies political power, should be a sign of the political situation this nation now finds itself in.

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## Americans, embrace the cultural phenomena of soccer

I bought my first soccer jersey last week. Not being a sports guy, it was a bit reaffirming in my masculinity. Jerseys show your dedication to a sport, your pride in clothing. It was a Germany jersey, but I didn't take flack from USA fans. At least I finally got one.

At least Germany is still in the World Cup.



**Kenneth Long**  
Opinion Editor

It was an odd experience for the United States last week. I thought soccer fans were very few and far between, but a great deal of Americans at least posted a pro-soccer status on Facebook.

The United States has an even stranger on-off soccer relationship. Where I grew up, many Saturday mornings were spent in an open grass field with two nets and clusters of shin guard-clad boys furiously kicking a ball at

each other. Granted, I was the fullback who spent more time digging holes in the field with my new cleats or batting at the unlucky bugs in my vicinity, but it was fun and I had fun doing it.

While a few kids went on to play soccer in high school, most others turned their attention to football, the more dominant American sport.

I never found much success at this either. In fact, my eighth grade team went the whole season without a point, and needless to say a win.

Soccer sensationalism in America is seasonal. Frankly, if we're not in it, then it's not worth our time. We'll hold the grudge against Ghana, but it won't show in mainstream America until the next time we make it past the first few rounds.

Honestly, fair weather support is okay because at least it's some kind of support. But when Glenn Beck broadcasts that Americans don't care about the World Cup, he's only half right. We do care about it, but only at the right time. It doesn't help the world's view of us

when a bug-eyed pig of a man says we don't care about the whole world's most popular sport. Not every American is Glenn Beck, but not every American is broadcast as much as he unfortunately is.

I'll still keep up with the World Cup. I plan on going to a pub in St. Louis, cheering on Germany and maybe learning a few songs along the way, but I won't forget that those who cheer with me might be disillusioned USA fans. We continue watching because of our love of the sport, the culture, maybe just the beer. But it brings us together.

Regardless of your feelings on soccer as a whole, our country is viewed through soccer as well as any other policy or war. If you're rooting for France, it's okay. Why not Ghana? Ivory Coast?

At least acknowledge the importance of a sport celebrated worldwide.

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## SIUE students enter STL film competition, win best editing

by **A.J. Sanson**  
Alestle Reporter

Most movies that hit the big screen are a product of years of preparation, casting, shooting, acting and editing. However, a group of mass communications students under the guidance of professor Cory Byers were recently given just 48 hours to do all the above as they competed in the St. Louis division of the 48 Hour Film Project.

"On Friday between 7 and 8 p.m., the team leaders gather at a central location and the organizers give the leaders the required elements," Byers said. "Teams then have 48 hours to write, shoot, edit and turn in a completed four-to-seven minute short film."

The genre given to the team this year was silent film, which at first Byers says was a minor bump in the road.

"When we heard our genre was silent movie, we were all a little scared and nervous," Byers said. "But we quickly came up with a few ideas we thought we could do really well, so we decided to stick with it."

The team, 4 Her Pleasure, also won "best editing" for their film titled "if only..." for the festival, which Byers attributes to the hard work and long hours of senior mass communications major Joel Anderson of Belleville.

"It was the most stressful weekend of my life, but getting it done and turned in on time was one of the most rewarding

feelings," Anderson said.

Anderson doesn't take all the credit, however.

"To win best editing was just a plus. I attribute that to the excellent work that our shooters did and all the great planning done by our team," Anderson said.

Senior mass communications major Kurt Simpson of Caseyville along with Byers directed the photography for the project and supervised the shots. Simpson knows given a short amount of time to work with, looking out for other teammates is the key, especially the editor.

"You can't be a good editor unless you have great footage," Simpson said. "Cory and I made sure [Anderson] had a lot to work with."

Simpson also said he enjoys the competition level of the festival.

"The most exciting part to me was that we went up against a lot of other teams, some being made up of professionals," Simpson said. "It's nice to see something I was a part of do so well. It makes me want to attend other film festivals."

Byers said shooting the film in high definition made the rendering process take longer, almost forcing the team to have to render the film on a laptop as they drove to St. Louis to submit their work.

"It made us nervous. Luckily it rendered in time and we got it turned in with about five minutes to spare," Byers said. "But that seems to happen every time. To make a good movie you really need to use as much of the 48 hours as you can."

This is the second year Byers has led a team in the St. Louis festival. He also took a group of students to the Chicago festival last year, and does not rule out that possibility again this year. To see the award winning product go to <http://vimeo.com/12350004>.

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Joel Anderson

Thaast and crew of 4 Her Pleasure on site shooting their film for the 48 Hour Film Project, "if only...."

## Now reviewing: Eclipse – the Twilight Saga continues

by **Rene Rodriguez**  
McClatchy Newspapers

"Eclipse," the third of five movies that will eventually comprise "The Twilight Saga," conclusively proves the series will never rise above its marketable hook: It will never be more than a love story geared for young adolescent girls populated by innocuous monsters.

For all the potential inherent in Stephenie Meyer's premise – and there is, or was, tremendous potential in the story of the teenaged Bella (Kristen Stewart) in love with the vampire Edward (Robert Pattinson) – "Eclipse," like its two predecessors, is ham-fisted and obvious.

It's a mass-market entertainment with no aspirations toward anything greater than commercial success that "Twilight" has already attained, formidably, and will repeat with this new chapter, in which Bella's love for her fanged boyfriend is clouded by the persistent wooings of the werewolf Jacob (Taylor Lautner), who won't take no for an answer.

Their love triangle forms the center of the movie. Surrounding it

is some business about a brewing war between vampires and werewolves that results in the most anti-climactic battle between monsters ever captured on film.

Director David Slade proved he can sling the gory frights with "30 Days of Night," but he's constricted by that pesky PG-13 rating, which must be rigorously observed so as to not scare off the demographic being courted. "Eclipse" is a tad darker than the previous pictures – the occasional arm is ripped off, and so are heads – but there were moments in "Toy Story 3" that were scarier than anything here.

As far as its horror elements go, "The Twilight Saga" continues to be curiously bloodless, literally and figuratively. What the new movie does do well is bring the heat back into the touching relationship between Bella and Edward, which had grown dangerously cold and silly in "New Moon."

The acting in "Eclipse" is noticeably improved from the last movie. The clock may be ticking on Lautner's 15 minutes, but he no longer seems to be reading off cue cards as the heartbroken Jacob. We learn a bit more history about

Edward's vampire family, played by an ensemble of actors that continues to reveal new dimensions.

But the heart of "The Twilight Saga" rests, of course, between Stewart and Pattinson and the actors regain the emotionally engaging vibe they shared in the first movie. Bella has agreed to marry Edward on the condition that he will turn her into a vampire, something he's still mulling over.

In the film's best scene, she pushes him to have sex with her so she can feel what it's like while she's still human, and in the ensuing groping and confused hesitation, "Eclipse" successfully channels its monsters-and-teens scenario into a metaphor for the awkward, terrifying rites of adolescence on the cusp of adulthood.

Soon, it's back to computer-generated werewolves and Dakota Fanning with red contact lenses looking dour. But I'd be lying if I said "Eclipse" didn't leave me curious as to what happens next. For the legions that have read Meyer's novels, that's the equivalent of a home run.

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Volleyball

## Cougars slated for 13 at home

by Allan Lewis  
 Alestle Editor

The SIUE volleyball team is looking for a little "R and R" this season: the relief of playing at home – and revenge.

Last year, SIUE played the fewest home games in the country, just five, and finished with a 2-27 record and a final RPI ranking of 310. The Cougars will see 15 teams from last season's campaign, including six of the seven Ohio Valley Conference teams on this year's slate. SIUE was just 1-19 in those games.

The more balanced 30 game schedule facing SIUE this season, thanks in part to two-for-one and home-and-home scheduling, is something Volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober hopes will result in a different 2010.

"Last season took a toll on everyone," Gober said. "There were never any excuses, and it was a building year for our team. We return our entire starting lineup and have added some very talented recruits as well."

SIUE opens the season in tournament action Aug. 27 and 28, hosting UMKC, Indiana State and The Citadel. The Cougars will play one game at 7 p.m. Friday and two on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Gober said this will be the first tournament on SIUE hardwood in 10 years, although exactly which court the volleyball team will play on is yet to be determined. Last season, SIUE played its five home games in the Student Activity Center while the Vadalabene Center floor was being repaired. Gober said visiting coaches as well as himself, were impressed with the flexibility and professionalism of the Student

Activity Center, but said he wouldn't mind playing in the Vadalabene Center either.

"We will play wherever the administration decides," Gober said. "It will be a tremendous environment wherever they put us."

SIUE follows Indiana State back to Terre Haute for a tournament also featuring Western Carolina and Montana State Sept. 3 and 4, but does not stay on the road for long before coming back to host Illinois State Sept. 7.

The Redbirds are two years removed from the NCAA tournament despite a 12-17 record last season, which included a 3-0 win over SIUE. This will be the third meeting between the two schools, and ISU owns a 2-0 advantage in the series since SIUE made the switch to Division I.

OVC for games with UT Martin (Sept. 24) and Murray State (Sept. 25). SIUE ends September and begins October with its longest home stand of the season, featuring Missouri State (Sept. 28), UMKC (Oct. 5), Bradley (Oct. 10) and Western Illinois (Oct. 11).

Perhaps the most challenging two-game trip for the Cougars begins Oct. 16 at Milwaukee, the lone NCAA tournament team on SIUE's schedule and DePaul of the Big East Oct. 17.

"It is still a challenging schedule and three or four of these teams could make the tournament," Gober said.

DePaul enters the season with a new head coach, Nadia Edwards, and is the only team from a power conference on SIUE's schedule. The Blue Demons, however, are recovering from a rough season of their own. DePaul was winless in 14 Big East games and 6-23 last year.

When SIUE returns from the North, it hosts

SEMO Oct. 19. The Cougars are back to the road Oct. 23 at Eastern Illinois, and play three final home games against Loyola (Oct. 24), Valparaiso (Oct. 25), and Murray State (Oct. 28).

The season closes out with five consecutive road games at Morehead State (Nov. 5), Eastern Kentucky (Nov. 6), Western Illinois (Nov. 10), Austin Peay (Nov. 13) and Tennessee State (Nov. 14.)

Gober said his goal this season was to create a manageable schedule for his team after what it endured its first two seasons in D-I, seasons SIUE played against schools like Illinois, Missouri, Louisville and SLU.

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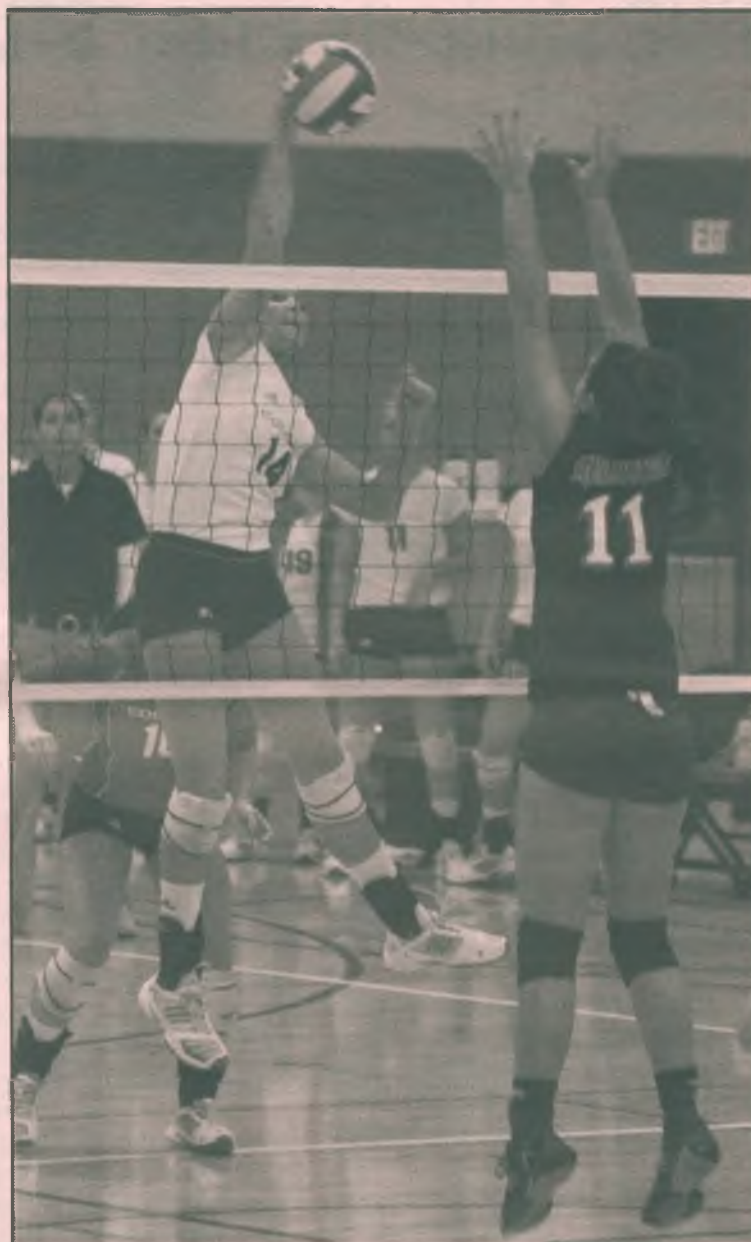
- Todd Gober,  
 Volleyball head coach

"We are starting to get known more around the area and regional teams like Illinois State and Evansville are willing to do home-and-homes because we are so close," Gober said.

SIUE will play Evansville on the road this time around Sept. 15 after playing at home last year.

After squaring off with the Purple Aces, SIUE plays in its final tournament of the season Sept. 17 and 18 at Wofford in Spartansville, S.C. The Cougars will play games against the host Terriers, Stetson and USC-Upstate, a school recently finished with its transition to D-I.

SIUE is back in Edwardsville against Chicago State Sept. 21 before a brief trip through the



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**Middle hitter Jessica Hemann (14) and the SIUE Cougars look to improve upon a 2-27 season in 2010. The Cougars play 13 games at home this year, 20 against teams they played last season.**

scheduled aggressively to see what was out there and see a professional environment and crowd," Gober said. "This season we decided to make a winnable schedule. We looked at it and decided, 'Here are games we can win, here are 50-50 games and these games are guaranteed losses.' We decided to cut back on the number of guaranteed losses and increase those winnable and 50-50 games. We are excited about the potential turnaround of the program."

While other schools may be

circling SIUE on their own schedules as one of those games they should win, Gober said they should not jump to that conclusion.

"People are already starting to say they can beat SIUE and I don't blame them," Gober said. "Last year, we couldn't go to 25 with some of these teams but we are going to surprise them and kick their butts. We feel like teams are going to be underestimating us most of the year."

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## Home schedule

												
August 27 INDIANA STATE 7 p.m.	August 28 BALL STATE 1 p.m.	August 28 THE CITADEL 7 p.m.	September 7 ILLINOIS STATE 7 p.m.	September 21 CHICAGO STATE 7 p.m.	September 28 MISSOURI STATE 7 p.m.	October 5 UMKC 7 p.m.	October 10 BRADLEY 7 p.m.	October 11 WESTERN ILLINOIS 7 p.m.	October 19 SEMO 6 p.m.	October 24 LOYOLA 1 p.m.	October 25 VALPARAISO 7 p.m.	October 28 MURRAY STATE 7 p.m.

- Sept. 3-4, Indiana State tournament
- Sept. 15, Evansville
- Sept. 17-18, Wofford tournament
- Sept. 24, UT Martin
- Sept. 25, Murray State

## Away from the VC

- Oct. 16, Milwaukee
- Oct. 17, DePaul
- Oct. 23, Eastern Illinois
- Nov. 5, Morehead State
- Nov. 6, Eastern Kentucky
- Nov. 10, Western Illinois
- Nov. 13, Austin Peay
- Nov. 15, Tennessee State

**Wrestling**

## Ray adds more depth to improving squad

**Alestle Staff Report**

The SIUE wrestling team continues to grow.

Head Coach David Ray announced last week the team has added 10 new athletes, including Stephen Boatright (Champaign), Jordon Bakley (Huntley), Alex Davis (Linden, Mich.), Robert Furman (Waynesville), Cody Largent (East Peoria), Patrick Myers (Cresson, Pa.), Joseph Sowa (Decatur), Grant Sullivan

(Chugiak, Alaska), Logun Taylor (Russiaville, Ind.), and Deshoun White (Champaign).

Myers is viewed by Ray as one of the most successful wrestlers he has recruited during his time at SIUE. Myers is the career wins leader at Penn Cambria High School with 140, and in 2009 was the Junior Nationals Greco Roman runner-up and the Junior Nationals Freestyle fourth-place finisher. Myers is a two-time state champion in Pennsylvania. "He has placed at

one of the most prestigious and competitive tournaments for high school wrestlers," Ray said. "We are very fortunate to have someone of his caliber to sign with the Cougars as he was recruited by a dozen Division I schools."

Last year's SIUE team took third in the nation at the National Collegiate Wrestling Association tournament.

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**Track and Field**

## Lindsey qualifies for finals at USATF

**Alestle Staff Report**

Freshman sprinter William Lindsey took on the national stage Saturday at the USA Junior Track and Field Championships.

Lindsey was the lone runner representing SIUE at the national event, and qualified for the final round of the men's 400-meter hurdle competition Saturday after placing sixth in Friday's preliminary round with a time of 53.61 seconds.

In the finals, Lindsey crossed the line in 56.55 seconds in eighth place, six seconds behind Sheroid Evans, who won the event at Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

Lindsey also competed in 110-meter hurdles, but placed 10th in the preliminary round, missing the cut by just over a tenth of a second.

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**Women's Basketball**

## Duke returns to OVC, this time to coach

**Alestle Staff Report**

Jocelyn Duke has been named an assistant coach for the SIUE women's basketball program.

Duke, who most recently has been an assistant coach at Lock Haven (Pa.) University, is very familiar with the Midwest as well as the Ohio Valley Conference. A native of Louisville, Ky., she played two seasons of basketball at OVC rival Austin Peay.

"I am extremely excited to welcome [Duke] to the program," SIUE Head Coach Amanda Levens said. "Her knowledge on and off the court will provide a big boost to our growing program."

Duke spent three seasons at Lock Haven. She also worked two

seasons as the girls' basketball head coach at Shawnee High School in Louisville. Her hard work and dedication led to coach of the year honors at Shawnee. She also was an All-Star Coach at the 2006 Kentucky Battle of the Bridges game.

"I am looking forward to working with Coach Levens and her staff," Duke said. "With her leadership and enthusiasm, I am confident about the continuing development of this program."

She has served as a level III instructor of business law classes online and as an instructor for the in-school suspension program at Shawnee. Duke mentored and monitored students who displayed disciplinary problems.

Duke's coaching career also extends to DuPont High School in Louisville as freshman girls coach and assistant varsity coach as well as junior varsity head coach and assistant varsity coach at Jeffersontown (Ky.) High School.

At Austin Peay, she earned the Extra Mile Award and honorable mention All-OVC honors as a senior. She helped the Lady Gobs to an OVC Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance during the 2000-2001 season. She led the OVC in total rebounds that season with 253.

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