

The plus-minus of grading

Academic Standards and Policies Committee looks into plus-minus grading system

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SIUE's current grading system is being re-evaluated by the Academic Standards and Policies Committee because of requests from faculty.

Committee chair Ryan Fries said the investigation about switching to the plus-minus grading system in the future started last

look exactly the same."

Fries said an email was sent out Dec. 6 asking students and faculty to take a survey to give their opinion on the grading system change, but that is not the only tool they will be using in making a decision.

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Sarah Schuchard
Junior pharmacy major

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A 4.0	A 4.0
	A- 3.7
	B+ 3.3
B 3.0	B 3.0
	B- 2.7
	C+ 2.3
C 2.0	C 2.0
	C- 1.7
	D+ 1.3
D 1.0	D 1.0
	D- 0.7
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January.

"There was a flurry of faculty emails on the discussion listserv about their desires to differentiate between some of their students," Fries said. "They thought some of the B+ students were getting disadvantaged by just getting a solid B and being compared directly with someone who, perhaps, earned a B-. On the transcript, those students

bad idea and so forth," Fries said. "We've also investigated what our neighboring and peer universities are doing."

Fries said they have found that about half of SIUE's peer universities in the Midwest use a plus-minus grading system and as of Dec. 8, 1,700 of 14,000 students had already answered the survey. The results are estimated to be in

and analyzed by January, according to Fries, so that they can make a recommendation to the Curriculum Council at their Jan. 19 meeting.

Fries said he cannot imagine what the student response will be, but he hopes they consider the strengths and weaknesses of both grading systems.

"The strength of a plus-minus grading system is you would be

differentiated from your peers more finitely," Fries said. "If you got an 87 [percent] and your friend got an 82 [percent], there would be a difference in your GPA. The disadvantage would be for the students that have 4.0s and, perhaps, normally earn 92 [or] 93 in their percentage grades. They wouldn't be earning 4.0. They'd be earning 3.8 or 3.7 because that's technically

what a 92 is."

Junior pharmacy major Sarah Schuchard of Eureka said it is because of this that she does not like the plus-minus grading system.

"A lot of times you're fighting for a grade at the end of the semester," Schuchard said. "If you have an 89 [percent] and you can

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Red Storm not yet recognized as campus organization



Red Storm President Felix Burkart (left) and Red Storm Fan Captain Colin Riley (right) approached Student Government in hopes of Red Storm becoming a recognized campus organization. | Photo by Rebehka Blake/Alestle

JOHN LAYTON
Alestle Reporter

At its meeting Dec. 9, Student Government tabled Red Storm's constitution review due to concerns about some of the wording in the document.

SG President Nolan Sharkey said one of the biggest concerns is the power of Red Storm's executive board.

"It's the check and balance of the executive [board]," Sharkey said. "The executive [board] controls almost all that the organization does."

Red Storm President Felix Burkart said the group works closely with the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, which provides a system of checks and balances.

"We can't really go forward with anything unless it's approved by [the] Athletics [Department]. We can't do an event in the gym without marketing people saying 'yes,'" Burkart said. "It'd be like [how] I can't go in the Meridian Ballroom and host an event without renting it."

Burkart said it is difficult to write a constitution for the group because it is an unusual student organization.

"As far as designing a constitution that will fit the future of Red Storm, I'd say it's confusing for some senators because it's not... your average organization," Burkart said. "It's not a club sport. To some extent, it's

an entity."

Sharkey said another problem is defining the active membership of Red Storm in order to facilitate an election process for the executive board.

"One of the big things also is who is in Red Storm? Technically, I own like five Red Storm shirts," Sharkey said. "I go to games. But am I a part of any decision making processes? No. It's all just kind of how they can incorporate students into the decision-making process."

Sharkey said he understands it is difficult to pinpoint the members of a group like Red Storm.

"You could either say they have a very close-knit group of 20 members, or, if they want to include everyone [in] it, they can easily have 500 members," Sharkey said. "They're trying to figure that out still, and I think that's one of the problems. Who's a voting member and who's not?"

Burkart said while he is open to suggestions about how to organize elections, he is worried about the process.

"They're going to have to pick the right person to do it... I feel that there shouldn't be elections for the executive board because they have to be so close with athletics and they have to have that understanding," Burkart said. "It can't be a popularity contest."

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From the *ground up*

Graduate student goes from seeing campus built to speaking at commencement



Graduate geography major Ramona Sheppard, 42, returned to college after her son was born. Sheppard began studying geography, in part, because of traveling with her mother. 'I was always one of those that was looking out the window to see the world around me,' Sheppard said. Sheppard will give her commencement speech at the 1 p.m. ceremony Saturday. | Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

MANDY NEWSOME
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Things are coming full circle for 42-year-old geography graduate student Ramona Sheppard of Edwardsville as she prepares to speak at the graduation ceremony Saturday.

"I grew up in Edwardsville, and I remember when they built the campus," Sheppard said. "I've always felt connected to it."

Sheppard first went to college right after high school, but at the time, she did not have a focused goal. When her son was born, she decided to go back.

"I was 26 and I was working as a supervisor at a restaurant and I got pregnant," Sheppard said. "When he was about a year old I was struggling to make ends meet. I did not see a future with me working at a restaurant."

"I was picturing myself trying to put my son through college and waiting tables when I was 50 and I realized that really wasn't the right path for me. I really wanted to be a good example for him and provide him with the best possible opportunities."

Sheppard said when she did go back to college, she found her passion in geography.

"It was a combination of my mother taking us traveling and the first two professors I had here in the department. They were engaged in their subject. They were smart, clever, witty and expected you to be

engaged. I've always been a quiet, unassuming, person but they brought out that desire in me to learn more," Sheppard said.

Sheppard's mother took her children to different places in the United States, including Kansas, Colorado and Florida.

"I did not know what I wanted to do even when I came back to college," Sheppard said. "My mother had traveled with us quite a bit when we were young, and I was always one of those that was looking out the window to see the world around me. It was so different from one place to another and yet so much the same in some respects."

Professors also helped Sheppard find her way to studying geography. According to Sheppard, SIUE professors offer something different than other universities.

"When I think of a place like Yale or Harvard, I get this feeling of a very cold academic distance between the professors and students," Sheppard said. "That is one thing I like about SIUE is that, generally, the professors seem to be here because they want to be here and want to teach, not just to publish. It creates an engaged community between students and faculty."

One of the professors who inspired Sheppard was geography professor Susan Hume.

"Ramona [Sheppard] was president of Gamma Theta Upsilon [International Geography Honorary Society] and was really a natural

leader in the department among the undergraduate students," Hume said. "I'm not surprised at all that she was chosen to speak. It's nice having her represent us."

Sheppard said she decided to get her master's degree for personal reasons.

"For me, getting my masters... I did it because I did not think I could do it. There was personal satisfaction to succeed a challenge," Sheppard said. "Plus, I really like school and I was not ready to be finished."

Sheppard said the difference between graduate and undergraduate schooling is what one would expect.

"[Graduate school] is more focused and directs your studies and interests you. It is way more challenging because it requires higher level thinking," Sheppard said. "You can't just read something and regurgitate it, you have to think about how you feel about it."

Sheppard said speaking at graduation will be the biggest crowd she has ever spoken in front of.

"I've given a presentation before in front of maybe 50 people, so of course I am nervous about my speech," Sheppard said. "You want people to identify and understand what you are saying, but I can't be someone I'm not or it wouldn't be sincere."

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Exercise science student excels in field, continues studies in graduate work



Exercise science major Alyssa Humphreys will deliver her commencement speech at the 9 a.m. commencement ceremony Saturday. Humphreys plans to work at SIUE as a graduate assistant for the sport and exercise behavior department. | Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

ROBYN KIRSCH
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Exercise science major Alyssa Humphreys of Normal has been selected to be the commencement speaker at the 107th commencement ceremony for fall 2011 at 9 a.m. Dec. 17 at the Vadalabene Center.

Danielle Parmenter, office manager for the Marketing and Communications Department, has worked closely with Humphreys for rehearsals and speech writing for the planning of the commencement ceremony.

"She has been very academically successful," Parmenter said. "She is a great representative of the class and is very involved. One thing that is very impressive about Alyssa is she is very ambitious and she really embraces the standard of excellence we value at the university and she sets a very high standard for herself."

Humphreys said the motivation behind applying to be a commencement speaker was rooted from the support of one of her professors recommending she should apply. Humphreys is graduating summa cum laude. Being a member of the Dean's Dozen list since fall 2010 has given her practice with speaking in front of crowds. Although, speaking in front of a crowd of this magnitude will be something new for Humphreys.

"I [have spoken] for the school's reputation at the open houses and the freshman previews to students about our apartments and everything, to help with recruitment and student retention," Humphreys said. "As far as speaking to a large group, this will be one of my first times. I'm a little nervous."

Selection of the Dean's Dozen school ambassadors is based on the criteria of being a full-time student

with a 3.0 GPA or higher, displays potential or evidence of leadership and service involvement. The prospective student must also have at least sophomore standing and be set to graduate by 2012.

Humphreys said she looks forward to speaking to her peers.

"I'm actually really excited. It hasn't really hit me yet," Humphreys said. "I like the inspirational stuff, talking to people about the school. I'm a really big advocate for SIUE and I think [speaking] will be fun."

Research Assistance

Humphreys said working as a research assistant with the University Research for Creative Activities program with kinesiology professor Jennifer Gapin has been a great experience because she had not done similar work before. The research project is titled "The Effects of Exercise on Cognitive Function in Theorem Brain Derived Neurotrophic Factor in College Students with Attention Deficit Disorder" and has been ongoing since the beginning of last spring.

"Alyssa has a level of passion and enthusiasm that she brings into the classroom and the research environment," Gapin said. "This past semester we started a research study that was pretty complex where she actually had to learn how to analyze blood using some pretty advanced techniques that some graduate students use, and she was able to pick that up really quickly without complaining."

Gapin said although the training and supervision was minimal, Humphreys caught on quickly to drawing blood from participants and operating the centrifuge and far surpassed all expectations of an undergraduate. Humphreys said her lab courses pushed her to learn the protocol for exercising with research participants, so that portion of the project was not difficult to adapt to.

"It opened my eyes to new

career paths available and opportunities to me," Humphreys said. "If I hadn't done [the research project] I wouldn't have had the networking abilities with the professors."

Post Graduation Plans

Humphreys has accepted a position as a graduate assistant in the sport and exercise behavior graduate program in the Kinesiology Department for spring 2012. Humphreys said she is looking forward to teaching the lower level exercise science courses and delving back into research after winter break. She plans to attend graduate school at SIUE in fall 2012 to work on her master's degree in exercise science.

After completing her master's degree, Humphreys is confident she will earn her doctorate in exercise psychology and become certified by the American Association of Sports Psychology. Until then, she hopes to work for a fitness center.

"Going away to college and being here has allowed me to make great friends and I haven't had many bad experiences," Humphreys said. "I've had professors where every time I've gone [to their offices] the door has been open for me. The people at SIUE are what make it so special."

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up to an A, I wouldn't want that to be an A- instead of an A. I think the people it's going to hurt are the ones who are really working to get a higher grade."

For most programs at SIUE, there is a requirement for a C or better average. With the plus-minus grading system, someone earning a C- would have to retake a class, whereas with the current system they would pass, according to Fries.

"There are some serious implications, and that's why we want to collect as much information as possible," Fries said.

Freshman special education major Lukas Willis of Woodstock said he would prefer not to change the grading system to plus-minus.

"I think that, partially, that's good because it would be more competitive and the people who deserve it based on their grades would get in, but a student is more than just their grades," Willis said.

With the current grading system, Fries said students have a couple advantages as far as competing for scholarships and jobs requiring a transcript.

"If you're a low B student, you compete well for a scholarship because you still have a 3.0 GPA and if you're a low A student, you still have a 4.0 GPA," Fries said. "It looks great when competing for national scholarships [and] competing for jobs with students from schools that do have plus-minus grades."

This is not the first time the plus-minus system has been brought up at SIUE. According to Fries, in the early 2000s and late 1990s, the faculty also looked into whether this change would be beneficial to the students.

Fries said the process to make a change like this would take, at minimum, a year before anything could even begin and it would not be retroactive.

"It's a long road," Fries said. "Just because we make a recommendation doesn't mean it's going to be implemented by any means. We don't make that decision. What we're doing is investigating and making a recommendation."

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Sharkey said he understands Burkart's concerns about elections, but said that can happen in any process.

Sharkey said he told the group to look at similar groups at other schools, such as the Orange Krush at the University of Illinois, and see how they operate.

"I don't know if they've done that or not. I told them to look towards Notre Dame, which I think is the booster club of all booster clubs," Sharkey said.

Also at the meeting, SG approved a program request from the American Pharmacists Association in the amount of \$2,446.30 to hold the Diabetes Education Symposium.

The group had originally requested \$3,446.30. Sharkey said this program is one geared more toward the community at large, rather than SIUE students.

"We have to have events like that. We want to build our community but we also want the

student fee dollars only to go to students," Sharkey said. "We try and do a nice balance."

Jessica Luebshaw, patient care project coordinator for the APA, said she understands the cuts SG made.

"Obviously, we're not ecstatic about it, but we're happy for what we got," Luebshaw said.

SG approved the single semester allocation requests for FY 2012. The allocations add up to a total of \$3,050. The FY 2013 fee review report was also approved.

SG made two student organization constitution reviews: Economics and Finance Club and Cougar Swim Club. A student organization constitution revision for the Pre-Law Association was also approved.

SG made four personnel removals: Dalton VanFleet from the Finance Board and Jessica Levy from the Counseling Services and Health Service Advisory Committee.

SG made four personnel appointments: Lyndsey Evans and Kaydi Legate to the Cougar Pride Committee and Brian Donahoe and Aleah Millburg to the Cougar Cab Committee.

The next SG meeting will be at 2 p.m. Jan. 20 in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center

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Despite the budget cuts, Luebshaw said she is confident the group will be able to put the event on.

"I think we're resourceful and this is an event that we're pretty passionate about at the School of Pharmacy. It's become a tradition," Luebshaw said. "I think we'll find a way to make it happen."

In other business, SG approved one new organization allocation request for fiscal year 2012 from the Environmental Sciences Student Organization in the amount of \$225.



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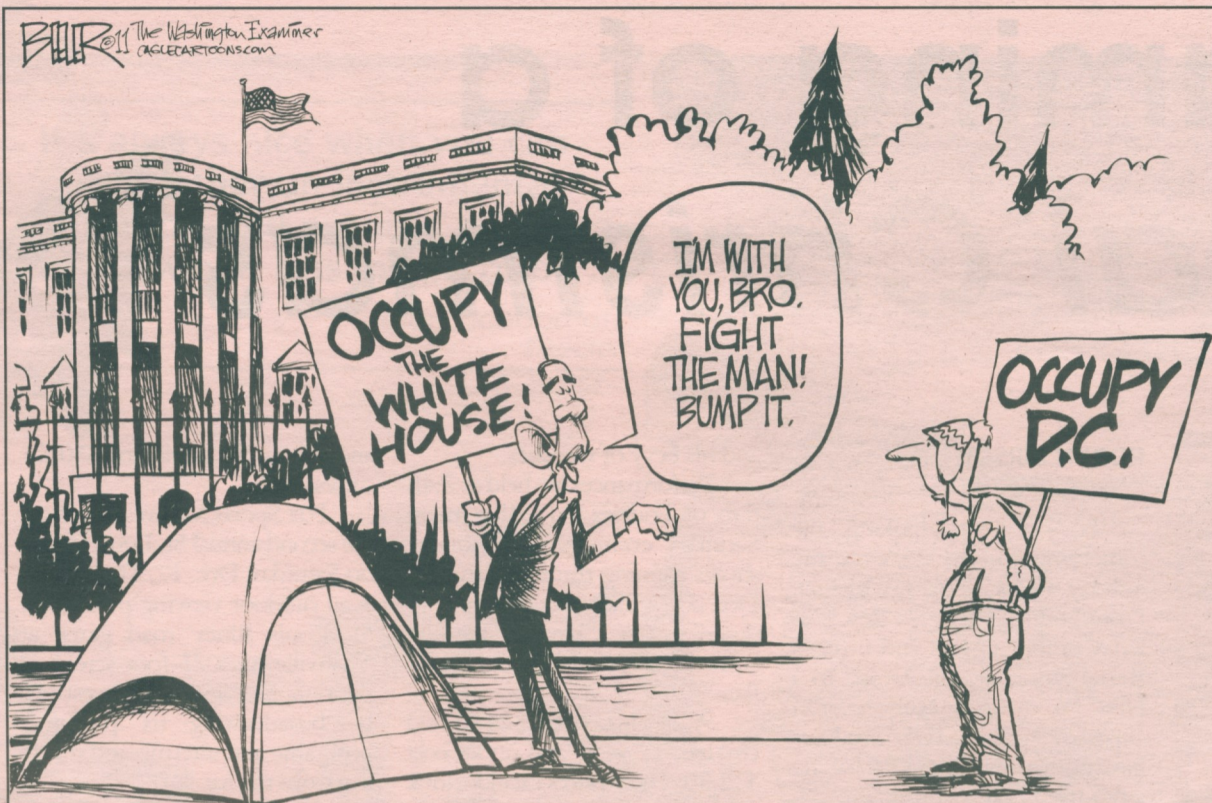
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Staff Editorial: Students, professors deserve day off

Finals week is here, and everybody is getting frantic.

Students had presentations, quizzes, tests and homework assignments to get those last minute grades in the book before the big exam, and now they feel as if their heads may explode.

Students might take up to five or six classes at a time, and remembering an entire semester of information is a difficult feat to accomplish.

Professor rush to get grades in for impatient students. But if SIUE gave students and professors a day off before finals week, everyone could benefit.

Maybe they will use this day for a late night of drinking before hitting the books or maybe they will be studying up to the last

possible minute. But having this day off will help everyone unwind in his or her own way or get some extra work done.

Sure, there's always the possibility of people taking advantage of the day and wasting it away. But ideally, the pros should outweigh the cons.

Promoting a comforting, non-stressful environment before finals will most likely benefit students' grades. Relaxation is essential to getting rid of your stress and making you happier.

It also gives professors a day without classes to work on grading or other end of the semester duties. Think about it: BlackBoard gets updated sooner. It's a catch up day for everyone at the university

Look at Iowa State. The week before

finals, commonly known as "Dead Week," is an official campus event.

Other top colleges such as Stanford University have what is called "Primal Scream." At midnight every night during "Dead Week," students scream to release the tension and stress of finals.

Simple events like this are ways to allow students, staff and faculty to take a breather from the stress of semester's end and recover before going strong during finals.

We're not saying SIUE should let Cougar-like roars ring out from the residence halls and Cougar Village, but just one day of relaxation would be beneficial.

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Leaders help LGBT community make strides internationally

As the 2012 presidential election approaches, candidates are doing all they can to entice America with their ideas and promises of change.

A member of this group is President Barack Obama, who recently announced that he and Secretary of State Hilary Clinton will begin to promote gay rights internationally.

According to www.Change.org, only seven countries have



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Lifestyles Editor

legalized gay marriage to any degree, Spain being the only one to recognize same-sex and heterosexual marriage under the same law.

Obama and Clinton are looking to increase this number, as well as promote basic civil rights for the LGBT community around the world.

In a recent article in the New York Times, Clinton has already announced a \$3 million program that will promote gay rights organizations. It will focus on anti-bullying and anti-violence campaigns.

The U.S. has also seen an increase in the number of different organizations, such as the Gay-Straight Alliance, which gives the LGBT community a place to feel safe in everyday environments

These types of steps are crucial to changing the way the LGBT community is treated around the world. In many countries, homosexuality is considered a crime and the consequences are severe.

According to www.Advocate.com, homosexual sex is punishable by death in Iran. This intolerance is completely unacceptable, and something drastic must be done to allow LGBT citizens in the other countries the same, or more rights than they are currently allowed in the U.S.

A lot of progress has been made in America in the LGBT community during the last few decades, but it hasn't come without a fight.

I understand that convincing Iranian leaders to suddenly change their beliefs and allow LGBT citizens the same rights as heterosexual citizens cannot be done overnight, but starting the fight now means a better chance of freedom in the future.

It will take more steps like the ones

Obama and Clinton are taking to make not just America, but the entire world, a better, safer and fairer place for LGBT citizens.

Ignorant presidential candidates like Rick Perry and Michelle Bachman have no business dictating who can and cannot get married. They blend their personal beliefs with their power and law-passing abilities and the result is unfair to a community that deserves equal rights.

I believe America can have a positive influence on countries like Iran to change the way they treat their LGBT communities. It is up to you to keep people in office who believe in civil rights for all people, no matter what their sexual orientation.

A leader who does not believe in civil rights for all should not hinder the change that has been made so far, such as the repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell.

We can each do our part by making sure the individuals we decide to vote for promote LGBT rights not just on our own turf, but around the world as well.

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Dreaming of a local Christmas



What are your plans for winter break?



"I plan on reading biochem and physics to prepare myself for next semester and working."

*Tom Blanchard, Junior
Chemistry major*



"My plans are to hang out with my family and just relax because I've been really stressed with finals so I just want to go home and see everybody."

*Sierra Vantine, Freshman
Pharmacy major*



"I get to go shopping with my family for Christmas, eat a lot of food, sleep in my own bed, all that exciting stuff. I'm super pumped to go home."

*Taylor Barclay, Freshman
Psychology major*

ROBYN KIRSCH
Alestle Reporter

For students looking for something fun to do over the holiday break, look no further. From Hidden Valley Ski Resort to a day of fun at Dave and Buster's Restaurant, Bar and Arcade to a New Years Eve bash at Off Broadway Bar, SIUE students have numerous options for having a fun-filled holiday break.

Hidden Valley Ski Resort

Skiing and snowboarding is not only for those who live in higher altitudes. The skiing season kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday Dec. 17 at Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Eureka, Mo., off Interstate 44.

A snow-making system with a capacity of 3,000 gallons of water per minute started working its magic Dec. 6 so the holiday crowds would be able to make the most out of the hills near Wildwood for the 70 day season.

The resort has a 310 foot downhill slope and more than 30 acres of skiable terrain. This resort is equipped with a quad chairlift and two triple chairlifts, two rope tows and a "Wonder Carpet."

If you are new to skiing or snowboarding, have no fear because there are certified instructors to get you ready to tackle these hills. There are snow-tubing options available as well.

Hidden Valley has holiday hours that allow patrons to take advantage of nighttime skiing, starting from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Saturday Dec. 17th. Dec. 23 - 31 the slopes are open, but Hidden Valley will be closed on Christmas Eve and is open Christmas day. On New Year's Eve, they will have fireworks at midnight to carry your spirits into the new year.

For more information visit www.hiddenvalley.com.

Royale Dump

The Royale Dump, located on historic Laclede's Landing, offers exciting and humorous theatre. The Dump is in its fourth decade, specializing in providing a mock 16th century dinner theatre experience with interactive comedy, music and a several course meal with "King Henry the VIII

and his bevy of wenches."

Performances are held at 7:45 p.m. on Friday's and 6:45 p.m. on Saturday evenings with holiday shows running through Saturday Dec. 31, which royaledump.com describes as "having familiar comedy with a festive holiday flair."

Adults tickets are \$24.95 and children 12 years and under cost \$12.50. These prices exclude drink prices, tax and gratuity. Reservations must be made during the week by calling (314) 621-5800. If your group pays in cash, you will receive a \$5 discount per adult ticket.

Dave & Buster's

Dave & Buster's offers hundreds of games, ranging from the classics like skee-ball and shuffleboard to the newest in innovative action games. The restaurant is known for its great food in multiple themed buffets available for larger parties, to fresh-to-order meals or appetizers for small group visits.

Half-off games are offered every Wednesday and two different happy hours are offered daily. Dave & Buster's is located off Riverport Drive in St. Louis and opens every day at 11 a.m. During the week, it is open until midnight, but Friday and Saturday doesn't put an end to the fun until 1 a.m.

For more information go to daveandbusters.com.

Steinberg Ice Skating Rink

Steinberg's at Forest Park in St. Louis is the largest outdoor ice skating rink in the Midwest. The rink is open everyday from Nov. 19 until February 24, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The rink remains open until midnight Fridays and Saturdays, including New Year's Eve. The rink is offering extended holiday hours until Jan. 1, allowing patrons to skate until midnight everyday.

Admission is \$6 and renting skates costs \$4, but you are able to skate the entire day for as long as you like. For those out of practice or who do not know how to skate, Steinberg offers lessons every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. for children

and 7 p.m. for adults for \$30 for six lessons.

Fox Sports Midwest will host the second annual St. Louis Classic on Saturday, Dec. 17. This Classic is an outdoor viewing party for a St. Louis Blues' road game at Nashville on a 35-foot screen at the rink. Fox Sports Midwest will be broadcasting its pregame, postgame and intermission shows live from the ice.

Special guest hosts include Hall of Famer Bernie Federko, former Blue Tony Twist, Jim Hayes and Pat Parriss.

According to the Steinberg website, Fox Sports Midwest general manager and senior vice president Jack Donovan said the Classic had a great turnout last year.

"Last year thousands came out in cold weather to create an incredible atmosphere," Donovan said. "We expect another memorable event this year as we celebrate hockey in St. Louis."

While the game in Nashville is set to begin at 7 p.m., the pregame action is begins at 5 p.m. at the Steinberg Skating Rink. For more information visit steinbergskatingrink.com.

The Upper Limits

The Upper Limits Indoor Rock Gym and Pro Shop is located in downtown St. Louis off 21st Street near Union Station in an historic railroad factory. With a 45-degree lead wall, a bouldering cave and two huge arches, the experienced climber can push themselves to the max over the holiday break.

For beginning climbers, there are four auto belays if taking a class on-site is not for you. Holiday hours include Dec. 19 - 23 and the 26 - 30 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve hours of operation include 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost of entry is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. A rental package is offered for \$8 that includes a harness, shoes, a belay device or a chalk bag.

Every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Upper Limits hosts College Night where college students get in for \$10 with a valid student ID. card. Free parking and access to the MetroLink makes a visit to Upper Limits a feasible option. For more information, go to upperlimits.com.

Way of Lights

With more than a million lights on display, coupled with statues and electro-art sculptures, the Way of Lights tells the story of Christmas. Beginning in October the staff at the Shrine set up the light displays that have been a tradition to the local community and visitors since the 1970s.

To drive through the winding network of roads on the property is free of charge, but a \$10 donation gets you an exclusive limited edition plush animal. The display began in late November and runs until Jan. 1 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information visit wayoflights.org.

Off Broadway

The Off Broadway Bar is a music venue and nightclub located off Lemp Avenue in the historic Cherokee Lemp District of St. Louis.

This bar will be hosting the second annual New Year's Eve bash featuring Kentucky Knife Fight and The Blind Eyes. Dino's House Band will also be performing along with appearances from Cassie Morgan, Beth Bombara, Kristin Dennis and the King of France.

Kentucky Knife Fight is a band that was created by five SIUE alumni in 2005. SIUE alumnus Curt Brewer joined the band in 2010 and has enjoyed working with his SIUE band mates and is looking forward to another great turn out this holiday season.

"We played last year too with The Blind Eyes and the bar reached capacity of approximately 350 people by 9:30 p.m. or 10:00 p.m.," Brewer said. "This year Off Broadway has made renovations to the bar to fit more people, so I don't see why it wouldn't be another capacity show this time around."

There is no cover fee to get in and doors open at 7:30 p.m. with music beginning at 8 p.m.

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Christmas at the opera

SIUE Opera Theater performs at local church

LEXI CORTES
Alestle Opinion Editor

SIUE Opera Theater was complemented by the music department for a presentation of the 1951 classic, "Amahl and the Night Visitors," last weekend.

This piece was unique because of the collaboration with the orchestra. Director Marc Schapman said the Opera Theater usually performs with just piano accompaniment.

"It's always nice when you can put together an instrumental ensemble and prepare an opera in the way it was meant to be," Schapman said. "Anytime I get a chance to do a piece with orchestration, it always adds such another layer of meaning to the performance."

The story is of the three kings and their journey to see Jesus. Along the way, they stop in the house of Amahl and his mother. The family is poverty-stricken and Amahl is crippled. Amahl decides he wants to offer his only possession, his crutch, as a gift to Jesus. Because of this noble act, he is healed.

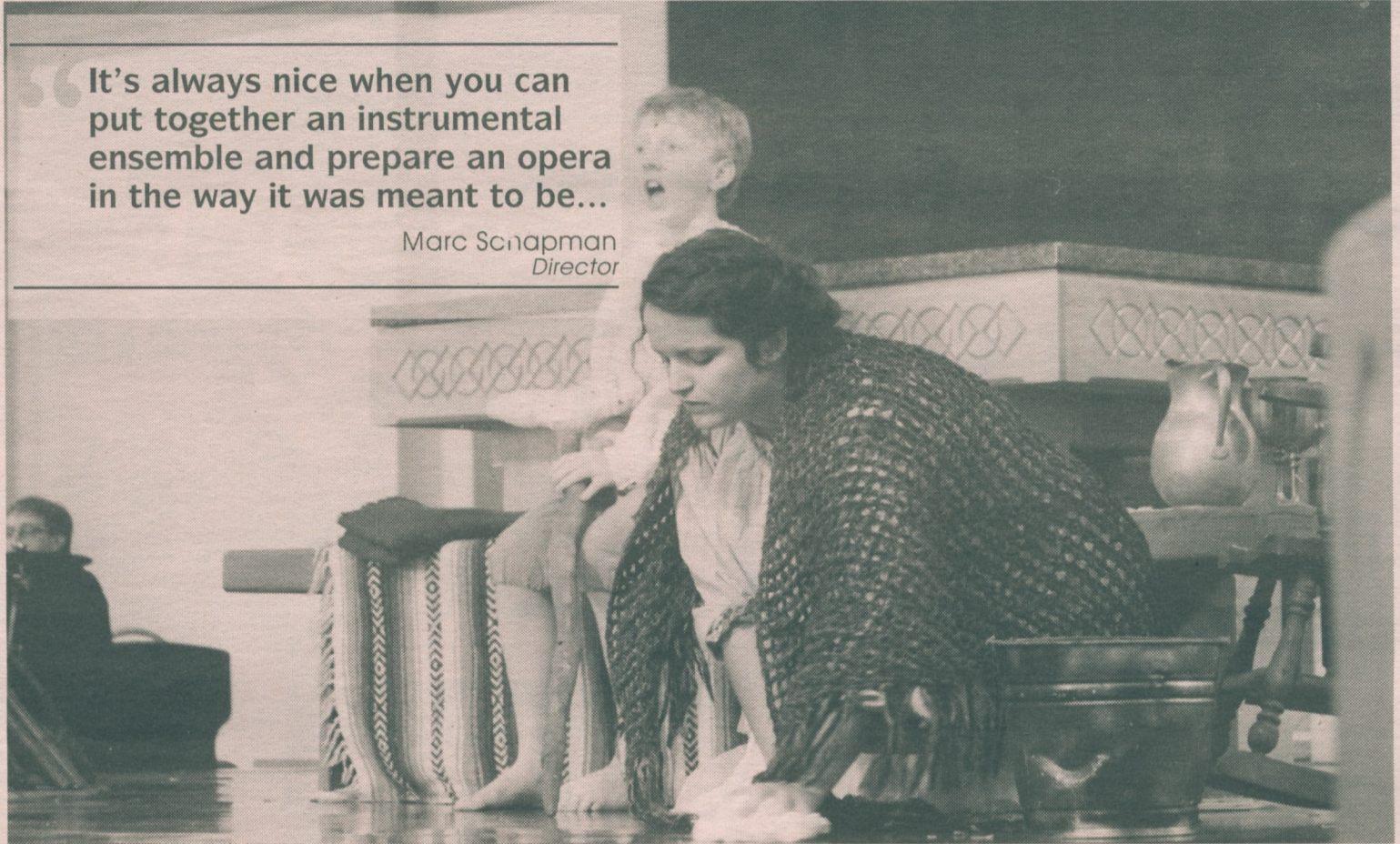
Schapman said he chose this particular performance because of the upcoming holiday and the message behind it.

"It obviously fits the theme of Christmas," Schapman said. "It has a really good message about the true meaning of what Christmas is all about and selflessness. It's a really popular piece for this time of year."

The performance welcomed guests of all ages, according to Schapman.

"For me, what this piece is all about is family," Schapman said. "We wanted something to reach out to youth as well."

Many families, students and



It's always nice when you can put together an instrumental ensemble and prepare an opera in the way it was meant to be...

Marc Schapman
Director

SIUE Opera Theater showed their Christmas spirit and delighted the audience at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Edwardsville last weekend with a performance of 'Amahl and the Night Visitors.' The story profiles the three kings and their journey to see Jesus. | Photo by Rebecka Blake/Alestle

community members attended the performance Saturday and Sunday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

"I'm actually a parishioner there, so I wanted to do something to give back to the parish and to highlight the beautiful sanctuary of the church," Schapman said.

Rebecca Shaw and Rachael Abernathy of Edwardsville attended the show together on Sunday and agreed the orchestra emphasized the performance.

"The orchestra was great," Abernathy said. "It gave it a little bit

more life."

Shaw said she enjoyed the unexpected humorous moments throughout the performance, such as most of Benjamin Rardin's lines as Kasper, the oldest of the three kings who was hard of hearing. Abernathy said she enjoyed other unexpected moments.

"My favorite part was when the kings first came in and they started singing," Abernathy said. "It was really surprising."

The audience was never aware of new characters entering the

performance because they were facing the altar as the characters came in the doors behind them. The three kings were the first performers to make their presence known by singing.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is also unique in that it has a rich history, according to Schapman. It was originally composed to be broadcast on television and premiered in 1951.

"NBC had an opera theater in the '50s and it was premiered in the Rockefeller Center," Schapman said.

"It was broadcast on Christmas Eve in 1951 to millions of people, so I think a lot of people are familiar with the show. It was nice to choose something that a lot of people will have a familiarity with."

For more information about this performance or upcoming performances by the Opera Theater, visit: www.siu.edu/artsandsciences/music/opera.

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Men's basketball

Murray State	10-0	(0-0)
Eastern Illinois	6-3	(0-0)
Tennessee Tech	5-4	(0-0)
Eastern Kentucky	6-5	(0-0)
Southeast Missouri	4-6	(0-0)
Tennessee State	3-6	(0-0)
Morehead State	4-7	(0-0)
Jacksonville State	3-7	(0-0)
SIUE *	2-6	(0-0)
Austin Peay	2-9	(0-0)
UT Martin	2-9	(0-0)

Dec. 11 results

Tulane 59, Jacksonville State 51
Memphis 72, Murray State 76

Dec. 10 results

Tennessee 70, Austin Peay 74
Tennessee State 65, Central Mich. 57
Southern 50, Jacksonville State 55
Middle Tennessee 78, UT Martin 62
Morehead State 56, South Dakota 57
Eastern Kentucky 63, Georgia So. 59
SIUE 67, Hannibal LaGrange 45
Western Illinois 64, Eastern Illinois 48
Southeast Missouri 69, UMKC 74
Tennessee Tech 89, Lipscomb 87

Schedule for Dec. 13

Bethel College (Tenn.) at UT Martin

Schedule for Dec. 15

Lipscomb at Murray State

Schedule for Dec. 17

Tennessee Tech at Evansville
Tennessee State at Delaware State
Arkansas State at Murray State
Rochester College at Austin Peay
Eastern Kentucky at Jacksonville State *

Women's basketball

Eastern Illinois	6-2	(0-0)
SIUE *	5-4	(0-0)
UT Martin	4-5	(0-0)
Tennessee State	4-6	(0-0)
Eastern Kentucky	4-6	(0-0)
Murray State	3-6	(0-0)
Jacksonville State	3-6	(0-0)
Tennessee Tech	3-7	(0-0)
Morehead State	2-7	(0-0)
Austin Peay	2-8	(0-0)
Southeast Missouri	2-8	(0-0)

Dec. 11 results

Ball State 59, Austin Peay 55
Duquesne 86, Morehead State 53
IPFW 57, SIUE 72

Dec. 10 results

Miami (Oh.) 60, Eastern Kentucky 55
Western Michigan 67, SEMO 34
Samford 61, Tennessee State 43
Eastern Illinois 75, Indiana State 60
Central Arkansas 69, UT Martin 65
Evansville 78, Murray State 48
Jackson State 67, Tennessee State 43

Dec. 9 results

Bowling Green 72, Austin Peay 38
DePaul 75, SIUE 75

Schedule for Dec. 15

Jacksonville State at Jacksonville

Schedule for Dec. 16

Evansville at UT Martin

* SIUE is not eligible for postseason

SIUE Athletics Winter break schedule

Dec. 18	Wrestling vs. Truman State vs. Purdue	1 p.m.
Dec. 19	MBB at SIUC WBB at Bahamas vs. Georgia Tech	7 p.m. 6 p.m.
Dec. 20	WBB at Bahamas vs. Georgia State	6 p.m.
Dec. 29	MBB vs. Tenn. Tech Wrestling at Midlands	7 p.m. All Day
Dec. 30	Wrestling at Midlands	All Day
Dec. 31	MBB vs. Jville St. WBB vs. Jville St.	3:30 p.m. 1 p.m.
Jan. 2	WBB vs. Tenn. Tech	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	MBB vs. EIU	7 p.m.



The SIUE volleyball team was recently the recipient of the Ohio Valley Conference Sportsmanship Award. | Photo by Ace Moore/Alestle

Volleyball wins OVC sportsmanship Award

JOHN LAYTON
Alestle Reporter

Volleyball Head Coach Leah Johnson said winning the Ohio Valley Conference Team Sportsmanship Award means just as much to the university as it does the team.

Volleyball

"I hope the entire university community feels this is an award for them. It is a university wide award

or recognition," Johnson said. "Our event staff does an incredible job. I've had coaches approach me and say, 'Gosh, you guys really put on a nice event. Your staff is friendly and welcoming and kind.'"

Johnson said the award, which is voted on by the student-athletes and coaches in the OVC, is humbling.

The award goes to one program in each conference sport that "best exhibits the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior

as outlined by the OVC and NCAA."

"The wonderful thing about the OVC as it pertains to volleyball is it's a very cordial conference," Johnson said. "It means a lot that each component felt we were worthy of that recognition."

OVC Commissioner Beth DeBauche said in a conference press release the recipients of this award should accept it with great pride.

"In receiving this prestigious honor other competitors are saying

these student-athletes compete with class, respect their opponents and value fair play," DeBauche said. "That is quite a compliment as those are all traits that will lead to true victories throughout the course of life."

Senior marketing major and middle blocker Jessica Hemann of Breese said the team feels honored to know they were respectable in the eyes of their opponents.

SPORTSMANSHIP | pg. 10

SIUE tops Hannibal LaGrange for 2nd win



Junior forward Derian Shaffer throws down a dunk during Saturday's men's basketball game between SIUE and Hannibal LaGrange at the Vadalabene Center. | Photo by Rebecka Blake/Alestle

ALLAN LEWIS
Alestle Sports Editor

Maybe a date with Hannibal LaGrange of the NAIA and eight days off are just what the Cougars needed to get back on track as they prepare to battle SIU Carbondale for the first time since 1985.

Men's basketball

Mark Yelovich scored 17 points, Derian Shaffer had 14 and Jerome Jones scored 13 to help SIUE earn a convincing 67-45 win and improve to 2-6.

The Cougars got off to a fast start, something they have not been able to accomplish through the first eight games of the season. SIUE led the Trojans 10-2 but allowed them to sneak back into the game and take a 19-18 lead with seven minutes remaining in the opening half.

All of a sudden, SIUE regained its momentum and closed out the half on a 25-4 run to take a 34-22 lead into the break.

Head Coach Lennox Forrester said the team lost focus but took it upon themselves to get it back.

"I was glad to see it coming from the players instead of the coaches," Forrester said. "A few guys in the huddle said let's finish it strong and on a positive note. I

SIUE	67
Hannibal LaGrange	45

think that's our team growing, and hopefully we can continue to grow and grow much faster than we are doing right now."

Yelovich said the team can benefit from starts like Saturday night, rather than what they have become accustomed to.

"We came out with a lot of intensity. People were making shots and moving the ball around good, but we fell off a little bit towards the middle of the half," Yelovich said. "It really helps out the game when we start off on top. We have had some trouble doing that lately, but tonight we did it a lot better."

The lead continued to grow while the Cougars' defense held the Trojans to 31.6 percent shooting and 23 points in the second half.

Forrester said the Cougars have to do better if they hope to hang with Division I competition.

BASKETBALL | pg. 11

Cougars squander lead at DePaul, beat IPFW

ALLAN LEWIS
Alestle Sports Editor

After scoring No. 20 DePaul Friday, the SIUE women's basketball team knocked off IPFW to head into finals week with a 5-4 record.

Women's basketball

The Cougars jumped out to an 18-9 lead Friday against the nationally ranked Blue Demons before they went on an 8-0 run in less than a minute and took a 23-20 lead with 6:47 remaining in the opening half.

DePaul's lead grew to as many as 11 points in the first half, and as many as 22 points in the second half, but SIUE was able to limit the damage before the final whistle in a 10-point loss.

Turnovers were the story after the game for Head Coach Amanda Levens, as SIUE gave up the ball 25 times and DePaul scored 27 points off of SIUE mistakes.

"There were definitely so many positives, but we turned it over way too much," Levens said. "If we eliminate some of those, it's a different game."

The Cougars defense held DePaul to 10 points below their season average.

"We wanted to come in and make a statement and didn't come here to be happy just to play DePaul," Levens said. "We wanted to come here to show we could play with DePaul, chin-to-chin, and see what happens. I thought our team did a great job of not worrying about what they were ranked or what their name was. We just went out and tried to win the game."

Largely, SIUE did compete with DePaul. The Cougars



Sophomore Jazmin Hill scored her 100th 3-point basket as a Cougar Sunday at IPFW. | Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

forced 20 turnovers and the rebounding battle was even at 36. The Cougars even shot slightly better than DePaul (44.4 percent to 44.3 percent).

Courtney Kenner was the top scorer for SIUE with 16 points, while Michaela Herrod and Raven Berry each added 12.

The Cougars used some of the confidence they gained

Anderson said the award gives the team something to live up to next year when they start training and playing again.

"I think it's really important that we always keep sportsmanship in mind," Anderson said. "That way, teams want to play us and are excited to play us."

Hemann said the team saw many young girls coming out to the games and wanted to set a good example for them.

"We just wanted to be role models for them and show you can have class on the court and be respectful of your opponent," Hemann said. "It's nice just to be able to show that respect because we know how hard we all work."

Johnson said the team uses a set of principles that each member of the team strives to embody every day.

"I think our team can take a lot of pride in the fact that they could truly exude those principles in the competition arena," Johnson said. "We recognize and do our very best to

against DePaul with a win Sunday against IPFW.

Courtney Hill hit her 100th career 3-point basket and scored 14 points, while Katie Hempen led the team with 17 in the win. Herrod had 10.

"Our team did a great job of getting back to a positive assist-to-turnover ratio," Levens said. "That is something we did at the beginning of the year, and when we take care of the ball and hold our opponents under 60 points, we have a chance to win every game."

The Cougars did just that, limiting IPFW to 57 in the 72-57 win at the Gates Sports Center.

The Mastodons were not going to go down without a fight on their home floor. SIUE led 21-13 early after back-to-back 3-pointers by Hill and Melia Duncan, but IPFW stormed back to get within one on two occasions, however Hill's third 3-pointer sent the Cougars to the locker room with a 34-27 halftime lead.

IPFW started the second half on a 4-0 run to get within three at 34-31, but Levens called a timeout and the Cougars responded, and were able to build their lead to 51-36.

"Give IPFW credit, they never just hung it up," Levens said. "They kept fighting and every time we began to pull away they made a few shots. By the end of the season they will be a team to be dealt with."

SIUE will head to warmer weather for the second time this season Dec. 19 and 20 when they compete in the Bahamas Sunsplash Shootout in Nassau, Bahamas. The Cougars spent the Thanksgiving holiday in California, where they lost two games to Sacramento State and Pacific.

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represent the university and do the very best we can."

Hemann said the players on the team wear the SIUE logo everywhere they go, so they need to be a representation of the university.

"Wearing that logo on your jersey or your shirt means a lot," Hemann said. "I know that all of the athletes take extreme pride in being a student-athlete."

Johnson said the players on the team try to remind themselves each day that they are not just athletes but good people as well.

"We really value that role," Johnson said. "When we leave, when a student-athlete leaves, they will forever represent SIUE."

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"We stated from the beginning of the season that respect was going to be key. We wanted just to make it a great experience," Hemann said.

Freshman outside hitter Emma Anderson of Broadwell said she is proud of the team.

"We were never rude to other teams. It feels really good as a freshman," Anderson said. "We just always had fun playing so it's really cool to get an award like that."

Johnson said the award will make it easier for the team to continue to become a part of the OVC going forward.

"I think it certainly allows us to recognize that we are respected and that motivates us to continue in that same manner," Johnson said. "It's very difficult to gain respect, I believe, but sometimes it's even harder to maintain it."

Congratulations Class of 2011!

Best of luck in your future endeavors and your life successes!

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Both of the teams' wins have come against non-Division I opponents.

"I think we have to get much better," Forrester said. "When I look across and understand where our team can be, we definitely have to get better to compete."

Rebounding is one area of concern Forrester still has with the team. SIUE was on par with the undersized Trojans, as each team had 37 boards.

"If I don't see that [rebounding is an issue], I'm pretty blind," Forrester said. "I just thought when our shots went up we were waiting for someone else to do it. We had two guys leaking out while [Hannibal LaGrange] had three or four guys on the boards. It has to be all five guys rebounding."

It should not be an issue. After all, the Cougars do practice rebounding.

"You probably would think I am lying, but we do work on rebounding everyday," Forrester said. "There are times where our most athletic guys are getting beat on the boards and that's not something you can have. I'm still waiting for someone to give us double-digit rebounding. There are plenty of rebounds to go around,

and if someone gives me that they will have a position for the year."

Yelovich led the team with eight rebounds and Shaffer had seven.

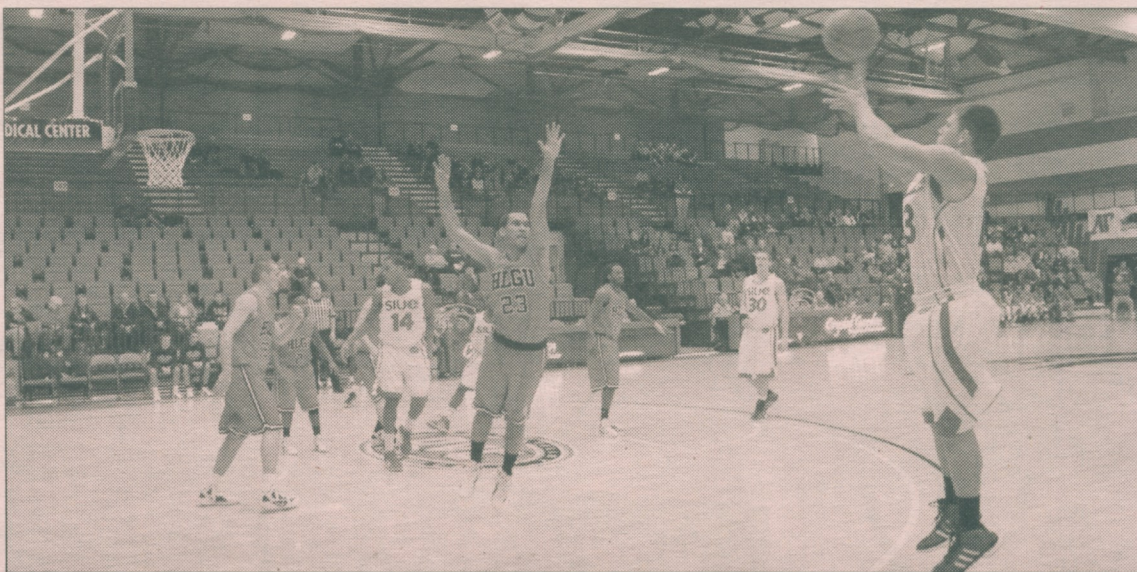
Fouling has been another problem the Cougars have had this season. Saturday, they limited Hannibal LaGrange to seven trips to the free-throw line, where they were 3-7, and committed 11 personal fouls.

"I think when we went to a 1-3-1 [defense], that really helped out with the fouls and the rebounding," Yelovich said. "Our guys really picked up the intensity on defense and make it hard for [Hannibal LaGrange] to do what they wanted to do."

The defense helped on a night the Cougars shot 47 percent and were just 4-16 from 3-point range.

Freshman guard Kris Davis made his second consecutive start, scoring seven points. Forrester said the work Davis has put in on the defensive end has earned him more minutes.

"He is coming along and is someone who I thought had great potential but knew he had to get better at some things like defensive intensity, so we weren't quite ready yet," Forrester said. "As the season has progressed, he is doing things better on the defensive end and



Hannibal LaGrange's Aril Meuel attempts to disrupt SIUE senior guard Kevin Stineman during a 3-point attempt Saturday. Stineman was 1-2 from 3-point range in the game. | Photo by Rebecka Blake/Alestle

obviously he can do things like knock down jump shots and create for other guys by distributing the basketball on offense."

The Cougars forced 18 turnovers, and capitalized on some of the opportunities they received off the fast break, scoring 20 points off of turnovers. Forrester said they could do better.

"I thought there were chances to up that a bit," Forrester said. "Corey [Wickware] stole the basketball, went down and missed a point blank layup and Mark

[Yelovich] got a steal, was fouled and made one free throw. There were opportunities and we have to get better."

The Cougars now prepare for a battle of sister schools next Monday in Carbondale against the equally struggling Salukis. SIUC is 1-5 on the season with their only win coming at home against Chicago State. The Salukis lost 54-53 to Western Michigan Sunday, and earlier this year lost a one-point game to Division II Ohio Dominican.

"That's a huge game for us and would be great for us to come out of that on top and start out the rivalry," Yelovich said. "We will be excited about it now and will

probably be excited about it for the rest of the time we are here."

The game is the first of a four-year series between SIUE and SIUC.

"I am very excited to be playing them for the next four years," Forrester said. "I know they are down or struggling but those things don't matter. It's just about us competing when we get there as hard as we can and playing together as a team. Between now and the time we play we have to get better at a lot of different areas."

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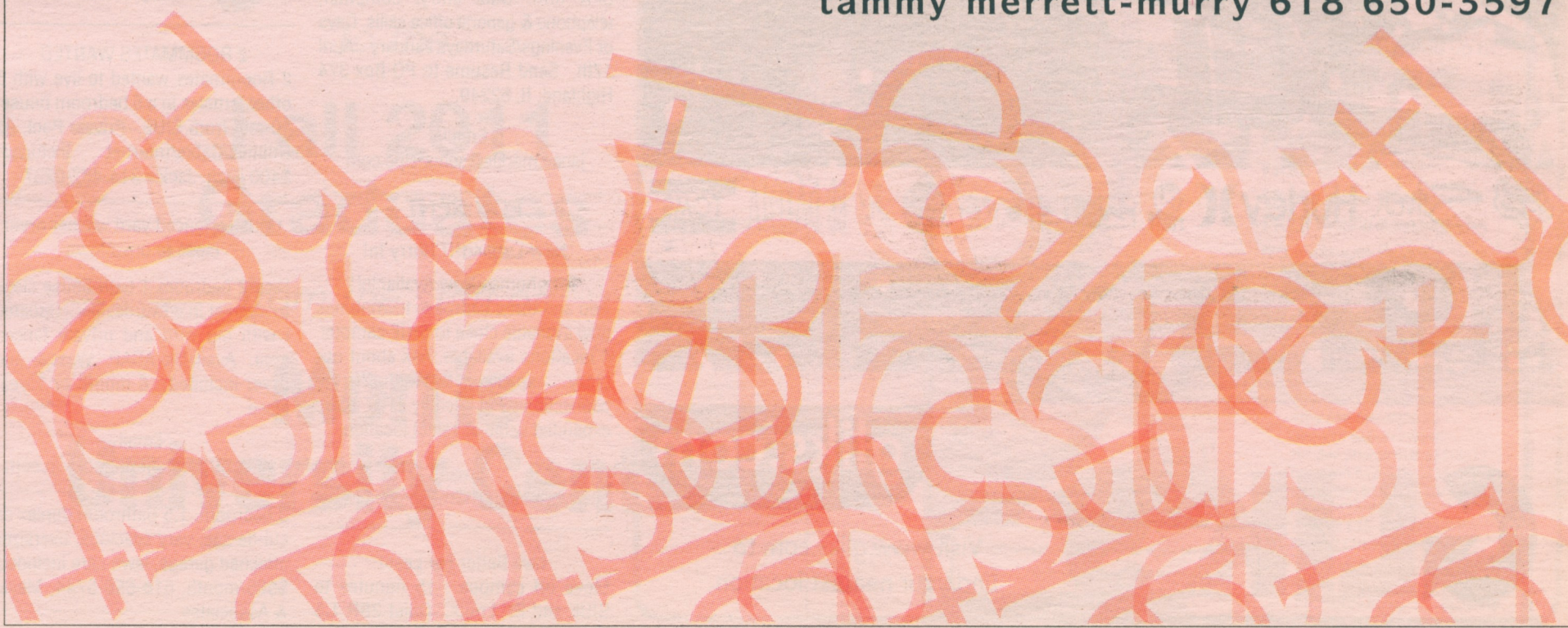
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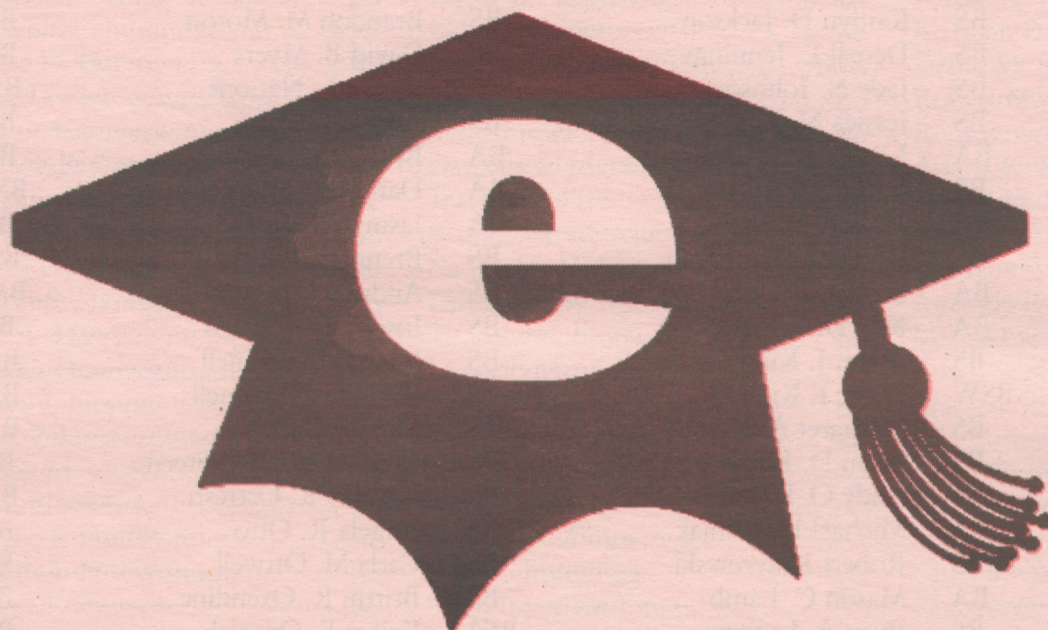
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