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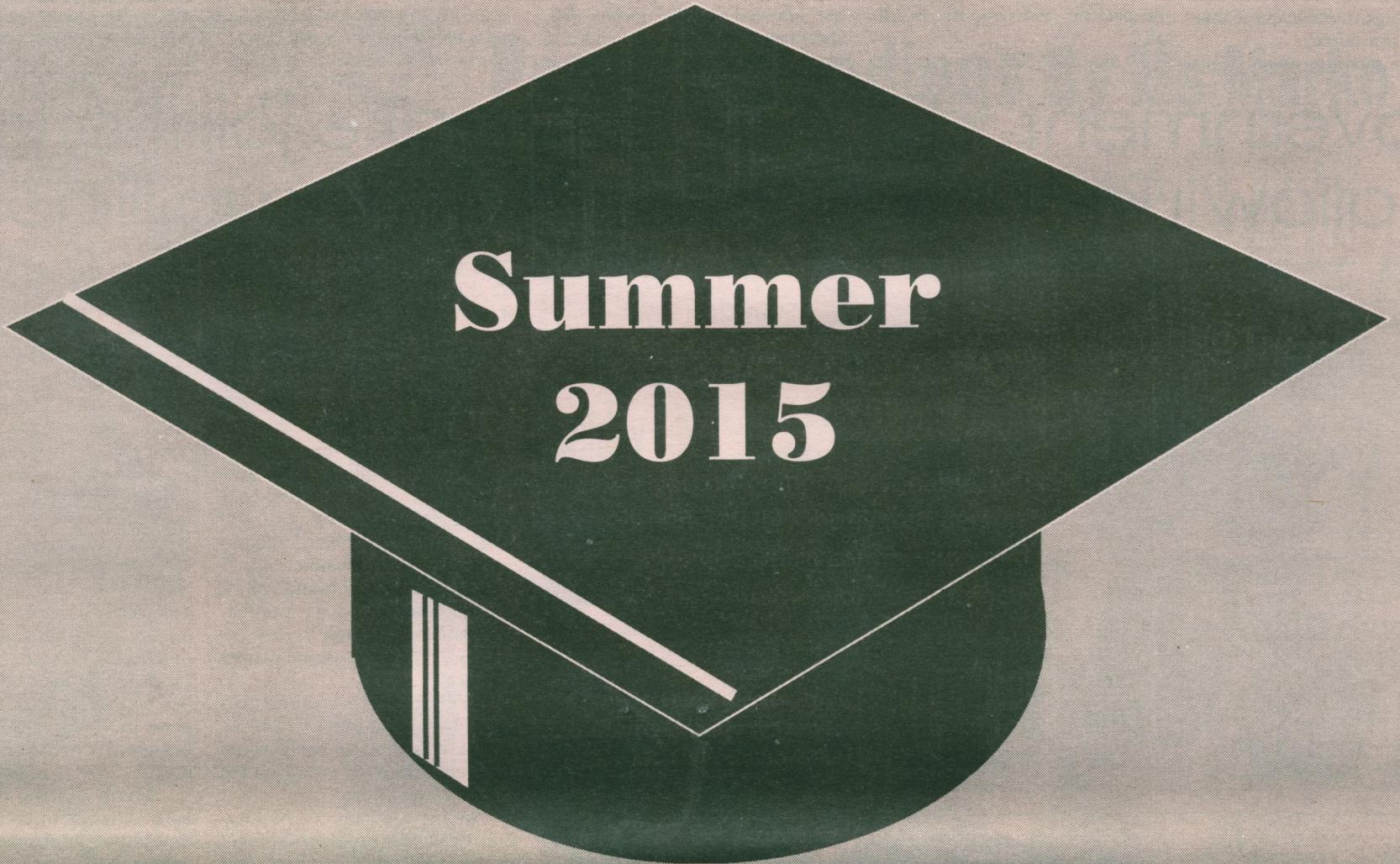
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Thursday, December 3, 2015

University raises over \$22,000 for St. Jude

CHLOE RICE
Alestle Reporter

This year, SIUE raised \$22,397 for the Up 'til Dawn event hosted by St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

According to Rebekah Abbott, the regional development representative for St. Jude's, \$20,000 keeps the hospital open for 15 minutes. Although this may seem like a small amount of time, there are people who count on this time.

Up 'til Dawn is an event hosted at different college campuses throughout the nation. The goal of those participating is to make a team of six and raise \$100 each; which means one cannot engage in the event if that amount is not raised.

Senior nursing major Calli

Germain, of Edwardsville said, "The event is a fun way to get college students involved with St. Jude. Also, it looks good on a resume for any major."

Abbott said, St. Jude's had different fundraisers, but none that pertained to college students until Up 'til Dawn.

According to Germain, the event is like a huge party for the students who raised money for St. Jude's. Also, when they can, they like to have someone from St. Jude's come in and speak at the event.

Although they didn't have someone speak, Germain said, "Over spring break, the executive board travels to St. Jude to visit the patients and tour the hospital."

Last year SIUE raised around

\$5,000 for the event, but this year, the university raised over \$22,000.

"This year we had such a great executive board. Also, people poured themselves into the event and it showed throughout the night," Abbott said.

According to Abbott, 83 cents of every dollar raised for St. Jude's goes to the hospital; the other 17 cents goes toward administrative purposes.

The 83 cents of every dollar goes toward more than covering medical expenses for the patients.

According to Abbott, the hospital also provides a room specifically for teenage patients. No parents or younger children are allowed in the room. Additionally, St. Jude's provides a prom for students in high school,

along with a musical therapy program for all patients.

St. Jude's also provides resources for the younger children.

Abbott said, "for the younger children there are child life specialists to help them better understand what is happening to them. The specialists use dolls to help the children better understand what is going to happen beforehand."

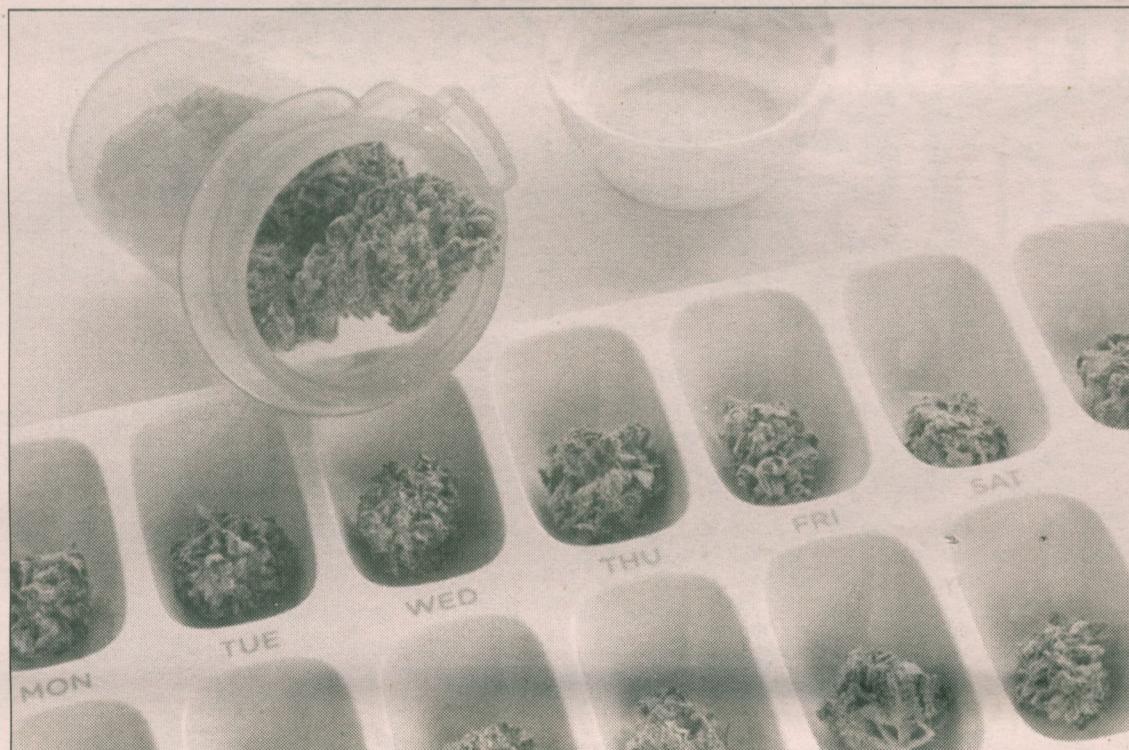
According to Abbott, the hospital truly make the patients feel comfortable, and not doomed by their sickness. The walls are colorful, and they even filter the air so it doesn't smell like a hospital.

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Junior nursing major Katie Ruholl, of Teutopolis, senior nursing major Calli Germain, of Edwardsville, junior nursing major Olivia Cano, of Plano and senior nursing major Allyson Armstrong, of Edwardsville pose for St. Jude event.
| Photo courtesy of Calli Germain

Government, dispensaries make joint effort to allow use of medical marijuana in Illinois



Medical marijuana dispensaries opened recently across the state.

| Photo via Professional Dispensaries of Illinois

MADISON O'BRIEN
Alestle Reporter

According to the state, about 3,300 Illinois residents have a medical condition that qualifies for treatment with cannabis.

As of Monday, Nov. 9, medical marijuana is available for sale at eight dispensaries throughout Illinois: Marion, Mundelein, Canton, Quincy, Addison, Aurora, Schaumburg and Ottawa.

Herbory Medical Cannabis Dispensary, located in Marion, is two hours south of SIUE, making it the closest dispensary to campus.

General manager of Herbory Sheri Donahue said the first step a potential patient needs to take in order to obtain their cannabis card is to visit their physician.

"The referral is a joint effort between patients and physicians. You have to have a referral to get cannabis in the state of Illinois, and that is the bottom line. Once

it is determined a patient qualifies, that's when the application process starts," Donahue said. "You go to the [Illinois Department of Public Health] website and fill out an application, which includes fingerprinting and background checks by the state of Illinois and the FBI. Once you have a written referral from your physician and have completed the application process, the two items head up to the Senate and [it either approves or denies] the card."

Donahue said there are currently 39 qualifying conditions with several more presently being reviewed.

"Chronic pain, cancer, [multiple sclerosis] and basically any type of ache people have can qualify you for a card. Some people may even have one condition, but qualify under another one. [Post-traumatic stress disorder] is another huge condition that is trying to get approval," Donahue said. "This is a product used for medical use, and [we] don't want

Harbory is privately owned under CEOs Michele Koo and Cameron Lehman.

"Michele wanted to start the business when her mother passed from cancer. She had lived in California where medical cannabis use was legal. She developed a passion for it, and wanted to help patients in Southern Illinois," Donahue said.

Harbory was the first dispensary to establish its license to operate in the state of Illinois. The dispensary received its license on Aug. 24, but could not operate until Nov. 9.

According to Donahue, Harbory has been very busy since first opening.

"The first day was crazy because it was new and foreign to most people. We offer a very safe, friendly environment. The building is secured, and we want people to feel welcome," Donahue said. "This is a product used for medical use, and [we] don't want

them to feel shunned by society. We also have employees with a lot of knowledge about the products that help choose certain products to help with different conditions."

Donahue said the future for this program in Illinois has endless possibilities.

"I hope to see more conditions qualify in Illinois. This state is very strict with the law, so I hope their actions will go influence other states where cannabis isn't legal yet," Donahue said. "I have confidence our brand will be very successful, and we want to give patients a reason to drive to Harbory by offering good quality products."

With the use of medical marijuana becoming more widely accepted, it is possible SIUE could make changes to its policy on the matter in the future.

Junior applied communications studies major Alek McKenzie, of Springfield, said he does not think allowing marijuana on campus for medical use is a good idea.

"I don't think the campus would allow it even if it is legal for medical use because if they made an exception for those people, I feel like they would see a lot of people protesting for recreational use," McKenzie said. "If students are using the drug for medical reasons, there should be a certain area to do it in where it can be monitored, such as at Health Services."

As a residents' assistant, McKenzie said residence halls already have a present issue with cannabis.

"I think it would just be validation for people to do it recreationally, and I also think it would make people who [use it] now do it even more than usual, because it will seem more accepted," McKenzie said. "If it was allowed on campus, I could definitely see more people who have never tried it before trying it."

According to McKenzie, he has seen how students act when

they are under the influence of marijuana, and it has never been good.

"When you're high there can be major side effects, which could cause disruptions in class. I also don't want to be around it on campus or smell it either," McKenzie said.

Sophomore nursing major Kaitlin Hunk, of Decatur, said the world has come a long way with its views on marijuana.

"People of the older generations always view marijuana in a very negative light, whereas people my age don't seem to care as much and don't view it as a harmful drug," Hunk said. "I think it has become very accepted in my generation, which is why laws are being made to accommodate that need."

Hunk said she does not believe allowing medical marijuana on campus would encourage others to use it.

"Some people really do rely on marijuana for medical reasons, and I don't see anything wrong with that. Making it legal to [use] recreationally in Illinois doesn't bother me, because in my opinion the people who would take advantage of the law being passed already [use] illegally now anyway."

Since legalizing marijuana for medical use, lawmakers have also considered decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of the drug.

Illinois has joined a list of 23 other states that allow marijuana for medical use. Alaska, Colorado and Oregon first permitted the use of medical marijuana and then loosened the penalty on possession before approving the drug for recreational use.

Although it could be years before Illinois takes additional steps toward legalization, recreational marijuana use could be seen in the state's future.

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Library, Student Affairs extend hours for finals week

MADISON O'BRIEN
Alestie Reporter

Beginning midnight Sunday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 18., Library and Information Services will be open 24/7.

Lovejoy Library, along with Student Affairs, made the arrangement to accommodate students' needs during finals week.

Interlibrary Loan Manager Deirdre Johnson said in the past she has heard students talk about different hours they would like to be available.

"Student Affairs has been communicating with students and wanted to make these hours happen during finals week," Johnson said. "Basically volunteers who want extra hours cover all the shifts."

Johnson said the library has fortunately had student workers step up and volunteer.

"If student workers have an exam, then we don't want them to work," Johnson said. "The way we manage the schedules will be beneficial to the library since it will be open all night, but we also want to be flexible with our students. If we aren't busy, they have downtime to study."

According to Johnson, students and staff will be around during all hours of the night, so if

anyone has questions or concerns, people will be there to help.

Johnson said she hopes to see a lot of students coming in, but with this being the first time the library has been open 24/7, she is not sure about the outcome.

"The nights might be kind of slow, but we are hoping students hear about it and will want to use the library and take advantage of it," Johnson said. "I would think that we would give it a try again next year regardless of the turnout."

Senior nursing major Jessica Fowler, of Collinsville, said she is glad the library based the schedule off of volunteers.

"It would suck for us workers if we had a set schedule, because I'm not a night person. I know the university can't afford to pay us more, but I think we should get more than \$8.25 an hour to stay up that late and work," Fowler said.

According to Fowler, she would be too tired and unable to study for her finals if she was working late at night, but she does think the library will see a good turnout.

"No one can study when it is loud, and even when you try to pull all-nighters, there are always people walking around or bothering you," Fowler said. "People at

the library are here to focus and study, so I think we will see an increase of people coming in for sure."

Junior criminal justice major Logan Sahuri, of Edwardsville, said a lot of people will work more than 20 hours that week, maxing out on their pay.

Sahuri agrees with Fowler that working will affect his studying, and he also said he does not think staying open 24/7 is a good idea.

"When the library used to close at 2 a.m., it was dead. I don't think it's a good idea, and it is a waste of money for the school because no one will come in that late at night," Fowler said.

On the other hand, Lovejoy hopes the prolonged hours will offer students more availability to use the library.

Research assistance will be available 8 a.m. through 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. through 7 p.m. on Fridays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. through 9 p.m. on Sunday before finals week.

Students who enter the library after midnight must come through the Stratton Quadrangle entrance.

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Student Fitness Center bulks up

Weight room expansion to be completed in January

KENDRA MARTIN
Alestie Reporter

The New Year will bring in a new Student Fitness Center as it has been undergoing some construction since April of 2015 and on Thursday, Jan. 14, there will be an open house to introduce students to the newly-constructed Student Fitness Center.

The director of Campus Recreation Keith Becherer said the Student Fitness Center would be doubling in size to fit more equipment as well higher ceilings to allow for more activities for students and better airflow and circulation.

"There are going to be quite a bit of changes," Becherer said. "We are more than doubling the existing space of the current student fitness center by almost 4,000 square feet. It will allow us to bring in more equipment, multiple benches as well as dumbbells. We want to be able to allow more comfort for the students."

Becherer said the expansion of the fitness center will allow students to be able to do more since there will be more space for more activities.

"Students will be able to take the medicine balls and throw them against the walls at targets at least to nine to ten feet in the air," Becherer said. "There will also be overhead lifts for taller students, and it will allow more room for additional types of equipment."

Becherer said student fees funded the Student Fitness Center.

"The students back in the early nineties said they would fund a fitness center and help pay that fee," Becherer said. "What we have been doing shows we're in great need of space, so a couple of years ago, we started putting funds in a reserve account. It was all funded with students fees, and it has to go through student government and once they signed off on it, things were a go."

Becherer said construction of the student fitness center has been underway since April and since construction started, stu-

dents have still been able to use the facilities since there have been very few shutdowns of the entire fitness center.

During Thanksgiving break, the Student Fitness Center was shut down to remove temporary construction wall as well as painting. The center will reopen on Nov. 30, when students come back to campus.

"Construction has been on schedule, but we lost a few days due to weather and rain in the summer," Becherer said. "But we're still targeting for the Student Fitness Center to officially be done for the spring semester when students come back from winter break."

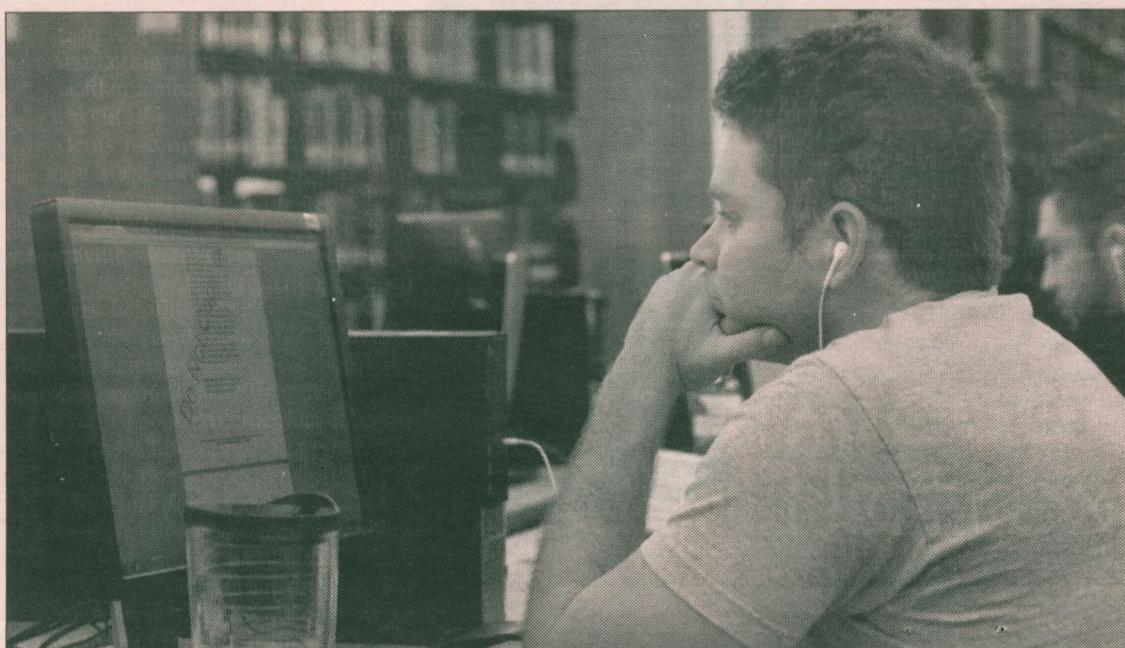
Becherer said the Student Fitness Center has been something that has been a long time coming and can help influence the decisions of prospective students on where they choose to attend school.

"We know from surveys that our students make decisions of where they want to attend school based on facilities and amenities, and ours rank pretty highly," Becherer said. "From multiple studies, exercise and proper nutrition is good for overall health and managing stress, and they exceed academically. One thing we are proud of is that 80 percent of students use our facilities. Not only are they coming for health benefits but social benefits as well."

Becherer said the people who have been involved with the help of the construction have been very helpful.

"A combination of individuals helped make this happen," Becherer said. "But a lot of the credit goes to former director Mick, who retired last year. He helped put the expansion of the Student Fitness Center in motion, but we also took feedback from students telling us what we need, and they told us that they needed more space, so we used that to help plan for the future."

Read more about the weight room at alestielive.com.



Graduate business administration student Kraig Rehkemper, of Edwardsville, utilizes Lovejoy Library's quiet atmosphere to concentrate while reading through research documents on Monday, Nov. 30.

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School of Engineering offers new degree

JESSICA ORANIKA
Alestie Reporter

The School of Engineering has added a new degree to its list of options — Mechatronics and Robotics. Mechanical engineering professor Ryan Krauss said the degree is necessary because technology is improving and there is demand for a person who understands every aspect of engineering robotic devices.

"Basically, mechatronics is the combination of mechanical engineering with electronic engineering. Two things are happening: the devices that we already use every day are getting smarter to meet our needs, but also, we are creating new devices and those devices have to have more intelligent controls on them," Krauss said.

Krauss said completing a device in the past required the help of multiple engineers who stud-

ied specific areas. Degrees like mechatronics and robotics allow products to be designed more efficiently because one person knows and understands the inner working of each part of the device.

"It used to be [that] you would just have a mechanical engineer design the mechanical components of it, then you would have an electronics person come in and add all the sensors and actuators. After that, maybe a third person would come in and do all of the computer programming," Krauss said. "That process would take too long and wouldn't lead to the best solutions. If there was one person that understood the whole process and could do all of that, then that person could help design these products faster and it would lead to more integrated systems."

Mechanical engineering

graduate student Gregory Jacobs, of California, said he thinks the new degree program is great. Jacobs said it is something he would have been interested in if it was available during his undergraduate years.

"We're one of the few schools that are offering [mechatronics and robotics] as a degree. I think it's kind of forward thinking. Its a direction that a lot of students are wanting to go [into] and a lot of companies are now looking for that specific degree," Jacobs said. "Before, you could just get your mechanical engineering degree and just kind of claim that you specialized in controls or mechatronics. To actually graduate as a mechatronics engineer, I think, says a little bit more."

Read more about the School of Engineering at alestielive.com.

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HIGHS & LOWS

CAITLIN LALLY
Alestie Lifestyles Editor

Get cozy this winter with the coolest styles and the hottest deals. Luckily, we've done the work for you. Here are a few pairs of the season's trends presented side by side to compare the cost of each. Splurge or save — either way, you're sure to turn heads on campus with these must-haves.

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Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis
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*Dept. of Theater, Dance presents: "Since Africa"

Friday, Dec. 4 — Sunday, Dec. 6 and Thursday, Dec. 10 — Sunday, Dec. 13, times vary

Metcalf Theater, SIUE
siue.edu/artsandsciences/theater

*Schlafly Winter Market & Holiday Fair

Saturday, Dec 5 and Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
7260 Southwest Ave., Maplewood, Mo.
schlafly.com/bottleworks/farmers-market/

The Neighbourhood

Thursday, Dec. 10, 8 p.m.
The Pageant, The Loop, St. Louis
thepageant.com

*Late Night Finals Breakfast

Sunday, Dec. 13, 8 — 9 p.m.
Center Court, Morris Univ. Center, SIUE
siue.edu/events

The Nutcracker presented by St. Louis Ballet

Thursday, Dec. 17 — Wednesday, Dec. 23, times vary
The Touhill Performing Arts Center,
University of Missouri, St. Louis
touhill.org

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Sunday, Dec. 27, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Scottrade Center, downtown St. Louis
scottradecenter.com

46th Annual Way of Lights

Open now until Friday, Jan. 1, 2016
5 — 9 p.m. weekdays, 5 — 10 p.m. weekends
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The Family Arena, St. Charles, Mo.
familyarena.com

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis

Saturday, Dec. 5, 8 a.m.
1 Court St., Alton
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*Cougar Craze: Finals Massages

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Goshen Lounge, Morris Univ. Center, SIUE
siue.edu/events

*Arts & Issues presents piano soloist George Winston

Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.
Meridian Ballroom, Morris Univ. Center, SIUE
artsandissues.com

Adam Lambert w/ Pentatonix and Rachel Platten

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Peabody Opera House, downtown St. Louis
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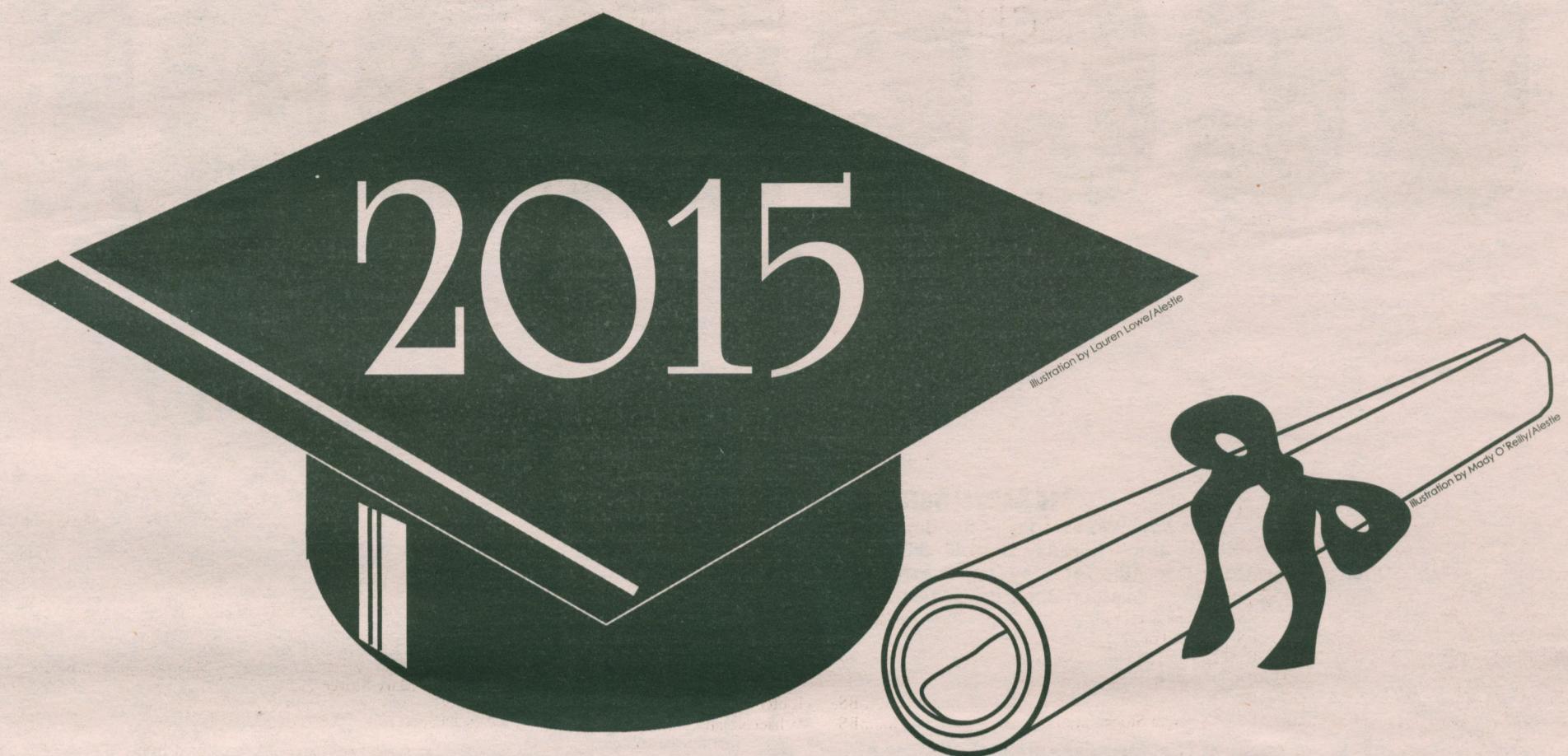
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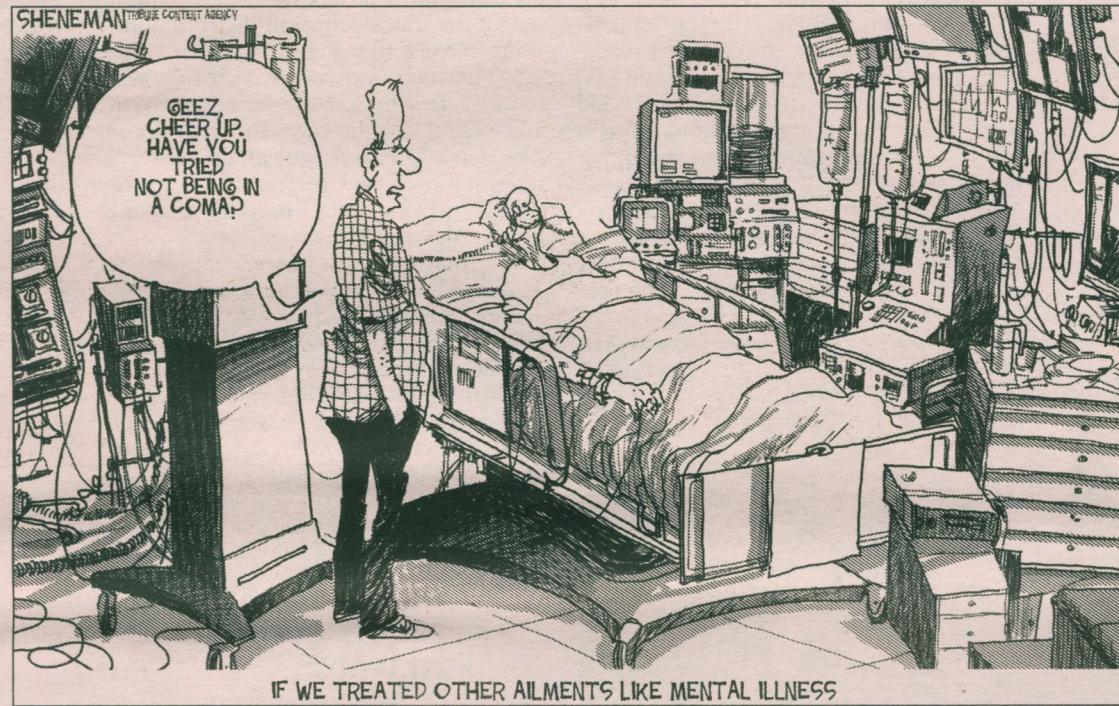
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Mental illness is not a Christmas sweater

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, during any given year, a whopping one in four adults — about 61.5 million Americans — experience mental illness. Although this is no laughing matter, society seems to make light of serious mental illnesses.

Alestle Staff Editorial

Many people throw around the terms OCD (Obsessive Compulsive Disorder), depression and anxiety without really understanding the severity of these illnesses. Phrases like, "I'm OCD about this," or "I'm about to have a panic attack," downplay the afflictions people actually struggle with on a daily basis.

Over the course of the past few months, we see even more clothing and costumes poking fun at mental disorders, although they aren't being perceived as such.

Target has received some backlash recently after distributing sweaters that define OCD as "Obsessive Christmas Disorder." The store may have had humorous intentions, but that doesn't mean the sweaters are appropriate.

Many Target customers complained about the sweaters

through Twitter, some of whom had already been diagnosed with OCD, using the hashtags #mentalillness, #OCD, and #disAbilities.

"Hey @Target OCD is a real disease not a joke. I don't see any shirts making fun of cancer — why? #mentalillness," @_blue-lightblue tweeted.

Another customer decided to poke fun right back at the store in protest of the clothing line.

"Dear @Target, you're on the naughty list for making fun of #OCD, #mentalillness is serious! #disAbilities," @Danbury-C4PWD tweeted.

This isn't the first instance that mental illness has been joked about through apparel. We've seen other OCD sweaters with offensive definitions as well, such as "Obsessive Cat Disorder," or "I have CDO, it's like OCD but the letters are in alphabetical order, as they should be."

Let's not forget Halloween costumes. Whether you see a "sexy" Anna Rexia costume — a tight skeleton-print black dress featuring a measuring tape belt — or a psych ward outfit, mental illnesses are more severe than we seem to let on.

This past Halloween, Jessi Davin, a 26-year-old woman who has been battling anorexia,

spoke up about the Anna Rexia costume. Davin was hospitalized for four years and suffered major failure because of anorexia.

Davin took to Tumblr saying, "Think anorexia is funny? Sorry. I am a survivor and find NOTHING cute about this. I almost died from this. I know it's supposed to be funny and shit and yeah I get that, but seriously — THIS IS NOT FUNNY. Anorexia is nothing to party about or laugh at. It's real, it's deadly and should not be marketed as a slutty outfit."

Davin went on to list what anorexia was like for her, such as her emotional struggles over the years, multiple ER visits during recovery, organ failure, having to use a shower chair and wheel chair, and how she could go into cardiac arrest and have a lifetime full of medications for the health issues and anxiety caused by anorexia.

By creating products that single out mental disorders, we are not only showcasing the disease as something that isn't as harmful or as concerning as others, but we are also deeming those who have been diagnosed with a mental disorder as overreacting or exaggerating its severity.

We need to take a step back and realize just how relentless

mental illnesses are and how common they can be. It's likely various people you come in contact with everyday are experiencing depression, anxiety or both. OCD is currently affecting 2.2 million Americans, according to Antoinette D'Orazio, a psychotherapist who specializes in the disorder. This just goes to show that you may not always know what the people closest to you are going through.

Although offending those who have suffered or are currently suffering from mental illnesses may not have been the goal of Target or any other clothing distributor, it is still leaving an impression.

Despite public outcry, Target still plans on selling the sweaters indefinitely, and the online Anna Rexia costumes still sell out every year. Therefore, it's up to us to put a stop to society deemphasizing the seriousness of mental illnesses. Refuse to buy offensive products like these and encourage others to do so as well. Create a boycott on social media and spread the word.

Big corporations need to know that these products are not cute or funny, but are instead legitimately harmful.

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If you are pro-life, choose to be pro-all life

On Friday, Nov. 20, Robert Lewis Dear entered a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dear shot and killed three people and wounded nine more.

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Among the three victims killed was police officer Garrett Swasey, a fellow Christian with no ties to Planned Parenthood. Dear's other victims were Ke'Arre Stewart, a U.S. Army veteran and father of two, and Jennifer Markovsky, a mother of two.

It is suspected but not confirmed that Dear was motivated to shoot because his beliefs conflicted with abortion. NPR reports Dear made comments referring to the falsified videos

that were released earlier this year depicting Planned Parenthood selling fetal tissue.

According to CNN, Vicki Cowart, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, is confident Dear was driven by an "opposition to safe and legal abortion."

On Twitter and other social media platforms, some pro-life conservatives are calling Dear a hero even though he murdered three individuals. A slew of tweets came forth in the aftermath of the deadly incident.

"Active Shooter Colorado Planned Parenthood. I would think this brave HERO is saving innocent Baby lives!" @DJGoodwin1 tweeted.

"Folks upset that murderers & murder enablers died at #PlannedParenthood but babies die at #PlannedParenthood

everyday, why shouldn't adults?" @Enviro_Mint tweeted.

"#BabyLivesMatter
#PlannedParenthood Too bad there is no outcry about the babies murdered in that building everyday and then sold for parts," @CynicalTim tweeted.

One Twitter user said he felt if Dear had harmed a pregnant female, it would have been appropriate.

"No sympathy for any pregnant female who was injured in the Planned Parenthood shooting that was there to get an abortion. She deserved it," @SlyFlyAndHigh tweeted.

Because Twitter users like these believe Dear, a man formerly accused of animal abuse and domestic violence, was attempting to save innocent lives when he began shooting, he is being applauded for something

horrendous. If you are pro-life, it makes sense for you to believe every life deserves the chance to live to its fullest potential.

Swasey and Dear's other victims were denied that opportunity, and therefore, Dear's plight conflicted with the very issue he was so brutally opposing.

Outright violence is never the answer. Dear attacked a facility that mostly offers contraception and STI/STD testing and treatment. As reported by Planned Parenthood's 2013-2014 annual report, only 3 percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides are abortion services — just a mere 3 percent.

While Dear's beliefs are important, what is most important is that he felt violence was appropriate.

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Cougars fall to Mizzou in first home match

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SIUE lost 36-7 against the University of Missouri Tigers in a dual wrestling match Friday, Nov. 20. With a crowd of more than 1,000 people in the Vadalabene Center, the Cougars saw two individual victories but did not withstand the No. 9 team's overall competition.

Head Coach Jeremy Spates said the Cougars faced a challenging matchup but performed well, despite some upsets.

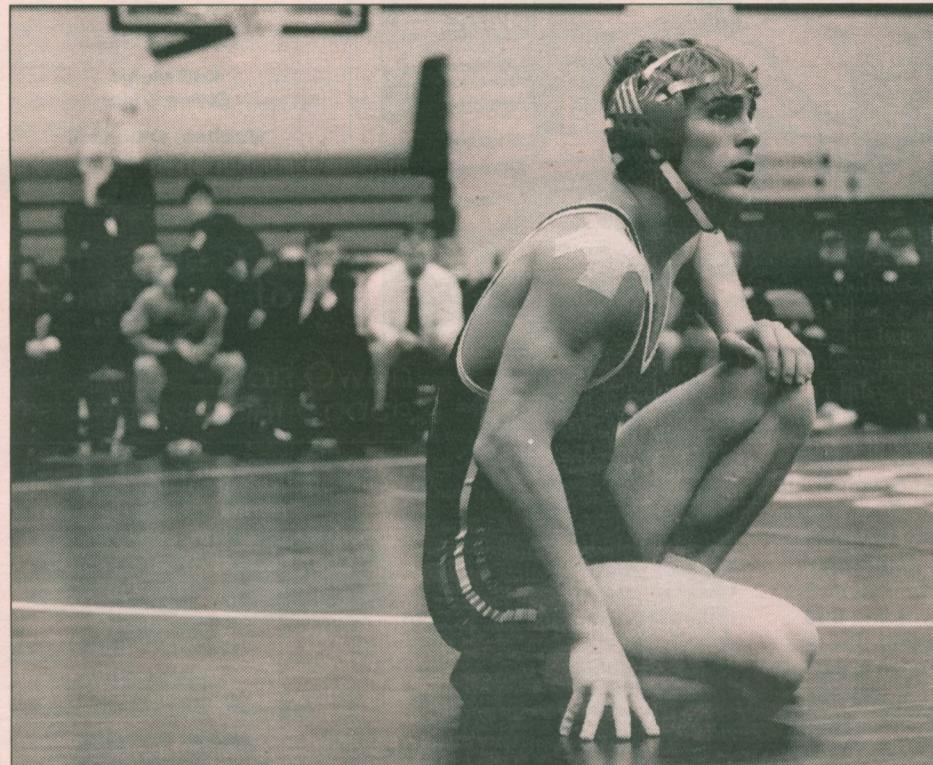
"I thought it was a good match for us. We knew with Missouri being a top 10 team, it was going to be tough," Spates said. "We felt like there was a couple more matches we could have won, so we were a little disappointed in that, but we came

away with a couple good wins. We came away with a lot of things we need to work on to get better for the future."

Assistant Coach Brian Owen said Missouri's nationally ranked program came in with an advantage over the Cougars, who are still developing their team.

"[Missouri's] team is highly ranked, and their individuals are highly ranked. They have had success as a team and [as] individuals where we're still trying to build that. That's one thing I noticed — as a team — Missouri kind of had the upper hand," Owen said.

A major encouragement for SIUE, according to Owen, was the attendance at the team's home match — the community presence was a boost for the wrestling program.



Redshirt freshman Nate Higgins won in the 157-pound weight class, one of two SIUE victories during the Cougars' dual match against Mizzou Friday, Nov. 20.

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"The tiny little shift [we saw] in a couple of the matches — like our guys looking at the stands and seeing a full crowd, realizing they're not there to see Missouri, they're here to see Edwardsville," Owen said. "That's a really inspiring thing to realize — as a program, we're becoming one of the teams people in the community want to come to watch."

The two individual victories were redshirt freshman Nate Higgins in the 157-pound weight class and redshirt senior Chris Johnson wrestling at heavyweight. Owen said Johnson's 5-0 victory over Missouri's James Romero was a highlight of the match.

"[Johnson] was pretty impressive. The match itself took a long time, but his energy level was really good. He had the best performance," Owen said.

One surprise for the Cougars was redshirt junior Jake Tindle's 25-10 loss to Missouri's J'den Cox in the 197-weight class. Spates said Tindle, who competed in the NCAA tournament last season, has been battling injuries this season.

"We could see some of the things that we've been working on. Coming off the bottom was one [thing we worked on]. Another thing we worked on was hand fighting and controlling the ties," Spates said. "I think we did a better job of that this weekend — still not satisfied with where we're at — but we could definitely see that [they're] working on some of the things we've been doing in practice."

Owen said the Cougars can also improve by tightening the margin of lost points during dual matches for a better overall score.

"[We can work on] the score in the dual meets — giving up bonus points. If you just lose a match by a couple points, the other team gets three [points]. But the more you lose by, the more team points the other team gets," Owen said. "We lost eight of the matches, but we can improve on what the score was by the end of the dual. A point or two every match kind of adds up."

The Cougars took this weekend off in preparation to wrestle Indiana University

“As a program, we’re becoming one of the teams people in the community want to come to watch.”

Brian Owen
SIUE Wrestling Assistant Coach

"[Tindle] had a tough matchup; he was wrestling a defending national champion. [Tindle has] been a little banged up this year; he was dealing with some injuries out there," Spates said. "I think we expected him to compete a little more. He's at a pretty high level, so we didn't expect for him to get beaten so badly, but he's a pretty good kid. We're going to work on a few things so that doesn't happen again."

Spates said the athletes' performances showed improvement in the areas the team has worked on in practice, although there is still room for growth for the Cougars.

Bloomington, which Spates said allows the team the chance to recover.

"[The weekend off] is good because we need the chance to heal up and train a little bit," Spates said.

The match against Indiana University Bloomington will take place in Bloomington, Ind. Saturday, Dec. 5. Spates said the tough competition will bode well for the Cougars.

"We're excited to have another big 10 team on the schedule," Spates said.

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A coach's dream: High expectations for senior Chris Johnson

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Senior construction management major Christopher Johnson, of Wheeling, is a fifth-year senior, but not for typical reasons such as changing his major or having to retake classes. Johnson is a fifth year senior for wrestling purposes.

Although Johnson is currently in his collegiate years as a wrestler, this is not where his love for the sport began.

According to Johnson, his love for wrestling started in the seventh grade and continued into high school. During his junior year, he placed sixth in the state, and in his senior wrestling season, he placed second. Those two years of high school influenced him to continue as a wrestler in college.

Even though Johnson has proved his wrestling skills, they are not the only talents he possesses. Johnson also has a GPA of 3.7. Obtaining wrestling and academic skills led Johnson to receive an academic and athletic scholarship.

With both of these obligations, Johnson said he finds himself having to balance the two.

"Wrestling is the toughest thing I've ever done. Everything I do is easier because of wrestling; it correlates with everything else," Johnson said.

According to Assistant Coach Tommy Owen, one of Johnson's best attributes is his mental focus.

"Off the mat Chris is one of the nicest people you will ever meet, but he competes very intensively because of his mental focus," Owen said.

Although Johnson ended last season

with an average record of 19-18, Owen said Johnson wrestled better than his record shows when considering his competition.

Owen said Johnson wrestles well for being at the light side of the heavyweight division.

"Chris is undersized for heavyweight and makes up for it with speed and agility — another strong quality of Johnson's," Owen said.

Johnson said because he is at the lower end of the weight class, he is always eating to try to gain as much weight as possible, and along with eating comes the need to condition.

"Being mentally prepared is far more difficult than being physically prepared for a match. You need the right mindset, a game plan and to be confident," Johnson said.

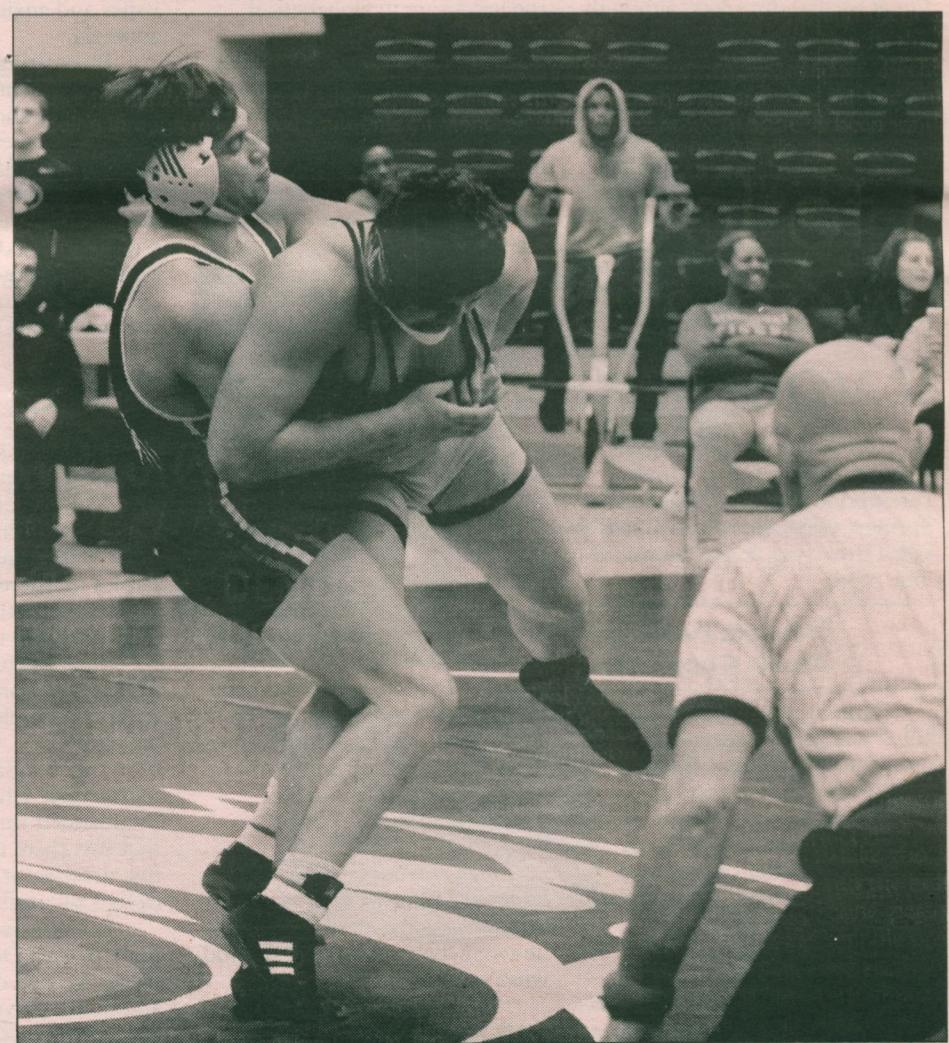
According to Johnson, because he is an older guy on the team, he wants to be as successful as possible to be a good role model for the other wrestlers.

"It's hard to train to win — it's who wants it more. It's all willpower. It's all mindset," said Johnson.

Owen said he has high expectations for Johnson to make it to nationals and become an All-American wrestler in his final season with the Cougars.

"He is the epitome of what it is to be a Division I wrestler. He is a coach's dream, to be honest," Owen said.

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Senior Chris Johnson won the heavyweight competition at the Cougars' dual match against Mizzou Friday, Nov. 20.

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Second half surge:

Efforts insufficient for Cougars to hold out against Phoenixes

KYLE STEPP
Alestle Reporter

SIUE men's basketball fell to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay Phoenixes Monday, Nov. 30 at the Vadalabene Center. The series between the teams is now tied at two games each.

SIUE started the combination of junior guard Burak Eslik, sophomore guard C.J. Carr, freshman guard Carlos Anderson, graduate student forward Yemi Makanjuola and sophomore forward Jalen Henry.

The Cougars won the opening tip and drew a quick foul, which allowed Henry to split a pair of free throws. The Phoenixes then went on a 16-0 run that ultimately ended in a timeout by Head Coach Jon Harris. SIUE was not able to bounce back from the early scoring of Green Bay, and the Cougars found themselves down 54-28 at the end of the first half.

Anderson and senior center Grant Fiorentinos led the Cougars in first half scoring with seven points apiece.

Harris said he was not pleased with how the team handled the full-court press and relentless pressure in the beginning of the game.

"It was a disappointing start to the game. Green Bay is a good team. They do a great job of dictating the tempo and making teams play at their pace. They are a fast team that runs up and down the court and presses the entire game. We fell victim to that early, and that's something we

have to work on from start to finish," Harris said.

SIUE opened the second half on a 9-0 run, but the Phoenixes answered with a pair of free throws and a three-pointer. Eslik started with a three-pointer that sparked some energy from the Cougar defense, as they forced a shot clock violation on their next defensive stand.

“We were down 26 at half, and we won the second half by eight because we played a little more at our own pace.”

Jon Harris
SIUE Men's Basketball Head
Coach

The Cougars marched down the court forcing turnovers and fouls, grabbing rebounds and knocking down crucial shots.

Harris said he was pleased with how the team settled down and approached the second half with a new mentality.

"We were down 26 at half, and we won the second

half by eight because we played a little more at our own pace. We made the adjustment mentally. Our guys settled down and executed the aspects we had talked about," Harris said.

The Cougars continued their strong play, and halfway through the second period, they had cut the 26 point deficit to 13. The Phoenixes took over and finished the game, shooting 53 percent from both the field and behind the arc. The Cougars finished at 36 percent from the field and 28 percent from the free throw line.

Anderson said he noticed a problem with collaboration, which was improved in the second half of play.

"We had a problem with communication and also stopping the ball in transition. [In the second half] we gave more effort and started talking more. We got in our zone and started slowing them now," Anderson said.

This was the second of four games in the Cougars' busiest week of the season. They will continue play against the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Panthers at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 in Milwaukee and close the four-game stretch Dec. 5 against the Northwestern University Wildcats in Evanston.

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Junior Burak Eslik pushes past the Phoenix defense in the Cougars' home game Monday, Nov. 30.
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