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SIUE students experiencing online connection difficulties

By Lina Iturrian For the Alestle

The Office of Information Technology (OIT) is receiving an estimated 50 complaints a day from students and parents who are trying to get online are getting and busy signals instead.

With the internet in the news right now with recent litigation against America Online.

The demand to be a part of the information highway has increased dramatically in the past year and is expected to grow at an exponential rate in the future.

Students of SIUE have even begun to feel the rush with recent problems getting online at the SIUE site.

The service is currently available free of charge to all students and offers free web capabilities page and network support.

Students need only to register with the OIT office in order to set up an account which is ready for them in two days. Unfortunately, having account an does not guarantee access.

"The system is currently receiving about 60,000 hits a day and the only corridor into the world of SIUE online is 32 modems running at 14,000 bits

per second, while 16 of these modems are not presently functioning because of parts that need replacing which are currently on order," Larry Foster, Assistant Director of OIT, said.

There are currently 18,033 registered users with about 14,000 of those accounts active and in use.

Foster has heard the outcry for more access as has the in operators the complaint department.

"All information on individuals who are logged in and how many modems are working at any given time is fed through a site at siue.edu called NETSTATS," Foster said.

This site runs statistics on information ranging from the number of modems at full capacity to the most popular sites on the SIUE web site. The stats page shows that the only time the modems are not at full capacity is between the hours of 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.

OIT has been forecasting the increased demand and Ameritech has recently upgraded the infrastructure so that capabilities will be able to grow.

"The stuff is ready to go with plenty of room to grow. There are active plans that are being discussed but haven't please see INTERNET, page 5



Bob Fehringer/Alestle The students who live in these apartments now will have to leave this fall to make room for incoming freshman.

Housing plan for Fall '97 calls for 'Freshmen Village' at TLA

By Chris Clayton News Editor

For the 1997-1998 school year, University Housing will undergo several changes, with most taking place at Tower Lake Apartments.

The first of these changes is that there will be a new "Freshman Village" at Tower Lake Apartments. This village will be in buildings 507-510 and either 506 or 511.

"We'll have five buildings reserved for freshmen, a higher ratio of staff than is usually at Tower Lake," Michael Schultz, director of university housing, said.

Freshmen who live in the esidence Hall will huv a

the University utilize Center," Schultz said.

One option considered was the construction of a second Residence Hall but, according to Schultz, if construction was begun immediately it would not be ready by the fall semester.

A second option was building modular housing for residents to live in.

"It did not meet the standards that we thought we could have our students live in," Schultz said.

One standard that Schultz was referring to is privacy. Instead of having one shower per two rooms it would be community showers.

The size of the rooms is other one of the standards

Army barracks," Schultz said.

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The second of the changes that will affect the residents of University Housing is a 10 (16 percent apartment) reduction of family housing for the 1997-1998 school term. All returning family housing residents will be guaranteed housing with no new residents being accepted.

"It is not my plan to remove family housing. As a mission of the institution, we need to service all students and we've got a population that we are serving and if we remove that, then we will not be serving them as an institution," Schultz said.

The third change that will affect residents currently

Local modem providers and access ratios Provider Location Ratio (users to modems)

SIUE Intelligencer EZ Link	SIUE Edwardsville University Park	875:1 13:1 10:1	mandatory meal plan, those living at Tower Lake will have the option of buying a meal plan. "We will coordinate meal plan bus transportation and get that information to the students so that they can	looked at were smaller than the private rooms at Tower Lake. "Safety standards probably would have been met, but the quality was just	living in Tower Lake Apartments is the elimination of deluxe private apartments. A deluxe private apartment is an apartment in which a student purchases please see HOUSING, page 5
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Army soldier charged; another dismissed

MARYLAND (AP) A fifth

Army instructor has been charged in a sex scandal at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and another soldier, who was already charged, was dismissed Tuesday.

Sgt. 1st Class William Jones, the latest soldier to be charged, is accused of indecent assault, being drunk while on duty and failing to obey orders governing the interaction between instructors and students.

Jones is the fifth soldier to be implicated as a result of an investigation the Army launched after two drill sergeants and a captain at the Ordnance School were charged in November with rape and other crimes.

Also on Tuesday, the Army announced that Sgt. 1st Class Theron Brown, charged earlier this month with sodomy and adultery, had requested and was granted a "discharge in lieu of court martial."

International

Gunman down labor union leader

ALGERIA (AP) A gunman killed the leader of Algeria's largest labor union-a key presidential ally and an opponent of the Islamic insurgency. A bodyguard and another union official also died in



Tuesday's attack in Algiers.

There was no claim of responsibility for the killings in Algiers, but union leader Abdelhak Benhamouda was an ally of President Liamine Zeroul and an outspoken critic of Islamic militants, whose five-year insurgency has killed more than 60,000.

State and Local ____

Caterpillar rehiring workers

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) – A dozen workers have withdrawn unfair labor practice charges against Caterpillar Inc. after getting back their jobs.

The 12 workers were hired within 30 days of the start of the United Auto Workers' 17 1/2-month strike and they joined the walkout. When the company recalled workers at the end of the strike, the 12 weren't included, said Randy Morrell, president of UAW Local 751. The Peoria-based company said they weren't needed.

"We kept hammering the company," Morrell said. "If they deserve to be hired once, they deserve to be brought back."

The UAW said the dozen were illegally terminated. Those fired from the strike – 101 altogether – have been a key hurdle to a new contract since the strike ended Dec. 3, 1995.



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Generation gap comes to everyone full circle



Commentary By

Rebecca Hopkins

Copy Editor

I never considered myself an older student until the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

While walking down the stairs in the University Center with a fellow student, I heard the "I Have a Dream" speech and remarked that I remembered the march on Washington like it was yesterday. He looked at me with wide, unbelieving eyes

and a mouth slightly open as if he couldn't believe what he had heard. Then it hit me, that speech was made before he was born.

Then I began to wonder, how many students here have seen what really happened in the '60s? Besides a history lesson, what does Vietnam mean to them? For that matter, would

they have worn tie-dye shirts, platform shoes demonstrating, whether about civil rights or and white lipstick?

When my parents used to tell me stories about the Great Depression and how poor they were as kids, I would always roll my eyes and sigh, "that was so long ago, can't you get over it". Now I find myself in their position. Full circle, I am an adult after all.

A ten year old kid is very impressionable. I saw the President of the United States get half his head blown off. That became the marker for me where the generations split. Anyone who remember John Kennedy's couldn't assassination viewed the world differently than I ever would again.

Seeing the police turning firehoses on other human beings and treating them worse than dogs gave me nightmares for weeks. Most troubling was being shown that there was a segment of the population that didn't deserve what the rest of us took for granted-human rights.

People were being beaten for peacefully

against the war in Vietnam. I really wish someone had worried about the violence I saw on television when the soldiers were loading body bags into transports from the battlefield.

No less remarkable is that I have found myself questioning styles of dress. Where does my generation have the right to criticize baggy pants, body piercing and multi-colored hair when I wore huge bell-bottoms (the bigger the bell the better), ironed my hair and wore eyeliner by the gallon?

This child of the '60s is coping well on the eve of the millennium. In some ways, it feels smugly comfortable to have already gone through the pains of early adulthood. In other ways, I'm calling some of these Generation Xers my friends and mentors. Eventually, we all come full-circle and realize we're older than we thought.

Getting involved is more than just complaining



Commentary By Chris Clayton News Editor

As I was flipping through all of the basketball games this past weekend, one thought kept going through my mind.

Why don't we have the same support for athletics that other universities generate?

I've lived on campus and have attended most sporting events for the past three years and it really bugs me that few students take the opportunity to participate in school activities.

I doubt that half the student body voted for Homecoming King and Queen or voted in the last student government election.

To carry this theme to a much broader scale,

just over 43 percent of all citizens exercised their right to vote for the President, now either these people didn't want to change the fact that Clinton was in charge of the nation or they didn't think that their one vote could make a difference.

This last idea is one that we, as a society, need to change. For if we are a democracy, all citizens need to voice their opinions or they will not be heard.

Common sense, isn't it? Speak and be heard, keep silent and no one will care what happens. If someone is attacked, they scream and then help comes. If someone's house is burning, they yell fire and the fire department arrives. So when someone is in office that we don't like, why do we sit around wishing things would change and yet do nothing about it?

All I am saving is that we need to get involved in the little things and then

In a Democracy you can play nice without giving up your cause or beliefs

Commentary By Melanie Adams Editor in Chief

Democracy. To everyone the meaning is different. To Aristotle, democracy represented mob rule.

To John Locke, it was the representation of an individual's rights.

To Gary Olson, according to his recent letter to the editor, it is the expression of different viewpoints and philosophies.

I agree with Olson that a true democracy is the expression of different viewpoints and philosophies.

If I didn't, then I guarantee you that I wouldn't publish the number of letters that come across my desk everyday.

It is important to me that everyone's thoughts are heard no matter how ridiculous they seem and no matter if I agree with them or not.

Republican Congress, there needs to be a middle ground in order to accomplish anything for the country.

If the two major political parties cannot agree on the slightest issue, then a gridlock will occur. I believe we saw last year that gridlock hurts everyone-especially the American public.

Also, contrary to Olson's belief, politicians aren't elected to positions so that they can express their differing beliefs at every waking moment. They are elected in order to represent the people of their state and nation and to make decisions that will benefit the people that they are serving.

Bipartisanship does not mean that politicians have to bow down and give up their beliefs or causes. Bipartisanship means that the two major parties work together on an issue that they both agree on; such as crime and Campaign reform.

Believe it or not Mr. Olson, you But, I also disagree with Olson's can "play nice" and hold on to your beliefs in some aspects. beliefs. It is called being a responsible, Democracy also involves people-serving government. After all Mr. Olson, isn't that what compromise. With a Democratic president and a Democracy is all about — the people?

perhaps by getting involved we will take a greater interest in what is going on in society and realize that each little vote does make a difference.

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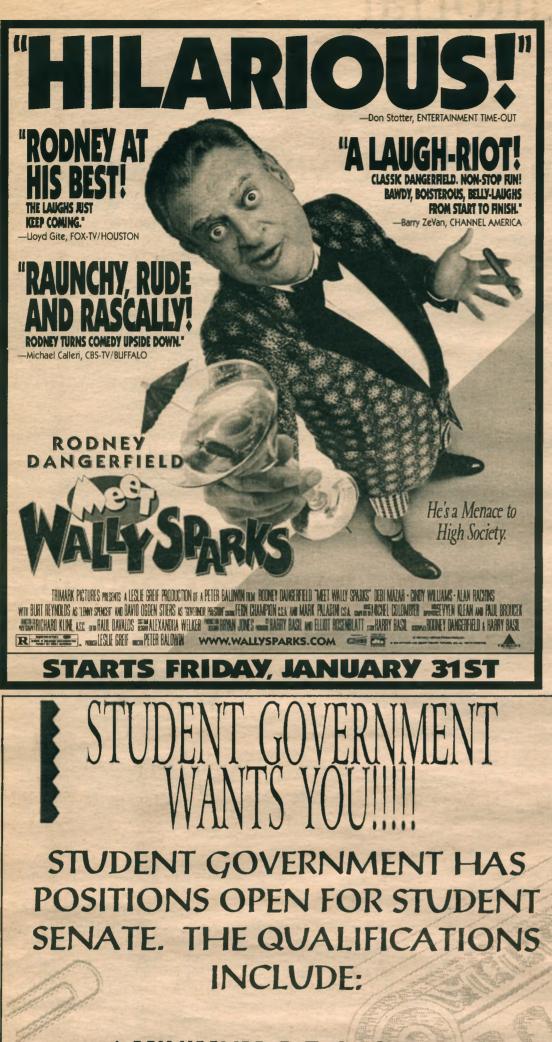
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Arrest

On January 17, 1997 at 11:24 p.m. officers arrested Phillip Johnson, 19, of Springfield, for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and an active warrant from Edwardsville. He also received two verbal warnings for improper passing and no driver's license on person. posted Johnson the required bond and was then released.

Also arrested was Atiba Mitchell, 23, of East St. Louis. He was arrested for aggravated battery and an active warrant from Glen Carbon. He was transported to the Madison County Jail.

On January 17, 1997 by the sunlight and officers arrested Adam Iffrig, 19, of when her vehicle was Edwardsville. He was struck in the rear by arrested for possession another vehicle. The of a fraudulent driver's other vehicle was driven license. Iffrig was transported to Madison County Jail because he could not post bond.

On January 19, 1997 at 7:11 a.m., officers arrested George Hollenbeck, 23, of Edwardsville for two counts of domestic battery. He was given notice to appear and was then released.

Criminal Damage to a Motor Vehicle

On January 17, 1997 at 12:38 p.m., officers responded to Parking Lot C in reference to damage to a vehicle. The victim reported that someone damaged the windshield on his truck while he was delivering a pizza. Officers are continuing their investigation.

her Ameritech cellular phone, valued at \$130. Officers are continuing their investigation.

On January 21, 1997 at 3:24 p.m., officers responded to Tower Lake Apartments in reference to a theft. A female student reported that someone stole her RCA compact disc player, valued at \$130. Police are continuing their investigation.

Traffic Accident

On January 17, 1997 at 8:24 a.m., officers responded to North Drive in reference to a traffic accident. Genevieve Woloszyn, 37, of Edwardsville, stated her vision was impaired by the sunlight and began to slow down when her vehicle was another vehicle. The other vehicle was driven by Michael Sarabia, 25, of Berwyn. He stated that the sun impaired his vision and he struck the vehicle in front of him. Sarabia received a state citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. There were no injuries.

On January 16, 1997 at 3:55 p.m., officers responded to Lot 7 in reference to an accident. Douglas Devall, 25, of Collinsville, stated that when he returned from class, he noticed that someone struck his vehicle. Officers are continuing their investigation. On January 17, 1997 at 11:41 a.m., officers responded to University Drive in reference to a traffic accident. Jeri Sims, 26, of Collinsville, stated she was stopped at the stop sign on P-2 road and began to proceed forward when she struck another vehicle driven by Lisa Edelman, 19, of Onarga. Sims received a state citation for failure to yield when making a left hand turn. There were no injuries.

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Theft under \$300

On January 17, 1997 at 11:39 a.m., officers took a walk-in report in reference to a theft. A female student reported that while she was in the Library, someone stole

Internet _

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been tabled. It's just a matter of funding," Foster said.

The modem pool is currently without a source of funding except for \$5 per month which is collected from faculty and staff who use the internet service and create their own web pages. The School of Education has been the most aggressive in using the technology in the last three years with the Business Department in a close second. However, the funding is obviously lagging behind the demand.

"That funding will be addressed in the next couple of months, although it is hard to separate the modem from other pool academic accounts," Jay Starratt, Dean of Library, Academic Computing, and OIT, said

So, until the network service is qualified for funding, students might as well prepare themselves for downtime. And those in need of accessing faculty web pages should try at times of the day which are not as popular and, therefore, easier to access.

There are two local providers in the Edwardsville area, one of which is EZ Link and the other is offered by the Edwardsville Intelligencer.

Edwardsville The Intelligencer, which also offers internet service, presently has 800 accounts running through 60 modems and is also experiencing overload problems. They do have 10 more modems on order, due in the next week, but their service comes with dues, \$18.95 if you are not a subscriber to the newspaper and \$9.95 for subscribers.

EZ Link has a modem ratio of 10 users per modem. They are trying to avoid the connection problems by purchasing 16 modems per week over the next three weeks. There is a one time activation fee of \$25 and a monthly charge of \$20.

"Beyond the Dream" video conference to be held during Black History Month

Bethany Behrhorst News Reporter

The ninth annual "Beyond the Dream" video conference will be held in the Meridian Ballroom at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 5 as part of the Black History Month celebration.

The event, which initially takes place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Building in Washington D.C., is sponsored by the magazine "Black Issues in Higher Education".

The opportunity to view this showcase is brought to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville via satellite by the Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Development and Public Affairs and the Human **Relations Office.**

The theme of the conference is: "A Celebration of Black History -The Wisdom of Our Elders."

"The video is a contribution of the elders to the black community through their legacy so that the younger generation can gain spiritual insight to help them to be successful in the future," said Paul Pitts, director of Human Relations.

The program is open to anyone and is free to the public.

"We invite and encourage all faculty, staff and community members to attend the video conference," Pitts said.

Some of the guest panelists for the conference will be Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women, actor Al Freeman Jr., National Football League Hall of Famer and businessman Franco Harris, Patricia Reid-Merritt, professor of Social Work and African-American

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Jersey, the Rev. Jamal Bryant, the National Youth and College Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Rep. Cynthia McKinney, a democrat from Georgia.

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Studies at Richard Stockton College in New living elders hold many of the keys to our future success. Their life experiences, while unfolding in different eras, can add depth, perspective and interpretation to what we face today. People from all walks of life will be greatly enriched by this show," Pitts said.

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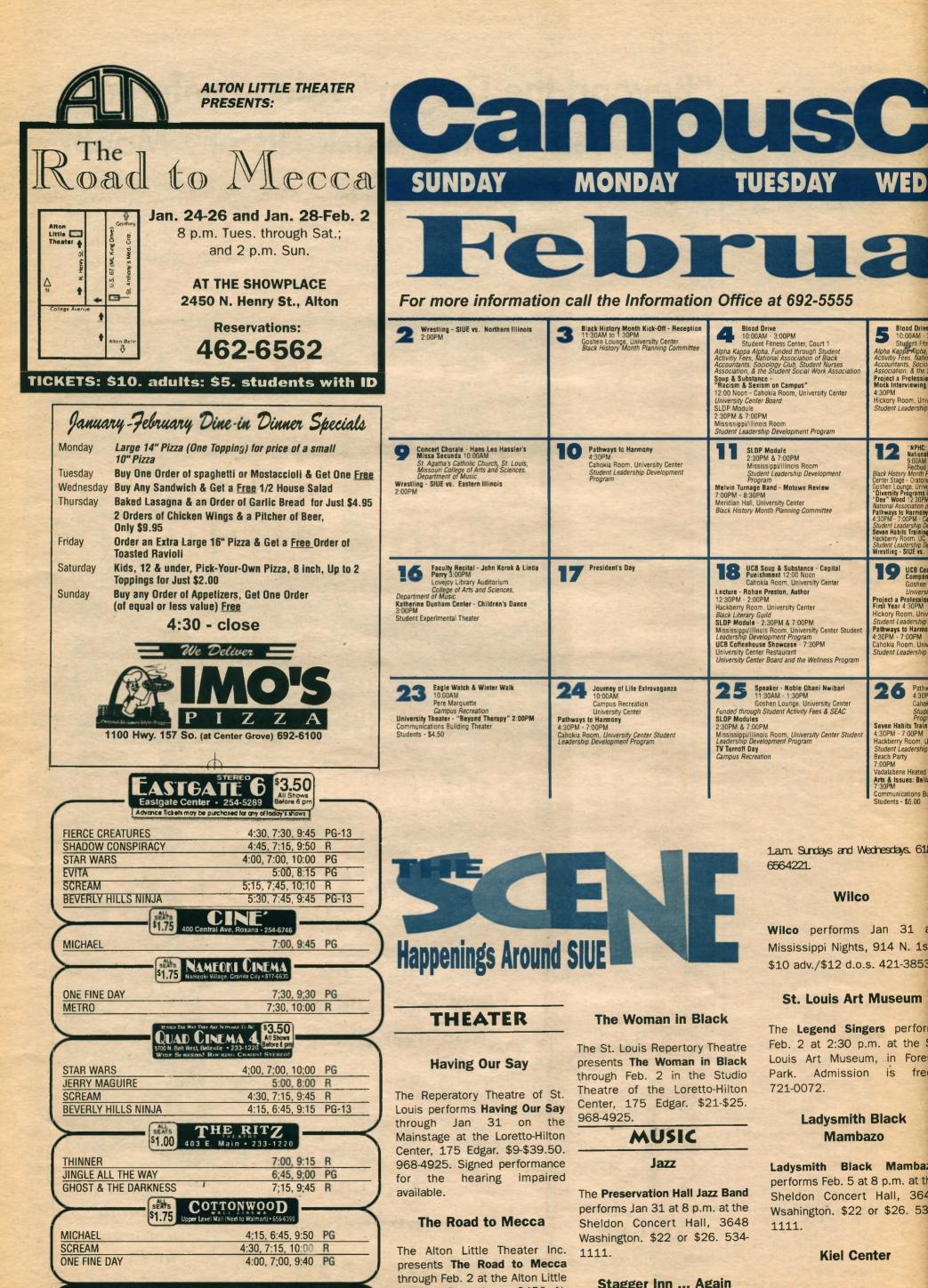
"Deluxe singles will be returned when we have the available space. It says in the contract deluxe singles are only offered when there is available space. It's just a luxury that we don't have at this time," Schultz said.

"This is a one- time plan for Fall 1997, once we get the request for proposal forms back in and know where we can grow and build, then we won't have the housing crunch," Schultz said.

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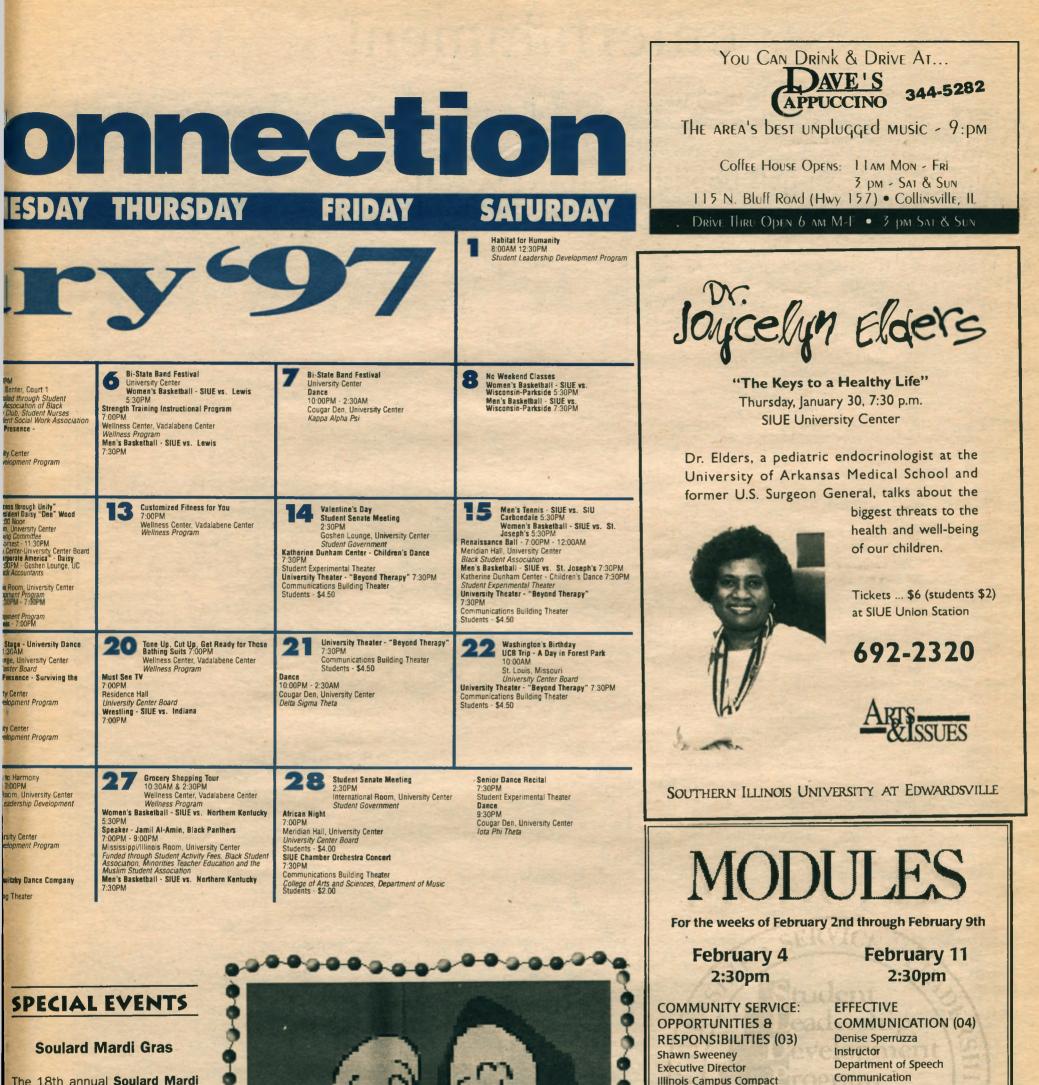
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performs Metallica W Corrosion of Conformity Feb. at 7 p.m. at Kiel Center, 14th Clark. \$25.50 or \$35.50. 96 1800



The 18th annual **Soulard Mardi Gras** is held Feb. 1-11 throughout the Soulard neighborhood. The event features parades, a livemusic tent, a masquerade ball.



a Cajun-Creole cook off, a 1-mile run and smaller events at participating bars and restaurants. The Soulard Mardi Gras Hotline is 231-6767.

Arts and Issues Series

Former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders speaks on The Keys to a Healthy Life Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in the University Center. \$6; \$2 students. 618-962-2320.

Flirting Party

A Flirting Party is held from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Library Ltd., 770 Forsyth. Susan Rabin, coauthor of "101 Ways to Flirt: How to Get More Dates and Meet Your Mate", gives flirting tipsto serve as Victim Advocates.prior to the party. 721-0378.After completing a 40-ho

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to serve as **Victim Advocates**. After completing a 40-hour training program, advocates provide support and assistance to victims of sexual assault. Training is slated to begin Feb. 11in Collinsville,III.To apply for the training program or for more information, please call Margaret St. Clair, Executive Director at (618) 344-0609. David Heth Director Office of Financial Affairs

7:00pm

IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS (14) James Lewis Executive Director East St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners

7:00pm

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'Albino' noir-ish gets boorish

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By Greg Levrault For The Alestle

Kevin Spacey is cool. He may never be a leading man, but he always adds something darker, grayer with his banal looks. His triple crown in 1996 ("Swimming with Sharks", "Usual Suspects", and his Oscar turn in "Seven") established Spacey as the best Hollywood bad guy since Basil Rathbone.

Spacey's not on-screen for his directorial debut, "Albino Alligator", in which three bumbling criminals end up in a police standoff in a basement bar. In the hours before dawn, the crooks try to figure out how to pull off an impossible escape — and come to grips with their own capacity for evil. The story itself is rather stock, with a plot ready for some made-forcable movie. There are flashes of bleak humor (most independent movies have, these days) and some surprising twists (unless you remember your Flannery O'Connor and Faulkner.)

All the actors get to perform, instead of just act. People Scream and Cry and Act Violently, with capital letters -- and it takes a lot of Acting with a capital A to make Matt Dillon seem Among those guilty of overacting: Faye Dunaway with a thick crying spell, Joe Montegna as a stereotypical cop, and William Fitchner playing exactly the type of criminal that gives parole such a bad name.

and

subtle.

Spacey works with a basic premise - put ordinary men in an impossible situation, and watch them get out. The entire film feels like one of Spacey's performances: all normal and quiet to the point of boredom, until that first gunshot. Spacey throws in the right Scorsese tributes in his shots, his fades and wipes, his commentary on media and police presumptions. Looks like Spacey picked up a lot from Bryan Singer (who directed Spacey in "Usual Suspects").

"Albino Alligator" is not a happy movie, it's grim and gritty like film noir used to be. However, most of the characters lack the emotional investment you find in films by the Coen Brothers and Quentin Tarantino, the current inheritors of the film noir genre. But, it's an interesting start, and ought to tide Spacey over until the next time he goes on screen.

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For Entertainment Only!

If it's your birthday this week Ga Aquarius. It's your birthday...go Aquarius...it's your birthday...

Aries (March 21-April 19): You are destined to be stalked the whole semester long by a drooling geek who wants to share a Coke with you and only you. Get your kisser ready.

Taurus (April 20-May 20); A friend will try to give you more advice than you need. Take what sounds good and then tell your friend to MYOB. After all, your friend would do it to you anyway, don't you think?

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You are lasing your louch. Get with it. Reaple are starting to not believe you, much less like you, A long weekend getaway is definitely worth the

expense. Dump your lausy life for two days and get away from it all.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Leave well enough alone. It won't do you any good to bring up past grudges. Remember the last time you tried to play Twister? Slick to Scrabble.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Stop giving your significant other so much lip. And hide your chicken.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Start planning

your Valentine list naw. You're going to need lots. You have a lot of admirers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You artistic thing, you. Quit drawing on the walls with your toes. They still won't take the straight jacket off. Try singing...oh wait, you still have that gag in, don't ya...well maybe humming is for you...

Scorpia (Oct. 23-Nov. 27): Hide your lipstick and don't go to sleep. Someone's

> little brother is on a rampage. Beware of midnight visits from Tommy A.K.A. The Devil's Cabana Boy.

> > Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Start reading your college newspaper every week. It's good for your health.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take that Shaun Cassidy poster off your wall. That is 50 '70sll At least move on to

John Stamos or something. What is wrong with you? General Hospital kicks the Hardy Boys' butts anytime.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18): Beware of tainted Rice Krispie treats. Your boss is out to get you. Try bargaining. Offer to pierce a body part. Don't eat that treat.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Explore new harlzons. Try washing the cottage cheese aut of your Undercos.



What is the meaning of life...in ten words or less?



"To become successful in your own eyes and achieve happiness."

- Cathy Gibbons, Jr. Early Childhood Dev.



"Money, women, cars, clothes, jewelry, education, family. Not in that order."

— Angello Campbell, Soph. Business "To be in the fetal position with Adam Sandler, and to eat the food from Rosita's bosom."

— Tom Banholzer, Jr. Loverboy

"I believe it is traveling from one point to the next and finding yourself."

— Luso Minthali, Sr. English



"Being content with what you have and always trying to better yourself."

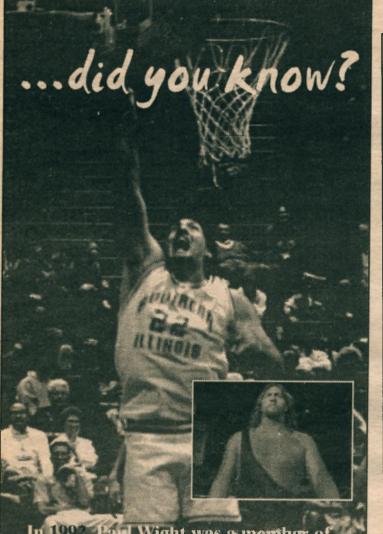
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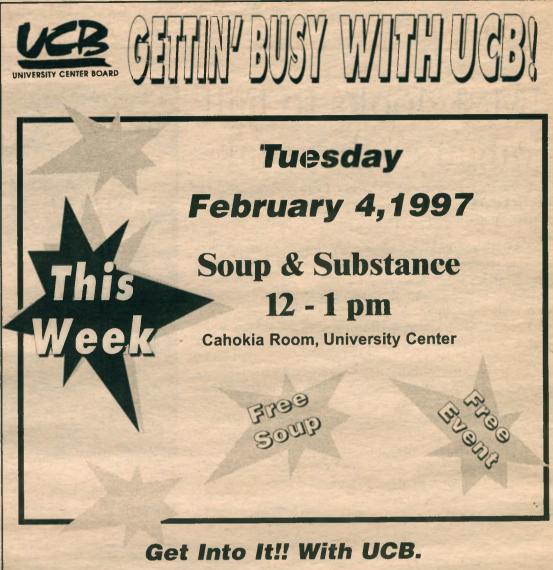
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In 100°, Paul Wight was a member of the Cougar basketball team. He scored 39 careet points. After leaving SEUE, he did not of ntinue with a career in professional basketball, but instead got involved with professional wrestling. He is now known as "The Giant," and can be seen on "WCW Nitro wasting the likes of Hulk Hogan.



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UMSL looks to halt Cougars win streak

By Brett Licata Assistant Sports Editor

The SIUE women's basketball team hopes to extend their five game winning streak to six tonight against Great Lakes Valley Conference foe, Missouri-St. Louis.

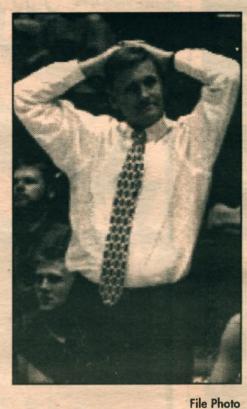
With the five game winning streak, the Lady Cougars are 13-4 overall and holding on to second place in the GLVC with an 8-2 record. SIUE downed UMSL earlier this season at the Vadalabene Center 73-61.

"We've beaten them the last few times we've played them, but we can't take the game lightly," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "When you're on the road there is always a bigger chance for an upset, so we can't take this game for granted."

On Saturday, the Cougars will travel to Quincy with hopes of also sweeping them in their season series. SIUE trounced the Lady Hawks 80-55 in mid-December.

"Their leading scorer went down with a broken foot, so they've been struggling as of late," Hedberg said. "We've played

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Men's basketball head coach Jack Margenthaler hopes to stop the skid.

Men hope to end eight game skid

By Brett Licata Assistant Sports Editor

The SIUE men's basketball team heads into the second half of the season with a need for improvement. They will face Missouri-St. Louis, the only Great Lakes Valley Conference team that they have a victory over, tonight.

With six schools in the conference on pace for 20 wins and five en route to postseason bids, SIUE has a difficult road ahead of them. They have lost eight in a row and hold a 1-9 GLVC mark and a 7-10 overall record.

"We beat them (UMSL) 94-71 in our prior meeting, so we need to approach the game the same as last time," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We have to pressure the guards and double down on their big player inside."

SIUE will also play Quincy on Saturday. Quincy has

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Air Ball



By Todd Spann Sports Editor

Congrats

SIUE women's soccer team was honored at halftime during a men's basketball game for finishing tenth in the nation among Division II teams.

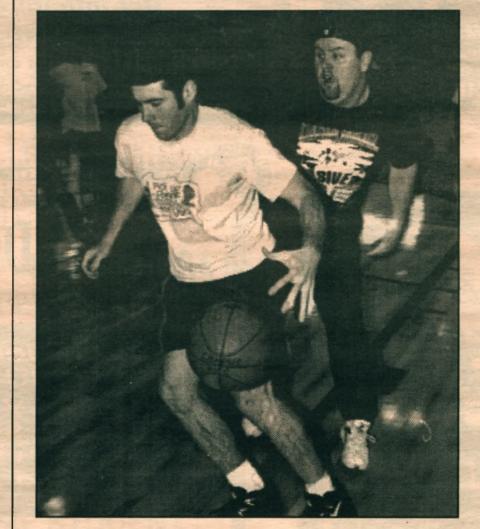
Janece Friederich highlighted the personal awards by being named to the All-American soccer team.

Free-time

What will it take for the students at SIUE to attend sporting events here on campus?

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Gotta stop ball!

Sophomore Dan Palmer drives toward the basket Wednesday afternoon in the Vadalabene Center. Also in the V.C. Intramural basketball leagues start up this week so make sure you know when your team plays..

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Jump on

Da coach Ditka is back!!

For anybody who wants to jump on the New Orleans bandwagon, the time to do it is now.

In three years when the Saints are 12-4 and going for their first playoff victory I don't want to see anybody please see AIRBALL, page 11

Ditka takes the helm in the Big Easy

NEW ORLEANS (A.P)— Mike Ditka, once the snarling symbol of football in Chicago, returned to the NFL as coach of a New Orleans Saints team that went 3-13 last season.

Ditka, who led the Bears to a Super Bowl title in 1986, was fired after the 1992 season and became a television analyst. He succeeds interim coach Rick Venturi, who took over when Jim Mora quit in mid-season.

"There are going to be changes made," Ditka said."But the people who stay, I think, are going to enjoy it." The announcement was made by Bill Kuharich, who will remain as chief operating officer, president and general manager. Saints owner Tom Benson said Ditka will report to Kuharich.

"He's a winner," Kuharich said. "That's the bottom line."

Ditka, known as Iron Mike for his tough, no-nonsense style, came to the news conference with tears in his eyes.

He spent Monday evening at a suburban hotel near New Orleans International Airport, as the Saints tried futilely to keep their negotiations secret. Ditka, 57, said he was called earlier in the day by Mora. Mora resigned halfway through the season, after the team fell to 2-6. He cited personal reasons.

"I really appreciate what he had to say," Ditka said. "I appreciate what his contribution to the National Football League has been. I hope to have the type of success he had in this town."

Ditka said that while his goal is to win games, he plans to have fun doing it. Winning, however, is not familiar territory to the Saints.

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close games in their gym recently so it's important for us to go out and play our game."

With 264 points, Alicia Harkins leads the Cougars in scoring with 15.5 points a game. Pinckneyville's Leslie Phillips is close behind with an average of 14.4 points per game. Leading the Cougars in field goal percentage is senior Beth Brown with 61.6. Jerseyville's Amy Tuetken leads SIUE in three-point shooting percentage with 63 percent. Tuetken also leads the GLVC in this category. Phillips holds fourth place in the conference and fifth in the nation in three-point shooting percentage.

As a team, SIUE leads the GLVC and the Great Lakes Region in three-point field goal percentage at 42.7 and rebounding margin at plus 9.8. The Cougars are second in the conference in field goal percentage at 49.2.

The Cougars return home a week from tonight to battle Lewis with a 5:30 p.m. tip-off.

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won the last two head-to-head battles, but SIUE has claimed five out of the last six games at Quincy's Memorial Gymnasium.

"We play well in their gym, so we just need to come out and play to our potential," Margenthaler said.

Senior Jason Holmes leads the Cougars in scoring with 16.8 points per contest. Ronnie Henderson of Cairo is second with 15.4 points a game.

"These are important games for us," Margenthaler said. "Two road wins would put us in good position to make a run in the second half of the season."

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suddenly put their Green Bay jacket in the closet hanging beside their Dallas hat and San Francisco jersey and put on a New Orleans coat. Do it now or don't do it at all.

Snubbing

The same time every year there are arguments about why a player didn't make the All-Star game.

The answer is — there are only so many spots available. It's a shame we can't

pick everybody. The starters are selected by

the fans who vote at local McDonalds restaurants.

The reserves are picked by the coaches.

This year six of the top 20 scorers in the league were left off the team and all play for teams who have .500 or

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Four seasons ago, after starting off with a five-game winning streak, the Saints finished 8-8. Since then, they have had three straight losing seasons. This year, the Saints had the second worst record in the league.

With Venturi as interim coach, the Saints lost seven of their last eight games while playing the league's easiest schedule. The Saints did not sell out a home game last season and season ticket sales fell as well.

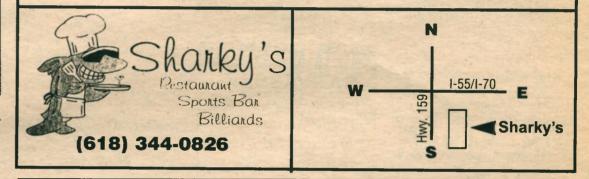
Ditka said he has hired Danny Abramowicz as offensive coordinator and Zaven Yaralian as defensive coordinator. Abramowicz, who played with the Saints, is the former special teams coach for the Bears. Yaralian was secondary coach under Ditka in Chicago from 1990-92. Venturi will be assistant coach and handle linebackers.

Benson praised Kuharich as someone who knows how to handle all aspects of a team.

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The rosters are just not big enough to put every player who is having a good year on the All-Star team.

Especially if that player is on a losing ball club.

"He is the man for this job and deserves to operate our club with total authority," Benson said.

Kuharich has been with the Saints for 11 years. His contract as general manager expired this month, but his contract as vice president of football operations runs through June 30.

Kuharich was hired by the late Jim Finks in 1986 as the director of player personnel. In Jan. 1994, Kuharich was promoted to vice president of football operations. He became general manager last January.

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