

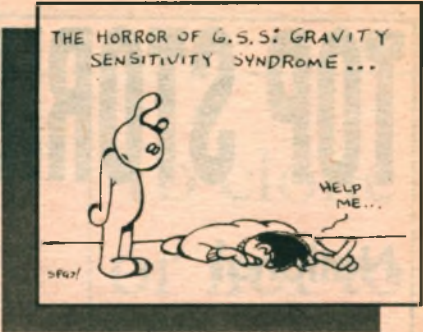
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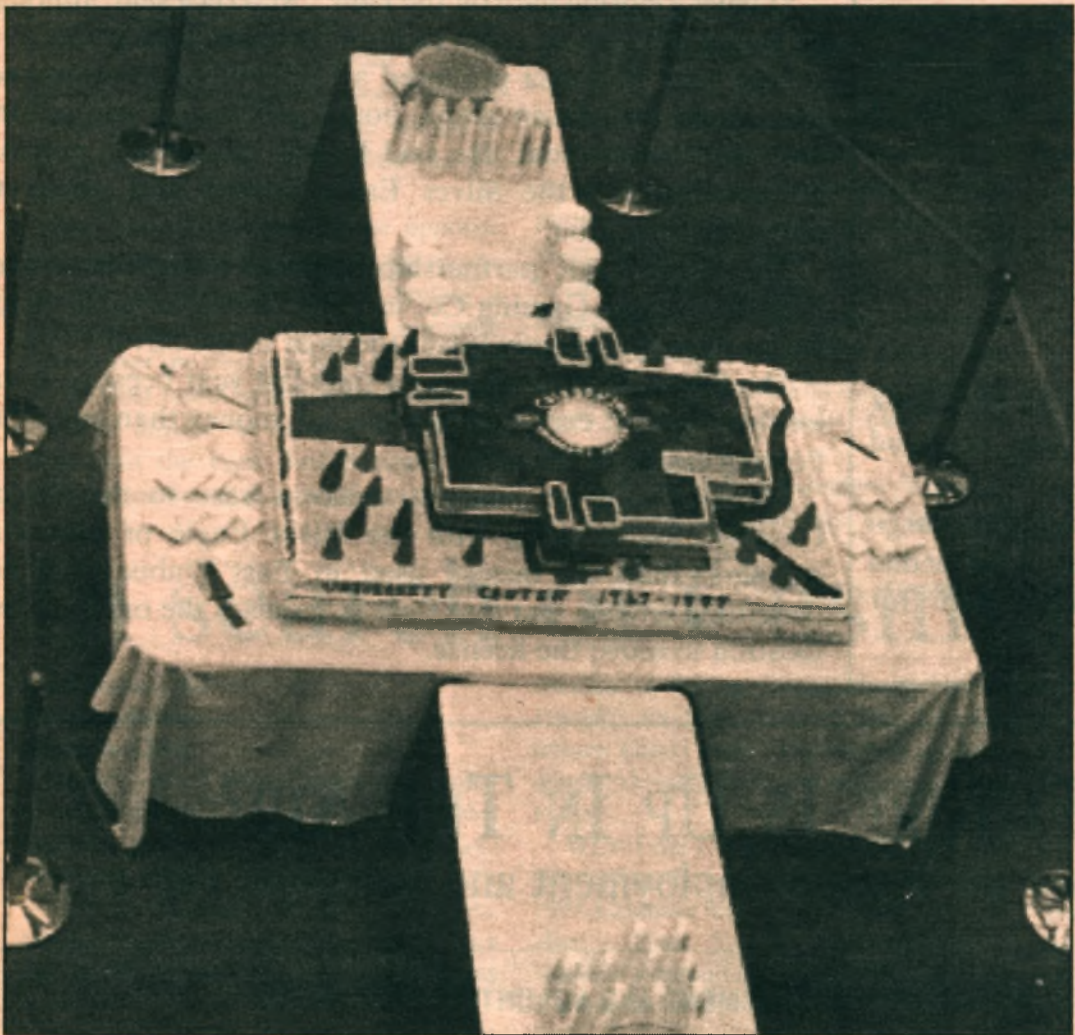
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Cake cutting ceremony kicks off

UC 30th anniversary celebration



By Chris Clayton  
News Editor

For thirty years the University Center has been serving the students, faculty and the SIUE community. On Monday, the celebration officially began with a cake cutting ceremony. However, this was no ordinary cake. It was in the shape of the University Center and was created from 40 sheet cakes, 100 lbs. of icing, and weighed approximately 300 lbs. The cakes had been baked throughout the week and were frozen until this past weekend when the design was laid out. The people who designed the cake were Head Baker

for Dining Services Mary Pratt, Second Baker for Dining Services Michelle Taylor, Head Cook for Dining Services Linda Blume, Kitchen Helper and Decorator Pat Cottrell with Erin Harrison and Nick Collier, who are student workers. "It took six of us about two days to create," Pratt said. Cakes of this scale are done for every tenth anniversary, and a cake of smaller proportions is made for every fifth. The cake was shaped from the actual blue prints for the building. "This is the fourth cake that I've helped to make and I've been here 20 years," Blume said.

This cake was to serve between 2,000 and 3,000 people. One of the people on hand for the cake cutting was the first Director of Dining Services, Bill Crabb. "I was here when we originally opened this building. "Some of the original staff are still here from when the building opened," Crabb said. Originally, the only way for students to eat was through vending machines. "We had them set up in the basement of the library and students would eat over there," Crabb said. The cafeteria came about

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Four new senators

appointed at Senate

meeting Friday

By Bethany Behrhorst  
News Reporter

Four new senators for next semester were appointed at the Student Government last Friday in the International Room. The student senate acted upon the recommendation of President Chris Nance, and filled the four open senate seats. "What I was interested in is equal opportunity for all students," James Little, Student Government Vice President said. The senate seats were filled by SIUE students Donald "Steve" McLean, Wayne "Rob" Edwards, Matthew Noyes and Eric Albrecht. Steve McLean, a senior majoring in Sociology, was a member of the Dean's College in 1995/96. He was a Carpenter Foreman for the state at the Department of Mental Health from May 1973 until December 1986. He has owned McLean Masonry in Jacksonville, Ill. since 1972, where he provides masonry services on a contract basis to customers in that area. McLean served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation from 1994 to 1996, actively participates in the Student Mentor Association at SIUE and is a member of the Roodhouse Community Recreation Fund Committee. "I would like to see more real information on issues concerning the student body made available to the student. Particularly, issues concerning finance and where money is available and how their money is spent, in realistic, understandable terms," he stated in the Student Government Senate application.

McLean has been very active in community affairs. He was a Little League baseball and football coach from 1989 to 1996 and an assistant Scout-Master for Boy Scouts of America from 1991 to 1996. "The most important objective on this campus is keeping freshman here, keeping students here, keeping people here," he said. McLean lives in Tower Lake housing and is presently undergoing an interview process to become a Tower Lake Resident Advisor. "I am still going through interviews for the RA job," he said. Edwards is a junior majoring in Psychology. He is the current Chapter President of the SIUE fraternity, Alpha Kappa Lambda, a member of Psi Chi, the psychology national honor society, an assistant Wrestling Coach and an Eagle Scout. "During my term in office, I wish to help enhance the community atmosphere at SIUE," he stated on his application form. Edwards was Fraternity Treasurer in 1996, Fraternity Rush Chairman in Spring of 1995 and Fraternity Fund Raising Chairman in Fall of 1995. He was a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts in 1994. Noyes has an academic and athletic background. He

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A quick look inside:

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Melanie Adams finds out who Casimir Pulaski was <b>AND</b> Rebecca Hopkins on animal responsibility.	Top Ten Movies of this past weekend <b>ALSO</b> Matt Veenstra's college career part 2 <b>WITH</b> A review of	new David Lynch film "Lost Highway" <b>AND</b> Another meaningless rant by Corey Stulce.	Men's Basketball upsets number three team in nation <b>AND</b> Women end spectacular season.

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Today: Chance of rain 54/40°  
Wednesday: Partly cloudy 54/36  
Thursday: Partly cloudy 57/37°



# TOP STORIES

## National

### Suspect's top attorney may seek delay

OKLAHOMA BOMBING TRIAL (AP) — The lead attorney for Oklahoma bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh said he might seek to delay the trial in Denver beyond the scheduled start of March 31 because of a newspaper report that said his client had confessed to his defense team.

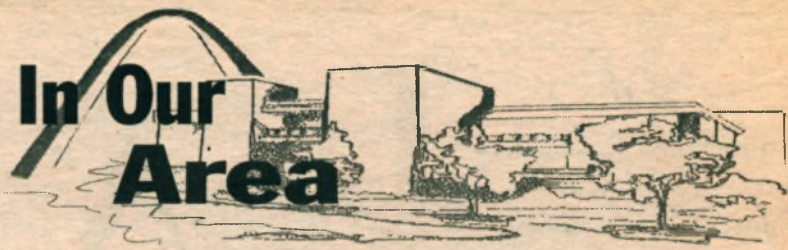
Attorney Stephen Jones said he had a meeting scheduled today with the trial judge regarding Friday's Dallas Morning News report that McVeigh admitted planting the bomb at a federal building in Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

## International

### Thieves get \$2.5 million bound for Russia

LONDON (AP) — Thieves at London's main airport last week stole \$2.5 million in U.S. government aid bound for Russia, Scotland Yard said Sunday.

The cash disappeared Tuesday from a high-security cargo compound at Heathrow Airport, moments before it was to be loaded onto a British Airways flight to Moscow, a spokeswoman for Scotland Yard said.



## State and Local

### Night club owner wants to open casino

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — A night club owner says he is trying to get the Silver Eagle casino of East Dubuque, the least successful casino in the state, to move to this Mississippi River city.

Larry Mazzuca has proposed a new casino-hotel operation in East St. Louis on a 178-acre riverfront land parcel.

"I have a closing date on the land," Mazzuca said, although he would not give an exact location or a purchase price.

Last year, Mazzuca proposed a \$113-million development that would include an arena, hotel, golf course and marina next to a casino boat. He said he has discussed a possible partnership with the Silver Eagle owners and others to move the operation.

The Silver Eagle partnership operates a small boat once used by Argosy Gaming Co. in Alton as the original Alton Belle. Argosy currently leases the boat to the Silver Eagle.

The Silver Eagle closed for a time last year because it was losing money. It currently takes in less money than any other floating casino in the state.

Mazzuca said he wants to make a case to the Illinois Gaming Board, along with the Silver Eagle or others as partners, that the license used in East Dubuque is not benefiting anyone and that East St. Louis is the only sensible location to move the license.

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Commentary

## Spring brings responsibility



**Commentary By**  
**Rebecca**  
**Hopkins**  
**Copy Editor**

Ahhh, can you feel it? Spring is in the air and the entire campus is awaiting the annual break

that has become the obsession of college students everywhere. It's the season of blossoming flowers, car washing and pet littering. What?

Not only do humans of the opposite sex begin feeling like cozying up to one another, all the animals are feeling a hormone surge now, too. Take a minute or two over the next few weeks and watch all the nest building and animal courting going on around the campus. It won't be long until the eggs start hatching and burrows come alive with tiny, wriggly,

cute creatures. Who wouldn't be touched by the sight of baby animals? Unfortunately, Mother Nature can be cruel to the wild creatures and many of those babies don't survive. But, in the animal kingdom, the survival of the fittest is the law that literally rules.

Unless the animals are pets of an irresponsible owner. Over the next few months the newspaper ads will be full of "free puppies" or "free kittens" born to the pets of owners who couldn't, or wouldn't, have their animal spayed or neutered. Rather than spend the \$100 the surgery would cost, they opt to let their animals breed indiscriminately. Many people believe that owning a male animal gives them the option not to sterilize because their animal won't be the impregnated one who gives birth to an unwanted litter. That's like saying men have the option not to be responsible for birth control, and how many of us believe that?

There are many advantages of spaying or neutering your pet that far outweigh

the cost of the surgery:

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- A sterilized animal will live a longer, healthier life.
- Sterilizing prevents the suffering and death of millions of animals.
- Sterilized animals tend to stop roaming and fighting and lose the desire to mark their territory with urine.
- Sterilization is a simple procedure and the pet will rebound quickly.
- Lack of exercise and overfeeding makes pets fat, not sterilization.
- The sooner a female is spayed, the better her health will be in the future and she will be less likely to develop mammary and uterine infections.
- There are many books and videos on the market now to teach children the miracle of birth. To allow your pet to produce offspring you have no intention of keeping is teaching children irresponsibility.

Please remember that every living thing has the right to be loved.

## To clone or not to clone, that is the question

**Commentary By**  
**Chris Clayton**  
**News Editor**

During the past two weeks we have seen extraordinary things happen in science.

Something that was only in the realm of science fiction has become science fact.

We now have the ability to create exact duplicates of another living creature.

Scientists in Scotland started it by cloning an adult sheep. But, now scientists in Oregon have produced two rhesus monkeys with a similar procedure.

The thought that something so close to man has been cloned truly frightens me.

I grew up on science fiction and I've seen things in old *Star Trek* episodes that were unheard of at that time, for example a hand-held communicator, become the reality of today.

I remember an episode with a genetically altered human with Hitleristic dreams of world domination who took over the Earth in the 1990s.

Granted this was a television show, but the idea that we are so advanced that the possibility exists of creating life is frightening.

The scientific possibilities of cloning monkeys should make animal rights activists happy.

This process will allow scientists to use just a couple monkeys and then use their clones.

The similarity of the monkeys would allow scientists to be more sure of their results.

I'm the last person in the world to be saying that there should be limitations placed upon something, but this issue needs to be addressed.

Hopefully it will be a while before someone attempts to clone a human, and even if they do, it will be one of the greatest scientific accomplishments of all time.

The question that we should ask about this new technology is this, sure we can clone something, but should we?

## In search of Casimir Pulaski

**Commentary By**  
**Melanie Adams**  
**Editor in Chief**

Here's a bit of Illinois trivia, How many of you know what holiday the grade school children got off school for yesterday? Answer: Casimir Pulaski day

The next question all of you should be asking is, who is this Casimir Pulaski guy and why in the world are we celebrating his birthday?

Well, at least that was my question when my brother and sister told me that they had the day off and I didn't.

Being the journalist I am, I decided to investigate this Pulaski guy. I began my quest for knowledge by asking people in the office and around campus, who Casimir Pulaski was and why he had his own day. Many people were as dumfounded as I was, and some even tried to give me an answer.

Answers like, "He was a mercenary in the Revolutionary war." or "He was Polish and he fought in some war. He has his own day 'cause the battle he was in was fought in Illinois." My favorite response was, "Didn't he invent cashmere sweaters?"

Not satisfied, but definitely amused, I

decided to dig up some information on Pulaski, so I headed for the Lovejoy library. Guess what? I spent half an hour digging through books on holidays, and no Pulaski.

What I did find out about holidays was interesting, though. According to "Chase's 1997 Calender of Events" yesterday was also: I Want You to be Happy Day, National Anthem Day, Bonza Bottler Day, Alexander Graham Bell's 150th Birthday, Bulgaria Liberation Day and the first day of National Procrastination Week.

Leaving empty-handed from Lovejoy, I returned to the *Alestle* office where I implored our Advertising Coordinator to help me in a search for Pulaski on the 'net.

"Why don't you just drop it?" one of the other staffers asked in a rather pleading tone.

I snapped back, "No way. I am on a mission now."

For half an hour we searched and just when we began to give up hope, we found it. The Casimir Pulaski Homepage, complete with info on Pulaski's life and holiday.

The following is what I found out.: Pulaski was born on March 4, 1747. He

carried command of an armed movement against Russian interference and later was forced into exile because of implications of plotting to kill the Polish king.

Broke, Pulaski was found by Ben Franklin in Paris and enlisted for the American cause. Pulaski joined Washington in the battle of Brandywine. Acting under Washington's order, uncommissioned, Pulaski lead the scouting party that discovered the British flanking movement and the American escape route.

Then he gathered all available cavalry and lead the American escape. Congress rewarded him with a commission of brigadier general and command of all American calvary. He eventually took on an independent corp of cavalry which became the training ground for all American cavalry officers.

Illinois adopted Casimir Pulaski's birthday as a state holiday in September of 1977. We have been observing it ever since. Might be nice if the teachers would let the children and parents in on this little, well-kept secret don't you think?.

To learn more about Pulaski visit his homepage at: [cpl.lib.uic.edu/003cpl/pulaski.html](http://cpl.lib.uic.edu/003cpl/pulaski.html).

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## Police Beat

### Arrest

On Feb. 25, officers arrested Brent A. Dade, 18, of Edwardsville, for armed robbery. Also arrested for armed robbery was Anthony McBroom, 21, of Edwardsville. Both were taken to Madison County Jail to await felony warrants. The incident occurred on Sunday, Feb. 23, in which the victim had someone call the police because he was robbed. On Feb. 26, another arrest in this incident involved Leon Jefferson, 24, of Edwardsville. He was arrested for unlawful possession of a weapon. Mr. Jefferson could not post bond and was taken to Madison County Jail. The weapon which Dade and McBroom used in the armed robbery incident belonged to Jefferson.

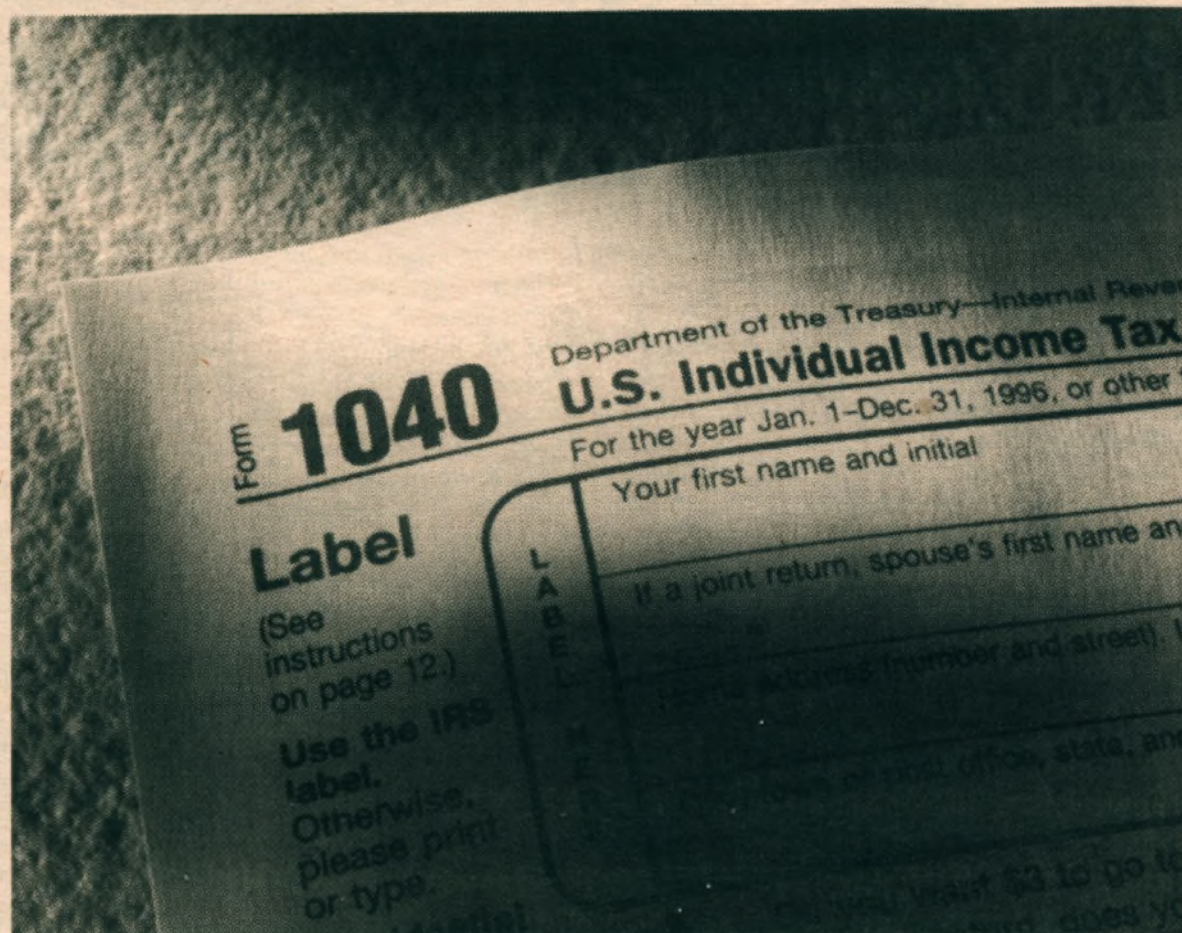
### Criminal damage to state-supported property

On Feb. 25, at 9:21 a.m., officers responded to the Tower Lake Pool in reference to criminal damage to property. A staff member reported that the latch to the west entrance gate had been damaged. There were also scuff marks in the bottom of the pool which were possibly made from a skateboard or roller blades. Police are continuing their investigation.

### Theft from a motor vehicle

On Feb. 25, at 1:28 p.m., officers took a walk-in report in reference to a stolen cellular phone. A female student reported that on Feb. 24 someone stole her cellular phone from her car. The cellular phone is valued at \$130. Police are continuing their investigation.

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Senate  
from front page

attended Hillsboro High School where he was class president in his freshman, sophomore and junior years, in addition to playing football, soccer, cross country, basketball and running outdoor track. Noyes was on the honor roll all four years of high school. While attending SIUE last semester, he was on the Dean's List, worked a part-time job and ran outdoor track. As a freshman, Noyes played basketball and ran outdoor track.

"I would like to obtain a wider frame of reference and become more diverse as an individual. I would also like to be a part of the group of leaders making this university better for all students," he stated in his application.

Albrecht, is a Political Science major with long-term plans to run for elected office in the future.

Albrecht's goal as stated in his application is to, "help my fellow students during their educational experience and gain first-hand knowledge of a functioning governmental body."

"Right now, I live in Greenfield, which is about an hour and a half away, but my wife and I are going to move to Edwardsville or somewhere in between Edwardsville and Greenfield so that I can be on campus whenever I'm needed," he said.

In other business, the Student Senate approved \$3,250 to be given to the Chemistry Club for a lecture and dinner in April. The money was given to the organization based on attendance from past years at previous dinners and the student percentage in attendance.

At last years' dinner, 540 people attended and 60 percent were students.

Cake  
from front page

when the UC was opened in 1967.

The cake for Monday was just one of the many decorating projects that Dining Services has done over the years.

"We made a cake when the Vadalabene Center opened and one of the largest cakes ever made in the area was for the Mississippi River Festival.

"It was made to scale and showed the entire area," Crabb said.

Crabb retired from the position in 1996.

"I was, and am, proud of the Food Services here at SIUE," Crabb said.

University Center  
30th Anniversary  
Celebration

Tuesday, March 4

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Anniversary Art Exhibit	Goshen Lounge
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Memories on Video	Cougar Den
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	"Sweet Designs" Fashion Show	Goshen Lounge

Wednesday, March 5

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Jazz Performances	Center Court
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Thursday, March 6

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Memories Film Festival	Cougar Den
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All listed events are open to the Campus Community without admission charge.

A Historical Photo Exhibit in the ART Gallery and Anniversary Art Exhibit in the Goshen Lounge will be on display throughout the celebration. University Center's Homepage <http://www.siue.edu/UNVCNT/>

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# Muslim speaker gives a different twist to black history

By Darryl Howlett  
For the Alestle

On February 26th, a message on black history was presented with a twist. Mujahid Menepta an imam, or spiritual leader, with the Islamic Institute in St. Louis, presented some different perspectives on Black History.

"Political movements based out of slavery have been occurring since the beginning of time. The treatment of African slaves taken to America was the most inhumane, barbaric, sadistic, successful genocide of a culture ever perpetrated on a race,"

Menepta said.

Menepta commented that racism is still alive even more so than fifty years ago—just in different forms. He also asked the question "Why isn't the death of slaves considered a holocaust?"

Menepta continued in a wide range of discussions from the rebellion of Nat Turner, to questions concerning the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Did the Emancipation Proclamation free the slaves or just the ones in the South?" Menepta said.

Menepta also talked about the various social/political groups targeting African-Americans in the early twentieth century. All of these groups

were concerned with black liberation in America. These included: Timothy Drew, Marcus Garvey and Father Divine.

"The appeal of these individuals was racial pride. These groups instilled self-esteem in blacks. They made you feel you are something—someone. They capitalized on the state of mind—especially on being dark-skinned. All of the early movements dealt with religion, because the people were dead from the neck up," Menepta said.

From there, Menepta explained the dominance of the Islamic religion in Africa before slavery.

"Let's cut to the chase. One thousand years

before the social movement of Europeans, blacks in Africa in the slave region were Muslims. Practically all slaves were Muslims.

"And under Islamic law they would have fought oppression to the last breath than to be taken as slaves. There had to be flaws in their religion," Menepta said.

Menepta also commented about the wrong message the Nation of Islam was sending to African-Americans.

"When the Nation of Islam was founded under Elijah Muhammad, the wrong message was sent. Malcolm X, on his pilgrimage to Mecca, discovered that white people were not devils, and that Muslims can be all colors," Menepta said.

The loss of a culture's identity, also was stressed.

"When your language is gone, the only thing left are the thoughts and ideals of someone else. Man will never know what he is, until he goes back to where he was before.

Menepta also commented on some choices that students can make concerning their education.

"At the universities, you pay of all that money and you might not get a job. However, if you go to a vocational school you can get a trade, start a business and hand it down to your children," Menepta said.

Menepta ended his message with this question: "What is it that unites people?"

"There is nothing wrong with the group theory but, when it becomes nationalism, it becomes a disease.

"Man is a common seed. Created for one thing, to worship. We must learn what our purpose is and that will be our first step to achieve unity. My brothers are all colors," Menepta said.

Muslim Student Association President Hakeem Abdul-Rasheed gave his thoughts on the speech.

"The most effective part of the speech was urging bushmen—the way he defined it (blacks)—to return to their natural origin, and it's only then we will be able to empower ourselves for development in the future," Abdul-Rasheed said.

The speaker was sponsored by the Muslim Student Association.

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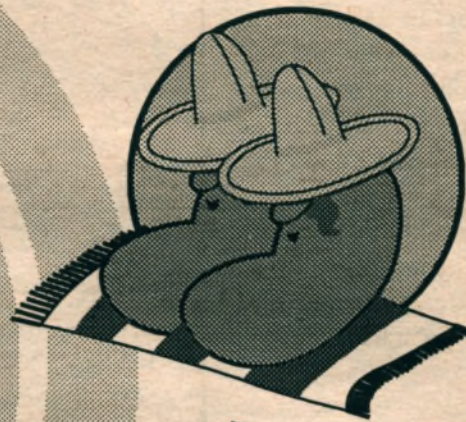
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"Hello, ladies," reads one cyber-posting at [www.springbreak.com](http://www.springbreak.com).

"Two Illinois fratboys are heading for Corpus Christi and (South) Padre Island," the posting continues. "We will be staying in a condo near Padre and Mustang Island. If you are heading to the same paradise we are, e-mail us."

Hundreds of such postings are peppering the Internet as South Texas prepares for the influx of spring breakers. High schools and colleges throughout Texas observe weeklong spring breaks between March 3 and March 31.

South Texas shares Web-

page space with many other destinations, such as Daytona Beach and Panama City, Fla.; Cancun and Acapulco, Mexico; not to mention South Padre Island.

South Padre is mentioned by several travel agencies Web sites offering bargain trips for high school and college students.

However, not every South Texas city is trying to lure vacationing students.

A quick review of sites shows that the Corpus Christi area bills itself as having much more of a family atmosphere than a party attitude.

Each year, some local hotels seem more reluctant to accept reservations from college students, said Emma Stone of the Port Aransas Chamber of Commerce. That approach to spring break tourism also shows on the chamber's home page ([www.portaransas.org](http://www.portaransas.org)).

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## African night: Aarambee (Let's pull together)

By Shante Schuler  
For The Alestle  
Ty Norris  
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

All the party people who weren't at African Night on Friday missed quite an evening. African night showcased some of the finest of African and African-American talent, books and jewelry.

African Night was sponsored by the University Center Board, African Student Association (ASA) and the Black History Month Planning Committee as a final event to wrap up Black History Month.

In a conversation with Herta Shikapwashya, president of ASA, she stated that the relations between Africans and African Americans were poor on this campus. African night was an attempt to improve the relations.

Africa Night's theme, Afrodisia: Rooted in Unity, united SIUE's campus, allowing faculty and students a chance to experience a taste of Africa. African night was hosted by Luso Mnthali, vice president of ASA, and Ramon Blakely of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., thus displaying unity between the races and social organizations. In her opening statement Mnthali said, "the theme symbolizes the Africaness along the Diaspora." Mnthali and Blakely seemed like naturals as they entertained a lively crowd with their wit and humor.

The evening opened with a stirring poem by Flora Carson of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. Carson's performance was energetic as she captivated her audience by telling them "a black woman still has the throne." Carson's poem was only an appetizer to what the evening had to offer. Early in the evening, SIUE's own Dallas Brown was given an award for his contributions to ASA; he then gave an eloquent speech on Pan-Africanism (a belief that all people of African descent have common interests and should work together to conquer

prejudice and promote fraternal solidarity among people of African descent.) Brown's theme was simple; "All your strength is in your union, all your danger is in your discord."

Dr. Lyob of University Missouri St. Louis, delivered a moving speech simply stating, "strive to bond our voices and seek unity and learn from each other."

One student was affected by the evening. "Despite our differences of ethnicity and culture, we can still unite and learn from one another," Antionette Guthrie said.

African night lived up to its promise and provided a tasty buffet of foods such as beef stew, a Senegalese "Chicken Dish", and Jasmine Rice, a cabbage dish, various styles of bread and Mnthali's favorite, Nsima.

"It (Nsima) is a unifying food you can eat it with many different things. We in the south (Malawi) like it a little softer," Mnathli, who is a Malawian, said.

The Bakari Institute, which is a program designed to create cultural and academic

enrichment programs for students, beginning initially in E. St. Louis, entertained, informed and educated the crowd by performing the national anthem "Something Inside So Strong". The Bakari Institute is directed by Jahi Bakari, a 1992 graduate of SIUE, and he applauded the efforts of ASA and remembers when he was a student.

"There were no relations, but it was a good thing that they (ASA) have a program like this. That's why we agreed to do this," he said.

The Bakari Institute went on to perform Senegalese and West African dances second to none. This was another example of "rooted in unity" as many of the dancers are African Americans, yet embracing the African culture. Students of the Bakari Institute

make African garments, braid hair and learn African languages.

Students such as Toya Wilson, Andrea Moore, Wondu Haile and Elethia Byndom expressed their opinions of African night.

"Afrodisia to me, as a black American, was not only a learning experience, but the real appreciation of another culture. This was a very memorable and exciting evening that I will continue to support," Byndom, freshman in Social Work said.

"I was a model (for the evening). Being an African American young woman, I wanted to take part in an event that showed unity," Moore, a senior majoring in Sociology, said.

Wilson and Haile believed that the relations between Africans and African Americans are poor on this campus.

"African Americans have their clicks (fraternities and sororities). Possibly after (African night) the relations will improve." Wilson, a hostess for the evening, said.

"I believe so. Hopefully they (Africans and African Americans) will learn something. That's the whole idea," Haile, a model representing Ethiopia and a sophomore majoring in Biology, said.

Students also performed Southern African dances, while others, such as Deman Williams of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., and Martin Onwu of St. Louis University, performed soulful poetry.

African night was fresh and informative. It proved to be a memorable night of culture and getting to know everyone. SIUE was given a chance to unite with another and it was a success.

When asked how the relations were backstage, Shikapwashya replied, "backstage we were all getting along, it was nice."

"Unity is good, but it cannot be cohered."

Dr. Lyob  
Professor of  
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## Top Ten Box Office

"Donnie Brasco" gave "Empire" a run for its money last weekend, but Darth Vader and Co. hung on to the No. 1 spot. "Empire's" gross is now over \$257 million, while "Star Wars" keeps getting bigger at \$445 million overall.

1. The Empire Strikes Back	\$12.6 million
2. Donnie Brasco	\$11.2 million
3. Star Wars	\$7 million
4. Booty Call	\$6.4 million
5. Absolute Power	\$5.7 million
6. Dante's Peak	\$5.1 million
7. Vegas Vacation	\$4.5 million
8. Fools Rush In	\$3.7 million
9. Marvin's Room	\$3.5 million
10. Rosewood	\$2.8 million

## Kiddie classics for hipster parties

By Corey Stulce  
Lifestyle Editor

There's only so many times "YMCA" or "Stayin' Alive" can be played at a party and be considered hip, kitschy fun. Disco went a little sour two years ago, lounge music was papa's bag last year, so what can the big party throwers entertain their pals with this year?

Theme songs are getting big once again. Were they ever big before? Well, no, but that's not the point. Rhino Records, the kings of camp and fun music, put together "Tune Toons," a collection of 50 cartoon theme songs, favorites ranging from ditties from the 50s through the 90s.



Cover art for the Rhino Records release "Toon Tunes," which hits the stands today.

The early themes are okay, with instrumental bits from "Tom and Jerry" and "Popeye," but the real fun starts with the songs from the late 60s and 70s cartoons.

Who can resist singing along to the themes from "Spiderman," "Speed Racer," "George of the Jungle," and "Scooby Doo?"

There are some oddities included, which could have used some explaining in the liner notes. Who has heard of "Super Chicken," "Lippy the Lion" or "Ruff and Reddy"? They appear to be filler.

Some danceable favorites from the 90s include the theme from "Ren and Stimpy."

All in all, the cd will bring out the kid in everyone.



## Veenstra's tenure, chapter two: Dog days , 'Mortal Kombat' and a kid named Jason

By Matt Veenstra  
For the Alestle

Stories about life at SIUE seem like they could go on forever. I am going to keep with the same theme of my adventures here with roommates. This time it's going to be Jason, my roommate for one semester, my second year.

Jason was spoiled as a kid. Anything he wanted, he usually got. This even carried over to Tower Lake. When Jason moved in, he didn't bring many items with him. He was sure to have a TV, VCR, Sega and Super NES. These were many of the things my parents never let me and my brothers have. I thought it was great. All of a sudden, I just got a bunch of new toys. Well, it didn't turn out as peachy as that.

Jason had a few peculiarities as well. He always had one long 'coke' nail, usually his pinkie finger. He would eat pineapple rings right out of the can with the nail. It was disgusting. He claimed he was growing out the nail to one inch, because some department stores would pay \$50 for a real one. I never heard of that practice before, though.

He also had a girlfriend that he had been dating for a while and he would only go out with her on Saturday nights, because her parents only let them go out once a week. So, every Saturday Jason would head to the apartment to get his groove on.

Jason was one who didn't quite have all his priorities

straight. I would even go as far as to say that he didn't have any of his priorities straight. At least he is now improving on that. Jason was only here for one semester. He never went to bed before 4 or 5 a.m., and would often make early morning runs to Hardees. He always found it more important to play 'Mortal Kombat' than to sleep or go to school. I would guess he only went to 20 classes that entire term. I don't think he got any grades but E's. So, that put an end to Jason going to school at SIUE.

I found out later that Jason made so much fun of my girlfriend, to her face, that she would go home and cry. I didn't even know this at the time. He would tease her about her hair being so short, and would not let up. He was relentlessly cruel.

Generally speaking, Jason was just rude.

At the same time, though, Jason did have a heart. It just didn't show itself very often. He attended the funeral of Jake, one of my other roommates from my freshman year, who I will talk about in a future installment.

Jason and I have known each other for four years now. We went through a puppy named Scooby, an iguana and dirty dishes. We still see each other on a regular basis. As a matter of fact he was over here Saturday night getting liquored up and rowdy. It was a good time Jacques.

## Lynch's latest is a creepy ride on a familiar road

By Corey Stulce  
Lifestyle Editor

David Lynch is a very disturbed individual. Now that that's said, the review of "Lost Highway" can begin. Lynch has made some great films. "Wild at Heart" was loads of fun, while "Blue Velvet" will live on as a contemporary classic. Fans of his have been eagerly awaiting another classic. They may or may not find it in "Lost Highway".

The movie is very entertaining, but it does take a long while to take off, and the end leaves the viewer with a sense that they missed something, a lot of something.

The story involves a couple, Bill Pullman and Patricia Arquette, who start finding video tapes of themselves sleeping in their bed on their lawn. Soon after, Pullman meets a man at a party (Robert Blake), who not only tells

him they've met before, but that he is currently in Pullman's house. Sure enough, Pullman calls his house and Blake answers. Weird? Surely. Lynch? Definitely.

The rest of the film flies from there, while Pullman transforms into Balthazar Getty and back again. The audience is left with many questions at the end of the film, which itself seems to be going in circles.

Who is the hero or the villain for that matter? Is Patricia Arquette one person or two? Is Lynch insane?

Besides all these queries, the film is very stylish, creepy and loads of fun. The violence and sex are toned down here, as well, letting the story unfold.

Overall, Lynch has made another successful Lynch movie, but the question is, does he even know what is going on in the movie, or in his own head for that matter?



The Mystery Man, played by Robert Blake is the creepy tie to David Lynch's latest weirdfest, "Lost Highway".



Commentary by  
Corey Stulce  
Lifestyle Editor  
Good Grief!

There aren't many good comic strips left, now that "The Far Side" and "Calvin and Hobbes" have vanished. This makes the newspaper almost worthless to me. Does anyone read the paper anymore?

It's hard to believe that "Peanuts" is still around after all these years. I like to predict celebrity deaths, and I get the feeling Charles Schultz will be

taking a dirt nap pretty soon.

I've always had mixed feelings about the comic. I read the books as a kid, and was amused, but now as a cynic, I must question the underlying world in which the "Peanuts" characters live.

First of all, why the giant heads? Is this some sort of radiation village, or do they all have that rare big head disease. How do they even hold the melons up with those puny necks?

Poor Charlie Brown has it the worst. The kid is bald! He doesn't have any hair to take away from the fact that he has a gargantuan cranium. The really ironic thing though, is that his dad's a barber. So, is he naturally bald, or is Charlie's dad a skinhead supporter?

Speaking of Chuck, this kid is stuck in a deep case of depression. Of course, who could blame him. He has some

Poltergeist-ridden tree eating all his kites. Those things aren't free, you know. His pitching skills suck. The guy gets hit hard enough with baseballs to get his clothes knocked off. I don't even know how that happens. He can't catch a break with that damn football trick. You'd think he'd kick Lucy in the head or something. It's a big enough target. Don't get me started on that bitch. Who gave her a license to practice psychiatry anyway? Anywho, Charlie is one messed up kid, and I'm surprised he hasn't eaten a bullet yet.

Well, I haven't even scratched the surface of Peanuts. I didn't talk about the Peppermint Patty/Marcy lesbian love affair, Linus' obsessive compulsive disorder, or that ol' dirty bastard, Pigpen.

Stay tuned kiddies!



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## Air Ball

By Todd Spann  
Sports Editor

### Bad luck

This is how it always works. I go up to Springfield and help my sister and brother-in-law move out of their apartment and the SIUE men's basketball team plays the best game in the past four years.

The moral of this story is don't help your family move.

### Good showing

Hats off to the Lady Cougars for giving us an exciting women's basketball season.

Plus, hats off to those who actually went and saw the exciting women's basketball season.

### Mr. Robinson

Major league baseball has decided to dedicate the 1997 season to Jackie Robinson.

Fifty years ago, Robinson broke the color barrier of major league baseball.

### The madness

I was looking over ESPNET, like I do every-day, and they have the Illini a fourth seed in the Southwest bracket.

Of course this means nothing because it is all in fun but I like what I see.

This would mean that they would play a 13th seed in the same bracket.

Without Lou Henson, the Illini could actually win a tournament game.

### The point is?

What's the point of conference tournaments?

The tournament basically takes away the whole meaning of a conference season.

It gives teams like St. Louis University and Missouri one more chance.

## Cougar Basketball



Scott Anderson/Alestle

Amy Mazner goes up for a layup during the Northern Kentucky game last Thursday at the Vadalabene Center. The Cougars lost 81-78.

## Post season bid shot down by NKU

By Brett Licata  
Assistant Sports Editor

The SIUE women's basketball team split their Great Lakes Valley Conference games last week losing in double overtime to Northern Kentucky and downing Indianapolis to conclude their season.

Second place in the GLVC was up for grabs last Thursday as the Cougars hosted Northern Kentucky. SIUE never lost the lead in the first half and took a seven point advantage into the locker room. Midway through the second half, Northern Kentucky wrestled the lead from the Cougars 44-46. SIUE was down ten with four minutes to go, but came back to tie the game with 2.4 seconds left when Kim Lowe made a pair of free-throws. The score stood at 64-64 after regulation.

The teams had six points each in the first overtime, but Amy Mazner and Alicia Harkins fouled out. In the second OT, the Cougars jumped out to a two point lead, but failed to capitalize. Northern Kentucky made seven of eight free-throws in the second overtime to win 81-78.

"This was an emotional, tough loss," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We started out played flat in the second half, but made a great charge to get to overtime."

Lowe led the Cougars with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Beth Brown went seven of nine from the field for 16 points. Leslie Phillips and Harkins pitched in 15 and 10 points respectively.

"Kim (Lowe) really stepped up when we lost Mazner and Harkins," Hedberg said.

Saturday, Indianapolis came to the Vadalabene Center to conclude

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## Cougars go out with a bang

Men upset No. 3 Indianapolis 86-75 to finish season

By Brett Licata  
Assistant Sports Editor

An upset of the No. 3 team in the nation makes for a grand season finale for the SIUE men's basketball season.

Indianapolis came into Saturday's contest against the Cougars hoping to roll to a Great Lakes Valley Conference title. What they didn't count on was an enthusiastic crowd and an SIUE squad wanting to end

their season with a bang.

The Cougars lost the lead only once while posting a 86-75 victory over the GLVC's top team.

"This was a bittersweet win for us," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We played as good of a defensive game as we have played all season."

Not only was the defense exceptional, but also the balanced offensive attack that

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### Thursday's results

Men  
SIUE 86, N. Kentucky 101

Women  
SIUE 78, N. Kentucky 81

### Saturday's results

Men  
SIUE 86, Indianapolis 75

Women  
SIUE 66, Indianapolis 62

## Commentary—

## Thanks for the memories

By Matt Larson  
For the Alestle

For Jason Holmes, Ronnie Henderson and Chris Brefeld, Saturday night was something special, it was senior night.

If you were there, you know exactly what I am talking about. If not, you missed the most exciting Cougar basketball game I have witnessed in my four years at this university.

In their final game as Cougars, Holmes, Henderson, and Brefeld played host to the number three team in the nation, Indianapolis University,

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## Cougar tennis sweeps by Illinois-Springfield 9-0

By Todd Spann  
Sports Editor

The preseason is over and now it is time for business.

The SIUE men's tennis team finished their indoor preseason on a high note by sweeping by the University of Illinois — Springfield 9-0.

The Cougars ended the preseason with a 2-2 record.

"We ended our preseason on a high note and now we are settling down and getting ready for what's ahead," head coach Bill Logan said.

Ahead for the Cougars are two regionally ranked teams that Logan would like to get the best of.

"We have Northwest Missouri State on

Friday and then Washburn on Sunday," Logan said. "These are two major matches for us."

The Northwest Missouri State game and the Washburn match will be held at SIUE.

The victory helped the Cougars mentally after dropping two games against strong competition.

"Everyone played well. And everybody is happy with their performance," Logan said.

After the Cougars next two games then GLVC action begins.

The Cougars have a three match week-end that starts Mar. 21 and ends Mar. 22. Northern Kentucky, IUPUI-Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis comes to town.





Scott Anderson/Alestle

Beth Brown beats everybody to the basket Thursday night.

### Basketball

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SIUE's regular season. The Cougars rolled past Indianapolis 66-62. Phillips shot eight of 13 for 17 points. Amy Tuetken and Lowe each had a 16 point night and combined for 12 rebounds.

"This was a good win for us," Hedberg said. "I was glad to see us come out and play hard after a tough loss."

Hedberg is happy with how the season went despite a late season slump.

"This team accomplished a lot," Hedberg said. "We struggled at times, but this group really played together."

### Bang

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the Cougars threw at Indianapolis.

Senior Jason Holmes ended his SIUE career with a 17 point performance. The school's all-time career scorer was one of three seniors who concluded their basketball playing days at SIUE. Seniors Ronnie Henderson and Chris Brefeld contributed 14 and six points respectively. Tim Holloway added 16 with 4 rebounds and Shaun Smoot dumped in 12 points in 25 minutes of play.

"This was a picture perfect game," Margenthaler said. "We played together and fed off of the great crowd that came out."

The attendance was around 1,400, which is the largest crowd for an SIUE basketball game in five years.

Margenthaler said even though the team had a disappointing season, his team was filled with hard workers.

"We played hard in every game this year," Margenthaler said. "Our downfall was that we didn't always play as a team."

The Cougars end their season with an overall record of 11-16 and a conference mark of 5-15.

### Larson

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and won.

In a season that didn't live up to expectations, the Cougars pulled together and played better than anyone thought they could, anyone that is, except for themselves.

Coach Margenthaler unleashed a ferocious defense which resulted in 17 turnovers from Indianapolis. And when the game was on the line Ronnie Henderson stepped up and blocked a shot in the closing seconds to ice the game. As the final buzzer sounded, fans rushed the court and congratulated their team.

From a fan's perspective this is how the season should be remembered. The gym was crowded, the fans were rowdy and the Cougars played their

hearts out. It was truly enjoyable to watch. This was college basketball.

Four years ago, I saw Jason Holmes set the single game scoring record in his first game as a freshman. I've seen Ronnie Henderson almost fly out of the gym to get an alley-oop pass and watched Chris Brefeld play incredible defense with a rebuilt knee.

This was their last game and it was mine as well. I will graduate soon and might not ever witness another Cougar basketball game again.

As Holmes, Henderson, and Brefeld walked off the court for the last time, I congratulated them on a great game, a great season and great careers. Most of all, I just wanted to tell everyone thanks. From the fans, coach Margenthaler, and this year's team. Thanks for making my last game special.

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THANKS TO Dale Schlonat for representing Delta Phi Epsilon in the King of Hearts pageant! ΔΦΕ Jody

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