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Housing offers reward for burglary info

BY DANIELLE STERN **NEWS EDITOR**

University housing is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information leading to the prosecution of people responsible for a recent rash of thefts and intrusions in Prairie Hall

Housing Director Michael Schultz said the decision to offer the reward was made to put residents at ease.

"We're hoping that information gets back to us or the police so we can deal with the people who are doing this," he

Seven incidents have been reported in Prairie Hall since late October, according to SIUE police Capt. Regina Hays. In each incident, dorm rooms were unlocked. There are no suspects at this time.

The latest incident happened Thursday. Hays said a resident awoke to find a male subject rushing out of her room. She called the police and reported \$50 missing from her wallet and \$30 missing from another wallet.

The incident is similar to one reported Tuesday, Nov. 28. Police posted a crime alert last week after a Prairie Hall

freshman awoke to find two male intruders in his room early Tuesday morning.

The intruders wore black ski masks and trench coats, according to the alert. They unsuccessfully attempted to steal the resident's digital video disc player. They fled the room when the resident yelled at the subjects.

A safety alert telling residents to keep the dorm rooms locked at all times followed a series of incidents. Money was reportedly taken from a dorm room drawer Oct. 29; stereo equipment was taken Nov. 5; \$50 was missing from a wallet in a room; and various items were taken from one room Nov. 16.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said the reward is a step to help ensure a safe community.

"This is in keeping with our commitment to have a safe and secure campus for all our students," he said.

Prairie Hall residents received a flier announcing the reward, but the reward is open to anyone. To report any information about any of the cases, contact the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324 or at police@siue.edu.

Finance board has leftovers

BY MIKE TERRY **NEWS REPORTER**

At its final meeting of the semester, the student finance board found itself blessed with an abundance of money

Kimmel Student Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said student organizations simply aren't asking for money from student government.

"This school really needs to do something about encouraging campus life," he said as board members discussed ways to encourage campus groups to apply for money.

Board members agreed that finding new ways to make these organizations aware that money is available will be a top priority at future meetings.

Recognized student organizations may

annually request up to \$10,000 for programs and \$425 for travel. Kimmel also makes lesser amounts available for groups to buy supplies, stationery and the like

Finance Board Chair Rick Box suggested writing a proposal to change the school's funding manual that would allow organizations to receive more money from student government each year.

The board unanimously approved two travel requests and four program requests for the spring

The SIUE Gospel Choir will get \$280 for a trip to Chicago Jan. 20 and 21 and the National Art Education Association was granted \$425 to attend the National Art Education Association Conference March 14 in New York.

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SIUE sex offender gets probation

BY ELIZABETH GRIMSLEY **NEWS REPORTER**

Curtis E. Robinson, 25 of Alton, pleaded guilty in Madison County Circuit Court to attempted criminal sexual assault resulting from an April 27 incident involving an SIUE student.

Robinson received three yeard and intensive probation as a result of a plea agreement reached Nov. 13 that reduced three separate charges to a single count of attempted criminal sexual assault.

As a convicted sex offender, Robinson will be required to register with the Illinois State Police Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification. Conviction as a sex offender also means that Robinson will undergo mandatory sex counseling.

In a recent interview with the (Alton) Telegraph, Assistant State's Attorney Kyle Napp said that Robinson would have likely received only probation had he been tried and convicted of other charges. Registering him as a convicted sex offender would not have been an option.

Robinson was originally charged with armed robbery after requesting the female SIUE student's underwear at gunpoint.

Other charges included unlawful restraint stemming from an incident in an elevator at St. Clare's Hospital in Alton and aggravated battery as a result of an incident in a restroom at Gordon F. Moore Community Park in Alton.

In the St. Clare's Hospital parking garage elevator, Robinson lifted the skirt of a female passenger up to her waist. At Gordon Moore Park he approached a high school girl while she was in the restroom.

In both cases, Robinson fled the scene after the women alerted others by screaming.

Something for all at holiday craft fair

BY ALAINA WHITTAKER **NEWS STRINGER**

Students can get a jump on holiday shopping at the 30th Annual Arts and Crafts Holiday Fair from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

The fair will offer a little bit of everything for everybody,

according to Tom Ostresh, the manager of Print and Design.

This year the fair will offer a variety of new craft vendors as well as several familiar faces.

One of the new craft vendors will offer wood-cutting where he can cut Greek letters and names out of wood with his jig-saw on the spot. The vendor will do as many orders in a day as he can, Ostresh said.

As in previous years, the fair highlight watercolor paintings. Also, some of the many other items for sale will include handmade jewelry, pottery, stained glass, ceramics, clothing, dried flower arrangements, birdhouses, handmade woven baskets and many more holiday items.

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SIUE Concert Band



Anurag Gupta/Alestle

The SIUE Concert Band performs Friday evening in the Dunham Hall theater.

Talk about Net hate speech

BY DANIELLE STERN **NEWS EDITOR**

Critics of negative and hateful speech in the media will come together Tuesday to discuss hate speech topics.

The SIUE chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists is sponsoring "Hate Speech at the Millennium" from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Mississippi and Illinois rooms of the Morris University Center. Mass communication professors Cynthia Cooper and Gary Hicks will present the lecture. Hicks is also the SPJ adviser.

Journalism students from Alton and Venice high schools will attend with one teacher from each school.

Hicks said he and Cooper have been working on an analysis of Internet hate sites, which they will address.

"We hope to introduce ideas that might really be foreign to high school students," Hicks said.

"These students have access to the Internet. They may run into sites that could be deemed hate sites," he said. "It's important to identify what they are." see HATE, page 5

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SIUE packs the gym for annual event



Approximately 1,400 people gathered Thursday evening for Pack the Gym night in the Vadalabene Center. The SIUE men's basketball team lost 77-65 to St. Joseph's College of

UCB awarded second place for Web site

The University Center Board was awarded second place for its Web site at the National Association for Campus Activities regional conference in Peoria.

Noor Ali-Hasan, the UCB public relations and Web marketing director, designed the site, www.siue.edu/UCB. Ali-Hasan, a junior double majoring in management information systems and marketing, co-presented a session on Web design at the conference.

Ali-Hasan said her Web-design knowledge came from her MIS coursework and playing around with computers her freshman year.

She said she is glad that UCB's hard work was recognized at such a large conference.

"It's pretty neat for us as a smaller school to be honored," she said.

Gretchen Weber, NACA's school registration coordinator for the Illiana conference, said 69 educational institutions from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin participated in the conference. She said this was the first year Websites were awarded.

NACA is a nonprofit organization that links college students and professional staff with talent agents and performers. The NACA Illiana Regional conference was Nov.16 through 19.

UCB consists of student volunteers who plan. promote and hold many events and activities on

For more information, contact Ali-Hasan at nalihas@siue.edu.

Campus Scanner

Art: "Mexica 2000," an exhibit of works by SIUE art and design students who created the pieces during a summer program of study in Mexico, is on exhibit through Dec. 15 in the New Wagner Gallery, just off the atrium lobby of the Art and Design Building. The exhibit is curated by Laura Strand and Paul Dresang, both members of the SIUE art and design faculty. For more information, call 650-3071.

Workshop: The Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club will conduct a literary and cultural workshop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at its regular meeting in Room 2085 of the East St. Louis Community College Center, 601 J.R. Thompson Drive, East St. Louis. The club is named for Redmond, a professor in the department of English language and literature. For more information, call 650-3991.

SBDC: The SIUE Small Business Development Center will offer "How To Start A Business I" at 1 p.m. Tuesday with instructor Brace Lambert. The fee is \$15. Courses are offered in Room 1101 of 200 University Park. For more information, call 650-2929.

Musicales: Tickets are available for the 13th Annual Holiday Musicales house tour from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, sponsored by the SIUE music department and the Friends of Music, a support organization for the department. Participants will visit three area homes, decorated for the holidays, where they will hear jazz, classical and vocal music performed by SIUE music students and faculty. In addition, holiday refreshments will be served at each home. Tickets for the event are \$10. Proceeds support music scholarships. For more information or to obtain tickets, call Martee Lucas at 650-3799. Tickets also are available from Friends of Music members.

Farewell: A retirement reception for Tolly Vassier, secretary to the provost will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Provost

Conference Room. Also, a reception for Carol DeConcini, the budget officer for Academic Affairs, will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the same location.

Children's Theater: "The Gift of the Magi," a popular holiday tale by O. Henry, and other seasonal works by the master of the short story, will be staged at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday in the Dunham Hall theater. The stories will be staged by the Imaginary Theatre Company as part of Season for the Child, theater offerings for the entire family sponsored by The Bank of Edwardsville and the Friends of Theater and Dance. Proceeds benefit FOTAD's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5 and are available through the Fine Arts box office at 650-

Music: The SIUE Orchestra will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Katherine Dunham Hall theater. Michael Mishra, musical director of the orchestra, will conduct. Tickets are \$3; students, \$2. For more information, call the music department at 650-3900

Leisure Learning Activities: "Targeted Topics Using Word: Creating Brochures and Fliers" and "Targeted Topics Using Excel: Pivot Tables" are scheduled from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., respectively, Saturdays, Dec. 9 and 16, in Room 0303 of Founders Hall with instructors from the Express 2000 staff. Fee is \$69 for each course.

SBDC: The SIUE Small Business Development Center offers Small Business Tax Issues from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, with instructor Carl Weakley. Fee is \$50. Courses are offered in Room 1101 of 200 University Park. For more information, call 650-2929.

Music: The Webster University Chorale will present a concert of holiday music from around the world at 5 p.m. Sunday in Webster University's Winifred Moore Auditorium, 470 E. Lockwood Ave., St. Louis, Mo. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call (314) 968-

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The view of a nontraditional

BY C. KAY UHLES
COLUMNIST

Group projects abound at SIUE, especially if you are a sociology major or minor. To quote the department Web page, "Sociology is a systematic approach to thinking about, studying and understanding society, human social behavior and social groups." Sociology students choose a social group as their group project.

The group project is the issue most talked about among nontraditional students. Notwithstanding the fact that students need to be prepared for the real world, teamwork can be frustrating. From multiple demands on time to students who do not do their fair share, group projects can be a full-time job for the overachieving nontraditional student.

For those of us who have children, the parental role does not automatically shut

down upon entering a classroom. At the same time, traditional students may look up to the nontraditional for guidance. This phenomena became a reality to me when one group would surround my desk after each class and ask for direction, to which I thought, wash your hands before you eat, invest wisely and use the left lane for passing.

How does an overachiever complete a group project, without taking on its own management? A job description for group leader may read, "Wanted: Team leader to be in charge of the coordination of a group project. Qualifications: The ability to work in an unstructured environment, great communication skills, genuine caring for group members, ability to work hard, share responsibility, share information, share recognition, and share fun. No experience needed."

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If it's still hard to shed the parental role, just think of it as a science project. only this time, let go of the control and work together.

Oh, and don't forget to lock your car doors ...

Bush and Gore as co-presidents?

BY DAVID SHATTUCK DAILY O'COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) STILLWATER, Okla. - As my deadline for this column neared I was sweating bullets. I didn't have a clue on what I should write about. And then I fell asleep and had a wonderful dream.

A decision was reached concerning the presidential election of 2000.

Congress convened and decided (rather quickly, I might add) that action must be taken to determine who shall lead our great nation for the next four years. The two presidential candidates are to be surgically joined together and will be expected to rule the free world as one.

When Texas Gov. George W. Bush was told of the decision, he made a statement in which he embraced the plan and added that he was looking forward to the surgery. Soon after, he held a meeting with his advisers where they informed him he was wrong and that he did

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I am an Indian student at SIUE. I am a regular reader of your paper, but this time I was shocked to see Mahatma Gandhi in one of your advertisements (Nov. 28).

Do you really think Gandhi had to read the Alestle to seek enlightenment? Just think about this, "Generations to come will never believe that such a man in flesh and blood walked on this planet." This was not said by any ordinary person on Gandhi, but was said by Albert Einstein, the greatest brain humankind has ever seen.

What hurt me was, how you could select Gandhi as a model for your paper. When I talked about this to other Indian students, they too felt the same. You should have taken into consideration the feelings of Indian students when you approved this advertisement, because a paper should reflect the feelings of the people and not hurt their feelings.

Yours Faithfully Soorya Rajeev

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not embrace the plan.

Bush gave a second statement in which he retracted his former statement. He also added that a surgically conjoined Bush/Gore presidency would be just as successful as his oil business ventures.

When Vice President Al Gore was informed of Congress' decision, he was hard to reach for a statement. Apparently he was hiding.

Some time after, however, he held a press conference where he was quoted as saying, "I'm for it, as long as I get to be president. Besides, the surgery is a brilliant idea, I'm glad I invented it."

Just let me say that this columnist is content. What a great day for democracy this is. It excites me when two nearly identical politicians can come together to begin a four-year term where they will run this great country even farther into the ground.

Now, we as Americans can focus on the more important things of this season — buying useless crap for everyone we know and pretending it's all for the glory of Christ, I mean Santa Claus.

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Students can dine with prof

BY DANIELLE STERN NEWS EDITOR

Students have a chance to learn from their professors outside of class thanks to a new program sponsored by the University Center.

The second session of "Lunch with a Professor" will be from 12 to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center Opapi Lounge. Dallas Browne, chair and professor of anthropology, will be the faculty guest.

Steve McLean, general assistant in the MUC, said the program is meant to break down barriers between students and their instructors.

"Professors are just like everyone else," McLean said.

Students are invited ask Browne questions about a variety of topics while they dine courtesy of catering services. "Talk about what's going of in the world," McLean said.

One topic that cannot be discussed are questions regarding final grades in the professor class.

McLean said the programmers would like for the lunch to be extended to two sessions per month beginning next semester.

The first session, held la week, included Assistant Provo for Cultural and Social Diversi Rudy Wilson, who answere questions regarding assistantships, the treatment women in the workplace and thistory of the Opapi Lounge.

"Lunch with a Professor" free and open to all SIU students. However, availability limited to 15 students. To make reservation or for moinformation, call McLean at 65 2305.

Mailboxes available for ren

BY DANIELLE STERN NEWS EDITOR

Students, faculty and staff can now have their personal mail delivered to the SIUE post office.

Campus Mail Service has acquired 400 mail lockboxes that may be rented for \$15 per semester or \$35 per year.

Pat Devine, supervisor in mailing service, said the new boxes will benefit students most, since many tend to move during their time at SIUE.

"It provides a permanent address," she said.

She also said some students have complained of mail confusion between roommates in Cougar Village.

Bob Vanzo, director of

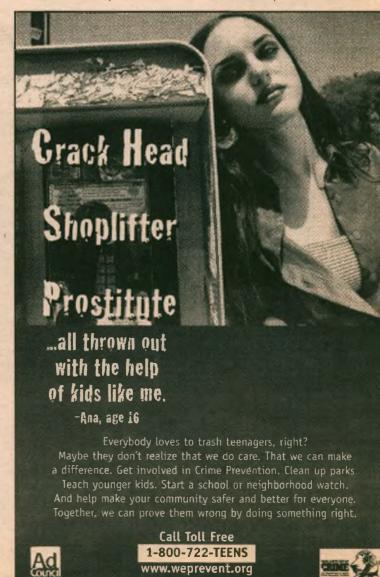
administrative services, agree that on-campus students wi enjoy the service.

"Sharing boxes ca sometimes cause problems, "I said. "You have your own box."

According to Vanzo, studen were on a waiting list for box until SIUE purchased the ext boxes near the beginning of the fall semester. The purchase coincided with the post office move from one end Rendleman Hall to the other.

"It was very fortunate Vanzo said. "Another universi had 400 (mailboxes) to sell at good price."

Vanzo said approximate 350 mailboxes are still available. To rent one or for moinformation, call 650-2028.



FINANCE -

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The University Dance Organization will get \$2,470 for the International Cultural Flamenco Society Valentine performance from Wednesday, Jan. 31, through Friday, Feb. 2. The event will give students the opportunity to experience Spanish culture and see a performance from Marisel Salacruz, a world-renowned flamenco dancer.

The Winter Ball Ad-Hoc Committee won approval of \$3,031 for a Winter Ball, a formal dance similar to a prom, on Feb. 3 in the Meridian Ballroom. It will be open to anyone on campus and the public.

Eta Sigma Gamma, a health education organization, was

granted \$2,300 to conduct a Valentine's Fitness Day on Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Student Fitness Center. Students will be given free health tests and information on healthy lifestyles.

The International Association of Jazz Educators was given approval for \$1,800 to bring saxophonist, composer and music educator Dave Pietro to campus. Pietro will perform a concert and teach two classes open to anyone on campus.

All the requests await final approval by the student senate at its final meeting of the semester at 2 p.m. Friday in the International Room of the Morris University Center.

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CRAFTS

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There will be about 30 booths of arts and crafts to choose from. Ostresh said he tries to get a variety of different crafts by going to other craft fairs to find and add more variety to the fair.

A lot of the crafters are from the local community and a few are from out of state. Ostresh said they come back to SIUE because they like the environment.

"The objective is not to jam people in but to offer it to the students, faculty and staff to help in their holiday shopping, to get in the holiday spirit and to come and enjoy," Ostresh said.

Ostresh has been organizing the Arts and Crafts Fair for 15 years. He said it is hard work but after so long he's got it down pat.

HATE

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Cooper said she and Hicks will talk about First Amendment rights regardless of a message's content.

"We'll be looking at the way the First Amendment allows for public dissemination of speech that is unpopular and potentially harmful."

Sheri McWhirter, SPJ secretary and one of the event's organizers, said the lecture will cover the legalities of hate speech.

"We hope students gain a new understanding of media and how to process the messages they receive," she said.

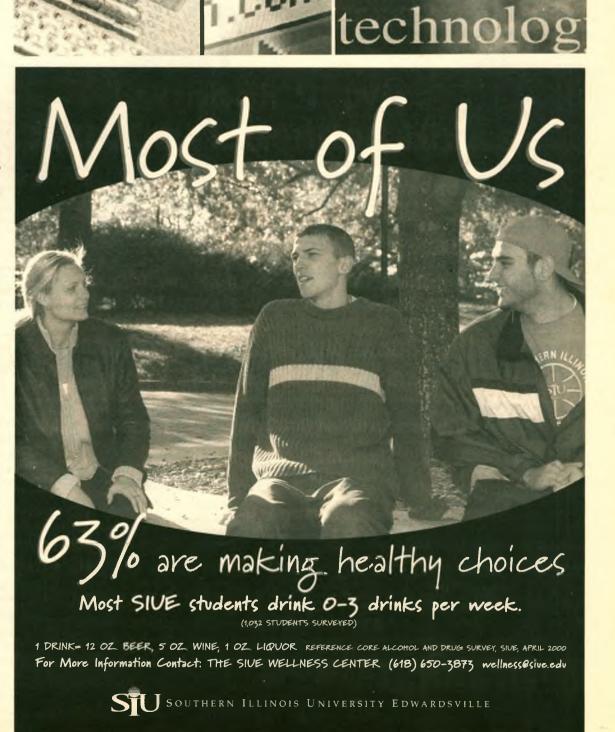
The program is one of SPJ's attempts to familiarize SIUE and neighboring communities with the organization and with media topics in general.

The lecture is free and open to everyone.

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MEXICO TRIP INSPIRES ART EXHIBIT

BY MELINDA HAWKINS LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE art department is showcasing the Mexica 2000 art exhibition through Dec. 15.

This is the fourth time the art department has made the three-week trip to Mexico. The exhibition is an opportunity for art enthusiasts to see the work inspired by student and faculty artists' responses to their cultural experiences in Mexico.

Laura Strand, assistant professor in the art and design department, is one of the faculty members who accompanied the students during their trip to Mexico. During their three-week stay, the students had the chance to closely study the indigenous people's traditional methods for making art.

"We try to see a variety of museums and archeological sights," Strand said. "It is really a bit of a culture shock for us. We leave St. Louis in the morning and by afternoon we're standing on top of an ancient

The Mexico trip is part of a two-semester class. During the first semester, the students spent three weeks in Mexico primarily studying fibers and

"In Mexico there are entire villages that specialize in a particular art form," Strand said. "Each of the houses has a sign on their door proclaiming what they create. For example, there's this little village about 10 miles outside of Oaxaca that specializes in painted wooden animals. You can take a taxi there for 30 pesos, which is about \$3, and buy these animals. Everyone in the village makes them."

Approximately half of the students studied weaving techniques with the Triqui woman weavers. The rest of the students studied ancient pottery-making methods with Mexican potters.

"We work with indigenous artists in a very small village," Strand said. "Nobody speaks any English. We study together in a small courtyard, so the students get the opportunity to experience what the other people are working on."

The second semester is dedicated to making art that reflects the students' responses to their cultural experiences in Mexico. Participating students are required to keep a detailed journal of their experiences in Mexico, which is part of their final exhibition.

Although the students focused on weaving and pottery

methods while in Mexico, they can make their exhibition work in any medium they are interested in.

"The purpose of the work is to isolate and respond to the most important experiences and ideas that they had during their studies in Mexico," Strand said. "We have students doing work in ceramics and fibers, of course, but we also have students using graphic and digital imagery, as well as mixed media pieces."

Christine Heinrich went to Mexico to study textiles. "I studied with a couple of Triqui weavers and a Mixtec weaver. The Mixtec weaver reinvented her weave structure

> constantly so it was sort of difficult to follow. Mexico was a wonderful experience for me, but I would recommend people planning a trip there learn Spanish. Also, make sure to buy a Spanish English to

dictionary for Latin America rather than Spain," Hein

Jodie Lercher studied weaving techniques w visiting Mexico. "Mexico was a life-changing experie for me. It really made me thankful of everything we h here. So many things here are considered disposable. Th everything is cherished and used to its fullest poten Nothing is wasted in Mexico," Lercher said.

Mary Levi went to Mexico to study with indiger ceramists. "I think I learned even more about Mex culture than I did about ceramics. The experience was re enriching. However, the poverty was quite shocking. E people considered well off there washed their clothes hand," Levi said.

Molly Reeder studied ceramics in Mexico. "The t they used were really interesting. They used old corno and gourds for shaping. Everything was done outside minimal tools and without the benefit of technolo

Reeder said. Another requirement for the c is participation in one of the t committees that organized the var facets of the exhibition. One of committees designed a cata complete with images of the artw as well as the artists' statements al how their work reflects t experiences in Mexico. Ano committee produced invitations distribute and covered gen publicity needs for the event. third committee was in charge organizing and hanging the exhibit

itself.

The Mexica 2000 exhibition displays ethnogra and ancient objects brought back from Mexico, suc pieces used for ritualistic medicinal cures.

The 20 students and faculty who participated in trip to Mexico invited art enthusiasts to the Mexica 2 exhibition opening Tuesday in the New Wagner Gal The reception featured traditional Mexican cuisine, m and pre-Columbian artwork from the collection of University Museum. Slides of the travel and s experience were shown.

The New Wagner Gallery in the Art and De Building is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Moi through Friday.



Decerate your dorm room with a personal touc

LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Some dorm rooms feel like the size of a phone booth.

Add two beds, two desks, a roommate and tons of personal possessions and the term cramped quarters does not begin to describe the living space. To top the whole thing off, the room looks plain with that nice touch of white walls to give you that prison cell feeling. The upside is that you are not living with your parents, so why not decorate the room the way you want?

Creativity and budget are the main points to keep in mind besides having the consent of roommates. The one thing you don't have to consult a roommate about is decorating your bed. Cliched as it sounds, pick a color you can live with but try not to use all white sheets because the walls are

also the same color. Plus, a known decorating tip: having a room with a lot of white can make a room feel plain. Comfort is the key with any bedroom so to spruce up your bed, try getting some throw pillows for extra relaxation. Since the beds take up half the space in the dorms, decorating styles can maximize the rooms.

Some fun ways to fix up the room are adding art, posters and glow-in-the-dark stars to the walls. The trick is to find these items cheap. Poster prices differ depending on where you shop. One way to get movie posters inexpensively, if not free, is to visit any movie rental store and ask. These places usually get movie posters for promotion and throw them away after a week. The most popular movie posters tend to be classic cult movies like "Animal House" and "Rocky Horror Picture Show." Art prints can also be inexpensive if you don't mind getting a

print and not the real painting. To go even cheaper, hang some original artwork or find

Black lights aren't as common anymore but there are other night light ideas. Glowin-the-dark stars run around \$5 per package. Sticky putty is also a good way to hang these items without putting holes in the

Themes are also a good way to approach decorating the room. Movie posters, Hawaiian, celestial clouds and stars are all themes found in many college dorms. For the funky styles, great buying ideas are lava lamps, inflatable furniture, leopard print rugs and hanging beads from the door.

Dorm room decorating doesn't require the Martha Stewart touch. Simplicity is also widespread in dorm rooms. Many have message boards, Christmas lights, colorful rugs, butterfly chairs and photo frames.

Supplies to create your vision can be f at any retail store.

The cheapest stores to get all college essentials are Wal-Mart and Ta Each store has a great selection reasonable prices. Bed, Bath & Beyond Home Depot carry a wider variety, by prepared to spend more money. Al remember some basic rules and esser when purchasing items for college living

- 1. Discuss buys with roommates remember you are living in the small s as well, so make sure it has a personal t
- 2. Determine what University Hor prohibits. Halogen lamps and beer-b vases are not allowed.
- 3. Don't go overboard with the stuff you might find at a flea market.
 - 4. Make sure there is enough light
 - 5. Be creative.

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS

Quote of the day:

"I'm a firm believer in the philosophy of a ruling class. Especially since I rule."

-Randal Graves, Clerks

Concert series offers holiday entertainment

BY MIGUEL MARLING LIFESTYLES STRINGER

For those looking for some great musical entertainment during this year's winter holidays, the Powell Symphony Hall has a lot to offer.

For the first time in the history of the Holiday Pops Concert Series, the Grammy Award-nominated, St. Louis Symphony Chorus and Symphony Children's Choir will be performing together to celebrate the holidays St. Louis style. Concerts will be featuring the irresistible voice of Broadway star Karen Mason, best-known to theater audiences as "Norma Desmond" in "Sunset Boulevard" a role she has played to standing ovations on Broadway and in Los Angeles more than 150 times.

To conduct the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in this program of holiday favorites, John McDaniel, the Grammy Award-winning music director of "The Rosie O'Donnell



photos donated by Tony Huenneke Karen Mason and John McDaniel are to perform in the Holiday Pops

Show," will be returning to St. Louis. Tickets will be from \$15 to \$54 and are available at the Powell Hall box office at (314) 534-1700 and all Metro Tix outlets at (314) 534-1111. December performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, 17 and 22.

At 2 p.m. on Dec. 17, join McDaniel once more as the Alan Marks Memorial Family Series presents a holiday concert dedicated specifically to families. Make sure to pick up tickets early because there is only one performance.

For more information concerning the concerts, visit the Powell Symphony Hall Web site at www.slso.org.

*Stoves not included

BY BROOKE HEITZ LIFESTYLES STRINGER

We're getting to that point in the school year when the newness of the cafeteria food has worn off for many students living in the dorms. Living in the dorms provides little opportunity for students to actually cook their own meals. The term "cook" is used loosely. If you consider Ramen Noodles your staple or you know the pizza delivery guy by first name, then there might be a problem.

Although the cafeteria food has vastly improved from years past, those mashed potatoes just aren't the same as they used to be. And what ever happened to the wonderful taste of the macaroni and cheese? You seemed to have lost that in October. Whatever shall we do? Nothing is appetizing in the food line anymore.

Many students have created a new form of cooking that involves nothing but a microwave oven. Fairly simple you say? Well let's see. How many times have you gone into the social lounge to find the microwave full of "crusty stuff"? Have you also noticed those large burn marks that appear over and over again? Some people could use a lesson or two in microwave cooking.

This problem could easily be solved by a simple stovetop built into the social lounges in the dorms. But, hello, if some of you can't even handle the microwave cooking without burning a hole through the containers, then how can you expect the housing department to allow such a fire hazard? So, what do you proceed to do? Start zapping.

Many of you know that when cooking with a microwave, you are left with little variety. The newest fangled food to come our way is the Easy Mac and Cheese put out by Kraft. It's easy, simple and, best of all, quick. College students don't have time to clean up a mess. Each serving is packaged separately; the noodles in one package and the cheese sauce in another. Simply add water to boil the noodles with, zap it and then add the cheese sauce to the water left over in the container. It's foolproof. Just what you need for a latenight snack when studying for those money when we get tired of cafeteria food important finals that are around the corner.

Along the same lines as Easy Mac is something put out by Betty Crocker called "Bowl-Appetite." Easy and simple is the key and Betty Crocker has captured this. Simply add water to the mixture that is already in a microwavable bowl and zap it in the microwave for about five minutes. One of these bowls is just the right size if you're looking to stay in the dorms on a cold night.

Cynthia Williams, a junior and a resident assistant in Woodland Hall, is concerned about the lack of variety offered to students. "I think that the cafeteria food has improved a lot. They are way better than they used to be. I think that if they would put a few restaurants in the residence halls that we could use our cards at, then it would provide more options for students who don't like the cafeteria food. It would be easier than getting all the way out to the Commons in Cougar Village."

Many students feel the same way about the options given to them with their meal

"The least they could do is put an oven or stove in the social lounge," Heather Nichols, a second semester junior at SIUE, said. "Half the time the microwave is too gross to use and they do not allow you to have a toaster. Your

and it gives you the option of having a balanced meal."

More microwavable options for students include oatmeal for breakfast, pizza rolls and some small pizzas if you're looking for a small dinner. Stouffers also makes small meals such as meatloaf or scalloped chicken and Chef Boyardee is always a guaranteed plus when you are looking for a meal of pasta like ravioli or spaghetti. For a healthier choice of food, you can try Lean Cuisine, which makes full meals that are lower in calories and fat content. When all else fails, there's always the old stand-by of a can of tuna and some mayonnaise. Slap it together and grab a loaf of bread and have yourself a sandwich.

So go for it. Try to zap something if you can't stand looking at the mashed potatoes one more time. You can make it through with the help of our good friends at Kraft and a man called Chef Boyardee.

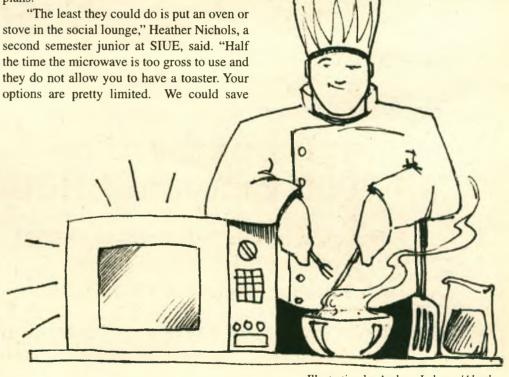


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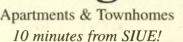
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Today in sports history

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Sibling rivalry takes center stage Tuesday

SIUE's Misi Clark will face her sister in Tuesday night's matchup against McKendree

BY RICK CROSSIN SPORTS EDITOR

One member of the SIUE women's basketball team will see a familiar face on the opposite side of the court Tuesday night.

The Lady Cougars will take on McKendree College in a nonconference game Tuesday and senior guard Misi Clark will face her sister, Jacque, for the first time in college.

"It's going to be exciting," Jacque Clark said. "I've always played with her and never against her.

"It's going to be serious this time, it's not going to be just joking around."

SIUE coach Wendy Hedberg did try to recruit Jacque after high school, but she chose McKendree over SIUE.

"I don't know that Jacque would have dealt with the 'playing in the shadow of Misi' thing, but she made a good choice," Hedberg said. "She's getting a lot of (playing) time there and she's going to make her own records there."

Jacque has quite a task ahead of her if she hopes to accomplish what her sister has in her career. In her four years at SIUE, Misi has established herself as the most prolific scorer in history at SIUE, scoring 1,676 points coming into this season.

"When they talk about a coach's dream, she's that kind of player," Hedberg said, "She always gives 110 percent."

The prospect of a head-tohead matchup during the game still is likely since Misi and Jacque both play the guard position.

"When Jacque comes in she plays the point so we may end up seeing that," Hedberg said. "I don't know if I want to make a big deal about it in that way."

Guarding Misi in a real game will be something different for lacque

"I've never really played serious against her," Jacque said. "It's going to be different not to be able to smile."

In her first season of collegiate basketball, Jacque has played well, averaging 13 points per game for McKendree.

Her career high thus far is 23 points, which she scored against William Jewell College in N o v e m b e r . Misi has also been named to the

Great Lakes Valley Conference team for three straight seasons, including player of the year honors last season and freshman of the year honors in her first season in a Lady Cougar uniform.

"I was kidding her (Misi) and asking if there was a lot of trashtalking going on over Thanksgiving dinner," Hedberg

Misi and Jacque Clark won't be the only players on opposite teams that know each other Tuesday night.

Jessica Robert and Kristin Hustedde both played their high school basketball at Carlyle High School.

As for Tuesday's game, the Bearcats come into the game having lost their last five of seven games, including a 24-point loss to Southern Nazarene University in their last game.

The Lady Cougars are 3-1 on the season and may get a tough test from McKendree, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics member.

McKendree boasts wins over Lindenwood University and Grace College this season.

The game will start at 7 p.m. at McKendree in Lebanon.

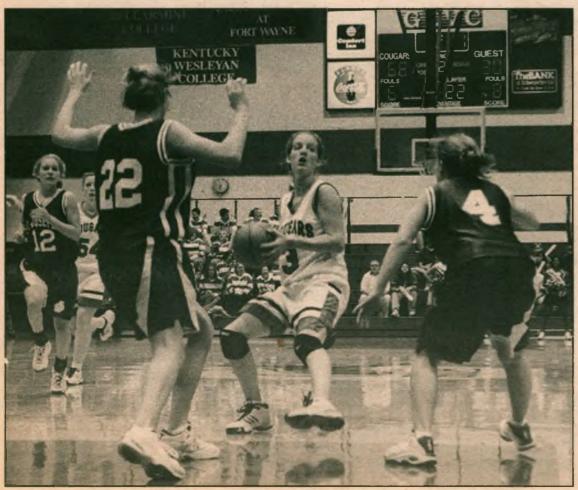




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Misi Clark	Jacque Clar
]	<u>Position</u>
Guard	Guard
	<u>Height</u>
5-10	5-7
	<u>Year</u>
Sr.	Fr.
<u>Poin</u>	ts per game
17.2	13.1
Total I	Points (career)
1,676	105

Lady Cougars drop first game of season to Fort Wayne



Sheri McWhirter/Alestle

IUPU-Fort Wayne is ranked second in the Great Lakes Valley Conference but are ineligible for the tournament after their move to Division I in the National

BY KUMAR BHOOSHAN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE

basketball team had it's first conference tests over the

Cougars hosted the Indiana

University Purdue University-

Fort Wayne Mastodons at the

handed their first loss of the 2000 season, losing to the

Vadalabene Center.

Mastodons 76-72.

On Saturday the Lady

The Lady Cougars were

The

SIUE got off on the wrong foot right from the start against the Mastodons.

Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Lady Cougars coughed up the ball 19 times in the first half alone, and went into the half trailing IUPU by eight points.

19 turnovers in the first half doom SIUE;

will face McKendree College on Tuesday

women's

"Our goal is to limit ourselves to 15 turnovers a game," coach Wendy Hedberg said. "They just put a lot of pressure on us and made us make mistakes."

After halftime coach Hedberg and her Lady Cougars managed only seven turnovers and at one point in the game led the Mastodons by five.

Misi Clark led SIUE with 19 points, which included a 9for-10 shooting performance from the line.

Clark's three steals moved her into second place on the alltime steal list at SIUE.

Freshman Jessica Robert finished her evening with a career-high total of 23 points and five assists.

Robert is currently averaging 11.8 points per game in her first year as a Lady Cougar.

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Guard Misi Clark (center) looks for an open teammateSaturday through two St. Joseph's defenders

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Cougars get first conference win of season over St. Joseph's

BY BRANDEN PETERSON SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's basketball took a step closer to the .500 mark this weekend.

The Cougars played Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne at home on Saturday winning 77-72.

Freshman Wes Pickering recorded the first double-double of the season for the Cougars with 12 points and 13 rebounds.

This was also Pickering's first career double-double as a Cougar.

"I'm sure he was very pleased with his performance,"head coach Jack Margenthaler said .""I believe it was also the most points he has ever scored in a college game."

SIUE got off on the right foot and went into the half leading 39-38.

The Cougars started slow in the second half, allowing the Mastodons to make an early charge.

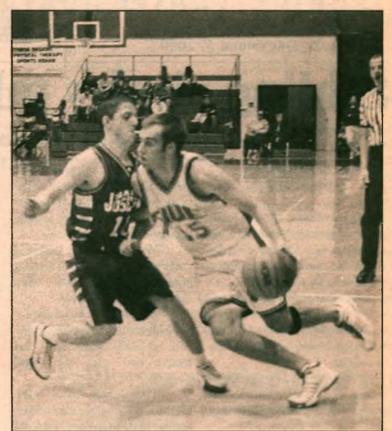
The Cougars answered back with a 15-5 run of their own to quiet the Mastodon stampede.

"I think in the second half we had better offensive control," Margenthaler said. "We were taking better shots and working together more."

Luke Humphrey led SIUE with 19 points on the evening. Humphrey was also able to grab six rebounds.

Tim Rose, the team's leading scorer, finished with 15 points, three assists and eight rebounds.

Marty Perry contributed to the Cougar victory with 11



Sheri McWhirter/Alestle

Wes Pickering tries to shake a St. Joseph's defender last week.

points and five rebounds.

SIUE also was the host for St. Joseph's College, losing to the Pumas 77-65, despite a valiant second-half Cougar run.

Pickering once again performed well, finishing the evening with 21 points and five rebounds to lead SIUE.

Humphrey came off the bench and scored 12 points in 29 minutes of play.

Rose totaled 11 points on a 4-for-11 shooting performance from the field.

Nick Hartwig finished the evening with seven points and contributed 10 rebounds.

SIUE out-rebounded the Pumas 43 to 39, but St. Joseph's outshot the Cougars from the free throw line, which included a 91 percent shooting performance in the second half.

St. Joseph's forward Brent Mason finished the night as the high scorer for St. Josephs, scoring 28 points on a 8-13 performance from the field.

Hodges Smith finished the night with 19 points and three rebounds for St. Joseph's.

The Cougars will travel to Evansville to play Southern Indiana at 7:30 p.m. on December 9.



Sheri McWhirter/Alestl

SIUE swingman Tim Rose (right) looks to pass to Mustafa Cetin against St. Joseph's College.

WOMEN'S-

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Sarah Larson finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

IUPU-Fort Wayne was led by Trish Fleming who scored 32 point in 37 minutes of play.

"We knew going in that Fleming was a player we would have to key in on," Hedberg said. "Unfortunately we were unable to contain her."

The Lady Cougars were also unable to fight off a final charge by the Mastodons and were defeated to put their record at 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the GLVC.

"We told our players it's not time to panic," Hedberg said. "There is a lot of season left and a lot of games to play."

The Lady Cougars also took on the Lady Pumas of St. Joseph's College at home.

St. Joseph's proved to be no match for the Lady Cougars losing 84-37.

Clark led the way with 19 points, going 6 for 11 from the field.

Sarah Cook scored 13 points

and grabbed seven rebounds.

Coach Hedberg again got productive play from her bench.

Megan Grizzle scored 12 points and blocked two shots.

Freshman Kristin Boss finished the night with 10 points and pulled down nine rebounds.

Again, the Lady Cougars out-rebounded their opponent 51-39.

"We have done a great job on the boards so far this year," Hedberg said. "It is really the key to getting out and running the floor."

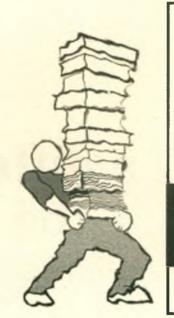
Another statisite that proved to be a deciding factor in Lady Puma loss was their inability to create plays, they were only able to convert three assists.

The lone highlight for the struggling Lady Pumas was guard Erin Sampsel who scored 10 points, the only St. Joseph's player to finish in double digits.

The loss puts the Lady Pumas at 0-2 in the GLVC and 0-6 overall.

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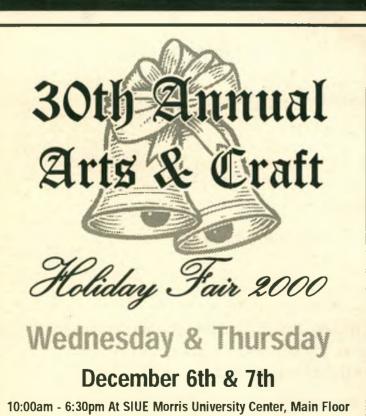
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Open Basketball	M/W/C	Jan. 17	Jan. 18	Jan. 24	League	Wednesday	7:00 pm	SFC Cts. 1 & 2	\$20.00	\$20.00
Indoor Soccer	M/W/C	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Feb. 5	League	Monday	5:00 pm	SFC Court #4	\$20.00	\$20.00
Roller Hockey	M/W	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 8	League	Thursday	5:00 pm	SFC Court #4	\$20.00	\$20.00
Hot Shot Contest	M/W	At Event	N/A	Feb. 5 & 6	Contest	Mon. & Tues.	4:00 - 5:30 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N/A
Free Throw Contest	M/W	At Event	N/A	Feb. 12 & 13	Contest	Mon. & Tues.	4:00 - 5:30 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N/A
3 Point Shootout	M/W	At Event	N/A	Feb. 14 & 15	Contest	Wed. & Thurs.	4:00 - 5:00 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N/A
9-Ball Tournament	M/W	At Event	At Event	Feb. 27	Tournament	Tuesday	6:00 pm	MUC Rec Center	Free	N/A
Walleybail	Coed	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	League	Thursday	5:00 pm	VC Racquetball Ct.	\$10.00	\$20.00
Bowling	Open	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 4	League	Sunday	TBA	MUC Rec Center	\$5.00	N/A
Volleyball	M/W/C	Mar. 5	Mar. 6	Mar. 19 & 20	League	Mon. & Tues.	6:00 pm	SFC Ct. 2 & 3	\$20.00	\$20.00
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Table Tennis	M/W	Apr. 3	Apr. 4	Apr. 4	Tournament	Wed. & Thurs.	5.00 pm	VC	Free	N/A
Golf Scramble	Open	Apr. 17	N/A	Apr. 25	Scramble	Wednesday	TBA	TBA"	\$20/person	N/A

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