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MetroLink may make stop at SIUE

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

Expansion of MetroLink into Madison County could mean the rail system would be making stops at SIUE.

Members of the Piasa Palisades Group of the Sierra Club and the Bi-State Development Agency talked to residents Tuesday night in the Lovejoy Library about bringing two MetroLink routes into the county. Citizens for Modern Transit are also involved in the project but did not have members present at the meeting.

One MetroLink line would run through Granite City up Illinois Route 3 to Alton. The other would run through Collinsville to the campus. Bi-State Treasurer Ron Jedda said the organizations were looking to run the new lines through highly populated areas of the county.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenneth Neher was at the meeting and said extending the line to SIUE would

be a great benefit to the university.

"We think it's very exciting if it happens," he said. "It opens up another way for students to get here."

Neher said MetroLink would also make it easier for students to get to and from St. Louis. The groups will ask the Madison County Board and Madison County Transit for money to fund a feasibility study for the MetroLink expansion.

When asked by an audience member whether the Madison County Board was interested in the MetroLink expansion, County Board Chairman Alan Dunstan said he could not comment yet.

"I would have to find out what the public wants," Dunstan said. "I'm just trying to get some information."

The groups hope to have a quarter-cent or half-cent tax increase on the Madison County ballot in 2006 to fund the project. Voters rejected a similar plan in 1997.

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— Possible Future Corridors
★ MetroLink Stations

Map courtesy of Citizens for Modern Transit and Alestle Graphics.

University Restaurant relocates



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Several customers stand in line to pay for their meals at the University Restaurant. Renovations on the restaurant began this week. Until they are finished, the restaurant is in the Hackberry Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center. Also during the renovations, the restaurant will not serve menu items, only the salad bar and buffet will be available. The restaurant is scheduled to reopen in its old location in the mid April.

Tampering with smoke detector gets former SIUE student arrested

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE police arrested a former student in Cougar Village Monday for trying to take apart a smoke detector after it went off early in the morning.

"When we got there, he had it off the wall and was attempting to disassemble it with a butter knife," SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison said.

Jonathan Darr, 20, of Alton, is charged with tampering with a smoke detector. Harrison said he did not know why the alarm went

off at about 5:45 a.m.

Darr is not a resident of Cougar Village. He was enrolled at the university in the spring of 2002 as a freshman and lived in a residence hall but has not enrolled since then.

SIUE police and university officials have been on the lookout for anyone tampering with the alarms or fire extinguishers since a Cougar Village fire in October. This is the first arrest since then.

Four students were charged with tampering with a smoke detector after October's fire. They allegedly covered detectors

with clothing, delaying the sounding of the fire alarm. One student and two Edwardsville firefighters were injured.

University Housing Director Michael Schultz issued a letter to students after the October fire saying that any student living on campus found to have tampered with any fire equipment will be kicked out of the housing system.

Though Darr is not living at Cougar Village, Schultz said disciplinary action could be taken against the students who live in the apartment, including removing them from housing.

Technology fair to aid faculty and students

PRASAD NAGARAPU
NEWS STRINGER

The Faculty Technology Center and the Excellence in Learning and Teaching Initiative invite all faculty and students to the SIUE Faculty Technology Fair, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Abbott

Auditorium in the basement of Lovejoy Library.

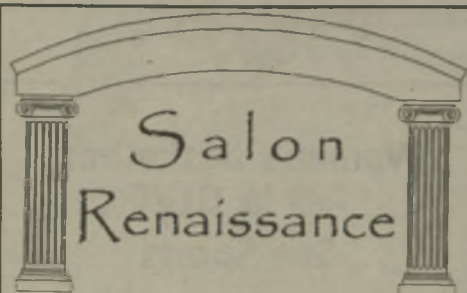
Jennifer Vandever, FTC manager, Cindy Scarsdale, assistant for ELTI and undergraduate assessment and the staff of Lovejoy Library are working hard toward planning the event.

"Faculty Technology Fair

will feature panel discussions, poster presentations, workshops and vendor booths," Vandever said.

"The main focus of our program is on any aspect of using technology or multimedia in the classroom. We're trying to raise awareness of the available technology and share with our

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Kyle Anderson, Legislative Aid

To State Representative Jay Hoffman

Board Room, MUC

1/28/03

Module 12, 6:30 p.m.

Goal Setting & Delegating Effectively

James Slater

Tri-City Youth Compact

SIUE

Board Room, MUC

2/4/03

Module 3, 2:00 p.m.

Community Service Opportunities & Responsibilities

Paulyn Snyder, Holy Angels Shelter

Cherie Hambleton, Campus Ministries, SIUE

Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, Asst. Director, SLDP

Board Room MUC

2/4/03

Module 13, 6:30 p.m.

Effective Meetings

David Heth, Director

Financial Affairs, SIUE

Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

January 25 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL

January 25 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL

January 25 - Winter Dance, (location TBA)

January 28-30 - Voter Registration Drive, Morris University Center

February 8 - One Day Urban Plunge, E. St. Louis, IL

February 8 - St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL

February 8 - Open Gym, Fairmont City, IL

February 18-20 - Civic Engagement Week

February 22 - Medical Fair, Fairmont City, IL

Stephen Covey's *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* begins January 23

For more information

contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686

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Employee of the month



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Holly Schott works at her desk as she smiles for a picture in the Office of Information Technology in Dunham Hall.

NICOLE GAUDREAU

MANAGING EDITOR

Holly Schott, application analyst for the Office of Information Technology, is the employee of the month for January.

Suzanne Romano, manager of systems development and support, nominated Schott. Schott and Romano work in the same office.

"She used to run our old

student identification system and now that we have a new system, she has helped out a lot and put in so much time and extra hours researching the new system," Romano said.

Schott was nominated due to her strong work ethic and all the hard work she put in to help her co-workers.

"Everything ran so smoothly because of her in-depth job of researching," Romano said. "She

just did everything well. She made everything happen."

Schott was very surprised to be selected for the award.

"I thought it was nice of them to do and write all of those nice things in the letter," Schott said.

Schott was awarded a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to the Morris University Center Bookstore and an up-close parking spot for one month.

Honor society holds essay competition

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The SIUE chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is holding its annual undergraduate essay competition with submissions due Saturday, Feb. 1.

Papers are limited to one per student. They may be on any topic and may be from among those submitted to other competitions or used to fulfill

class requirements. Criteria for judging are clarity of writing, organization, originality and creativity, content and documentation. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 are to be awarded on Honors Day for first, second and third place, respectively.

"Submissions are to be essays or research papers, which can be understood by a lay audience," Wendy Shaw,

communications officer for the SIUE chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, said. "There are a lot of excellent writers on campus," she added.

For more information about Phi Kappa Phi at SIUE, see www.siu.edu/PKP. Entries and questions may be submitted to Linda Carlisle, Lovejoy Library, Campus Box 1063, Lovejoy Library 2101. Call extension 2423 for questions by phone.

In case of snow, better know where to go

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

In the event of inclement weather, students, faculty and staff can find out if school is canceled by listening to 88.7

WSIE-FM or logging onto the SIUE Web site at www.siu.edu or by calling Meridian voice mailbox on school closing.

Another campus Web site, www.siu.edu/CWIS/weather.html

gives information on surrounding areas.

More information can also be found on the weather by tuning into local television and radio stations.

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METROLINK

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Christine Favilla of the Sierra Club stressed this is only an idea-forming stage. She said nothing is concrete yet and won't be until after the feasibility study, which could take three years.

"The study might find both of those (routes) ridiculous and propose other routes," she said.

Favilla said her group will speak to several municipalities and organizations to garner interest for the project.

The Sierra Club is pushing for the expansion because of environmental and social welfare benefits. A pamphlet distributed

by the organization said people could save more than \$3,000 per year by riding MetroLink and the rail system lessens air pollution by decreasing the number of vehicles on the road.

Jedda focused his points on relieving congestion on highways in the area, especially ones crossing the Mississippi River, and bringing development to the areas around MetroLink stations.

Favilla said there will be another informational meeting at the Madison City Council at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Madison City Hall.

FAIR

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faculty what others around campus are doing in the classroom. Students are welcome, but really, the focus is on the faculty," Vandever said.

Iris Stovall, director of the Illinois Online Network, will be the keynote speaker.

"This is the first attempt we had at a technology fair and I think it will be a good day," Scarsdale said.

"What we'd like to see is anyone out there teaching classes who wants to know how to use technology in classrooms and share ideas. We will definitely have a nice time at the fair."

There will also be a poster

presentation for the faculty.

Whoever has the best poster will win a digital camera valued at \$300. Vendor booths will have products on display.

Participating vendors include Apple, Boise, Gateway Computers, Gateway Audio-Visual Inc., Modern Communications, Omnitech, Prentice Hall, Schiller's Imaging, Software International, Tangent, Texas Instruments, VMI and the SIUE Office of Information Technology.

Each vendor will award attendance prizes to faculty members at the end of the event.

Police incidents

Traffic

01/02/03

Police issued a citation to Jonathan G. Fowler for disobeying a traffic signal on East University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Danielle C. Troha for disobeying a traffic device on East University Drive.

01/03/03

Police arrested Kah Kiat Chay for driving with a suspended license and disobeying a stop sign.

Police issued a citation to Mihia L. Henderson for disobeying a stop sign and having no proof of insurance.

01/04/03

Police issued a citation to Louis C. Hansen on South University Drive for expired registration.

Police issued a citation to Julie A. Stewart on South University Drive for not having valid registration.

Police issued a citation to Michael V. Kremer for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Patrick O'Neil for speeding on North University Drive.

01/05/03

Police issued a citation to Keyonna L. Alexander for not having proof of insurance.

01/06/03

Police issued a citation to Patrick R. Oneill for speeding on University Drive.

01/08/03

Police issued a citation to Mazin A. Alsinan for speeding on South University Drive.

01/09/03

Police issued a citation to Ronald G. Baggett for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Darrick M. Hibbler for speeding on South University Drive.

01/10/03

Police issued a citation to Chadra A. Williams for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Karyn J. Robinson on South

University Drive for having expired registration.

Police issued citations to Lemas P. Mitchell for disobeying a stop sign on Stadium Drive and having no proof of insurance.

Police issued a citation to Anthony A. Martin for speeding on South University Drive.

01/11/03

Police issued a citation to Glenn R. Williams for speeding on Poag Road.

Police issued a citation to Ryan M. Rials for speeding on Poag Road.

01/12/03

Police issued a citation to Nicole M. Gansert on University Drive for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Theft

01/13/03

Police arrested Kevin S. Werner for theft under \$300. He posted bond and was released.

Coffee House Showcase

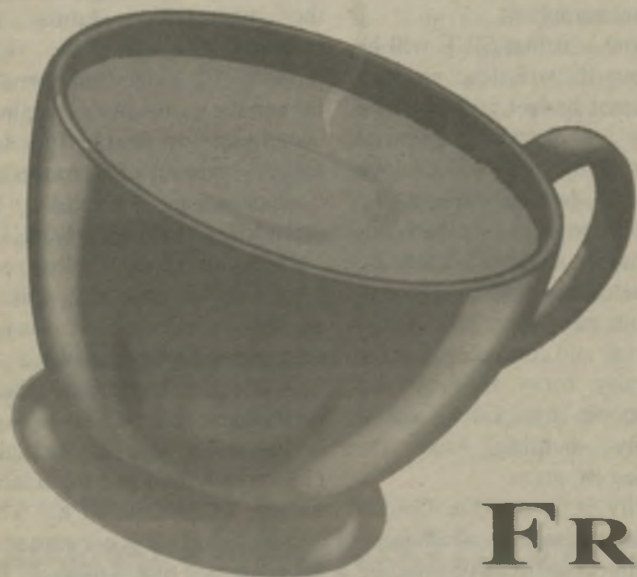
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A l e s t l e

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2003 ◆

From the Editor

President Bush denounces policy not unlike the one that got him into Yale



Omigosh, President George W. Bush denounced affirmative action when he declared the University of Michigan's practice of increasing racial and ethnic diversity unconstitutional.

He claims to believe diversity is a good thing, yet he is unwilling to support that which promotes it. Where I am from, we call that talking the talk, but not walking the walk.

Am I surprised? Not even. After all, this same guy refused to sign a hate-crimes bill. This same guy wants to deny women their reproductive rights. If I am surprised at anything, it is not his style, but his timing.

Bush is asking thousands of people, many of whom are young, gifted minorities to risk their lives to settle a personal vendetta.

Yes, I said it. He wants to send our best and brightest to fight a battle his daddy won 12 years ago.

History has clearly shown that a colorblind America will never happen. Americans will only realize a colorblind society if we were all the same color. The proliferation of interracial marriages today may make that happen sooner than we will realize a truly pluralistic society. Nevertheless, it matters not what strides we make toward equality and colorblindness, 30 years or so later, whatever bills, laws or acts that are made are overturned by something else. The 13th Amendment made slavery illegal in 1865, the 14th Amendment guaranteed equal protection under the law in 1868 and the 15th Amendment in 1870 forbade racial discrimination with regard to voting. Then in 1896, the case of Plessy versus Ferguson became the undo button, which initiated years of blatant discrimination with the "Black Codes", grandfather clauses and Jim Crow Laws and upheld a separate-but-equal doctrine. We will forever be at the mercy of the whims of the political powers that be.

The actual phrase affirmative action was used first in President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 Executive Order 11246. It required federal contractors to ensure employees were hired and treated without regard to their race, creed, color or national

origin. In 1967, Johnson expanded his order to include women.

Much opposition to affirmative action is framed on the grounds of so-called reverse discrimination and the fact that most people confuse affirmative action with the establishment of quotas.

The term "quota" has, does and will continue to bring harsh feelings on both sides of the affirmative action lines. Quotas, even with all the attached negativity, are not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, if used correctly, a quota can be an important management tool.

Hiring people who are qualified and who fall under the affirmative action plan is good business. Take golfer Tiger Woods. Today more youth and minorities are playing golf than ever before, thanks largely to Nike and Woods. They both advertise in the minority communities and let's just be honest, minorities pay more attention to an ad featuring Woods, than David Duvall, who until mid-June 1999 was the No. 1-ranked golfer in the world. Woods did not get where he is today because the golf world had to fill a quota, but because of his talent.

Ideally, we should not need quotas. However, we do not live

in an ideal world and if establishing quotas is what it takes to level the playing field, then let the quotas proliferate.

In the National Basketball Association, where most of the talent is from black players, why is it that white ticket buyers are demanding more white players? I am not trying to say white men can't jump, but what is up with Greg Ostertag? He is only taking up 7 feet 3 inches of space. Ostertag might score four points a game. Here is a man who is clearly on the team because the largely Mormon, largely white Utah population has a need to see more white faces.

Affirmative action was meant to give opportunity where it had previously been denied.

Affirmative action and yes, even quotas, have existed for white people since the beginning of time, so why not nonwhites? Most know it as nepotism, the "it's not what you know, but who you know" system, the good ol' boys network and legacy admissions. Bush himself skated into Yale Law School not by his own efforts, but by riding on his daddy's coattails. What is he afraid of, a minority from the University of Michigan becoming president?

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief

Viewpoints

Gov. Ryan may have change of heart



How do we make sense of former Illinois Gov. George Ryan?

While it would be unfair to convict him without a trial, the available evidence seems to indicate that Ryan spent most of his career as a petty and corrupt politician.

When I first moved here and heard why Ryan was in trouble, I was stunned. As far as what other corrupt public officials have done, it wasn't even particularly interesting or evil. It was banal and petty. It seems the height of foolishness that a high state public official would risk it all by

selling driver's licenses. It seems like the type of offense that someone stuck in a dead-end job at the local Department of Motor Vehicles office would do. Please note that I am not implying that work at the DMV is necessarily a dead-end job. The Illinois DMV offers many exciting career opportunities for ambitious people! Visit the Web site today!

Yet, we have to reconcile the possibility that a petty, banal man is the same person who has been lavishly praised recently by such renowned world figures as the pope and the secretary-general of the United Nations. I just saw where he's even appeared publicly with the person to whom most of the world turns in time of crisis for great moral guidance. I'm talking about Oprah!

But all kidding aside, in the interest of fair disclosure, I am unalterably opposed to the death penalty. I stood with others in downtown St. Louis last winter when Missouri executed James Johnson.

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Letters to the Editor

Dean Lessen balling on our budget

Dear Editor,

Over break I was watching a local news report, and from it I learned that the dean of the School of Education at SIUE, Elliott Lessen, would be using budget money to renovate his campus office. My anger and irritation at this action have prompted me to write an informal complaint.

How is it that SIUE will be dropping its wrestling program because of budget problems and Lessen is allowed to waste money to make his office look "prettier"? Is it not the goal of a university to focus on the needs of its paying students? There are 21 athletes who will be forced to drop out of a sport they enjoy practicing and competing, but the university turns it eyes and pocketbook from caring and/or possibly helping out the wrestling program.

Why is it that the Cougar Village apartments, which have been subject to fire, with building 428 and its residents being the

most recent victims, are quickly forgotten? Students who live in Cougar Village either do so out of necessity or desire. How much longer will students want to live on a campus that ignores the plight of innocent victims? The residents of 428 are forced to suffer with lost possessions such as mementos, clothing and apartment furnishings because the university claims no responsibility for the lost property. I understand that the university cannot replace everything lost in the fire, but some type of monetary compensation should be extended. Unfortunately, SIUE once again turns a blind eye toward its students and, instead, allows one of its deans to waste money to refurbish his office.

This university has greater needs than one man's desire to sit in an office that aesthetically pleases only him and the limited visitors he permits to it. This university says it is committed to the education of its students.

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Letters

BUDGET

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What about redirecting the extra money the School of Education seems to have and using it to fund more class choices for students? I know, as an English literature major, I would enjoy a wider variety of classes in literature from other parts of the world. I am sure the same goes for any other student.

This subject may seem trivial to the personal lives of many students on campus. However, it affects all of us -- students and faculty alike.

I am urging Lessen to rethink his plan for using this school's money to beautify his office. I

am also hoping that my voice is not the only one heard. Other students do not need to be lackadaisical about this issue.

Please say something and do something about this frivolous use of our money that we give to this campus.

We pay SIUE to further our education, not to further a dean's personal and selfish need for a nicer office.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rennie
Senior
English

Viewpoints

RYAN

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I rejoiced when federal courts delivered two body blows to the death penalty last year. I truly believe one day we will join the rest of the civilized world and look at the centuries during which we executed people in the same way we look at the centuries in which we enslaved people -- with a mixture of bemusement and disgust.

I do view the actions of political people cynically. I had to concede a point last week when a conservative friend of mine pointed out the likelihood that Ryan made his big move to put off a possible indictment with a big show of public morality.

I will admit this is a possibility, but a few things work against it being so. First of all, his pardons and commutations have not been universally admired.

I've read a whole passel of letters to editors taking issue with his move. Ryan could have done something more popular to endear himself to people.

Second, I observe people a lot and I have scrutinized the public statements on this issue by Ryan. He seems genuinely sincere.

Third, this column has always been about pushing the envelope and the implications of Ryan being sincerely motivated to do the right thing are simply a lot more interesting.

I ask you all to consider the case of Oskar Schindler. Schindler, as we all know from the Spielberg film, was a money-grubbing businessman who apparently spent his life without any humanitarian concerns. Yet, he needed people to work at his factories.

Polish Jews were handy because the war had seriously drawn down the number of people who could work at his factories. It was a slow process, but Schindler came to realize his

nation was committing a grave sin. So, he employed as many Jews as he could to save their lives.

I submit that with Ryan, we have another Schindler. I submit the possibility that Ryan came to realize the injustice of the death penalty and did all he could to get rid of this blight.

Maybe it's the case that with some people, decency is a lifelong habit and that others save all their decency up for one moment in which they have to do the right thing and do so in a big way.

At the core of my humanistic philosophy is the bedrock belief that the best of us aren't so good and the worst of us aren't so bad. Though I am not a Christian, I find some resonance with Paul's words in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." To me this means we are all morally imperfect and will always be so. I have also kept enough of my Lutheran upbringing to also believe that we are saved by grace through faith alone. My philosophy interprets this to mean that we can find redemption by placing our faith in doing what is good and decent and place ourselves in a state of grace.

Make no mistake, if Ryan is guilty of corrupt acts, he should be tried and punished. But, if he has truly found the decency to commit a great act of mercy, then, maybe, he will dig deeper and truly find redemption by admitting any wrongdoing on his part.

Maybe that's what we can learn from George Ryan and Oskar Schindler. But are we truly ready to live with the implications of their acts?

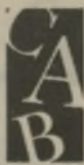
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Lifestyle

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Annual trivia night event draws crowd *FOTAD raises money for scholarships and entertains students*

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

SIUE's Friends of Theater and Dance raised hundreds of dollars during its annual Trivia Night while simultaneously challenging and entertaining students.

The James F. Metcalf Theater was filled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, with almost 150 participants and onlookers testing their mental skills against challengers.

"It was a great time, and we had a good turnout," Greg Conroy, president of FOTAD said. "The night gave participants a good chance to be social and test their trivia skills."

Testing trivia skills proved to be an understatement. FOTAD members served up questions ranging from this year's crop of Grammy-nominated artists to obscure

terms of commonly known body parts.

Overall, the night was a success, netting a significant amount of money for performing arts scholarships, Conroy said.

"We charged \$10 per person, and after prize money, giveaways and other expenses, we can expect there to be approximately \$1,000 going toward scholarships for performance majors," Conroy said.

According to the organization's Web site, FOTAD is a membership organization devoted to promoting and supporting the arts of theater and dance, as taught and performed at SIUE.

FOTAD sponsors other fundraising events throughout the year, including the popular "Season For The Child" series, co-sponsored with the Bank of Edwardsville, and a mystery dinner theater, scheduled

annually in November.

Organization memberships range from \$15 to \$500, and include benefits such as special behind-the-scenes programs and advance previews on designated productions.

Although Trivia Night is an annual event, Conroy urged those who had never been to an event like it to come and check it out when FOTAD next advertises the Trivia Night. Students should also check out the other FOTAD events offered.

"If you've never been (to a trivia night), it's a lot of fun," Conroy said. "Even if you don't win any money, it's still a great chance to meet people and learn new things."

For more information on upcoming FOTAD events or how to become a member, call 650-2773.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Left to right, Katie O'Connell, Joseph Garner, Kerry Shaul and Johnalan Norris enjoy the FOTAD Trivia Night Wednesday.

Comics



Irregardless - And a Happy New Year



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THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Super Bowl fans will watch Sunday as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers do battle with the Oakland Raiders. Kickoff is approximately at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on ABC.

For those who want to take full advantage of the weekend, there are various other events to attend besides football.

Two new movies are scheduled to open Friday and for

those who have not seen "Chicago" yet, run, don't walk to the nearest theater.

The film version of the hit musical "Chicago" stars Catherine-Zeta Jones, Renee Zellweger, Richard Gere, Queen Latifah and Taye Diggs. Running time is one hour 40 minutes and the movie is rated PG-13 for slight sexual content and violence.

The much-hyped horror and suspense thriller "Darkness Falls" hits theaters this weekend. Chaney Kley plays a man with a

troubled past who returns to his hometown to save his longtime love, and her younger brother from a century-old evil force.

Even though the movie carries a mild PG-13 rating for brief profanity and violent imagery, trailers and ads for the film promise to thrill audiences, despite the relatively unknown cast.

On the lighter side, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" opens Friday to nationwide audiences.



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Raiders coach, Bill Callahan, left, will face off against Bucs coach Jon Gruden Sunday. Gruden and Callahan are longtime friends and coached together at Oakland last season.



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'Chicago,' top, continues in theaters nationwide after a successful showing at the Golden Globe Awards. 'Darkness Falls,' lower left, rated PG-13, opens Friday. 'Confessions of a Dangerous Mind,' lower right, marks George Clooney's directorial debut in The film is based on the biography of game-show host and creator Chuck Barris.

"Confessions," a comedy/drama based on the memoirs of former game-show host and self-described government agent Chuck Barris, played by Sam Rockwell, puts an interesting spin on what Barris would have people believe is his real-life story.

George Clooney appears in and directs the film. Julia Roberts, Drew Barrymore and Fred Savage also appear in supporting roles. The film clocks in at one hour 53 minutes and is rated R for violence, language and sexual content.

For entertainment close to campus, Level X, less than a 10-minute car ride from campus at 115 Bluff Road, offers fun for club goers. The rap/hip-hop

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Elsewhere, the cure for winter blues can come in the form of the St. Louis Blues. The Blues and the visiting Dallas Stars will do battle for the division lead at 7 p.m. Saturday. Free St. Louis Blues team yearbooks will be given to the first 15,000 fans. Tickets are still available through Ticketmaster and run from \$15 to \$90.

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Comedian brings jokes and laughs to SIUE

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Backed by a thin red curtain, comedian Sonya White stood in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge at 5 p.m. Tuesday, conversing with a psychology major as part of her act.

"So you're a psychology major, huh?" White said. "Stick around. I'm going to need a session after the show."

White was the featured performer of the Campus Activities Board-sponsored Comedy Night. White has been doing comedy for 12 years, performing

across the country and has been featured on a range of television networks, such as Comedy Central and HBO.

White's stand-up routine, which included sexual innuendoes and amusing takes on growing up in southern Virginia, managed to attract a crowd of

approximately 20 students, as well as the attention of passers-by.

The act dissolved into an impromptu question-and-answer session with the audience, which fueled White's humorously self-deprecating routine. No subject or person was off-limits.

After the show, White stressed the importance of giving a good performance, regardless of audience size.

"An audience, small or large, deserves a good show," White said. "I'm just trying to make sure everyone has a good time, and I want everyone to feel at home. I just want everyone to escape for one hour before it's back to the books."

While she enjoys stand-up comedy, White's long-term goal is to bring her act to the small screen.

"Hopefully, I'll be starring in my own variety show on

television," White said. "In season, that is. Out of season, I'll be laying on the beach somewhere, listening to reggae music."

Audience members, such as visitor James Wilcox, enjoyed the show.

"She was pretty entertaining," Wilcox said. "I think that the people who stayed were treated to a good show."

Others, such as freshman Brittany Jaymes, disagreed.

"She died a pretty mean death up there," Jaymes said. "I caught a couple minutes of it, but I was pretty disappointed by it - so I left."

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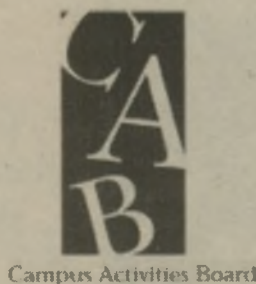
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Sports Quote of the Day

"Golf. A game in which one endeavors to control a ball with implements ill adapted for the purpose."

-Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States of America

Coming up

The men's and women's basketball teams play host to Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent Quincy University Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

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Wrestling team survives rough road trip

SIUE set to face Oklahoma Saturday

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

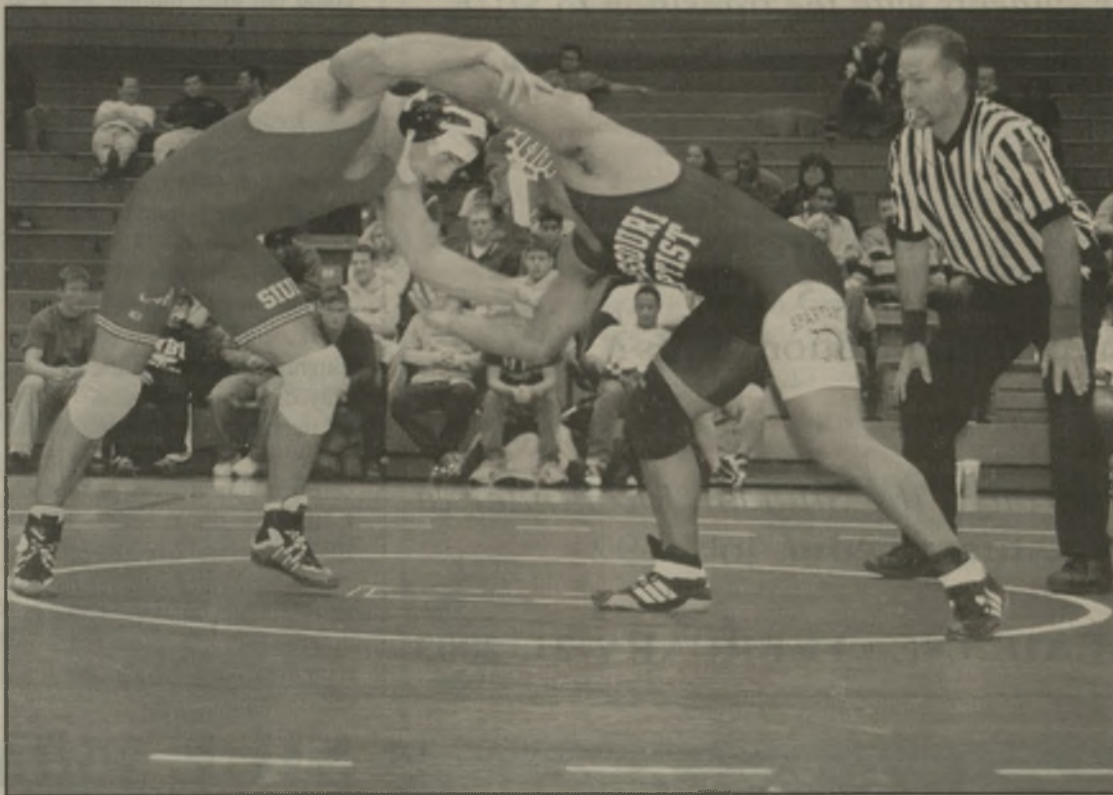
While the SIUE wrestling team struggled with injuries and a tough schedule of matches, senior Zach Stephens continued to roll, collecting wins in all four of the Cougars' dual meets last week.

The Cougars started by traveling to Marshall, Mo., Wednesday to take on the Missouri Valley College Vikings.

The Cougars fell 42-3 as a team, with Stephens picking up the lone win, defeating Keil Giese by a score of 6-2.

Forfeits played a role in the final score.

"We just didn't have all the weight classes, so we were down from the very beginning with forfeits," head coach Booker Benford said. "It changed the match."



Senior 174-pounder Zach Stephens, shown above in a match against Missouri Baptist College earlier this season, racks up one of his 19 wins this season.

The Cougars also had to forfeit weight classes in their next three matches against the Hoosiers of Indiana University, the Eagles of Eastern Michigan University and the Greyhounds of the University of Indianapolis

Saturday.

SIUE started out Saturday by traveling to Bloomington, Ind., to wrestle Indiana and Eastern Michigan.

While Stephens collected two more wins, the team fell to

Indiana 43-3 and lost to Eastern Michigan 46-3.

"Indiana was just a high level of wrestling," junior heavyweight Aaron Weins said. "You weren't going to get away with mistakes."

Benford admitted the level of wrestling needed to win was missing.

"The guys just didn't look sharp or ready to execute," Benford said. "You cannot expect to win if you don't execute."

Following the losses, the team had to regroup and travel to Indianapolis for its third match of the day.

Although the team lost 35-9, Benford was happy with the improved intensity and overall performance of the team.

"We regrouped after the tough losses against Indiana and Eastern Michigan," Benford said. "Everyone showed more intensity and we started to click as a team."

Sophomores Alec Lininger and Matt Oliva joined Stephens in the win column with three close scores.

"They stayed tough," Benford said. "It was good to see them all get a win."

Next up for SIUE is a match against the Bronchos of Central Oklahoma University and the Panthers of Eastern Illinois University at 6 p.m. Friday at the Vadalabene Center.

Women's basketball team is one win shy of .500 mark

Cougars are 4-5 in the GLVC, 8-8 overall

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After delving further into its Great Lakes Valley Conference schedule last weekend, the SIUE women's basketball team will try to gain ground with two contests this week.

SIUE dropped to sixth in the conference after losing to St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., last Thursday.

St. Joseph's converted on 86.4 percent of its shots from the free-throw line and recorded 22 points off rebounds in the Pumas' seventh win of the season.

Meanwhile, SIUE senior center Megan Grizzle went 7-for-7 on field goals and led the Cougars with 15 points.

Junior guard LaKesha Cole followed up with 14 points and was successful on three of five three-pointers.

After tying the game up at 23, the Pumas gained the lead on a jumper by senior guard Whitney Avery at two minutes 56 seconds of the first half, and the Pumas never looked back.

The Cougars were within two points, 63-61, with under four minutes remaining in the second half but couldn't finish off the comeback and suffered a 78-70 loss.

It took an overtime period, but the Cougars rebounded with a 65-59 win against University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday.

Playing a team high 42 minutes, freshman guard Amber Wisdom helped the Cougars to a

win with 12 points, three assists and four steals.

Senior forward Ruth Kipping contributed six rebounds and 11 points while recording one of the team's two blocks in the contest.

The Cougars doubled up the Rangers in points in the paint, 28-14, and outscored them 7-0 in second chance points.

In a close first half, SIUE held the largest lead, 17-11, just 10 minutes into the game. UWP tied the game up for the fifth time at 33 apiece with two minutes remaining before junior guard Sarah Schweers hit a three-pointer to give the Cougars the lead 36-35 going into halftime.

The second half proved to be just as close, with both teams tying the score up three more times.

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Senior forward Ruth Kipping, looking for the pass, above, pumped in 11 points in SIUE's 65-59 overtime victory against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday.

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Men's basketball moves to No. 8 in conference

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's basketball team climbed to No. 8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, slipping past the St. Joseph's College Pumas 81-78 before losing to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers 70-53.

Head coach Marty Simmons said it was good to see his team come out after trailing 38-39 to the Pumas at halftime and close out the game late in the second half.

Junior guard Ron Jones was a key component in the Cougars' second-half efforts, exploding for 15 of his 30 points after the break.

"He had been a little sick and missed practice one day last week, and he showed some toughness when he came out and played," Simmons said. "I am asking him to do some things that he has not been asked to do in his career in this offense. As a coach I have to do a better job of finding ways to free him up."

Jones didn't roll off half as many points against a Ranger defense that held the Cougars to their second lowest point total this season.

The Rangers were led by junior guard Dean Pogodzinski, who lit up the Cougar defense by knocking down four of six three-point field goals, and senior forward Quincey Moman, who did the dirty work on the inside, collecting 21 points and two offensive rebounds.

"They are a tough team to guard," Simmons said. "We did not do a good job of pressuring Pogodzinski's shots, and we had breakdowns that enabled him to get open."

"Moman can beat you in a lot of different ways," he added. "If you allow him to get the ball deep, he will score. He also got some buckets on the offensive glass when we did not block out."

Despite the loss, Simmons said his team still came out with their heads up.

"The thing that I was most pleased with after our loss on Saturday night was that the guys came in eager to practice and to get better (the next day)," Simmons said.

"We have to take things one game at a time and try to improve."

The Cougars started the week with a conference record of 3-6 and an overall record of 7-8 going into their game against Lincoln University Wednesday.

SIUE softball team to offer clinics for youth

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE softball team is gearing up to offer its annual pitching and hitting clinics.

The pitching clinic will be divided into beginner and advanced sessions. To enroll in the advanced session, players must have at least two years of experience with a traveling softball team or pitching for their high school varsity team.

The beginner session for pitching will cover basic mechanics, control corrections, improvement drills and the change-up while the advanced session will cover mechanical improvements, increasing speed and setting up batters. The advanced session will also cover a variety of pitches.

The hitting clinic will be divided into two sessions. The first session will be for girls in grades six through eight, and the

second session will be for grades nine through 12.

Each hitting session will cover basic hitting corrections, bunting, slapping, offensive strategies and mechanics for improved swinging.

SIUE head coach Sandy Montgomery said that bats will be made available during the hitting clinic, but those attending the clinic are encouraged to bring their own.

The pitching sessions will be Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Vadalabene Center. The beginner session will start at 1 p.m., and the advanced session will follow at 3 p.m.

The hitting clinic will be Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Vadalabene Center. The first session is set to start at noon and the second session follows at 2 p.m.

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SIUE tied the game for the final time, at 57 all, on a jumper by senior forward Liz DeShasier off a rebound by Kipping with one minute 32 seconds left to send the game into overtime.

The Cougars took the early lead in overtime and outscored the Rangers 8-2 in the extra period to clinch the win.

SIUE started things off this week on the road Tuesday in Oakland City, Ind.

The Cougars used a strong first half to push past the Lady Oaks of Oakland City University.

SIUE took the lead early in the half and increased its lead to 43-14 by halftime. The Lady Oaks continued to trail in the second half, coming their closest to catching the Cougars in the final minutes.

The Cougars never let the Lady Oaks come closer than 14 points throughout the contest and eventually claimed the win 66-52.

The early lead allowed for substitutions later in the game for the Cougars.

"It was definitely good to see those girls who practice everyday and work hard get to go in the game," assistant coach Lee Green said. "They don't get the opportunity to play that often, and with our early lead, they did well for us."

With its spot in the conference on the line again, SIUE will play a crucial game against Quincy University Saturday. The Hawks are fourth in the GLVC with a 6-3 conference record and are 12-4 overall.

"If we win on Saturday we'll be at 5-5 in the conference and back to the .500 level," Green said. "We're chasing the team ahead of us right now, and Saturday will probably be one of the biggest games for us yet."

SIUE's game against Quincy will be at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

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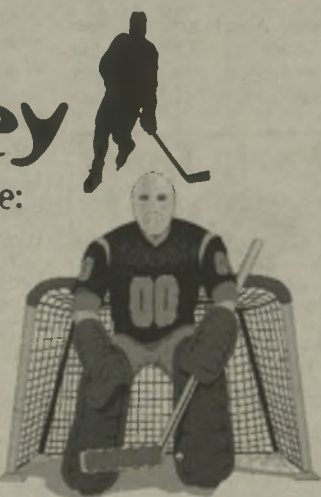
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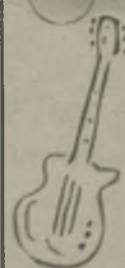
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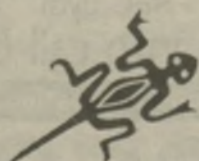


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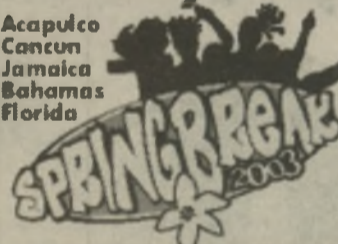
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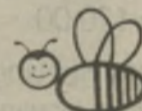
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