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Hit-and-run driver tracked down by police

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

The SIUE custodial worker who hit a student in a crosswalk last week and drove away told police he didn't realize he struck the student, but thought the student kicked the truck he was driving.

Floyd Frey was given a citation for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk Friday.

"He thought she was mad that he was in the crosswalk and struck his vehicle," SIUE Police Capt. Gina Hays said.

The student, a 20-year-old female, told police the university vehicle struck her in the crosswalk and drove away. She

suffered only bruising on a shoulder.

Hays said police found the vehicle, a white Dodge pickup truck with a black lift gate on the back, and its driver and brought them to the student who was struck. Hays said the student could not positively identify the truck or driver.

Hays said Frey was cooperative and told police his version of the incident. The case has been turned over to Human Resources for a disciplinary investigation.

Hays also said the case could be turned over to the Madison County State's Attorney's Office for review.

Former governor's job list stirs up controversy

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

Southern Illinois University Trustee Gene Callahan is on a list of people who asked former Gov. George Ryan to find friends jobs for the state. That list is being used as evidence in the corruption trial of Ryan's Chief of Staff Scott Fawell.

Fawell is accused of using state employees do work for Ryan's campaigns on state time and using state equipment while Ryan was secretary of state.

The 20-page list includes hundreds of names of people who asked Ryan to find friends or family members jobs. Callahan asked Ryan to find jobs for two friends while Ryan was secretary of state.

The practice is not illegal and is common in government. What are uncommon are the detailed records Fawell kept on the requests.

"The only difference here is Fawell wanted to keep track of favors," Callahan said.

Callahan worked extensively with Illinois government as an assistant press secretary for former Gov. Samuel Shapiro, press secretary and administrative assistant for former Lt. Gov. Paul Simon and

as chief of staff for former Treasurer, Secretary of State and U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon.

Callahan said he was helping good people find jobs, something he said he does all the time, when he recommended Ryan find jobs for Steve Logue and Verne Eyre in the 1990s.

"I make no apologies for trying to help someone," Callahan said. "My idea in politics and life is you help your friends and quality people all that you ethically can. I'm 69 and if I could help someone every day for the rest of my life I would find it gratifying."

While Eyre did get a state job, Callahan said Fawell never returned calls about Logue and Logue later got a job working for the city of Springfield.

"Fawell was notorious for not returning calls," Callahan said. "The courts will prove whether Fawell is a crook or not, but I know he was a terrible public servant when it came to returning phone calls."

Callahan said Eyre's job with the state board of elections was abolished and he needed about two years to qualify for a state pension when Callahan gave his name to Ryan. Logue was employed but looking for a better job.

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Flags at half-staff to honor lives lost



NICOLE GAUDREAU/ALESTLE

Flags on campus were lowered to half-staff Monday due to the Columbia Space Shuttle tragedy. Seven lives were lost in the explosion nearly 17 years after the Challenger was lost.

International Week invites all

PRASAD NAGARAPU
NEWS STRINGER

The International Student Council and Campus Activities Board invite all students, faculty and staff to the annual SIUE campus tradition of International Week and Night.

This year's theme of "Towards Global Unity" will be presented from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the

countries represented are India, China, Korea, France, Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, Uzbekistan and countries from Africa. Also featured during the week is international entertainment from around the world.

Special guest for the program is Javier Mendoza who will perform his Latin musical styling. In addition, there will be martial arts demonstrations from around the globe, African dancers

Soltanshahi, assistant international student adviser and all the international student organizations of SIUE are working the event.

"International Week and Night is one of the biggest events on campus. It is also one of the oldest traditions. It brings together people from different countries and different cultures. It is our way of celebrating life in different parts of the world," Mohammed said.

International Night will be Saturday in the Meridian Ballroom. An International cuisine buffet will be served at 6 p.m. in the Center Court of the MUC. The evening will continue with an international flag show, dance, music and cultural presentations by student organizations at 7 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom and in the MUC. The event will conclude with a fashion show of traditional garments from countries around the world.

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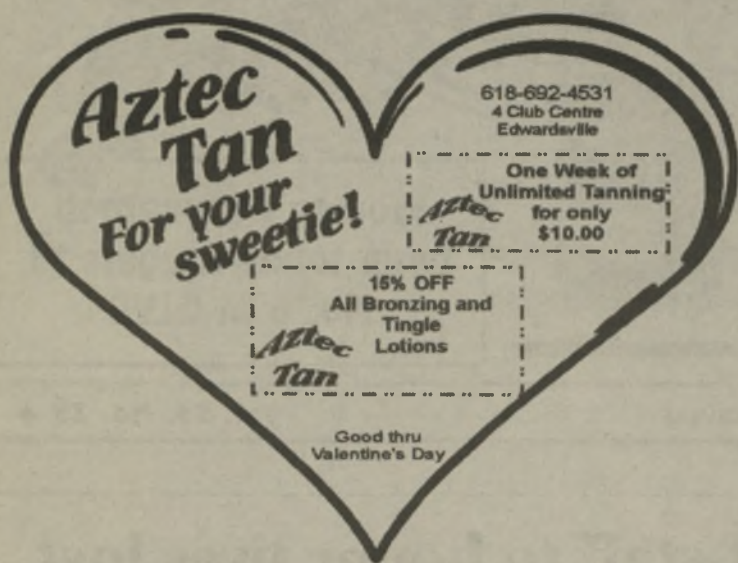
Adil Mohammed

Goshen Lounge, in the Morris University Center.

All international student organizations of SIUE will have booths exhibiting cultural artifacts, books, music and demonstrations representing its respective countries. Some of the

and drummers, belly dancers and a variety of other music.

Adil Mohammed, president of International Student Council and the other ISC members, Lisa M. Ramsey, assistant director of Campus Life and Kimmel Leadership Center, Ali



Maren KLOPPMAN

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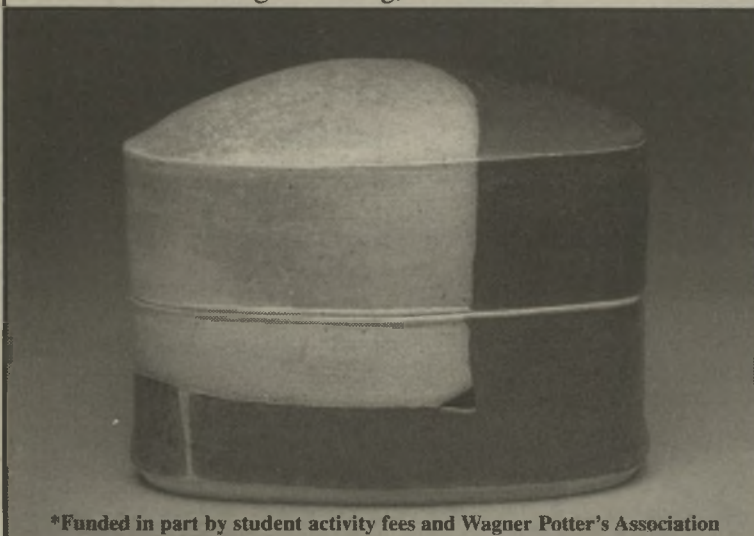
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The Illinois State Police provides a complete listing of registered sex offenders at;

<http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/frames.htm>

Some students called to serve

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

Several students have been called into active military duty since the United States started its military buildup in the Middle East, and university officials are reminding students to take care of school business before leaving rather than after they return.

Dean of Students Randy Rock said he has talked with between 10 and 20 students who have been called to active duty.

"There's been a number," Rock said. "One or two every couple days."

Rock said there is no way to gauge how many students are leaving because some simply withdraw from their classes and do not inform the university as to why.

"If they do contact us, we do try to work with them," Rock said. "We try to support students the best we can in this difficult situation."

Rock said students called into active duty should talk with instructors to see if they can take an incomplete in the class and finish the work later.

"Sometimes an instructor is willing to hold an incomplete until the student gets back and finishes the work," Rock said.

"Some instructors are willing to do that. Others are not."

If the instructor is not willing to give an incomplete, Rock said the administration will work to withdraw the students and re-enroll them when they return from duty. Rock said many students can be accepted into closed classes if they are close to graduation when they return and only need certain classes to graduate. That is up to instructors as well.

Students on financial aid need to make arrangements before leaving as well.

Financial Aid Director Marian Smithson said the U.S. Department of Education usually puts out guidance for universities on how to deal with financial aid and loan issues.

"They would probably put out some statements on loan deferments so you're not eating up your grace period," Smithson said. "Usually the guidance minimizes or eliminates penalties."

When reservists were called up following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of Education put a temporary freeze on loan re-payments, grace periods that had already begun and collections on defaulted loans for those activated. The

department also urged schools to reimburse tuition or provide credits for other students called up.

Smithson said she hasn't seen any releases from the department regarding the recent military call-ups.

Once students return, Smithson said they should be able to get their financial aid reinstated. Although, she said sometimes there is a bit of paperwork involved.

Smithson also said problems students have with financial aid and loans before being activated, such as being on financial aid probation or being in default on a loan, will still be there when they come back.

"You don't escape the situations you created before military service," Smithson said.

The university also helps students returning from active duty find on-campus jobs if they had to leave a job they had before they were called up.

"If they have to leave for military reasons, the university will help them find work again," Smithson said.

Any students called into military action should call Rock at 650-2020. They should also call the Financial Aid Office at 650-3880 if they receive aid or have taken out loans.

Student charged with criminal damage

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Kenneth Smith, a 20-year-old SIUE student, was arrested at 2 p.m. Saturday after an incident in Woodland Hall.

Police found holes in the walls, a broken closet door and a broken chair in Room 293 of the residence hall.

Smith reportedly told police that he had a confrontation at an off-campus party and returned to

the room around 3:30 a.m. Police said Smith told them he punched holes in the walls and fell into the closet door and chair breaking them.

Smith was charged with criminal damage to state-supported property.

Campus Scanner

Art: The Annual Undergraduate Exhibition continues through Feb. 24 in the New Wagner Gallery.

Workshop: A literary workshop will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 025 of the East St. Louis Campus. The workshop meetings focus on literary styles, development of the writer and culture backgrounds.

Art: Chong Ryol Kim, professor of metal smithing in the department of Craft Design at Sangji Catholic College, will conduct a class, "Stone and Metal: The Vessel to Fill with Nature" Thursday through Sunday. For more information,

call 650-3071.

International events: The annual campus International Fest will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Goshen Lounge. International entertainment and student organizations' booths will feature clothing, cultural artifacts, books, music and demonstrations representing countries around the world. International Night is at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Meridian Ballroom. Tickets are on sale in the Information Center of the Morris University Center. Tickets are \$10 for SIUE students with valid SIUE identification, \$12 for SIUE faculty and staff, \$10 for

children ages 6-12 and \$14 for the public.

Tobacco counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. The toll-free line is staffed by registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors. Counseling is free to all residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

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"We're talking about two quality people and two quality government employees," Callahan said. "We need more good people in government, not less."

SIU spokesman Steve Binder said Callahan's name being on the list does not reflect poorly on the university.

"It doesn't strike me as a situation of an abuse of power," Binder said. "I wouldn't think it reflects poorly on SIU."

Callahan has been a trustee since 2000. His term ends this year and Gov. Rod Blagojevich can either reappoint him to another term or choose another trustee for the university.

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"Definitely this event will help students and many others to know about other countries, their cultures, traditions and it is going to be a great success again," Ramsey said. "Each and every one present in the event will have fun. This program is dedicated to all students of SIUE."

"Local elementary school students will visit the campus during the fest to enjoy the entertainment and learn about our multicultural students and their countries," Soltanshahi said.

"International night won one of the best event awards last year and it's been a tradition for the last 27 years. It will definitely be

great this year," graduate student Latish Adnani, a student senator said.

Ticket prices for International Night are \$10 for SIUE students with valid SIUE identification, \$12 for SIUE faculty and staff and \$14 for the public. Children, ages five and under, are free and children between the ages of six and 12 are \$10. Tickets are available at the Information Center of the MUC. Tickets will be available until sold out. For more information, call Lisa Ramsey at 650-2686, Ali Soltanshahi at 650-3785 or Adil Mohammed at 650-2922.

Sirens no cause for alarm

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The university will conduct tests of its civil defense and fire alarm systems at 10 a.m. Tuesday. No evacuations will be

necessary.

Anyone who does not hear the sirens is asked to contact Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu.

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NEWS

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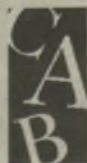
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Viewpoints

Exercising freedom is not treason



Too many people are using the "T" word these days, and it needs to stop. I'm talking about "treason."

Conservatives have really been feeling their oats since 9-11 and are using the "T" word to brand anybody who disagrees with them on foreign policy issues as an enemy of the state.

Well, some of us are enemies of the state, but that's a different matter.

Chief among those using the "T" word are columnists Ann Coulter and David Horowitz and the Front Page Magazine Web site, www.frontpage.com.

Coulter has not only branded anyone who disagrees with the current administration a traitor, but in a new book, she has decided that any politician in the last 40 years who has deviated from the right wing of the Republican Party is a traitor.

While I have not read the book, I'm imagining this to be a bit of a hard case to make. The members of the Kennedy-Johnson administrations, all fine liberals, eagerly waged war on "commies." And wasn't it McCarthy admirer, Dick Nixon, who engineered detente with the

hated Soviet Union? I shouldn't expect intellectual honesty from Coulter. Over the past couple of years, I've noticed whenever she is pinned down on unfriendly turf, away from the "all-war propaganda-all-the-time" Fox News Channel, she backpedals like nobody's business.

Front Page worries me more. Front Page has labeled critics of the Bushites' foreign policy, a "Fifth Column."

A Fifth Column, technically speaking, is a network of spies and saboteurs working behind enemy lines to aid an invasion.

According to David Horowitz and his merry band at Front Page, anyone who disagrees with a hard-right view of the world and expresses it publicly is working for the enemy.

That's a big charge and one that needs to be dealt with seriously. Since conservatives always say we should read the founding documents of our nation to see what our founding fathers intended, let us now turn to the U.S. Constitution.

Treason, the constitution says, "shall consist only in levying war against the United States or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort."

"No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court."

Notice what isn't included. None of the acts referred to in the First Amendment, such as speech

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Letters to the Editor

War is hell, but it may also be necessary

Dear Editor,

OK, generally I do not get overly frustrated or even angered by what I read in a newspaper or magazine. However, I keep reading about how a war in Iraq would cause horrible problems or that it is immoral and illegal.

I am here, hopefully, to get the facts straight in the general student body's mind that war with Iraq is both necessary and justified.

Now, some may call me a warmonger or an evil person for believing war is the answer. Critics may say Iraq does not have weapons of mass destruction and that the ongoing U.N. investigation will, in fact come to that very conclusion. I, however, would like to note that in reports by U.N. Inspector Hans Blix to the U.N. Security Council, a number of discrepancies were noted.

One such example would be

the failure to account for 6,500 chemical bombs. This number comes from the fact Iraqi representatives said 13,000 chemical bombs were dropped between 1983 and 1988, but it was reported 19,500 were used.

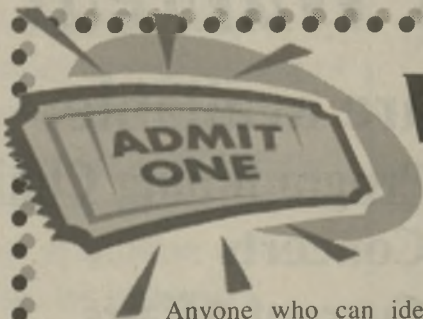
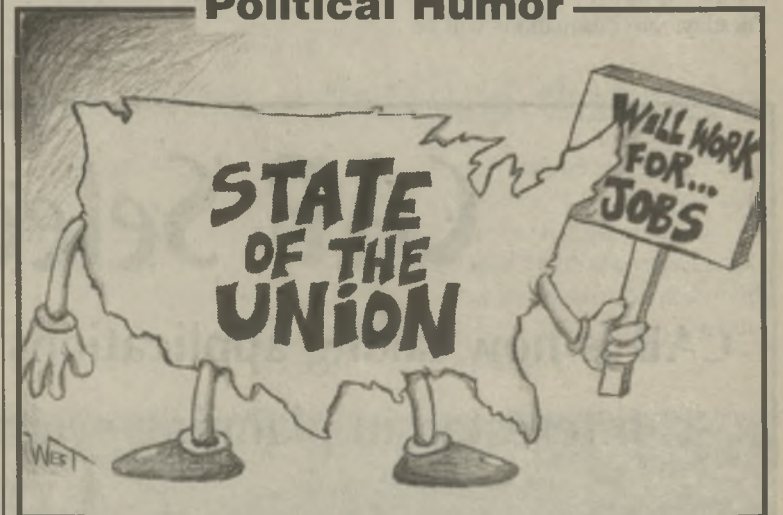
This is but one such inaccuracy Iraq has not accounted for in its so-called "12,000-page lie."

Chemical weapons are but one small part of the overall show the Iraqi government is parading to the rest of the civilized world.

Everyone by now knows of the 16 122 mm chemical rocket warheads found by U.N. weapons inspectors. This is also stressed in the Blix report, and it says, "This was a relatively new bunker, and therefore the rockets must have been moved there in the past few years, at a time when Iraq should not have had such munitions." This information is readily available in the Blix

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Political Humor



Win a movie pass

Anyone who can identify the object in the picture should e-mail the editor by noon Friday at alestle_editor@hotmail.com.

We will draw a name from those who have correctly identified the object and its location. The winner will receive a \$5 movie pass. We will post the name of the winner in the Feb. 11 issue of the Alestle.

The winner must present a valid SIUE identification card in order to claim his or her prize.

Cindy Fulton correctly identified the untitled art by Mark Ratzin near the Graduate Studies office on the second floor of Rendleman Hall.

Come to the Alestle office on the second floor of the MUC to claim your prize.

Thanks to everyone for playing.



Letters to the Editor

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report, and I would highly suggest reading it to everyone who still believes Iraq is telling the world the truth.

This report clearly lays out what Iraq has not been doing in the ongoing inspections. Iraq is not cooperating with U.N. inspectors fully as they have been mandated under several resolutions passed by the Security Council. This clearly shows that Iraq is trying to hide something.

The report goes on further to list concealed documents and protests outside U.N. offices. Saddam Hussein must be disarmed for the good of the Iraq people and the good of all humanity. Peace is the result of war.

As Theodore Roosevelt said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

He was the first American to win the Nobel Prize, and it was a peace prize. And he is the only American president to win the Medal of Honor.

He knew full well the price of peace. Words and threats only go so far, and one must have the

will and the force to impose those threats.

People bring up our last involvement with Iraq. We never finished the job. That war became too political, and we pulled out a whole 24 hours before the assigned time. It may be 20-20 hindsight now, but even then they knew if Saddam Hussein were left in power, great problems would arise. Those problems have risen once again to threaten the peace of humanity.

Let us not make the same mistake twice. Let us learn the lessons of history and prevail over our enemies. I may sound as if I am on a soapbox preaching, but I assure you my logic is based upon the facts and not hasty generalization. I am but one person trying to voice reason in a sea of closed mindedness. I hope all of you come to reason and absorb all of the facts and come to the same conclusion that I have.

Sincerely,

Jarad Perry
Freshman
Undeclared

Viewpoints

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and freedom of peaceable assembly, are here.

The Founders were a bunch of pretty precise guys. If they put something in the Constitution, it's a fair bet they debated it mightily.

If it was something of which they could conceive and then left out, then it probably means they considered and rejected it.

The Founders knew what dissent was. A lot of them engaged in it at one time or another. They did not intend for citizens expressing their natural rights to be considered traitors, even if they spoke out against the currently constituted government. They did not want that to be considered treason.

I know what people will say. "These are different times; the United States is actively under attack." But just consider their times, and consider if those times were any less dangerous. The American Republic was new. Britain was actively trying to subvert it any way it could. Britain still had many supporters on the North American continent.

And yet, even in this atmosphere, our founding fathers did not want dissent to be considered treason.

Now, in reality, one of the major laws of the new republic was the Alien and Sedition Act, which outlawed speaking out

against the government. But, truth be told, all parties concerned seemed happy when it was no longer on the books. At any rate, the definition of treason in the constitution was never changed to include acts of political expression.

Oh sure, there were some occasional blips on the screen. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld parts of the World War I-era espionage act that made it a crime to agitate against the government in time of war. But, since then, U.S. Supreme Courts, often helmed by conservative justices, have laid out the principle that dissent is not treasonous behavior and is never, by itself, illegal.

People say the armed forces protect freedom. That's only partially true. The armed forces can protect a state that guarantees freedom. Freedom can only be guaranteed by its exercise.

The founders of the American republic did not classify dissent as treason because that could not be part of the state they envisioned.

Those who would re-classify it are the true enemies of the state, and they need to knock it off. Now.

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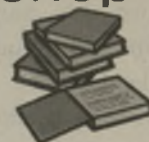
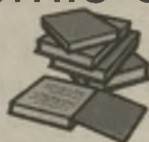


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Sixteen Down rocks out in the Goshen

Local band performs live in search of fame and fortune

LAURA GRIFFITH
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Sixteen Down continues to rock its way through the St. Louis area, which included a stop at SIUE.

St. Louis band Sixteen Down graced SIUE with its presence Tuesday, Jan. 28. The band gave a performance from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Students who came to see the show had varied responses.

"They were OK, but not really my cup of tea," sophomore Erika McIntyre said. On the other end of the spectrum, freshman Brandon Stone said, "They were awesome! They put on a great stage show."

"Sixteen Down is straight up rock, and straight out of America's heartland," the band's Web site, www.sixteendown.net, describes.

Their sound is melodic with an edge and their lyrics are thought provoking and real. Their musical variety also includes many cover songs.

Vocalist and guitarist Jacob Wolff, bassist Paul Stelmach

and drummer Dan Kassing make up Sixteen Down. Wolff and Stelmach have been working together since 1997 when they came up with the band's name.

Kassing joined the group in 2000. "We performed our first real show in September 2000," Wolff said.

When asked what inspired them to get into music, Wolff replied, "Actually, Uncle Tupelo was a band from Belleville, Ill., who had some success in the early '90s. They eventually went on to form two great bands, Son Volt and Wilco, and we figured if they can do it, so can we."

The best opportunity to catch a glimpse of the band is at a live performance. For those who missed their performance at SIUE, the band will make local appearances Feb. 13 at Shattered in Columbia, Mo., Feb. 21 at the All American Bar in St. Louis and Feb. 27 at Lucky's on the Landing in St. Louis. These shows are for the 21-and-older crowd only.

For those who can't make it to a show, Sixteen Down's music can be requested on KPNT-FM 105.7 The Point, WVRV-FM 101.1 The River and WLCA-FM 89.9.

Sixteen Down has its four-track debut compact disc and a T-shirt available for purchase on its Web site. Fans can expect a new CD with 10 to 12 new songs to come out late spring or summer.

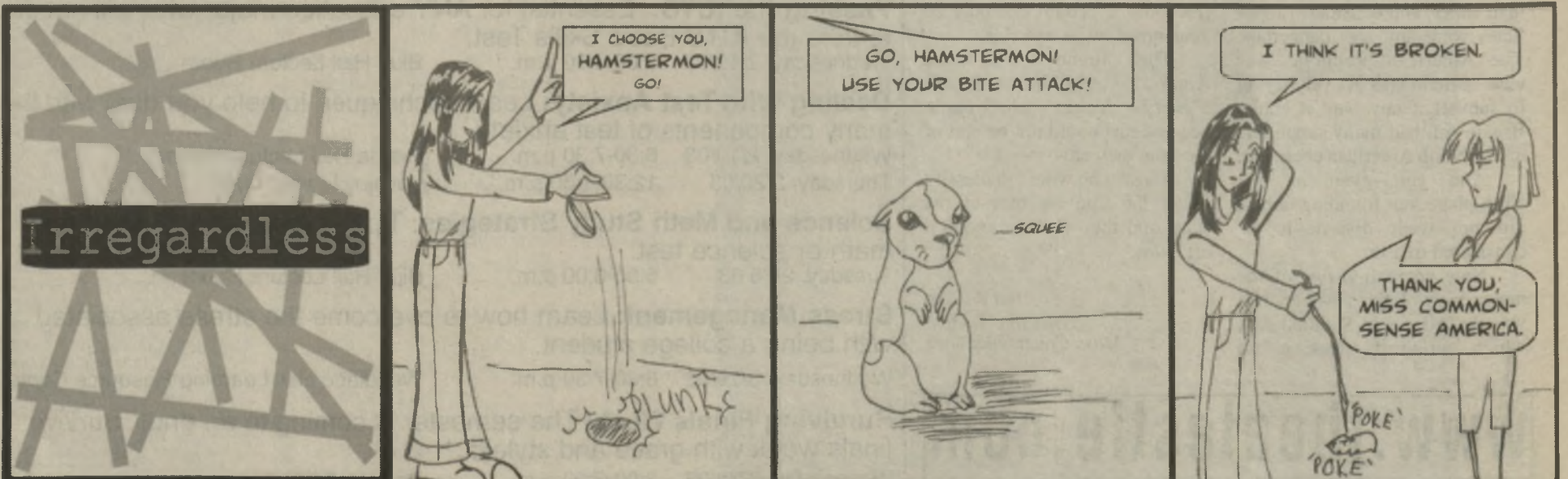


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Sixteen Down members: Jacob Wolff, acoustic guitarist, Dan Kassing on drums and Paul Stelmach on bass.

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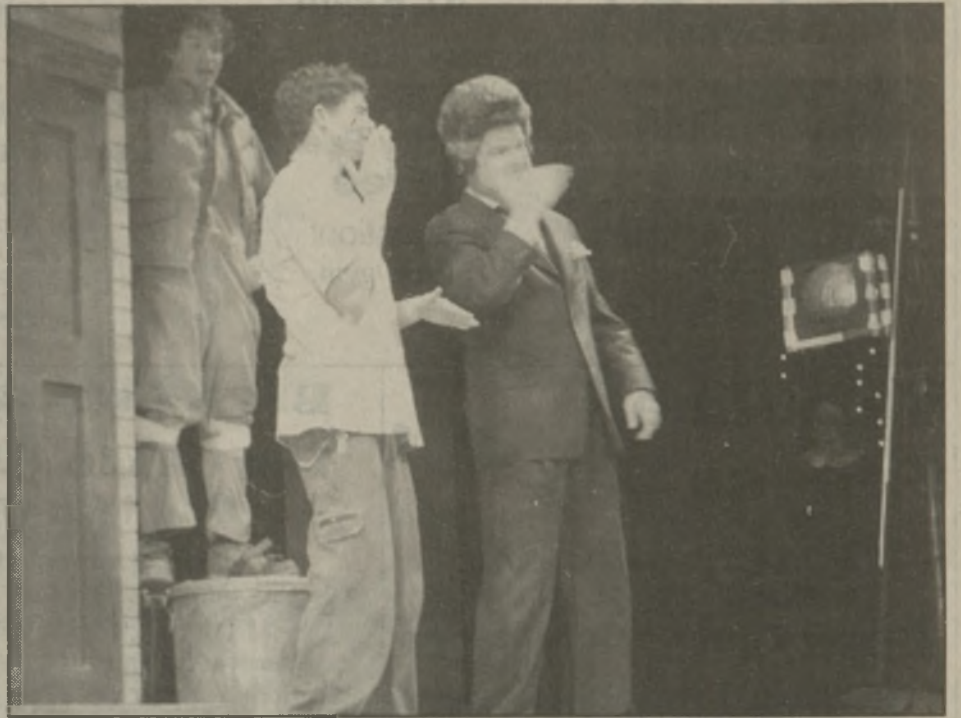
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By: J. Edwards

National Theatre of the Deaf performs

Tony Award-winning theater company presents 'Oh, Figaro!'



NANCY McDONALD
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

The Tony Award-winning National Theatre of the Deaf performed the romantic comedy, "Oh, Figaro!" Tuesday, Jan., 28 at the SIUE Dunham Hall Theater.

"Oh, Figaro!" is an adaptation from Pierre de Beaumarchais' French farces "The Barber of Seville" and "The Marriage of Figaro." Award-

winning playwrights John Augustine and Willy Conley wrote the play.

The play is set in present-day New York, the hometown of the main character, Figaro. He must overcome his infidelities and make good on a bet he placed years earlier in order to marry the woman of his dreams.

The first act failed to leave a lasting impression.

It packed too much information into too short a time.

Act 2 was much better with a couple of hilarious moments that included the whole ensemble.

All of the actors' performances were very impressive. The entire cast seemed to mesh very well.

The dialogue was, overall,

were played seemingly at random.

An array of sound effects, audience participation and dancing added to the play.

Live theater can have technical difficulties. This production had only one. One of the actor's wigs fell off during a

scene. The actor's ability to ignore the awkward situation and move on with the show

portrayed the theater troupe's professionalism. Other than that tiny error, the show ran smoothly. One of the play's fascinating elements was being able to experience American Sign Language and the spoken word simultaneously.

All of the actors used sign language, but only four of them signed and spoke at the same time.

The deaf actors would use sign language while another

actor, positioned slightly to the left or right of the stage, would voice what the actor was signing. Rebecca Odom, an interpreter-student from St. Louis Community College, said she enjoyed the play.

"I was really curious to see how they would put together the sign language and the actors' speaking. I think they pulled it off very well," Odom said. There are now more than 40 deaf theater companies worldwide because of the NTD's success.

One of the play's fascinating elements was being able to experience American Sign Language and the spoken word simultaneously

pretty good. There were many jokes about both deaf and hearing people.

Sometimes one of the actors would speak directly to the audience. When this occurred, a spotlight would be placed on that actor, and everyone else on stage would freeze.

To give "Oh, Figaro!" a more playful feel, the songs "Soul Bossa Nova" by Quincy Jones and "A Little Less Conversation" by Elvis Presley

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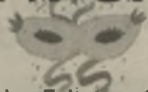
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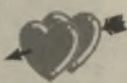


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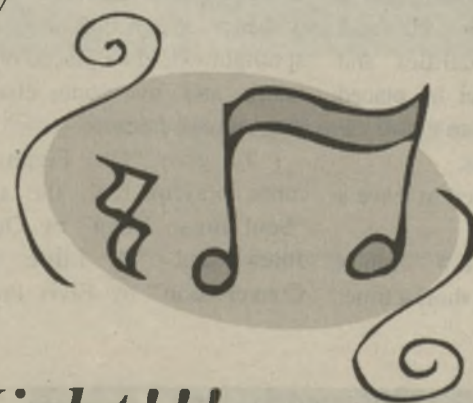
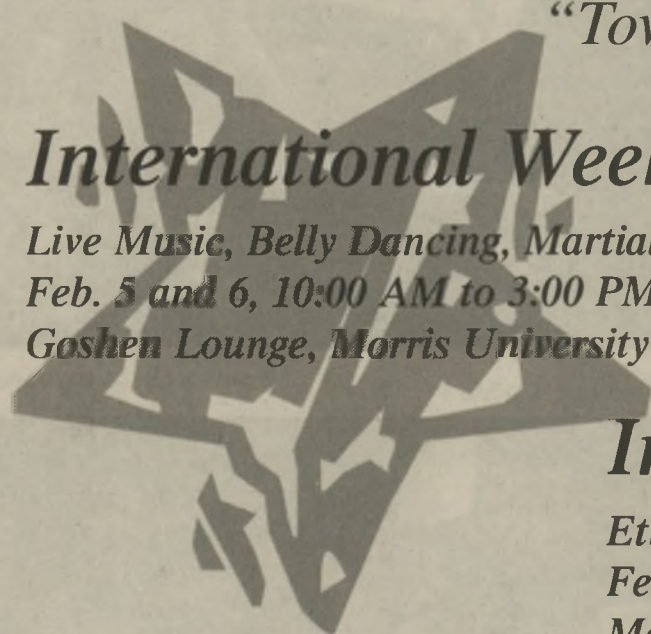
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, February 4	10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Cultural Bazaar and Marketplace, Morris University Center WSIE's "Jazz In The AM" featuring LaVerne Holliday, Goshen Lounge Black Greek Step Exhibition
	10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	
	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	
	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Literacy-Cultural Workshop, SIUE East St. Louis Center, 411 E. Broadway, Room 025, East St. Louis
Monday, February 10	7:00 PM-10:00 PM	National Society of Black Engineers presents Keeper of the Dream featuring 13 year old motivational speaker Taylor Moore, Lovejoy Library, Abbott Auditorium
Tuesday, February 11	11:30 AM-1:30 PM	Dr. King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, Morris University Center Students-\$8.00, General Public-\$12.00, Meridian Hall
	7:30 PM	Dr. David Satcher — Arts & Issues Speaker, Meridian University Center, Meridian Hall "Politics, Opinions and Public Health: Parting Words from a Surgeon General" Students-\$4.00, General Public-\$8.00
Wednesday, February 11	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	First Annual Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Co-sponsored by the National Society of Black Engineers
Tuesday, February 18	11:00 AM-11:30 PM	Book Reading and Signing, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Associate Professor Venessa Brown Student Poetry Reading Poetry Reading featuring Professor Eugene Redmond, East St. Louis Poet Laureate
	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	
	12:30 PM-1:45 PM	
	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Black History Program and Reading, SIUE East St. Louis Center, 411 E. Broadway, Room 025, East St. Louis
Wednesday, February 19	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Storytelling: The African American Experience, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Rudolph Wilson, Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity
	11:00 AM-12:00 Noon	
Thursday, February 20	7:00 PM	Fifth Annual Black Heritage Month Talent Show, Morris University Center, Meridian Hall
Saturday, February 22	7:00 PM-10:00 PM	CAB Lecture Series — Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Barry Scott, Morris University Center, Meridian Ballroom
Wednesday, February 26	11:00AM-1:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Reparations: Another Handout or Hypocrisy at its Worst, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Moderator — Assistant Professor Maurice Mangum, Political Science Panelists — Alvin Brown, Co-Chair of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America; Associate Professor Dallas Browne, Anthropology; Graduate Assistant Chris Drew, SIUC; Assistant Professor Jameca Falconer, Psychology; Professor John Farley, Sociology; Departmental Information Supervisor Roland Smith, East St. Louis Center
February 27-28, March 1	7:30 PM	Black Theater Workshop, Metcalf Student Experimental Theater
Sunday, March 2	2:00 PM	

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686.

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"Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure of witnessing violence. In other words, it is war minus the shooting."

~ George Orwell
Author

Coming up

The SIUE basketball teams will face Northern Kentucky University of Highland Heights, Ky., Thursday. The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. and the men's at 7 p.m. at the Vadalabene Center.

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Tuesday, February 4, 2003 ◆

Women's basketball picks up two wins on the road

Cougars move to No. 6 in GLVC

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Knowing the importance of its two contests over the weekend, the SIUE women's basketball team stepped up its game and, as a result, came home with two wins.

"The games this weekend were must-wins for us," assistant coach Lee Green said. "They put us back in the race. I can't even explain how important the wins were, especially after losing to Quincy the previous weekend."

SIUE took on the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles Thursday before moving on to meet the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers, the team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference cellar, Saturday.

The Cougars are ranked No. 2 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II in free-throw percentage. The team converted on 87.9 percent of their shots from the line and grabbed 39 rebounds in the 67-59

victory in front of a crowd of 1,000 against USI in Evansville, Ind.

The teams stayed within five points of each other until USI worked up the largest lead of the first half, 17-10, with nine minutes remaining.

The Cougars caught up with the Screaming Eagles when freshman guard Amber Wisdom converted on two free throws to put SIUE up 28-27 with 19 seconds remaining on the clock.

Junior guard Jessica Robert converted two free throws to put the Cougars up 45-44 halfway through the second, and SIUE was able to hold on to the lead.

Senior forward Ruth Kipping led the Cougars with 24 points and three steals, and Wisdom recorded a career-high 19 points in the game while shooting seven of eight from the line.

"Amber's only a freshman, but she's recorded a lot of minutes in our games this year," Green said.

"She's gotten better as the season has gone on, and she'll be a good player to watch in the future."



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior forward Liz DeShasler, above, dribbles around a defender in a Great Lakes Valley Conference contest earlier this season. DeShasler is third on the team averaging 18.4 points per game. Players on the Cougar bench, left, stand and cheer after an exciting play.

SIUE also played a strong defensive game, holding USI senior forward Africa Sherrod to only nine points and forcing six team turnovers.

With only two conference wins going into its game against

SIUE, Kentucky Wesleyan was considered the easier of the two teams played.

That wasn't the case, however, as it took two overtime periods for the Cougars to come out with a 91-87 win.

"Kentucky Wesleyan is a fairly young team, and they're a high-scoring team," Green said. "They surprised us with their aggressiveness, but we expected them to be tough to play against."

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Cougar mascot entertains fans while keeping spirits high

Mascot keeps Cougar pride alive at SIUE

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The mascot is an integral part of the college athletic tradition, and junior David Droege is doing his best to keep that tradition alive at SIUE.

Droege, a distance runner on the SIUE track team, has been a mainstay as the Cougar for the past two seasons of SIUE basketball games, entertaining students, young children and adults alike.

"I feel it is important and that is one of the reasons why I do it," Droege said.

"Some people really may not care if I am here or not, but there are those who do care and those are my people that I do this for," he said.

"I feel the school needs a mascot and the fans who do come out to the games deserve the presence of a mascot."

Droege said that younger children are some of his biggest fans.

"I really like to look for moms with little kids," Droege said. "The kids get a riot out of me messing with their mother. Other than that, any little kid that isn't afraid of me I like to play with."

But, according to Droege he also does his best to lend the referees a helping hand whenever he thinks they need it.

"A lot of the referees are the same from game to game, so I

like to heckle them before the game about how to call the game and other funny anecdotes just about the weather or the fans at the game," Droege said. "It's fun to have that kind of relationship with the people who are in charge of the game."

"At a game last year after a foul, the referees needed a towel to wipe the floor off," he said. "So I ran out and dove on the wet spot and proceeded to wipe it up with my body."

Droege admitted that rousing up the fans is just one of the positive aspects of his job.

Droege said, "Hanging out with the fans and interacting with them is great, but I also love being down on the floor as part of the action and feeling and acting out all of the emotions of the game."

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Junior student-athlete David Droege mocks a referee during a home basketball game at the Vadalabene Center.

Men's basketball goes 0-2 on road

Five game losing skid slows Cougars

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Despite significant contributions from junior guard Ron Jones and freshman forward Justin Ward, the SIUE men's basketball team was thumped by the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles 95-64 Thursday and the Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan College 88-70 Saturday.

The Screaming Eagles and Panthers are ranked Nos. 2 and 3 respectively in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Screaming Eagles' defense held the Cougars to 22 of 57 shooting and only four second-chance opportunities. USI refused to cut SIUE any slack in the rebounding column, hauling down 32 defensive rebounds and 21 offensive rebounds as opposed to the Cougars' 10 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds.

Jones led the Cougars against the Screaming Eagles with 16 points and four steals while Ward tacked on 12 points and two blocks, and the tandem almost pushed the Cougars passed the Panthers, combining for 49 points.

SIUE trailed Kentucky Wesleyan Saturday 72-68 with five minutes and 16 seconds remaining in the second half before the Panthers rattled off 16 unanswered points.

The Cougars also had difficulties rebounding the ball against the Panthers. SIUE



KELI KEENERS/ALESTLE
Freshman forward Justin Ward rises above the defense in a home game against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside earlier this season. Ward averages 11.9 points per game.

chalked up 19 total rebounds as opposed to Kentucky Wesleyan's 43 total rebounds.

"Our problem all this year has been rebounding," head coach Marty Simmons said. "Until we make a commitment to get guys off of the glass, get the ball and be hungry, it is going to be hard to beat teams in this conference."

"For 35 minutes we did a good job," Simmons said. "We did a good job to fight back, and we kept battling and battling. The game could have gone either way. We just have to make the play against good teams."

According to Simmons, the Cougars' next opponent, the GLVC's No. 1-ranked Norse of Northern Kentucky University, won't be a pushover.

"Northern Kentucky is a good team," Simmons said.

"You can't stop one or two guys and expect to win the game. You have to have a solid defensive effort from top to bottom."

Cougar fans are encouraged to come out for Pack the Gym night when SIUE takes on Northern Kentucky University at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.

WOMEN'S

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They're a good team; they've just run into trouble putting games away in the final minutes."

The Panthers saw an early eight-point lead of 25-17 diminish as the Cougars climbed back into the game 34-33 on a free throw by Wisdom with 30 seconds remaining in the first half.

The game was just as close in the second with the teams exchanging leads throughout the half.

Kentucky Wesleyan held the 72-70 edge with 1:15 remaining when Kipping tied the game up 72-72, then missed a breakaway

layup to send the game into its first overtime.

The Cougars went on to gain an early lead that they held onto until Panther freshman center Megan Morton tied the game 80-80 on a free throw with seven seconds left in the first overtime.

With the game on the line again in the second overtime, senior center Megan Grizzle broke an 87-87 tie on a layup with less than two minutes left to give the Cougars an 89-87 edge.

Grizzle and junior guard Sarah Schweers added free throws as the Cougar defense

kept the Panthers off the board in the final minutes to clinch the 91-87 win.

Kipping ended the game with 11 rebounds and 22 points while senior forward Liz DeShasier shot 11 of 13 free throws and recorded 21 points for SIUE.

The Cougars improved to 10-9 overall and 6-6 in conference play to move up to sixth in the GLVC.

SIUE will face Northern Kentucky Norse University at 5:30 p.m., Thursday in the Vadalabene Center.

MASCOT

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According to Droege, being the Cougar is not always easy.

"At a game earlier this season against the University of Illinois-Springfield a college fan from the other team apparently

had enough of me and came out and tackled me during a time out," Droege said.

According to Droege, he takes pride in receiving praise from fans who are not students.

"It's just nice anytime after a game when an adult walks up and tells me I did a good job," Droege said.

"It is nice to hear support from the non-college crowd."

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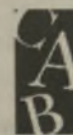
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