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KAREN M. JOHNSON **EDITOR IN CHIEF**

Despite all its glitz and glamour, the newly renovated Center Court leaves a little yet to be desired.

"From a chair, one could never reach the breads, doughnuts or muffins ... Jane Floyd-Hendey

reach are at the top of the list. People with disabilities, particularly those in wheelchairs or with visual impairments may find helping themselves to all the eats and treats more difficult than it should be.

According to Assistant to Provost and Vice Chancellor Elizabeth Tarpey, an Americans

Disabilities Act ad-hoc committee, of which she is a part, reviewed early designs of the Center Court and made recommendations. Tarpey said heights of various counters were not discernible from the Self-service items within blueprints she and the ADA

> committee reviewed. She said disappointed to find self-service areas not in compliance with ADA.

> "When we went to check at the (Jan. 10) soft opening, it

seemed that the counter height was right, but food would not be visible or attainable from a wheelchair," Tarpey said.

The food at the Garden Patch is stored in bins below the counter's height.

Disability Support Services Director Jane Floyd-Hendey said the salad bar, Grab 'n Go and

condiments tableware counter areas do not meet the ADA requirements.

According to national ADA guidelines, the tops of accessible tables and counters should be no higher than 26 to 30 inches above the floor or ground. The counter heights of the Garden Patch and Grab 'n Go are 34 and 36 inches, respectively. Self-service shelves and dispensing devices for tableware, dishware, condiments, food and beverages should be installed with a maximum forward reach of 48 inches. The forward reach of the condiment section of Center Court measures 54 inches.

"From a chair, one could never reach the breads, doughnuts or muffins at the Grab 'n Go or get salads without assistance," Floyd-Hendey said.

According to Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson, a counter will be added to the self-serve condiment



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Secretary in the Chemistry Department Dottie Gross has lunch in the newly renovated Center Court.

and tableware area as well as the soft drinks dispenser at Chick-fil-A. Both will be in compliance guidelines. ADA Meanwhile, she said all Center Court staff members are trained to provide assistance to anyone

who requires it. Four signs displaying the universal disabled persons logo will be placed in the dining area and two in Cougar Den alerting those needing help with information on where and see CENTER COURT, page 3

International Night a success

Performers of all nationalities entertain guests with song and dance

> PRASAD NAGARAPU News Stringer

When the lights went off at the annual SIUE tradition of International Night, one of the most respected traditions at SIUE

Guests were treated to a multinational cuisine in the Center Court and a show in the newly renovated Meridian Ballroom Saturday.

Chancellor David Werner gave the welcoming remarks.

Later, Narbeth Emmanuel, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Toni Liston, international student adviser, shared their views with the





RAJAT BHARGAVA/ALESTLE

International Night features SIUE students who showcase their cultural traditions to an audience of nearly 600.

audience, praising the efforts of Council the students.

International Student

President Adil Mohammed was presented the see INTERNATIONAL, page 3

Former surgeon general to speak at luncheon and Arts & Issues series

NICOLE GAUDREAULT MANAGING EDITOR

Dr. David Satcher. physician, scholar and lifelong health advocate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Meridian Ballroom as part of the Arts & Issues Series.

Satcher will also speak at the annual the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration luncheon, from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. the same day.

His speech, titled "Politics, Opinions and Public Health: Parting Words from a Surgeon General," originated from his term under the Clinton administration.

Satcher is only the second person to serve in the positions of U.S. surgeon general and assistant secretary for health and human services simultaneously.

Tickets to see Satcher are \$8 for the public and \$4 for SIUE students.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs has reserved 50 free tickets for students.



Dr. David Satcher

There is a limit of one per student and a valid student identification card must be shown.

Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis, and can be picked up at the information desk in the University Center.

For more information, call 650-2626, visit the series' Web www.siue.edu/ARTS_ISSUES or e-mail jpeeche@siue.edu.





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•32% of students surveyed choose not to drink alcohol

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•67% agreed not to drink and drive unless they are in the safety zone.

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For mor information, contact Counseling Services at 650-2627.

Bingo In the Goshen a.m. to Noon Thursday

Mass Comm has its own day

JESSICA MULLEN **ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR**

Mass Communications Week has turned in to Mass Communications Day and it is packed full of events for students.

Mass Communications Day starts at 9 a.m. Thursday in Dunham Hall.

Chair of the Mass Communications Department Ralph Donald said the change was made after suggestions from students.

"We surveyed students in our department about the events of Mass Communications Week and they suggested getting it all into one day," Donald said.

"This way it is easier for

to attend the events."

Society of Professional Journalists starts the day at 9 a.m. with a panel discussion for diversity in the newsroom.

African-American Four journalists from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will lead the discussion.

Heather Jones, special projects coordinator at Emmis Communications, is also leading a panel discussion on "Getting That First Job" at 10 a.m.

Tom Ackerman, Hamilton and Lisa Herman, KMOX-FM Radio will be leading a discussion on "The Future of Radio" at 11 a.m.

Jay Johnson, graphics and

students to remember and be able editing specialist for Charter Communications, will discuss Corporate Communications at 1

> "All Mass Communications classes are canceled, but students are required to pick one or two of the discussions to attend," Donald said.

> At 12 p.m. hotdogs will be served in the TV studio and there will be a trivia contest.

> Also, from 2 to 4 p.m. an internship fair will be in the lobby of Dunham Hall.

> "We are hoping that canceling classes will increase attendance and give students more of an opportunity to attend," professor Gary Hicks

leadlines for colleges sets

News Stringer

Immigration and Naturalization Service gave the nation's colleges and universities an extra 15 days to begin feeding information about their international students into a new Internet database.

The INS said the new Feb. 15 deadline would let schools make sure their computers could link to INS equipment.

INS had set Jan. 30 as a deadline for nearly 3,000 schools to be ready to start supplying

Visitor Information System. In this process, the paper-based system is completely replaced by the Internet database.

SIUE has already submitted a complete report of the international students to the INS.

"SIUE put on its report at the end of November, we are already on the program," International Student AdviserTony Liston

Some colleges complained the system was cumbersome and not responding properly.

Schools provide

data to the Student and Exchange- information on the academic, personal and financial status of foreign-born students and their dependents. Colleges must also provide data on any disciplinary action and whether the student has dropped below a full course of study.

> "It is extremely unfortunate and sad that we have to do this kind of monitoring and

> "Unfortunately, it's a result of the terrorism and its kind of work. Hopefully, we insist that

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Campus Scanner

SLDP: Effective Communication is the topic of the Student Development Leadership Program module set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Illinois Room of the Morris University Center. At 6:30 p.m. the same day in the same location, Dr. David Satcher will present "Major Influences in the Political Process."

Luncheon: The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Meridian Ballroom. General admission is \$12, for students \$8.

the Meridian Ball Room. General Auditorium. Admission is \$8, for students \$4. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday Gallery. in Goshen Lounge of the Morris Monday Night Live: The University Center.

School of Business presents its comedy, food and fun from 7 to Al-Anon.

Executive Business Hour at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Room 2401 of Alumni Hall. James Castellano, managing partner for Rubin, Brown & Gornstein and Co. will present an overview of the services provided by the accounting firm. For more information, call 650-3823.

Dialogue: SIUE Assistant Political Science Professor Andrew Theising will speak about "East St. Louis: Then and Now" at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the SIUE Religious Center.

For more information, call 650-

Lecture: Dr. David Satcher, Lecture: Dr. Iris Stovall, director former U.S. surgeon general will of the Illinois Online Network, give a speech on "Politics, will speak about "Teaching, Opinions and Public Health: Learning, Technology 2003: The Parting Words from a Surgeon Changing Classroom" at 10 a.m. General" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Thursday in the Abbott

Art: The Annual Undergraduate Quiz Bowl: The Black Heritage Exhibition continues through Month Quiz Bowl will be from Feb. 24 in the New Wagner

Campus Activities Board Business Hour: The SIUE presents a night of music,

11:15 p.m. Monday in the Morris University Center. Tommy Chung, a comic on Comedy Central and BET will kick off the night. Five musical acts will follow including Lost at Sea, Chapter Six, Donni Rai, Temmora and Shaking Tree. Entrance for the event is free, and the first 100 people will receive a free Monday Night Live commemorative glass.

For more information, call 650-

Tobacco counseling: 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. Hotline 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

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from whom they can find it.

"Students want to be independent. The way it is now, students would have to be helped to those items," Floyd-Hendey said.

Junior Brianna Morgan said the situation overall is better than before the renovations.

"Before, all the sections were self-serve and it was frustrating. Now, the grill and sandwich sections are fullservice and that's better.

"The fountain drinks, salad bar and the mustard and ketchup section are definitely hard to reach," Morgan said.

She added the staff has been helpful, but she'd prefer doing some things herself.

"I don't mind asking for help. It's just that when I know I can do something on my own, it's disappointing not being able

"They put all this money and planning into the renovations to make it better for students, it's sad that they didn't take the reach from a wheelchair into

consideration," Morgan added.

SIUE architect Rich Kline said cabinetry layout and vertical heights were not available in the early designs.

He added that renovations would be ongoing until Center Court was in compliance.

"As a federal law, they (Woolpert contractors) have an obligation to make certain items like the salad bar and fountain drinks accessible.

"They have assured us that things are being adjusted and that any deficiencies will be corrected.

"The soda fountain at Chickfil-A is accessible and a counter unit will be added to the condiments section at a lower height so that it may be reached from a wheelchair," Kline said.

Robinson said understood students desire to help themselves.

"We want to foster independence, too, but by the same token, we don't want anyone to struggle and we don't want anyone to do without."

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Outstanding Student Leadership Award by the chancellor and vice chancellor.

Performances by students from Signal Hill Elementary School included a play about differences and diversity.

Dances and music from Korea, Turkey, India, Lebanon, France, China, Iran and Africa were also presented.

The night concluded with a fashion show consisting of students from different countries modeling their traditional clothes.

promised, "As International Night and the dinner were great. Students who missed the event can still enjoy and have fun at India Night on March 1, 2003," Latish Adnani, a student senator, said.

The theme of "Towards Global Unity" was visible throughout the night in every performance.

"Here in SIUE, all the students, irrespective of where they come from, are all unified and they all have worked

International together to make this event entertainment



French students gather at International Night.

happen," Mohammed said in his different cultures.

International Night was the end of a weeklong festival that featured special guests, music, dancing, martial arts and

All events were cosponsored by The Campus Activities Board and the International Student Council.

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students won't be affected," Liston said.

"We are here in SIUE for the international students - to assist them.

"They should come and ask questions, and we are ready to handle and solve all their problems," Ali Soltanshahi,

assistant international student adviser said.

students were enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities in 2001 through 2002 according to the Institute of International Education.

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Viewpoints

Chimpanzee demise and ours aligned



I recently took part in an Omnimax experience at the St. Louis Science Center.

Not only should people take advantage of the opportunity to envelop themselves in sound and pictures, but they really should go see the current offering, "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees" and see if there's a message in there that I saw, or if I'm just plain nuts again.

Goodall not revolutionized primate biology, but she just may be somewhat of a prophet.

According to Goodall, chimps are less than 2 percent different from us at the level of our chromosomes. To a statistician, that's no difference at all. Goodall has spent over 40 years observing chimp communities. That's right, I said communities. Chimps organize themselves into groups similar to human hunter-gatherer societies.

Chimps are also toolmakers and users. Goodall is even convinced they have regional dialectics and they may actively teach their young. It appears they even have the human-like capacity to make war and slaughter other chimp communities.

And yet, Goodall warns, even with all they have going for

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them, chimp communities are disappearing from Africa because what they need to survive is being taken away from them.

Their habitats are being cleared for the sake of human progress. They are losing their homes and their food and they are

Here's the stunning implication of the above: if we deprive these creatures, which are so similar to us of what they need to survive, how close are we to doing this to ourselves?

I can illustrate best with an example. Over the past year, I have come to know several residents of the village of Hartford who now have persistent levels of a known cancer-causing agent in their homes. It's there because petroleum waste products have been left in the local water table for decades. It doesn't seem too large of a stretch to say that their habitats have been made unlivable.

Oh sure, they can move. But let's face it; this is hardly the only case in the world where human habitats have been made unlivable.

During the summer months, here in the St. Louis metro area, we are warned what days are dangerous for us to venture outside because of air pollution.

Drinkable water is becoming a scarce commodity.

Housing advocates warn us of a pending affordable housing crisis. We also know that there's famine in the world. I'm no biologist, but clean air, water, shelter and food sound to me like the minimum requirements for human survival.

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Letters to the Editor

Spare the rod and spoil the dictator

Dear Editor,

At the start of World War II, many people from different countries felt if they let Hitler go and let him take the countries he wanted, he would eventually

History shows us this was not true. It was not until he was out of hand that the allies stepped in. Had they acted sooner, many lives may have been saved.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s it was proposed that the United States assassinate Osama bin Laden.

One Congressman, Al Gore, led the charge to put down this very notion.

Because we did not act early, we were forced to act after Sept. 11, 2001. If there is one running theme in history, it is that it repeats itself.

If we do not learn from our mistakes we will be doomed to repeat them. Many people feel we need to deal with North Korea before we deal with Iraq.

The issue lies in that we are only recently starting to use diplomatic means with North Korea. We know what weapons they have.

The problem with Iraq is we have been using diplomatic means with them for 12 years. During those 12 years, they have lied to the United Nations, hid missiles and weapons of mass destruction and thumbed their noses at the world by not following agreed-upon rules of disarmament.

The fact is, Saddam Hussein is hiding weapons that are able to kill millions of people. He uses them on his own people. Why would he not use them on an

If we do not deal with it now, how much harder will it be to deal with it say five to 10 years later? We need to deal with this type of dictator before we are forced to act after we have suffered many losses due to these horrendous weapons. That's a lesson I thought we learned on 9-

Sincerely,

Joseph Klug Senior Engineering

- 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. 18 issue of the Alestle.

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

No one correctly identified "Night Al," the ink on paper drawing by John Bybee near the Conferences and Institutions office on the second floor of Morris University Center.

Thanks to everyone for playing.



Letters to the Editor =

All we are saying is give peace a chance

Dear Editor,

Why is war necessary?

Is it necessary to kill innocent people to contribute to a greedy country's need for oil? Is war necessary to make room for American democracy? Is war necessary to make peace?

No, no and no. War is not necessary under any circumstances.

War cannot make peace because eventually the "peace keepers," who are really military men with big guns, will leave and then what? Another war? The cycle of violence never ends.

War in Iraq is not justified under any conditions.

Saddam Hussein is a bad man who has committed terrible acts against other nations and even his own people. But why do the Iraqi citizens need to suffer because of his crimes?

The American "smart bombs" are not smart enough to only target Hussein and leave the rest of the region alone.

The only solution to the conflict in Iraq is to let the inspectors work. It is their job to seek out weapons of mass destruction and they are doing that.

The United States is too quick on the trigger and the international community knows it. That is why many countries resist war and resist the U.S. implications that war is the only

answer, when in their eyes, and in the eyes of the U.S. peace mover's, war should be taken out of the equation all together.

Calm actions must prevail; rational moves in Iraq will save the most lives, both Americans and Iraqis.

Finally, the so-called facts so many of us are reading and hearing about through the U.S. media outlets are not all true.

As students of this wonderful institution, we are taught to think critically and question everything. Critical thinking stems from searching out a wide variety of sources and drawing conclusions from a pool of information.

We as students cannot get sucked into believing all we see on the news or hear on the radio.

Skepticism must prevail when we are faced with these so-called facts.

War kills women, children, men, soldiers and civilians.

Imagine you live in Iraq and U.S. planes are dropping bombs on you and your family.

How does the war look from that perspective?

In Peace,

Sara Clark Graduate Student Sociology Students and Teachers Organized for Peace Come dressed to impress with a friend for a night of Elegance & Romance at the

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February 15, 2003
Meridian Ballroom M.U.C.
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Photos available on spot 5x7-\$8 & 8x10-\$12

This event is funded in part or whole through Student Activity Fees.

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Instead of going to the United Nations to lobby for war, let's imagine Secretary of State Colin Powell delivering the following simply worded resolution to that body: "Be it resolved that by the end of the 21st century, all humans shall have access to clean air, water, shelter and food."

What an opportunity for moral leadership! There isn't a nation on the planet that wouldn't have to pay at least lip service to such a resolution. Every assembly in the world would approve that resolution.

Sure, this resolution is large on principle and short on recommendations, but I would argue that the consequences are far too grave to not take this short

Many conservatives have put forth their belief that we cannot destroy our planet. I agree. But, I think it's the height of human arrogance to believe we cannot render our own habitat unlivable. We know we can produce destruction. I recoiled in horror over the last year as I heard the media gush over such new "weapons of mass destruction" as "Daisy-Cutters" and "Bunker-Busters." Oh, by the way, those are our weapons of mass destruction.

ter and food."

We obviously know the way
What an opportunity for and have the will to kill each
al leadership! There isn't a other.

What we really need is to develop the way and the will to provide all humans with the bare essentials to live.

I have a hunch that if we do so, we will find the fortunes of other species improving.

Maybe Goodall is telling us the chimps are our early warning

When the chimps are gone, we will know just how short the time is we have left.

Jon R. Pike Graduate Student Mass Communications

Correction

The Feb. 6 edition of the Alestle misspelled Associate General Counsel Kim Kirn's name. The Alestle regrets the error.

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Did You Know That You Don't Care? Show them wrong or prove them right!

The majority of America believes that our population cares less about events, dilemmas, and ideas concerning our nation and our world. Starting February 6, 2003, SLDP will be hosting an array of events to prove America wrong.

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

ACTIVITIES FAIR
Information Booths
MUC Cafeteria, Goshen, PH, FH
10:00am-2:00pm
(We provide a table and two chairs per booth.)

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

Table Rap

MUC Cafeteria 10:00am-2:00pm

(Answer questions about civic engagement that are displayed on the tabletops in the cafeteria.)

Thursday, February 20, 2003

Civic Engagement Debate MUC Goshen Lounge 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

(Defend your case by explaining why we should or should not be concerned with our nation, and describe what we need to do to help out.)

For more information, contact the Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services, or Leah Orwig at lorwig@siue.edu.

PEOPLE ENTERTAINMENT, COMICS & Movie Reviews

Have a laugh with the Non Prophet Theater Company

Laura Griffith
Lifestyle Stringer

Sketch comedy is in. Shows like "Saturday Night Live" and "Whose Line is it Anyway?" have had people rolling in their couches for years. In Chicago, the sketch comedy club Second City and the sketch show "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind" have found critical acclaim. The St. Louis area comics are now catching on.

The Non Prophet Theater Company will bring laughs to the Hi-Pointe Café Feb. 13.

The NPs will be presenting their show, "The Militant Propaganda Bingo Machine," to the public for the first time in six years. It ran for six weeks to sold-out crowds at the St. Marcus Theater in Soulard. It's been more than three years since the NP's lost their summer home at St. Marcus Theater.

Doors will open at 9 p.m., and the 21-and-over show starts at 10.

Admission is between \$4 and \$7 depending on what kind of card

the bouncer draws from a deck of poker cards.

According to business manager Donald Goss, those who like bingo and comedy sketches cannot afford to miss this performance. The show will consist of approximately 28 random sketches chosen by the audience. Each sketch will last from 30 seconds to four minutes for a total show length of about two hours.

The St. Louis area comics are now catching on.

The Non Prophet

"Before each sketch, we pull a lettered ball out of a can, and the audience calls out which numbered sketch they want to see, in hopes of getting a mark on their bingo card (the program)," Goss said.

The prizes are gags, including a can of sauerkraut juice or a light bulb.

The Non Prophet Theater Company, founded by Bob Mitchell and Kristen Wilder, has been in St. Louis since 1996. Consisting of 12 actors and actresses, most of whom are graduates of SIUE, they perform comedy sketches, improvisations and full-length plays.

Their first full-length play was "Dark Rapture," written by Eric Overmyer in 1998. Reviewers claimed the actors were very talented.

"They have been compared to 'Saturday Night Live' and 'Mad TV' on acid," Goss said.

Soulard. It's been more than three years since the NP's lost their summer to home at St. Marcus Theater.

Because of the 21-and-up rule, they are allowed to have bad language in their sketches but make sure to keep the act fairly clean. They said they like to tackle such issues as cloning and mocking television commercials.

"This show is a guaranteed good time," Goss aid.

The Hi-Pointe Café is located in St. Louis at the intersection of McCausland, Oakland and Clayton avenues.

For more information, call (314) 752-1302.

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Members of the Non Prophet cast get a little closer.

Comic

Irregardless - Laura's Bad Side?



DEMONS' A FRIGHTENING GOOD SHO

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Nathan Ellsworth was admittedly nervous before the Feb. 5 opening night production of "Demons," which drew a crowd of more than 60 students to the 7:30 p.m. showing.

The reason, however, was not due solely to opening-night jitters but also because the play had never been performed in front of an audience.

Add these facts to having only approximately three and a half weeks of solid rehearsal time, and Ellsworth's feelings are understandable.

"I'm just a little nervous," Ellsworth said, standing outside the doors of the Metcalf Experimental Theatre Daniel (Phil Leveling), center, confronts his demons in the play written and directed by Nathan Ellsworth. Auditorium. "I'm interested

to see how the audience will respond to the show."

Judging from the audience's response, the play, sponsored by the Student Experimental Theater Organization, was a success.

"Demons," written and directed by Ellsworth, was an intricate tale, taking the audience on a journey through the subconscious of a coma victim named Daniel, played by Edwardsville resident Phil Leveling. Daniel must confront demons from his past and present, ranging from an unhappy marriage to a turbulent love triangle involving an ex-girlfriend and his younger brother.

The plot is made even more complex by the addition of a sinister head demon, played by senior Tann Moore. The stage chemistry between Leveling and Moore is nearly flawless, and at times, added humor to an otherwise serious, thought-provoking play.

The strong leading characters were complemented throughout the night by a talented supporting cast. Brock Hill, a veteran of SIUE theater, played Daniel's younger



brother. Hill delivered a great performance by stepping into his character and displaying a unique range of emotions every time his character took center stage.

Seniors Michelle Purcell, Daniel's ex-girlfriend Vanessa, and Erin Dempsey, Daniel's ex-wife Angela, poured themselves into their respective roles. Purcell brought beauty and acting ability to a dramatic performance while Dempsey showcased not only her acting skills but also a beautiful musical gift to her performance by singing an original composition in memory of her late father.

The show was complemented by a well-designed set. From the auditorium entrance to the main stage, the set's layout added to the play's impact.

The play was not without its minor flaws, however. Leveling's performance, although solid, was missing a convincing display of fear at times, which would have completely validated his performance. The guitar of the Noise Demon, played by Matthew Ellsworth, Nathan's

younger brother, went out before his guitar solo, which had slightly fuzzy sound quality from the start.

After the show, the cast voiced their opinions on their opening performance.

"It's been great working with the writer and director of his first piece," Hill said.

Brad Kinsel, after a wonderful performance as an overbearing network boss, that the and crew overcame the disadvantage of opening mid-week to put on a good

"I thought it went well," Kinsel said. "We're not used to opening on Wednesdays, but everything came together. Overall, it was a good show."

Audience members such AUBREY WILLIAMS /ALESTLE as senior Laylonda Maines

"I think the play was really good," Maines said. "They're very connected. I

could feel the struggle." "I think (Ellsworth) picked the perfect people to play the main characters," freshman Ramone West said. "They did a great job."

Former SIUE student Kristin Mefford had high praises for the cast and crew as well.

"I think the play is really creative," Mefford said. "I like how it incorporated everything."

Moore had the last words on the play after the performance.

"The energy was very good tonight," Moore said. "If I have to say anything about the play to the audience, it is that the key is not in retreating from demons, but in confrontation."

"Demons" ran through Feb. 9 at the Metcalf Experimental Theater. For more information on upcoming SIUE theater productions, call the box office at 650-2774.

The Internet is a wide world of information and entertainm

LAUREN WESCOAT LIFESTYLE STRINGER

With so many ways to utilize the Internet, it's possible for busy college students to do nearly everything online, including shopping.

Junior Michelle Arakaki is one student who doesn't waste any time shopping. Arakaki does most of it online. "I bought a lot of gift cards and did most of my Christmas shopping online. I also shop for myself at online stores like bebe.com or bananarepublic.com."

Another popular online shopping Web site is www.edgenow.com where clothes, hats, bags, shoes and more can be found.

Almost every bricks and mortar business or store has a Web site where online shoppers can order items they may not even be able to find in stores.

If one can't find the right size or color when shopping at the mall, try shopping the online stores. The customer can print gift cards at most stores from the computer right away or even purchase airline and concert tickets to avoid the crowds.

Senior Joe Gottlob who majors in German uses the Internet frequently and refers to online translators that come in virtually every language.

"For entertainment, I enjoy going to radio station Web sites and enter in the free contests. The MJMorningshow.com is my favorite one to visit,"

Other sites Gottlob said he enjoyed were the dictionary.com and encyclopedia.com educational sites.

Sophomore Anna Glauber uses a site provided by the university called webCT.com to know exactly what is going on in her classes and to see her grades.

"It really keeps me on track with my school work," Glauber said.

Another Internet activity that has become increasingly popular, especially among college students, is keeping an online journal. If one does not have the time or understanding to keep a Web page of his or her own, then an online journal is a good substitute.

Glauber keeps an online journal at easyjournal.com.

"It's entertaining and it's a quick and easy way to keep in touch with friends. A lot of my friends keep them so we all know what's going on in each others lives," she said.

Another quick way to keep in touch is to visit greetingcards.com and send an electronic card.

There are many online journals to choose from. Some are free while others charge a monthly fee with extra features. Another popular journal is diaryland.com.

Whichever one chooses, online journals are a great way for college students to keep in touch with family and friends or just to have a forum to speak their mind.

Other popular sites for entertainment purposes are www.quizilla.com, which has many fun and interesting

quizzes. The quizzes may teach people a few things they didn't know about themselves.

Students can keep up with current events at msn.com or check the weather at www.weather.com and not have to wait for the news.

Students can post resumes for jobs and internships at sites such as www.monster.com, www.net-temps.com and www.careerbuilder.com.

The Internet has countless gaming sites and provides many opportunities to challenge other users. Some sites are www.candystand.com, www.onlinegames.net and www.pogo.com.

Other online gambling sites such as casino.com give users a chance to win real money and place bets on horse races, reality shows and sports events.

The ever-popular chat rooms are always an interesting place to meet new people. Two of the larger chat sites are www.geocities.com and www.aol.com.

So whether one decides to chat or just surf the Web, there are many options to choose from online and it is possible to find anything one may need at search engines such as www.yahoo.com, www.google.com or www.dogpile.com.

To avoid a weekend with nothing to do, visit www.digitalcity.com, www.citysearch.com www.st.louis.com to use as a guide to restaurants, bars and nightlife in the area.

Get ready to party in the Student Fitness Center 'Parti Gras' gives students opportunity to let loose, win prizes

NANCY McDonald Lifestyle Stringer

The Recreational Sports Advisory Council, Campus Recreation and the Kimmel Leadership Center are sponsoring "Parti Gras" from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at SIUE's Student Fitness Center.

There will be plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained throughout the night.

"There's going to be a limbo contest, a craft table for people to make their own Mardi Gras mask, piñatas with lots of little prizes inside, casino tables and tons of other stuff," Assistant Director of Campus Recreation

Chad Rodgers said.

Jester's Court will be one of the main attractions.

This "American Gladiator"-inspired obstacle course will feature jesters throwing soft balls at those brave enough to run through the course. Anyone who makes it to the end without getting hit wins a prize.

Many prizes will be handed out at the event, including a digital video disk player. The first 400 people who arrive will automatically be signed up to win the digital video disk player. After that, the only way to register is to win any game.

The successful Midwest band The Well Hungarians will provide live music between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m.

"They play a variety of music. Everything from the

'70s to the '90s," Rodgers said. "Plus the lead singer's brother went here, so there's a SIUE tie-in."

Any SIUE student, faculty or staff member with a valid SIUE identification card is welcome to attend the event. All other guests must be registered at the door. There is a limit to one guest per attendee.

"There will be metal detectors at the front door to ensure everyone's safety," Rodgers said.

Everyone will receive free food, drinks and two strands of beads. Rodgers promised that more beads would be handed out throughout the evening.

For additional information concerning "Parti Gras," contact Rodgers at 650-3242 or General Assistant of Campus Recreation Keith Becherer at 650-3245.

'Parti Gras'

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BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

2003 Schedule of Events

DATE TIME EVENT

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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

/ednesday. 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

ebruary 18 11:00 AM-11:30 PM Book Reading and Signing, Morris University Center. Goshen Lounge
Associate Professor Venessa Brown
11:30 AM-12:30 PM Student Poetry Reading
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00 PM-8 00 PM Black History Program and Reading, SIUE East St. Louis Center, 411 E. Broadway, Room 025, East St. Louis

Vednesday, February 19 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Storytelling: The African American Experience, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
11:00 AM-12:00 Noon 1:00 PM Storytelling: The African American Experience, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Rudolph Wilson, Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity
Fanny Lebby

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

esday, February 25 12:00 noon-12:50 PM SIUE East St. Louis Center for the Performing Arts Dance Company, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge

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

ebruary 27-28, March 1 7:30 PM Black Theater Workshop, Metcalf Student Experimental Theater unday. March 2 2:00 PM

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

BUILDING COMMUNITY

SIUE Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Women's basketball splits games at home

SIUE bumps NKU out of first place

AMY GRANT ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE women's basketball team faced the Great Lakes Valley Conference's top two teams last week.

The Cougars went up against the Northern Kentucky University Norse Thursday. The Norse held an overall record of 15-3 going into the contest, a mark good enough for No.1 in the GLVC and No.18 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II rankings.

"It was extremely important to get this win," assistant coach Lee Green said. "Northern Kentucky is a great team, and they kept fighting. But we stayed ahead, and I couldn't be more proud of the girls."

Junior guard Jessica Robert broke a 23-23 tie 12 minutes into the game, and the Cougars followed up with 10 consecutive points to take the lead 33-23. The Norse cut the deficit in half, 36-



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Freshman point guard Amber Wisdom moves around a defender from the University of Indianapolis Saturday.

31, before senior forward Ruth Kipping made a jumper to put the Cougars ahead 38-31 heading into intermission.

NKU threatened to take over in the second half when sophomore forward Connie Myers put the team within one, 43-42, four minutes into the half. Kipping responded with a threepointer a minute later to increase SIUE's lead.

The intensity reached its peak in the final minute when freshman forward Sharell Snardon hit a jumper to put the Norse within two, 69-67, with 10 seconds left on the clock. SIUE refused to fold as freshman guard Amber Wisdom made a free throw one second later to clinch the win 70-67.

The Cougars played a strong defensive game, keeping the

Norse's normally lethal threepoint percentage to a mere 25 percent.

SIUE was also able to hold NKU's top scorers, senior guard Bridget Flanagan and senior forward Amy Mobley, to 13 points and 10 points, respectively.

Offensively, Kipping shot six of six from the line and led the Cougars with 26 points and five steals. Senior forward Liz DeShasier followed up with five rebounds and 14 points.

With the loss, NKU was dethroned as the GLVC's top team

The University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, who came to SIUE for a game Saturday, took over No. 1.

The Cougars weren't as sound, offensively, against the Greyhounds, committing 23 turnovers that resulted in 29 points against the Cougars.

"We made some weak passes against Indianapolis that resulted in turnovers," Green said. "We weren't able to execute our game plan and do what we had to against their press."

SIUE tied the game up at 18 on a couple of free throws by Kipping with seven minutes left contest Thursday against the

regained the lead 20-18 on a jumper by senior forward Kristen Lowry and worked its way up to a 30-22 with 30 seconds remaining.

Kipping added two more free throws to put SIUE within six, 30-24, at intermission.

The Cougars climbed their way out of a 15-point deficit in the second half to come within five, 45-40, with eight minutes remaining in the game. SIUE couldn't complete the comeback though, and sophomore guard Amanda Davidson closed out the game on two free throws to seal the 64-51 win.

Kipping was the only Cougar to record points in the double figures with 17 while grabbing 11 rebounds for a double-double.

Wisdom came in with eight points, as did junior center Kristen Boss, who came off the

After splitting its games, SIUE moved to fifth in the GLVC. The team evened its conference record to 7-7 and is 11-10 overall.

The Cougars will head to Kenosha, Wis., for a 5:30 p.m. in the first half. Indianapolis University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

No. 1 Norse edge Cougars

TRAVIS L. ROSS **ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR**

After dropping seven games in a row, including Thursday's 74-72 loss to Northern Kentucky University and Saturday's loss to Indianapolis University 78-70, SIUE has slipped to No. 10 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars' game with the Norse of NKU, the No. 1 team in the GLVC, drew 633 fans to Pack the Gym night where neither team led by more than five points in the contest, which produced 17 ties and seven lead changes.

The Cougars led 72-68 with three minutes and 23 seconds left in the second half before the Norse rattled off six unanswered points to win the game.

"They got it to (Brenden) Stowers, and the shot clock was running down," head coach Marty Simmons said. "He took it upon himself to go to the basket, and the foul was called, and he knocked the free throws down. I thought our guys played as well as we have played all year. I don't think there was a guy on the team that didn't give a positive effort."

Cougar The accounted for all but three of SIUE's total points with senior center Ron Heflin leading all scorers with 22 points and eight rebounds.

"I thought Ron played one of his best games all year," Simmons said. "He hit some big shots for us."

According to Simmons, the decision to move freshman forward Justin Ward into a starting role has had a big effect on bench scoring.

"I think the biggest thing now is that we have moved Justin into the starting lineup," Simmons said. "He is very aggressive, and we need that at the beginning of games."

Simmons said even though the numbers weren't there, sophomore point guard Tyler Kastner and senior forward Ben Garwitz were major players coming off the bench.

"Tyler Kastner came in and played 19 minutes and guarded one of the better players in the league," Simmons said. "Tyler started out as an equipment manager. With a few injuries, he started practicing a little bit, and when Rob (Baumgardner) decided to quit, Tyler stepped into more of a backup role.'

"Even though Ben (Garwitz) didn't put up big numbers, he was aggressive, took the ball to the basket and got to the foul line," Simmons said.

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior center Ron Heflin looks to pass in a conference game earlier this season at the Vadalabene Center.

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Wrestling team competes in final home meet

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> HEATHER KLOTZ SPORTS STRINGER

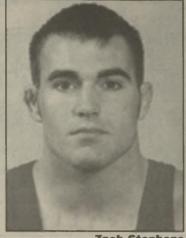
The SIUE wrestling team came off three tough meets Saturday at the Central Missouri State University Dual Jamboree in Warrensburg, Mo., before returning home for its last meet at the Vadalabene Center Sunday.

The team started things off Saturday by taking on the Wartburg College Knights, a topranked National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III

The Knights defeated the Cougars 43-2 en route to sweeping three other NCAA Division II teams and one National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics team at the CMSU Duals.

The Cougars picked up three points on senior Zach Stephens' 7-5 win over Mark Sturm in the 174-pound weight division.

The final score of 43-2 reflects a one-point penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct that was issued to SIUE sophomore Matt Oliva after he complained about the officiating following his loss to Kevin Bratlund in the 157-pound weight division.



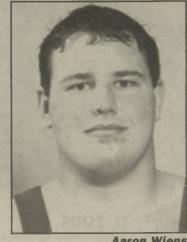
Zach Stephens

"The officiating was absolutely atrocious in this match," head coach Booker Benford said. "Oliva merely got a penalty for complaining about something that every other guy, including myself, wanted to complain about too."

After falling to Wartburg, the Cougars faced the Southwest State Mustangs. Although the team lost 34-12, the matches were tight, and four players walked away with wins.

"I was happy with how we wrestled against Southwest," Benford said. "We were right there, and it was good to see our guys pull out the wins."

Junior Alex Carter picked up the Cougars' first win against Southwest, defeating Aldon Struchen 3-1 in the 149-pound weight division.



Aaron Wiens

division, sophomore Mike Davis defeated Brett Bartholomaus 13-6.

The Cougars' third win was collected by Stephens with his 10-6 win over Tim Johns in the 174-pound weight division.

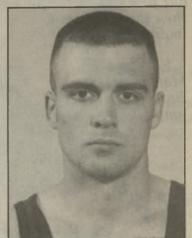
In the heavyweight division, senior Aaron Wiens defeated Joel Wipperfurth 4-2.

SIUE did not see the same success against its final opponent of the day, Fort Hayes State, falling to the Tigers 45-0.

"You could tell it was the last match," Benford said. "A lot of little things added up, and there wasn't any spark left. The guys were just done."

The Cougars competed in their last home meet of the season Sunday, losing 47-3 to the Northern Illinois University

The loss concluded a busy In the 165-pound weight weekend of wrestling for the



Mike Tomanovich

team, but more importantly, it marked the last time Stephens, Wiens and Mike Tomanovich would wrestle at the Vadalabene Center.

Before the match, each player and his parents were invited onto the mat while achievements and records were being announced.

"I really appreciate the effort they have given during their time here," Benford said. "They have given a lot to the team and they deserve to be honored."

The wrestlers said they appreciated the recognition.

"It was sad, knowing it was the last home meet I'd wrestle in," Stephens said. "But it was nice to be recognized."

Stephens picked up the lone win for SIUE Sunday, defeating NIU's George Kirgan 3-2.

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SIUE indoor track teams place high in Bloomington

HEATHER KLOTZ SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's and women's track teams had a record-breaking, rival-beating weekend at the Titan Open in Bloomington, Ill.

Both teams placed as the highest National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II team in attendance, edging out Great Lakes Valley Conference rival the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the process.

"We performed very well," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "We had a better-than-average showing, which is a good sign for us coming into our second half of the (indoor) season."

The men's team finished third overall, after beating Wisconsin-Parkside 79-2, while the women's team finished seventh, defeating Wisconsin-Parkside 32-15.

Continuing last week's record-setting success, the teams also set three new school records at the meet, along with two near

Sophomore Mark Milleville broke the SIUE's school record in the shot put with a throw of 16.35 meters. The record was only one week old.

Freshman Steve Landers had previously broken the school record in the Stan Lyons Open last week.

"We had the same individual (Milleville) qualify for shot put while he improved his mark in the weight throw," Frerker said. "There were also numerous personal records made in the running events in comparison to where we were this time last year.'

In contrast, junior Breanne Steffens broke a record that had stood for 23 years in the women's 1,500-meter run. She finished fifth with a time of four minutes and 51.22 seconds, breaking the previous record of 4:51.8 that had been set by Christine Bugnitz

The women's team also came close to breaking school records in the 200-meter dash and the 4-by-400-meter relay.

SIUE sophomore Jennifer Jaquez placed sixth in the 200meter dash, just missing the school record by .27 of a second. Jaquez also placed third in the 400-meter dash.

The women's 4-by-400meter relay team of Jaquez. freshman Yahshi Rice, junior Lee Ann Lomax and sophomore LaShanta Williams came within two seconds of a new school record while finishing fourth

The men's 4-by-400-meter relay team of freshman Brad Blevins, sophomore Jeff Fearday, sophomore Kevin Koller, and senior Gawain Piper also ran well, edging Illinois Wesleyan College at the finish line by a one-hundredth of a second to take second place.

The two teams will be back in action Saturday at the Saluki Open in Carbondale.

"At Carbondale we will be looking to qualify for nationals and get ourselves better prepared for the conference meet," Frerker said.

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After a solid outing against the Norse, the Cougars couldn't get any momentum early against the Greyhounds.

"We just got off to a slow start," Simmons said. "We tried to make Friday kind of fun for the guys, hoping that they would come out with the same fire as they had against Northern Kentucky.'

The Cougars trailed 25-10

midway through the first half and fought back to within four with 30 seconds left in the second

"Our guys are resilient and they fought back," Simmons said. "Sometimes when you dig yourself such a big hole, it is hard to get back in the game."

Heflin and junior guard Ron Jones led the Cougars with 20 points apiece.

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points on the board for the team," Stephens said. "Plus, I wanted to have the win in my last meet at

"The guys all walked out on the mat wanting the win," Benford said. "There was a lot of added emotion because it was the seniors' last home meet."

"You couldn't just go out there and go through the motions," Davis said. "You have to go out and wrestle every match like it could be your last. And this really was the last match here at home for our three seniors."

The Cougars have just two regular-season meets left as they

"I really wanted to get the continue to prepare for the NCAA Division II Midwest Regionals.

Success at regionals has been a goal for the Cougars since the beginning of the season.

"We have definitely been looking toward regionals all season," Oliva said. "We are also looking toward nationals, and ultimately, the future."

The NCAA Division II Midwest Regional will be March 2 in Kirksville, Mo.

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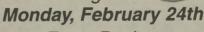
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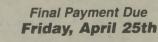
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