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# Campus cops exhibit valor and skill

## Fast action to the rescue Quick thinking saves lives

MARISSA VICKERS  
NEWS REPORTER

Flames shot into the air and thick smoke billowed out of an apartment building in Cougar Village, but neither the blaze nor the fumes stopped Tony Santiago of University Police from running in to check



**Tony Santiago**

for students who might still have been left in the burning structure.

It is because of that courage and heroism that Officer Santiago received two awards from two Illinois law enforcement agencies.

Santiago received a Lifesaving Award from the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association in Chicago this month. He was also rewarded with the Medal of Valor, which is the highest award given by the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission.

Santiago, who has been on the force since Sept. 10, 2001, was nominated by Chief Rich Harrison and Capt. Regina

Hays for the role he played in the fire Oct. 12, 2002.

"It's kind of embarrassing because you don't expect all this attention for doing your job. Don't get me wrong, it's cool, but you don't do the job to get medals and trophies," Santiago said.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to law enforcement personnel or citizens who show great bravery or heroism beyond what would normally be expected for a police officer or citizen.

SIUE student Mike McGehee also received a Medal of Valor for his assistance in the fire.

Santiago was the only help on the scene for seven minutes while he waited for the firefighters and proper equipment to arrive.

"At first I thought I could put the fire out because I knew where it started. That's the funny thing," Santiago said.

After realizing the fire was too large for him to contain alone, he attempted to clear the building of anyone who was still inside.

"I couldn't clear the second floor because I couldn't find the stairs. I couldn't even see my hand in front of my face," Santiago said.

After he realized he wasn't much help from the inside, he went back out and began to tear off screens and break windows in order to get people's attention.

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KRISTEN REBER  
NEWS REPORTER

Capt. Tony Bennett, Sgt. Tim Penwell and Officer Jim Royston of the SIUE Police Department helped save a man's life at the East St. Louis campus.

LeVan Plocher, a Korte Construction Co. worker on the East St. Louis Higher Education Center renovations, collapsed the morning of Jan. 7 while talking with East St. Louis Higher Education Center building mechanic Jim Duval.

Responding to the emergency call placed by Duval, university police arrived to discover Plocher unresponsive.

"We are usually the first responders when we receive a 911 emergency call," Penwell said. "(That) is why have the AED (Auto External Defibrillation) and all officers are trained in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

"(When) we showed up, his pupils were fixed and dilated, no pulse," said Penwell, also a CPR instructor for the American Red Cross. "We (went) through an initial check, (and discovered) no pulse and no breathing, at which point we began CPR."

While Penwell and Royston tended to Plocher, Bennett retrieved the AED unit.

"When he arrived with the AED, we stopped CPR and applied the pads of the AED (which) automatically analyzes, it

checks for electric activity. It found activity but the heart was not beating," Penwell said. "One shock was administered ... after (the second time), he had a pulse. It was weak and thready, but he was not breathing on his own."

"We administered rescue breathing, at which point he began to breathe on his own," Penwell said. "We elevated his feet, which pushes more blood to the body core."

Thanks to the quick efforts of the rescuers, Plocher became alert and aware before the ambulance arrived, approximately 20 minutes after he collapsed.

"By the time the ambulance arrived, he was lying on the floor carrying on a conversation with us," Penwell said.

Plocher was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in East St. Louis and later transferred to St. Louis University Hospital.

He was released from the hospital Jan. 10 and is recovering.

"He's currently out of the hospital. He had a stent put into his heart," Penwell said. "I talked to him ... and he's in good spirits and he'll be coming back to work in the next week or so."

While some may deem those involved in the emergency heroic, the officers believe otherwise.

"We don't consider ourselves heroes," Penwell said. "We were doing our jobs."

# East St. Louis officials say no thanks to SIUE

JEWELS KUENSTLER  
NEWS REPORTER

East St. Louis Mayor Carl Officer says thanks, but no thanks to the former site of SIUE's East St. Louis Center.

The building, once a historic hotel, housed the SIUE center for more than 40 years. The decision was made to deed the building to the city of East St. Louis by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees.

The university originally planned to demolish the building and then give the land to the city, but East St. Louis officials requested the building remain intact. The East St. Louis City Council was to vote on the issue in December but has since postponed the decision twice.

Officer, a member of the

council, said he doesn't want the city to obtain the building.

"I don't want the city to take the building. If we do, I think it would be nothing but an eyesore. It's a no-win situation for us. The building is full of asbestos," Officer told the Alestle Tuesday.

From 1928 to 1957, the building was known as the Broadview Hotel.

SIUE Assistant Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said he remembered hearing the hotel was popular during World War II.

"In the '30s and '40s, a lot of soldiers would stop and stay there before going to the train station in St. Louis the next day," Conroy said.

SIUE's East St. Louis Higher Education Campus now houses the East St. Louis Center and the East St. Louis Community

College Center. By spring, the campus will also be home to an Illinois Department of Employment Security office.

"The Illinois Department of Employment Security is a one-stop service center for finding a job. It will include a number of departments under one roof," said Richard Walker, assistant to the vice chancellor for planning and budgeting.

After being purchased for a dollar, the old building was used by SIUE to house several educational and community service programs including Head Start, a program for children.

The former hotel has been boarded up, and all fire escapes and SIUE emblems have been removed. Walker said the East St. Louis City Council has been notified of asbestos conditions in



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**The old Broadview Hotel stands unused and empty, still property of the East St. Louis campus.**

the building.

"We're not trying to unload a white elephant on the city. We want to do what's best for the city of East St. Louis," Walker said Tuesday. "The only reason the building has not been demolished yet is because the council requested it stay intact."

When asked why the council has not made a decision yet, Walker said the council may have budgeting issues that are more important.

"We're willing to cooperate with the city officials and do what's best for their residents," Walker said.



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## New road laws promote safety

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN  
NEWS REPORTER

Each year, legislators across the country examine traffic laws in an attempt to fix problems and make traveling safer for motorists.

This year, four new traffic laws in Illinois took effect: the booster seat law, the left lane law, the new teen driver law and the aggravated fleeing and eluding law.

At SIUE, dealing with law changes is nothing new for the SIUE Police Department.

"We haven't really changed our policies regarding enforcement," Lt. Dan Keeton said.

"We always follow the Illinois vehicle code."

Keeton said keeping current on traffic law changes is just part of the job. "We have to stay current," he said.

According to the booster seat law, all children under the age of 8 are required to be transported in the back of the car and must be

secured in a child restraint system, including a booster seat.

In the case the back seat of the car only has lap belts, the child can be transported in the back with only the lap belt but only if the child weighs 40 pounds or more.

Previously, booster seats were required for children until the age of 4.

According to Keeton, making sure a child is secured properly is part of every traffic stop.

"We look for that on every stop," he said. "And it's pretty easy to tell if a child should be in a booster seat."

The left lane law makes it illegal to drive in the left lane of an interstate highway if not overtaking and passing another vehicle.

Under the new teen driver law, anyone under 18 who has received a graduated driver's license may not drive with more than one person under the age of 20 in the car for



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the first six months or until turning 18, whichever happens first. The aggravated fleeing and eluding law says anyone attempting to flee or elude a police officer commits aggravated fleeing and eluding if they disobey two or more traffic control devices in the process.

According to Illinois State Police Director Larry Trent, these new laws "will help support efforts by the State Police to protect children and new teen drivers and ensure safe travel on interstates throughout Illinois."

## Parkway will speed up traffic

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN  
NEWS REPORTER

Madison County officials said construction on phase one of the five- to six-mile Governor's Parkway project in Edwardsville may begin as early as May and be completed by 2006.

"Right now, we're scheduled for an April letting with construction to start at the end of May, (or) first of June," Madison County assistant engineer Gary Stahlhut said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich authorized \$13.5 million for the project in December, which is part of his \$160 million Opportunity Returns campaign.

The parkway will be constructed in two phases. Phase

one will start at the East University Drive entrance to SIUE and continue behind both Edwardsville and Metro East Lutheran high schools, ending at the new Illinois Route 159. Illinois Department of Transportation crews have already begun work on a new connecting road that will run between the old Route 159 and the new one.

Phase two of the parkway will begin at the old Illinois Route 159, between Shop 'n Save and Schnucks, and end at Illinois Route 143, near Interstate 55.

"This will help alleviate a lot of traffic on Center Grove Road," Stahlhut said of the new parkway. "Now drivers won't need to make the jog on (Illinois Route) 157 to

get from one side of town to the other."

The new parkway is also expected to ease traffic problems around Edwardsville High School.

"We have made provisions to give Edwardsville High School access to the new road," Stahlhut said.

Stahlhut said Metro East Lutheran High School has been offered access as well, but the school has not yet decided whether or not to build a connection to the parkway.

Plans are also in the works to construct a road connecting Goshen Road to Governor's Parkway that will allow better access to Liberty Middle School.

## Program to open youth's eyes

SCHALENE HOUSTON  
NEWS REPORTER

Reading is an essential element in every person's life. As young children we learn to read at home and in school.

SIUE is helping to fulfill this essential element in young children's lives with the annual A Book In Every Home campaign.

Fifteen students from the SIUE Early Childhood Center came to the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center to help celebrate the kickoff.

Administrators, students, committee members and Edwardsville Mayor Gary Neibur were on hand to read to the children.

"Very few things are more important for young children,"

Neibur said.

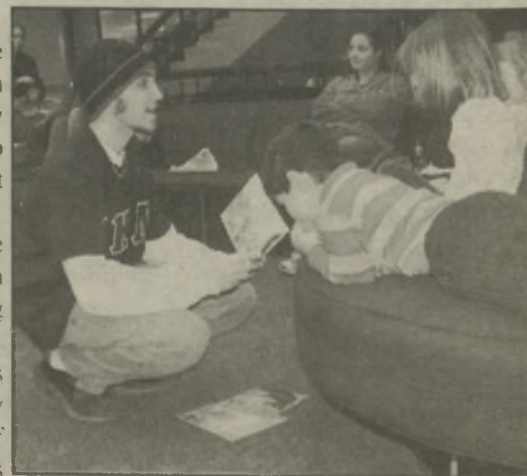
He called the SIUE program an example of how people can help young people get started in life.

Committee member Colleen Potter said reading to children is vital.

The program is chaired by Kay Werner, manager of university services at the East St. Louis campus.

"The program is a tremendous program and I commend the leadership of Kay Werner," Neibur said.

Werner said there have been



MINDY SMITH/ALESTLE  
**Junior Joe Keller reads to a group of children Thursday, Jan. 15, for the kickoff of A Book In Every Home.**

many changes since the program started in 1995. She noted that more children



# Relief for Bam, Iran

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN  
NEWS REPORTER

Thanks to SIUE students, nearly \$3,000 is on its way to help victims of the Iranian earthquake.

"We were all amazed by the attendance and contributions you all made," Assistant International Student Adviser Ali Soltanshahi said.

"Our goal was to make a difference and help the people of Bam, and I strongly believe that we did achieve that with all your help," Soltanshahi added.

The Iranian Student Association sponsored a benefit concert Thursday in the Morris University Center that raised

\$2,300 for victims of the recent earthquake in Bam, Iran. Those proceeds will be added to the \$600 raised when the Iranian Student Association sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts last week.

According to Soltanshahi, the concert and the doughnut sales will be the only fund-raisers on campus for the Iranian relief effort because United Nations sanctions have put a time limit on direct donations to Iran.

The American Red Cross was granted 90 days to collect third-party donations for the relief, and those 90 days run out Sunday, Feb. 8. After Feb. 8, all donations collected go into a general relief fund.

# Campus Scanner

**Business Hour:** Joe Helmsing, president of Craftsmen Industries Inc. will speak from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in Alumni Hall Room 2401. The U.S. Small Business Administration recently named Mr. Helmsing the 2003 Small Business Person of the Year for Missouri. Students who come will hear a success story of trailer repair, tractor-trailer display graphics and making the Oscar Mayer Weinermobile.

**Visiting Artist:** Chuck Aydlett, a studio potter from Winona, Minn., will be demonstrating the construction of his hand-built functional ceramics, which are decorated

with narrative or geometric designs. Aydlett will be in the ceramics studio of the Art and Design Building all day Thursday and Friday.

**January Late Night:** From 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. Campus Activities Board will be holding a laser tag in the Morris University Center Conference Center. Or from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. students can participate in the Tune In game show held in the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge. To win players will have to name the tune to everything from television sitcom theme shows to early '90s hip hop favorites. For more information call, CAB at

650-2686 or at [www.siu.edu/CAB](http://www.siu.edu/CAB).

**Tobacco Counseling:** The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to 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. Saturday in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

## BOOKS

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are served by the campaign and that more people are now involved.

Monetary donations are now accepted, she added. The program gets support from the St. Louis Rams, the St. Louis Blues and local businesses. Committee members will be at the St. Louis Blues' game Saturday, March 27, to accept donations.

This year's goal is 4,000 books. To make a donation of a book or money, visit [www.siu.edu/BOOKS](http://www.siu.edu/BOOKS).

A Book In Every Home has

51 committee members.

"They are a wonderful group to work with because they all share the same passion," Werner said.

Werner said the program's annual reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 2, in Birger Hall.

"There will be people reading, students dressed as their favorite book characters, recognition of major donors and food," Werner said.

For more information, contact Werner at 482-6988 or [kwerner@siue.edu](mailto:kwerner@siue.edu).

# Police Incidents

## Traffic

1-14-04

Police issued a citation to Hardick S. Jariwala for a stop sign violation on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jason L. Peters for a stop sign violation on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Devon V. Jones for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Kimberly S. Lane for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to La Cheryl Lewis

for driving an uninsured motor vehicle in Cougar Village.

1-16-04

Police issued a citation to Eric R. Nichols for driving an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

## Other

1-15-04

Police arrested Christabette R. Corley on a warrant for failure to appear after responding to a report of her vehicle being illegally parked. Corley was processed and released on bond.

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## Winter cool down

KRISTEN REBER  
NEWS REPORTER

Until temperatures rise, the main campus cooling system will remain off for the rest of the winter season.

"We typically shut down the facility during the coldest months of the year," Facilities Management Assistant Director of Utilities Lee Hoffmeier said. "By the end of February or when it appears we have mild weather forecasted, we'll start the system up again."

While the weather is frigid and the cooling system is not needed, the campus is also preserving resources.

"We're trying to do what we can to conserve our energy resources," Hoffmeier said. "The dollars we save here can be spent someplace else."

When temperatures start dropping, Facilities Management prepares to discontinue the circulation of the cooled air.

"Essentially what we do is we have a storage tank and a loop that circulates the chilled water through the campus and requires some pumps running down here to make the loop work," Hoffmeier said. "Typically when the temperatures are 30 to 40 degrees outside, people don't expect the need for air conditioning."

Outside temperatures are chilling, indoor temperatures may warm up, especially in the offices.

"If you happen to be quartered where a lot of computers are generating heat, you'll be warmer than you'll ever

need to be," Hoffmeier said. "There are going to be a few people who are discomforted because they have to be in these places."

The computer-heated rooms usually rely on open windows and fans while the cooling system is shut down.

"When the cooling system is turned off, you are dependent on outside air to do the internal cooling," Hoffmeier said. "The

*"The money we save here can be spent someplace else..."*

~Lee Hoffmeier

rooms are no longer connected to a distinct cooling zone so then we have an inadequate fresh air supply to those areas where we get concentrated heat. When the temperature is zero outside, you can take care of it all very easily."

With the late start of winter temperatures, it may be some time before the cooling system is turned back on.

"The criteria would be if we get the temperature forecast in the 60s. That is the sort of trigger to turn things back on again," Hoffmeier said.

Throughout the winter months when the cooling system is suspended, Facilities Management is still available to assist with difficulties.

"The normal problem we have on a daily basis is some zone that isn't functioning properly, so we ask that people give us a call," Hoffmeier said. "(We can) give it some more ventilation. We'll (also help with) situations where the fans, for whatever reason, didn't turn on when they should have."

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## SIUE at the wheel



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Art and Design graduate student Jen Holt demonstrates her talent Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center. Holt is a member of the Wagner Potter's Association.



## A march to remember

NICOLE R. GAUDREAU  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

About 140 people joined the SIUE chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in a campus march to remember the legend of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The march Wednesday, Jan. 14, began at the Morris University Center, continued on University Drive and through Cougar Village, ending at the Alpha house.

Senior Michael Jones is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and said the march was put together by the fraternity as a

group effort.

"I put it together with the help of my brothers and the chapter President Jamarus Smith," Jones said. "It was a collaborative effort. Everyone was there to make it happen."

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity promotes diversity and Jones said the march "touched the essence that generations before us have struggled for."

Jones said the fraternity wants to show others that people of different nationalities and cultures can socialize and work together.

King's birthday was observed Monday.

### MEDAL

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He also grabbed a picnic bench in an attempt to reach the second floor.

When the fire department arrived, Santiago lifted a firefighter onto the second-floor balcony. The firefighter entered the building without any of his equipment but was able to help two people jump to safety.

"I tossed him a mask for the next time he went in, but he was too disoriented. He was treated for smoke inhalation and so someone else went back in," Santiago said.

The next firefighter who went in was properly equipped and rescued five individuals

whom were tossed down to Santiago one by one.

The apartment building was completely destroyed, and a few students were treated for smoke inhalation.

"The only thing left of the building was the shell," Santiago said.

The alarms did not sound, and many of the students did not know there was a fire until Santiago entered the building and began yelling for people to get out.

According to SILEC/SIPCA, if it were not for Santiago's actions that night, it is believed lives would have been lost.

## Spring Break Trip



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In my last column, I started my assault on this government's progressive cancellation of the people's right to free speech.

But did you really think it would end there?

We know the Secret Service has been erecting free speech zones during presidential visits, but what else has the government been up to?

Recently, the FBI has been in on the destruction of our humanity as well.

Apparently, back in the '60s, when the civil rights movement was in full swing, the FBI and its counterintelligence program, called COINTELPRO, kept tabs on the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and planned the great leader's demise.

King was a civil rights leader and government agents were spying on him, threatening him. They apparently wanted him dead. And don't think this stopped with King. No way, Jose.

In the '70s, the American Indian Movement was up in arms over the way Native Americans were being treated. Ever since the birth of Manifest Destiny, their heritage had been threatened and their people had been killed – by our government. AIM was not going to take this.

That was also the disco era. Mom and dad were in bellbottoms, shaking their booties to the oblivious sounds of the Bee Gees, and the real owners of this country were rallying for what they believed in by protesting the violence and crap that this government was responsible for. But the FBI was trying to silence the leaders of AIM, including Leonard Peltier.

Although agents couldn't stop King, they did have the clout to give Peltier the judicial shaft in a trial for the deaths of two FBI agents in a shootout at Wounded Knee, S.D. Long story short:

Peltier has been sitting in jail for more than 27 years for a crime he didn't commit, leaving the FBI one less threat to neutralize.

It's been almost 30 years since the FBI has picked on anybody. I guess now it's open season on protestors.

Recently the FBI has been keeping surveillance on the anti-war bunch, spying on protestors to make sure that what they were

doing was not in any way related to a terrorist organization.

So agents keep tabs on all the meetings, and say that they are doing it to deter terrorism. They now have the power, thanks to the Patriot Act, to do thorough background checks on protestors, to check up on said dissenters' financial records (with no real reason) and to monitor Internet traffic. This is all to deter terrorism.

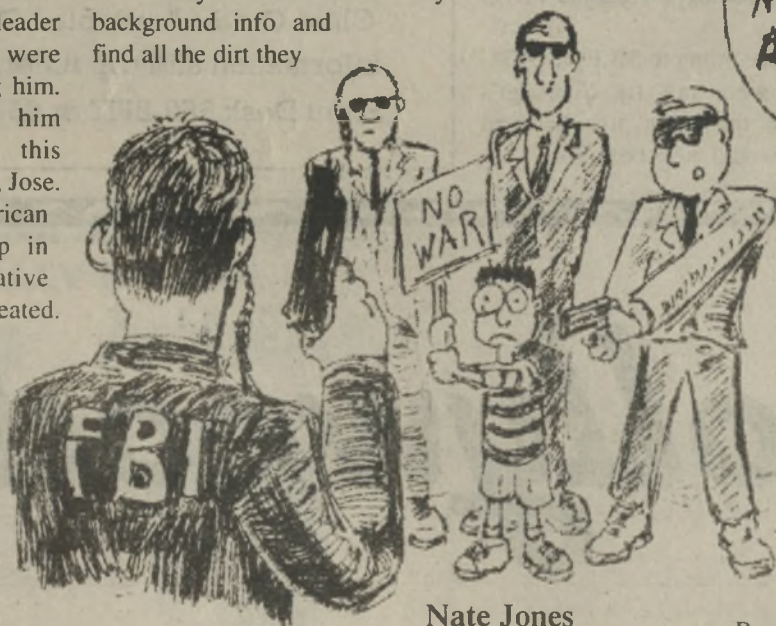
That is all total crap.

For example, let's say I start to get involved in a politically active group that has widely attended meetings.

The FBI doesn't have probable cause to check me out, but let's just say that agents want to. They check out my background info and find all the dirt they

Or they check my financial records, since that Gibson Les Paul guitar I bought last year with my bank loan is obviously a weapon of terror that I will use to kill people. Hey, you never know, repeated performances of any Toby Keith song might be lethal. Or, better yet, agents check my Internet traffic.

They might check to see if I downloaded the Al Qaeda version of Windows, with special software to help you hijack a plane and ram it into a building (please, like any terrorist would really try that again, what with all the heightened airport security).



Nate Jones

need to conclude that I'm just as normal as any other protestors in that I have the same amount of traffic offenses and parking tickets.

But in reality, I think finding a shared file of a certain Paris Hilton tape wouldn't really represent an oncoming jihad.



If that were the case, then 95 percent of American men are obviously terrorists. Ah yes, they're all mastermind terrorists who aren't quite thinking with the right head, if you know what I mean.

What it comes down to is simple – the FBI is spying on the politically affiliated anti-war groups to stir up fear and discourage dissent.

Think about how much easier it would be to not ever join a protest group because of your fear that the FBI might have you on the most-wanted list.

Or imagine how much easier it would be to quit a protest group after being a member for so long because you fear for your safety.

I believe it's clear what the FBI really wants to stop – it's called freedom.

Nate Jones  
For the Alestle

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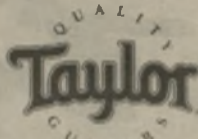
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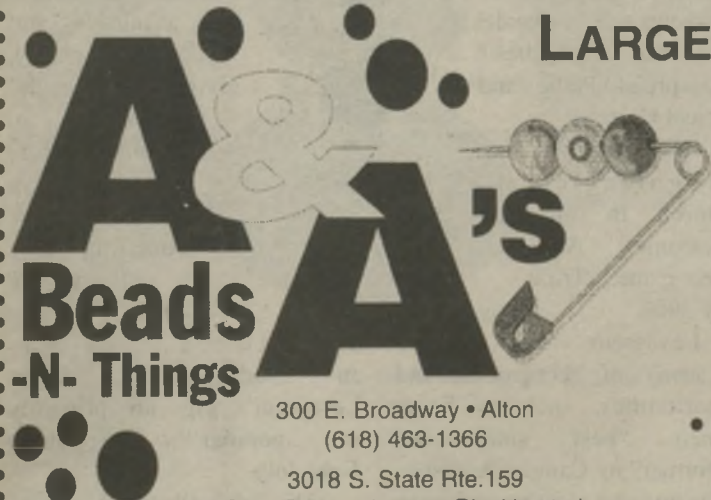
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# Lifestyles

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## Grad art students exhibit talent

DREW TALBOT  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The Annual Graduate Art Exhibition in the Wagner Art Gallery offers visitors the opportunity to see the talent of SIUE's art and design graduate students.

Printmaking grad student Mike LaRiccía is one of the artists.

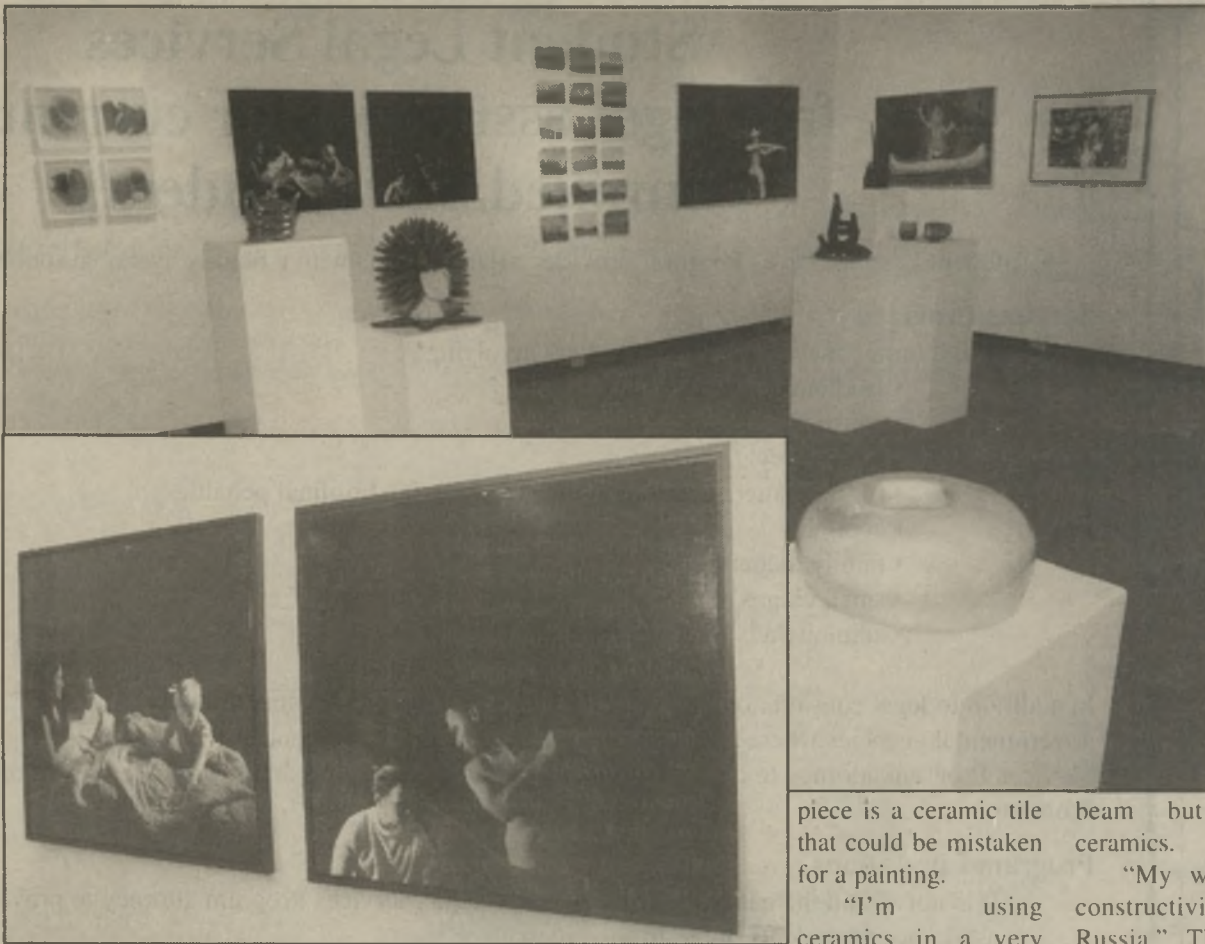
"We're all so busy with our academic responsibilities we don't get to see what everyone is doing so this exhibition really helps to catch up with what people are working on," LaRiccía said.

LaRiccía's piece in the show is titled "Buy my Whiskey. Buy my Album" and is social commentary made in a Boston subway.

"It's about the irony between poverty and performance. Who to acknowledge, the poverty-stricken or the street performer."

LaRiccía said his work reflects his ideas about society in urban settings.

Brendan Tang is a graduate student in ceramics. His "Untitled"



PHOTOS BY KWAME ROSS/Alester  
**The Annual Graduate Art Exhibition is on display in the Wagner Art Gallery of the Art and Design Building through Jan. 30.**

surface quality and the qualities of the materials to aid in the emotional content."

Tang said he is exploring humanity and technology by humanizing robots. He gets his imagery from a combination of comic books and science fiction.

"It's neat to see what SIUE can produce," Tang said.

Max Thomas, also a ceramics grad student, said the exhibit is "a great opportunity for artists to get their work out there and showcase current grads' work."

Thomas' piece is "Construction: With Part 002." The work resembles a metal construction

piece is a ceramic tile that could be mistaken for a painting.

"I'm using ceramics in a very painterly way," Tang said.

"I'm experimenting with

beam but is actually made of ceramics.

"My work is a reflection of the constructivism movement of 1920s Russia," Thomas said. "The purpose was to rethink and explore what art was."

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## Famous comedian brings lots of laughs to students

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III  
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Campus Activities Board's Just For Laughs series brought yet another comedian to the Cougar Den Tuesday night.

Owen Smith brought a unique mix of stand-up comedy and improvisational humor to a crowd of about 30 students.

Starting on time, Smith launched into a 90-minute routine that lasted a half-hour longer than his scheduled time and warmed up to the crowd after a few minutes.

"I feel like I'm on punishment," Smith said to an unusually silent crowd. "I mean, y'all aren't clapping or anything. You're raising your hands ... this is not class!"

After this brief period, the crowd began to adjust more to Smith's style of interactive comedy.

No subject was untouched, from race relations and celebrities to the homeless

people, Greek organizations and stage equipment.

"When I make it big, I'm going to buy y'all a microphone stand," Smith said to the audience.

Spring in Edwardsville also became an off-the-cuff subject.

"Someone

decided to call this the spring semester, huh?" Smith said. "Y'all are in denial. Spring ain't nowhere near here. You'll find bin Laden before you find spring down here. ... I mean, you could have brought me down in like March or April or something when the sun thinks of showing its face."

Even Casa Ortega was a target, being christened Taco Bell Lite by Smith.

Smith's humor, although enjoyed by the majority of those in attendance, veered into R-rated



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territory at times, according to one parent.

"He used a little more blue humor than I thought was necessary at the time," said Michelle Hofstein, a visitor who brought her 7-year-old daughter to the show. "His comedy was funny, and he did well with the crowd, but I thought there should have been a warning."

Others, such as sophomore Brad King, said he didn't mind at all.

## Enjoy dinner with music at the Coffeehouse Showcase

NATALIE HEIL  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Award-winning musician Jason Levasseur will perform from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Center Court of the Morris University Center.

The event is part of the monthly Coffeehouse Showcase.

Actively entertaining for more than a decade, Levasseur has performed with Dave Matthews Band, Barenaked Ladies, Widespread Panic and Vertical Horizon.

His music is recognizable, featured in the Electronic Arts video game, "Triple Play 2000."

Levasseur has earned an array of recognition and opportunities, such as being named "best small-venue performer" by Campus Activities Magazine and winning a place in Musician Magazine's Top 100 Unsigned Bands.

After watching one of his performances, the SIUE Campus Activities Board decided to book him.

CAB member Melissa Johns said Levasseur was funny, mellow and very good at the one-man guitar act.

Several sources have credited his talent.

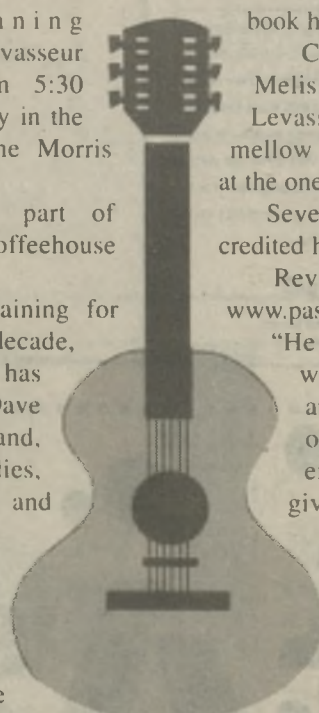
Reviews on www.pastemusic.com said,

"He can creatively weave a story and take the listener on a musical and emotional journey, giving sentimental touches in Spanish, while rocking out like a true American."

Playing acoustic pop

nationwide as an independent singer, Levasseur's gigs are primarily in popular metropolitan nightclubs.

His debut album, "Watching the Girls Go By," sold 35,000 copies in 2003.





# Black and white photos inspire retired prof

VICKI KRUSE  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Black and white photography of landscapes, seascapes and old buildings line the walls of the Morris University Center Art Gallery.

Details emerge from the photos like the foam in the seascapes and the wood peeling off a door at the old N.O. Nelson/Wagner building in Edwardsville.

The foam almost becomes audible against the rocks it touches. The thin, curled pieces of wood hanging on the door look like you could peel them off the door.

Emeritus music professor William D. Claudson decided to take photography seriously 10 years ago. Claudson became stimulated to find out how renowned photographer Ansel Adams created great black and white photographs of landscapes rich in texture.

"Ansel Adams turned me on to what real photography is all about," Claudson said.

Like Adams, Claudson said he wants to make a photograph look like art.

Claudson said he doesn't intend for his exhibit to have a hidden meaning or any emotion behind it; however, the photographs may carry a certain emotional impact for the art



KWAME ROSS/Alestle  
**"Barrels and Chair: Exhibit No. 13"**

enthusiast.

"The artist needs to develop technique for what he wants to do," Claudson said. "These represent the quality of the technique, and the quality is very exceptional."

Eric B. Barnett, director of the University Museum, said he gets many requests for exhibits in the gallery. Barnett chose Claudson's exhibit because of the quality of his work.

"Black and white photography is all about the lightness and darkness and to capture a depth that color photographs do not," Barnett said. "Some artists that are new to color photography allow color to be the main differentiation of the element."

Barnett said the viewer's experience is not the same if the photos are in color as opposed to

black and white. The colors in photographs might be the first element sensed and not the contrast of darkness and lightness that black and white photography allows.

photography area in the Art and Design Department, compared Claudson with Adams.

"Ansel Adams is known for his black and white photos of monumental landscapes," Brown

through light readings.

Adams was trained as a concert pianist and was a member of the Sierra Club, Brown said.

Claudson and Adams have backgrounds in music, Claudson a singer and Adams a pianist.

Some of Claudson's works are of the old N.O. Nelson/Wagner building in Edwardsville.

"A tremendous, sociological and economical significance is in those photographs," Claudson said.

Nelson was a manufacturer and later sold the business to Wagner, Claudson said.

"The facility supported growth of Edwardsville," Claudson added.

SIUE took over the Wagner building to house the Art Department. The building became a safety problem and a new art building was built on the campus, Claudson said.

Lewis and Clark Community College acquired funding from the state to renovate the old Nelson/Wagner building to use as an educational center.

"The photographs of the N.O. Nelson/Wagner building are historical documents now because of the renovation recreating the building," Claudson said.

The exhibit runs through Friday.



KWAME ROSS/Alestle  
**From left to right; "Sea Burst: Exhibit No. 15," "Multimedia: Exhibit No. 5" and "The Pulpit: Exhibit No. 27"**

Claudson came from New York and Florida State University and began his career at SIUE in the Music Department in 1970. His undergraduate degree is in music as a singer.

However, Claudson specialized in teaching music education. He later became chair of the Music Department and retired from that position.

Steve Brown, head of the



KWAME ROSS/Alestle  
**"Canyon Wall: Exhibit No. 21"**

Adams is known for developing the zone system that gives the photographer the look he wants from the beginning

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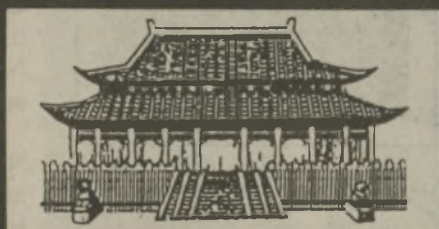
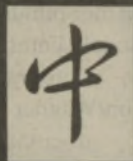
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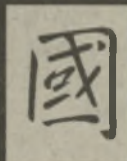
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## A Season for the Child returns with a big bang

### ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The St. Louis Black Repertory Company will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dunham Hall Theater.

Their performance, "Telling, Singing, Beating the Drum," is part of A Season for the Child.

These performances are kid-friendly productions offered to introduce children to the performing arts.

The series features professional theater troupes from St. Louis that perform adaptations of various children's stories.

The performances include interactive techniques that

entertain children and provide a learning experience.

"Telling, Singing, Beating the Drum" was developed by Linda Kennedy of the St. Louis Black Repertory Company.

The performance chronicles the legacy of African and African-American folk tales that have been passed down through three generations.

The tales are told through the use of music, song and dance.

Students can obtain free tickets for themselves and one child.

For more information, contact the ticket Box Office at 650-2774.

### TALENT

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Thomas' art takes architectural elements and places them in a new context.

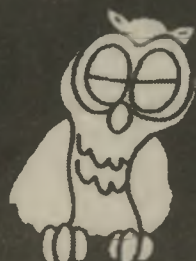
Several of the pieces in the graduate show received awards from art organizations.

The Martha Holden Award for ceramics went to graduate student Eric Hoefer, for his piece, "Teapot."

"I am interested in wheel-thrown, functional work," Hoefer said. "I take the design

aspects or elements of objects, in this case a teapot, and manipulate them to create a different feel or potential."

The exhibit will be on display until Friday, Jan. 30. For more information about this or other exhibitions in the Wagner Art Gallery, contact Matt Wilt, exhibitions coordinator, at 650-3619 or the Art and Design Department at 650-3071.



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## LAUGHS

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"This guy was hilarious," King said. "I didn't even notice that he went over time until later. His comedy style is really unique. He did a good job of connecting with the audience."

Smith said adjusting to the audience was difficult at first.

"At first, I didn't like performing up here," Smith said. "But after a few minutes, you could feel people starting to relax and start having fun. I noticed I went over about an hour and 15 minutes later, but when people start to laugh and are entertained, you don't want to stop. People laughed, so I just kept going."

After attending the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, Smith got his start in comedy by winning a few talent shows on campus.

Since then, he has been featured on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and Black Entertainment Television, among others.

Citing influences from a

relatively unknown comic Dwayne Kennedy, a featured comedian on Showtime and Comedy Central, legendary comedians Dick Gregory, Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor, to musicians like Curtis Mayfield, The Roots and Jay-Z, Smith said he also finds inspiration in everyday life.

"I love to watch so many people who work for so many different reasons. Some aren't funny or entertaining, but I just love the energy they bring to the stage," Smith said. "I love live music, even watching arguments on the street and people who are passionate about what they're doing. I just can't stand watching apathetic people who are just not into it."

Freshman Naja Rajput said Smith's talent will take him places in the business.

"He was really funny and entertaining," Rajput said. "I think he's going to go far."

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Module 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Goal Setting & Delegating Effectively  
Becky Ritter  
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Module 3, 2:00 p.m.  
Community Service Opportunities & Responsibilities  
Paulyn Snyder, Holy Angels Shelter  
Cherie Hambleton, Campus Ministry, SIUE  
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Module 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Effective Meetings  
David Heth, Director  
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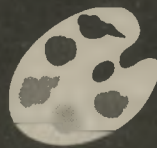
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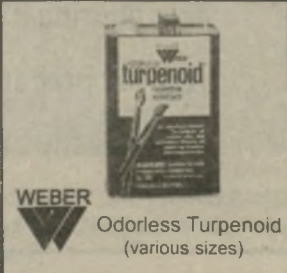
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# Cougars keep pace in tough GLVC



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Sophomore guard Calvin Sykes looks to penetrate the lane against the University of Indianapolis guard David Logan. Sykes has been a consistent performer for the Cougars, averaging nearly 11 points per game.

KEVIN CORRIGAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Marty Simmons said he knew exactly what to express to his team after a tough Thursday-night loss to the University of Indianapolis.

"Let's take it one game at a time," Simmons said to his team.

The Cougars responded Sunday with a powerful 81-75 victory over Northern Kentucky University to improve their record to 9-7 and 5-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The victory was the first over the Norse in 16 years. According to Simmons, the winless streak played no motivation for the Cougars.

"I had no idea about the streak until after the game. I guess it's just an added bonus for the guys and the program," Simmons said.

After battling all night Thursday against the Indianapolis Greyhounds, the Cougars finally fell, 70-56. Indianapolis had a balanced attack from all five starters with Greyhound junior guard David Logan leading the way with 14 points. The Greyhounds' bench

also out scored the Cougars 21-7.

"Indianapolis did a good job of spreading out our half-court defense and utilizing their bench," Simmons said.

Junior guard Tyler Hackstadt's hot hand kept the Cougars in the game, throwing in 22 points. Hackstadt was also 5-9 behind the three-point line. Junior guard Calvin Sykes pitched in 15 points for the Cougars.

Against the Norse, the Cougars grabbed an early 6-0 lead and never looked back. The Norse were held scoreless for the first three and a half minutes of the game. From there the Cougars coasted into halftime with a 38-25 lead. The Cougars were paced by junior forward Joel Jaye who scored all 10 of his points in the first half.

"I was really pleased with the effort from the opening tip," Simmons said. "Joel and Dan (Heimos) really gave us a spark in that first half."

Heimos, the junior center transfer from the University of Nebraska, did a great job of getting to loose balls and redirecting NKU's shot attempts.

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## Womens b-ball hits wall hard with losses

Cougars slip to 8-9 overall, 3-7 in conference after two home court losses

KEVIN CORRIGAN  
SPORTS EDITOR

In the blink of an eye, the SIUE women's basketball team saw its record drop below the .500 mark for the first time this year.

The team's losing streak reached five as the Cougars dropped games against the University of Indianapolis and Northern Kentucky University.

The Cougars lost to Indianapolis Thursday night, 67-57, and then had a 74-59 loss to NKU Saturday. Both Indy and NKU enjoy National Collegiate Athletic Association national rankings.

The five-game skid, all were conference losses, has the Cougars scratching their heads. During the five-game stretch, the Cougars have lost by an average of 12.5 points. Adding to the troubles is the fact SIUE only has a half-game lead over St. Joseph's College for the eighth and final spot in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

The Cougars stand with a record of 8-9 overall and 3-7 in the GLVC.

The Cougars were without freshman starter Julianne McMillen for both losses due to a leg injury.

"We're not sure of the extent of Julianne's injury but hope to have her back on the court in the near future," head coach Wendy Hedberg said Monday.

Hedberg said McMillen, who is averaging 12 points and 8.5 rebounds per game, could boost the physical play of the team from this past week.

"To be honest, it surprises me the way we've been out-rebounded the way we have," Hedberg said. "Hopefully, getting Julianne back healthy will strengthen us down low."

Despite the two losses, the Cougars did receive quality efforts from senior guard Jessica Robert and sophomore center Tanya Guell. Robert, who was honored before Thursday's game for scoring her 1,000th point as a

Cougar, added to her career total by dumping in a combined 32 points during the two SIUE losses.

"She continues to be the silent leader on the court for us," Hedberg said. "It's hard to recognize everything she does on the court. She just continues to go about her business."

Guell, who is still recovering from knee surgery in December, has come on strong since returning. Guell dropped in 20 points against the Greyhounds and followed that up with 15 points against NKU.

"Tanya has always been capable of scoring. It's just a matter of getting her 100 percent healthy," Hedberg said.

The Cougars will have to regroup quickly as they hit the road for their next two games. SIUE is next in action at 5:15 p.m. Thursday against Kentucky Wesleyan University and at 1 p.m. Saturday against the University of Southern Indiana.



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Cougar center Tanya Guell looks for an opening against the Greyhounds defense. Guell lead the Cougars with 20 points and six rebounds against Indianapolis.



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## Cougar wrestlers go 1-2 in four-way home meet

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SPORTS REPORTER

The Cougar wrestling team entered the four-way meet against the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, William Penn College and McKendree College with a record of 5-2 in dual meets. When the night ended, the Cougars were 6-4 after beating William Penn and McKendree but losing to U of I.

In the first match, the Cougars wrestled the Statesmen from William Penn. The Cougars were down in the team points early, as far as 9-3.

Head coach Booker Benford said the Statesmen are tough National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics competitors.

"We had seen them before; the team had a tough time beating them," Benford said.

Freshman 149-pounder Joe Rujawitz started the Cougars' winning ways with a close 5-3 win. After freshman 174-pounder Pat Healy won a 6-4 match in overtime, the Cougars tied the overall team score at 12.

"We had some wrestlers come back in the third period. That is something I always try to get the wrestlers to have, that push in the third period. If we are behind, come back and win and if we are ahead, win big and get bonus points. It was nice to see our wrestlers doing that," Benford said.

The Cougars won two of the final three matches and won the competition 22-18.

In the second match, the Cougars faced the top-ranked team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the Fighting Illini from the University of Illinois. The Fighting Illini came into the meet not having lost a dual meet this season. The Cougars had a tough time, losing the match 50-0. The Cougars' only bright spots were when Rujawitz lost 7-0 to Illini wrestler Cal Ferry. Freshman 197-pounder Sean Tyus lost his match 13-6 to the seventh-ranked Jason Potter in the 197-weight class.

"We knew that we were outmanned. I just wanted the team to stay competitive. We did have some good performances,

but unfortunately we were not able to win. We are still a young team, and we are only going to get better," Benford said.

In the final match, the Cougars wrestled the Bearcats from McKendree. The match was close from beginning to end. The Cougars started the contest by going up 6-0, but the Bearcats won the next two matches to change the score to 7-6. The score was tied at 10-10 when Bearcat wrestler Clay Wiere defeated sophomore 157-pounder Matt Warren in an 8-7 decision. Tyus and junior 184-pounder Branden Lorek picked up the final two Cougar wins, but the Cougars lost to the Bearcats 20-19.

"That was a tough loss. We had beaten them before. We were not able to hold on after a string start," Benford said. "It was a matter of giving up bonus points. We just gave up too many of those."

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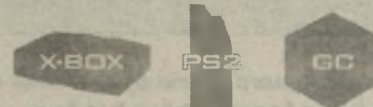
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## MEN'S B-BALL

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Heimos and the Cougars were able to hold NKU to 37 percent from the field.

In the second half, the Cougars were able to hold off a late NKU run, in which the Norse cut the lead down to two. Senior guard Ron Jones was a perfect 10 for 10 from the free-throw line, and Sykes added 18 points to solidify the win.

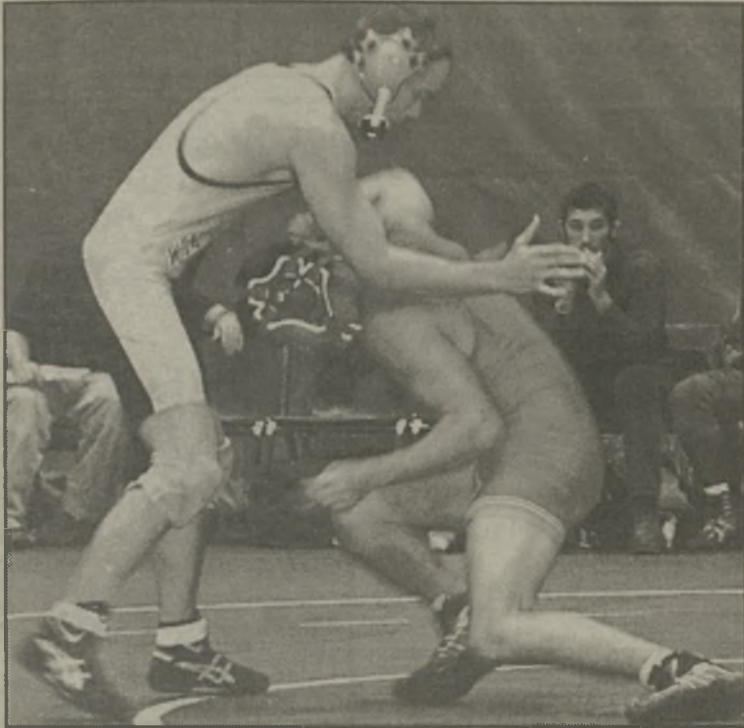
According to Simmons, Sykes has been the most

consistent Cougar all year.

"We are really happy with Calvin's play. He can penetrate the lane, or we can post him up as a guard," Simmons said. "He is a very diverse player."

The Norse were led by Jesse Rupe's 25 points and nine rebounds.

The Cougars will be in action again Thursday at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

The Cougars' Steve Chico tries to take down an Illini wrestler. Chico and the Cougars defeated William Jewel, while falling to University of Illinois and McKendree College.

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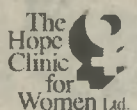
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