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Voter registration kicks off

MARISSA VICKERS
NEWS REPORTER

The voter registration drive kicked off Tuesday in the Morris University Center.

The drive, which ends Thursday, is sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Program and is staffed by volunteers.

The drive is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is at the front entrance of the MUC. Volunteer Sarah Peebles, a junior, said about 50 people registered to vote within the first hour Tuesday.

The New Hampshire Democratic primary was also Tuesday.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., took first place with 39 percent of the vote, and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean placed second with 26 percent, followed by retired Gen. Wesley Clark and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who tied for third with 12 percent. Clark, Edwards and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., who finished with only 9 percent, said they plan to continue their campaigns.

Kerry also scored big in the

Iowa caucus last week. As of now it looks as though the two main competitors for the presidency are Kerry and President George W. Bush. According to <http://aolsvc.news.aol.com>, Bush received 85 percent of the Republican votes while 15 percent went to "others."

Tuesday will see primaries in seven state including Missouri, Delaware and South Carolina, which is the first primary in the South.

For additional information on the candidates and their stances visit www.ontheissues.org.

Hot coffee stirs up lawsuit

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS REPORTER

Less than a year after opening, Starbucks Coffee in the Morris University Center is in hot water.

Metalsmithing graduate student Molly Alter is suing Starbucks Coffee for damages in excess of \$50,000 for second-degree burns she received when her coffee cup collapsed in her hands Dec. 3. The suit claims Alter had to take incompletes in three classes as a result of the injury, which may cause her to lose her graduate assistantship scholarship and future earning capacity.

Lawsuits over spilled coffee are nothing new. In 1994, a New Mexico woman was awarded



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\$2.9 million in damages after she was burned by McDonald's coffee. A judge later reduced her damages to an undisclosed amount less than \$600,000.

Belleville lawyer Matthew J. Marlen, who is representing Alter in the case, said this suit is different.

"In that case, the claim was that the coffee was defective because it was too hot," Marlen said. "Here, the claim is that the cup itself was defective."

Starbucks Coffee officials could not be reached for comment.

"The cup was apparently creased and weakened, maybe while in storage," Marlen said. "And that caused it to collapse."

The suit claims Starbucks Coffee has a responsibility to provide safe cups and to properly secure the lids on cups before serving hot coffee.

Taste the world's many flavors

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

The International Student Council and Campus Activities Board are sponsoring International Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Morris University Center.

The evening will begin with a dinner buffet prepared by international students in the Center Court of the MUC.

"You get to try cuisines from different countries," International Student Council President Pavan Goteti said.

At 7 p.m. the evening will continue with entertainment, including traditional music, dance, clothing and cultural presentations by student organizations from a variety of

countries such as India, Nepal, Iran, Korea, China, Pakistan, France and several African countries.

"The main show is in the Meridian Ballroom," Assistant International Student Adviser Ali Soltanshahi said. "We have performers from 10 different student organizations, and we

also will have a fashion show."

Following the performances, a party will take place in the Goshen Lounge for the performers and program attendees. A disc jockey will be on hand to play international music for the crowd.

Tickets for the event went on sale Jan. 20 and are available at

the Information Center in the MUC. If the event is not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door.

"Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 for faculty and staff and \$13 for the general population," CAB program adviser Gokul Kommineni said. "Children under 6 are free."

International Night gives international students an additional chance to proudly display their culture.

"International Week and Night has been a campus tradition, and I've been fortunate to be given the chance to carry on this tradition," Goteti said. "This night is basically for all international student organizations to display their cultures to students on campus."

Why it is important to



"More young people should vote because our future depends on who's in office and what benefits we get as college students."

~ Patrick Readus
Junior



"It's important to vote because everybody should have their say in the U.S."

~ Kanisha Fleming
Freshman



"People are so quick to complain about who's in office, but if you don't take the time out to vote, you can't complain."

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"It's important because it's the only way you get a say. It's your voice. It's how you tell the government what you want it to do."

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SIUE brings countries together

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

International Week will be celebrated Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board and the International Student Council, the festivities begin at 10 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. both days and are free.

"You get to see booths from various countries display their clothing materials and artifacts," International Student Council President Pavan Goteti said. "We have also invited certain performers."

Wednesday's performances will feature Aalim Belly Dancing at 11 a.m. and a martial arts demo at 2 p.m. French and Iranian music, as well as African and German dancing, will fill the

Goshen Lounge Thursday.

"Some (of the performers) are performing both during International Week and Night (which is Saturday, Feb. 7)," Assistant International Student Adviser Ali Soltanshahi said. "There are a lot of student associations involved in International Week."

While 10 different organizations are involved with the festivities, CAB will also be hosting a booth where students can get a tarot card reading, create sand art or participate in a world quiz.

"We ask questions and, based on the answers, we'll give away prizes," CAB program adviser Gokul Kommineni said.

International Week, which has been celebrated at SIUE for more than 20 years, has changed throughout its history.

"Every two to three years something is added," Soltanshahi

said. "Five or six years ago we added the performers in Goshen Lounge. We try and build on something every year."

Not only has the celebration changed, but also the celebration time, which was previously in the fall.

"Each university has an International Week and Night. A lot of them are in November (when National Education Week is)," Soltanshahi said. "Due to the renovations, we moved it to the spring, which is better for the (International Student) Council, which is renewed each September."

While the festivities have undergone changes, one aspect remains the same.

"CAB has always been supportive of multicultural events," Kommineni said. "CAB has also worked with international students to entertain and educate people of different cultures."

Looking for a helping hand



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

SIUE students David Moore and Adam Gabany stop by the The Nature Institute table at the Volunteer Fair Wednesday in Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Winter ice storm delays concert

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

The Music Department will hold its Coffee Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Abbott Auditorium Monday, Feb. 9.

"The Coffee Concert is centered around coffee and dessert," Music Department Chair John Korak said. "Before the concert and during intermission, the coffee and dessert is served to you while chamber music is playing."

The Coffee Concert was scheduled Jan. 26, but due to Monday's icy weather, the date was changed.

In past years the Coffee Concert was held in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center. Due to rescheduling, the concert will be held in the Abbott Auditorium in the basement of Lovejoy Library.

"Because the concert has been rescheduled, the dessert area will be outside of the recital, instead of people serving it to

them," Korak said.

The concert will feature a string quartet solo, a percussion solo and music for a farce piece, in which a silent film is shown while the musicians provide sound.

"The Coffee Concert is popular with the community. It brings in a fairly large crowd," Korak said.

Tickets are on sale at the Box Office or at the Music Department. Tickets for general admission are \$10, \$9 for senior citizens and \$5 for students.

Virus puts e-mail under the weather

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

A new e-mail virus is attacking campus addresses. The Office of Information Technology detected a new virus called "mydoom" Monday afternoon.

The virus comes as an email attachment, but OIT officials said

the virus can infect a computer even if only the message is opened.

OIT workers recommend deleting any messages with unsolicited attachments immediately, even if the message comes from a familiar address since the mydoom virus uses familiar "from"

addresses to disguise it as friendly.

OIT officials recommend updating anti-virus software as soon as possible.

For questions or more information on the mydoom virus, contact the OIT Customer Support Center at techhelp@siue.edu or call 650-3737.

Professors do their homework

JEWELS KUENSTLER
NEWS REPORTER

Excelling in Learning and Teaching Initiative is sponsoring Classroom Assessment Techniques from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the third-floor conference room of Lovejoy Library. The workshop will help professors to accurately assess whether or not their students are learning the material they are teaching.

The seminar will feature Douglas Eder, director of the Undergraduate Assessment and Program Review, and will outline several research-based assessment techniques that will help professors save time and teach more efficiently.

According to his Web site, Eder said he believes assessment is necessary.

"The public does not, and it won't, tolerate institutions that

cannot demonstrate they produce a quality product," Eder said. "What is the quality of our product, how do we measure it authentically, and how do we communicate it effectively to those who are buying it or making policy decisions? That's why we do assessment."

For more information or to make a reservation, call Cindy Scarsdale at 650-3647 or e-mail her at cscarsd@siue.edu.

Got a comment?
Send a letter to the editor.
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Campus Scanner

Buddhist Meditation: The Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry invites everyone from beginners to practitioners to take part in Buddhist Meditation from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Religious Center. E-mail kevinfoehr@aol.com for more information.

Visualizing Black Writers: The University Museum will be exhibiting the works of Eugene B. Redmond Monday through Friday, Feb. 27, in the Morris University Center Art Gallery. The MUC Gallery will not be open Saturday and Sunday. Call 650-2996 for information.

Affirmative Action in Higher Education Discussion: Campus Activities Board will

sponsor a discussion on recent Supreme Court decisions with the University of Michigan's admissions program at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Kim Kirn, SIUE associate general counsel lecturer, and Paul Pitts, SIUE affirmative action officer will be speaking.

For more information, contact Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Fundisha Dance Ensemble: Campus Activities Board will sponsor a performance of traditional African dance Tuesday from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

For more information, contact Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

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.

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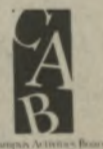
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The 'real' State of the Union part two: Bush's patriotic bigotry

George W. Bush must be a gambling man because he pulled out all the stops when he gave the State of the Union Address last week.

There were many promises for a better tomorrow, many promises for a solution to terrorism and many promises of more administration initiatives and priorities that would be considered good for the American people.

The State of the Union was a large convenience for Bush. Not only did he tell people what they wanted to hear, but he was able to come up with plans and promises that would ensure support by his right-wing fans in the upcoming election.

But as you the reader saw in my previous column, Bush's words are rather contradictory to the real state of this great nation. Aside from his lying about such subjects as weapons of mass destruction, our troop's well-being and our country's foreign policy, our leader apparently trekked through the problem-laden swamp of Medicare, children's education and the questionable economy without sinking into the quicksand that is fact. But certain subjects discussed that night are slightly more important, in this writer's opinion. The first is the Patriot Act.

According to Bush, "Key provisions of the Patriot Act are set to expire next year. The terrorist threat will not expire on that schedule. Our law

enforcement needs this vital legislation to protect our citizens. You need to renew the Patriot Act."

Whoa. If there is anything that I have learned in my short-lived foray into journalism, it's that the Patriot Act helps no one.

Besides granting the FBI the right to unwarranted and unexcused search and surveillance methods, this wretched document actually allows the FBI to detain for an indefinite amount of time anyone that agents want to, be it citizen or not, without due process of law or just cause.

One big casualty of the

But Abouazza refused to answer any of their questions, resulting in both solitary confinement and a beating. More notably, prison guards at one point during his detention had taken him from his cell and strapped him to a chair while a man with surgical gloves and a mask pulled four of his teeth without any anesthesia.

But as if bleeding from the mouth and being in pain weren't enough, Abouazza would have been forcibly deported from the United States (thanks to the INS) if it weren't for U.S. Judge Leonard Shapiro stepping in and declaring that Abouazza could voluntarily return to his home in



Canada. This man was very close to being deported for no real reason at all, and this was all thanks to Bush's much-loved Patriot Act.

Way to go, Bush, you're really protecting people - if protection means a jailing and subsequent beating.

And now on to the subject of gay marriage. "A strong America must also value the institution of marriage ... Congress has already taken a stand on this issue by passing the Defense of Marriage Act, signed in 1996 by President Clinton. That statute protects marriage under federal law as a union of a man and a woman, and declares that one state may not

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Letter to the Editor

Students shouldn't have to risk their safety during severe winter weather

Dear Editor,

I write to you to speak about something that really is beginning to worry me.

I have been noticing SIUE has a tendency to be extremely hesitant when deciding school closings.

On Jan. 5, 2003, ice and snow barricaded the Midwest for nearly four hours, causing multiple accidents, including one in which my friend was involved.

Thank the Lord he is OK.

There is a huge problem here. I write to you as a concerned student of SIUE, and the time is approximately 7:42 a.m.

I am talking online to my friends who live in Bethalto, St. Louis, Collinsville and various other regions of this area, and all of them tell the same story, "My roads haven't even been touched yet, and there are two inches of ice under my car."

The students should not have

to risk their lives to commute to a university that does not want to fall behind one single day.

The weather obviously calls for school closings, considering every other school in the county and surrounding areas are off, including Lewis and Clark Community College.

This also means the professors will have to find baby sitters for their children who are off school, and the likelihood of something like that happening on

such short notice is slim to none.

So next time good old Mother Nature throws a snowstorm at us, perhaps university officials should think of the people who keep this school going.

After all, without the students, this place wouldn't exist.

A concerned citizen,
Stephen Krawzik

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STATE OF UNION

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of gay rights activists can be seen all around, and bigotry is really starting to recess. But banning gay marriage? That sounds like a big step back for the freedom of a much slandered people.

I personally believe that Bush must be using this ploy as a way to garner the attention of all the homophobes out there, and use their fear of homosexuality to his advantage come election time.

Rather rotten, don't you

think, Bush? Not only are you creating a state of fear, but you're rallying against a minority, and that's pretty reminiscent of Hitler, if I do say so myself.

The American people to whom Bush catered were also lied to. Only this time it was at the expense of political and sexual minorities who live in this free nation.

Nate Jones
Columnist

Quote of the Day

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."

~Alexander Hamilton

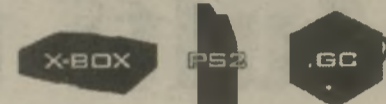
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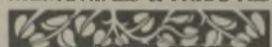
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Lifestyle

Editor's Note: In celebration of Black Heritage Month, the Alestle will be featuring influential African-Americans at

Multi-talented prof lives life to

English language and literature professor Eugene B. Redmond is a man of many talents. His experience has connected him to such literary legends as Maya Angelou. But Redmond remains committed to

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

English professor Eugene B. Redmond's office in Peck Hall is a madhouse.

Redmond attempts to retrieve calls from his voice mail, schedule an interview and prepare for tomorrow's class, all while fielding the people who have formed a line outside his door.

With his office adorned by posters and newspaper articles featuring famous literary figures such as Gwendolyn Brooks and Henry Dumas, along with dozens of books bulging from the shelves, Redmond, during a rare moment of peace and quiet in his office, leans back in his chair and offers a motto that symbolizes his philosophy.

"Some people say 'peace' when they're saying goodbye," Redmond said. "I generally say 'peace' ... but war when necessary."

Redmond is known throughout the literary world as a multi-talented writer and photographer, being listed among such literary legends as Maya Angelou, August Wilson and Toni Morrison as an inductee in the National Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent.

With a master's degree from Washington University, Redmond's need to serve his community urged him to return to SIUE to teach.

His career as a student began in the early 1960s on the East St. Louis campus of SIUE. Redmond took to English and journalism early in his college career and participated in a variety of extracurricular activities including becoming the editor in chief of the Alestle.

A former Marine, Redmond said his tour of duty and contact with people of different cultures was a turning point in his literary career.

time in the service," Redmond said. "I was fortunate enough to be in the company of those who already had an elevated consciousness. So we exchanged thoughts, ideas and shared experiences from our backgrounds. And we realized that we were carrying on a war within a war, and we talked about the civil rights being denied to us at home, as well as how to access the rights to stop the abuse of others."

These eye-opening conversations aboard U.S. Marine ships and abroad rejuvenated Redmond's mind-set to fight against injustices in the United States.

"Against the



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backdrop of the Marine Corps and the result of the contact that I had with indigenous people, I came home with a renewed sense of purpose and a passion for the struggle," Redmond said.

The 1960s is one of Redmond's favorite decades to cite as a turning point in not only American and global history, but his own personal history as well.

"I think it was a very momentous era," Redmond said. "In fact, I think the 1960s was the most influential and significant decade in modern history because it was as close to civil war as we've come since the one in

the 1860s."

He said his hometown of East St. Louis also inspired him to become active in writing and to contribute to raising social consciousness about problems in his and other African-American communities.

"My theory is that East St. Louis has been treated like a Third World country," Redmond said. "It was during my time as a student at SIUE that we broke down those barriers to public and private facilities that were previously denied to us."

The list of achievements and accolades Redmond has collected include editing several Midwestern community newspapers, serving as senior consultant to legendary dancer Katherine Dunham and editing and publishing the works of former colleague Henry Dumas.

Redmond will soon celebrate the 13th anniversary of Drumvoices Revue, a compilation of literary and visual works from writers and artists of all ages and backgrounds.

The publication is done in collaboration with the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club.

Redmond is also being recognized during the month of February in a special exhibit titled "Visualizing Black Writers: An Extra-Literary Exhibit from the Eugene B. Redmond Collection."

The exhibit, on display in the Morris University Center Gallery for the month of February, is curated by Redmond's SIUE colleague, African-American literature professor Howard Rambsy.

What originally started as Redmond taking photographs for his students, family and friends is now an in-depth testament to Redmond's reach throughout the world through literature and education.

Redmond's collection of snapshots looks like a who's who in black literature arrangement, featuring panels on writers such as Angelou, Morrison, Brooks, Kevin

Visualizing Black Writers



PHOTOS COURTESY OF E. B. REDMOND DESIGN BY RAMBSY & RAMBSY THE DISPLAY FEATURES PICTURES OF FAMOUS BLACK WRITERS SUCH AS, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, AMIRI BARAKA, SONIA SANCHEZ AND TONI MORRISON.

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experience as a writer and photographer to his mission of being a strong teacher.

Powell and Sonia Sanchez, among others.

"The exhibit will bring together far-flung members of cultural families," Redmond said. "All of them are artists that I have broken bread with, taught and love dearly, and as a result of them, I've been elevated and become a better father and teacher. At first, there was not even remotely a plan to put these pictures in an exhibit. I was just recording the fun we had at these different places with these people."

Redmond said his mission is to continue his journey throughout his "Soular System."

"I see my mission, until the day I die, to be as worthy and sturdy a teacher as I can be," Redmond said, "and as worthy and sturdy a warrior as I can be."

Redmond's exhibit runs Monday through Friday Feb. 27, with a reception at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8.

For more information on the exhibit, contact Rambsy at 650-2326 or at hrambsy@siue.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

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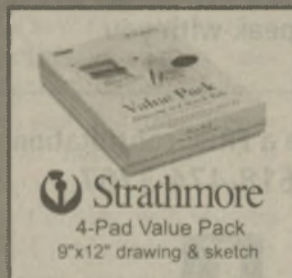
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Paulyn Snyder, Holy Angels Shelter

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Module 13, 6:30 p.m.

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David Heth, Director

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Module 4, 2:00 p.m.

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January 31 - One Day Urban Plunge, E. St. Louis, IL

February 7 - St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL

February 7 - Open Gym, Fairmont City, IL

February 21 - Share Food, Granite City, IL

February 28 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL

Image - February 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Morris University Center

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

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5:15 p.m. @ Vadalabene Center

Men's Basketball vs. Quincy
7:30 p.m. @ Vadalabene Center



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Cougars shake up record books at EIU

Track and Field breaks six school records at Eastern Illinois Mega-Meet

ALESTE STAFF REPORT

The SIUE men's and women's track and field teams knocked out six records at the Eastern Illinois University Mega-Meet Saturday, and they're just getting started.

"That was a great way to open up a season," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "We broke 11 records in our past two meets. That's clearly the best start to a season I've experienced since I've been here."

Senior Breanne Steffens broke the 3,000-meter record with a time of 10 minutes, 17.62 seconds and ran a leg in the record-breaking four-woman, 800-meter relay with freshman Natalie Aschim, sophomore Heather Zipparo and junior Mary Witte.

"Breanne is very committed to becoming the best runner she can be," Frerker said.

"Being a senior, she really wanted to raise her level of performance to the highest level."

The Cougars' four-woman, 400-meter relay set a record of its own with a time of 4:00.02. The

relay team consisted of sophomore Yahshi Rice, junior Jenny Jaquez and freshmen Julia Scherer and Valerie Simmons.

Freshman Callie Glover punched out a new record in the weight throw with a throw of 48 feet, 6 inches. Freshman Jamie Thomas broke the record in the triple jump with a time of 36:11.5.

Senior Rich Skirball, who provisionally qualified to compete in nationals, established a new record in the 1,000-meter run with a time of 2:31.49.

"Rich is a great senior leader for some of our younger runners," Frerker said. "He's continued to grow as a runner every year he has been here."

According to Frerker, the team is loaded with national potential

"We have several athletes capable of qualifying for nationals," Frerker said. "I'd hate to forget to mention somebody, but pay attention as the season goes on."

The Cougars' next competition is Sat., Feb. 7, at the Titan Open in Bloomington.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

A Cougar runner leads the pack at a meet last year. The Cougars' track and field team made an impressive showing this past week at the Eastern Illinois Mega-Meet. The Cougars are next in action on Sat., Feb. 7th.

Cougars look for strong season finish

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Marty Simmons knows the importance of each game from here on out. Thursday's match against Quincy University is next on the declining list of conference games.

"You have to understand that each conference game is one-twentieth of a championship," Simmons said. "Coming off two road losses makes this one that more important."

The Cougars will also be trying to get even with the Hawks from earlier this year. SIUE dropped its first meeting with Quincy, 56-54. Both teams are neck and neck in the middle of the Great Lakes Valley Conference standings. Quincy stands at 4-7 in the conference while the Cougars sit one-half of a game better at 5-7.

Thursday's game is the first

of three in a row at home for the Cougars. Simmons said he knows it's a great opportunity in the middle of the season to get back on the winning track.

"Anytime you play at home, it's big," Simmons said. "Our guys look forward to playing at home, and they get excited about it. The students and fans get excited as well."

SIUE will have to contain Quincy forward Cory Cummens. The 6-foot-7 sophomore has been scoring at will for the Hawks.

"Cummens has had back-to-back 30-point performances," Simmons said. "He moves and moves. He has the ability shoot over the top of you. He's very hot right now, and you can't foul him."

Coach Simmons said he expects to be 100 percent healthy for Thursday's game with the return of junior Joel Jaye, who received a mild concussion after

taking an elbow to the head against the University of Southern Indiana. Jaye will play with a protective face mask.

The Cougars will look to senior guard Ron Jones and junior guard Tyler Hackstadt to lead the way for the Cougars. Each are averaging more than 12 points per game. However, Simmons said he knows this time of the year demands everyone to pick up the slack.

"It's that time of the year where it's not one or two guys we need to step up, but the whole team needs to step up and find their role," Simmons said.

SIUE's next victory will mark their 10th overall victory of the season. That would be the first time the Cougars have recorded double-digit victories since the 1997-1998 season when the Cougars finished 13-14.

Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Vadalabene Center.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Sophomore guard Calvin Sykes looks to penetrate the lane in a game this year. The Cougars begin a three-game home stand earlier against Quincy University.

Cougars see conference tourney in cards

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

If the women's basketball season were to end today, the Cougars would squeak into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. Head coach Wendy Hedberg said she is set on the fact her team will get in.

"I'm confident," Hedberg said. "The key is being healthy. During the stretch, we weren't playing well. (Freshman forward) Julianne (McMillen) was out. And with her out, we were struggling on the boards."

Hedberg said the coaches and the players have to take it one game at a time.

"In our last win against (the University of) Southern Indiana, I thought we played with a lot of intensity," Hedberg said.

"Everything we needed to do, we did. When we are losing, we give up a lot of rebounds and a lot of second-chance opportunities."

"According to Hedberg, it's not a lack of effort on behalf of the players.

"I don't think it's a question of effort," Hedberg said. "I don't think any of the seniors want to lose games. I think we lost a little bit of confidence and were making some critical mistakes over a stretch of time."

Before beating Southern Indiana, the Cougars suffered a six-game losing skid, a mark that Hedberg said she hopes isn't repeated to close out the season. According to Hedberg, a big determiner of how well the Cougars close out the season will be the play of McMillen and sophomore center Tanya

Guell.

"That was a big part of our game early on," Hedberg said. "Tanya is back to between 80 and 85 percent. Julianne still isn't 100 percent. She's about 75 to 80 percent and playing through pain."

Hedberg said for the Cougars to roll into the GLVC Tournament, the Cougars have to get back into a rhythm.

"We have to be clicking on all cylinders with people being able to knock down open shots when they have them, and the people posting inside have to be hitting the foul shots when they have them," Hedberg said.

The Cougars are 9-10 on the season and 4-8 in the GLVC. They will play at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center against the Quincy University Hawks.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLS

Senior guard Sara Schweers looks to find an open Cougar in a home game earlier this year. Schweers and the Cougars will look to build off last week's victory over the University of Southern Indiana this week when they take on Quincy University this Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.

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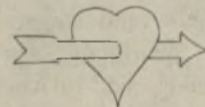
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Monday, February 2-27
 Art Exhibit
 Art Gallery, Morris University Center
 Visualizing Black Writers: An Extraliterary Exhibit from the Photograph Collection of Eugene B. Redmond
 Reception: Sunday, February 8, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Monday, February 2
 Affirmative Action in Higher Education After the Michigan Decision:
 Local Perspectives
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 Ms. Kim Kim, SIUE Associate General Counsel, and Mr. Paul Pitts, SIUE Affirmative Action Officer, will discuss the recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions regarding the University of Michigan's undergraduate and Law School admissions programs. Lydia Jackson, Assistant Professor, Lovejoy Library, will moderate.

Tuesday, February 3
 Fundisha Dance Ensemble
 12:45 PM-1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 African dance presentation

Wednesday, February 4
 Lecture - KRS-ONE
 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 KRS-ONE, rapper, emcee, hip-hop artist, philosopher, and motivational speaker, will present on minorities in the media and ways to change their image. He will address the lack of common sense and awareness individuals have to respecting each other's culture. Co-sponsored by National Society of Black Engineers.

Thursday, February 5
 Indigo Dyers in Western Nigeria
 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 Maple-Dogwood Room, Morris University Center
 Professor Judith Byfield, Associate Professor of African History, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, will present her work on Indigo Dyers in Western Nigeria as outlined in her book *The Bluest Hands*.

Monday, February 9
 Soul Food Monday
 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Commons Building, Cougar Village
 Black Student Association will sell soul food dinners to introduce traditional African-American cuisine to the University community.

Tuesday, February 10
 Cultural Bazaar
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 African and African-American vendors will sell books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event. Additionally, there will be entertainment, and prize drawings! Take a break between classes and stop by to see what merchants have to offer!

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration
 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 Annual Birthday Celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr. Students: \$8 General Public: \$12.50

Wednesday, February 11
 Cultural Bazaar
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 African and African-American vendors will sell books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event. Additionally, there will be entertainment, and prize drawings! Take a break between classes and stop by to see what merchants have to offer!

SIUE East St. Louis Center for Performing Arts Dance Company
 12:45 PM-1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 African dance presentation

Lyrics Lounge
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library
 Students will perform oral expressions through poetry, song, spoken word, rap and other forms of expression. Sponsored by Black Student Association.

Thursday, February 12
 Forum Discussion
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 Mississippi Room, Morris University Center
 Belicia Royster, President, Black Student Association will lead a discussion on the topic of Blacks in America discussing the state of Black America where they have been in the past and where they are headed in the future. Sponsored by Black Student Association.

Friday, February 13
 Cultural Bazaar
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 East St. Louis Higher Education Campus, Building D
 African and African-American vendors will sell food, books, clothing, art, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event.

Saturday, February 14
 Cultural Bazaar
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 East St. Louis Higher Education Campus, Building D
 African and African-American vendors will sell food, art, books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event.

Tuesday, February 17
 Poetry Reading
 12:30 PM- 1:45 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 Eugene B. Redmond, Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, will offer readings from his award-winning collection.

Wednesday, February 18
 Black Heritage Month Networking Fair
 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 Come check out student organizations and what they can offer you!

Contemporary Struggles for Social Justice
 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
 Missouri Room, Morris University Center
 This event is a two-day panel discussion examining both the historical and continuing vitality of social movements as agents for achieving social justice. Led by a multi-disciplinary group of SIUE faculty members, the panel presentation will focus on social movements from South Africa, the United States, Brazil, and West Africa. This symposium is open to the University public and wider community and is designed to provide a forum for wide-ranging debate and discussion.
 Moderator: Patrick Murphy, Chair, Department of Mass Communications

Participants:
 Isaac Blankson, Assistant Professor, Department of Speech Communications
 Stephan Bradley, Assistant Professor, Department of Historical Studies
 Elizabeth Fonseca, Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
 Howard Ramsby, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language and Literature
 Mark Hedley, Assistant Professor, and Monica White, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Lecture - Bobby Seale
 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 Co-founder of the Black Panther Party (BPP) will speak on a variety of topics. Besides addressing the purposes and need for the BPP during the Civil Rights Era, he will compare that era to that of today's, all the while clearing up myths and misconceptions that abound about the BPP's foundation (i.e., excluding those of other ethnic groups, being a strictly militant organization, etc.). He will also speak on the state of higher education in American society, which will be one of the main focal points of his speech. Mr. Seale will address these topics in the hopes of educating those in attendance about the importance of the BPP and other organizations like it during that time period, while simultaneously giving the audience a chance to see a political figure of major importance in real life. Co-sponsored by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

Thursday, February 19
 Contemporary Struggles for Social Justice (continued)
 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
 Missouri Room, Morris University Center

Friday, February 20
 6th Annual Black Heritage Month Talent Show
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 Come watch students perform their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents during this annual event. Tickets at the door only: \$2.00 - Students, \$3.00 - Faculty/Staff/General Public

Monday, February 23
 Black Film Series: A Historic Perspective
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 A two-day screening of films directed by Oscar Micheaux (*Lying Lips* - 1939), Gordon Parks (*The Learning Tree* - 1969), Reginald and Warrington Hudlin (*The Great White Hype* - 1996), and a fourth film to be selected. A scholar will present a conceptualization of African-American films and filmmakers. Professors Elza Ibroscheva and Bala Baptiste, Co-Chairs.

Tuesday, February 24
 Black Film Series: A Historic Perspective (continued)
 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
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Wednesday, February 25
 Blacks, Radio, and History
 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 A panel discussion featuring invited talk show hosts: Richard "Onion" Horton, WGNU-AM and NewBlackCity.Com; Lizz Brown, WGNU-AM; Dr. Ray Hagins, WGNU-AM and Black Liberation Radio, among other air personalities at area stations. Dr. Bala Baptiste, Department of Mass Communications, will moderate the discussion and question-and-answer session.

Are We Still Living Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream?
 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 Maple/Dogwood Room, Morris University Center
 Leon Dash, member of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign faculty, author, and formerly a journalist with the *Washington Post*, will discuss *Are We Still Living Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream?* Dr. Dallis Browne, Department of Anthropology, will moderate. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Thursday, February 26
 Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl
 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
 Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
 Come and test your Black History knowledge Hollywood Squares style.

Friday, February 27
 Gospel Explosion
 6:30 PM-10:00 PM
 Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
 The Explosion will be an inspirational evening to spread the gospels of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. This event will feature poetry, rap, praise dance, and gospel music.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for a detailed schedule of events, or e-mail Sharon Galen at sgalen@siue.edu.

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