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PSA drops SIUE suit Tough times ahead

TYLER BENNETT NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Professional Staff Association have decided not to pursue a permanent restraining order against SIUE.

The PSA decided the judge's orders might be more restrictive than the policy the university has

The original restraining order restricted the union to certain times and locations they were allowed to picket. The university policy, on the other hand, requires 48 hours advance notification and does not mention time or place restrictions.

The PSA was awarded the temporary restraining order Feb. 11, allowing them to hold

informational pickets Feb. 12 at the east entrance to the Morris University Center from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and at the north entrance from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The reason for the informational pickets was the request for approximately 100 of the PSA members to be given a 2percent increase that other non-union faculty members were given this year.

The university decided not to give them the raise, so the PSA hoped to inform the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees and students of its cause.

The PSA was awarded a court date for Tuesday, Feb. 17, to file its case for a permanent injunction, but the PSA decided it did not wish to pursue the matter.

Tom Dehner, news director for WSIE and PSA member, said, "It was a collective agreement among the union members. We didn't want to get locked into the restrictions laid out in the TRO (temporary restraining order)."

Dehner said the decision, not to mention the matter, was made shortly after the original picket, within a day or so.

Though they won the battle, the PSA is still fighting the war.

"The question (about the raise) was submitted to the university, and the answer was a resounding 'no,'" Dehner said. "We will continue to press for the raise, which we think is only fair to give to our members. What we do from here remains to be seen. Only time will tell."

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

SIUE Chancellor David Werner sent an e-mail to staff and faculty late Wednesday warning tough times may be ahead for the university.

Earlier Wednesday, Gov. Rod Blagojevich called for a 2-percent reduction in general revenues for state public universities.

"The governor's recommendation reflects the continuing difficult fiscal situation facing the state," Werner said in the e-mail.

Werner noted that for SIUE, "additional revenue from tuition

increases and enrollment growth will substantially exceed the 2percent expected reduction in state support."

However, he added, "We also need to fund some very important priorities for next year, particularly salary increases."

Werner said he would work with the University Planning Budget Committee based on the governor's projection of a reduction in state funds.

Although state funds for public universities have been tight, SIUE fared better than most because of increasing enrollment and cash reserves.

tudents to study

SCHALENE HOUSTON News Stringer

Countries outside the United States are still awaiting the arrival of studious students and the opportunity to study abroad is still open for all SIUE students.

Applications are being accepted for the study abroad program. These applications will be in review for the fall 2004

"There are quite a number of countries students can choose open to all majors, but it is also

from," International Programs Director Ron Schaefer said.

This semester, most students are in Austria, Wales, Japan, Argentina, Germany and the Netherlands, Schaefer added.

In order to qualify, a student must be a sophomore, junior or senior with a 3.0 grade point average. Schaefer said after these qualifications are considered, there are other questions taken into consideration.

The study abroad program is

important that students make sure they take all courses required in their program.

"By doing it early, they can meet general education, and it is easier to match courses between SIUE and other institutions," Schaefer said.

Students who participate in the program will receive credit just as if they are in attendance at

Schaefer said there are a variety of majors studied in these see STUDY ABROAD, page 4

Po - e - tree pro reads works from the soul



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Literature Eugene B. Redmond recited from his award winning collection of works Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. The event was sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

SIUE Mechanical Engineering professor will be missed

MARISSA VICKERS NEWS REPORTER

The atmosphere in the Mechanical Engineering Office is noticeably different since the death of its founding father, Mr. Tom Anderson, Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004

Anderson's "Professor untimely death came as a shock to everyone in the School of Engineering, especially in the Department of Mechanical Engineering," associate professor X. Terry Yan said.

Anderson, 69, died last of complications attributed to

hypertension. diabetes and Anderson established the Engineering Mechanical Department at SIUE in 1989 and. with Mechanical Engineering Chair Nadar Saniei, its graduate program in 1997.

"Under his leadership, the Mechanical Engineering Department has grown into a well-established program with ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accreditations," Yan said.

The department's undergraduate enrollment has about 200 students, and the

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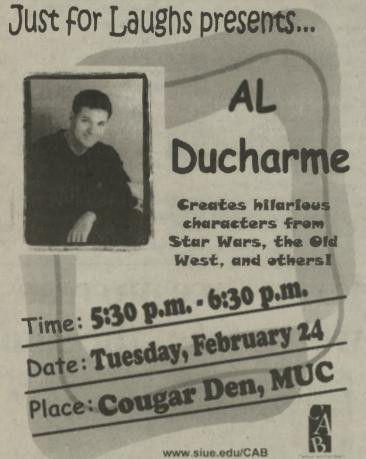
JEWELS KUENSTLER News Reporter

The SIUE Graduate School will provide up to \$150,000 for the purchase of equipment and research tools to improve the research infrastructure of the university in the request for research equipment program.

Individual tenure tract faculty members can submit a statement containing a brief description of the piece of equipment they are applying for, a justification for the item and its role in their research program and a complete cost for the item.

> The applications should be see FUNDS, page 5







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Get Ready for Spring Break Future focus of open house

TRAVIS ROSS ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE School of Engineering will wheel out a few of its bigger toys for display at its open house this weekend in hopes of increasing the school's enrollment numbers for the fourth consecutive year.

Prospective students will be able to meet with faculty and students. The visitors will be able to observe teaching and research categories throughout the school and meet with faculty and students to learn about the fields of engineering, computer science and construction.

And the students will have time to look at some of the things they could be creating in a few years.

Computer science faculty will be on hand to explain how engineers created the special effects behind movies like "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy. Students will also have a chance to play around with the roaming robots, Taz and Marvin, or learn what happens when an earthquake shakes a structure, among other crafty exhibits.

"It's sort of an annual recruiting thing to show off our stuff," Associate Dean of the School of Engineering Jacob Van

Roekel said. "We are showing off all of our labs and whatever students are interested in. This is to help students explore potential careers in our field and find out what kind of programs we have to offer."

Van Roekel said this is the fourth year for the open house, which began when SIUE completed construction of the Engineering Building.

"We get around 700 visitors that come out here just to see the school, and a large portion of them end up coming here," Van Roekel said. "The new building has really made a difference and has been a large reason for our success."

He said the engineering program was at 785 for fall 1999 enrollment. This past fall, the school issued grades for 1,199 students. According to Van Roekel, the enrollment was so low because the school was so spread out.

"We were spread out into four different locations with all of our programs, and we didn't have a home," Van Roekel said. "The other thing is that we didn't look impressive to people who came out because we had to drag them all over the place. Right now we have about \$5 million in lab equipment in our buildings."

Van Roekel said SIUE measures up to nearly every other engineering school in the country

JESSICA BALADADIALESTLE

Taz the robot rolls through the hallway of the Engineering Building.

in terms of quality.

"There is a certain kind of student that will always go to the University of Illinois," Van "Ninety-eight Roekel said. percent of every course (at SIUE) is taught by faculty, not assistants. You have faculty access here that you don't have at some big 10 schools."

The open house will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the Engineering Building.

SIUE gears up for Tech fair

KELLY SCHOMAKER NEWS STRINGER

The Faculty Technology Center, Excellence in Learning and Teaching Initiative, the Library and Information Services and Friends of Lovejoy Library will host the 2004 Teaching, Learning and Technology Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Speakers from around the campus and area will give workshops on three different tracks: pedagogy, legal and academic issues and emerging technology.

"The sessions are open to everyone, but most will be more of interest to the faculty and staff, and others, such as teaching and emerging technology, will be of interest to students," said Cindy Scarsdale, assistant to the director of undergraduate assessment.

The fair is open to all and will be in the conference rooms on the second floor of the Morris University Center. booths, attendance prizes, and posters and demonstrations will be provided at the fair.

One speaker will be keynote speaker David Starrett, director of the center for scholarship in teaching and learning at Southeast Missouri State

"Keynote speaker Dave Starrett has been all over the world. He just took an online course in China about teaching. He is very well-spoken and we are lucky to have him," Scarsdale said.

Starrett will give the keynote see FAIR, page 4

Campus Scanner

Business Hour: Nick Rallo, district manager for Pfizer Inc., will update students on issues Pfizer Inc. and pharmaceutical companies in America are facing from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in Alumni Hall, Room 2401. All majors are welcome.

Stress and Anxiety Are They Managing You?: Academic Counseling and Advising is sponsoring a workshop on how to overcome anxiety from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Peck Hall, Room 2417. For more information, call Academic Advising at 650-3701.

Are We Still Living Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream?: Alpha Phi Alpha is presenting a lecture by Leon Dash, faculty member of the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, author and former Washington Post journalist, at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Maple-Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center. For more information, contact Mike Jones at MikeJones_cornell@yahoo.com. Buddhist Meditation: Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry is sponsoring Buddhist Meditation for beginners through the experienced from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Religious Center.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) OUIT-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.

Ping pong champ in need of sponsor

TYLER BENNETT
News Editor

While the rest of the world was busy with Valentine's Day activities, graduate student Sreekanth Peyyeti was serving up a round of table tennis for the Association of College Unions International's regional table tennis competition Saturday at SIUE.

Peyyeti, who has been playing pingpong for approximately six years, took the first-place medal and qualified to compete at the national tournament Friday through Sunday, April 9 through 11, in Freemont, Calif. The second, third-, and fourth-place winners are also eligible to compete.

"It was a really nice experience," Peyyeti said. "But I'm really hoping to go to nationals."

He is looking for a sponsor for his trip to the national tournament. Peyyeti said he has been playing in the regional tournaments for three years and also qualified for the



PHOTO COURTESY OF SREEKANTH PEYYETI nationals last year.

"I couldn't get a sponsor, so I

couldn't go," Peyyeti said.

This is also Peyyeti's last year in school. Once he graduates, he is no longer eligible

to compete in the tournaments.

"I'm just looking for a sponsor so I can go to the national level."

If an organization would like to sponsor Peyyeti or would like to find out more information, contact him at 567-4054

Ping pong champ Help given for first impressions

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Fifty students will gather to learn how to make a good impression Saturday.

The Career Development Center is sponsoring an interviewing, manners, attire, grooming and etiquette seminar designed to help students learn the proper etiquette for the professional world. "It is a one-day workshop," CDC Director Jean Paterson said. "We'll go through etiquette in dining, and we'll be doing mock interviews in the afternoon. We have students through all majors and all levels who attend it."

Students will receive a professional notepad portfolio and pen.

Director of Career Services at Webster University Ray Angle, who gives seminars throughout the United States, will be the guest speaker.

"We also have a speaker coming in doing a successful networking workshop," Paterson said. "He will be teaching students how to mix and mingle with employers."

Reservations are no longer available for this seminar as the limit was met before the Feb. 6 cutoff.

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graduate program has 70.

Anderson, who was the department chair for six years, was highly regarded in the field of engineering and was a member of multiple trade associations. In 1997, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers awarded him with the Edward F. Obert Award, which is given every two years for studies in thermodynamics. He received the award for a paper on equilibrium dynamics.

He was also a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Illinois Professional Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Institute of Industrial Engineers, to name a few

"We all benefited from his encouragement and administrative support in teaching and research. Professor Anderson is also a gentle man with a great sense of humor. He is such a gentleman and a great colleague and a good friend," Yan said.

Anderson is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, his son and daughter-in-law, James and Lori Anderson, his daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and James Morreale, five grandchildren and two siblings.

"He was from a welleducated family, and he is very educated too. He, his wife and his two children are all Ph.D.s. We often jokingly say that you have to be specific when you say 'Dr. Anderson' in his family because everyone in the family has a doctorate degree," Yan said.

Family members ask that remembrances be made to the Mechanical Engineering Department at SIUE or the St. Boniface Church Building Fund.

"We are going to miss his guidance, his leadership, his camaraderie and his laughter," Yan said.

Have a news tip? Let us know. alestlenews@hotmail.com





WebCTgoes down

Students and faculty who worked on WebCT between 10 p.m. Sunday and 11 a.m. Monday will have to do it over.

The WebCT server suffered a course design changes. catastrophic hardware failure at 11 a.m. Monday.

manufacturer's hardware at 650-5697 or design flaw.

WebCT service, however, was restored by 6:30 p.m. Monday.

All WebCT activity during the failure was lost, including any completed quizzes, grade file changes, uploads, discussions, WebCT e-mails, assignment submissions and

Students and faculty needing assistance should contact the The server failed because of Faculty Technology Center Academic Computing Manager Vandever Jennifer jvandev@siue.edu.

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different countries.

"There has been a strong response of art and design, mass communications, foreign languages and biology majors," Schaefer said.

For more information, students can visit the study abroad Web

www.siue.edu/studyabroad.com. Those students interested in the fall 2004 program should contact Schaefer as soon as possible at rschaef@siue.edu or at 650-3298.

Students can also stop by the Study Abroad Office, Room 2053 of the Morris University Center.

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address, "Integrating Technology in Teaching and Learning: The Faculty Role," at 10:30 a.m. in the Mississippi and Illinois conference rooms of the Morris University Center.

Starrett will also give a workshop titled, The Mechanics of Teaching On-Line, at 2 p.m. in the Hickory room.

"One neat thing is the wealth of knowledge and expertise that this campus has with the faculty and staff in sharing what they know," Scarsdale said. "We have talent and expertise on this campus."

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Students take short break at Starbucks



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Students take time away from classes to relax and study in the lounge in Starbucks. Chairs, a fire place, paintings and the powerful scent of coffee set the mood for a relaxing atmosphere. It is a welcomed hide-out in the Monts University Center.

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turned into the dean of the faculty applications and then rank them member's school or college.

"This money is not offered on a regular basis. It has, years," Associate Pogatshnik said.

"The funds come from grants \$100,000."

The deans will review the students."

by which proposals will be most

They will then turn however, been offered for over 15 their individual rankings into Graduate School the Graduate School for the Dean Gerald final decision on the award

"This is one of the few that the university collects and programs the university has that the amount of money available can support tools one can use for depends on how much grant scholarship," Pogatshnik said. "It money the university receives. helps faculty members in their Last year, the program was research efforts, as well as offered and we awarded provides students with first-rate experience for research

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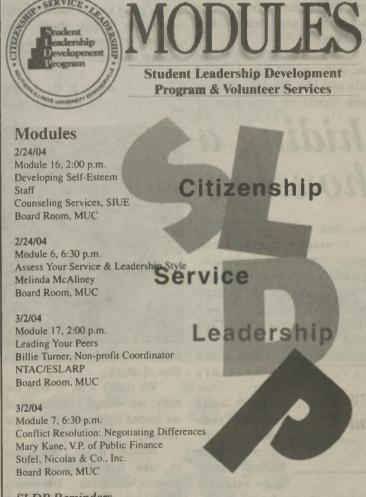
enrolled students at SIUE, and we an option. have 50 students who is it. We've had 35 or so (for next spring). At this point, (attend), but this time we got to our max."

Although students cannot twice a year."

"It was open to currently attend this year, next year is still

"We will have another one are attending, which is the max," (next year). We start taking Paterson said. "We will reservations for it during the be holding it again next year, fall," Paterson said. "In the fall, but for the spring term this the information will be back out we only do it once year, but if we get more interest, we may do it

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March 27 - Frank Holten State Park, Tri City Youth Council Volunteer Project

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

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Emergency contraception should be made available over the counter

I know a lot of people are tired of the political columns the Alestle has been putting out lately, so today I will touch on another subject, the morning-

For those of you who don't know, there is birth control in the emergency contraception, but it is only available with a prescription, except in California, Alaska Washington and New Mexico.

According to the Feminist Majority Foundation, there is a

nationwide campaign to mobilize students to work to get this contraception available over the counter.

The FMF also says the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Reproductive Health Drugs Adviser and Nonprescription Drugs Panel voted 23-4 in favor of over-theapproval, counter Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives are trying to get President George W. Bush to stop the FDA from making the contraception emergency available.

EC is a different form of oral contraception because it can be taken after unprotected sexual human form, or than a woman there should be some form of

intercourse, if a woman forgets her birth control pill or when a condom breaks. According to the FMF, if EC is taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, there is a 75 percent to 88 percent chance pregnancy will not happen. If taken within 24 hours, the pill is up to 95 percent effective.

OK, with all of this said, I must admit I am for the pill being available over the counter, with some exceptions.

Just think, if 100 college women have unprotected sex and going through the emotional distress of having the surgical procedure.

This pill could prevent thousands and thousands of abortions from happening every year and keep many women from having to be mothers when they are not ready.

But, while I favor EC being sold over the counter, there are

Sure, it should be available, but not to just anyone, anytime. For example, a 15-year-old girl is



paperwork a person fills out or someone that person should talk to when they purchase the pill.

I know, that sounds like they may as well have a prescription, but the thought of just anyone getting EC anytime is a bit scary.

For any person to be able to get the pill at anytime supports the notion that it's OK to be promiscuous and unprotected sex.

I don't know what the FDA has in mind as far as EC restrictions, and although I think it is a good idea to make the pill accessible, I also think there should be some limits in the interest of a stronger society.

> Nicole R. Gaudreault Editor in Chief

"... EC (emergency contraception) sounds a heck of a lot better than a woman aborting a baby who is already in human form ... "

take EC, and we assume it works, that is possibly 100 abortions that don't have to happen and 100 young women who don't have to go through the pain of dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

Of course, I'm no doctor, I'm a student myself, but for those who say EC is a form of abortion, I say EC sounds a heck of a lot better than a woman aborting a baby who is already in promiscuous and goes to the store and buys the pill every month. In this case, I think the girl should be able to get it, but only if her parents are informed.

Minors should have to consult their parents first; parents should know what their children

Also, instead of being able to just walk up and buy a box of pills just like Tylenol or Advil,

There's no hope in hiding a mess from campus housing

Cougar Village apartment is far from

I live with three other guys who appreciate the "finer points of college." Yep, our apartment looks like a scene straight from "Animal House;" or at least it did until about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

On Sunday night, my roommates and I returned to our humble abode to notice a little note pinned to the door.

It said something to the effect of "cleaning inspections are Wednesday." Roughly translated that means "since we gave you such short notice to clean your apartment, you'll fail your cleaning inspection on Wednesday and we'll be giving you an eviction notice on Thursday."

Welcome to my world.

A scaled-down replica of Mount Everest sat in the sink.

The dust bunnies in every corner of the room had

The stench of the minilandfill in the corner of the kitchen was surpassed only by the rank odor of the stale meat in the refrigerator.

heartbeats."

"The dust bunnies in every

corner of the room had

While my roommates and I

Through my two-and-a-half

may think our living arrangement

is a small slice of heaven, the fine

folks at University Housing may

year tenure in Cougar Village,

which has spanned five

apartments, not once have I

escaped cleaning inspections

think otherwise.

In every apartment, during every cleaning inspection, regardless of my Herculean efforts to change my wicked ways, I always get a nice little pink slip saying, "You failed."

> complaints excessive dishes in the sink, chairs on the balcony, unclean stove and excessive

trash to not enough trash, having the chairs where they belong, no dishes in the sink and hiding Jimmy Hoffa in the closet.

All right, maybe not the last one, but you get the point - I'm

Like many other college students, we used Monday and Tuesday as "planning days" to



make sure we had just the right plan of attack.

We didn't want to start too early; we wanted a challenge so we started right around midnight

Needless to say, I would like to take this time and preemptively thank University Housing for the "You failed" pink slip that is invariably sitting on the table at my apartment.

I'm sure we were once again written up for having the chairs in the living room or Jimmy Hoffa in the closet.

> Travis L. Ross Assistant Sports Editor



Quote of the Day

"Free speech, to be free, has to cover everyone, not just the politically fashionable."

> ~Robert J. Samuelson columnist, The Washington Post, 2003

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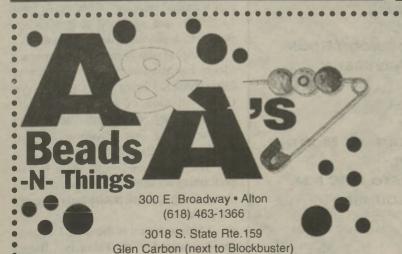




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Editor's note: In celebration of Black Heritage Month, the Alestle will feature influential African-Americans at SIUE. This article is the fourth in a series of five.

Professor Reggie Thomas reaches new heights in his career THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Music professor Reggie Thomas' love for music is shown in not one, but two pianos that sit in his second-floor Dunham Hall office.

It is also shown in his ability to make spare time among piano lessons on a particularly hectic Wednesday afternoon, juggling photographers, two piano students and a reporter in a 15-minute time frame.

A native of Alorton, Thomas, who attended Western Illinois University in Macomb and completed his master's degree at SIUE in 1992, has been one of the most beloved members of the SIUE Music Department.

Renowned for his piano-playing prowess and involvement with teaching music and Black Theater Workshop, Thomas has been a teacher to many, as well as an inspiration.

Now, 12 years later, the professor of music has one more title to add to his name, acting director of the Black American Studies program at SIUE.

"(My appointment) is an effort from Associate Dean of (the College of) Arts and Sciences Wendy Shaw and Assistant Provost Rudy Wilson," Thomas said. "It is an effort to increase the visibility of the Black American Studies interdisciplinary minor program at SIUE."

Shaw, when asked of Thomas' capabilities and qualifications for the position, used Thomas' reputation and character as a measuring stick for his ability to take the program to new heights.

"Reggie is a highly valued member of the Music Department here at SIUE," Shaw said. "We believe that he can move the program forward because of his abilities as a professor, and because he is so well-respected on campus. He is very involved with the students, and we think he's going to do an outstanding job.

While hoping to make beautiful music in his new position, Thomas never forgets about his first love, music.

"I've always known that I was going to be a musician for as long as I can remember," Thomas said. "It didn't even matter what kind of music. I just knew that this is what I wanted to do."

Citing inspirations from music legends like Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington and Stevie Wonder, Thomas, a graduate of East St. Louis Lincoln High School, also looks at Miles Davis as a musical inspiration.

"I grew up under the legacy of Miles Davis, having attended the same high school as he did," Thomas said. "So, of course, he was one of the major



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Reggie Thomas, acting director of the Black American Studies program.

inspirations to me as a musician."

Although he specializes in music, Thomas still has not forgotten the importance of his new position.

"In terms of what I'm doing now in my new position, I want to continue to open doorways to people of color into mainstream America," Thomas said. "I want to encourage as many as possible to inquire about and get involved with the Black American Studies program. Anyone can enrich themselves by

learning more about other cultures besides their own. ... With me being in the entertainment field, people tend to pay attention to people like me more. But I want to show young people that they can aspire in any endeavor of life, such as medicine, law, literature, anything, not just in entertainment or athletics."

For more information on the Black American Studies Program, contact the College of Arts and Sciences at 650-5067 or Thomas at 650-2902.

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Gospel Explosion hits the big stage

ADRIENNE SMITH LIESTYLES STRINGER

The Black Heritage Month Planning Committee is kicking off its first Gospel Explosion from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

"I encourage all to come out for an inspirational evening," Gospel Explosion coordinator Cristina Baines said.

Gospel Explosion is the last major event from the Black Heritage Month Planning Committee.

Performances will be in four categories: choral and solo performances, praise dance/step, rap and poetry. At least 13 groups are expected to participate, Baines said, and more may take part.

Some of the scheduled groups are Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church of Edwardsville, Cherry Street Community Church of God of Lebanon, the Pitts Gospel Family of Edwardsville and the Greater Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church of Hillsdale, Mo.

The University Gospel Choir will be performing at Northern Illinois University that evening and will not be part of Gospel

"Although this is the first, I hope to see it repeated every February," Baines

Students or groups interested in performing should contact Baines at 650-4861 or e-mail her at chaines@siue.edu.

Bluff Hall hosts premiere art show for students

DREW TALBOT LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Bluff Hall hosted the first Bluff Hall Art Show Monday to allow the students of the visual arts focused interest community to have a show within their own community.

The entries were open to students in all areas of art. First-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded in the categories of two-dimensional and threedimensional art.

The prizes consisted of gift certificates to Dick Blick Art

Several members of SIUE's

Sophomore Maria Mullane, resident adviser of the Visual Arts FIC, arranged the show. Mullane also had several pieces in the

"It's really nice to have a show on campus in a more relaxed environment," Mullane said. "It's nice to expose a lot of people to

Several other involved with the show said they were pleased with the end result.

Sophomore printmaking major Lauren Kirchner submitted several pieces for the show.

printmaking and ceramic pieces in his print called "It's Electric." the show.

"It was really cool being part of the arts program on campus." first resident hall show," Kirchner said. "I think it made people more aware of the submitted won second place.

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art and design faculty served as Sophomore Maria Mullane shows off "The Shape of Me." The artwork took first place in the three-dimensional category at the Visual Arts FIC Art Show.





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Kirchner had both Left, Mullane discusses art with a student at the show. Right, junior Nick Kucan displays

The piece is displayed in the Undergraduate Art Show in the Art and Design Building and has recently been

Sophomore Nathan Miller also said he enjoyed participating in the show.

"It's cool that we were given the opportunity to show off our work to everybody as a student," Miller said.

A total of six awards were presented during the reception.

First-place winners received a \$10 gift certificate to Dick Blick Art Supplies.

Second-place received a \$5 gift certificate to Dick Blick while the thirdplace award was an honorable mention.

First place in the threedimensional category was awarded to Mullane for her piece, "The Shape of Me."

Second place in the same category was awarded to Kirchner for her sculpture, "Virgin," while third place went to senior Brian Luttinen for his ceramics piece, "Triangle."

Sophomore Erik received the first-place prize in the two-dimensional category for his painting, "One Fall Day."

Kirchner's printmaking piece received second place in the two-dimensional category, and Miller was awarded third place for his untitled photograph.

For more information about future visual arts FIC activities, contact Mullane at 650-

For more information about FICs, contact Housing Assistant Director Kara Shustrin at 650-0546.

Comedian to crack up campus

BYRON HOTSON LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The Campus Activities Board will sponsor the monthly series Just for Laughs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Cougar Den of the Morris University Center.

The event features the up-and-coming comedian Al Ducharme.

Tom Cotter was originally scheduled to perform, but due to conflicting schedules, he will be unable to take the stage Tuesday night.

"It's not Tom Cotter anymore," CAB representative Milissa Preusser said. "He's on 'Last Comic Standing,' or something."

Though the comedian may have changed, the evening's enjoyment factor should be just as good.

"It'll be fun and equally as good," Preusser added.

According to the Web site www.barbaracoppersmith.com, Ducharme "has appeared at over two hundred colleges and dozens of comedy clubs across the country, including the Tropicana in Las Vegas and Atlantic City."

Also according to the Web site, Ducharme has performed on more than 50 college campuses from 2000 to 2002 alone.

His film credits include "Next Stop Wonderland," as well as the independent films, "The Charming Man" and "Corny Cops." He has also appeared in numerous

commercials and TV events.

Ducharme has also acted on the stage,

Given Ducharme's diverse credits, as

For more information on upcoming

appearing in "The Seagull," "Lysistrata,"

well as the rip-roaring performance of last

month's comedian, Owen Smith, this CAB

event is looking to be an evening well

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the CAB event hot line at 650-3372.

and "The Crucible," to name a few.

The printmaking piece Kirchner

CAB puts on a show in Cougar Den



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Singer Chinua Hawk gets into his performance at the Coffeehouse Showcase Tuesday in the Cougar Den. Campus Activities Board sponsors the monthly event.

What's going down around town?

If you're looking for music, don't look any further. Check out what's happenin'.

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Joey DeFrancesco, 8:30 & 10:15 p.m. Jazz at the Bisfro 3536 Washington Ave. St. Louis (314) 531-1012

Kelley Hunt, 8 p.m. Mississippi Nights 914 N. First St. St. Louis (314) 421-3853

Robben Ford Blueberry Hill's Duck Room 6504 Delmar Blvd. University City, Mo. (314) 727-0880

Friday

Adrenokrome, 9:30 p.m. The Creepy Crawl 412 N. Tucker Blvd. St. Louis (314) 851-0919

Alsop, Grossi, & Halley Cumberland Gao, Lazy Joe, 9 p.n. Off Broadway 3509 Lemp Ave. St. Louis (314) 773-3363

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Johnny Goodwin, 5 p.m. Impala Deluxe, Naked Groove 8 p.m. Broadway Oyster Bar 736 S. Broadway St Louis (314) 621-8811

Jake's Leg, 10 p.m. Cicero's Restaurant & Basement 6691 Delmar Blvd. St. Louis (314) 862-0009

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Richard "Onion" Horton WGNU-AM newblackcity.com, Lizz Brown from WGNU-AM and Ray Hagins from WGNU-AM and the Black Liberation Radio are scheduled to participate.

According to www.newblackcity.com, Horton is the leading black talk show host in St. Louis. He has been involved in media for more than 20 years.

Horton has written and spoken about American culture, racisim, the leagal system and politics.

adjunct professor at Webster University.

In addition, Brown hosts a daily, live call-in talk show on WGNU-AM.

Brown was voted the Best Talk Show Host in St. Louis by The Riverfront Times.

Hagins is the senior pastor and chief elder of The Afrikan Village Church in St. Louis.

Hagins is also a clinician, therapist, musician syndicated television show

Additional radio personalities will also attend.

The panel will discuss the contributions and achievements of African-Americans throughout radio history and other pertinent topics.

Mass communications professor Bala Baptiste will moderate the discussion and question-and-answer session.

For more information, Brown is an attorney and an contact Baptiste at 650-5687.

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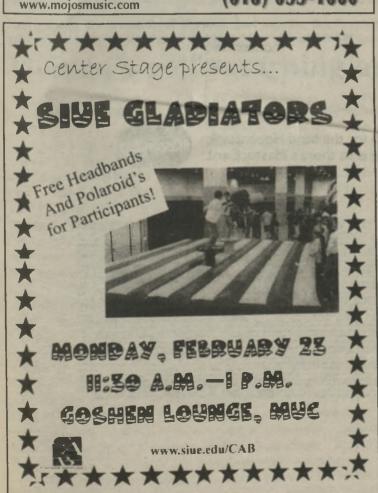
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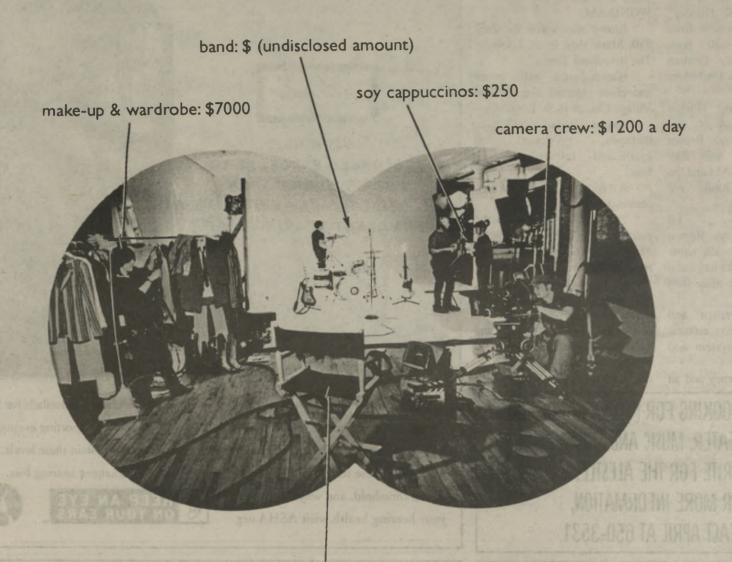












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Softball geared for another GLVC title



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Senior Jenny Esker stands at the plate last season. the Cougars are ranked 20th in the nation in preseason polls and looking to win their third straight Great Lakes Valley Conference title.

Cougars going for third straight GLVC conference title, voted favorites by peers

JUSTIN HELLER SPORTS STRINGER

There are 11 teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference for softball. All but two of those 11 coaches picked SIUE to be the No. 1 team in the conference. If the Cougars can repeat their dominance of GLVC play, they could win their third consecutive title.

Head coach Sandy Montgomery said she is not surprised with their preseason position.

"When you win the last two, you kind of expect to get that same recognition. The challenge is to make it three in a row," Montgomery said.

Returning to the mound for the Cougars will be senior pitcher Missy Koenig and sophomore pitcher Mary Heather White. Both look to shut down their opponents just as they did last year. Koenig is coming off an injury-plagued season where she posted a 7-3 record and an ERA of 0.95. In 2003, White made her pledge to fill in as one of the top spots in the rotation with a 10-2 record. That included 43 strikeouts and a very respectable

1.40 ERA.

To give this team an even stronger rotation, the Cougars will feature two new transfer students. Jessica Finch is a junior transfer from Chipola Junior College where she was an All-Conference player. From the University of Dayton will be junior Ashlea Hoheimer. Montgomery said she is comfortable with any of the four starters on the mound.

"There is no definite starting rotation," Montgomery said. "All four pitchers will rotate."

As for run support, the Cougars have first-team All-GLVC and All-Regional senior outfielder Jenny Montgomery said Esker is "the most feared hitter in the conference." In 2003, Esker was No. 1 in the GLVC in batting average with .439, hits with 75 and RBIs with 48. To go along with that, Esker placed first in four other offensive categories and is SIUE's all-time leader in batting average for her career with .409.

Batting behind Esker will be sophomore Hollie Neuerburg at the fourth spot in the lineup. As a see SOFTBALL, page 15

Women's golf returning arsenal of talent and plenty of leadership

KEVIN CORRIGAN SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off an exceptional 2003 season, the SIUE women's golf team is looking to have another big year in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. As reigning conference champs, the Cougars will have a ton of talent returning in their attempt to become the first back-to-back GLVC champs in school history.

After nearly breaking nearly every school record last fall, the Cougars are poised to duplicate the remarkable results they achieved.

The Cougars will start the year ranked No. 13 in the country, according golfchannel.com. This is the highest ranked Cougar golf team in team history.

Head coach Larry Bennett, the 2003 GLVC coach of the

year, will rely heavily on senior Katie Farrell and freshman Kallie Harrison. Both are returning All-Conference performers.

Farrell made school history last fall by becoming the first Cougar to shoot under par in the GLVC Tournament.

Harrison is coming off one of the best freshman years in school history after being named GLVC freshman of the year. Her 78 scoring average was also good for sixth in the region and 20th nationally.

Senior Kacy Gruenkemeyer will also be looked upon for leadership. In the 2001-2002 season, Gruenkemeyer won the individual GLVC Championship shooting a 162 for the event.

Other returning Cougars include sophomore Brittany Hood and senior Kristi Novak.

Hood placed 13th in the



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see GOLF, page 14 The women's golf team will look to improve on what was an outstanding 2003 season.

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Cougars are solidifying Athletic Department

In the past five years, the SIUE athletic program has accomplished some great things. We've seen the baseball team go to the College World Series. The men's soccer program advanced to the Final Four, as well as several teams in the program winning conference championships, but there has still been no basketball success.

With little more than two weeks left in the regular season, the SIUE men's basketball team is closing in on something this school hasn't seen in years, a winning basketball season.

Standing at 13-10 and 9-8 in Great Lakes Valley Conference, the Cougars have shown that basketball can thrive here at SIUE.

While 13-10 might not seem like a great record, there is more to the record than what meets the

Last year at this time the Cougar's stood at 7-16. Their combined record from the past two years was a dismal 18-35, with no hope in sight.

In fact, the last time the

wins was the 1998-1999 season when they went 13-14. Basically, what this means is that no underclassman at SIUE has seen a winning season on the hardwood.

However, after a string of bad seasons, the Cougars were introduced to Marty Simmons.

Simmons knew what he was getting into, and also that it wasn't going to be an overnight process. So, he went to work and brought in some players to fit his as well scheme. groomed players already in the program.

The end result is today's team that has made a direct incline up the GLVC standings and geared for their first playoff appearance in more than five

It's not just the fact they are winning some games, but more about the character in they are showing on the court. Simmons has this team believing that they can win, and in return the players are showing they can.

"He (Simmons) wants us to

Cougars recorded double-digit be champions on the court as well as off the court," junior guard Calvin Sykes said. "He has us believing in each other."

That belief has the Cougar's on the verge of the GLVC Tournament.

While Simmons will tell you the team still has a long way to go, the team's success this year has been a huge building block to a successful basketball program.

The team has taken on a great motto for the season: one game at a time. Slowly but surely the Cougars have increased their percentage winning decreased their critics.

As far as the doubters who say we can't support a powerful basketball program, just direct them to the Vadalabene Center where the student section is multiplying by each game.

Hopefully, 10 years from now, we'll look back on the 2003-2004 season and say that was the year we turned it all around.

> Kevin Corrigan Sports Editor

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GLVC Tournament last fall.

Novak will look to improve her season average of while offering senior leadership.

plenty of leadership, boasting seven seniors out of a ninewoman roster.

Bennett said he knows that it."

while it is going to be tough to repeat as champs, his team has the determination to repeat.

"The conference is looking The Cougars will have real strong at the top," Bennett said. "It will be a dog fight. It is going to be fun, and I think everyone is looking forward to

The Cougars will open the season Monday, March 15, at the Lady Emerald Invitational in Greenville, S.C. Bennett said he hopes this will be the first step in a return trip to Nationals.

"We have the personnel to compete," Bennett said. "Now it's time to put up the results."



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Junior forward Tim Bauersachs looks to find an open teammate down low in recent action at the Vadalabene Center. The Cougars have made huge strides this year in the quest to become a national power.

Wrestling looks to finish up season strong despite recent setbacks

TRAVIS L. ROSS ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE wrestling team isn't throwing in the towel anytime soon, despite a string of losses that just keeps piling up.

The team went 1-3 at the Central Missouri State University Dual Jamboree. SIUE beat Northern State University 25-24 but lost to Southwest Minnesota State University 16-30, Fort Hays State University 7-30 and the University of Indianapolis 24-21.

"We had opportunities to go 3-1," head coach Booker Benford

said. "But we just had some bad luck with our squad. We had some injuries and slip-ups on our part and situations where things just didn't go our way."

In terms of bad luck, the Cougars were plagued with an injury and illness, something they've done a good job of avoiding this season. Sophomore 141-pounder Alec Lininger is out with a season-ending knee injury, and sophomore 157-pounder Matt Warren was not wrestling at 100 percent due to a case of the stomach flu.

"Lininger is pretty much out for the season, and that puts us back in the category of giving up one forfeit per match," Benford said. "We were able to get away from that for the first time in a long time. We had only given up a few forfeits this season."

Benford said when injuries happen he would normally turn to his bench to fill the void, but this time he can't do that.

"We had other guys that didn't want to wrestle behind other people," Benford said. "If they had stayed, we would've been able to be competitive. All you can do is tell kids that if you stay with us, you might get a chance later in the season."

Benford said one of the bright spots in the outing was freshman 141-pounder Steve

"He went 4-0," Benford said. "He had a pin, a major and a couple of decisions. He portrayed what we want our wrestlers to do. He scored often and poured it on thick in the end."

According to Benford, Chico is doing a lot for a freshman, especially after moving up from the 125-pound weight class to the 141-pound weight class.

"He is feeling pretty good at

his new weight class," Benford said. "It feels better for him because he doesn't have to lose as much weight, but he has to adapt to the strength and still stay quick and agile. It's only an eight-pound difference, but he had to move up in the department of strength a lot."

Junior 184-pounder Branden Lorek went 3-1 on the weekend.

The 7-11 Cougars will hit the mat again at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, at Charleston against Eastern Illinois University. The results of the match will be in Tuesday's Alestle.



A Cougar player crosses the plate to score another Cougar

SOFTBALL from page 13

freshman, Neuerburg was named a third-team All-American and second-team All-GLVC.

In 2003, she finished as the Cougar's third leading hitter with a .357 average and second in RBIs with 43.

The Cougars will have good returning experience in the infield. At first base will be Melissa Lindren, Neuerburg at second base, junior Veronica Schmidt playing shortstop and sophomore Amy Rogers at third base.

This infield helped the Cougars post a .974 fielding percentage in 2003, which was No. 3 in the nation.

Montgomery said she likes the way the team is coming together.

"I like them, and you like to think that as a coach," Montgomery said. "We're all on the same page, and we're fortunate to have such good chemistry."

This team showed its ability to play as a team in the fall season when the Cougars beat the DePaul University, a Division I team ranked No. 10 in the

With all the talent the Cougars have for 2004, Montgomery is setting the team's goals to what she said she

believes they are very capable of.

"Our first goal is to win the (GLVC) conference. Second is to make the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Tournament. Our third goal is to make it to the final eight teams, and we could go from there."

If the past is any sign of the future, then the Cougars will be in for another success-filled

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