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Board of Trustees puts off decision

MARISSA VICKERS
NEWS REPORTER

The decision to put off voting on an intricate tuition plan was made at the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees' meeting Thursday at the acting chairman's suggestion.

The board, which first saw the plan in November, will meet again Thursday, March 11, at the Carbondale campus to decide the monetary fate of SIU students.

According to Rick Maurer, a board member and SIUE Student Government representative, acting chair A.D. VanMeter suggested the delay to give four new trustees time to review the plan.

The new trustees were appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich. They are Dr. Marilyn Jackson, a dentist from Chicago, Roger Tedrick, a businessman from Mount Vernon, John Simmons, an attorney from Edwardsville, and

former U.S. Rep. and SIUC administrator Glenn Poshard.

The tuition plan's suggested increase would represent a 20 percent hike at Edwardsville and 16 percent at Carbondale, making the annual rate for in-state freshmen \$4,020 at Edwardsville and \$4,920 at Carbondale.

"The university's income is half tuition and half from the

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~Rick Maurer

state, and the state cut so SIUE needs to make up for it," Maurer said.

A new state law, the Faith in Tuition Act, requires public universities to guarantee all incoming freshmen a locked tuition amount for four continuous years.

"I can't tell you how the board's going to vote," Maurer said.

Talent on campus

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Friday marked the sixth annual Black Heritage Month Talent Show.

Junior Cristina Baines was the coordinator.

"This year, it was sponsored by Student Activities Fees and CAB (Campus Activities Board)," Baines said.

Junior Victoria Hansen and Baines said they thought it would be nice to throw a little black history trivia into the show. Prizes were given out to those who knew the correct answers.

This year, there were three different talent categories: rap, vocal and dance. There were nine different acts total. Each participant received an award just for participating, and the winners received \$200.

This year's judges included speech communication professor Renee Fussell, music professor Renee Eaton-Baptiste, history professor Stefan Bradley and



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE
Contestant Tresha Mayes sings "Angel of Mine" by Monica during the Black Heritage Month Talent Show Friday, Feb. 20.

English professor Howard Ramsby.

The winners of the rap category were freshmen Cameron Cobb and Anthony Lewis. The winner of the vocal category was freshman Crystal Williams, and Divine Praise won the dance category.

Knock out in the Goshen



NICOLE GAUDREAU/ALESTLE

Students attempt to knock each other down during the Campus Activities Board event "SIUE Gladiators" Monday in the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center. The event lasted from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Find jobs that are fair game

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

More than 100 employers will be on the hunt for possible employee additions when the Career Network '04 and Education Career Fair '04 take place Wednesday, March 3, in the Vadalabene Center.

"It is a good number of employers. We are really pleased," Career Development Center Director Jean Paterson said. "The two fairs are separate, but they are on the same day at

the same place. It used to be that they were on two separate days, but for space considerations, we decided to do it on one day."

Career Network '04 will present 87 employers to mix and mingle with students. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. while the Education Career Fair continues into the evening with 27 employers from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

"We do the educational fairs in the late afternoon to accommodate the students who student teach," Paterson said.

"The other businesses like to do theirs in the morning and early afternoons."

While most of the employers from the Career Network will leave, some employers will stick around to meet with additional students in the education field.

"There are a few employers who are coming to the Career Network in the morning and will be staying through the Education Fair," Paterson said. "The majority of the morning employers will be gone by the

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Fraternities help youngsters

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

The Interfraternity Council is donating big bucks toward making children's dreams come true at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Kimmel Leadership Center.

The IFC is donating a check of \$1,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants the wishes of children with life threatening illnesses.

Consisting of the Alpha

Kappa Lambda, Phi Kappa Psi, Iota Phi Feta, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Pi fraternities, the IFC earned the money for Make-A-Wish in a new way for the organization.

"Back in November, the IFC had a bowl-a-thon, and this is the money we raised," Greek Life Coordinator John Davenport said.

"Basically, we had members of fraternities and some sorority members get together and they bowled, and everyone collected

pledges or did a flat donation. Then they collected the money from their sponsors."

While the IFC has donated to many charitable organizations, this is the first time the IFC is donating to Make-A-Wish.

"We've done a lot of different charities," Davenport said. "Everything from United Way to March of Dimes and the Glen-Ed Food Pantry. This is the first time we've done a bowl-a-thon and the first time we've done a Make-A-Wish."

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Respected journalist and author to speak on his life

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Leon Dash, an award-winning journalist and author, will speak as part of the SIUE Black Heritage Month celebration at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Maple-Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center.

The discussion is sponsored by the Iota Pi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

"He's an investigative reporter and a fascinating guy to talk to because he's had so many interesting stories that have been broken into the news," anthropology professor Dallas Browne said. "They were looking for speakers for Black History Month, and he was chosen because he has a great understanding of both African-Americans and Africans, and he seemed to be an ideal candidate (because he will) speak from his own experiences."

Dash, who began his career at the Washington Post, took a two-year leave of absence to work with the Peace Corps in Kenya in 1966.

"He has worked for the Peace Corps, and he taught high school for the Peace Corps," Browne said. "He taught many children, and one later went on to

become president of the country of Kenya."

Dash returned to the Washington Post following his time with the Peace Corps.

"He worked for many years at the Washington Post in Washington, D.C., and for about 10 years, he was the (West Africa bureau chief)," Browne said. "He has interviewed almost every African president."

Dash later joined the Washington Post's investigative desk where he became involved in an infamous event in U.S. history.

"He also worked for (Bob) Woodward and (Carl) Bernstein when they did the Watergate investigative reporting that forced Nixon to resign," Browne said. "He is actually one of the few people who know who Deep Throat is."

In 1998, Dash accepted an appointment as professor of journalism and African-American studies at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign.

"He's currently holding an endowed chair for journalism called the Swanlund Chair," Browne said. "He's one of 12 individuals who holds endowed chairs at UIUC. He's one of the most respected."

Also an author, Dash has

taken a firsthand look at problems in America. Dash will talk about his book, "When Children Want Children: The Urban Crisis in Teenage Childbearing," during his discussion.

He spent two years living in one of the poorest Washington, D.C., ghettos to interview the teenage girls.

"He's going to talk about his books on problems in the U.S.," Browne said. "He looked at teenage pregnancies among girls 16 and under, and there was almost an epidemic of these girls having children."

Dash won the Pulitzer Prize in 1995 for another in-depth investigative book, "Rosa Lee," in which he studied heroine addiction over generations.

Besides winning the Pulitzer Prize, Dash has also received many other awards in his career, including the George Polk Award of the Overseas Press Club and a Washington Independent Writers President's award.

Everyone is invited to hear the award-winning writer speak.

"Anyone who is interested (should attend). It's free and open to the public, and we encourage everyone to come out. He has books, which will be available to buy, and he will sign them after the talk," Browne said.

Listen to symphony for free

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra is coming to SIUE, and students can receive free tickets.

The world-renowned orchestra will be on campus at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Meridian Ballroom as part of the Arts & Issues series.

"My office is pleased to be working with the series to provide students an opportunity to see these events at no cost,"

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said.

The orchestra will perform works by Wagner, Respighi, Musorgsky and Ravel.

"Each year Arts & Issues brings some of the best and brightest performers and speakers from around the world to Southwestern Illinois audiences for entertaining and thought-provoking presentations on the SIUE campus," said John Peecher, assistant director for the College of Arts and Sciences and

coordinator of the Arts & Issues series.

Free tickets to this event are available at the Morris University Center Information Desk on a first come, first served basis.

There is one free ticket available to each student with a valid SIUE identification. For more information on upcoming Arts & Issues events, visit www.artsandissues.com.

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see Lifestyles**

OIT hours get trial extension

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

The Office of Information Technology Customer Support Center will have extended hours Tuesdays and Wednesdays for a three-month trial.

Instead of closing at 4:30 p.m., the hours have been extended to 6 p.m. both nights.

"There is a three-month trial basis that if the center is well received and utilized, then we will stay open later permanently," OIT Customer Support Center Manager Brian Lotz said.

"With the usage of e-IDs (electronic identification) increasing, students and staff stop in and see us with a problem," Lotz said.

Lotz also said students have

been excited about the fact the center was open later.

"We weren't sure about the expectations of the numbers, just night students were expected," Lotz said.

The OIT Customer Support Center is on the lower level of Dunham Hall, Room 0210.

For more information, call 650-3739 or e-mail techhelp@siue.edu.

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WebCT down but not out

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Students, faculty and staff have recently experienced problems with WebCT on campus.

Last week, WebCT was down for one night and much information was lost.

"There is a hardware problem with the WebCT server that caused it to shut down," Academic Computing Manager Jennifer Vandever said.

According to Vandever, the

problem has been identified and is being fixed.

However, there are ways students can protect their information in case of future problems.

"Anytime students are using WebCT, they should keep a copy of their work on their hard drive or on a disk," Vandever said.

Vandever said students could also copy and paste their WebCT work. When students are taking quizzes or tests, they can keep track of their answers to know what information was stored.

Vandever said WebCT rarely shuts down, but it is shut down for occasional maintenance checks.

"When we shut down WebCT, we try very hard to notify everyone in advance," she said.

There are more than 400 classes and more than 8,000 students using WebCT this semester.

Students, faculty and staff who need assistance should contact the Faculty Technology Center at 650-5697 or e-mail Vandever at jvandev@siue.edu.

JOBS

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time the Education Fair will be beginning, but there will be a few who hang over into the late afternoon hours."

A career fair also takes place in the fall, giving students and employers additional chances to discuss opportunities. While the Career Development Center does not know the exact success rate, Paterson said the career fairs at SIUE are productive.

"It has to be successful or employers wouldn't bother to spend the money to come," Paterson said. "Students don't tend to tell us if they have the jobs or not, but from the employers' side, they wouldn't keep coming if they didn't get good employees

at the fair."

More than 1,200 job seekers are expected to attend, and students are encouraged to pay attention to all employers.

"Don't overlook an employer because many of these employers you can't tell by name," Paterson said. "While on the Web site it says what majors they might be looking at, this can change. I would hit as many employers as possible."

Students attending the fair should be prepared to make a professional first impression.

"It is a good idea to review the list (of employers on the site) and put a resume together," Paterson said. "They (students) also need to be

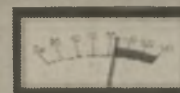
professionally dressed."

The Career Development Center offers free assistance for students preparing for the day's events.

"If the student isn't comfortable or doesn't understand something about the career fairs, we'll help with that," Paterson said. "We'll do mock interviews, and any of us will be glad to work with the students before the fair to get ready."

All students are encouraged to attend and meet with prospective employers.

"It's good networking for freshmen through grad students," Paterson said. "You can be very successful if you make that connection early on."

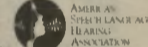


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A l e s t l e

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Wanting fab abs for spring break isn't worth the pain of Ab Express

Two friends and I have finalized our plans for spring break in Texas.

We have transportation, time off from our jobs, money and hotel arrangements.

However, all three of us are lacking perhaps the most important thing — a six-pack. No, not Bud or whatever your choice of mind-numbing, alcohol-loaded liquid may be.

I mean abs. Yep, that six-pack of belly ripples the women just adore. I have abs, or abdominal muscles, if you prefer.

The problem is nobody else knows because my abs can't be seen. My diagnosis of the problem: I'm convinced that I am 170 pounds of solid muscle, but I weigh about 210.

Since I didn't have time to shuck the 40 pounds and start making Subway commercials, I resorted to what I felt was the next rational solution, scanning the Internet for a "get abs quick" scheme.

Stop looking; it doesn't exist. And if it does, it's probably a porn site.

Without a solution, I consulted the fitness gurus I know who practically live in the

"Once you go to an ab class, you can never leave because you're incapable of movement."

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The answer was always the same. "You should go to Ab Express." But I'm not a fan. Why? Because Ab Express hurts.

Nothing against Ab Express. Believe me. I let some friends con me into going to the class for one week about a year ago. I am still in pain.

Besides, I cherish the ability to do other things like getting out of bed in the morning without assistance and lifting my arms to wash my hair.

In spite of these minor side effects, I notice the class is full. Why is this? How can people do this to themselves on a regular basis?

My answer: Once you go to an ab class, you can never leave because you're incapable of movement.

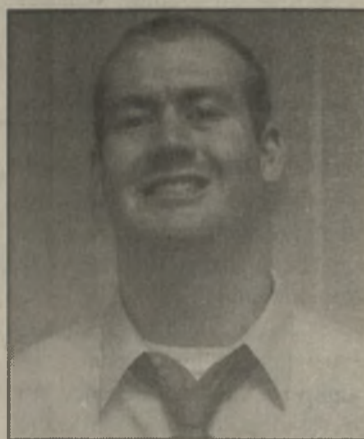
When the class is finally over, you're

lying prostrate on the cold floor and crying for hours.

The instructor then drags the victims into the closet, where, after 47 hours, they will regain feeling in the left side of their bodies, in perfect time for the next class to start.

Most people will spend a maximum of three weeks in the class before spring break, convinced that anything this painful has to give you that elusive six-pack.

That's why most people during spring break just lie on the



beach showing off their abs.

They want you to think they are relaxing, but the truth is they're in so much pain from all the necessary workouts that they're rendered virtually immobile.

For this spring break, at least, I may not have abs, but I'll be able to play around on the beach or walk to the bar without pain.

Travis L. Ross
Assistant Sports Editor

'The Passion of the Christ' could stir up controversy, anti-Semitism

Some may find this hard to believe, given the liberal political views I express through this column on a regular basis, but my solid convictions on so many issues stem from my deep-seated religious beliefs.

Admittedly, I do not wear these religious beliefs on my sleeve as I do my political and social convictions, and I don't even attend church on a regular basis since I

find many Christians to be hypocritical.

However, I do make a concerted effort to allow my faith to be part of my everyday life.

Therefore, I am

one of those anxious to see Mel Gibson's controversial new movie, "The Passion of the Christ."

I am always eager to see any portrayal of Jesus Christ since most depict him as a humble, gentle and caring man who was more concerned about others than about himself — traits most western Christians have discarded for the American (capitalist) dream.

The exemplary lives of Christ and others like him, such as Confucius and Mahatma Gandhi, are inspirational to me.

To me, these are men who personified the best of humanity, so I study their lives and look forward to new movies released about them.

However, Gibson, who directed the film, is finding anything but peace concerning

none of my Jewish friends have expressed any apprehension whatsoever concerning Gibson's film.

There are some important points dissenters, as well as moviegoers, should consider in contemplation of "The Passion of the Christ."

The most important point is Christians do not blame Jews for the death of Christ.

In fact, Christian theology holds Christ was born for the sole purpose of living as a man and then dying sinless

as a sacrifice for the world.

Therefore, no one can be blamed for a predestined act of divinity.

Furthermore, I know of no Christian sect that desires to place blame. Most Christians accept Christ's death as God's will and do not seek to pin any responsibility on the Jews, the Romans or even Pontius Pilate, who sentenced him to death.

his new movie about Christ.

There is a fear that such a movie might stir up anti-Semitism. This is of particular concern given the current political situation in the Middle East.

I have Jewish friends; I also have Arabic friends and friends of many other races, so I can understand the trepidation associated with this movie.

Though, I should note that



So rest easy my friends, there is no faultfinding mission here, just a film about a great man.

If I were to lay guilt at the feet of anyone today, it would be the religious leaders for their blindness concerning the state of the church, their insensitivity to the spirit behind Christ's teachings and their callous disregard for the poor and sick.

Christ's ability to set religious leaders straight is another trait I admire — but that is a whole other article.

Stella Ramsaroop
Columnist

Political Cartoon



Quote of the Day

"A newspaper ought to be a participatory democracy until 20 minutes before deadline."

~Eugene Roberts, former editor, 2003



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Black Panther co-founder the true colors of the org

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Facing a crowd of several hundred people of various ages and ethnic backgrounds, Black Panther Party co-founder Bobby Seale stood on the Meridian Ballroom's stage Feb. 18 and brought the struggle of equality to the SIUE campus, nearly 40 years after the establishment of the civil rights group.

Cosponsored by the Alpha Beta chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. and Campus Activities Board, the event showcased Seale's ability to connect with a diverse audience while clarifying myths and misconceptions about the Black Panthers.

"We were said to be a black, militant organization," Seale said. "If being militant means having a strong sense of community and looking out for people in our own community, then we were that."

Throughout his 90-minute speech, Seale used humorous anecdotes, a down-to-earth attitude and R-rated language, at times, to reach out to the audience, going into detail about the necessity for the party's establishment.

"We said, during the foundation of the (Black Panthers), 'if we can capture the imagination of America, we can get more people to join the organization,'" Seale said. "People often ask, 'why did you all do all this work? Why write a 10-point program and monitor police with tape recorders and guns as a part of the Civil Rights Movement?' It's because there was a need. We were no different. We just had tenacity, which is what (the youth) need today."

Seale also said life doesn't always imitate art, as shown in the 1995 movie, "Panther," which is based on the rise and fall of the Black Panther Party.

"People say they took poetic license with the true story and did a bunch of composite scenes," Seale said. "I said poetic license means poetic lies. Ninety percent of the 'Panther' movie portrayal had nothing to do with the actual things we did in the community. Instead, it had me and (BPP co-founder Huey P. Newton) looking like street thugs that just popped up with guns. The film doesn't tell you that we were college students or that Huey attended law school. It didn't mention the breakfast programs we had for the community and many of our other programs."

Seale, who listed civil rights activists like Nelson Mandela and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as influences, detailed the mental awakening he had during his college years.

"Suddenly, I was getting this whole new world view," Seale said. "Then, I was delving into this whole unknown history of Africa. I got a hold of some books and read about Zimbabwe, Kenya, Zaire ... and I discovered Tarzan doesn't run Africa. Could you imagine the brainwashing that had me thinking that?"

After a question-and-answer session, Seale held a book signing near the Meridian Ballroom entrance.

St. Louis resident Jeffery Wilson made the trek to SIUE during rush hour to see Seale speak.

"I was growing up during this time that he speaks of, right around the time he became a household name," Wilson said. "He is a very effective speaker and has a lot of passion for civil rights."

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Brooks of East St. Louis said she agreed. Brooks, accompanied by her two young daughters, brought her family to the event to see Seale speak.

"I'm so glad that this fraternity and school decided to bring someone like this here," Brooks said. "We really needed to hear what he was saying, whether we agree completely or not. The message of what he's saying might be lost on them today, but hopefully, they'll remember seeing him here as they get older and be inspired by it."

Iota Phi Theta Vice Polaris Filmon Tekeste said the event "surpassed all expectations."

"It was a very positive event," Tekeste said. "It just proves to us that this is what a true community service organization is for, not only to promote the organization, but to promote the struggle for knowledge."

Tekeste said Seale's charisma separated him from the pack of politicians he met in his time.

"He's unlike any other political or social leader I've met. He's more laid-back and at ease," Tekeste said. "He's able to express himself in many other different ways, but you still see the passion that he has for

the struggle, even today."

Freshman fraternity member Marvin Mitchell agreed with Tekeste.

"Seale's speaking at SIUE was great not only for our fraternity, but for the entire campus as well," Mitchell said. "It gave us a message directly from a living historical figure, instead of a history book."

"Mr. Seale was an awesome speaker," CAB Current Affairs Chair Laylonda Maines said. "We were able to give people an opportunity to learn another side from that time. Also, I think that the large number of people who came shows that this campus can host big events and bring a group of diverse people together."

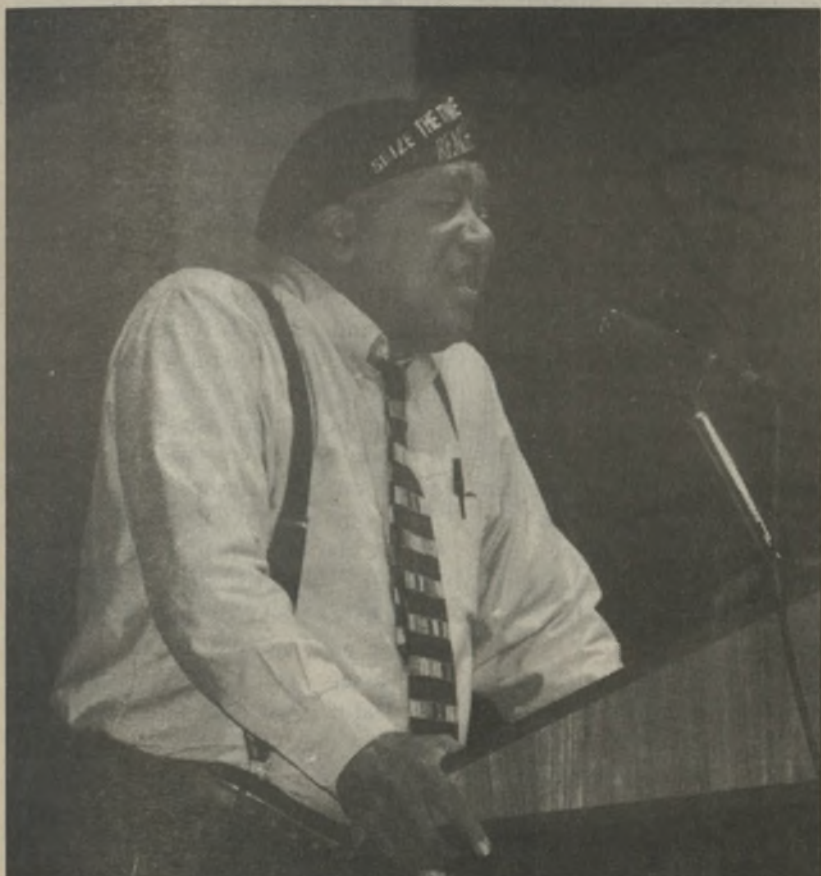
Next on the agenda for Iota Phi Theta is the Home of the Homeless project, tentatively scheduled for launch in April.

CAB's annual Psychic Fair is scheduled for March, with Springfest 2004 following in April.

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PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT, & Arts

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Black Panther co-founder Bobby Seale speaks to a packed house in the Meridian Ballroom.

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"Arts & Issues is proud to bring the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra to SIUE in a return engagement on our stage," Arts & Issues Coordinator John Peecher said.

The performance will be the fifth Arts & Issues event and only the second time the orchestra has performed on the SIUE campus since the group was a fixture at the Mississippi River Festival in the '70s.

Tickets cost \$9 for students and \$18 for the public. A limited number of free tickets will be available for students one week before the event.

Coincidentally, the show falls on leap day.

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Schedule of Events

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Tuesday, February 24

Black Film Series: A Historic Perspective (continued)

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 Baia Baptiste, Co-Chairs.

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. Dallas 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

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Friday, February 27

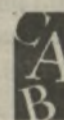
Gospel Explosion

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. Funded in whole or part by Student Activity Fees.



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Coming Up

Men's basketball vs. Lincoln
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1 p.m. Saturday

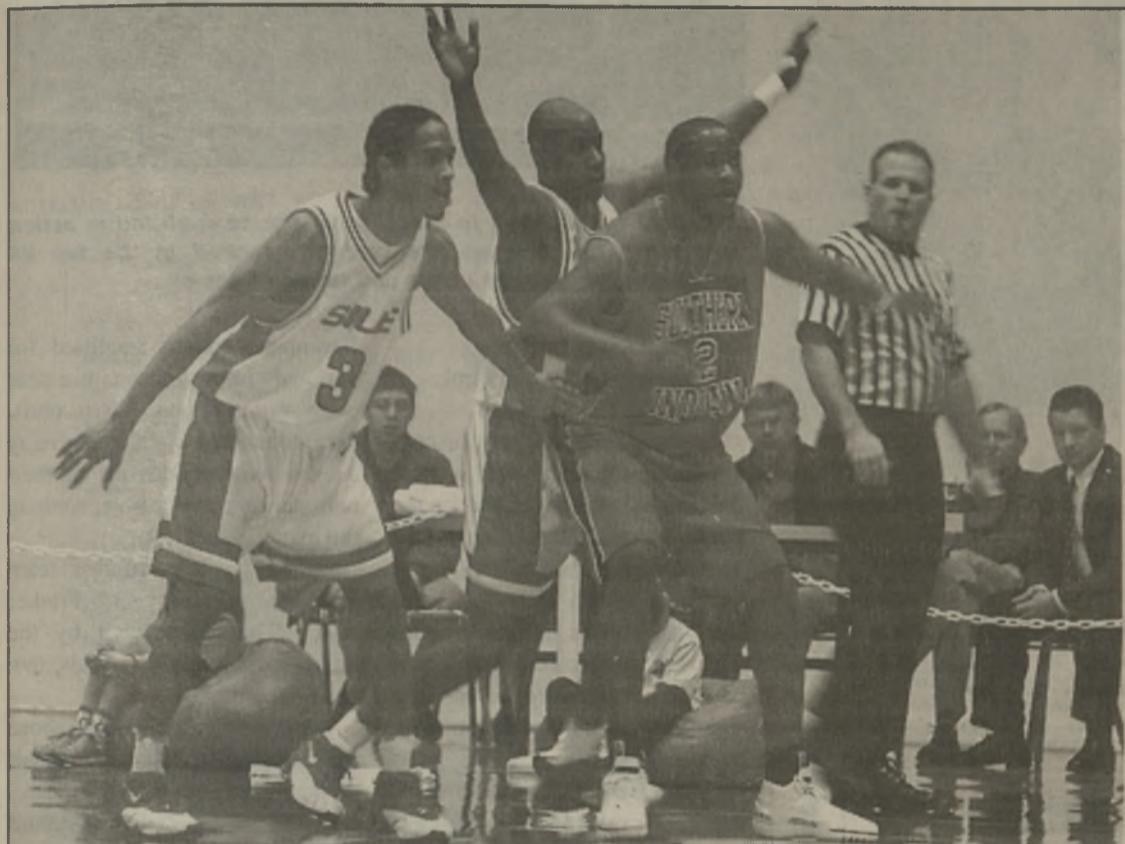


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Cougars qualify for GLVC Tournament



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Junior guard Calvin Sykes and junior forward Joel Jaye double team a Southern Indiana player. The Cougars will return to post-season play for the first time in five years.

Women's basketball squad earns eighth and final GLVC playoff spot

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

In the midst of a tough season, head coach Wendy Hedberg and the Cougars were able to celebrate a little on Saturday.

After drilling the University of Missouri-St. Louis 80-54, the Cougars assured themselves a spot in next month's Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

"We knew there was a sense of urgency for this game," senior guard Jessica Robert said. "We needed to win this game. It was the biggest game of the season."

SIUE had a balanced attack to down the Riverwomen, who

were eliminated from tournament play with the loss.

Four Cougars scored in double digits, including freshman guard Jamie Kennedy's career high of 11 points.

"Jamie really gave us some good minutes off the bench," Hedberg said.

Robert led all scorers with 17 points.

UMSL was no match for the Cougars down low, who enjoyed a decisive 39-21 advantage on the boards. Freshman forward Julianne McMillen once again led the Cougars in rebounds, nabbing 10.

Sophomore guard Ilesha Billups tried to keep UMSL in the game by collecting 14 points in the losing effort.

The Cougars proved to be too much to handle, however, as they were able to build a 14-point lead by halftime behind the hot hand of Robert.

"When you give Jessica open looks, she will knock down her shots," Hedberg said.

From there, the Cougars played a tight perimeter defense to seal the victory and playoff berth.

"That's probably the best game we've played in a while," Hedberg said.

Going into the game, the Cougars were 2-11 in their past 13 games.

The Cougars needed the victory desperately after their 64-47 loss to the University of

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Men's basketball to participate in post-season

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Without even posting a victory Thursday night, the Cougars were able to qualify for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Thanks to losses from Bellarmine University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, SIUE will be represented Friday through Sunday, March 5 through 7, in Evansville, Ind.

"This has been a goal since day one," head coach Marty Simmons said. "You set goals so you can work to accomplish them. And give these guys credit, they never gave up on this goal."

It will be the first post-season appearance for the Cougars since the 1998-1999 season.

The Cougars couldn't shake the University of Southern Indiana Thursday night as the

Screaming Eagles prevailed 75-70. The game saw seven ties, as well as 12 lead changes.

"This was a devastating loss for the guys," Simmons said. "I thought we had a couple chances down the stretch to grab the momentum, but they're a good team, and it's hard to fight back after you spot them an 11-point lead."

USI improved to 20-5 overall and 13-5 in the GLVC. The Screaming Eagles stand alone in second place in the GLVC.

Junior guard Calvin Sykes led the way in scoring for the third straight game, dumping in a game high of 20 points. Junior forward Tim Bauersachs posted his first career double-double, scoring 13 points and nabbing 10 rebounds.

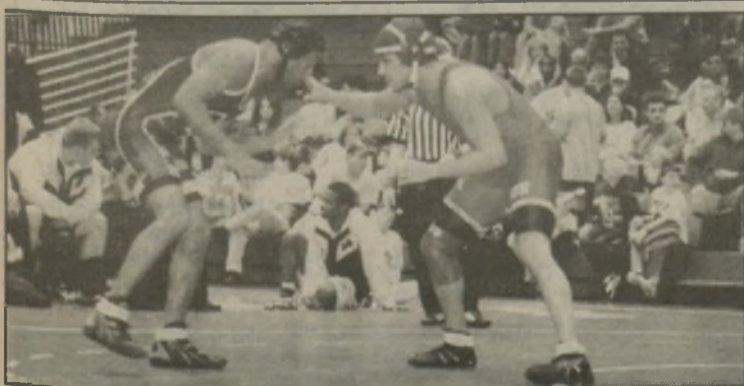
"He (Bauersachs) does all the little things for this team to

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SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Assistant coach Lee Green tries to rally the troops during a timeout. Green and the Cougars will keep their season alive.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

A Cougar wrestler looks for the takedown in action earlier this year.

Wrestling battles inexperience this season

TRAVIS L. ROSS
Assistant Sports Editor

The Cougar wrestling team has seen a lot of the mat lately, almost too much.

The team has gone a combined 1-11 in its last 12 matches as it prepares to enter the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Regionals.

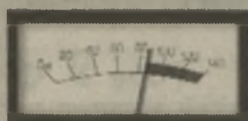
The Cougars were pummeled this weekend 45-2 by the University of Central Oklahoma, the No. 2 team in the nation according to the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

"We knew going down there that we were going down there to give up a forfeit, and it would have been tough to overcome and get a win out of that," head

coach Booker Benford said. "They knew this was a tough team and they were going to have a tough competition ahead of them."

Benford said he always has it in the back of his mind that his team is an exceptionally young one consisting of 10 freshmen, two sophomores and three juniors.

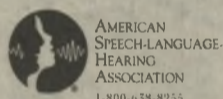
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Track and Field stays on roll



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE
A Cougar hurdler tries to catch up to the competition in action last fall. The Cougars are currently ranked in the top 25 nationally, for both the men's and women's teams.

TRAVIS L. ROSS
Assistant Sports Editor

After steamrolling through the indoor track and field season, the team is setting its sights on the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Head coach Darryll Frerker said the athletes he has to work with are so versatile that it's a battle to make sure he has the right person running in the right events.

"We have so many options," Frerker said. "With different athletes being able to compete in a wide range of events it becomes tricky because we want to get an individual in as many events as they can do well in with us scoring the most points."

Frerker said this is important especially in conference competition.

"Each conference meet comes down to putting the right person in the right event at the right time," Frerker said.

The track and field team will have done everything but thrown out the old record book when this season is over, setting 17 new records so far.

This past weekend at the Hoosier Hills Invitational in Bloomington, Indiana, the Cougars continued to improve. According to Frerker, Senior

Breanne Stephens qualified for nationals in the mile with a time of 5-minutes and 3.6-seconds. The women's 4 x 400 meter relay shaved two seconds off of their national qualifying time, running the event in 3:52.99.

"We have a stronger team than we did last year," Frerker said. "That is evident by the number of school records that have been broken."

But, Frerker said those rankings are not what anyone will be paying attention to.

"The only people that submit their standards are the ones that want too," Frerker said. "Rankings are important for recruitment purposes when we are talking to recruits about where the program is."

Those numbers may not mean much, but Frerker is confident that he has one of the top teams in NCAA Division II on his hands.

"I think we are one of the top D-II programs," Frerker said. "But, it's hard to tell without competing against many of them."

Last season the women's team finished fourth and the men finished third at the conference tournament.

The GLVC Indoor Championships will be Saturday, in Romeoville.



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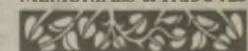


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BASKETBALL

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win. He put everything together this weekend and really had two superb games," Simmons said.

The Cougars were able to bounce back and thump the UMSL Rivermen 83-63 Saturday.

"Once again, I got to give this team all the credit," Simmons said. "They were really down after the loss Thursday, but they came out and showed their character once again."

Senior guard Ron Jones was able to break out of his scoring slump, dropping in 22 points in the lopsided victory. Bauersachs collected his second double-double with his 14-point, 10-rebound performance.

The Cougars cruised into halftime with a 20-point lead and never looked back.

"The start was the key to the game," Simmons said. "We really grabbed the momentum coming out the way we did. UMSL had put together a couple quality games, and to put them in a hole was huge."

The Cougars scored on 60-percent of their field goals and UMSL could not get any closer than 15 points as the tournament-bound Cougars improved to 14-10 overall and 10-9 in conference

play.

Junior guard Andre Thomas also got in on the fun, collecting a career high of seven assists for the Cougars.

Simmon's squad had a season high of 10 players register points.

Another Cougar making an impact Saturday was junior center Dan Heimos. The transfer from the University of Nebraska collected 14 points, as well as a career high of seven rebounds.

Even with the decisive victory, most of the talk was about the conference tournament.

"I'm just excited for the guys," Simmons said. "You have to keep a level head through here at the end stretch. We know what we have ahead of us, and we just have to prepare and prepare."

The Cougars will take a break from GLVC action this week when they host Lincoln University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"This team is very quick and athletic," Simmons said. "We can't slack off against these guys. It will be business as normal."

Lewis University will visit SIUE this Saturday for a 3 p.m. start.

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Southern Indiana Thursday. Hedberg's squad couldn't find a rhythm offensively, as they shot a dismal 37 percent from the field.

Cougars had a hard time holding onto the basketball, committing 32 turnovers.

The turnovers resulted in 31 points for the Screaming Eagles.

McMillen was one point shy

of a double-double in the losing effort, collecting nine points and 10 rebounds.

After weekend play, the Cougars stand at 11-15 overall and 6-13 in the GLVC. The Cougars would need to win the rest of their games, including the GLVC Tournament, to avoid their first losing season since the 1983-84 season.

SIUE has never

experienced a losing conference record since joining the GLVC in 1994.

The players know they have a shot at salvaging the season now that they are in the tournament.

"Hopefully we can carry this momentum into the Lewis game and in the conference tournament," Robert said.

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"With a young team that we have it's tough to expect big things," Benford said. "As a coach you have to look at them and see that these guys are mostly freshman trying to beat the national champion."

Freshman 149-pounder Joe Rujawitz picked up the Cougars only win, pushing him to 34 and 15 in his rookie campaign.

"He's a workhorse," Benford said. "He's one of the kids that I think should place in the national tournament."

"He still needs to work on a few things to get over that hump

and become a national champion," Benford said.

Sophomore 157-pounder Matt Warren didn't help matters by picking up an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that cost the team one point.

"He (Warren) stepped on a water bottle and kicked it," Benford said. "It was something that our guy did right out of the blue. He kicked the water bottle and cussed and one of the fans heard it."

After a dismal conclusion to the season, Benford will try and re-energize his team

for the NCAA Division II Regionals.

"When you get into regionals you are looking at points," Benford said. "We are looking for individuals to score points and get wins."

Benford said Rujawitz, junior 184-pounder Branden Lorek, freshman 197-pounder Sean Tyus and freshman 141-pounder Steve Chico have the best chances of making it to the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

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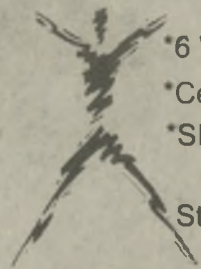
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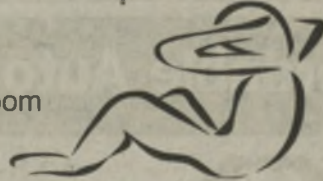
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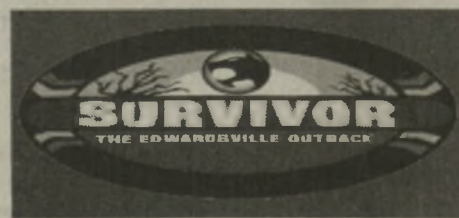
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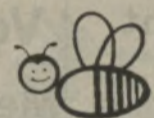
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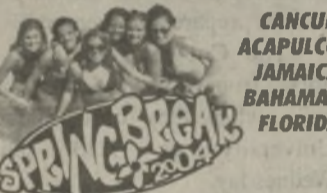


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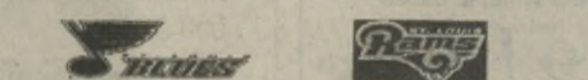
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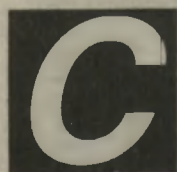
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