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Students send helping hand to troops

NICOLE GAUDREAU
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Members of the SIUE Criminal Justice Club drove away with an Army Humvee packed with items and more than \$840 in cash for U.S. troops in Iraq after a Support Our Troops rally Saturday at the Glen Carbon Wal-Mart.

The club collected items for SIUE student Roy Schumacher and his fellow soldiers in the 415th Military Police Academy stationed in Iraq. Club members passed out about 400 wish lists to Wal-Mart shoppers from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and received many donations. The lists named items such as toilet paper, toothpaste, shaving and other personal hygiene items. Snacks, sunscreen and batteries were also much in demand.

Criminal Justice Club President Chad Mellick said that while the morning started slow, the club received an outstanding amount of help from shoppers and the community.

"Everyone was so generous

and willing to work with us. It was extremely successful," Mellick said.

About nine Criminal Justice Club members were there to help with the rally, along with family members of soldiers deployed to Iraq.

Criminal Justice professors Kevin Cannon and Trish Oberweiss, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely and Criminal Justice Club adviser Matt Petrocelli were some of the SIUE faculty members lending a hand at the rally.

"The results were fantastic," Petrocelli said. "People were even more generous than we hoped and were just excited to help out."

Mellick said his home's dining room is overloaded with the items donated Saturday.

"It's unreal how much it is. My dining room is packed with bags," he said. "We got so much stuff." Mellick and other club members will be repacking the items and sending them via U.S. mail to the troops.

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JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Criminal Justice Club members take donations Saturday at their Support Our Troops rally outside the Glen Carbon Wal-Mart.

Journalist speaks on career Virus brings doom

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Renowned journalist, author and professor Leon Dash spoke on his career as an investigative journalist Wednesday night in the Maple-Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center.

With the evening's discussion focused around Dash's award-winning book, "When Children Want Children: The Urban Crisis in Childbearing," Dash shared his investigation of teenage pregnancy in one of the poorest areas of Washington, D.C.

In 1984, after discovering the statistics of teenage pregnancies in the black community, Dash decided he wanted to investigate the people behind the statistics.

"I decided that I'd want to move from the foreign desk, and I made a move to the investigative desk of the Washington Post," Dash said. "I stayed over at the investigative

desk for the next 14 years."

For one year, Dash lived in a basement apartment in Washington Highlands, where 54 out of 1,000 girls between the ages of 13 and 17 were mothers. In this area, Dash discovered 12th graders who were completely illiterate and families with up to 11 children living in poverty.

"After I moved into Washington Highlands, I approached 22 families," Dash said. "(Of these 22 families,) 13 families agreed to come into the project."

Narrowing his focus down to six families, Dash began intensely interviewing every member of the families.

"Going in, my assumption was no one would tell me the truth about the process by which they became a father or a mother," Dash said. "My objective was to get behind the public mask."

The first interviews with the teenage parents, as Dash



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expected, were dishonest. Answers for why the teenager became pregnant included fabricated answers based on what the interviewee believed a high school guidance counselor would like to hear.

"At the beginning, no one
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KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

It arrives as an e-mail attachment and makes copies of itself before deleting hard drive files and giving hackers access to the infected computer.

It is MyDoom.F, the latest in the e-mail worms infecting the nation. The virus has hit campus, attacking computers running Microsoft Windows.

"The Office of Information Technology repaired fewer than 10 office workstations infected with MyDoom.F," Academic Computing Director John Drueke said. "The PCs were cleaned of the virus and repaired."

By continuously installing the latest updates of McAfee anti-virus software, which is free to SIUE users, and applying the

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Stay safe during break

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Due to a string of recent burglaries in Cougar Village and the residence halls, the SIUE Police Department has issued a safety bulletin with tips for students on how to avoid burglary while living on campus.

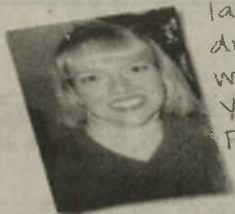
The police are reminding students first and foremost to lock their doors. According to the bulletin, investigations of most of the residential burglaries on

campus have shown doors have not been locked or have been left wide open.

Police said leaving a light on while away, making sure windows are locked and storing valuables in hidden, locked locations are also good ways to avoid being burglarized.

The Police Department can be reached in an emergency by dialing 911 or in a non-emergency at 650-3324.

My sister, Jodi, was always laughing or singing, which made it almost impossible not to be happy when she was around. Jodi, our brother, Sam and I had the best time cheering for the University of Kentucky's football team over pizza in our apartment on December 29, 1999. I remember the date because this was the last day I saw my sister. She was killed two days later on New Year's Eve by a drunk driver. My hope is you will remember her smile before you get behind the wheel. Please don't drink and drive.



Julie Johnson

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Project X's battle against drugs kicks off at SIUE

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the Project X community kickoff from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Project X was started by Gov. Rod Blagojevich and was developed to create awareness about club drugs and methamphetamines.

Representative for Cornell Interventions Bill Weidler is the coordinator of this event. Weidler said Project X will provide some education on the effects of club drugs.

"I want to create an awareness to the students that Project X is here and that I'll be accessible to them to provide education and awareness of the danger of club drugs and methamphetamine usage," Weidler said.

Weidler said recovering meth users, an Illinois Police speaker and area college representatives will be in attendance. Along with the speakers, there will be musical entertainment performed by Warehouse Project.

Weidler said some state representatives and Blagojevich have been invited to the event.

For more information about Project X, contact Weidler at 271-4542 or e-mail him at wweidler@cornellcompanies.com

Talk to be given on media stance

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

Mass Communications Chair Patrick Murphy will speak to senior citizens about the development of the media at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Mississippi Room of the Morris University Center.

The talk is titled "Are the Media Liberal?: Media and Politics in U.S. Democracy."

"Ever since Sept. 11, the media have moved farther and farther from being painted as more liberal,"

Murphy said.

Murphy gave a presentation to a senior citizens group four years ago.

"There was a pretty good reaction, and we were contacted by the organization again to do another presentation," Murphy said.

Murphy added that the senior citizens have an enriched history because of the different generations and the growth of television.

Recently, in letters to the editor in the Alestle, SIUE students have raised issues with

the student newspaper, calling it a liberal paper.

"I wouldn't exactly call The Alestle a liberal paper. It serves as a paper for issues on campus. It is more of objective journalism," Murphy said.

The series is cosponsored by the Gerontology Department, the SIUE School of Education and the SIUE Office of Continuing Education.

For more information, call Continuing Education Director Lynn Heidinger-Brown at 650-3210.

Learn to save lives with CPR

NATALIE WALTERS
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE students can participate in a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid training class offered by the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

The class, which costs \$35, takes place from 8 a.m. to 3:15

p.m. Wednesday, March 31, in Room 1118 of the Textbook Service building, 200 University Park.

"Taking the class could provide early assistance in an emergency situation," SIUE safety officer Jim Hiatt said.

Students will learn how to control bleeding and issue different forms of assistance until

the proper medical treatment can be obtained.

Space is limited, so students are encouraged to sign up early. Those interested can sign up online at www.siu.edu/EHS/ by clicking on "Training Courses." Students can also call 650-3584 to register and to find out more information on other offered classes.

Scholarships for overseas study

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students wanting to participate in the study abroad program to Greece this summer can receive financial aid from the Philosophy Department.

The department is offering several scholarships ranging between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The study abroad program offers both students and non-students the chance to join an interdisciplinary team of faculty to learn about ancient Greece. Students can earn up to six

credits per program. The cost is \$3,180, which does not include round-trip airfare to Athens, Greece.

The Philosophy Department's scholarships can soften the financial impact. Applications must be received by Sunday, March 15. The application should include a one-page statement of reasons for the applicant's interest in the program, topics they wish to explore and thoughts on how participation would further the educational goals of the applicant. It should also

include the address, phone number and e-mail of the applicant and the names and numbers of two faculty references.

Applications can be mailed to Rachel Singpurwalla, Department of Philosophy, Box 1433, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1433 or can be sent as an e-mail attachment to rsingpu@siue.edu.

For more information on the study abroad programs, visit www.siu.edu/~nmc/hahn/origins.html.

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

Quiz Bowl asks tough questions

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Black Heritage Quiz Bowl was Thursday in the Goshen Lounge and posed some tough questions for the contestants.

The "Hollywood Squares"-style game attracted about 19 participants, including the hosts, senior Belicia Royster of the Black Student Association and senior James Ross.

According to Joe Gibbons of the Kimmel Leadership Center, the contest had a celebrity panel consisting of faculty, students and staff. The questions were

centered on black history facts in celebration of Black Heritage Month.

Senior Lashandia Holt won round one, and sophomore Candiss Blakley won round two. Freshman Michelle Douglas and Tasha Thomas tied for first in round three, and freshman Larry Wise was named the winner of round four.

All five contestants were rewarded with T-shirts adorned with the Black Heritage logo that has been seen around campus on the celebratory posters and signs.

Alarm systems to sound for testing

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The university will conduct tests of the civil defense and fire alarm systems at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The sirens will sound for approximately one to two minutes, and the fire alarms will

sound for 30 seconds to one minute.

As usual, no evacuation of the buildings will be necessary.

The university asks people unable to hear either of the systems to e-mail their name, building address and phone number to Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu.

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Mellick said he hopes that the items will make soldiers' daily lives a bit more comfortable.

"I think it will be much easier for them because they won't have to drive to get what they need. Hopefully it will show them that people in the United States are supporting them," he

said.

Mellick added that the cost of shipping will exceed the \$840 collected Saturday, and that the collection is ongoing.

Anyone who would like to make a donation can e-mail Petrocelli at mpetroc@siue.edu or the Criminal Justice Club at criminaljusticeclub1@hotmail.com

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latest Windows patches from Microsoft, users can gain increased protection from the virus.

According to Drueke, no one should automatically open e-mail attachments even if that person knows the sender. Viruses often generate mail with false headers. If there are any doubts, contact the sender before opening the attachment.

While OIT is working to keep campus computers virus-free, OIT also recommends making backups of important files to be prepared in case of infection.

"The Office of Information Technology scans all incoming mail for viruses. We subscribe to a service that automatically updates our e-mail system with the latest virus definitions," Drueke said. "This catches most viruses, but sometimes they are brought into campus on laptops or diskettes. Rarely, a new virus arrives on campus before OIT receives the latest anti-virus definitions."

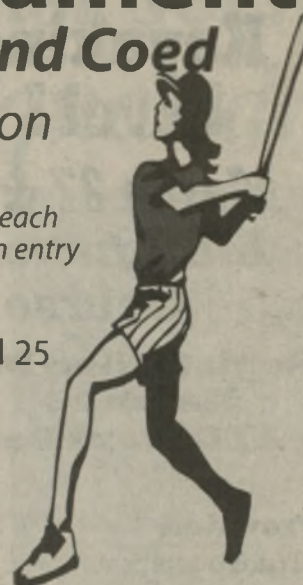
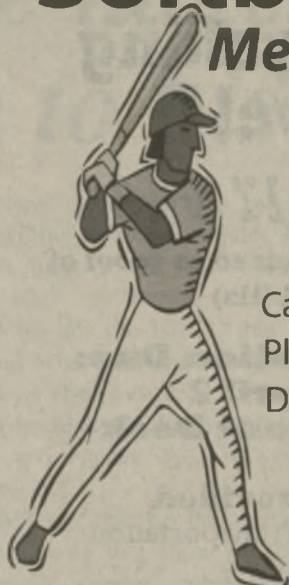
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DASH

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would tell me the truth among the boys and girls until I'd been interviewing them for four to six months," Dash said. "I knew I had significant barriers to overcome to get the adolescents to open up with me. People are going to tell you what they believe you, the interviewer, find acceptable."

Dash also faced conflict from community and family members who questioned his approach.

"The whole thing was voluntary, and I was hanging out with all these teenage girls," Dash said. "So people thought I was a pedophile. That could be a little dicey."

By developing a new interviewing technique, Dash managed to break the barriers with the adolescents and family members through multiple interviews.

"I structured a methodology that I now teach my students," Dash said. "I start every interview with their schooling, their earliest childhood memory."

Dash continued his interviews with emancipation from parents, church life and growing up outside of the family.

"When you begin to structure a person's life among these four areas, you're often

the first person to do that," Dash said.

Through this interview process, Dash discovered the true reasons why the young girls were becoming pregnant. Holding on to a boyfriend and competition with friends were reasons that led Dash to his conclusion of why young girls want babies.

"All of them were looking for some area of achievement," Dash said. "If your options are limited, then having a child is a significant achievement."

A question-and-answer session followed, as well as a book signing. Dash signed copies of "When Children Want Children" and his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America," for attendants.

Dash, a graduate of Howard University and the University of California-San Diego, also holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

In 1998, Dash left the Washington Post and now teaches journalism and African-American studies. He holds one of the 12 respectable Swanlund Chairs at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

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Wednesday, March 24, 2004

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Graduate students should submit an abstract detailing their research or creative activities or that of a faculty mentors research in which they are involved. Abstracts will be used for planning purposes only, and will not be published,

To register for this event, submit the application form along with an abstract of no more than 250 words to:
Campus Box 1046, attention Linda Skelton, by March 16, 2004.

Download Application at: www.siu.edu/GRADUATE

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Soon-to-be-naked columnist seeks resolution to his laundry quandry

When my parents dropped me off in front of Prairie Hall for my freshman year of college, I had no doubt they never expected to see their son alive again.

My father was convinced that the next time he would see me I would be fighting some fatal illness I had acquired through my neglect of shower sandals.

His vision had me lying in the middle of my dorm room floor buried in three feet of laundry with my hand barely poking through the mess, still gripping a bowl of Fruit Rounds.

Three and a half years later I'm still here, barely.

In college I have thrived on Tostino's Party Pizzas, Fruit Rounds and beer. I study when I have to, and I've acquired the ability to sleep through three alarm clocks and numerous people beating on me and telling me to wake up.

The one aspect of college life I'm still adjusting to is laundry.

I went home virtually every weekend for the first three years

of college. My mom was more than willing to do my laundry. It wasn't until about six months ago, after my loving mother voted me off the island, that I learned what laundry detergent and dryer sheets were.

You think I'm kidding? My sister and mother will tell you otherwise.

Watching me do laundry is like watching that show on the Spike TV network where the

saying, "And he's putting the cream-colored wool sweaters in the washer. Oh! He slipped a pair of green socks in there. That's gonna be trouble for the Wigwammers! Now he's putting it all in the dryer. He puts it on extreme heat! What's he thinking? I don't know what the hell he's thinking!"

You see, I'm a believer in the Bill Murray school of thought that says women, like my sister

and mother, only see clothes in terms of clean and dirty; men have clean and dirty, and then all of the varying levels in

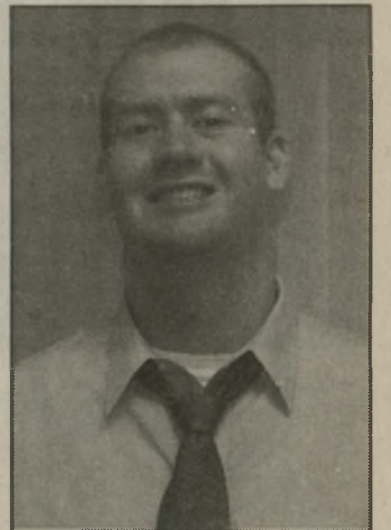
"If there are stains on a shirt or a pair of pants, then you can get away with wearing them one, two or maybe even five more times, if it's not really noticeable."

English-speaking people dub their voices over foreign game shows where contestants logroll and run into walls.

I can just hear Bob Uecker giving play by play in the background, just like Harry Doyle in "Major League,"

between.

If there are stains on a shirt or a pair of pants, then you can get away with wearing them one, two or maybe even five more times, if the stains are not too noticeable. You just have to say you were tripped up by a buddy



while walking out the door or that somebody threw something at you and you didn't have time to wash it off before the bus came.

Does it sound like I do this often?

All right, I've got no pride, but I only recycle clothes in times of true desperation, like last week.

There's nothing like the feeling of opening up your dresser drawer and almost pulling the whole thing over because the drawer is empty.

My initial response was to do laundry, but then I'm just like most of us, a product of this procrastination nation. The laundry can wait because there are much more important things to do, like going to the gym or going out to the bar.

Then you come back, take off your clothes and throw them on top of the pile. And what a pile of laundry it is.

For the last two and a half weeks, I've waited, recycling clothes here and there.

Last week my laundry left me a formal letter of complaint, typed with no errors and double-spaced with contact information at the bottom, informing me it was tired of waiting.

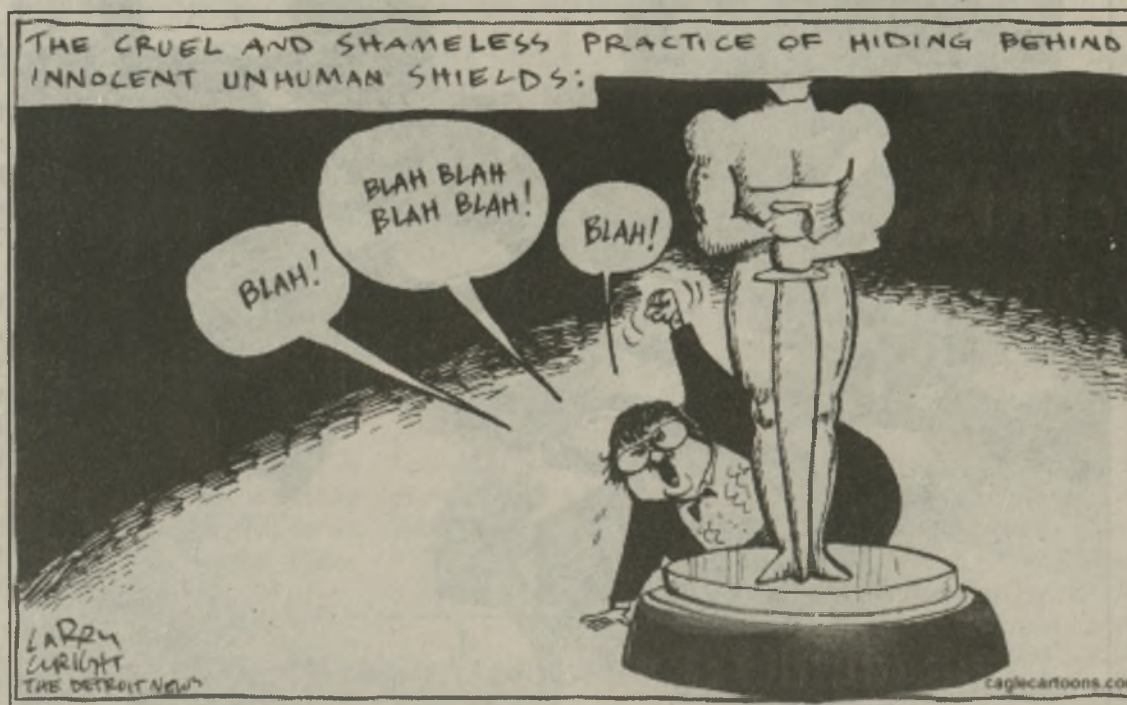
And the longer you put it off, the angrier your laundry gets. You start losing things like hats, notebooks, chairs and vehicles.

I slept on the couch two nights last week because the laundry had pinned up a "No Trespassing" sign. No joke.

Things have gotta change. But the way I look at it, if the laundry can write its own complaint letter, it should be able to throw itself in the washer.

Travis L. Ross
Assistant Sports Editor

Political Cartoon



Quote of the Day

"The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age."

~Lucille Ball (1911 - 1989)

Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT, & Arts

The 60s come back to life



NATALIE HEIL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

A standing ovation marked the end of the theater production "bobrauschenbergamerica" in Dunham Hall.

Written by Charles Mee, the unique performance was designed to show what a play written by artist Robert Rauschenberg would have been like.

The cast was never formally introduced, but included Bob's mom, a loving homosexual couple, a girl who strings two boys along, a murderous and psychotic pizza boy, a hobo, a roller skater and a martini Slip 'n Slide-making couple.

Mee left a lot of room for creativity to the director and designers of the play.

"The script suggested things rather than telling them," set designer Jim Dorethy said. "For example, the playwright suggests that a man in a chicken suit walk out, and maybe we hear an astronaut in the background, but maybe it's something else."

When the pizza boy enters the stage and tells the other characters that he has forgiven himself for murdering his sister and family, they appear frightened and back away. This caused the audience to laugh uproariously. However, the dialogue was actually taken from a real news clip of a man who had murdered his sister.

Also, throughout the play, Bob's mother reminisced of his childhood by showing a slide show. When she said, "Here's Bob and his prom date. She was voted most polite," a picture of a naked Bob Rauschenberg holding hands with a naked woman appeared on the overhead screen.



Top, Junior Stephanie Weusthoff gets ready for her role as Bob's mom in the makeup room. Bottom, freshman Alex Moore puts on his makeup for his role as Phil the Trucker.

In fact, the entire slide show depicted pictures that were very different from her narration. Some of her dialogue was taken from real conversations with Bob's mother.

"We have shots of him actually playing with his dog and climbing on

the roof of his house, but we thought it would be more interesting to put pictures of him with a chicken and an adult Bob climbing up a rope instead," Dorethy said.

The set contained a "Leave it to Beaver"-style white house with a picket

fence. However, the inside of the windows were painted with abstract designs in bright shades.

Also, 50 of Rauschenberg's art pieces were interestingly cropped and projected onto the background, then changed at the beginning of each scene.

Among his most famous pieces used were a painted Angora goat wrapped with a tire and Christmas lights, a bathtub with a lamp, a decorated car door with a seat and a window.

The cast wore '60s-inspired outfits.

"I researched the time period from 1958 to 1963 and did character analyses with the actors to better serve their characters," costume designer Beatrix L. Tennesen said.

One monologue describes the tendency of museum visitors to move on if they dislike certain works of art rather than holding the museum responsible. Dorethy said he feels "bobrauschenbergamerica" is like that idea.

"Someone may not like the chicken jokes, but they may love the martini," Dorethy said. "There is something for everyone."

Dorethy also said he feels the central idea of the play was to celebrate life in all of its flavors.

"To say art imitates life is simple, but to watch 'bobrauschenbergamerica,' that proves it," freshman Jesse Gernigin said.

"It reminded me of a dream because the story jumps from one scene to the next with no transition," senior Liz Norman said.

For information on upcoming productions, contact the Box Office at 650-2774.



Redmond's exhibit expands overseas



THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The culmination of English professor Eugene B. Redmond's monthlong Visualizing Black Writers exhibit came Thursday with an intimate gathering of friends and SIUE faculty and staff.

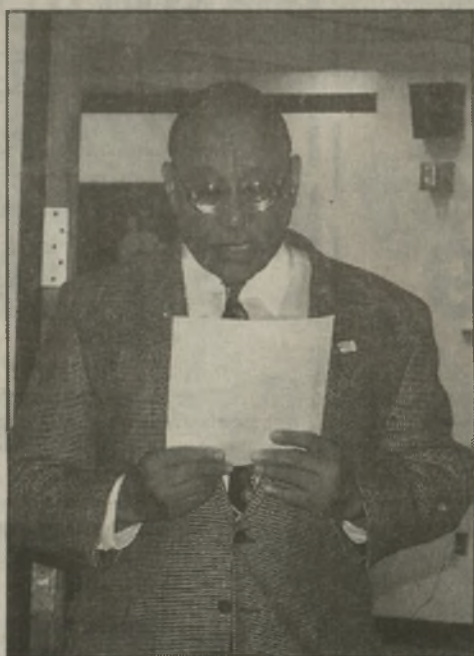
The small crowd of 15 to 20 people, surrounded by pictures of renowned literary figures such as Maya Angelou, Sonia Sanchez, Gwendolyn Brooks and Kevin Powell, came together to share works in honor of the exhibit and those who made it possible.

Redmond spoke first on the effects the event has had on this campus, as well as at other colleges and universities.

"Many people have asked why we wanted to have an exhibit like this designed," Redmond said. "But also, many people have come to me and told me that there is nothing like this on their campus to expose them to the world of black literature. So now, there are approximately 50 people or so who want to have



Top, faculty, staff and friends of English professor Eugene B. Redmond gather for an encore reception of "Visualizing Black Writers." Bottom left, Richard Henderson gets a closer look at one of the photo collages in the Redmond exhibit. Bottom right, Roscoe Crenshaw reads a poem he wrote for Redmond and English professor Howard Ramsby at the reception.



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

something like this at their school."

Redmond also thanked University Museum Director Eric Barnett for working closely with Redmond and English professor

Howard Ramsby in making the exhibit possible.

Ramsby, curator of the exhibit, said plans are in the works to display the successful exhibit overseas.

"We've been invited to take the exhibit and showcase it at the University of Nigeria this summer," Ramsby said.

After listening to literary works from Eugene B. Redmond

Writers Club President Darlene Roy and club member Nicole Stephens, among others, there was an announcement that the next edition of Drumvoices Revue, Redmond's literary magazine, will feature an interview with legendary dancer Katherine Dunham, as well as an extended section with works dedicated to her 95th birthday.

Overall, Ramsby said he was pleased with the success and impact of the exhibit and plans to continue sharing similar experiences to the public.

"I'm really glad that so many people had an opportunity to experience the exhibit," Ramsby said. "One of the goals of the exhibit was to offer those who came out another alternative to experiencing literature, through not only print, but through photography as well. Next February, I'm thinking of doing something else. I'm sure that something will inspire me."

For more information about the exhibit, contact the University Museum at 650-2996 or Ramsby at 650-2060.

Gospel Explosion becomes a big hit

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The first Gospel Explosion, Feb. 27 in the Meridian Ballroom, did not disappoint those in attendance, and it served as a fitting end to Black Heritage Month at SIUE, but all good things must come to an end.

Featuring 13 groups from area churches, the show treated audience members to a variety of renditions of classic and modern gospel songs, as well as interpretive dance numbers set to prerecorded gospel music.

Junior Cristina Baines, student coordinator of the event and mistress of ceremonies for the evening, said she was pleased with the quality of the

performances throughout the night.

"The Gospel Explosion, in my eyes, was a very successful event for it to be a first during Black Heritage Month," Baines said.

The event, sponsored by Campus Activities Board and the Black Heritage Month Planning Committee, showcased powerful voices and coordination when groups took the stage.

Highlights of the evening included the God's Blessings praise dancers from Yosemite Baptist Church of East St. Louis. Eight young women,

clad in black and red with white gloves, used sign language throughout their performance set to the tune of John P. Kee's "I Need You Now."

The Mount Joy Youth Choir

who performed three times throughout the night, including twice with members of the Mount Joy Youth Choir and once during a solo performance.

Equally as impressive was the piano playing and vocals of pre-teen Paul Herbert Pitts, who performed three times throughout the night, including twice with members of the Mount Joy Youth Choir and once during a solo performance.

The evening also brought a host of volunteers to share their talents during a brief lull between performances, such as SIUE Special Services adviser Danita Mumphard.

"I thought that it was great that the youth from the area churches were able to

express their gifts from God and that they are able to enjoy the heritage that gospel music has," Mumphard said.

"I think that it was a wonderful event," Kimmel Leadership Center Assistant Director Cheryl Heard said. "The turnout has been great, and we hope to have a bigger one next year."

Baines said plans are already in the works to make next year's Gospel Explosion even bigger and better.

"Those that performed were eager to be a part of the event," Baines said. "I have already been asked by several groups if they can come back next year. And I plan on it being even better than this year."

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**~Danita Mumphard,
Special Services adviser**

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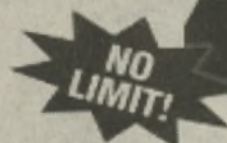
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Sports Quote of the Day

"The only thing you can take from the athletic field to heaven is the friendships one makes."
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Coming Up

Men's basketball vs. Indianapolis noon Friday
Women's basketball vs. Quincy 8:30 p.m. Thursday



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A l e s t l e

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 ◆

Cougars prepare for March Madness

Cougars finish regular season with upset victory over the Lewis Flyers

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Already assured a post-season berth, the SIUE men's basketball team finished the regular season with a resounding 78-76 victory over the 14th-ranked Lewis University Flyers.

"This was an outstanding effort," head coach Marty Simmons said on Monday. "We challenged our guys to give every fiber of effort for our seniors and for themselves."

With the win, the Cougars wrapped up the fifth seed in this week's Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. The

"We challenged our guys to give every fiber of effort for the seniors and for themselves."

Cougars finished the regular season 16-11 and 11-9 in the GLVC.

Junior forward Joel Jaye scored a career-high 28 points, including six three-pointers, to lead the Cougars to the upset victory.

The Flyers dropped to 22-5 overall and 16-4 in GLVC play. They will be the No. 1 seed in the GLVC Tournament.

The Cougars jumped out to an early lead thanks to the hot hand of Jaye, building a 14-point lead by halftime.

"He (Jaye) really gave us a lift," Simmons said. "He had some open looks and didn't hesitate. He knocked them down."

Junior guard Calvin Sykes pitched in 16 points to help the cause.

Lewis University used a 16-3 run midway through the second half to take a short-lived lead away from the Cougars.

But Jaye was not going to be denied as he hit back-to-back three-pointers to put the Cougars back on top.

While the Cougars didn't relinquish the lead, the Flyers did have an open jumpshot in the final seconds to win the game.

"Wright (junior guard Randy Wright) was able to get an open

look there at the end and I don't know how, but it didn't fall. We had the basketball gods on our side," Simmons said.

The Flyers were paced by senior forward Monta McGhee, who racked in 23 points and nine rebounds.

The Cougars are getting hot at the right time. They have won seven of nine games and seem to be peaking just in time for post-season play. While the conference tournament winner gets an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, Simmons knows that an at-large bid is also a possibility.

"It's something we've talked about," Simmons said. "I feel that were on the bubble and need a couple quality efforts this

weekend. It would be something special for this team to achieve."

The Cougars will face the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds in the first round of the GLVC Tournament.

In two previous meetings this year, the Cougars were downed 70-56 and 77-55 by the Greyhounds. Simmons said he knows his team is in for a battle.

"These guys (Indianapolis) gave us more trouble than anybody this year," Simmons said.

The Greyhounds are led by junior guard David Logan, who is averaging more than 20 points per game for the Greyhounds.

"He's a player," Simmons said. "He can score so many different ways. He just went off for 47 points against Kentucky Wesleyan."

Senior center Jason Wright also poses a threat, averaging more than 12 points per game.

Indianapolis finished the regular season just ahead of the Cougars, posting a 12-8 record in GLVC play.

"This team (Indianapolis) reminds me a lot of Lewis," Simmons said. "They have a big body down low to go along with their great guard play. They pose many mis-matches for any team."



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Junior guard Tyler Hackstadt tries to penetrate the lane as head coach Marty Simmons looks on standing up in the background. The Cougars will be traveling to Indianapolis to take part in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Cougars hope to make the best of No. 8 seed, look to Robert and McMillen for leadership

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Heading into the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, women's basketball head coach Wendy Hedberg said she wants to leave the past behind her basketball team.

"We're looking forward to the tournament," Hedberg said. "We are going into it with an open mind."

With all the recent struggles this season, the Cougars could salvage the season with an impressive showing at the conference tournament.

The Cougars will face the No. 1 seed Quincy University Hawks in first-round action Thursday night.

According to Hedberg, the difference in the seeds doesn't worry her.

"It's a team we match up with well, personnel wise," Hedberg said. "We played well at their place, and the game was close throughout. In the end, they ended up winning by 12."

The Cougars didn't fare any better at home against the Hawks, losing 78-58.

"Here at home, we didn't shoot the ball well at all," Hedberg said. "We're going to have to put together two halves of good basketball."

That inconsistency has plagued the Cougars all year.

If the Cougars are going to make some noise in the tournament, they're going to have to rely on senior guard Jessica Robert and freshman forward Julianne McMillen.

Heading into the tournament, Robert is averaging nearly 14 points per game while

also coming up with a team-high 67 steals. Her leadership will be key this weekend if the Cougars are to succeed.

McMillen has battled nagging injuries most of the year but still has performed admirably for the Cougars. Her seven and a half rebounds per game dwarfs any other Cougar's rebounding statistics. McMillen is also third on the team in scoring with just more than 10 points per game.

Hedberg said she knows establishing the inside game will be key.

"Both Julianne and (sophomore center) Tanya (Guell) have to have solid games for us to win," Hedberg said. "They will have to be able to receive the ball and finish."

The Cougars will have their hands full with Quincy forward
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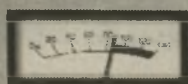
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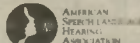


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Track and field bring home GLVC Indoor Championships for the Cougars

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The indoor track and field teams shook the curse of not winning a Great Lakes Valley Conference title in a big way this weekend, walking away with both the men's and women's title.

"This is the biggest event that we've had happen with indoor track since we joined the conference," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "It's the first GLVC Championship we've ever had."

The women's team floored the closest competition, amassing 203 points and blowing past the four-time defending champion Lewis University Flyers who finished the day with 137.5 points.

The men's team slid by the rest of the field, posting 194 points, just ahead of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers who tallied 188.5.

A total of 13 Cougars earned All-GLVC honors. Five relay teams also earned All-Conference honors.

Freshman Jamie Thomas collected All-Conference honors in all three of her events. Thomas was the conference champion in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.21 seconds, the 200-meter hurdles with a time of 28.68 and the triple jump with a distance of 11.38 meters. All of Thomas' marks set new GLVC Championship records.

Thomas also collected GLVC Freshman of the Year honors.

"Jamie is seventh on the list in the nation," Frerker said. "If she runs like she did this weekend, she'll be on pace to be an All-American."

Freshman Tairisha Sawyer picked up All-GLVC honors in the 55-meter dash and the 200-meter dash. Sawyer provisionally qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Indoor Championships in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.19 seconds.

Senior Breanne Steffens pulled in two All-Conference awards of her own, finishing the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 16.94 seconds and running the mile in 5:05.35.

Senior Carrie Carducci did her part, claiming the conference championship in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:34.06, while freshman Callie Glover picked up All-Conference honors in the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 6.25 inches.

The Cougar women also picked up first place in the 4-woman, 400-meter relay and the distance medley. The team was second in the , 200-meter relay.

Freshman Cody Ellermeyer won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.28, setting a new GLVC record, which was previously owned by fellow Cougar senior Rich Skirball.

Skirball provisionally qualified for the Division II national competition in the mile with a time of 4:12.10.

Sophomore Brian Taghon finished first in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:02.20.

Senior Marvell Seals provisionally qualified in the triple jump with a distance of 47 feet, 9.25 inches.

Junior Lee Weeden was king of the shot put with a distance of 52 feet, 1.75 inches.

Sophomore Brad Blevins won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.55 seconds. Sophomore Dustin Bilbruck was the

conference champion in the long jump with a distance of 22 feet, 9.75 inches.

Sophomore Phil Freimuth claimed All-GLVC honors by jumping 1.99 meters in the high jump.

The Cougar distance medley team finished first in the meet, and the 200-meter relay team earned All-GLVC accolades.

Frerker was crowned as GLVC Coach of the Year honors.

"We had so many ladies that were so strong across the board that we had a good idea we were the favorites to win," Frerker said. "But we had so many guys step up and do things that were not expected to win the championship. It was really a team effort."

Senior Shavon Shegog said this is a team that isn't just physically ready for a match, but mentally ready.

"(Assistant) coach (Ben) Byers says that while there may be people with more talent than us, there will be nobody out there with more heart than us or better condition," Shegog said.

"He saw talent in me that I didn't know I had because I wouldn't have the attitude or the mental ability to do it. Slacking is not allowed."

Byers agreed with Shegog.

"There's a lot of teams that have a lot of talent physically, and it's hard to separate yourself like that," Byers said. "The devotion and attitude that these teams displayed toward the end of the year has been the determining factor."

Thomas, Glover and Skirball are all going to the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, in Boston.

WOMEN'S BB

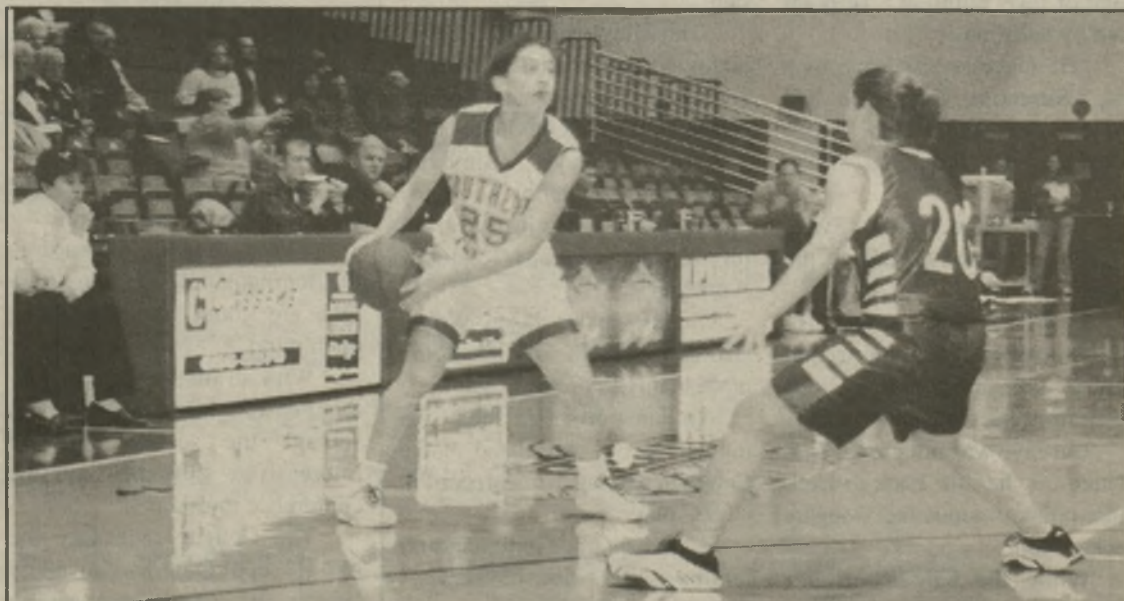
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Jessica Stuckman.
The All-American transfer from the University of Southern

Indiana is averaging 16 points in her first year with the Hawks.

If the Cougars advance past

their quarterfinal match, they will play the winner of Lewis University and Southern Indiana Saturday.



Sophomore guard Amber Wisdom looks to find an open Cougar down low. Wisdom and the Cougars will look to turn their season around at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament in Indianapolis.

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SIUE University Policies on Alcohol and Other Drugs

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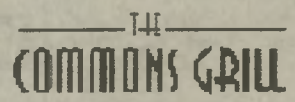
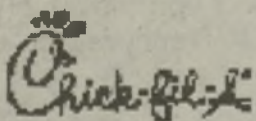
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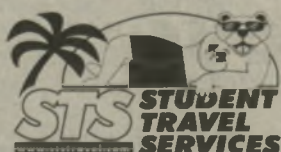
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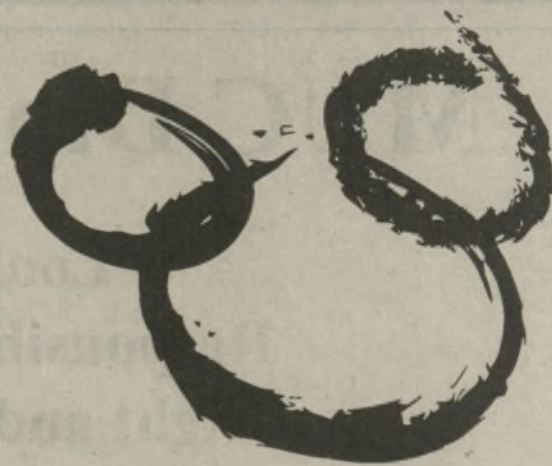
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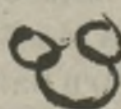


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