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# Learn about how to Two sex crimes reported study abroad at fair

COURTNEY RAKERS NEWS STRINGER

Students who have ever considered studying abroad should stop by the Study Abroad Fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge to learn everything you need to know about study abroad programs at

According to Julie Beall-Marshall, a study abroad coordinator for SIUE, the fair is a great way to get information on the different types of study abroad programs available to students.

The faculty members that lead the trips will be on hand at the fair to answer questions about the programs. Booths from different travel agencies and other schools will also be available with information for students.

"There will be tables with information on the different types of study abroad programs at the fair," Marshall said. "There are all kinds of ways students can Financial Aid (to finance the get an international experience.

directly some foreign universities and several private agencies which allow us to send students to all continents," Marshall said. "Through all the different types of programs (we are able to send students) to over 40 countries."

Marshall emphasized that students need to start planning early to study abroad.

"Right now we're looking at students going abroad in the fall of 2005," Marshall said. "Students need to do deep thinking on the type of experience they want to have and what they want to gain ... find something that is suited to their needs that fits academically."

"There are different destinations, durations, fields of study, and costs," Marshall said. "So many possibilities."

Many students may not know that most forms of financial aid can be applied towards different SIUE study abroad programs.

"We work with the Office of

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# Department reflects on accreditation evaluation

CORY FREEMAN **NEWS STRINGER** 

Mass the visited Communications Department, which is now awaiting final word on accreditation by the Council Accrediting Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

Two media professors and a professional writer visited the Mass Comm Department last week to see if the department met the 12 standards set by the national organization.

"The site visit went very well," Mass Comm Chair Patrick Murphy said. "We got a glowing review so that's the way I'm taking it."

The accrediting team wrote a

draft recommendation supporting full accreditation for the department. The recommendation The accrediting body has will be reviewed and sent to the full council for a final determination in April.

Murphy said he believes there is a "very strong indication that we'll be accredited" at the meeting in April.

"I thought it went great," lecturer Tim Mauldin said. "The accrediting team seemed impressed with the upgrades of equipment in the department and seemed to enjoy the enthusiasm the students had working with the equipment."

The Mass Comm Department began preparing for the visit five years ago, according to Murphy. The department had see MASS COMM, page 5 KRISTEN REBER News Editor

police SIUE investigating two separate incidents of sexual assaults in Cougar Village.

The two unrelated assaults were reported to police Sunday.

"They're both under investigation," SIUE Police Chief Gina Hays said Wednesday. "Both were scenarios where there was a party at an apartment with alcohol involved."

The first was reported at 2:37 a.m. Sunday. The second was reported just after 11 p.m. Sunday.

"One will probably be downgraded to sexual abuse. who were in attendance."

We don't believe it meets the criteria of sexual assault," Hays said. Sexual abuse with if you've been involves inappropriate touching, drinking alcohol. Don't be rather than penetration.

you've been drinking

alcohol...Make sure

care of you."

"Know who you are with if

Hays offered advice."Know who you are too trusting with people "We have leads on you don't really know (and)

> always someone around if you to be partaking of alcohol, "Make sure someone there to take care of you."

According to the SIUE annual

possible suspects in both cases," Hays said. "We're following up on some leads and we're interviewing young people campus

someone is there to take

Gina Hays, SIUE Police Chief

report, which was released earlier this month, there were four sexual crimes reported to

# ougar Den renovations begin

**CORY FREEMAN News Stringer** 

Students will have to wait at least until spring semester for tacos, pizzas and smoothies.

Construction Monday for the new Taco Bell and Freshens in the Morris University Center. With Pizza Hut in the way, the whole section had to be shut off to keep students away from the construction. The winning bid for the construction went to Tindall Construction Inc. out Pontoon Beach.

Completion of the new Taco Bell and Freshens won't be finished until right after the first of next year. The opening for the new section should be time for the spring semester.

Taco Bell is coming back after two years because students missed their "favorite Mexican food," according to Director of Morris University Mary Robinson.

bar Freshens which Robinson is excited about.

"We want to offer a wide variety of food for students," Robinson said. "(Freshens) rounds out the full



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

The newest addition to the Cougar Den is under construction to make way for food court will be the smoothie Freshens and the return of Taco Bell next semester.

extent of menu offerings throughout the campus."

Freshens is a smoothie bar that offers 25 flavors of smoothies and also includes

different additives that can be included in the smoothies. Examples of such additives are a fat burner, memory

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# Award-winning poet to speak

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The English Language and Literature Association presenting Sonia Sanchez as the third speaker of its series at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center.

Sanchez, 70, is a winner of the Living Legend Award and a world-renowned poet.

According to Janella Moy, president of ELLA, Sanchez is "extremely important in the feminist movement and as a part of the black movement."

"It's an extraordinary experience ... phenomenal," Moy said. "She's known around the world for her poetry and fight for human rights."

Sanchez was very good friends with Malcolm X and active in the rights movement.

She has spoken at more than 1,500 universities around

Before her presentation, Sanchez will be visiting high schools in East St. Louis to speak to students.

She wants students to see, "this is what you can become if you work hard," Moy said.

ELLA is using its student government funding this year to present the series.

"We wanted to do something with that money that is beneficial to students ... something very academic that students would enjoy," Moy said. "These funds are going to wonderful projects."

Moy discussed how lucky the organization has been in bringing famous speakers to the school on a limited budget.

"As famous as she is, (the fee is) not appropriate," Moy

Several professors at the university have been instrumental in orchestrating the event.

"We sent out a letter to the faculty asking who we should bring," Moy said. "Professor Eugene Redmond is friends with (Sanchez) and has been the middle man.

"It's really due to the help of the professors (that we're able to do this)," Moy added. "There are so many people willing to help and make this series a success."

The College of Arts and Sciences donated money for the reception and the English Department donated funds to pay for meals for the speakers.

Following her presentation, there will be a reception and book signing with Sanchez.

"You can bring your own book or even a pamphlet for her to sign," Moy said.

Her books will available for purchase as well as her latest CD, "Full Moon of Sonia."

Moy encouraged all students to attend the event saying, "We people across curriculum to come these (presentations)."

The event is free to the

# ursing school

**BRENT NAYLOR** News Reporter

SIUE's School of Nursing is expanding its curriculum with the inclusion of a nurse management program.

"The nurse management program is going to be a non-degree 12-hour sequence of course work for nurses who are either in entry-level management positions or are interested in for entry-level applying management positions," School of Nursing Associate Professor Dr. Karen Kelly said.

SIUE has never offered a nurse management program before, and one of the major reasons for offering the program now, according to Kelly, general "a nursing shortage."

"It's a need that the nursing community has identified to us, and that's what we're here students will have to commute by email at dordavi@siue.edu.

for," Kelly said, "to respond to those kinds of needs."

Management courses aren't due to begin until next semester.

"We'll have one course that will be offered as an eight-



week experience, from the end of February through the first of March, and also one after

That doesn't mean that

for eight weeks.

"These are online courses," Kelly said, "and the other instructor and I will meet with the class once or twice, but most of the work will be

"We're asking people to turn in their application by the 19th of November so we can plan the start of the courses in the spring," Kelly said. Applications will be accepted from any registered nurse who has either a position as a nurse manager or who's interested in a position as a nurse

"We're excited to be offering this because it meets a need in the nursing community," Kelly

To register or learn more about the Nursing Management program. contact of Nursing secretary Doris Davis at 650-3960, 1-800-234-4844, or

# Employees asked to donate to SECA

News Stringer

The State and University Employees Combined Appeal is having their charitable fund-drive.

The purpose of SECA is to raise money for different charity agencies.

"It's to combine fund-raising efforts of employees in one year," Co-coordinator Janet Hunsche said.

This fund-raiser is a statewide effort in which different universities participate. There are twelve different agencies employees can choose

include: American Cancer Special Olympics Scciety, Illinois and United Negro College Fund. The Union Community Fund is the newest agency added to this year's list.

SECA has had great contributions made in the past from employees. Last year, employees pledged \$44,000.

SIUE employees are able to contribute monetary awards to different charitable agencies.

"Every employee gets a booklet and they are able to make contributions," Hunsche said.

Payroll deductions

Some of the agencies available for employees to make their contributions. Employees may only choose up to four different agencies to contribute to; the state of Illinois limits the payroll deductions.

> If employees wish to contribute to any additional agencies then they may pay by check or money order.

> This effort is for employees, but certainly not limited to them. "Students can contributions, but this is targeted at employees and comes out of their check," Hunsche said.

> The pledge forms are due by Friday, Nov. 5. For more information contact Hunsche at 650-2190.

# Entrepreneurship Center to conduct business forum

NEWS STRINGER

The Entrepreneurship Center, part of SIUE's School of Business, will conduct a forum called Capital Formulation, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Ramada Inn in Fairview Heights.

The cost for the seminar is \$25 for the public and \$10 for SIUE students, which includes refreshments.

It is open to anyone interested.

"The forum is not just business students," Entrepreneurship Center Director Jim Mager said. "We are trying to put forth the idea that entrepreneurship is a career option for anyone."

This is the first in a four-part series focusing on topics ranging from assisting entrepreneurs putting together a management

"We've established the Collegiate Organization, or C.E.O., and would like to see more students get involved," Mager

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entrepreneurs and current business owners learn how to present a business concept or expansion to investors. In addition, the series will provide opportunities individuals to communicate business ideas to others who might have an interest in partnering or in funding a business plan.

Panelists Jack Cranley, an attorney, and Trevor Gonterman, a venture capitalist consultant and SIUE student, will discuss "tricks of the trade" for approaching and attracting equity investments. They will provide tips on where and how to seek equity investors, how to protect a business idea, and how ideas can be turned into assets.

"We certainly prepare prospective seeking equity investments to entrepreneurs and students for the world ahead," Mager

> For more information and Entrepreneur to make reservations, contact Center Director Jim Mager by telephone at 650-2669 or by e-mail imager@siue.edu.

# Police Incidents =

#### Traffic .

#### 10/20/04

Police issued a citation to Courtney J. Thomas for disobeying a stop sign and a written warning for improper display of registration on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

Police issued a citation to Steve J. Hanson for an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for one headlight on North University Drive at New Poag Road.

Police issued a citation to Brett K. Rogers for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive at Residence Drive.

Police issued a citation to Steven B. Buerk for disobeying a stop sign and a written warning for no driver's license on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

Police issued a citation to Teneshia N. Cozart for speeding and a written warning for expired registration on South University Drive.

#### 10/25/04

Police were advised of a vehicle parked illegally on the sidewalk between the University Center and the Rendleman Building. The vehicle was

Police responded to an accident on South Extension Road near Bluff Road. A vehicle had hit a deer. No road blockage or injuries occurred.

#### 10/26/04

Police issued a citation to Majed S. Salaymeh for

registration suspended for no insurance on South University Drive.

#### Theft 10/20/04

Police took a report regarding a stolen wallet in Founder's Hall. The wallet contained \$100, a debit card, an Illinois driver's license and a Cougar Card.

Police took a report of a stolen hangtag in Lot

#### Other Offenses

10/22/04 Police were advised of a fire alarm at Woodland

Hall. No fire, smoke or damage was found.

#### 10/23/04

Police issued a misdemeanor complaint and notice to appear for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor to Amy L. Tengstrand.

Police took a report of a possible sexual assault in Cougar Village. Case is under investigation.

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Police responded to a report of an attempted break-in of a vehicle in Cougar Village.

Police took a report of and photographed graffiti in the tunnel of the bike trail.

Police took a report of threatening messages being left on a student's answering machine in Cougar Village.

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Employee of the month



#### honors an employee for his or her contributions to the school. The recipient of the October Employee Recognition Award is Sarah Mulholland, who is Support Services' coordinator for university services to East St. Louis.

TED MCKINNEY NEWS STRINGER

Mulholland received a plaque, a \$25 gift certificate to the Morris University Center Bookstore, convenient parking for one month and two lunch coupons for the University Restaurant.

Mulholland started with SIUE Head Start in October of 1990. As the Support Services coordinator for the Head Start program, Mulholland is responsible for, among other things, program monitoring and evaluation, volunteer services, staff liaison to the policy counsel, program calendar, staff development and training, parent handbook, parent newsletter, family literacy, violence education and public relations.



SIUE PHOTO SERVICES

Sarah Mulholland

Her supervisor, John Lovelace, nominated her for the award.

He describes her as his right-hand assistant.

"I think she is an excellent worker," Lovelace said. "There is nothing she won't do in terms of resources for, and the quality of, the program. This is a person who travels 40 miles one way to her job, and has never been late in 10 years then does an excellent job while she is here."

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# Scholarship offers assistance for many outstanding students

RYAN PEEBLES **News Stringer** 

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship is searching for a few new applicants.

This year, 80 merit-based scholarships of up to \$5,000 and up to 50 honorable mentions of \$350 will be awarded.

Interested SIUE students may go toudall.gov for application information. Applicants must be nominated by a university representative. At SIUE, students should contact chemistry professor Kevin Johnson, director of SIUE's Environmental SciencesProgram. Johnson may be reached through his Web site at siue.edu/~kevjohn/.

scholarship up to everyone," Johnson said.

He said the scholarship is up to \$5,000 and SIUE's tuition is one of the lowest in the state.

"Students in Illinois schools

have received these scholarships in the past and students have a chance. All they have to do is apply," he added.

The one-year scholarships will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and

The scholarships are open to sophomores and juniors in all majors who have "demonstrated outstanding potential and a commitment to preserving, protecting or environmental resources." Grade point average is not a factor in this scholarship.

Last year 80 of 513 applicants were selected for the scholarship.

The Morris K. Foundation "I inherited the job from the was established in 1992 to former director. So, when I honor Morris K. Udall's 30 years took over I wanted to open the of service in the House of Representatives. The foundation is committed to educating Americans to preserve and protect their national heritage environmental through studies.

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enhancer, and multivitamin booster.

missing something," Robinson said. "Students might need boosters for the morning, afternoon or evening and get it on

the fly."

Every so often students "It seemed we were are able to get pizzas from the entrée bar but Pizza Hut will not be opened until the construction is finished with Taco Bell and Freshens.

"I'm looking forward to the students' response to the new venues," Robinson said. "I want to thank students for how well they've received the changes we've brought to

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### STUDY ABROAL

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trips,)" Marshall said.

Another misconception Marshall addressed was the need for students to have declared a major to study abroad.

"(Studying abroad) can open up your possibilities ... you

can take classes to fill general education requirements, for a major, or for a minor," Marshall said.

Following the fair, a workshop will be held in the Missouri Room of the MUC

from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. to address student's concerns and provide more in-depth information.

For further information about the fair or studying abroad, students can log onto siue.edu/STUDYABROAD.



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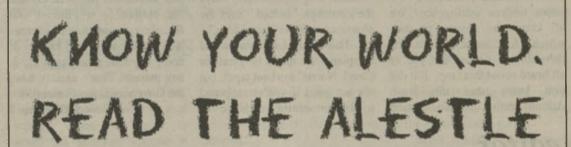
to ensure students are getting the right mix of theoretical and skill courses as well as enough hours in the liberal arts.

If accredited, students can say they graduated from an accredited department and that

value to their degrees, Murphy said. The accreditation could also open the door for more scholarships and

Comm The Mass Department was accredited in the

1980s, but lost its accreditation because three areas were out of compliance. At that time, scholarship productivity was low, there was a weak internship program and the curriculum was not in compliance.





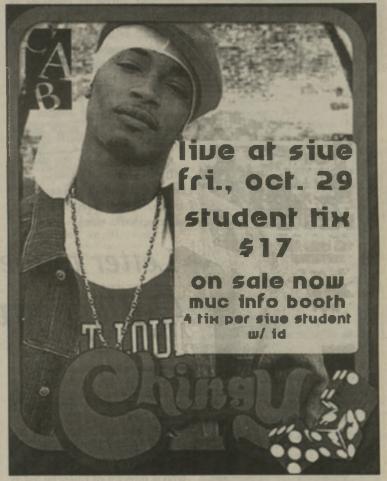
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In less than one week, one of the most important elections in decades will be held. The outcome will not only affect everyday people like you and me, but the very future of the free world. Though it is true that regardless of whom we elect to run the country for another four years, the war on terror is still going to take time.

No matter who we stick in office, big business and outsourcing are still going to be around. But we need to focus on more specific things—like who

# Administration manipulating story

got us into this crap hole in the first place? Who destroyed the social security surplus with outrageous tax cuts for the filthy rich? Who has had the joy of seeing the unemployment rate rise to 5.51 percent, (as compared to only 4.40 percent under Clinton's final term)? Who has

taxpayer money to fund campaign ads in the form of news reports?

In a 30 second "newsclip" that's shot in the form of a report, a pharmacist and a customer discuss Bush's Medicare law, in this exact way:

"The new law helps you had the privilege of starting the better afford your medication."

"This kind of cheesiness and thespian antic might be great for Chuck Norris' workout tapes, but it's not good if you're supposed to be presenting a piece of journalism."

aforementioned preemptive war under unclear intelligence? We all know the answer to this, which for some might be debatable — bottom line, you've all heard about this crap. But did you know that the Bush Administration also

"Sounds like a good idea," says the customer. "Indeed," says the pharmacist, "a very good idea."

This kind of cheesiness and thespian antic might be great for Chuck Norris' workout tapes, but it's not good if you're supposed to be presenting a piece of

Other disturbing clips in the "news report" include Bush receiving a standing ovation from the elderly that hope to benefit from the new law, and a segment where a news reporter (Karen Ryan in the English ads and Alberto Garcia in the Spanishspeaking ads) poses questions to people who appear to be big guns in the health industry, with talk of how the law will better the elderly and disabled.

Okay, so this last part wouldn't seem that bad at first, until one tries to think about whom the reporters are. Karen Ryan? Alberto Garcia? They sure don't sound familiar. Further investigation into Karen Ryan's past journalistic forays reveal that she starred in a Flumist and Excedrin commercial, whereas Alberto Garcia is not known of doing any acting, nor reporting in any manner. That's exactly what the Government Accountability

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# Letter to the editor

# College students need education on credit

College students need to be more educated on the dangers of using credit cards.

When college students use credit cards unwisely, they are opening the door to problems that reach further than financial instability. William E. Stanford, who is director of financial aid at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., makes the claim that "when [you] open the subject for discussion, everyone knows someone ... who has a credit card payment problem, if not a fullblown bad credit rating."

There are problems with dit in most places, but the fact that the problem is universal does not make each individual case any more comforting for college students. High schools and colleges should re-evaluate

these vulnerable students.

High school consumer classes should be drilling the dangers and consequences of credit cards into the minds of the students. One significant way high schools can start solving the problems students face with credit cards is to make a financial or consumer class mandatory in order to graduate. Many school districts have already taken this initial step and are well on their way to tackling the credit card dilemma.

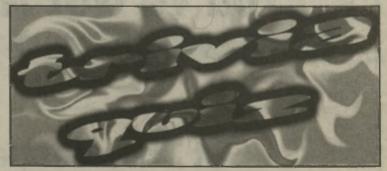
Once high schools enforce the policy of a mandatory consumer class, schools should move toward teaching students through activities, rather than just information.

Dr. Jill M. Norvilitis and Dr. their authority and apply a better Phillip Santa Maria, professors at

sense of understanding to Buffalo State University, writing in the "College Student Journal", state, "Teachers should focus journal students need to be taught specifically on reducing risk-

taking behavior."

The professors added in the see CREDIT CARDS page 7



# What is the title of the community service project Iota Phi Theta is sponsoring?

Read the Tuesday edition of the Alestle and submit answers to the Alestle office by noon Monday.

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Last week's winner was Freshman Sarah Mennemeyer.

# Quote of the Day

"Art hath an enemy called ignorance."

~ Ben Jonson

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Office said, too. In fact, the GAO judged this report as covert propaganda, and it's not hard to see why.

The Bush administration used over \$36 million of taxpayers' money to hire the actors who played Karen Ryan and Alberto Garcia, as well as promote the campaign ad on over 40 TV stations under the guise of real news. The big problem here isn't just the fact that the news reports are counterfeit and an illegal use of taxpayer money to support propaganda: it is that the clip does not make clear that it was government manufactured (kudos to the production company Home Front Communications) and it doesn't let the viewer know that the reporters aren't actual journalists.

To further figure out what constitutes being a reporter, since Karen and Alberto apparently had it confused, one must know the rule in the Public Relations Society of America that states the word "reporting" is not to be used

in such video news releases if the person is not an actual reporter. The government propaganda piece defies this rule, since the actors' last words are quite simply: "In Washington, I'm Karen Ryan (Alberto Garcia) reporting."

According to Al Tompkins, a teacher at Poynter Institute, a journalism school, "Sending out videos featuring pretend news reports is wrong. Let this alert be loud and clear. Don't use this stuff."

There was also a news release video promoting the No Child Left Behind Act (one of my personal favorites) using taxpayer money and similar tactics, but since the GAO report came out, both videos have seen little airplay.

So what does all this mean? Quite simply, the current administration has been manipulating media outlets to put forward ads for itself, painting a bright picture for its policies and new laws using the fictional brush of scripted news reports.

But these clips aren't the only forms of propaganda that the government has put out-Fox News anyone? After seeing publicized fabrications such as this, it isn't hard to believe that maybe the very same techniques were used pre-Iraq war to get the public support up. It might have just been conspiracy theory before, but such an idea is more credible when one finds out that one's own government is hiring production companies to doctor news reports for the blind masses. I'm not trying to be a partisan here, but I know what's wrong when I see it, and you should, too. If you let this administration reign supreme for another four years, there's no telling what kind of deception could creep across the airwaves.

Sources include the Associated Press, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Guardian Unlimited and IndyMedia.

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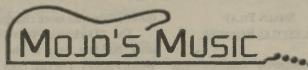


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skills to solve problems involving their dilemma. Nationally, high schools need to stick to structured, stringent criteria in order to lead students down the correct path as they enter college.

Following high school, students need to be able to continue their training regarding credit cards at the collegiate level. Students' lack of money management skills often stem from deeper issues, and colleges should advertise the availability of group therapy, Stanford said.

Colleges can also play a role by restricting the amount of time

and the number of solicitors who are allowed on campus, according to the "College Student Journal."

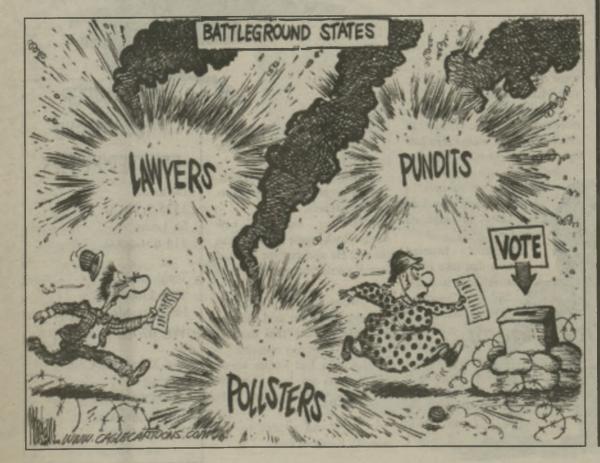
The final way colleges can help their students is to administer seminars when potential students come to tour campuses. In most cases, parents are touring the campus along with their children, and having these seminars for both the potential student and his or her parent can trigger further discussions in the home. Colleges have capabilities of impacting students to make intelligent

choices with credit cards, which will help enable students to have a financially stable future.

High schools and colleges have the responsibility of developing quality services to aid students with the knowledge of financial security. When high schools and colleges take a stand in fighting the battle society faces with credit card debt, they are opening the door for better success to students across the nation.

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SHAUN PILAT LIFESTYLES REPORTER

A decayed mummy sits unmoving in his throne room, hand wrapped around his golden scepter, guarded by two armed skeletons on each side.

A decayed zombie rises from a toxic waste drum deep inside a secret military silo. Halloween and haunted houses have returned to the bi-state area.

"Darkness" and "Silo X," continue to draw visitors and

Larry Kirchner, president of Halloween Productions in St. Louis, said each haunted house did not maintain specific attendance numbers, but was confident that thousands of visitors came every year.

"People like all the detail we put into the place," Kirchner said.

snowballing into more changes.

The "Darkness" is a twostory building next to the old Welch Factory. The first floor is a secret temple overgrown with vines and watched over by ancient guardians. Kirchner only generalized the second floor.

"Downstairs the theme overall is a haunted tomb and upstairs an old mansion," Kirchner said.

Kirchner said his main goal Two popular haunts, the was to create an eerie atmosphere, using detailed sets and 40 live actors. He wanted to scare people, but not terrorize them into never visiting again.

> "We want them to walk away laughing," Kirchner said.

The "Silo X" haunted house is also operated by Kirchner's company. He acquired "Silo X" from the previous owners and reopened it in 2003 after a sixyear hiatus.

"It is so popular because we spent a lot of time improving it. People know the 'Darkness' is dedicated to a quality product. "

> ~ Larry Kirchner, president of Halloween Productions

The "Darkness" was opened by Kirchner in 1994 and immediately made a profit the first year. The haunted house has been rated one of the best in America by Fangoria Magazine, Hauntworld Magazine and MSNBC.

The "Darkness" has also been rated St. Louis' most popular haunted house for 11 years in a row. Kirchner gave two reasons for its success.

"It's so popular because we spent a lot of time improving it. People know the 'Darkness' is dedicated to a quality product," Kirchner said.

Kirchner said that every year his company changes and improves its haunted houses. He likened them to repairing old

He said you spend time fixing one aspect of the car only to discover something else needs fixing and fix that, each change

Kirchner said this year it is scarier than ever. It is now more theme-oriented.

"Silo X" combines science fiction and horror themes. The United States government had been conducting secret experiments inside the silo when a top-secret toxic gas was released, mutating everyone

The U.S. Special Forces sent in to destroy the zombies and cover up the accident were turned undead themselves. When visitors enter the silo they must find proof of a government cover up and escape back out.

"We

made

upon how fast

effects. Almost every year," Kirchner said.

more than 30 scenes. Visitors can encounter a man being cut in half by a giant saw, a burning

> helicopter, toxic gas, laser beams, more tunnels, a maze, an army of undead and lots of mutated zombies.

> > Unlike haunted houses that take place entirely indoors, "Silo X" takes visitors outside as well. The haunted house is about as long as a football field. Depending

VISITORS

move through the maze, the time it takes to complete the entire haunted house varies.

"Silo X" uses detailed sets, various props and 50 live actors to scare visitors.

Kirchner said the new version looks more realistic than the old. He also said the haunted house would change again next

"We're going to change all of them," Kirchner said. He was referring to all the haunted houses his company operates.

Kirchner had similar words for visitors to both popular haunts, the "Darkness" and "Silo

"They can expect to get scared," Kirchner said.

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# Urban legends: Are they fact or fiction?

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

During a visit to SIUE's campus, high school senior Blake Whitcomb recounts the best urban legend he knows.

"What about the one where the girl comes into the room, and her roommate is getting killed, but she doesn't turn on the light?" Whitcomb asks. "That's a pretty good one."

For some high school and college students, separating fact from fiction is hard enough on multiple-choice tests.

However, when acknowledging the fact that college folklore and urban legends are often packaged together, the line between fantasy and reality gets blurry, especially around holidays such as Halloween.

Here is a brief analysis of some widely spread urban legends on college campuses. Some are true, some are false and some are still at large.

# The kidney thieves: A University of Texas student loses both kidneys to black market thieves.

Usually told in several different forms, the story involves a young man who, after a wild night of partying at a local nightclub, goes home with a beautiful young woman.

After indulging in a few more drinks and some drugs (possibly illegal) at his apartment, the man passes out, only to wake up naked and submerged in a bathtub filled with ice.

After getting up and noticing "CALL 911" written on his chest in red lipstick in the bathroom mirror, he is informed by paramedics that his kidneys have both been stolen, possibly evident by the two nine-inch scars on his back.

#### True/false:

Does this ever-popular urban legend hold water?

Not according to Barbara Mikkelson, Web site curator of snopes.com, which is dedicated solely to confirming or denying urban legends.

Although she admits the legend is "remarkably persistent," Mikkelson cites the legend's roots from a 1996 e-mail written by an administrative assistant at the University of Texas named Kimm

Antell, who accidentally attached her signature at the bottom, forwarded the e-mail to friends.

Through the Internet grapevine, her job title somehow went from "administrative assistant" to editor-inchief of the Daily Texan, the student publication of the University of Texas. From there, the legend snowballed into its current form.

"[The legend] is scare lore at its finest," Mikkelson said. "It takes no imagination whatsoever for those away from home for the first time in their lives to picture themselves following a pretty girl to a party and having this happen to them."

# How to spot an urban legend

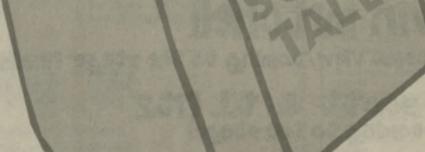
An urban legend may be a story heard by word of mouth or a text received by e-mail or fax. All have certain features in common which can aid in identifying them as urban legends.

- 1. Consider the form of the information passed along. Is it a narrative story with a beginning, middle and end? Does it feature a surprising twist and/or end with a punch line reminiscent of a joke? If so, it may be an urban legend.
- **2.** Urban legends usually toe a fine line between outlandishness and plausibility. Does the story seem a little suspicious, yet believable? Was it told as if it's true? Often the teller of an urban legend will even begin with the statement, "This is a true story..."
- **3.** Look for statements like, "This really happened to a friend of a friend" or "I heard this from the wife of a co-worker," or "You won't believe what happened to my brother's housekeeper's son," etc.
- **4.** Have you heard the same story more than once from different sources, possibly even with different names and details? If you have heard more than one version, it's probably an urban legend.
- **5.** Consider whether there is evidence to suggest the story heard is false and there are common sense reasons to disbelieve it.
- **6.** Does the story seem too good to be true, too horrible or too funny to be true? If so, there is a good chance it is an urban legend and not true.
- **7.** Check books and Web sites about urban legends to see if the story is listed there.
- **8.** Research any factual claims in the story to see if there is published evidence to support them. The burden of proof is on the teller of the tale.

# Tips

- 1. Contrary to popular belief, urban legends are not always false. The key factor is that they are told as if they are true, though no supporting evidence is offered.
- 2. E-mail versions of urban legends tend to lose some of their story-like qualities, circulating in the form of warnings or alerts instead of personal anecdates, but they are still life a legends.

rhanlegends.about.com





Armed response: A medical student goes insane after classmates slip a cadaver's arm into her bed as a practical joke.

Variations of this short but gruesome story have been making the rounds as well.

The legend goes that a medical student goes insane after a classmate (or several) put a cadaver's arm into her bed. Apparently, the joke was merited because of the annoying nature of the prankee, who is being kept in seclusion in a mental institution.

#### True/false:

Whether or not this urban myth has a leg to stand on is undetermined. There is no proof to confirm or deny the myth, although Mikkelson is quick to give a possible reason for the myth's spread, which has been in existence since the 1920's.

"Legends like this define medical students as a group apart from the rest in that they've had to handle dead bodies and parts thereof," Mikkelson said. "And this has helped to foster in them the necessary emotional detachment for when they advance to doing the same things to living people. It's not unreasonable that a story would surface like this, true or not."

Hell in a hospital: A five-story haunted hospital guarantees guests a full refund if they can complete the trip, a task no one has succeeded at.

Somewhere in the United States, there is a haunted hospital so realistic and scary that no one has ever completed the journey through it.

The hospital's five floors of terror include live snakes and spiders, chainsaw-wielding psychos, trapdoors and other perils. The problem is that no one is exactly sure where this hospital is located. Thrilll-seeking college students around Halloween go in search of this legendary haunt to test their nerves every year.

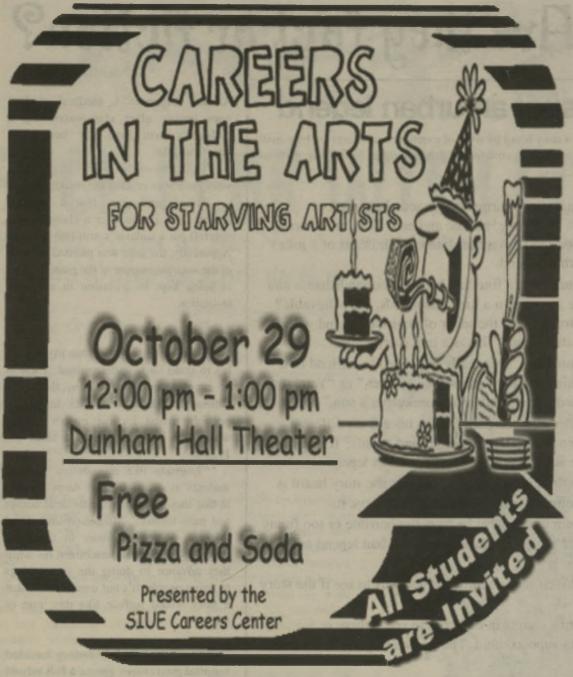
#### True/false:

Don't fill up the tank just yet-the legend is false, although not completely.

Mikkelson confirms that there have been several haunted houses to spring up in the last few years that promise a full refund if you complete the tour of the house, although there is usually some kind of gimmick that prevents patrons from doing so, such as "monsters" pushing out students, a trapdoor or extremely dangerous final paths.

However, the five-story hospital that originated the legend has been placed all throughout the Midwest, including close to home in St. Louis, with no location ever found.

"This house or hospital of terror has been rumored to exist all over the United States," Mikkelson states. "Wherever it's been told, students who have heard the rumor have breathlessly gone scampering on what would later prove to be nothing but a snipe hunt. The attraction they searched for never existed."



# Spooks invade downtown Edwardsville for tradition

AMBER ERNST
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The famous and traditional Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Halloween Parade will take place at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

According to the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon October 2004 newsletter, "The parade has become one of our area's most popular events with over 100 participants and approximately 10,000 spectators."

"I think the Halloween parade is a great way to reflect the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon community," Executive Director of the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce Carol Foreman said.

"The local commercial businesses enter extravagant floats into the parade each year and compete against each other for highly coveted plaques. The local service churches, school organizations, and other noncommercial organizations compete for prize money with their homemade floats, while the school district's marching bands accompany the parade," Foreman said. "SIUE students and

organizations play a significant role in the event as well. The parade brings together both the business and education aspects of the area."

According to the newsletter, the parade began prior to World War I and has become deeply rooted into the Edwardsville and Glen Carbon communities. It remains a mystery as to how the event originated.

"Halloween is a very traditional holiday in the Edwardsville/ Glen Carbon community," Foreman said.

Citizens of all ages look forward to the event each year. In fact, even though trick-or-treating will take place both Saturday and Sunday, Foreman expects that most kids will finish trick-or-treating Saturday so they can attend the Halloween parade Sunday.

"We are expecting quite a crowd this year since the Alton Halloween Parade is being held on Saturday," Foreman said.

Local groups and organizations will also be sponsoring festive parties located along the parade route.

For more information, contact Carol Foreman at 656-7600.

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# Taste of Culture spices up Goshen



DREW WILKIE/ALESTLE

Drummer Dennis Luca pounds out a Latin beat as he performs in the band Erv as part of the Taste of Culture series Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge.

## Correction

A story in Tuesday's Alestle incorrectly listed the time for the National Pan-Hellenic Council's Comedy Show as 8 p.m. The correct time is 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Alestle regrets the

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

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# Cougars clinch home field advantage

AJIT OZA SPORTS REPORTER

The Cougars' second flawless season against Great Lakes Valley Conference competition will not only give the team home field advantage throughout the conference tournament, but also a better shot at getting a bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Tournament.

The Cougars earned the honor after drubbing the Bellarmine University Knights 3-0 Saturday afternoon. SIUE used a combination of an opportunistic offense and stingy defense to claim victory. The defense allowed the Knights to take a mere six shots.

The Cougars started the scoring early and never looked back. Sophomore forward Mike Banner took a pass from sophomore midfielder Victor Pacheco and scored from 10 yards out, 52 seconds after the game started.

The Cougars kept applying pressure in the second half, firing



AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE

Freshman Nicholas Frasca makes a save earlier this season. The Cougars clinched home field advantage throughout the conference tournament with a victory over the weekend against Bellarmine University.

10 shots on goal. Banner added the insurance goal in the 82nd minute, in what would be his second goal of the game. Banner was able to break away from the

Knights' defense and score the unassisted goal.

"His second goal was after a magnificent 50-yard run on his part with the ball," head coach Ed

Huneke said. "He deked out two or three guys and scored."

With the win against Bellarmine, the Cougars finished as the GLVC regular season champion with a record of 8-0-2 and also continued the team's dominance in regular season conference play by staying unbeaten during the past 21 GLVC games.

The Cougars are No. 2 in the GLVC region and No. 12 nationally.

According to Huneke, the Cougars could lock up a bid to the NCAA Tournament this weekend with a win against Truman State.

"Truman is ranked No. 4 in the region, so that puts a little more importance on this game," Huneke said. "If we beat Truman and win the conference tournament, we will probably host all the way through. If we only do one of those I think we will be in the national tournament, but I doubt that we will host. If we lose both, then I doubt we are even in (the national tournament)."

The Cougars will be in action next against the regional rival Truman State University Thursday in Kirksville, Mo. at 2

**ZACH GROVES** SPORTS REPORTER

Highlighted by a strong defense and a flashy offense, the Cougars downed the Washington one. It was a fun match," Gober University Bears Tuesday night to win what could be the team's last home match of the season.

Junior outside hitter Allison Buss led SIUE with 13 digs and junior setter Krystal Majernik chipped in with 9 as the Cougars held off the Bears for a straight sweep 30-19, 30-27 and 30-26.

Head coach Todd Gober liked what he saw from the match defensively, and emphasized the impressive teamwork displayed.

"We had a really relaxed feeling in ourselves," Gober said. "It just seemed like we played with a lot of confidence. We got down in games two and three,

and we really held our composure

"We executed very well on offense. Krystal did a fantastic job getting the hitters one-onadded.

Junior middle hitter Heather Bonde, who nailed 11 kills against the Bears, believes the Cougars' execution on both sides made a difference in the

"We played our game, we worried about what we were doing and our defense was amazing," she said. "We have been focusing on defense over the last couple of weeks at practice."

"(With) our offense, we're banging the ball so we keep getting the ball up. I think our whole team is unstoppable,"

The offense battled through each set, led by junior outside hitter Kindra Westendorf, who pounded out 12 kills. Junior middle hitter Shannon Winkeler amassed 10 kills in the contest.

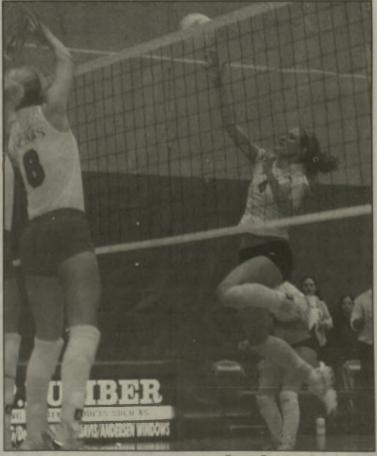
Majernik played offensive catalyst in the match with 38 assists.

end, Bonde feels this match tone for the

"I think we wanted to make a statement, this being our last home game," she said. "Just coming out here, playing our game and showing everybody that we are here to

Currently the Cougars stand at 21-6 overall and boast an 11-2 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars will hit the road for their final three games of the regular season. The road swing begins against conference rival Bellarmine University at 7 p.m. Friday in Louisville, Ky.



CRISTA CHITWOOD/THE ALESTLE

Junior middle hitter Tina Talsma attempts to score a point against the Bears of Washington University Tuesday night.

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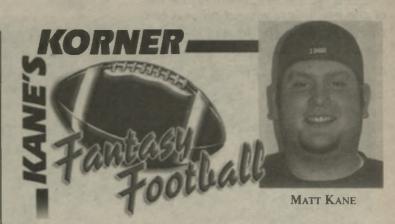
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The masses have e-mailed asking questions about the running back situation in Minnesota.

This week against the Giants, the Vikings will once again look to get the ball to Mewelde Moore.

There's a good chance Moore will be the starting back against the Colts, even though running back Onterrio Smith is coming back from his suspension.

Coach Mike Tice is taking the "if it ain't broke" approach.

The Vikings star wide receiver Randy Moss suited up for Sunday's game but played only two downs because he is still recovering from a pulled hamstring. Make sure you check on his condition Sunday morning as it will be another game-time decision for Moss.

The Denver Broncos lost running back Quentin Griffin for the year after a check-up found the two-year veteran suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the team's loss to Cincinnati Monday night.

This means Denver's former fullback Reuben Droughns will be the full-time starter for the Broncos for the fourth consecutive week.

Droughns has put up good numbers in all three games he has started and has a total of 510 yards while hitting the endzone twice.

This week the Broncos host For th Falcons who allowed eight salute you.

rushing touchdowns last week against the Chiefs.

Kansas City is having an upand-down year and it's best to stay away from any of those players in your fantasy league.

You never know what kind of game the Chiefs are going to have.

KC scored 56 points last week in what may have been a resurgence game. However, with this team, you never know.

The Chiefs will take on the Indianapolis Colts, who are coming off an unexpected loss to Jacksonville.

In contrast to Kansas City's roller-coaster season, you can be safe in playing any of Indy's offense.

In the next couple of weeks the Colts get the Chiefs, Vikings, twill be another game-time sion for Moss.

The Denver Broncos lost ting back Quentin Griffin for it.

This week's Alestle pen goes to SIUE junior Todd Meier. Meier's Flyers had Drew Bledsoe, Dane Looker, Justin McCareins, Duce Staley and Michael Pittman. Meier is 0-7 in his league.

For some reason you folks like complaining about your teams. So, we'll do this again. An Alestle pen goes out to the person with the worst fantasy team from Week 8.

E-mail me at kaneskorner@hotmail.com.

For those about to rock, I

# Hockey continues its winning ways

JONG CAMBRON SPORTS REPORTER

The Lindenwood University Lions Division I Ice Hockey Club became the first team to cage the SIUE Cougars offense. Only two goals were produced from the offense, which had been scoring over six goals per game and was on a six-game winning streak. The Lions won the game 5-2.

Centers Matt Kaiser and Jason Walker were the only two players who found the back of the net against the fifth ranked team in the nation, according to the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Leading scorer left winger Sean Walls was missing in action from the game because he had a group presentation due in his evening class and was not able to make it to the contest until the start of the third period.

According to head coach Larry Thatcher, having the best player missing did hurt some, but the team played hard against a great team and losing happens.

"I wasn't able to get there in time," Walls said. "I don't know if we would have won if I would have played but I wanted to have a chance"

Walls would get his chance in the next two games versus the Saint Louis University Bilikens. The Cougars exploded for 34 goals in the two contests, winning see HOCKEY, page 15

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Jong Cambron/the Alestle
Austin Jones scores a goal against St. Louis University during the second period to make the score
7-0 during the Cougars' victory.

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by scores of 19-0 in the first game and 15-0 in the second

In both games Walls recorded a hat trick and finished with seven goals and five assists. He has 21 goals and 10 assists in only eight games, which means Walls is on pace to score over 120 total points in the regular season.

"I didn't think I would start out this well," Walls said.

Walls said if the Cougars make it to the ACHA Nationals it will be because of the team's great defense, not necessarily scoring ability.

Defenseman Kyle Rhodes contributed to the offensive party by scoring three goals and adding three helpers in the two games.

gives "Larry (defensemen) the freedom and if I see an opening I'll take it," Rhodes said about his scoring

Left winger John Greffet and right winger Austin Jones each tallied hat tricks and both registered six points in the first game against the Bilikens. Danny Songer stopped three shots to record his first solo shutout of the

Matt Groves completed the back-to-back shutout of SLU by making 13 saves the next night. Jones scored two more goals while center Jason Pernicaro and left winger Joe DiMaggio both added two goals apiece.

The Cougars hope to keep the offense burning when they start a three-game road trip this weekend, with two of the games in Michigan.

"We've got big games coming up," Thatcher said. "They (the two wins) were a big primer for the next weekend."

The Cougars play Central Michigan University at 9 p.m. Friday and Ferris State University Saturday. Cougars finish the road trip back in Illinois at Lake Forest College at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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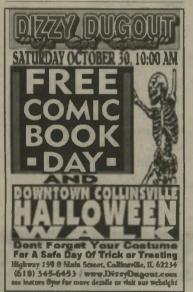
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