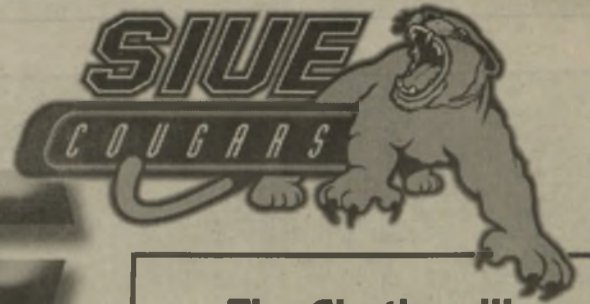


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Walk, don't run, check bus schedule

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS EDITOR

Madison County Transit, the bus service that provides transportation for many SIUE students, announced a change of schedule effective Monday, Jan. 17.

MCT is adjusting times on the 16 Edwardsville Shuttle, which brings hundreds of students to campus each day.

"The major reason (for the change) was that we were hearing from students that it was difficult to get to class on time with the old schedule," MCT Assistant Director of Marketing S.J.

Morrison said. "There is an area on Esic where a lot of students live. Our bus actually makes a special trip through there once an hour to pick up those individuals. Those buses were not dropping students off until one after the hour (making them late for classes). We were starting to hear from students that it was hard to get there for classes."

The 16 Edwardsville Shuttle will now leave the downtown Edwardsville station at 15 minutes after the hour and travel through Esic before arriving at Peck Hall 31 minutes after the hour.

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SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

The #17 Cougar Shuttle stops in the Hairpin Drive. The Madison County Transit buses see nearly 2,000 SIUE students every day.

Early Childhood Center teacher dies

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS EDITOR

Part-time Early Childhood Center teacher and SIUE alumna Jamie Jo Fernandez died at 1:37 a.m. Dec. 19, 2004, as a result of an automobile accident in Staunton. Fernandez was 25.

Fernandez was a native of Maryville and graduated from Staunton High School in 1997. Fernandez did her student teaching at the Early Childhood Center in the fall of 2002 before she received a degree in early

education from SIUE in 2002.

Following graduation, Fernandez worked as a substitute teacher for the Edwardsville School District in addition to her work at the Early Childhood Center.

"Once she graduated, she became a sub, so she worked here quite a bit," Early Childhood Center Director Rebecca Dabbs-Kayser said. "She was really a very nice person who really enjoyed being with kids, and it was really fun to watch her grow into a strong teacher."

The funeral was held at Williamson Funeral Home in Staunton, and the burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Staunton.

"She truly enjoyed her profession and was really great around the children and was really a natural," Dabbs-Kayser said. "She will be missed by the staff and children at the center."

Memorial contributions may be made to family members in care of Williamson Funeral Home, 108 West Henry Street, Staunton, Ill., 62088.

Lovejoy Library pioneer John Abbot dies at 83

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

John Cushman Abbott, who helped to build Lovejoy Library from the ground up, died Jan. 3, in a nursing home in Lincolnshire. He was 83.

"Abbott was one of the pioneers of the campus," archivist Stephen Kerber said. "He was a man interested in absolutely everything."

Abbott came to SIUE in 1960 and managed two small libraries at the East St. Louis and Alton campuses. Soon after, Abbott began library services at the Edwardsville campus. The auditorium in the basement of Lovejoy Library was named the John C. Abbott auditorium in his honor in 2000.

Abbott was the main decision-maker for Lovejoy Library for 21 years. In 1980, Abbott helped create a university archive in the library to preserve "the collective memory of the university from its earliest years," Kerber said.

Abbott became head of special collections in 1981 after his retirement as director. In 1986, Abbott retired from the university and continued to work

as a part-time special collections librarian.

After his retirement from the university, Abbott began to acquire rare historical books and journal collections that he often purchased himself when library funds were not available.

Before coming to SIUE, Abbott was an assistant at the Library of Congress from 1951 to 1954 and a librarian at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, for five years. He also served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Abbott earned a baccalaureate in history at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, in 1943 and a master's in history from Syracuse University in New York in 1949. He also earned a master's of library science in 1950 and a doctorate in library science in 1957, both at the University of Michigan.

Abbott began to develop Parkinson's disease about six years ago and later moved into a nursing home in Lincolnshire, where he died in his sleep.

Memorial services were held Jan. 8 at the SIUE Religious Center.

Students raise voices for MLK



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Students to rock against racism

NATE JONES
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Rock Against Racism, a concert to help the family of a fatal hate-crime victim, kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday at the Ground Floor, a coffee shop at 215 E. Main St. in Belleville.

Tickets are \$5 per person with all proceeds going to the family of Nick Holmes, a college

student who was killed last year while visiting friends at the University of Kentucky.

The first band to take the stage will be Dredding Monday, a punk rock band from Belleville.

ADK, known as Antonio Killion to many, will be on stage with his lyrical freestyling rap skills.

Con Artist, a hard rock band that has gone through many changes, will also perform its hard rock with harmony and meaning.

The Gothic Blues Quartet with its punk rock-tinged classic sound will be there.

Wrapping up the concert will be the Red Light Runners with ska that everybody can dance to.

First business affairs vice president dies

RYAN WARTICK
 NEWS STRINGER

Billy D. Hudgens, the first vice president of business affairs at SIUE, died from lung disease Dec. 24, 2004, at his home in Edwardsville. Hudgens was 79.

Hudgens was raised in Carbondale and received a bachelor's from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a doctorate from Washington University Law School.

Hudgens started his career in mortgage banking at Mercantile

Mortgage Co. in Carbondale. In 1962, he joined the SIUC staff as assistant director of the physical plant.

In 1968, he was named SIUE's first vice president of business affairs. While at SIUE, he taught in the School of Business.

Hudgens took leave from SIUE in 1978 after being appointed a clerk of the U.S. District Court. He served in that position for three years and then retired from SIUE in 1982.

Hudgens was council president of the Eden United

Church of Christ, treasurer of the SIUC Alumni Association, trustee of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and secretary of both the American Cancer Society and the SIUE Annuitants Chapter.

He is survived by his wife Bettie, his daughter J'Deana Twesten of Glen Carbon and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville, and the burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Cougar Kids celebrates Mardi Gras Saturday

BRENT NAYLOR
 NEWS REPORTER

Student parents and their children can let the good times roll this weekend with Kimmel Leadership Center's Mardi Gras Masks event. Mardi Gras Masks, part of the Cougar Kids' Saturdays program, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Morris University Center's Center Court.

Participants will decorate Mardi Gras style half-masks.

"There is a committee that was established two years ago whose goal was to develop

programs for student parents and their children," Director of the Kimmel Leadership Center Steve Sperotto said. "One of the initiatives that was created was the Cougar Kids' Saturdays program which is a monthly series of programs for Cougar parents and their children. Mardi Gras masks was selected because of the timing."

Sperotto said that the Cougar Kids' Saturdays programs always fill up quickly.

"The maximum attendance for each of these Cougar Kids' Saturdays events is 60, and that is a combination of kids and adults," Sperotto said.

Attendees must purchase tickets at the Morris University Center's Information Center by Friday at 4:30.

The program is free for SIUE students, up to four individuals. Each additional child is \$1.

The cost for SIUE faculty and staff, up to four individuals is \$5 and \$1 for each additional child.

Any student or employee with children ages 4-10 is eligible to attend the program.

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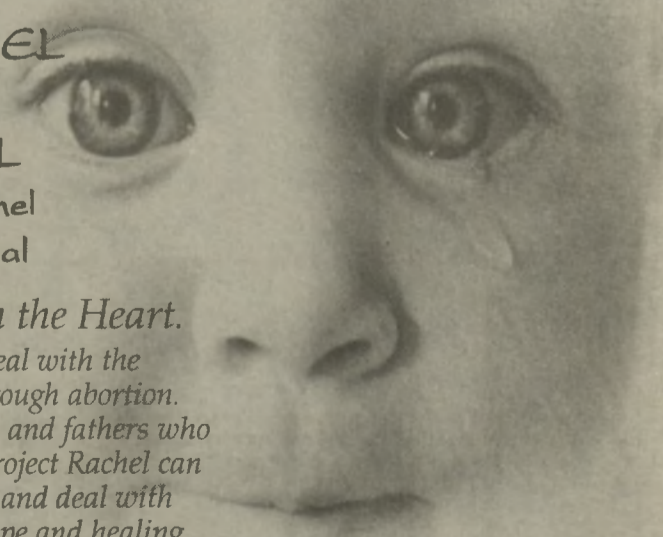
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Police issued a citation to Robert L. Jordan for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for failure to stop at a stop sign on South University Drive.

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Police issued a citation to Asia D. Spencer for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Anthony J. Ash for

driving on the sidewalk.

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Police issued a citation to Piotr Trojan for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on Stadium Drive.

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Police issued a citation to Laronika M. Neal for no proof of insurance and a written warning for speeding on North University Drive.

Other Offenses

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Police took a report about damage to a parked university vehicle.

MCT

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"I was looking at the schedules back in November or December and noticed that there was an issue and decided to go forward with it," Morrison said. "We've made it so that now students get there at 31 (minutes) after the hour. We figured that a 29 minute window would be kind of nice for the students."

The 18 Collinsville Metrobus will also experience changes. The 18 Collinsville Metrobus, which makes trips to the 5th Missouri MetroLink Station, will leave Peck Hall at 15 minutes after the hour. The

bus will arrive at the MetroLink Station, which can take passengers through various locations in the St. Louis area, 47 minutes later.

The 17 Cougar Shuttle will continue to make trips every 10 minutes between Peck Hall and Cougar Village with an additional service for students.

"During the first two weeks of classes, the Cougar Shuttle will also make stops at the top of every hour at Textbook Services," Morrison said.

Morrison said many students use the MCT buses during their commute.

"On an average day, we have nearly 2,000 students riding MCT buses," Morrison said. "That is something we are really proud of."

New schedules are available on any MCT bus and at any MCT transit station. Schedules are also available on campus in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall, Rendleman Hall, Cougar Village Commons and the residence halls. A ride guide is available at www.mct.org/SIUE.

For more information, call MCT at 931-RIDE and dial option 3.

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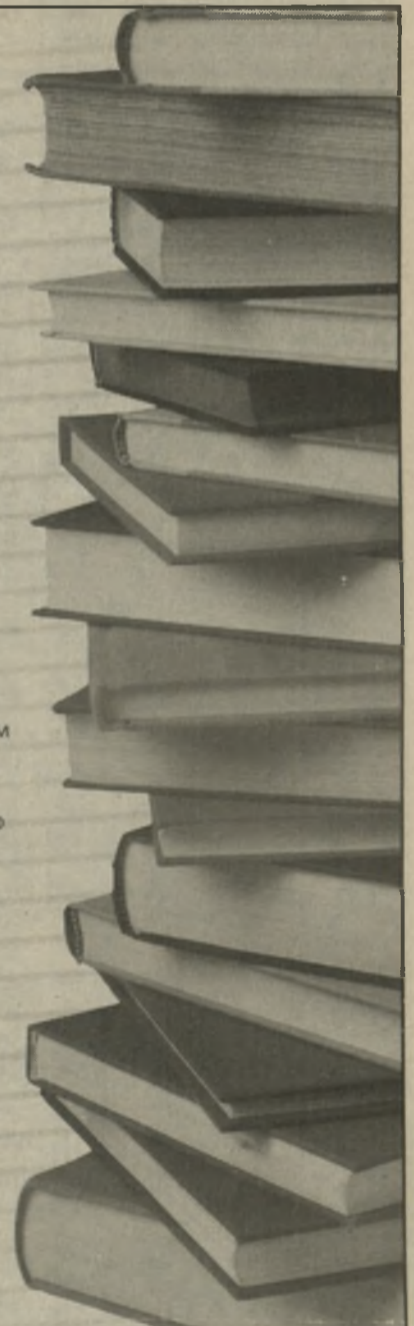
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I've discovered the key to a happy life. Sleep. How did I come across this astonishing conclusion? Well, any sort of lack of sleep can lead you to believe that sleep is the only thing that can make you happy. During another lapse of sanity and an eager rush to finish my senior year, I made the grave mistake of signing up for a dreaded 8 a.m. class. I should have known better. The last 8 a.m. class I took didn't fair too well with my system, but at least in those days I had every other morning to sleep in.

Now I have to be up and at school by 8 a.m. Monday through

Sleep, a necessity in life

Thursday. Yes, that is one of the joys of being the editor of this fine newspaper, being here Monday and Wednesday all day to work on it. I came up with a brilliant plan to ensure I was at the university by 8 a.m.

I woke up at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, and so on until Sunday, Jan. 9, when I woke up at 6:30 a.m. I would continue waking up at 6:30 a.m. for the rest of the semester.

I know what you are all thinking. "Ouch" and "Why do you have to get up that early to be here by 8?" The answer to that is it takes me about half an hour to get out of bed, another half-hour to wake up and get ready and fifteen minutes to get here. That leaves the other 15 minutes to park and walk to the buildings.

On average, I can make it with about three to five minutes to spare since parking is usually pretty light that early in the morning.

The hardest part of my plan is the actual waking-up process. I have to do it without caffeine. I made a resolution to cut back due

my face. There is nothing like freezing skin cells to wake a person up in the morning. Now I know why the polar bear club, people who jump in ice cold lakes, is so popular.

What has waking up this early in the morning for at least a week's worth of time taught me? First, if you intend to wake up at 6:30 a.m., you should not stay up until 4 a.m. the night before. Second, whenever you do wake up that early, be sure you are fully awake before attempting to drive anywhere. And finally, do not ever take an 8 a.m. class. Thinking doesn't work well in the morning if you aren't a morning person. I feel sorry for my instructor.

For those who made the same decision I did and are trying to wake up and get to school for an 8 a.m. class, I hope you live on campus so you can sleep in longer than me.

Tyler Bennett
Editor in Chief

"If you intend to wake up at 6:30 a.m. you should not stay up until 4 a.m. the night before."

to the insomnia that had resulted from my drinking too much of it, and I know finding a clone would be too expensive. Somewhere in the back of my head I'm still holding to that idea. No, the only thing I have to wake me up in the morning, aside from the three-foot drop off my bed and to the floor, is a splash of ice-cold water fresh out of the faucet straight on

Social Security's fall appears inevitable

AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE) — Social Security is going to fail. You know it, I know it, and the whole country knows it.

The question is, then, what is the best way to fix it?

But first, there is the debate of the seriousness of Social Security's woes. Chicago Sun-Times columnist William O'Rourke declared recently that President George W. Bush is crying wolf on the matter. Although O'Rourke didn't mention it specifically, he might have been alluding to the fact that Social Security has and will continue to have large surpluses for a while.

What Mr. O'Rourke missed, and what makes Social Security a more immediate problem, is that our government has already spent those surpluses. This has occurred under Republican and Democrat presidencies, and it has occurred when each party controlled Congress. It isn't a matter of politics. It's a matter of incompetence on the part of our lawmakers, who have siphoned off the surplus for other purposes and left Treasury bonds, the government's version of IOUs, in their place.

This means that when Social Security's expenses begin to catch up with its revenues, the money that was supposed to be stored up to handle the shortfall

must come from the government's general fund. You know, that federal government that is woefully in debt.

So, is Social Security in immediate danger? No. We have just been selling the future of today for the last 20-something years, and that has become a fiscal mountain that will continue to build up if nothing is done. We'll reach the foot of that mountain as the baby boomers start to retire around 2018 and Social Security starts taking in less than it pays out.

Unfortunately, the shortfalls will not be an acute problem and will only continue to worsen as life expectancy increases. According to law, the federal budget will have to make up the growing shortfalls until 2042, after which only Social Security money can pay out benefits. At that time, benefits will only be partially paid out, between 73 and 80 percent depending on how rosy you think the economy will be.

So we're now agreed. Social Security is a big problem, whether it qualifies as immediate or not. There have been two general strategies to fix it. One says all we need to do is tweak the numbers a little to make it feasible for another couple of decades. This involves raising the retirement age, increasing taxes

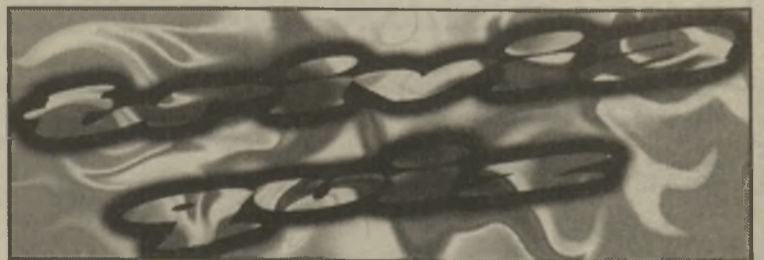
and decreasing benefits. The other says we should start supplementing it with privatized accounts. These accounts will be invested in the stock market and grow more rapidly than Social Security benefits alone.

Unfortunately, neither of these "solutions" will rid us of the mountain of debt we're facing. They'll only reduce it in their own way. The important difference between the two options is how they will hold up

in the long term. Unless our society makes a radical shift as far as health and population growth, the "tweak the numbers solution" is unfeasible because we will have to continue to tweak the numbers indefinitely. This will further reduce the benefits and further increase the stress on the economy with higher taxes.

On the other hand, President Bush's choice, privatized accounts, will allow citizens to

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accumulate more wealth for their retirement instead of less. A severe downturn in the economy could derail that plan, though. If such an event happens, Social Security will likely be the least of our problems.

Unfortunately, making such radical changes to Social Security

will cost a lot of money, somewhere in the ballpark of \$3 trillion. However, compared to the \$10 trillion debt facing Social Security, it is the right solution.

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CHAVON CURRY
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Jan. 17 is a day acknowledged by people from different walks of life. It is the day society recognizes the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and all he has done. King was a vital figure who helped facilitate changes during the 1950s and 1960s.

King was born in Atlanta on Jan. 15, 1929. As a child, King attended and completed his early education at David T. Howard Elementary School and Atlanta University Laboratory School. At 15, he attended Booker T. Washington High School but left before graduation due to his acceptance and early admission to Morehouse College in Atlanta during the fall of 1944.

In 1948, King accomplished various goals he aspired to complete. In June, he was ordained as a Baptist minister and graduated from Morehouse College with a degree in sociology.

In September, he went to Crozer Theological Seminary where he studied many of Mahatma Gandhi's writings, during which he was inspired to approach prejudice and racism in a nonviolent manner. In June 1951, at 22 years old, King was awarded a bachelor's of divinity. Four years after completing this degree, he obtained a doctorate in systematic theology.

King began his mission of improving race relations in the United States in 1955 after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus.

On Dec. 4, 1955, King, along with other citizens of the community, organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott of which King was elected president. The Montgomery Bus Boycott jump-started King's legacy of becoming an inspirational speaker and civil rights leader.

Even today, students who know of the legacy King left behind are still feeling his message. Sociology major Brandon Barber said he has strong feelings about the holiday.

"It is not just a day out of school. It means a lot to me," Barber said. "Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of power, dignity and excellence. I try to strive toward the things he has done also."

His speeches opened the minds of those who embraced his concepts and ideals. King plowed through the inconsistencies and injustices of American society. The movements and marches King led brought law-changing results.

Feb. 21, 1956, a suit was filed in the U.S. District Court asking that the segregation laws in Montgomery, Ala., be declared unconstitutional. That ruling led to many other states declaring segregation laws unconstitutional. June 4, 1956, the U.S. District Court ruled that racial segregation on any city bus line was unconstitutional.

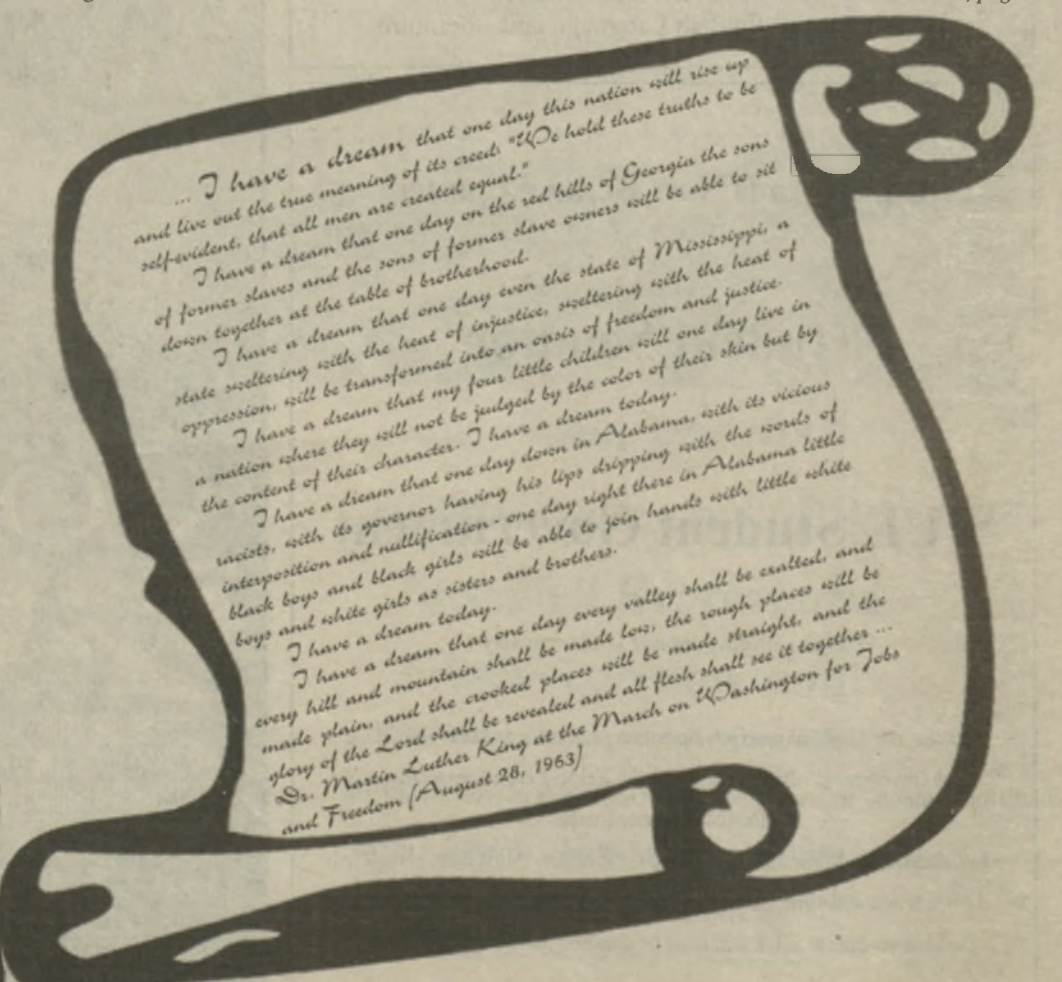
Nov. 13, 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed this ruling, prohibiting segregation on buses by declaring Alabama's laws unconstitutional. Victory came December 21, 1956, when, for the first time, black passengers could legally take any seat on the city's buses.

Public buses were finally desegregated in Montgomery, which led to the desegregation of other buses across the nation. His powerful leadership inspired men and women, both young and old, in this nation and around the world.

"He has definitely done a lot for the African-American community. Without the things that he did, we as a society would not be where we are now," Barber said.

King was a moral warrior in his commitment to nonviolence. He called assertive, nonviolent action "soul force," which he felt was the synthesis of justice, compassion, faith, understanding and the social and personal growth of

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Expanding minds

AMBER ERNST
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

SIUE students and faculty will flock over to the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday to catch a glimpse of the Arabian Nights Taste of Culture event.

There will be a small photo exhibit of various countries in the Middle East, games and prizes and a performance by the Aalim Dance Academy. The performance will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will feature a sword dance.

Given the United States' situation with the Middle East, it is not uncommon for Americans to have misconceptions about the people and culture of the Middle East. However, with the upcoming Taste of Culture event, students and faculty can gain a better and more accurate understanding of a civilization 6,500 miles from their own.

"The purpose of Taste of Culture is to expand the minds of students, faculty and staff

culturally," Campus Activities Board's Multicultural Programs Chair Melanie Rodrigues said. "It gives them a glimpse of various parts of the world."

According to www.members.tripod.com/elhelwa/AboutUs.htm, Diane Chope, also known as Soraya, founded the Aalim Dance Academy in Creve Coeur, Mo., in 1987. However, the management of the academy has been turned over to Lois Marshall, also known as Salwa. Performers of the academy have participated in such events as the Sammy Davis Jr. Variety Club Telethon, the Kansas City Renaissance Festival and the Earth Day and River Races Festival. The group has even been featured on the Sally Jesse-Raphael Show.

In addition to performing, the Aalim Dance Academy teaches the art of Middle Eastern dance.

According to the Web site, "Our philosophy is simple: to have fun while learning about various cultures from Northern Africa to the Middle East to

Central Eastern Europe, to educate the public about one of the oldest forms of entertainment, dance and music, and demonstrate the great benefits of exercise, too."

The performers are also available for all types of family events, including weddings, anniversaries, theme parties, children's parties and community festivals.

For more information about the classes, workshops and shows, contact Salwa at (314) 961-3790 or at Salwaabd@aol.com.

"Taste of Culture is a free event sponsored by CAB, and I would recommend all students attend the fun activities we have on campus," Rodrigues said.

Taste of Culture events have had great turnouts, ranging from 80 to more than 100 attendees. Rodrigues said the Arabian Nights event is bound to be another great success.

For more information about the upcoming Taste of Culture event, contact CAB at 650-3371.

International films come to the big screen at SIUE

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Put away the champagne and confetti, and break out the popcorn. Campus Activities Board is kicking off 2005 by resuming its International Film Series at 6 p.m. Friday in the Abbott Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library.

The first film, "Maria Full of Grace," is a Columbian film about a teenage girl who travels to New York as a carrier of illegal drugs in order to gain a better life.

"It's about a young 17-year-old named Maria who is traveling and is tired of living in Columbia doing menial labor," CAB Multicultural Programs Chair Melanie Rodrigues said. "She's promised a new lifestyle and has to travel with drugs as a result of

her new lifestyle. It's an inspiring story of survival and the human spirit."

The lead character, played by Catalina Sandino Moreno, must smuggle a half-kilo of heroin into the United States to gain her freedom.

"The film makes a strong point about the immigration process and how it operates when people try to come into the United States," Rodrigues said. "I think that movies like this will show students the struggles that other people face across the borders. Life isn't as easy for some people across the world as it may be here. It's a glimpse into someone else's life and a chance to walk in someone else's shoes."

The International Film Series has featured such internationally acclaimed movies as "Real Women Have Curves"

from Spain, "Iron Monkey" from China and "Amelie" from France.

"We show several Hollywood-style movies on campus, and we thought it would be nice to give students international films as well to enrich their minds culturally," Rodrigues said. "Most of these movies have won many awards worldwide, so we want to give students a chance to enjoy these films that they may not have had the opportunity to see."

Upcoming films for the International Film Series include "Bend It Like Beckham," scheduled for Feb. 18 and "The Motorcycle Diaries" for April 8.

For more information on the International Film Series or other CAB events, contact the event hot line at 650-3372.

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humanity. King said he believed "soul force" would bring communities together by the blending of compassion, understanding, communication and bonds of human intimacy.

Biology freshman Yvonda Dangerfield was brought up in a diverse community, so the actions King took made a difference in her life.

"If it wasn't for Martin Luther King's integrity, it would be hard for someone to live in a diverse community or have better opportunities in his or her life. What he did makes me proud," Dangerfield said.

There were many moments in King's life when he was

challenged. After leading a campaign to end segregation in Birmingham, Ala., King was jailed. Near the end of the Birmingham campaign, King joined other civil rights leaders in organizing the March on Washington. Aug. 28, 1963, an interracial crowd of more than 200,000 gathered peaceably near the Lincoln Memorial.

Their purpose was to demand equal justice for all citizens.

King delivered his prized "I Have a Dream" speech, where he spoke of his belief that all men and women, regardless of their ethnicity, would come to be brothers and sisters one day.

King, as a civil rights leader, speaker and compassionate warrior, fought for equality and justice for all.

Kinesiology senior Josh Wemhoener said he believes King made a difference in America's way of life.

"The holiday is a celebration for African-Americans and other members of society of how far we have come," Wemhoener said.

King once said, "Let us stand with a greater determination. Let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation."

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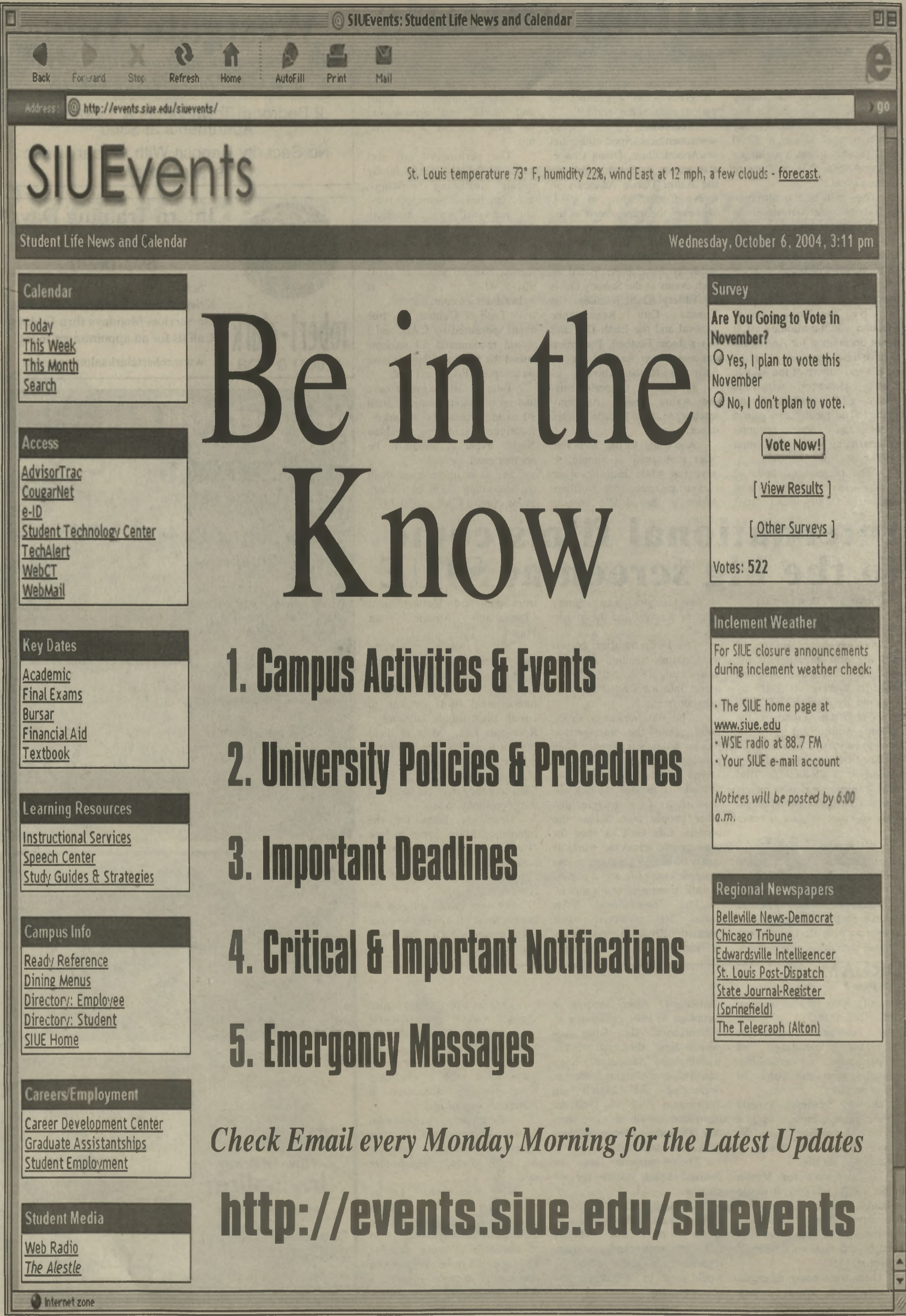
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Sports Quote of the Day

"Many times at the beach a good-looking lady will say to me, 'I want to touch you.' I always smile and say, 'I don't blame you.'"

~Arnold Schwarzenegger

Coming Up

Men's and women's basketball faces off against Quincy at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.



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Cougar six-pack

Men's basketball jumps to 6th in the nation

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS REPORTER

Thirteen straight wins, two losses and a well-pumped ball have launched the men's basketball team from being ranked 16th in the NCAA Division II coaches poll to 6th in the nation.

Head coach Marty Simmons and the Cougars now enter this weekend as one of the best teams in the nation, boasting an overall 14-2 record and a 7-0 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Simmons is ecstatic about the position, but feels the team's focus is just on Saturday's game

against Quincy University.

"We're excited," Simmons said. "But all of our thoughts and efforts are concentrating on Saturday's game."

Many aspects have factored into the team's current success, such as an injury-free squad and good communication between the players at practice.

"They have been consistent with that all year," Simmons said. "I think that is why we have been able to get better. They come to practice with a good attitude and help each other."

Despite being ranked 10th out of 11 teams in the GLVC on offense (70.1 points per game), SIUE makes up for that with a

stingy defense, holding opponents to a league-leading 58.1 points per game. In addition, the Cougars are menaces on the glass, leading the GLVC in rebounds with 30.6 per game and block 4.81 shots per contest.

This is the highest the Cougars have ever been ranked. Their highest ranking previously was 7th in January of 1989. Overall, this is their third trip in the top ten as a program.

Despite the national attention SIUE is receiving, Simmons knows the team still has a tough opponent to play in Quincy and a job to do

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Women's basketball moving forward

JONG CAMBRON
SPORTS REPORTER

After scoring a season low 39 points in a loss to Northern Illinois University, the SIUE women's basketball team has won two straight games to even its record to 8-8 overall and 3-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Even losing three of the first four games of the season did not deter the team.

"Early on, for a lot of reasons, we struggled," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We played well at times and not very well at times, but lately we have come together as a team."

Hedberg said the last two games were very good, especially after the loss to the Northern Illinois Huskies. She acknowledged the team's offensive scheme was changed after offensive struggles early in the season.

"Personnel wise, we weren't doing what we needed to get out of our offense," Hedberg said.

Defensively, the Cougars have been up to the challenge. They are holding opponents to 39 percent shooting from the floor and are averaging at least one steal per game more than their

opponents.

Junior forward Alisa Carrillo impressed Hedberg with a double-double in her first start of the season against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday.

"She's finally playing up to expectations," Hedberg said. "I hope Saturday's game gives her the boost she needs."

But Hedberg said she still relies on everyone to help contribute to win. She said she realizes she does not have a single superstar to depend on. Hedberg said sophomore forward Julianne McMillen was the star of Thursday's game by dropping in 20 points against St. Joseph's College.

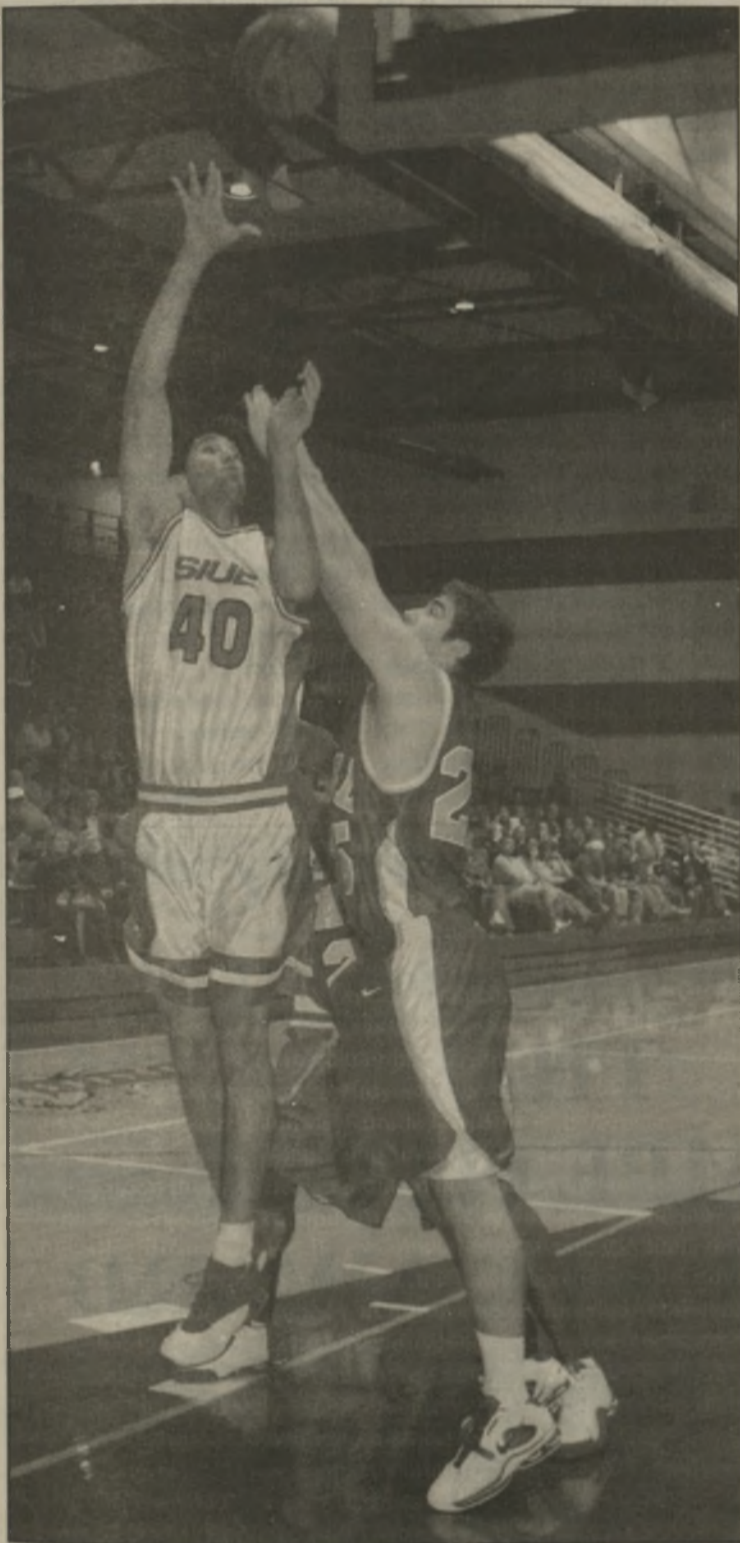
"The flow of the game determines who's going to be the star of the game," Hedberg said.

The Cougars need to work on their field goal shooting, especially if they are open for the shot, Hedberg said.

The Cougars are shooting only 41 percent on their field goal attempts. According to Hedberg, not giving up offensive boards and second-chance opportunities are also areas the team needs to work on.

"I'm happy they have found the intensity and haven't really given up," Hedberg said. "After a 39-point game output, it would be easy to give up a little, but they haven't done that at all."

The Cougars get a chance to climb over .500 against the Quincy University Hawks at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE

Senior center Dan Helmos is just one of the reasons the Cougars are ranked 6th in the country.

Basketball and a T-shirt at the VC

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS REPORTER

Top Great Lakes Valley Conference competition and free T-shirts are all up for grabs this Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

The women's basketball team hopes to climb over .500 and the men's basketball team looks to extend its 13-game winning streak against GLVC rival Quincy University. Not only will there be exciting basketball

action starting at 1 p.m., but free T-shirts will be given away to the students who present their student IDs as well.

Also, fans in attendance who are not students will have a chance to buy them throughout the game for \$10, according to Graduate Assistant of Marketing and Promotions Katherine Gilman.

"We were trying to make a T-shirt for the student section," Gilman said. "However, they are

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE

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Where is the Cougar pride?



who don't normally read the sports section - that's us.

Currently in the midst of the longest winning streak in Division II, the Cougars have risen from a preseason middle of the pack team to the number six team in the nation. It's the highest ranking for the Cougars in school history. Nothing has risen this much since ambitions for untalented singers after hearing Ashley Simpson during halftime at the NCAA football national championship game!

Alas, however, there is no mistaking the SIUE campus for a Cougar zoo. In fact, if I wasn't a fan or the sports editor for The Alestle, I likely wouldn't know that SIUE are the Cougars.

Walking around campus, it isn't exactly evident just where the students are going to school. If I was blindfolded, placed next to Lovejoy Library and asked to name what school I was standing at, I would look at the apparel of the students and confidently answer, "The Univercollege of Michconsinillinoklahomexas ... State."

Where's the pride people?

Now, admittedly, I too am guilty of having a lack of school spirit at times. It isn't uncommon for me to walk into my classes with an Arizona State hat, Oklahoma hoodie, Michigan socks and Morehead State

boxers. Just kidding about the boxers. It is times like this when we as students need to be even more aware and more excited about what is happening with athletics on our campus.

SIUE is in a place precisely where SIUC was two years ago. We're stuck in the obscurity of small-time sports while Illinois, Missouri and Saint Louis University take our thunder.

It's easy to continue rooting for teams you grew up cheering for as a kid. When I was five, I decided I liked Michigan because they were the Wolverines. I liked X-Men. Case closed. And you know what? There isn't anything wrong with that.

It's OK for me to cheer for Blue on Saturdays during football season or throughout the week during basketball season; but, honestly, shouldn't that same passion be there for the place where I go to school?

Of course it should be, and it should be for the entire student body as well. There are nearly 13,000 students that go to this school, and at a home game against nationally ranked conference rival Southern Indiana a month ago, there were a whopping 413 people in attendance.

Now, ladies and gentlemen ... that's pathetic.

Where is the school spirit?

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Two years ago, it seemed as though the entire SIU Carbondale campus' eyes were bloodshot. And for once, it wasn't entirely from the overconsumption of alcohol.

Rising from perennial obscurity, the Salukis moved into the national spotlight by defeating the Bobby Knight-coached Texas Tech and also Alabama to reach the Sweet 16 of the Big Dance and had everybody in town wearing more maroon than a concert featuring the song "This Love."

Ever since then, the Salukis have been on a tear, making the NCAA tournament the last two years, and are currently projected to be a ninth seed come tournament time in 2005.

On the other side of the proverbial Southern Illinois University coin are the Cougars of Edwardsville. For those of you

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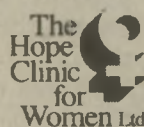
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The completed application and supporting material must be received by the Graduate School (Rendleman Hall, room 2202) **no later than 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 1, 2005.**

BASKETBALL

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throughout the rest of the season. "There is still plenty of season left to go," Simmons said. "Quincy is a very well-coached and good basketball team. They

are similar to us with the balance and can score in many different ways.

"We will have to be at the top of our game."

T-SHIRTS

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limited to the first 100 students."

The T-shirts were primarily designed for the well-known cheering section the "Red Storm," who were formerly known as the Cougar Crazyes. On the front of the shirt, the new logo for the Red Storm will be displayed, and the phrase "In (Coach Marty) Simmons we trust" will show up in the back.

Gilman believes this will be more of an opportunity for the students, though she has already

seen the different groups that have shown up to cheer on the Cougars.

"We (already) had a really good turnout even though it was over the break," Gilman said. "We are just trying to encourage students to be gung ho about the game. Hopefully this will be even more of an incentive."

The women's game starts at 1 p.m. and the men's game tips off at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

PRIDE

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This weekend, the Cougar men's and women's basketball team play conference rival Quincy University at 1:00 Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

And if that isn't enough, there are free T-shirts. There were thoughts about offering free Raman-noodles and Smirnoff, but officials didn't want to exceed the capacity of the VC.

Cougar faithful, it's time to get off our butts and go show just what kind of fans we can be. While the group of nuts who

regularly paint their faces and chests and wave those awful, annoying balloons are always in full force, there should be at least three times that many people going nuts for the Cougar basketball teams.

This is college, people. Get out of the house and live a little. Come support our teams.

I want my eyes to be bloodshot for more reasons than one too many shots of Vodka.

Eric Crain
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