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Student arrested for damage

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

An SIUE student is being held in Madison County Jail for vandalizing a Cougar Village apartment.

David M. Moore, 22, was charged with criminal damage of more than \$500 to government-supported property.

Police received a phone call at 11:55 p.m. Monday in response to a fire alarm call at 514 Cougar Village. Police arrived and noticed graffiti and holes in the walls. Police said the walls looked kicked and punched in, according to Public Affairs Assistant Director Greg Conroy.

"Apparently they tried

covering some of the holes with posters," Conroy said.

There were 11 holes in the living room, and other holes were found throughout the apartment.

Moore was taken to the police station and later taken to Madison County Jail. Bond was set at \$20,000 and has not been posted as of Wednesday.

Bus service makes commute faster

BRENT NAYLOR
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE students, faculty and staff who live in St. Louis are getting a faster route to and from campus thanks to bus schedule changes.

Madison County Transit has begun offering a trip between Edwardsville and downtown St. Louis twice a day. The 16 Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Express leaves at 6:55 a.m. from the stop at Jefferson and Market streets in downtown St. Louis and departs at 4:40 p.m. from Peck Hall.

"This was in response to individuals who felt that the bus service coming from the Metrolink was inadequate, that they had to leave too early," MCT

Assistant Director of Marketing S. J. Morrison said.

Normally travelers from downtown St. Louis take the bus from the Metrolink station at the corner of Fifth and Missouri streets, about a 58-minute trip, not counting travel time to the Metrolink. Morrison said the new route takes about 36 minutes.

"We were hearing from individuals, both students and faculty, that they wanted a direct trip from downtown St. Louis to the Edwardsville campus," Morrison said.

"We're always looking for ways to improve our service so that our bus service is efficient and accessible to all faculty and students," Morrison said. "We welcome feedback because it's

feedback that allows us to adjust.

"We implement a service change in January, May and August," Morrison said. "We just got done with our January change, and we have one coming up in May."

Morrison said the changes are in response to changing customer needs.

Morrison said Madison County Transit has received generally positive feedback on the service change but are not soliciting opinions yet.

"In the next couple of months, we'll start to look at customer feedback," he said.

For more information, visit Madison County Transit's SIUE ride guide at www.MCT.org/SIUE.

Student arrested for sexual abuse

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

The Madison County State's Attorney's Office has charged a male student who allegedly fondled a female student in Bluff Hall.

Robert Sutter, 18, from Bloomington, has been charged with felony criminal sexual abuse.

Sutter and two guests were allegedly drinking alcohol Jan. 11 in Bluff Hall when Sutter allegedly restrained a female student and wouldn't allow her to leave. Police were called in response to illegal consumption of alcohol and later learned of the restraint.

Sutter was arrested and

released on a \$15,000 bond. However, Stephanie Smith of the Madison County State's Attorney's Office said Sutter is being sought on the felony charge, which has a \$20,000 bond.

Once Sutter is in custody, he'll have a preliminary hearing by Judge James Hackett.

Sutter was issued an interim separation, which prohibits him from returning to Bluff Hall or attending classes.

Sutter was originally charged with illegal consumption of alcohol, resisting and obstructing an officer and unlawful restraint. The two guests were charged with illegal consumption of alcohol.

Kimmel warns of scam

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS EDITOR

Kimmel Leadership Center is asking student organization leaders to be aware of a phone survey by a man claiming to be "a representative of the Kimmel Leadership Center," an e-mail released by Kimmel Leadership Center Assistant Director Cheryl Heard said.

According to the e-mail, a man referring to himself as Brad and as a Kimmel Leadership Center representative is contacting student organization

presidents and, in some cases, harassing them while attempting to get the student leaders to participate in a survey or take advantage of a business opportunity.

The Kimmel Leadership Center is neither conducting a phone survey nor offering business opportunities.

In the e-mail, Heard suggests to not give out personal information and also advises that "if you receive a call of this nature, simply hang up" and if the caller continues to call back, then report it to your local authorities.

Gift sheds new light on solar racecar team

BRENT NAYLOR
NEWS REPORTER

The SIUE Solar Race Team is participating in the North American Solar Challenge this summer, an annual competition in which teams race solar cars against each other.

This year, the competition will begin in Houston, Texas and end in Calgary, Canada.

The team has been taking donations to raise the \$50,000 necessary for the project.

Recently, however, the race

team needed a light bulb of at least 1,000 watts to test the solar panels.

"Jim Dorethy from the Department of Theater and Dance offered us his help," Graduate Program Director Andy Lozowski said. "They have lighting instruments that have enough power and even adjustable color so that we can match the characteristics of the sunlight.

"[The Solar Race Team] will need some kind of a dummy load for the electric motor for testing,"

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Volunteer opportunities fill the Goshen



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Junior Carl Washington looks at the photos provided at the Dress for Success table at the Volunteer Fair Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Dress for Success is an organization that provides donated interview-appropriate clothes for women entering the workforce. Running the table is Amie Bossi and Frances Washington.

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Theater chair wins photo contest

RYAN WARTICK
NEWS STRINGER

An unexpected deluge of rain would send most vacationers scurrying for cover, but not Theater and Dance Chair Otis Sweezy.

Sweezy decided to tough it out in the rain and captured a photo that won him first place in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Travel Photo Contest. The photo, titled "Rainy Day in Old Havana," was taken in July while Sweezy was attending an international theater convention in Cuba.

"It was the second day we were there, and all of the sudden, it just started pouring," Sweezy said. "It was a unique scene, so I just kept shooting."

Looking at the photo, there is little evidence it was taken just six months ago.

Four horse-drawn buggies stand in front of a row of weatherworn pastel-painted buildings with iron balconies while groups of pigeons take cover beneath an overhang as the rain pelts the street below. It is a scene that could easily have been the same a hundred years ago.

"I knew the photo was good, but that was when I was looking at it on the screen on my digital



PHOTO COURTESY OF OTIS SWEZEY

"Rainy Day in Old Havana," the award-winning photograph by Theater and Dance Chair Otis Sweezy.

camera," Sweezy said. "I never thought that it was good enough to win the contest."

For winning the contest, Sweezy's photo was printed in the Post-Dispatch, and he was awarded a \$300 gift certificate from Schiller's Camera & Video in St. Louis, which Sweezy used to buy his family a digital camera.

Sweezy is selling prints of his prize-winning photo to raise money for a Theater and Dance Department scholarship fund. The signed and numbered prints are \$35. Sweezy has raised more than \$1,700 so far.

"I was hoping to raise more than \$500," Sweezy said. "I thought that \$1,000 would be the limit, but people have really taken a liking to (the photo)."

Sweezy was in Cuba during the Carnival, a summer festival similar to Mardi Gras.

"I took five hours of film and a few pictures," Sweezy said. "Once I had it printed, this is the picture that really stood out."

For a copy of the prize-winning photo, e-mail Sweezy at osweeze@siue.edu. To see more of Sweezy's video footage, as well as the many photographs from his trip to Cuba, visit www.siue.edu/THEATER.

Season for the Child continues

RYAN WARTICK
NEWS STRINGER

The Friends of Theater and Dance, in association with The Bank of Edwardsville, continues its Season for the Child series with "The Snowman's Revenge," at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Dunham Hall Theater.

The story is about a boy who when hit by a snowball, cannot control his anger.

Through the lessons of Queen Frostine and her Frosty Flakes, the boy learns self-control and ways of expressing his anger appropriately.

"All of our productions are

character-education driven," Piwacket Theater Company Director Liz Reeves said. "There is a lesson in all of our works."

The Piwacket Theater Company has a repertoire of 16 original shows that it rotates. The company has performed these shows at SIUE many times.

"They did 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in October, and it was wildly successful," FOTAD President Greg Conroy said.

The Season of the Child series is geared toward grade school children and their parents.

"This is a way for families and children to experience theater

together," Conroy said. "Many children have never experienced theater firsthand, and it is great to see their reactions to the characters"

The series began with "Heidi" in December and will conclude with "Ferdinand the Bull" in March.

The proceeds from the series help raise money for FOTAD scholarships and merit awards programs.

"We give out about \$10,000 per year," Conroy said. "This series helps to make that a possibility."

Tickets are \$5. For reservations, contact the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

Enjoy music at Coffee Concert series

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE Music Department presents a delightful performance of musical pieces from two well-known composers, Ludwig van Beethoven and Johannes Brahms.

The Music Department faculty will perform "Light-hearted Beethoven and Young Brahms" at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Meridian Ballroom of the

Morris University Center as part of the spring 2005 Coffee Concert series.

Music professor Linda Perry said this performance should be fascinating because of the mixture that will be presented.

"This one will be interesting because we have quite a combination. We have a vocal quartet, which includes also a guest singer who is joining us for the occasion," Perry said.

She said the Beethoven pieces are more of the lighter

pieces he composed, which are rarely heard.

The pieces from Brahms are from his earlier works.

Perry said the series was started about 25 years ago as a different kind of musical performance for people to come enjoy.

"We started it to try to reach a different audience that doesn't necessarily come to all of our Music Department events," Perry said.

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Lozowski said. "I am thinking about a gym bicycle - the kind that has a big fan. We will need the load to be able to simulate the real situation of driving on the road without actually doing it."

"Over the next few weeks, you'll see the old car transition into the new car," Associate Dean of Engineering Jacob Van Roekel said. "We're going to take the solar array off the old car and prop it against the wall there in the atrium, and then we'll have the open chassis of the old one."

"Students are designing voltage and current sensors which will be used to identify how well our power circuits will work with the actual motor," he said.

"For now we took the motor off the old solar car we currently have."

"We are designing circuits to maximize the amount of power received from the solar cells at any possible light conditions," Lozowski said. "Such circuits

work similarly to the clutch pedal in a car - there is that magic point where we get the best acceleration. In order to be able to simulate all possible sun conditions, we need to be able to illuminate the cells with a variety of light intensities by adjusting the exposure angle."

"The car will have about 450 cells on it, each of them can deliver a maximum of three watts of power," he said.

"Thus with the total power of about 1400 watts, the power of a standard hair drier, we will race the car."

"We are optimizing our design especially for the poor light conditions - heavy rain or cloudy sky," Lozowski said. "This will give us a big advantage in such conditions. That is why we need a lot of careful testing and prototyping."

Donations are still needed. For further information visit the Web site at www.siu.edu/ENGINEER/eng_org_solar.html.

Police Incidents

Traffic

1/22

Police arrested Morris L. Robinson for driving under the influence. He was issued state citations for improper lane usage, driving with a blood alcohol content over .08 and driving under the influence. He was taken to the police department, posted \$300 bond and released.

Police issued Rebekah S. Patterson a citation for unauthorized handicapped parking when she claimed her towed vehicle.

1/23

Police issued Alexis D. Fox a citation for disobeying a traffic light at University Drive and Cougar Lake Drive.

1/24

Police issued Varinia D. Shelton a citation for no proof of insurance and written warnings for speeding and driver's license not on person on University Drive near Lot P2.

Police issued Jeffrey J. Cange a citation for speeding on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

1/25

Police issued Brian A. Collins a citation for a

handicapped-parking violation.

Other Offenses

1/22

Police arrested Marshawn M. Heard for domestic battery. He was taken to Madison County Jail and released on his own recognizance on 1/24.

1/23

Police responded to Cougar Village to take a complaint of a possible domestic battery occurring between roommates. This case is under investigation.

Theft

1/24

Police charged Frank D. Roman for theft for the use of a false parking tag. He was issued a notice to appear and was released.

1/24

Police took a report of alleged sexual abuse in Bluff Hall on 10-23-04. The case is being investigated further.

Police arrested David M. Moore for criminal damage to state supported property. He was taken to Madison County Jail.

COFFEE CONCERT

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Perry said the concerts have been successful in the past and thinks they will be as successful in the future. According to Perry, one reason for the success is because the concerts are not as formal as recitals.

"People sit around the table as if they were in a buffet-type

setting, and they serve dessert and coffee at intermission," Perry said. "That's one of the things people enjoy about it, the informality. They can just sit back in their chair and enjoy the music and refreshments."

Perry, who plays the piano, has been performing in the

concerts since they began, and said she enjoys performing in them, as well as organizing them.

"It's one of my favorite things to put these together because we get to do a variety of music for different combinations of instruments. It's not always the

same people performing, and so it's not always the same kind of music," Perry said.

Perry mentioned it helps when tickets are bought in advance so planners can order refreshments. Tickets can also be bought at the door.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$9 for seniors and \$5 for students.

For ticket information, call the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

For information on other events, contact the Music Department at 650-3900.

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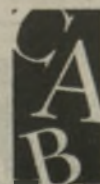
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Opinions & Editorial viewpoints & commentary

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A l e s t l e

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2005 ◆



Either Mother Nature is having wicked mood swings or she is pulling the best practical joke on the Midwest ever seen.

This winter has had more ups and downs than a roller coaster, and now that we are in the spring semester, we get to struggle with weather changes as drastic as 20-degrees Monday, 57-degrees Tuesday, 30-degrees Wednesday and then 40-degrees Thursday. Not to mention the fact that one day it is in the mid 50s and the next it is

Strange weather brings changes

raining, sleeting and snowing.

There is pain in this process, and not only in the fact that such quick changes in the weather can do a number on the sinuses, but also the fact that I don't know how to dress for this weather. It changes too quickly.

When I got to school

down in January.

Possibly worse than that is the fact I don't know how to dress for class when the weather changes. If it gets above 30-degrees outside, it seems like air conditioners go on in certain buildings, and in others, even 50 to

something I don't even want to think about, but it may be the only solution. I say we all just start wearing all of our clothes on top of one another, and then if it warms up throughout the day, we just start removing layers.

The other option would be to build a dome over the university and keep the temperature at a nice, moderate level. Like many of my science fiction options to avoid big hassles, this would require too much money. Of course, it would save me from having to listen to one more person say, "Strange weather we're having, isn't it?"

All I can say is I can't wait until April when I can at least predict the weather will be rainy. Sure, I'll have to swim to school, but I'll know how to dress.

Tyler Bennett
Editor in Chief

*"I never imagined
I'd be driving home
with my window
rolled down in January."*

Tuesday, I had on my winter jacket, a sweater, a long-sleeved shirt, a beanie and gloves. By the time I left, I was down to the long-sleeved shirt. I would never have imagined I'd be driving home with my window rolled

60-degrees doesn't warrant any change in building temperature.

My solution: layers. Sure, looking like the bag lady may not be the most attractive look ever, and changing in the bathrooms is

Students should treat each other better

CINCINNATI (U-WIRE) — We've all encountered people, whether in class, on the job or in organizations, whom we immediately formed opinions about.

Opinions about what type of music they listen to, what kind of personality they might have, what types of people they associate with, etc.

Why do we constantly do

this to people? Do human beings have a natural instinct to judge?

Ever since childhood, we have been socialized to judge others.

The girls or boys whom we wouldn't play with during recess because of the way they dressed or because one of our friends didn't like them. The people our parents warned us about during our middle school and high

school years.

We are all guilty of slamming the gavel down on others, no matter how nice we are, how intelligent we are or how many people we know from different backgrounds.

Something that might be imperative to helping us kick this bad habit is thinking about how we feel when others judge us.

How do you feel when someone tells you they thought you were a snob when they first met you? When you know you are nothing close to that. What about when someone tells you they thought you were unintelligent before they knew you? I bet the majority of us are shocked at some of the things people perceive us as being.

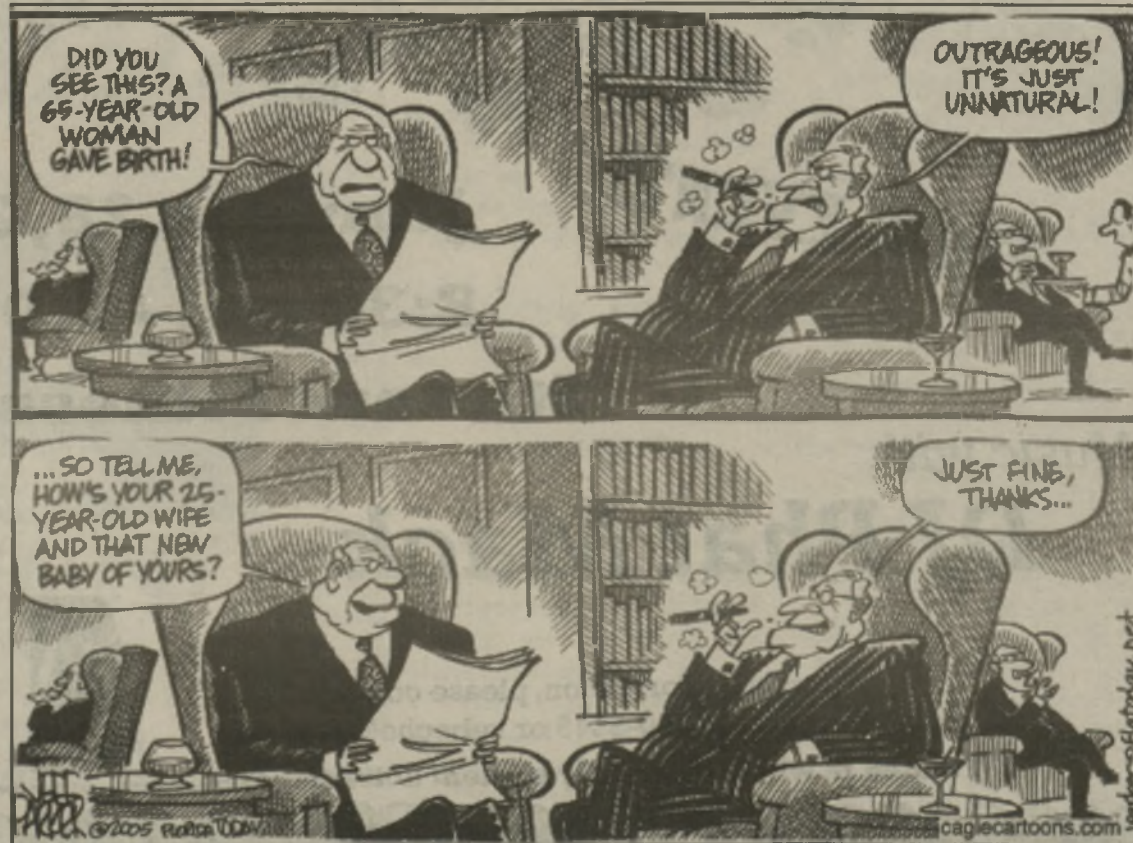
At this point, you might be asking yourself why this matters or why it is important. You might even be thinking this doesn't apply to you. Maybe you don't care about the matter.

But you should. It applies to everyone, and we all should care about this precarious practice.

If we could just take off our blinders and look beyond ourselves and our own life circles I am certain we would encounter a wealth of experience, knowledge and diversity we can't get from a text book or a lecture.

There are so many things we can learn from people who are from a culture other than our own, a neighborhood different from the one we come from, or even a totally different lifestyle than the one we live.

I challenge everyone who reads this article to take the first steps in trying to stop all the judging. I understand this is not an easy task, especially since we have been doing this since the



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beginning of time.

The next time you are in class and you catch yourself about to pass a judgment about someone, stop yourself and instead of judging, talk to that person. Ask them questions about

who they are.

I guarantee you will be surprised at what you find out.

Keeyana Hall
The News Record
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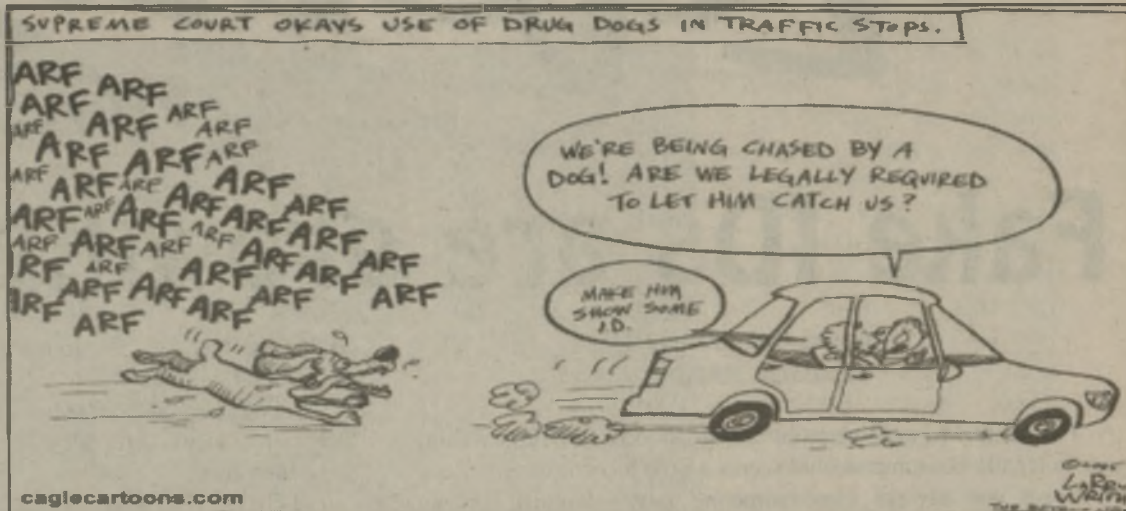


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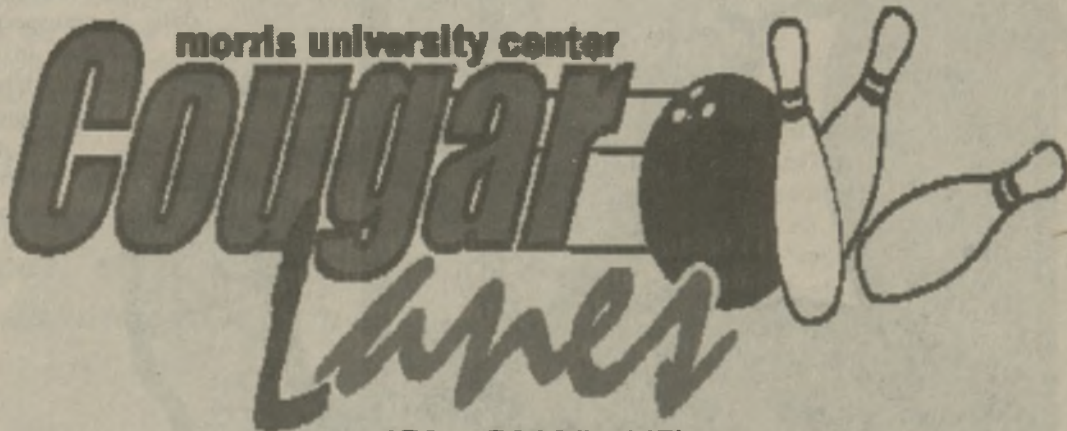
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Fake IDs are growing in popularity

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

For Keith M., a 20-year-old college student at SIUE, waiting a year to legally consume alcohol seems a little too far away.

"You can always have someone buy (alcohol) for you," Keith, asked not to be identified, said. "Or you can just mooch off of someone else. But what happens when you want to drink and you're in public somewhere, like trying to get into a club?"

This is where the ever-growing trend of using fake identification comes in. Always popular among college students, these IDs are key to participating in adult activities for those who haven't reached the legal age.

Obtaining them is as simple as going to a web site.

Type the words fake IDs into a search engine such as Yahoo! and the first available site offers suggestions such as, "Make your own fake IDs!"

Available at www.myoids.com, the site sells novelty fake IDs and diplomas in exchange for a nominal fee.

The site also offers links to other Web sites with more realistic looking images, with

disclaimers reading, "We do not support the products on this site."

Of course, more crafty students resort to their own devices — literally. They begin to make their own.

"I have a friend who finds other people's driver's licenses and IDs and makes his own with their information, but with a different photograph of himself," a 21-year-old SIUE student, who declined to give her name, said. "He got mine for me when I was 17 and I never got caught. Now I can use my own."

This form of making fake IDs falls into the realm of identity theft, one of the fastest-growing white-collar crimes of the new millennium. Statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigations say there are nearly 500,000 to 700,000 cases of identity theft each year, with less than 100,000 being reported.

Only about 20 percent of the people victimized are aware of the theft of their identity.

Sites such as Teens Against Alcohol Abuse (TA3) are working to shut down Web sites that offer fake IDs. The site www.ta3.info/fidk.html is dedicated to fighting "web sites that fake ID templates, novelty IDs and fake ID cards."

The site also states, "If you know of a site that is selling fake IDs, or may be (suspected) of selling fake IDs, please let us know and together we can work to have them shut down."

James Wilkes, a former cashier at Dirt Cheap Liquors, said the use of fake IDs to purchase alcohol is a common occurrence.

"I used to see them all the time, especially working so close to a university," Wilkes said. "I'd say there'd be at least one per day and so many more on weekends. It became kind of a game to see how many you could catch."

As an added incentive to employees, some stores offer bonuses or other rewards to employees who spot the most fake IDs.

Usually, policy requires employees to confiscate the ID and call authorities.

In some cases, undercover police will test the detection skills of unsuspecting clerks. Authorities use fake IDs or send in young-looking police officers with underage IDs and attempt to purchase alcohol or tobacco products.

If the clerk fails the test, police then return and inform management of the occurrence, usually leading to disciplinary action such as suspension or reduction of wages.

Wilkes wasn't so lucky.

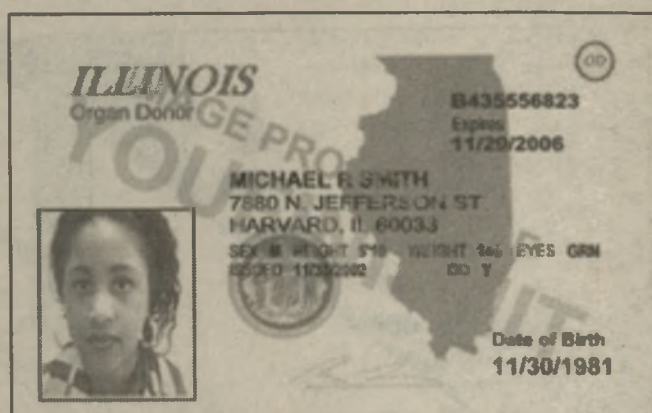
"I got fired the same day that someone bought alcohol from me," Wilkes said. "I glanced over the ID and let him go and five minutes later a detective appeared in my line and asked to speak to a manager."

Bill, a former nightclub bouncer who now operates a motorcycle shop in Belleville, said fake IDs are and will continue to be popular among college students.

"You can't catch everyone, but you can let them know you're watching and make it harder for them," Bill said.

Keith, however, will not be discouraged from his activities.

"I've only got a year left before I won't need it anymore," Keith said. "After that, it'll be someone else's turn."



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Organization builds stronger relationships

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Junior Adrienne Smith, president of Women of Ambition, was taking a break from the organization's activities Tuesday afternoon.

Even though she had class immediately afterward, she still managed to stop by the Goshen Lounge during Throwback Tuesday, where WOA members and other students were enjoying a game of Twister between classes.

Twister is one of several events scheduled for WOA Week, which runs through Saturday.

"We're just trying to give people a good time, a chance to unwind, but trying to educate as well," Smith said.

After Monday's informational offering, Throwback Tuesday, which included games and prizes, and Wednesday night's Primped and Pampered event in Woodland Hall that included a short session by an aerobics instructor and professional advice on how to relieve stress and manage time, WOA looks to close out the week with two more events.

On Thursday, WOA will offer a Relationship Etiquette Forum at 7 p.m. in the Maple Dogwood Room in the Morris University Center.



Yahshi Rice, sophomore, and Lolita Moody, junior, practice their Twister skills Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center during Women of Ambition's Throwback Tuesday event.

The session will be an open forum and panel discussion for those who have questions or answers about relationships.

"We will have people representing the married side, which will more than likely be

a couple," Smith said. "We should also have representatives from the single side, as well as input from a professional relationship adviser. There will be time for questions and answers at the end from audience

members."

On Saturday morning, WOA and the Kimmel Leadership Center will take students on the One-Day Urban Plunge, a community service trip.

Free transportation to

and from the site will be provided. Signup sheets are available in Kimmel Leadership Center on the first floor of the MUC.

WOA was started in the summer of 2004 by Smith and fellow student Kim Allen. Officially recognized that fall, its main intent is to foster positive relationships among female students on campus.

"We saw a lack of organizations for women that weren't Greek letter organizations," Smith said, "so we decided to create an organization for them."

Membership, however, is not exclusively limited to female students.

"We've had a few males express a desire to join," said Smith. "I want to make it clear that we welcome all who want to help out and make a difference."

Smith said the group has a number of events planned.

"The organization's intent can best be explained through our Three E's," Smith said, "to educate, enhance and encourage. We look forward to making a positive impact on campus."

For more information about WOA or its upcoming events, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

IOTA plans events to celebrate Black Heritage Month

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Black History Month, or Black Heritage Month, as it is known at SIUE, will feature at least one organization doing all they can to make sure that the month is a memorable one.

The Alpha Beta Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., will sponsor a number of events in February, ranging from free giveaways to special guest speakers and community service.

"We're preparing for our future by paying homage to our past," said Filmon Tekeste, chapter member and coordinator of two events. "Even if no one did anything during the month, we still would, because it's important to us and our heritage."

The Black Heritage Month Committee will feature motivational speaker and renowned lecturer Steve Birdine on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom. Birdine, the current International Grand Polaris of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., will give a lecture entitled "I Never Thought About It That Way: Linking Black History and Taking Responsibility For Your Own Success."

Covering subjects ranging from Greek life and African-American history to relationships and self-improvement, Birdine is a nationally known speaker and has been featured in publications such as

Ebony and Jet magazines.

Marvin Mitchell, secretary of Iota Phi Theta and National Pan-Hellenic Council President, is enthusiastic about Birdine's appearance at SIUE.

"Even though this is not our event, we feel it necessary to promote it, since Birdine is a major reason for many of the successes our organization has had in the past year," Mitchell said. "He's probably one of the greatest motivational speakers I have ever heard."

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, Iota Phi Theta presents "Emmitt Till: A Tragedy Remembered," at 6:00 p.m. in the Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium.

"One of the many reasons why we're trying to show this documentary is to expose one of the most tragic events within not just African-American history, but American history, overall," said Tekeste. "Due to our fraternity's roots in the civil rights movement, we believe that Emmitt Till's death is a critical turning point in our history."

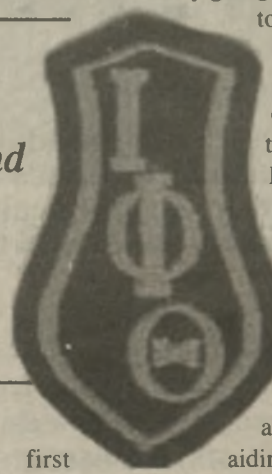
On Thursday Feb. 10, the fraternity, in conjunction with Campus Activities Board, will revisit a program from Fall 2004 with "Sudan: Three Degrees of Genocide," from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mississippi Room of the Morris University Center.

"It's a panel discussion that describes the current genocide in the Dafur region of the Sudan," said Tekeste. "It was such a success last semester that we decided to bring it back this semester for those who could not attend."

Monday, Feb. 14 is dedicated to women, with chapter members distributing yellow roses in memory of Eternal Sweetheart Audrey Brooks. The roses will be provided by Love's In Bloom in

"By 'Building A Tradition, Not Resting Upon One,' we hope to make a difference and to educate and inform ..."

*~Filmon Tekeste,
event coordinator*



Edwardsville.

"Audrey Brooks is the first Sweetheart of our auxiliary organization, the Iota Sweethearts," said Hoover Isaiah, member-at-large. "She was the mother of one of the first members, and without her help in getting the fraternity established, we might not have made it to see forty-plus years of existence."

Tuesday, Feb. 15 continues to bring awareness to the plight of the Sudanese, with "Sudan: From Slavery To Freedom,"

being held at 7 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom. Admission to the event is free. Featuring Francis Bok, a modern-day abolitionist who was enslaved in his native country of Sudan for a decade, the program seeks to educate by giving a firsthand account of slavery, and the struggle to end it in all parts of the world.

Iota Phi Theta will conclude the month by going door-to-door from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 in Cougar Village and collecting canned goods, clothing, and toiletries for their ongoing "America: Home of the Homeless" program.

"This has been a program we've been committed to since the beginning of the year," said Mitchell. "This will be a big addition to our efforts in aiding the homeless."

"We are focused on following our fraternity's motto to the fullest; by 'building a tradition, not resting upon one,' we hope to make a difference and to educate and inform," said Tekeste.

For more information on Iota Phi Theta or events, e-mail the chapter at iphit_siue@yahoo.com, or log on to the national website at www.iotaphitheta.org.



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Time to party for Mardi Gras

NICOLE THORP
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Students are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras by attending the third annual Parti Gras celebration from 8:30 p.m. Friday to 1 a.m. Saturday in the Student Fitness Center.

The Recreational Sports Advisory Council, Campus Recreation and Campus Activities Board sponsor the event.

The first 200 students will get a free T-shirt, and there will also be free Cajun food and soda.

Campus Recreation specialist Keith Becherer, who helps advise Parti Gras, said the event has much to offer and students should check it out.

"We will have Mardi Gras mask painting, fortunetellers, palm readers, dream analyses, henna tattoos and an expanded casino area with Texas Hold'em, blackjack, slots and more," Becherer said. "We will also have some giveaways, Cajun food and disc jockey Phat Mack performing around 11 p.m."

Becherer said students must arrive before midnight in order to attend. He added that past Parti Gras events have been well attended, and said he expects an even larger crowd this year.

"The first year we had more than 300 in attendance, even with a major winter storm the night of

the event," he said. "Last year we had more than 600 in attendance, so we are anticipating another large crowd this year."

Recreational Sports Advisory Council President Matt Thompson works with Becherer to help put Parti Gras together. Thompson said preparation for the event began at the beginning of the fall semester, and the hardest part is making it interesting and fun for students.

For this year, Becherer said he expects the fortunetellers and palm readers to be popular attractions.

As for next year's event, Becherer said there is a date set, but before any plans are made, he and the other sponsors want to get feedback from this year's event to see what might be changed.

Thompson has helped with Parti Gras each year and said he encourages students to attend because it's a good time and a great way to celebrate Mardi Gras.

"(This) is an opportunity for students to receive some free prizes, free food and have a great time. Despite the fact I am usually working at the event, I have had a great time each year," Thompson said.

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Paulyn Snyder, Holy Angels Shelter
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Board Room, MUC

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Module 13, 6:30 p.m.
Effective Meetings
David Heth, Director
Financial Affairs, SIUE
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Module 4, 2:00 p.m.
Effective Communication
Missy Churchman, Community Investment Associate
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Module 14, 5:30 p.m.
Major Influences in the Political Process
James Pennekamp, Executive Director
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Sports Quote of the Day

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~Joe Namath

Coming up:

Pack the Gym night as the SIUE basketball teams take on Northern Kentucky at 8:30, Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.



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Cougars' late bloomer

Discovered playing pickup ball, Joel Jaye has gone from unknown to irreplaceable

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS REPORTER

Every time fans watch the men's basketball team, they are treated to players with many years of experience.

That is, except senior forward Joel Jaye.

Jaye, though one of the leaders on the team in points per game, 11.3, did not play any organized ball until he was spotted by a coach playing pickup with some high school students.

"I was actually a janitor in high school back in Chicago, and I used to go in early and play with the high school kids," Jaye said. "It just so happened the head coach there was applying for an assistant coach's job down at (Rend Lake Community

College) and saw me play.

"He saw me play and said I should go down and try out," he added.

Jaye did just that, moving south to Ina, IL and playing for the Warriors.

In just his freshman year he was one of the team leaders, posting 14.2 points per game.

"Freshman year was real fun," Jaye said. "It got kind of troubling at the end of freshman year though because my father was sick. I could have actually left and went Div I freshman year since I had a lot of offers, but I came down here to be with him."

Jaye's father unfortunately passed on in March of his freshman year, which he claims was "a little more troubling

sophomore year" when his average went down to 12.6 points per game. He played on, however, under his father's wishes.

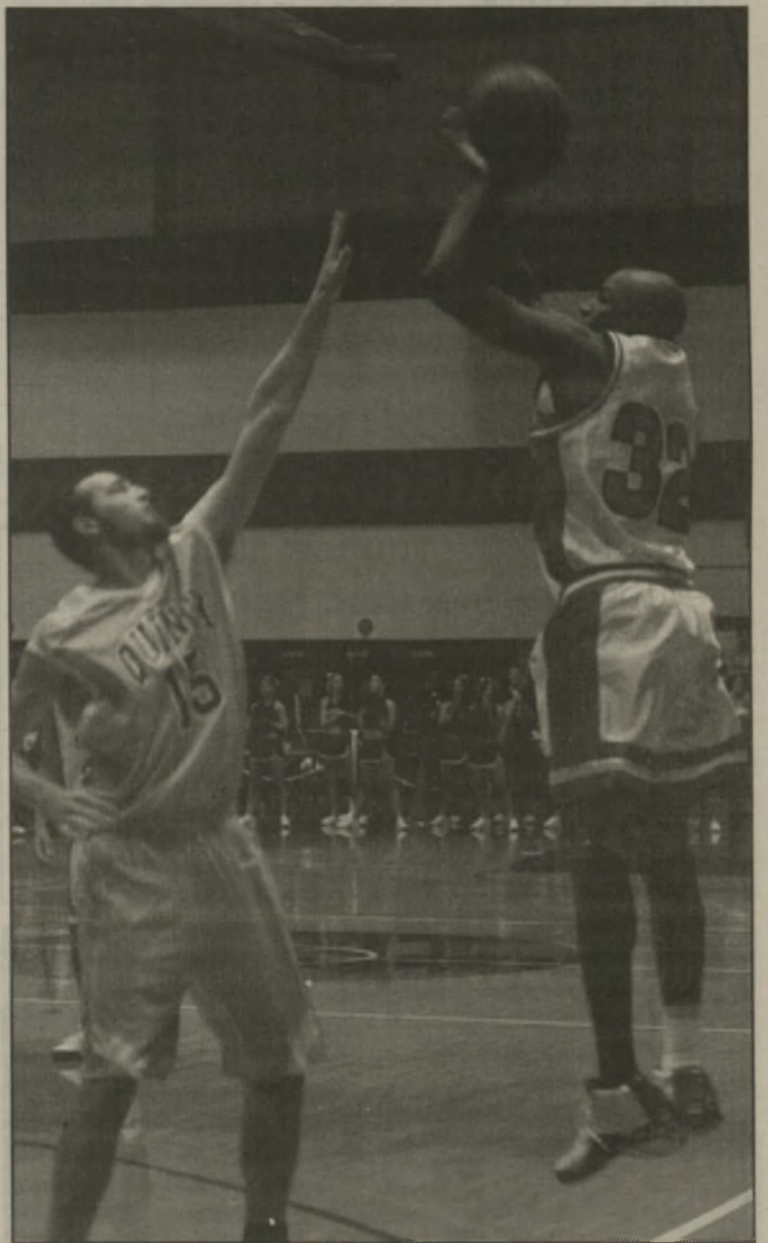
"He wanted me to come to school," Jaye said. "That's why I actually left to come down here in the first place."

After two years at Rend Lake, he transferred to SIUE, already making a splash upon scoring 10.7 points per game and averaging more than five rebounds coming off the bench in his first season.

Jaye only improved as the year went on, and to this day senior forward Tim Bauersachs believes he is one of the better players in the game, experienced or not.

"Joel Jaye is the most talented basketball player around

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JENNIFER BAEBLER/THE ALESTLE

Senior forward Joel Jaye knocks down a 3-point basket against Quincy University earlier this season. Jaye has emerged as a top offensive threat for SIUE.

Wrestling nabs second victory

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS STRINGER

The Cougar wrestling team split matches Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks Triple Duel in

Whitewater, Wis.

The Cougars beat the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds 34-13 in the first match, and suffered a 28-17 defeat at the hands of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks later on in

the day.

Sophomore Bill Breheney came up big at 141-pounds as he notched two wins under his belt, including a pin on Warhawk James Gordon at the 2:32 mark of his second bout. It brought his overall season record to 6-6.

"The team came through against Eau Claire, but we were missing a couple of weights," Breheney said.

Eric Scholle also stepped up and proved once more that he is a promising freshman at 174-pounds. He nabbed two victories, one of them a pin, to bring his record to a team best 6-2.

"He's been doing well for us all year, and he's worked hard. He's coming along for us," pointed out Assistant Coach Ron Bessemer.

The Cougars dominated against Eau Claire from the onset. The team opened the match with a forfeit victory at the 125-pounds weight class. The next four Cougar wrestlers



AUBREY WILLIAMS/THE ALESTLE

SIUE wrestling won its second match of the season, defeating the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds 34-13. Injuries and youth have hindered the Cougars this season, who have a 2-8 record.

were victorious before Eau Claire's Derek Sikora defeated SIUE sophomore John Ficht at 165. After Scholle pinned Ted Sikowski in 2:47, the Cougars held a commanding 30-3 advantage.

Eau Claire won two of the final three bouts to close the gap, but the damage had been done. It was the Cougars' second win of the season.

In the second match, however, Whiteside proved not to be as easy to put away. It was

back and forth through the first seven bouts. After Scholle defeated Eric Werbeten, the Cougars were ahead 17-13 with only three more matches remaining. But in the three higher weight classes, Whiteside outwrestled and outmanned SIUE.

The Cougars lost in both the 184-pound and 197-pound bouts, and had to forfeit the heavyweight contest.

"We are just trying to get more wrestlers for matches," said Ficht.

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town," Bauersachs said. "God made Joel play basketball. He has big hands and long arms; He is a great athlete.

He is probably the best shooter in our league," he added.

Not only does Jaye go out and play hard, but he also does it with a composure that not many fans will see.

"I don't know where I actually got that from," Jaye said. "I have always been pretty cool on the court since I do not let many things get to me.

Other people talk like I do not want to show much emotion, so I just let my game speak," Jaye added.

Believe it or not, Jaye, though listed at 6'6" hardly grew during high school and was at a disadvantage for trying out for an already powerful squad in

Chicago. The team included current NBA superstar Quentin Richardson.

"I could not play basketball. I was too short (5'9")," Jaye said.

"With our high school team, if you didn't try out on the first offer, they wouldn't let you try out for varsity because our team was so good.

"They just moved people up, so I really had no chance to try out," Jaye added.

Things have fallen into place for Jaye, moving up from janitor to one of the biggest threats in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. In the beginning of his Division II career, however, things weren't always that easy.

"At first, it was kind of hard. It took a lot of getting used to," Jaye said. "There was a lot of structure I was not used to. In the

beginning I was little leery of it.

"Now that I know the system, I believe in it. I just hope we can win the championship this year," he added.

Regardless of how well Jaye plays in the system, he admits this season that the 2005 Cougars are one of the more complete teams in the nation. Currently, the Cougars are ranked 7th in the coaches' polls.

"This is a structured team the way the detail is," Jaye said. "This is the best team I have ever played on."

From playground ball to the college court, Joel Jaye continues to amaze the fans with his talent and composure, and hopes to ice the cake with a national championship for Cougar Nation.

WRESTLING

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The loss gave the team a 2-8 record.

Injuries have plagued the Cougars all year. Freshman Corey Scott, 184, and senior Branden Lorek, 197, were both missing in action on Saturday.

"Yeah, injuries messed us up ... in the beginning of the year. We didn't know who was going to be in our lineup," said Ficht.

The team is also very young. There are only five upperclassmen on the roster. One of them, Lorek, is sidelined with an injury.

"We've got a lot of young athletes who don't have the experience at the college level yet. We have no complaints about how they work [in practice]. We want to try and challenge them with good competition, but not

too much. Otherwise, they may lose confidence," said Bessemer.

Head coach Khris Whelan may have put it all in perspective.

"Right now, we're picking our own fights," he said.

Up next, the Cougars match up with Central Missouri at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 in Warrensburg, Missouri.

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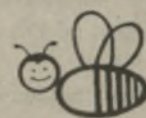
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MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13)

12:10 3:40 6:50 10:00

HIDE & SEEK (R) 1:00 4:10 7:20 9:50

SIDEWAYS (R) 12:30 3:20 6:20 9:10

FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) 1:50 5:00 8:00 10:30

ARE WE THERE YET? (PG) 1:10 4:00 7:10 9:40

ASSAULT ON PRECINCT 13 (R)

12:45 3:50 6:45 9:20

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (PG-13)

12:20 3:30 6:40 9:55

RACING STRIPES (PG) 1:30 4:20 7:00

IN GOOD COMPANY (PG-13) 1:20 4:30 7:40 10:15

COACH CARTER (PG-13) 12:00 3:10 6:30 9:45

WHITE NOISE (PG-13) 2:00 4:50 7:50 10:20

MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13) 1:40 4:40 7:30 10:10

NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 9:30 ONLY

Matinee Movie Magic for Moms (and Dads)

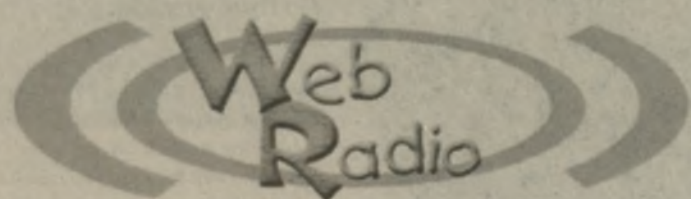
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