

Tobacco task force continues mission

AARON SUDHOLT
 NEWS REPORTER

The SIUE Tobacco Policy Control Task Force will keep pursuing smoking bans after it puts the Feb. 1 meeting decisions into action.

A \$15,000 grant given to the task force by the Illinois Department of Public Health will further research and dispense water bottles filled with items to help people quit smoking.

The task force may hand out water bottles that contain things such as nicotine gum and information about quitting.

"It's not just about banning tobacco, but helping people quit," Coordinator of Health

Education and Task Force Chair Malcolm Goldsmith said.

At the last meeting, the task force reported its progress and what it will be doing to continue with its work.

Goldsmith said it was unlikely the university will look at creating a smoking distance limit from entryways in cold weather.

"With distance from outside doors, people huddle anyway," he said. "Huts don't work well either."

The last meeting saw a refocus of the task force toward other goals. Though they would like to gather further

information from prospective students, they are not being allowed to at the open-house days out of fear of disturbing potential students by the administration.

"We're still making up the questions," Goldsmith said.

There is not yet a decision on a possible ban, Goldsmith said, but the task force is going to look at its data.

"It's not just about banning tobacco, but helping people quit."

~Tobacco Task Force Chair
 Malcolm Goldsmith

"Then we'll share the data survey with faculty and students," he said.

He said that the task force isn't just talking about what they're going to do, but is actually researching to find the possible actions they may take.

"The main mission is to produce the best possible environment to our students," Goldsmith said. "That's what our goal is."

The next meeting of the Tobacco Policy Control Task Force will be 11 a.m. Feb. 22 in Room 2001 in the Vadalabene Center.

Reading time in the MUC



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Freshman Becky Turner and sophomore Justin Montgomery read the newspaper together Thursday on the second floor of the Morris University Center. Couples like Turner and Montgomery will celebrate Valentine's Day Tuesday.

Honors Scholars admissions up for debate

AARON SUDHOLT
 NEWS REPORTER

Conflict over the Honors Scholars program has allegedly left some students in the cold.

Claims by some students that they were told the Honors Scholars program has a moratorium on admittance for non-freshman students are incorrect, Assistant Provost Sue Thomas said.

Controversy began when an e-mail from Assistant Vice Chancellor Boyd Bradshaw said that a moratorium on admittance for non-freshman students into the Deans' Scholars program was implemented while the program was under review.

"For now, a moratorium has been placed on the program for transfer students and upperclassmen until a recommendation is made," Bradshaw said in an e-mail sent to faculty.

Thomas denied that this was the case.

"It is true that we're limiting the number of people we're admitting to the program," she

said. "It's not true that we're limiting it just to freshmen."

Deans' Scholar students are usually admitted into the program following their graduation from high school. The program permits students who have met requirements after leaving high school to be exempt from certain courses and can enter honors courses.

The Honors Ad Hoc Task force is reviewing the Deans' Scholars program, Thomas said, but its recommendations will not be made until May.

Task Force Chair Carl Springer had no comment on the situation.

"The entire honors program is being expanded by the task force," Thomas said.

Limits being placed on the program are based upon the number of available spots within it.

"The class size puts a limit on the number of people we can admit," Thomas said.

However, there is some conflict if this is truly the case, School of Business Student Services Program Director Norris Manning said.

"We have referred several talented and interested students to apply recently, only to be told that they are only accepting entering freshmen into the program and that transfer students and upper-level students are not encouraged to pursue this honor. I confirmed this with the person in the provost's office who takes the applications," Manning said.

He said he otherwise had no opinion on the situation.

Thomas disagreed when asked if she believed the university might be favoring freshmen over current students.

"I don't think that's the case," she said. "There're only 10 to 15 applicants who apply on their own."

According to the student handbook, the Honors Scholars program is to help students further pursue their major areas of academic interest.

Some graduate requirements are modified to afford opportunities to explore a number of areas of interest or to study more intensively an area of concentration.

Chief to head top cops

STEVE BRITT
 NEWS REPORTER

SIUE Police Chief becomes first woman cop in top spot - again.

Chief Gina Hays, SIUE's first female police chief, has broken the gender barrier again, this time as the first female president of the Southern Illinois Police Chief Association.

Hays is one of five women in the organization, out of 150 members.

According to SIUE's Web site, she said that the predominantly male organization has been "exceptionally supportive."

Hays said she pledges to continue SIPCA's mission.

"I challenged all members to be responsive to their agencies, to our communities and to each other," Hays said.

Hays began working for the SIUE police department in 1988 and became chief in 2004.

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KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Sophomore philosophy major Andrew Del Rio performs Monday in the Goshen Lounge. Del Rio, his band SIUECru and the Campus Crusade for Christ were promoting their Hurricane Katrina and Rita relief trip to New Orleans in March.

Sigma Pi looks to build scholarship

CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER

The Sigma Pi fraternity is planning a trivia night to raise scholarship money for a fallen brother.

Ryan Fark died in a car accident July 28, 2005 on the night of the fraternity's national initiation ceremony. He was 19.

"We want people to know that he meant a lot to us," Sigma Pi President Adam Hughes said.

The tentative fundraiser will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, in Fark's hometown of Nashville at the American Legion. The price will be \$80 per team.

The trivia night will also have a silent auction.

Hughes said the fraternity hopes to raise \$5,000 at the trivia night.

Hughes added that the fraternity plans to raise \$10,000 altogether for the scholarship.

The scholarship will award \$500 to a different student every semester.

The requirements for the scholarship have not been formally made yet, but Hughes said they will be based on Fark's qualities.

"Ryan was always going to be there for you ... and he was going into construction, so we'll

look at those," Hughes said.

The scholarship will go to incoming sophomores.

According to Hughes, there won't be a "high standard" for grades. He said the minimum grade point average for the scholarship will probably be 2.5 or 3.0.

Registration for the trivia night will be Wednesday, March 1.

For more information, contact the Sigma Pi Ryan Fark Scholarship Chair Zach Kerker at (217) 316-6944.

"This will be a constant reminder of what he did and what he meant to us," Kerker said.

Morris K. Udall scholarship available

CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation is awarding scholarship money to eligible students.

The foundation is providing 80 merit-based scholarships of up to \$5,000 for one year to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board.

Applicants must be college sophomores or juniors who have shown potential and a promise to restore, preserve or protect environmental resources or Alaska Native or Native American college sophomores or juniors who have careers associated to tribal public policy or health care.

The Foundation will also award up to 50 honorable

mentions with \$350 in 2006.

The recipients of the scholarship come from a wide range of majors. However, it is expected that the students will have some courses in ethics, public policy, environmental or Native American studies.

For this award, community service and leadership records are emphasized more than grades. Applicants should also have career goals consistent with improving environmental resources or to tribal public policy and health care. Knowledge of Morris K. Udall's legacy of public service as it pertains to career goals is also important.

Students cannot directly apply for the scholarship. They must be nominated by Director of Environmental Sciences Program and SIUE's Udall faculty representative Kevin

Johnson.

"I haven't heard of anyone applying for the scholarship this year and what I encourage is, the students either contact me or contact their advisor and have their advisor contact me," Johnson said.

Although the award has been around for more than 10 years, last year was the first year anyone has applied.

"It's basically something that's been around and announced, but no one has really applied for," Johnson said.

Application materials are available through Johnson or the Udall Web site, www.udall.gov.

The completed nomination packet for candidates must be received by the Udall Scholarship review committee by Friday, March 3.

For more information, contact Johnson at 650-5934.

Black history forum Tuesday

DARLENE WYATT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Everyone knows about the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his achievements, but many people do not know about Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. DuBois. A forum takes place Tuesday night to compare the two men's conflicting viewpoints.

Booker T. Washington was born into slavery in 1856. The 13th Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished slavery, was passed when he was eight years old.

After gaining his freedom, Washington worked a few jobs and went to school whenever he could. At 16 he enrolled at the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute. The school was used to train teachers, and the students there were mostly poor black.

Washington was invited to become head of a new school in

Tuskegee, Ala. In addition to providing a typical school education, he also focused on training blacks to do skilled labor such as carpentry. He believed that with these skills, blacks could eventually earn respect from whites and establish their place in society.

On Sept. 18, 1895, Washington gave a speech urging blacks to accept their status for the time being, and strive to learn trades and become self-reliant through hard work and education. Many whites respected his views, while some blacks did not agree and thought that they should take a more active role.

DuBois disagreed with Washington on how blacks could gain power. DuBois grew up with more privilege than Washington and most other blacks at that time. After moving to Tennessee to attend Fisk University, he saw the effects of segregation for the first time. It was during that time that he realized that he wanted to

do something about the blatant racism that existed in the South.

DuBois went on to study at Harvard and became the first black to receive a doctorate there. He applied social sciences to the problems of racism and believed that blacks needed to work together, apart from whites, for equality.

DuBois hoped to obtain equality by gaining legal and political power. He was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and wrote influential articles for the organization's magazine.

An in-depth forum comparing the two leaders' philosophies will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium and will be led by professors Stefan Bradley, Dallas Browne and Anthony Cheeseboro.

For more information on the forum, contact Marvin Mitchell at (314) 398-1703.

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Police issued Natasha A. Hampton a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police arrested Amy R. Cavanaugh at the SIUE Police Department after she arrived there to claim her towed vehicle. She was charged with driving a vehicle with expired registration and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. Cavanaugh paid \$300 bond and was released.

2-7
Police issued Kaitlyn E. Schmidt a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Justin C. Tarrillion a citation on East University Drive for expired registration.

2-8
Police issued Ashley J. Cooper a citation on East University Drive for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Police issued Joshua D. McClinton a citation in Lot 4C for having expired registration.

2-9
Police issued Christopher N. Godwin citations on Stadium Drive for speeding, driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

Police issued Elizabeth A. Gilbert a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Cassandra M. Costello a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Cougar Lake Drive.

Alcohol

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Police arrested Joseph M. Strube in Cougar Village for possession of alcohol by a minor. Strube was released with a notice to appear

2-5
Police arrested Sean E. Tyus for driving under the influence of alcohol and issued him a citation for only having one headlight. Tyus posted \$200 bond and was released.

Other

2-5
Police arrested Vilma Howard on Cougar Lake Drive for a parole violation and an SIUE charge of possession of alcohol by a minor. Howard was issued citations for failure to signal and not having a valid driver's license. Victor S. Fields, Sanchez E. Ford and Marcus T. Allen were arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Jared K. Holley was arrested for possession of alcohol by a minor.

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Cell phone courtesy expected in classes

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

According to the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, learning is becoming difficult because of inconsiderate student behavior in the classrooms.

Associate Vice Chancellor James Klenke said some students are not being courteous to their peers as well as the faculty.

"We get occasional students who'll push the envelope and don't behave," Klenke said.

He said some of the problems include students talking out of turn, cell phones ringing or students simply not raising their hands to talk. Klenke added the misbehavior might cause others to become displeased.

"The entire class suffers," Klenke said. "The instructor and students become resentful because of the disturbance."

A list of recommended classroom rules was recently sent

to student e-mails and placed on the SIUE Events Web site about two weeks ago. The list stated common courtesy actions students should take while being in class.

This list was created and sent to encourage a better learning environment for students to learn and instructors to teach.

Klenke said if a student does not consent to the proper classroom rules, "they can be removed from class." He added that students should refer to the Student Conduct Code for reference on any disciplinary actions that can be taken.

Klenke said the bottom line is students need to be more respectful.

"Our students should be more courteous," Klenke said.

For more information, the conduct code can be found at siue.edu/POLICIES3c1.html or a hard copy can be obtained at the Student Affairs office in Rendleman Hall.

Black Heritage Month rolls on

ELIZABETH SCHMITT
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE continues its Black Heritage Month celebrations this week with lectures, dancing and a former Negro League player who will share memories of his past.

Iota Phi Theta kicks off the week with an educational forum on legendary African American social leaders W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington. The event will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium.

Anthropology professor Dallas Browne and history professors Stefan Bradley and Anthony Cheeseboro will present a comparison featuring the two writers' philosophies and ideologies and how they helped shape black lives.

Students and faculty can also hear former Negro League player Dennis "Bose" Biddle speak about his experiences from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hickory-Hackberry Room in the Morris University Center.

The Black Heritage Committee and Campus Activities Board are also sponsoring a weekend of free events for students and their families. The intent of the

celebration is for "students to learn more about the contributions of African-Americans to society," Kimmel Leadership Center Assistant Director Cheryl Heard said.

The weekend festivities begin at 11:45 a.m. Thursday with a dance performance by the East St. Louis Center for Performing Arts in the MUC's Goshen Lounge.

Open Mic Night is a new event replacing last year's talent show. It will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the MUC's Meridian Ballroom and all forms of artistic expression are welcomed. Monetary prizes will be awarded to top talents.

Cougar Kid Saturday will hold Voyage Through Africa in the Goshen Lounge from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday. The event includes storyteller Mama Katambwa, who will engage participants in an interactive cultural learning experience with stories, songs and dances.

The idea for Black Heritage Month was to "focus more on not just history, being facts and figures, but the heritage and culture of African-Americans," Heard said.

For more information, contact Heard at 650-2686 or visit siue.edu/CAB.

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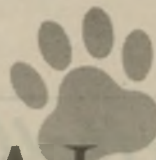
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Valentine's Day can be fun for singles



Ah, Valentine's Day is here again.

A time when even those guys who spend most of their time in their rooms playing Xbox come out to please their girlfriends. It is also a time when hardcore holiday fanatics indulge in all of the red and pink decorations and the rich, expensive candies that accompany them.

But for some singles, Valentine's Day is so nauseating they need to buy barf bags so they can tolerate seeing the many public displays of affection.

Yes, it is that time again.

However, although I once suggested ways to eliminate the holiday, this year I want to help other singles deal

with Valentine's Day in a fun way.

A lot of singles are not fond of Valentine's Day. How many people will have to watch "The Notebook?" Can that movie get any more sickening? I think I saw more arms between Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling than an octopus.

I've come up with a few different approaches to Valentine's Day. Check out these suggestions.

Day? I had no idea that was today."

2. If you are really annoyed by the holiday, find something else to rant about by rounding up your single friends and seeing a bad movie. I recommend "When a Stranger Calls." The plot was so predictable and the bad guy looked as if Freddy Krueger could eat him for breakfast. Let's just say by the end you will be so frustrated with its content you won't even

as good as a whoopee cushion does.

3. If you still want to enjoy Valentine's Day, then go to the nearest florist and send roses and a card to yourself and sign it "Secret Admirer." Sure, that sounds like a pitiful way to let people know you are single, but who doesn't like flowers? Why not spoil yourself? Note, I said flowers, not candy.

4. Finally, you can do what I plan to do. Go with your roommates to a Chinese restaurant and salute the single life. People shouldn't need girlfriends or boyfriends to have a good time.

I know a co-worker who plans to go to Chuck E. Cheese's for Valentine's Day. Living forever young does not have to involve love. Simply find your inner child and make the ball pit your best friend. That's a better and more rewarding way to spend money than on candy, flowers, jewelry and that other stuff.

Even if these suggestions do not fit your tastes, keep in mind that Valentine's Day doesn't need to be dramatic or traumatic. It really is not worth your time.

Zach Groves
News Editor

"With luck, you will be laughing so hard the word 'love' will sound as good as a whoopee cushion does."

1. Come up with your own holiday. I know I sound like a cliché from grade school when one of the assignments was just such a thing, but it is beneficial. I heard that a woman decided to do a "Halloween Two," for example. As if Valentine's Day itself isn't scary enough.

At least you'll be so busy you don't even know what is going on. You will end up asking yourself, "What? Valentine's

remember Valentine's Day.

Or, if you would rather wait, check out "Date Movie." It's due out Friday. The movie is a parody of several romantic chick flicks, including "Bridget Jones' Diary" and "Wedding Crashers" (OK, maybe that was not a chick flick, but Vince Vaughn's girlfriend's need for a sedative made me want to vomit). With luck, you will be laughing so hard the word "love" will sound

Letter to the editor

The recent resignation of Madison County Circuit Judge George Moran Jr. does not rest well with my thoughts. I met George this past fall semester during our SIUE Spanish class. He is a nice guy. I did not even know that he was a justice of the law, as he never disclosed that fact. And it did not matter, as we were just classmates struggling through a semester of learning a foreign language.

George may have struggled more due to all the distractions, as he stated he was taking the class "because there are pretty women there. What's wrong with that?"

Nothing is wrong with that, George, except that when you were taking that class in spring 2005, you should have been at the courthouse working.

I am not writing because I think George is a bad guy. I am writing because I strongly feel that his actions are a great example of what is wrong with our society.

The problem I have is that George was offered and accepted Cardinals baseball tickets in a luxury box for him and a date, equipped with free food and an open bar, provided by Stephen Tillery, a prominent trial lawyer. That is the same lawyer who has been before George in the

courtroom arguing for Tillery's own clients' interests before and after the ballgame. I am sure there was some interesting baseball talk that occurred that April evening.

Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct states that a judge "may accept ordinary social hospitality." Ordinary social hospitality is not what was provided here. And now that the word is out on the streets and

pressure is getting tough, George has handed in his resignation, which was accepted. His salary is dropping from \$149,638 to \$127,192. The pension amount is only 85 percent because of his retirement. That is a tough retirement for a man aged 57.

Those are the breaks, I guess. Maybe I will try to fix this society in one way or another by working toward fixing these types of

problems. Maybe I can talk with one of my professors about this and see what they think. We can talk it over at a ballgame. Tickets for them and their date, food included served with a nice cold beer, all on me.

Peter Witte
Junior
Political Science

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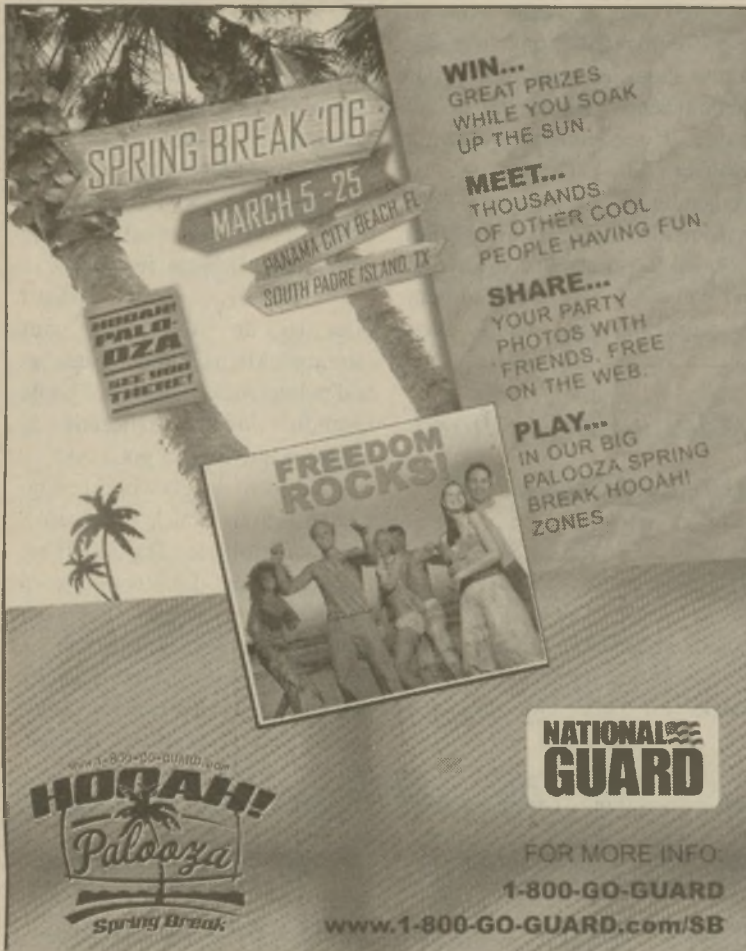


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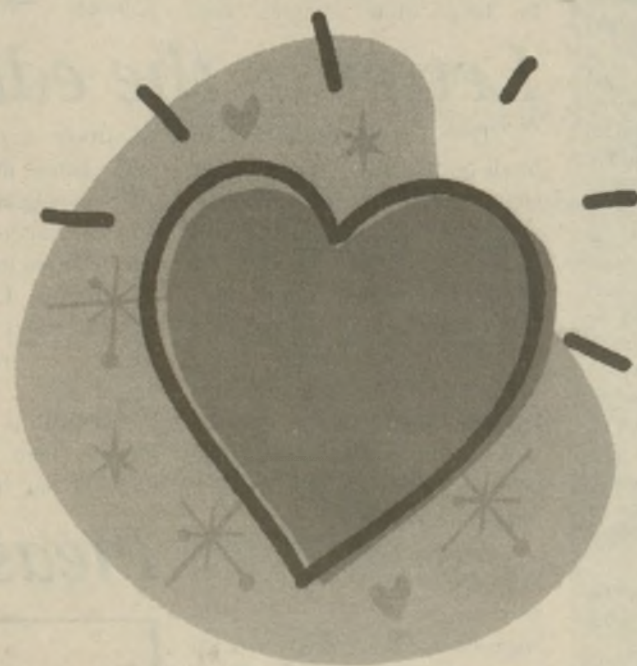
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Valentine's Day is not just for couples

KATIE CRABTREE
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The holidays are often times of heightened feelings of happiness and sometimes sadness. Although Valentine's Day is traditionally a day to celebrate love, for some it may be the loneliest day of the year.

During the month of February, there are hearts, cupids and pictures of couples on every street corner.

Many single people feel like they have no place on Valentine's Day. It's just another day to go through life without someone to share it with.

Studies have shown that adults who do not receive tokens of affection in connection with Valentine's Day show signs of emotional stress ranging from mild depression to

noticeable anxiety.

"It can be very hard because it is a reminder of the love we have or don't have. So, for people who feel like they are lacking love, it stands that it can be a very depressing thing," psychology professor Paul Rose said.

"It can be very hard because it is a reminder of the love we have or don't have..."

~Psychology professor Paul Rose

Although Valentine's Day proves to be one of the loneliest days for single people, it is often a stressful time for those in relationships as well.

Traditionally, pressure is put on men to purchase something nice for their wife or girlfriend. According to Money Management International, the average consumer spends \$103

on their Valentine. However, Gregory Godek, author of "1001 Ways to be Romantic," emphasizes creativity over cost.

"It's no longer about what I tend to term 'generic romance' — flowers, candy, movies, dinners, flowers, chocolates, jewelry, champagne," Godek said. "Look, all of these things are romantic ... But the point is, it's not enough."

Instead, he recommends more personalized gifts.

"Sit down and write a love

letter. If you're not a good writer, borrow some words from Shakespeare or Paul McCartney. It's perfectly fine," Godek said.

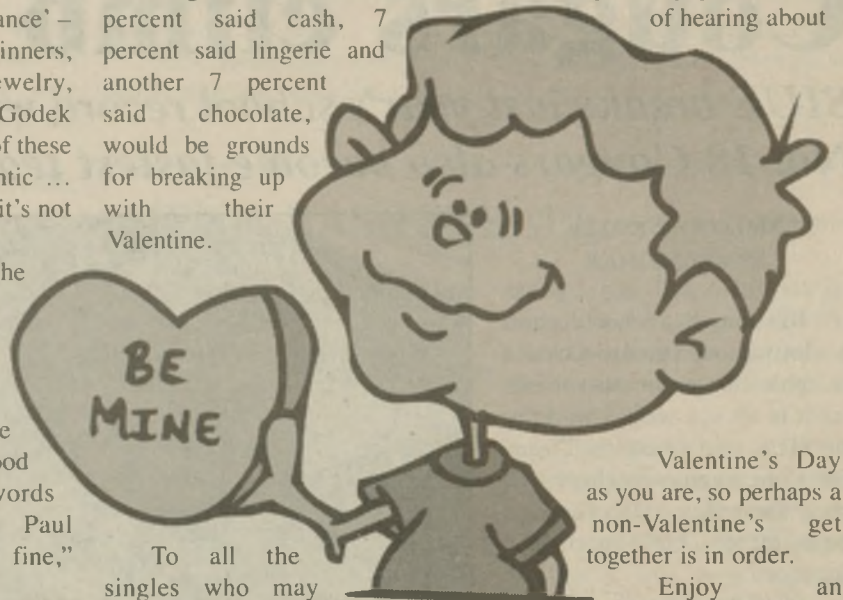
On the other hand, if you are looking for something to purchase for your Valentine, www.match.com has some suggestions on what to avoid.

The Web site conducted a

survey asking women what gifts would be deal breakers as far as their relationship was concerned. Of those surveyed 22 percent said receiving a coffee maker, 13 percent said cash, 7 percent said lingerie and another 7 percent said chocolate, would be grounds for breaking up with their Valentine.

may have spent on your Valentine and splurge on yourself.

Invite all your single friends over for dinner. They are probably just as tired of hearing about



To all the singles who may not be excited about

their Valentine's prospects, www.ehow.com has some ideas.

Treat yourself to something special. Use whatever money you

Valentine's Day as you are, so perhaps a non-Valentine's get together is in order.

Enjoy an evening at home, by yourself. Rent a movie, order your favorite take out, relax with a bubble bath, do whatever it is you prefer to do alone.

"Fabulation" brings different perspectives

MICHELLE LINCOLN
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The SIUE Black Theater Workshop's presentation of Lynn Nottage's "Fabulation or, the Re-Education Of Undine" was held in the Metcalf Theater Wednesday through Sunday as a part of SIUE's Black Heritage Month events.

The audience laughed throughout the humorous yet serious morality-based play, and seemed to enjoy the overall experience, as the loud applause proved at the end.

The play traces the fall of Undine, a black woman who left her family in Brooklyn 14 years prior. After her Latin husband leaves her penniless and pregnant, she must return to her home and family. Regretful in the beginning, Undine looks down on her family and longs for the life she had while living with her husband and managing a public relations firm. After facing a whole new world, complete with visits to the welfare office, drug dealings for her grandmother, jail time and addiction counseling sessions, Undine discovers who she really is.

Andrea Franklin, a sophomore psychology major, said the play was realistic and she had a great time taking it all in.

"I thought it was an excellent

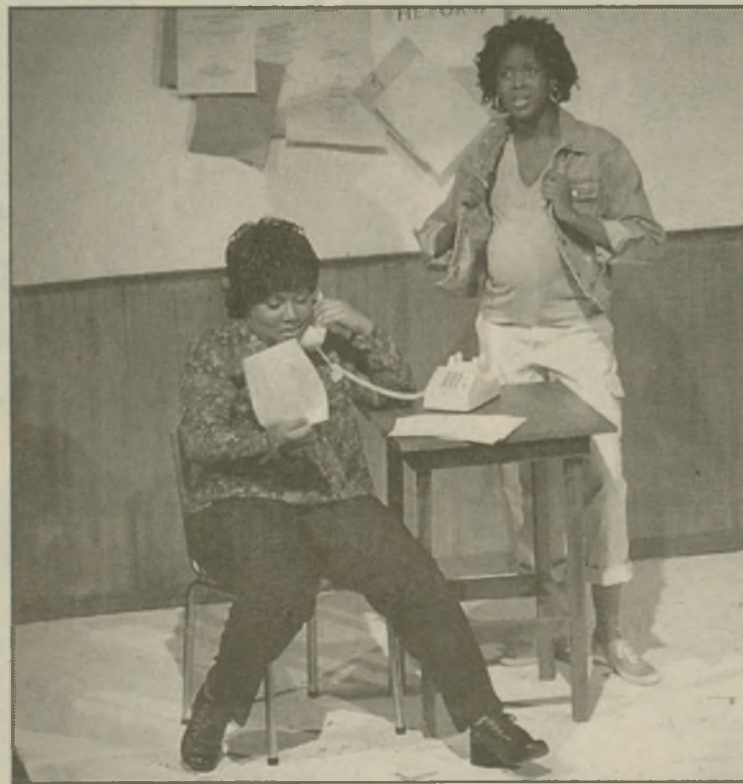
portrayal of the black woman," Franklin said. "It was beautiful that she found her roots."

Director Kathryn Bentley chose cast members who accurately portrayed their characters. In the program, Bentley said she thought "this play would be a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about a contemporary, award-winning playwright and for them to do a challenging theater piece."

Tanieka Carter's portrayal of Undine as a woman who is going through a life-changing awakening was convincing. With quick and witty responses, Carter proved that Undine was a very ambitious woman, with little tolerance for negative things coming her way. Carter was sassy with facial expressions that said it all.

Costume designer Niki Summers set the mood with clothing styles reflecting characters' personalities. Stephanie, Undine's secretary at the PR firm, was classic in her knee-length yellow skirt with pink fur trimming the bottom. Her pigtails and glittery shirt, sitting crooked on her shoulders, suggested her ditzy and playful personality. Undine's pink maternity shirt with khaki cropped pants and tan canvas tennis shoes set the scene for her weakening into acceptance of

who she really was. Herve, Undine's husband, portrays a suave, smooth-talking Romeo with his silk suit, top hat and shiny shoes.



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE
Monique Sullivan, left, and Tanieka Carter, right, act out a scene in "Fabulation or, the Re-Education of Undine"

Set designer Boo Ried and property designer Cathy Money mastered the appearance of different scenes in Brooklyn. The apartment buildings were complete with run-down brick building backdrops and a sign

that read, "Walt Whitman Projects." The interior of Undine's family's apartment was perfectly set with an old kitchen table, empty cans of Old

appropriate red-and-white-checked tablecloth and old, ripped-up chairs. The shelves in the pharmacy were complete with NicoDerm CQ, Alka-Seltzer, acid controller and an assortment of vitamins. Complete realism was created when characters lit cigarettes and smoke filled the air to place the audience directly within the scene.

Lighting designer Valerie Goldston drew the audience's attention to the appropriate scene on stage. Also, the dimming of the lights was perfect for Undine's moments of revelation throughout the play.

Music was very effective throughout the play and during intermission.

As Undine prepared for her first group counseling session for drug addictions, Aframan's "Because I Got High" was played overhead. The audience found this to be one of the comical moments of the play, as laughter rang out across the bleachers. During intermission, Nelly's "Grillz" was a success with many audience members. Some even stood up and danced with the music.

Anna Stepp, a freshman in business marketing, said she really enjoyed the play and its uniqueness.

"I thought it was nice for a change," Stepp said. "It was nice to see something different."

Sports Quote of the Day

"There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot."

~Steven Wright



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Cougars climb into record books

SIUE breaks last year's school record with 15th and 16th consecutive wins over weekend No. 18 Cougars also become fastest team in school history to reach the 20-win plateau

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

Breaking two school records is a lofty enough goal to tackle in an entire season for other teams, but it is all in a week's work for the SIUE men's basketball team. The Cougars are wreaking havoc everywhere they go this year, and their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

SIUE has ridden its 16-game winning streak into several polls. Currently ranked 18th in the nation, the Cougars have a chance to climb higher in the next National Association of Basketball Coaches/Division II basketball poll, which is released today. The team has also been hailed No. 1 in the Great Lakes Region. This poll includes teams from the GLVC, as well as a handful of independent teams and teams from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Spots in the NCAA Tournament will be granted to the top eight teams in the final regional poll in March.

Thursday night's game was a little too close for comfort for the Cougars, who edged out the University of Missouri-St. Louis 65-60. The victory shattered the previous school record of 14 wins in a row, which was set last season.

The win, coupled with No. 2 University of Southern Indiana's fall to Drury University, gave Edwardsville sole reign of the first-place position in the West Division of the GLVC.

UMSL came out strong, scoring the first five points of the game. The rest of the match-up was a back-and-forth battle featuring 11 lead swaps. The last exchange of the lead came just under the 12-minute mark.

The Rivermen held the Cougars to a 3-point lead with just 15 seconds remaining in the game, but SIUE sophomore guard J.B. Jones nailed two from the charity stripe to secure the 5-point win.

SIUE senior guard Ryan Belcher fronted SIUE's offense with 17 points and seven rebounds. His performance



KATIE GROTH/ ALESTLE

SIUE senior forward Justin Ward overcomes contact from two defenders while attacking the basket during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center. Ward and the Cougars took over the top spot in the West Division of the Great Lakes Valley Conference over the weekend. SIUE is currently on the second-longest winning streak in the nation among NCAA Division II schools. No. 9 Delta State University is currently riding a 17-game streak.

included shooting four of five from the field, two of two from beyond the arc and six of seven from the free-throw line. However, Belcher's string of 21 consecutive games featuring a steal was broken.

Jones and junior forward Mike Hardiek were also key for SIUE. Both men ended up with 16 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Jones also added four assists.

Despite jumping to a 14-7 lead 12 minutes into the game, the Rivermen trailed SIUE 21-24 at halftime. Hardiek came out especially strong in the second half, sinking a pair of jumpers and a 3-point shot within the first five minutes.

"Obviously, it was a very tough game. It seems like this is turning into an even bigger rivalry. We had a great crowd. A lot of people from the community came, and there were a lot of students there to support us," SIUE Head Coach Marty Simmons said. "Our guys did a really good job of making plays down the stretch that enabled us to get out of there with a win."

The Cougars shot 44.9 percent from the field and 45 percent from behind the three-point arc. The Rivermen trailed slightly, shooting 41.7 percent.

SIUE set another school record while pounding the University of Missouri-Rolla into the floorboards on Saturday. It is the fastest that a men's basketball team at SIUE has recorded 20 wins in a season. The men dethroned the 1986-1987 team for the title.

"Rolla did not have any Conference wins. We came out ready to play and we jumped out to a good lead. I thought our guys maintained their intensity throughout the game," Simmons said. "It was a balanced effort and everybody that played did a good job."

Hardiek hit a jumper after the first 19 seconds, starting the game off on a positive note. The Cougars shot 50 percent in both halves. SIUE junior guard

SIUE tennis teams find success early in spring season

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's tennis team recently opened up its 2006 season in unspectacular fashion. The Cougars redeemed themselves, however, last week as they bounced back with a victory on the road.

SIUE crossed the Mississippi River Feb. 3 for its season debut, going into Missouri to face off against the St. Louis University Billikens.

In an affair that featured no doubles contests, the Cougars played tough, but SLU won four of five matches to snatch a 4-1 victory.

SIUE Head Coach Bryan Belt was impressed with SIUE's performance against the Billikens, however.

"Obviously, SLU's an (NCAA) Division I program," he said. "I was really happy with the way we came out and competed. I felt we were match ready."

"Of the six matches we played, to have been a few points from winning in three of them against a team like SLU is good," Belt added. "I think we may have surprised them a little bit. They came out expecting it to be a cakewalk. But there were some tough matches."

SIUE junior Thibaud Chevalier was the lone Cougar to

nab a victory for SIUE, downing the Billikens' Chris Welnetz in straight sets 7-5, 6-2.

"(He) really wore the guy out," Belt said.

Last year's All Great Lakes Valley Conference one-two punch of senior Matthew Warner and junior Justin Free did not play in Friday's game for the Cougars. Warner transferred mid-semester to Northern Illinois University for graduation purposes. Free is recovering from a shoulder injury and should be back in action soon.

"We were hoping to get him back sometime soon," Belt said. "I think by our spring matches, he should be back. We are really being careful, maybe overly so, to make sure he can be back for the long haul of the season."

Senior Matt Kuban and sophomore Dan Glon were also missing in action. According to Belt, Kuban, who missed much of last season with an injury, will miss the entire 2006 campaign as well.

"Kuban was a big loss," Belt said. "What happens when someone goes down is that everyone else has to move up. That's bad on your five and six spots."

The Cougars returned to the Illinois side of the river Tuesday to square off against Principia College and squared their season

record off at 1-1 with an impressive 4-1 win over the Panthers.

"I think the guys appreciated playing against a high level of competition," Belt said of the match against the Billikens. "Principia would almost be the opposite of SLU. We were definitely the better team. What I liked was that they didn't play down to the competition. They weren't lazy. They went out and went about their business in a powerful fashion."

The Cougars found themselves in an early hole as SIUE sophomore Doug Kim went down 2-6, 7-4, 10-12 in the number one slot.

SIUE recovered as Chevalier lifted the Cougars back up, edging Principia's Graham Whightman 6-4, 5-7, 10-4.

"Their No. 1 and No. 2 players were definitely a level above their three and four players," Belt said.

SIUE junior Andrew Reznack and freshman Nicolas Garrison then sealed the deal for the Cougars with convincing victories in the three and four slots.

SIUE also got a lift from junior Eduardo DeLaCruz and senior Daniel Lipe, who teamed up for an 8-0 shutout of Principia in the doubles match.

On the women's side, the

Cougars got their first win of the season, defeating Principia 4-1. SIUE went 0-7 in the 2005 season, being outscored 54-9.

"It was a long awaited win for us," Belt said. "It was a rough fall. We were all really happy."

SIUE freshman Kristen Bray led the way for the Cougars as she defeated Principia's Elise Epperson 6-0, 6-4 in the No. 3 spot.

"She really came out on fire and dictated that match from the first serve," Belt said.

SIUE senior Gina Wohltman had a tough time at the No. 1 spot,

yet managed to dispose of her opponent before churning out the victory in three sets.

SIUE is 1-7 on the season and 0-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Cougars now hope to build on the success of their first win for the remaining matches of the season.

"We were pretty young in the fall, but we've got a little more match experience now," Belt said.

The Cougars do not return to action until 8 a.m. Monday, March 6, in Hilton Head, S.C., when they face Martin Methodist College.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Ty Johnson and sophomore center Doug Taylor led scorers with 13 points apiece.

Jones and Belcher were also key scorers, with 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Rolla's leading scorer was Tyrone Davidson, who scored 12 points off the bench. Although he was just 3-13 from the field, he sunk six out of seven from the charity stripe.

"Our success comes from being a good team. It's not just one player," Simmons said. "Our team is unselfish and all of the guys are doing a good job."

On Dec. 3, Quincy University dealt out a 54-49 loss to the Cougars at the Vadalabene Center. SIUE travels to Quincy University with high hopes of avenging that defeat in a 7:30 p.m. game at the Pepsi Arena today.

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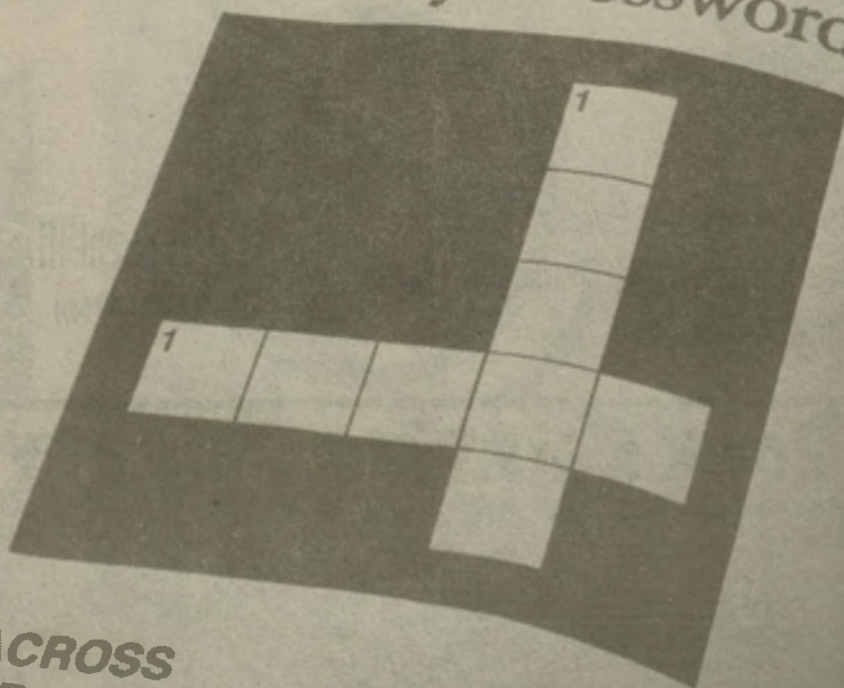
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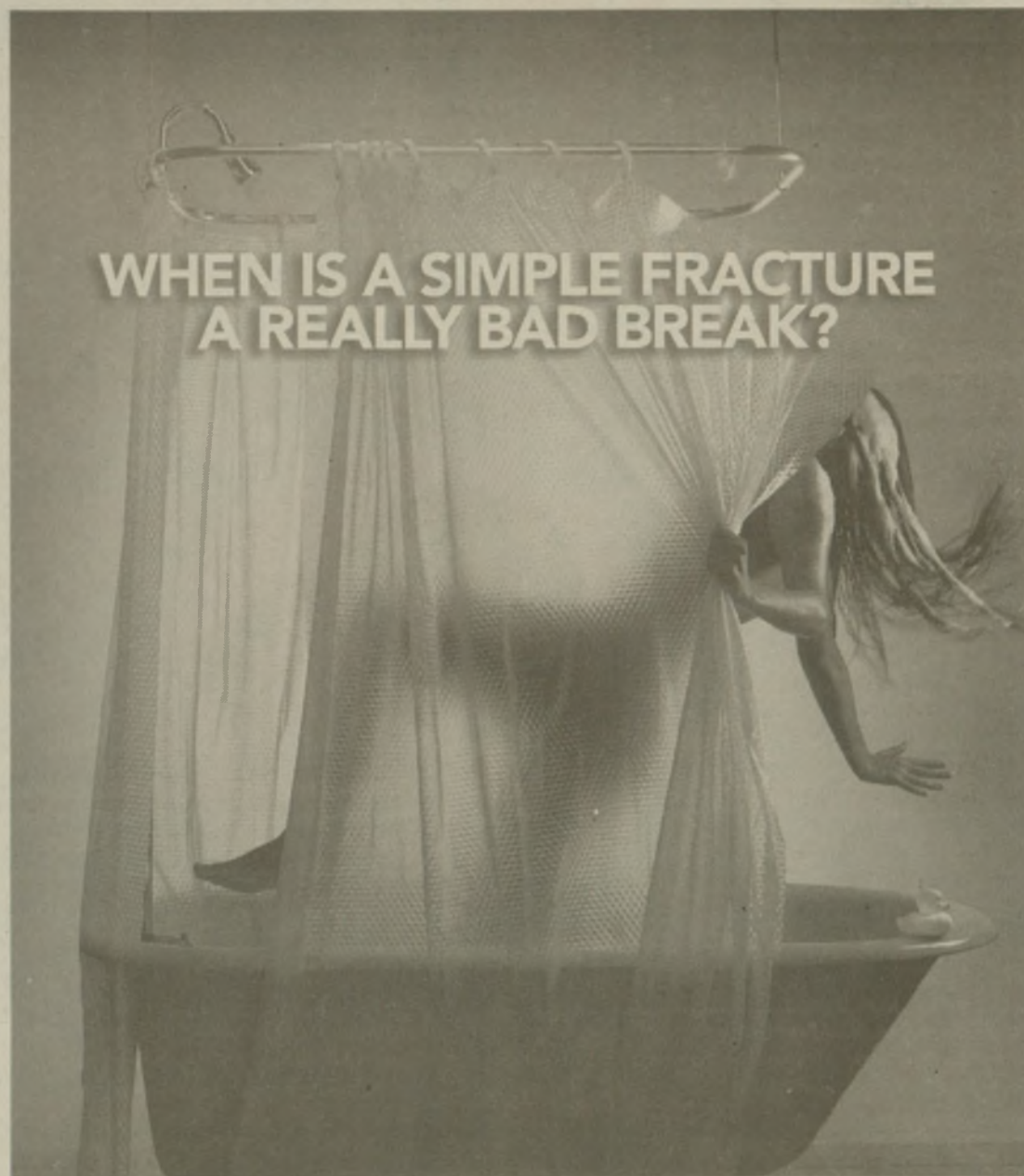
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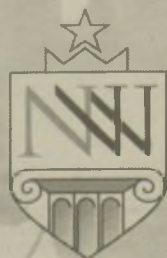
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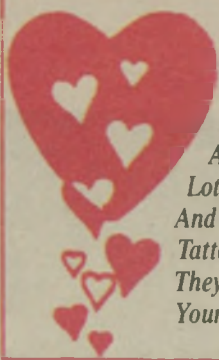
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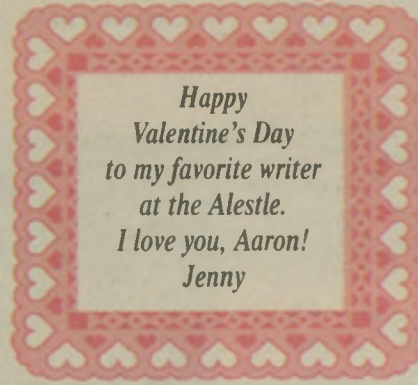
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