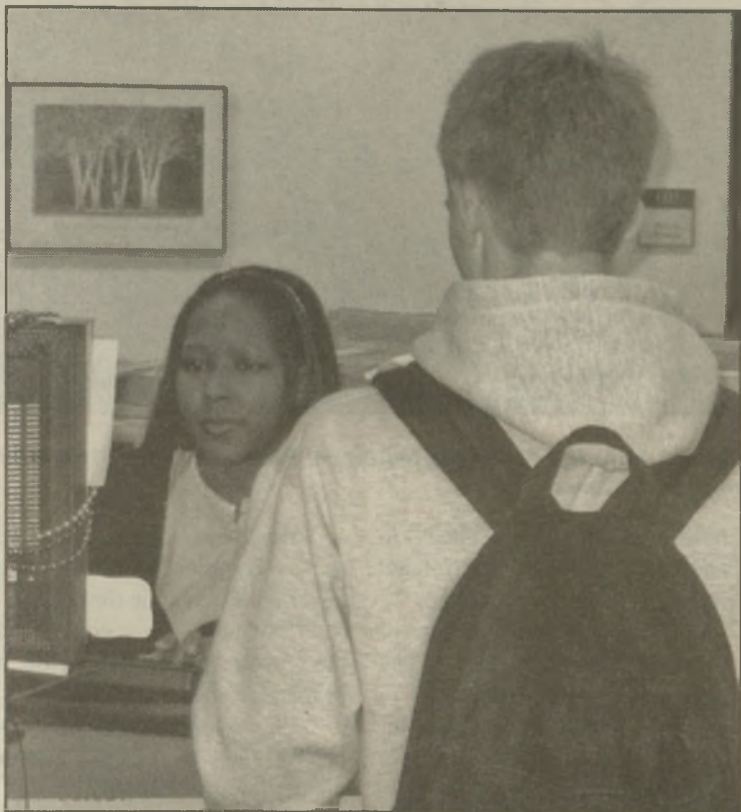


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New system changing the way students are identified at SIUE



Freshman Kyle Dent talks to admissions worker Shannon Hudson Tuesday. Students in fall 2007 will need to present a different number from their Social Security number to check their records.

**CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER**

A new Web-based system will do away with students having to give their social security numbers.

The new system, known as Banner, will replace the mainframe system, known as the Student Information System,

that SIUE uses now. The Banner system will assign students a new identification number and password.

With Banner, students will be able to check grades, schedules and possibly register for classes online without having to use a Social Security number as the student ID number.

"It will no longer be used to identify you as a student," Registrar Laura Strom said. "The Social Security number will only be used for financial (aid) when necessary."

The tentative schedule for student use will be fall 2007.

Junior mass communications major Alicia Jones doesn't think having a new username and password is necessary.

"It's a lot of numbers to memorize," Jones said. "It's easier to use my Social Security number and my own password that I already know."

Senior community health major Jeska Rosal said she would prefer to not use her Social Security number.

"I think it's a good idea," Rosal said. "I don't like entering my Social Security number, that's a personal thing. (A new username and password) isn't really that hard to remember."

Administration will begin using the Banner system for processing new students in the fall and for managing student and other financial records.

"We've been in the process of preparing for getting the system ready the past year," Strom said. "We're making sure the records will transfer accurately and completely."

Task force considers designated drivers

**BRAIN BAYLEY
 NEWS STRINGER**

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Task Force heard new ideas, including the introduction of a university-sponsored designated driver program at its Feb. 3 meeting.

"You want to encourage

STRIPES-like program actually enable people to drink heavier or more frequently?" King said.

King said the program will be discussed in more depth at future meetings.

A representative of the Edwardsville Police Department was present to discuss curbing underage

"You want to encourage people to make smart decision when it comes to alcohol and drugs."

***~Drug and Alcohol Task Force Director
 Andy King***

people to make smart decisions when it comes to alcohol and drugs," Drug and Alcohol Task Force Director and Student Counseling Center Director Andy King said.

Student Government Senator Jonathan Ritchey proposed a system similar to other universities. The University of Missouri has a program, known as STRIPES, that allows students to get a ride home from the bars safely.

"One of the concerns that got expressed was, would a

drinking and irresponsible drinking at area bars. The task force did not decide on any action concerning this issue.

The task force will sponsor Alcohol Awareness Week next fall to promote safe drinking habits and warn students of the dangers of alcohol.

Students are encouraged to attend the task force meetings and share their opinions. The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the Morris University Center's International Room.

Katrina panel highlights political responsibility in disasters

**CORY FREEMAN
 NEWS STRINGER**

While it has been five months since Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, President Bush's response is still under question.

Political Science professor Maruice Mangum held a panel discussion Tuesday called "George Bush Doesn't Care About Black People: Racism, Inequality and the Response to Hurricane Katrina."

The discussion was in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Seven panelists spoke on behalf of different campus organizations as well as two Illinois National Specialists who were sent to New Orleans

after Hurricane Katrina hit. More than 100 people attended the event.

SIUE Democrats President Chloe Moore, an African-American, said the government failed to listen and "turned their heads" on blacks.

"We have been left behind," Moore said.

Organization of College Conservatives President A.J. Givens, also an African-American, gave examples of what Bush has done for minorities, such as increasing black employment.

He said the problem concerned the local and state government.

"This is not exclusively George Bush's fault," Givens said.



National Guard Specialist Leon Alexander speaks to the crowd as Political Science professor Maruice Mangum, center, and fellow specialist Samuel Young look on at the "George Bush Doesn't Care About Black People: Racism, Inequality and the Response to Hurricane Katrina" panel Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

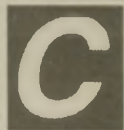
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Cats have paw in university life



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A cat roams the field across the street from the SIUE Corn-to-Ethanol Plant. Cats have taken up residence on the campus for more than 40 years.

ZACH GROVES
 NEWS EDITOR

For many Edwardsville cats, SIUE is home.

According to Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn, the felines have roamed the university since before it opened in 1957 and the population is growing.

"(The) cats may have been here before the university ... when it was all farms," Washburn said.

Washburn added that no one has counted the number of cats.

"Quite frankly, we have no idea (how many cats there are)," Washburn said. "We do not do a cat census."

Washburn said they carry a

non-threatening presence to campus, as no cat-related incidents have been reported.

"I am not aware of any of those," Washburn said. "The biggest problem they tend to create is in the tunnel area. For some reason, they are not housebroken."

The cats may often be seen running around campus parking lots, grassy areas and hills surrounding the Morris University Center. However, Washburn said that was not always the case.

"Historically, we did not see that," Washburn said. "We have had a decline in the predators (coyotes). They took care of the cat population outside the core area."

Washburn said coyotes are not as common now, but were never an issue in the first place.

"We have never considered the coyote population to be a problem," Washburn said.

He added that coyotes helped keep the campus rodent population under control.

Some students, including sophomore psychology major George Grenchik, said the cats do not hinder their daily routines.

"(They are) just another fun thing to look at," Grenchik said.

To prevent any potential conflict, Washburn said to keep a safe distance from the cats.

"As long as you leave them alone and know they are not your domestic housecat, they will leave you alone," Washburn said.

Pharmacy students to make house calls

BRIAN BAYLEY
 NEWS STRINGER

More than 80 School of Pharmacy students will participate in a unique program to aid Medicare beneficiaries.

"It's really going to help a lot of people who would otherwise not find the necessary information about Medicare Part D," School of Pharmacy Experimental Education Director Bill Wuller.

The program is organized through the Kimmel Leadership Center, the Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois and the School of Pharmacy.

Students will attend two

days of courses to prepare them for the one-on-one meetings and give them general information on Medicare.

The program will offer in-home visits by teams of two students along with the beneficiary's in-home nurse or homemaker.

Counseling sessions will also be available at local nonprofit agencies in Madison and St. Clair counties.

"It's a good learning environment, hence the service learning, they are providing service to the community," Wuller said.

Medicare Part D covers patient pharmaceuticals and went

into effect Jan. 1.

"We are thrilled that the School of Pharmacy was eager and willing to participate in a program like this," Courtney Tierney, an official with the Area Agency on Aging of Southwestern Illinois, said.

The program will culminate in three days of counseling at the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus. Participants will be able to enroll in a coverage program that day if they choose to.

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Lectures promote Islamic education



Mustafa Nicolas, left, of St. Louis, discusses the Quran with senior William Demsar Tuesday in the Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center. Mustafa spoke about the purpose of life from an Islamic perspective as part of the Muslim Student Associations's Islamic Awareness Week.

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

As part of Islamic Awareness Week, the Muslim Student Association is hosting lectures on "The Purpose of Life" and "Misconceptions about Islam."

According to a press release, both events will be lectures on Islam and why it is the focus of world attention.

"It is also our duty to dispel any misconception about

Islam," MSA Vice-President Naweed Khan said. "I believe this will be very helpful for an audience that wants to know about Islam."

"Misconceptions About Islam" will offer a perspective on Western views of Islam.

"I'm expecting a lot more audience (Thursday) and (for it to be) more informative than the previous lecture," Khan said Wednesday.

"The Purpose of Life" was presented Tuesday by Mustafa

Nicolas. The lecture focused on the nature of Islamic beliefs.

"Misconceptions About Islam" will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center. Nicolas will speak at the event as well.

The MSA disbanded three years ago because of a lack of Muslim students, Khan said. The group was reorganized after the number of Muslim students at SIUE increased.

Dental School's free care brings kids smiles

ZACH GROVES
NEWS EDITOR

The Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine took a crossbite out of dental hygiene Feb. 4 during the Third Annual Give Kids a Smile Day at the Alton campus.

The dental school sponsored the event, as well as the Madison County Dental Society, the St.

Clair District Dental Society and the Lewis and Clark Community College Dental Hygiene and Assisting programs.

According to School of Dental Medicine Dean Ann Boyle, more than 500 volunteers ranging from dental school students and local dentists to high school students who helped the 110-plus children in attendance.

"We did everything full care to the extent," Boyle said. "Examination(s) and x-rays if needed."

"(We did) cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants, restorations, extractment and pulp treatment."

Boyle said the school spent more than \$30,000 in providing the children the free care.

Illinois Sen. William Haine
see DENTAL SCHOOL, page 4

Campus Scanner

Comedian: Campus Activities Board continues its Just for Laughs series at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Bluff Hall Multifunction Room. Comedian Kyle Grooms will be providing the laughs. For more information on this free event, contact Christine Williams at dowilli@siue.edu.

Free Ride: Join the men of Sigma Pi as they celebrate Mardi Gras 2006. The fraternity is offering free bus rides from 9:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Saturday Feb. 25, to and from Souland. For more information, contact Shea Redenius at (217) 357-4021.

Safety: Campus Recreation is sponsoring a climbing safety

orientation class from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Vadalabene Center's Climbing Gym. This class will teach beginners the basic skills, policies and procedures needed to use the equipment. Participants must be 14 years of age or older. For more information, call 650-3235 or visit siue.edu/CREC/climbinggym/.

Discussion: All women on campus are invited to Sister Circle for an informal discussion with other women. The group meets from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Religious Center. For more information, contact Cherie Hambleton at

chamble@siue.edu.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot-line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

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and Rep. Dan Beiser, D-Alton, were also in attendance.

"They walked through the clinics, visited with the patients and volunteers," Boyle said.

In its third year, the children's dental program blossomed from a St. Louis Dental Society idea. Boyle said it was started five years ago and grew.

"The American Dental Association liked the idea so much that they launched a national campaign to encourage all the dental professionals (to do it)," Boyle said.

Boyle said the event's objective is to promote dental care for the children.

"First, its to help kids who really need the care," Boyle said.

"Second, is to raise awareness in the communities and particularly how big this need is."

Boyle added, however, that these events only scratch the surface of the situation.

"We cannot solve the problem this way," Boyle said. "But we can help."


It will bring attention to the problem that it is out there."

Overall, Boyle said she was proud of the turnout and the effort.

"I think it's a very worthwhile effort, it allows a rather large piece of community to help kids who really need the help," Boyle said. "We hope it will be even bigger and better next year."

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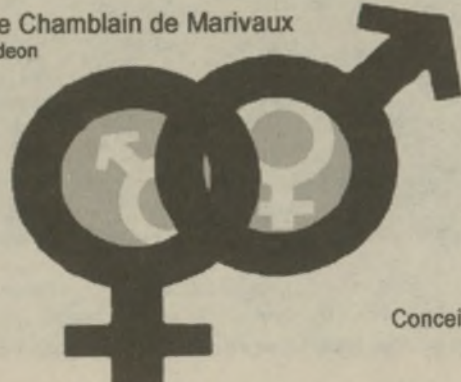
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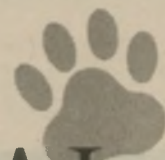
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Romance shouldn't disappear after February



Valentine's Day is over. I imagine a lot of guys may feel as if a weight has been lifted from their chests. Well, here's a news flash: Romance has meaning in months other than February. And, it doesn't always take a grand gesture of love to show someone that you care.

I'd like to think most guys know this by now. But it seems to me as if a lot of guys are either sickeningly over the top or really lacking in the romance department.

For example, I like romantic movies. But I'm going to have to agree with Zach Groves and his column here Tuesday that "The Notebook" is simply too much. I am a girl, and a sensitive girl at that. However, if I dated a guy for a summer and then didn't see him or hear from him for 14 years, I would like to think I would probably be over it. If I

Leave her a note or a funny text message. Kiss her when she's not expecting it. Listen when she talks. Get her flowers – it doesn't have to be a dozen roses to make her feel special. Tell her friends how great you think she is. Tell her how great you think she is. Heck, tell the whole world and post it on her Facebook wall, but don't be

perfectly against my body with your head resting on my shoulder, while I gave you a kiss on the top of your head and your sweet smelling hair was gently rubbing against me. Then, I couldn't wait 'til I got to give you a kiss on the cheek, because you have the softest, most beautiful skin ever and I still get the tingly feeling every time my lips come in contact with any part of your body."

This is a just a bit from a much longer message. The above sample could be shortened to a much less sickening, "Hi, angel. I was happy to see you last night. You are a wonderful girlfriend and I love spending time with you." The end. Still disgusting, but no resemblance to soft-core porn.

So, even though another Valentine's Day has come and gone, show a little love. Guys, just keep it simple, but let us know you care. We're pretty easy to please.

Courtney Rakers
Editor in Chief

"It seems to me as if a lot of guys are either sickeningly over the top or really lacking in the romance department."

found out that he was still obsessively in love with me after all that time, I would be flattered – after I had run a safe distance from the psycho.

All that most girls really want is to know that their guys care. Candy and teddy bears are great, but they are certainly not the only way to be romantic.

disgusting. I recently came across a message on a Facebook that I present to you as an example of what not to do.

"I couldn't wait to get the restaurant last night and look deep into those big brown eyes and see an angel looking back at me, and I couldn't wait to put my arms around you and have you fit

Apathy replacing the college protests of the past

(U-WIRE) Laranie, WY – On May 4, 1970, students on the Kent State University campus gathered to protest the bombing of Cambodia, an action undertaken by President Nixon that expanded the Vietnam War. None of the protesters were armed or considered dangerous. Yet despite this, by the end of the day, National Guardsmen had bayoneted a disabled veteran and fired upon the crowd, hitting 13 students and killing four. These were not the only protester casualties during the years of the Vietnam disaster. But for every one who was harmed, a thousand others stayed standing, their voices rising over the cruelty and injustice. These protests played a huge role in finally opening Americans' eyes and eventually ending the bloodshed.

While I would never want to witness similar tragedies on college campuses today, I have to decry the lack of any demonstrations at all. It is difficult to understand where the social indignation of that time has gone. For now, instead of righteous anger, we have ridiculous apathy.

With six letters and three syllables, apathy is a small word. However, for such a small word, a heavy blow comes inherently attached to its use. It is for this reason, and none other, that I choose to use this word to describe our generation. In short,

there is no word more appropriate. As with any description so broad, this is, of course, a vast over-generalization. However, in this digital age of numbing distractions and media dishonesty, the vast majority of our nation's youth either has no idea what's really going on ... or they couldn't care less.

The majority of students on this campus would have something to say about which band should come to play here. But where are these strong voices when someone trying to pass off religion as science comes to speak? From the perspective of a Vietnam protester who spent his youth fighting against the wrongs in the world, our generation must be seen as lazy and shallow.

In fact, it has been said that we are America's greatest disappointment; we have the opportunity to make waves, but instead we sit quietly and pretend not to see or hear anything. We are obsessed with celebrity, money and sex. We're viewed as superficial, vapid and idle, thinking only what we are told to or not thinking at all.

One of the things about our generation of which I am most proud is our willingness to volunteer. We volunteer in greater numbers than any previous generation in the United States. We volunteer to help out at soup kitchens, to raise money

for victims of natural disasters, to collect winter coats for those in need, etc. In fact, more than 60 percent of college freshmen polled believe that helping the less fortunate is vitally important. What is confusing is why that same social conscience doesn't translate into more concern about the direction our country is taking.

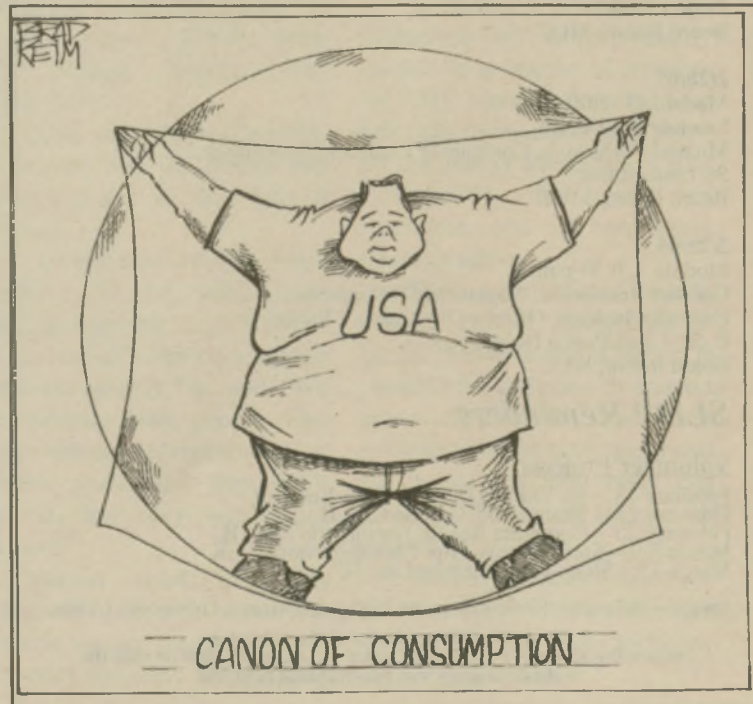
To think of what our generation could accomplish if we began to voice our opinions like those who came before us is striking. If we pooled our efforts

and rose against the injustices being suffered in our world, we could have an enormous impact. The atrocities of places like the Darfur region of Sudan could be a distant nightmare of the past instead of a lurid reality of today.

It's time to escape the apathy we've inherited. Don't negate the revolutionaries whose sacrifices changed the world; remember their voices while you raise your own.

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Dr. Kerry Johnson
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Assess Your Service & Leadership Style
Chay Lemoine
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Board Room, MUC

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Module 17, 2:00 p.m.
Leading Your Peers
Michael Yarbrough, Community Outreach Coordinator
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Module 7, 6:30 p.m.
Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences
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Board Room, MUC

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February 25 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL
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March 25 - Share Food, Granite City, IL

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STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Shenanigans was a blast, I think. The night was cut short; I was informed after I woke up on the floor of my bathroom.

I can clearly remember ordering their famous Irish wake, a green concoction of various liquors with a smooth,

tasty flavor. It went down surprisingly quick and another was added to my tab. Scratch off half of my weekly budget of \$20.

Things get a bit hazy after the second wake. The celebrity pictures on the walls, shark on the ceiling and various conversation pieces scattered throughout the pub became increasingly humorous. So

much so that, I am told, I was giggling like a schoolgirl for no apparent reason, all the while pointing at random objects.

I apparently devoured various friends' food, including mozzarella sticks and a burger and fries. I've been informed that they enjoyed the quality of the food. It was delivered hot and tasted good. Value wise, I



ANDY RATHNOW/ ALESTLE

Shenanigans Bar and Grill in Edwardsville.

give the restaurant one thumb up, as it is typical for a sit-down style grill.

The ambience gets two thumbs up because the joint was busy that evening. People were laughing and the atmosphere seemed fun. Stories were told of legendary college nights held there Tuesday evenings.

The drinks were quickly brought to the table and the beer

was not overpriced. After the second wake, sipping on friend's margarita and helping finish off a pitcher of beer, my head was swimming. All in all, I woke up with three bucks in my front pocket. I just hope I didn't do anything compromising to earn it.

Got some place you want reviewed? Send me an email at steverereviews@yahoo.com

Kissing season brings mono to campus

As many as two out of every 1,000 teens and 20-somethings contract mono

EMMA TIPPETTS
THE UTAH STATESMAN

LOGAN, Utah (U-WIRE) — The doorstep scene Tuesday evening may have bigger repercussions than you might think. It's "kissing disease" season, Dr. Jim Davis, director of the Student Health and Wellness Center at Utah State University, said. Infectious mononucleosis, more commonly known as mono, is extremely contagious through human saliva and coincides with flu season.

Davis said diagnosing mono is not as easy as one might assume. Students can get a mono test from the doctor, but the test is unreliable.

"When it says 'yes,' it means 'yes,'" Davis said. "If it says 'no,' it means 'maybe.'"

Most students think if the test comes up negative, they are home free.

"Wrong. Thank you for playing," Davis said. "It means. 'I don't have anti-mono antibodies;' it doesn't mean you don't have (mono)."

Davis said mono is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus. There is a test for the virus, he said, but it's more expensive and takes more time, though it can be used when someone needs a definitive answer quickly. Davis said the diagnosis is partly clinical and partly laboratorial.

"Mono testing is not a science, you just have to have a

strong inclination to keep testing," Davis said.

Utah State junior psychology major Tim Macnar was diagnosed with mono about a year ago, which he contracted from his girlfriend, who he married a year later. Both students ended up sick for almost a full month.

"She got diagnosed about a week after we started dating. She got really sick; she was going to the doctor and

antibody protection, present at birth, disappears. Many children become infected with EBV and these infections usually cause no symptoms or are indistinguishable from the other mild, brief illnesses of childhood."

However, when adolescents or young adults get infected with EBV, it causes mono almost 50 percent of the time.

Davis said the symptoms of mono can be easily confused

"I just always wanted to sleep. I didn't really get sick, but I just was always tired."

*~Tim Macnar,
Utah State University student*

everything. She was bed-ridden for a week or so," Macnar said. "I was just tired all the time; I just always wanted to sleep. I didn't really get sick, but I just was always tired."

According to the National Center for Infectious Diseases Web site, EBV occurs worldwide, and a majority of people become infected with EBV sometime during their lifetimes.

In the U.S., the Web site states, "as many as 95 percent of adults between 35 and 40 years of age have been infected. Infants become susceptible to EBV as soon as maternal

with a common flu, but the difference is they don't go away after just a few days.

According to the magazine, "FDA Consumer," mono strikes as many as two out of every 1,000 teens and 20-somethings, especially those in high school, college and the military.

Davis said mono is a viral infection that takes a few weeks to fully develop. Once it surfaces, it can leave sufferers bed-ridden and suffering from chronic fatigue for weeks or sometimes even months.

Davis said the only thing that cures mono is "just time."

"The body's immune

system is the only thing that cures your body. There is no antibody or chemical," Davis said.

Macnar said his wife toughed out the semester and passed all her classes.

"She got behind in some classes and when she started feeling better, she played catch-up," Macnar said. "She's a smart young lady."

Davis said the biggest problem with being active while infected with mono is the potential damage done to the spleen.

"The spleen is enlarged as a big, juicy, blood-filled organ and gets fragile, like a ripe tomato. If you get a bump to your spleen, it can cause it to split, just like a tomato, so spleens are a concern during mono," Davis said. "We watch people very carefully."

Davis said it is not possible to be sure how the illness will affect a person or how long it will last.

"People who are otherwise healthy who eat well, drink fluids and get rest, (or) do all the things students don't do, tend to get better quickly," he said. "We are cautious with people who have spleen enlargements on athletic teams and they don't like it, but they get better quicker."

Macnar said he was exhausted for about a month and his wife was out for three weeks.

"For me, (the hardest part

was) just being tired all the time and I couldn't study and stuff," Macnar said. "It's hard to not feel good and miss out on stuff."

"It was kind of nice having a break, but not when you don't feel good. It's not really a break, you just get behind in school," he said.

Davis said when mono sets in, the extreme fatigue that takes over the body is both mental and physical, so even lying in bed and studying to stay caught up isn't really an option.

Because mono is extremely contagious, avoiding it may sometimes be difficult and symptoms may not appear for weeks after the actual virus is passed.

According to the NCID, the symptoms of mono usually resolve in a couple of months, but EBV remains dormant in a few cells in the throat and blood for the rest of the person's life. Periodically, the virus can reactivate and is commonly found in saliva.

This reactivation usually occurs without symptoms of illness, however Davis said it is possible for someone to acquire mono twice, but the best possible solution is to "get it and get it bad" so your body can create antibodies on its own to combat it.

The NCID states there are no known associations between the mono virus and problems during pregnancy.

Sports Quote of the Day

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

~John Wooden



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Cougar streak snapped

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

All good things come to an end, and the No. 10 SIUE men's basketball team found that out Tuesday night.

The Cougars tasted a dose of Valentine's Day heartache as Quincy University snapped their 16-game winning streak with a 72-62 drubbing at the Pepsi Arena in Quincy.

"I think Quincy's got a really good basketball team," SIUE Head Coach Marty Simmons said. "We just didn't take care of the basketball. Our execution was not where it should have been."

Despite the heroics of senior Ryan Belcher, who poured in 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Cougars, SIUE could not overcome a 10-point halftime deficit for the win.

The Hawks relied on 19 points from guard Ryan Walker and got 18 from Andre Muse.

"Walker, he's a veteran player," Simmons said. "He got some looks that we hoped he wouldn't get. And Muse, he's just an all-around player."

With the game still at arms length, Quincy went on an 11-2 run. This included two jumpers and a 3-pointer from Walker, near the end of the first half to open up a 31-19 lead.

SIUE scored another bucket before the break, but the damage had been done. The Hawks went into the locker room breathing easy up 31-21.

Quincy held the Cougars to just 36 percent shooting from the field for the first 20 minutes of play.

SIUE came out and scored 41 points after the break on 56 percent shooting. But the teams just traded baskets as Quincy scored 41 second-half points of its own.

With the Cougars moving into striking distance down the stretch, pulling to within four points with just less than six minutes remaining, Walker all but broke SIUE's back with a bomb from beyond the arc to put Quincy up comfortably 57-50.

SIUE now stands at 20-4 on the season with a 13-3 record in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Cougars stand a half-game in front of the University of Southern Indiana for the top spot in the West Division of the GLVC.

The Cougars face off against USI at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center in a game that could have post-season implications.

"Down here late in the season, we try not to put any extra importance on one game," Simmons said. "But we're tied for first, so I guess it's a big game."

The Cougars will have their work cut out for them if they plan to beat the Screaming Eagles for the second time this season. SIUE outlasted Southern Indiana in a 78-77 thriller Jan. 14 at the Pac Arena in Evansville.

"They bring a lot," Simmons said. "They may have the best player in the nation in Chris Thompson. He's a big strong inside player who can step out. He's a tenacious rebounder."

Thompson leads the GLVC in both points per game, averaging 19.4, and rebounds per game with 9.7.

Men run to first-place finish

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

Although the SIUE men's indoor track and field team is the second-ranked Division II team in the nation, being number two simply was not good enough for them this past weekend. The Cougars logged their best performance of the year, taking first place at the 2006 DePauw Indoor Invitational on Saturday.

SIUE's final tally of 137 points edged out the second-place Missouri Baptist University, who finished with 134.5 points. SIUE and Missouri Baptist dominated many of the events. Closest behind the two schools was Iowa Central Community College, who earned a third-place finish with 57 points.

Four runners placed first in their events for the Cougars. SIUE sophomore Kyle Rose won the 200-meter dash, coming in just 31 milliseconds in front of freshman teammate Chris Littleton. Littleton, who earned 8 points for his second-place finish in the 200, also won the 400, adding 10 more points to the

team's score.

"Both of those guys ran really well. Kyle is a sophomore and Chris is just a freshmen. As underclassmen, they really stepped it up and got the job done for us," SIUE Head Coach Ben Beyers said.

SIUE junior Cody Ellermeyer placed first in the 600-meter run, the sole Cougar to earn points for the school in that event. Ellermeyer crossed the finish line in 1 minute, 28.29 seconds. Junior Anthony Weber added another 10 points to SIUE's total by winning the pole vault category.

"Anthony has been consistently good all year long. Hopefully, this win will add to Cody's confidence, so we can continue that success," Beyers said.

Coming in a full five seconds in front of second-place Vincennes University, the SIUE 4x400 meter relay team also won its class.

Fourteen individual SIUE runners added five or more points to the school's total. Six of the

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Women go 1-2 on the road

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's basketball team finished a tough three-game road trip with a 1-2 record. All three games were Great Lakes Valley Conference games against teams above .500.

On Tuesday night, the Cougars went to play at the Pepsi Arena in Quincy. The Cougars started out the game with a 10-3 run in the first 4 minutes and 55 seconds. After that run, the Cougars held the lead until the last 2:50 of the first half. What sparked Quincy's comeback were four turnovers on the last six possessions by the Cougars.

The turnovers hurt the Cougars, who went into the half down 37-32. Both teams were on fire in the first, shooting over 55 percent from the floor.

The beginning of the second half was back and forth. In the first 6:52 of the second half, the game remained within two



KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE
SIUE sophomore guard Whitney Sykes takes a jump shot during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center.

possessions and was tied three times. The Cougars kept it close the entire half, but Quincy was able to get a little breathing room by amassing an eight-point lead with 4:30 to go.

The Cougars refused to give up, reaching within two points with 52 seconds left on a layup from senior forward Alisa Carrillo.

The Cougars fouled in hopes that Quincy would miss its free throws. Although Quincy did miss two of them, the Cougars were unable to come away with the victory, losing 68-64.

Both teams shot around 50 percent and Quincy made seven of 14 shots from behind the arc. The Cougars had a strong game in the paint, outscoring Quincy 32-14. Carrillo led the team in the first game with 21 points and came up second with seven rebounds.

Junior forward Julianne McMillen was second on the

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Women's track finishes second

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

There must be something in that Indiana water. For the second week in a row, the SIUE women's indoor track and field team placed second in an invitational in Greencastle, Ind.

In a chance to redeem their second-place finish in the Feb. 4 Tiger Indoor Invitational, the Cougars headed back east for the 2006 DePauw Indoor Invitational this past weekend.

Although two runners earned first place, SIUE could not come up with the extra 19 points it needed to sneak past first-place Missouri Baptist University.

Both Missouri Baptist and SIUE were miles ahead of their competition, however. Seventy-two points separated the Cougars from third-place University of Indianapolis.

SIUE junior Tairisha Sawyer placed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.39 seconds. Freshman teammate Angel Royston was hot on her pursuit, coming in 47 milliseconds later

to earn second-place.

In another impressive performance by an underclassman, freshman Deserea Brown won the 400-meter. The Cougars had four runners finish in the top eight in the category, all earning points toward SIUE's total. Senior Kimetha Williams, Royston and sophomore Jessica Levy placed third, fourth and fifth, respectively. Levy also placed sixth in the 200.

Four Cougar athletes placed second in an event. Sophomore Kelly Flounders placed second in the 5000 with a time of 19: 25.79 seconds.

Junior Valerie Simmons placed second in the triple jump, and senior Lindsey DeFevers placed second in the weight throw.

In addition to the individual performances, SIUE's "A" relay team placed second in both the 4x200 and 4x400 events. The "B" team placed third in the 4x200 and fifth in the 4x400 races.

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men added points in multiple categories. Sophomore Erik Steffens placed fourth in the 3000-meter run and fifth in the 1-mile run, earning 9 points. Aaron Cook, a sophomore jumper, notched eight points in the long jump and one point in the 55-meter hurdles. Cook was the only SIUE runner to earn points in the 55-meter hurdles.

SIUE freshman Aaron Wilson earned eight points by placing second in the 800 with a time of 1:59.03. Senior Dustin Bilbruck scored in two events. A

fifth-place finish in the pole vault, paired with a sixth-place finish in the long jump, allowed him to contribute seven points to the team score.

Junior Blake Marcum and sophomore Keith Patten each brought home six points. Patten placed third, 25 milliseconds behind Wilson, in the 800. Marcum placed sixth in both the 800 and the 1-mile run.

The Cougars travel to Charleston this weekend for the Friday Night Special.

WOMEN'S TRACK

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SIUE had a strong showing in the weight throw, having athletes notch second, third and fourth place.

Slightly trailing DeFevers performance were teammates senior Holly Noller and junior Callie Glover. Noller came in third, while Glover earned

fourth. All three of the women also earned points in the shot put category. DeFevers came in fourth, Noller came in sixth and Glover came in seventh.

Next up for the Cougars is a road trip to Charleston for the Friday Night Special.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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team in points with 15, to go along with three boards and three assists.

The Cougars' weekend games began with the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Cougars held their ground again in the first half, with the game always within two possessions until the final 2:09. In the last two minutes, UMSL made two 3s, while the Cougars couldn't make a shot, giving UMSL a 35-25 lead at the half.

The second half wasn't as close, with UMSL getting a double-digit lead with 14:13 left.

The Cougars lost 65-48, mainly because of their poor shooting percentage. The Cougars shot 26 percent, clanking 39 of the 53 shots they put up as a team.

Freshman forward Deidra Dace led the team with 16 points to go with seven boards. McMillen was second on the team in scoring with nine points and led the team on the glass with nine rebounds.

The next opponent was University of Missouri-Rolla. The Miners came into the game with a 13-8 record. The Cougars had a great first half again starting out with an 11-4 run and kept the lead until the final 1:05 of the half when they were down by only one point. The Cougars went into the half down 31-30.

The second half of the game

was just as close as the first. Neither team had a lead greater than six points, plus it was tied three times and there were five lead changes.

The Cougars held the lead most of the half, but five minutes into the half, the Miners regained the lead and it was back-and-forth for the next three minutes. The Cougars got the lead back, but with two minutes left, the Miners were within one point.

UMR fouled the Cougars, but SIUE made all six of their free throws in the final 1:31. The Miners tied it though with a 3-pointer at 1:17.

In the final minute, the Cougars scored six points, while the Miners made only two. The Cougars came away with the 66-62 victory.

McMillen had another solid performance, leading the team in points with 19 and in boards with 15. Sophomore guard Amy Austin was second on the team in points with 10. The Cougars had a strong shooting performance shooting 50 percent from beyond the arc and 80 percent from the free-throw line.

The Cougars' next game is at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Vadalabane Center against the University of Southern Indiana.

The Screaming Eagles come to town sporting a 14-12 overall record with a 6-9 tally in the GLVC.

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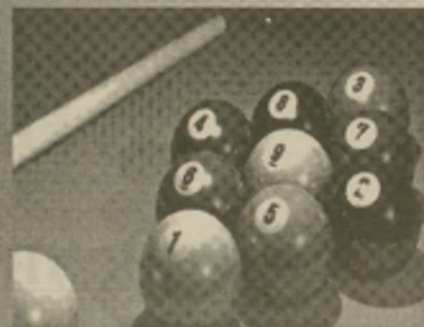
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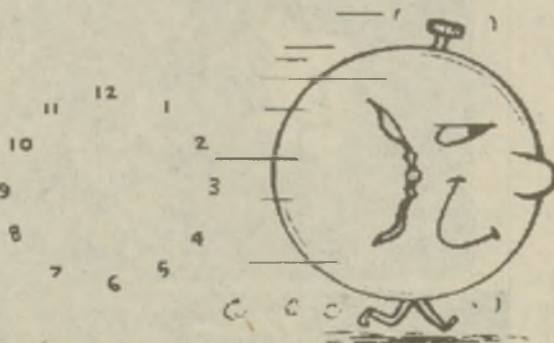
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February 2006

SIUE Black Heritage Month

Thursday, February 16

Dance Performance

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Join us for an exciting performance by the East St. Louis Center for Performing Arts.

Black Heritage Month Open Mic Night

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Come watch students showcase their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents as they take their turn at the open microphone.

Saturday, February 18

Voyage Through Africa

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Come celebrate Black Heritage Month with Mama Katambwa. All participants will have an interactive and memorable experience with stories, songs, dances, instruments and characters while learning about African cultures and traditions.

Tuesday, February 21

Panel – First in Flight and First to Fight: On the Wings of the Tuskegee Airmen

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
The Tuskegee Airmen rewrote the script of the United States Armed Forces by accepting the challenge to be the best of the best. Through their excellence and unparalleled dedication, they transformed the U.S. military into the present day

integrated fighting force. Come hear two surviving airmen tell their story.

Wednesday, February 22

Storytelling with Rudy Wilson

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Using myth, history, emotion, and grace, the storyteller will weave tales about faith, hope, survival, and courage to illustrate African and African American contributions to American history.

Lecture – Manning Marable

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Please join us for a dynamic presentation featuring Manning Marable, a prolific author and one of America's most influential and widely read scholars. His latest book, *Living Black History*, connects today's social issues with the tribulations and triumphs of yesterday and interweaves history with tales from his own teaching life such as, establishing the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan, where Malcolm X was murdered, as an historical institute, or mobilizing students to vote as they learn about the Freedom Summer of 1964. A Professor of Public Affairs, Political Science, and History at Columbia University and the founding Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies, Professor Marable's presentation is entitled *Diversity and Democracy in American Education: Making Multiculturalism Work*. Co-sponsored by Iota Phi Theta, Blaq Poets Society and National Society of Black Engineers.

Thursday, February 23

Celebrating the Black Arts Movement (BAM)

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Reflections on the 40th Anniversary of the Black Arts Movement – a continuation of SIUE's "Drumvoices Festival of Black Arts" – with performances of short poetic works by faculty and students. Anecdotal and researched commentary, coupled with audience responses, will be integrated into an interactive audio-photo-poetic mosaic to achieve both a live and multimedia demonstration of the impact of BAM on the 1960's and 70's—and the present day.

Saturday, February 25

African Night

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Enjoy an evening of African culture through food, dance, and entertainment.

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Tuesday, February 28

Film – Hotel Rwanda

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mississippi-Illinois Room, Morris University Center
Set during one of the worst atrocities in African history, this film takes place amidst the attempted genocide of the Rwandan people in 1994 by the Hutu militia. Paul Rusesabagina was a hotel manager in Kigali who took in over 1,000 refugees



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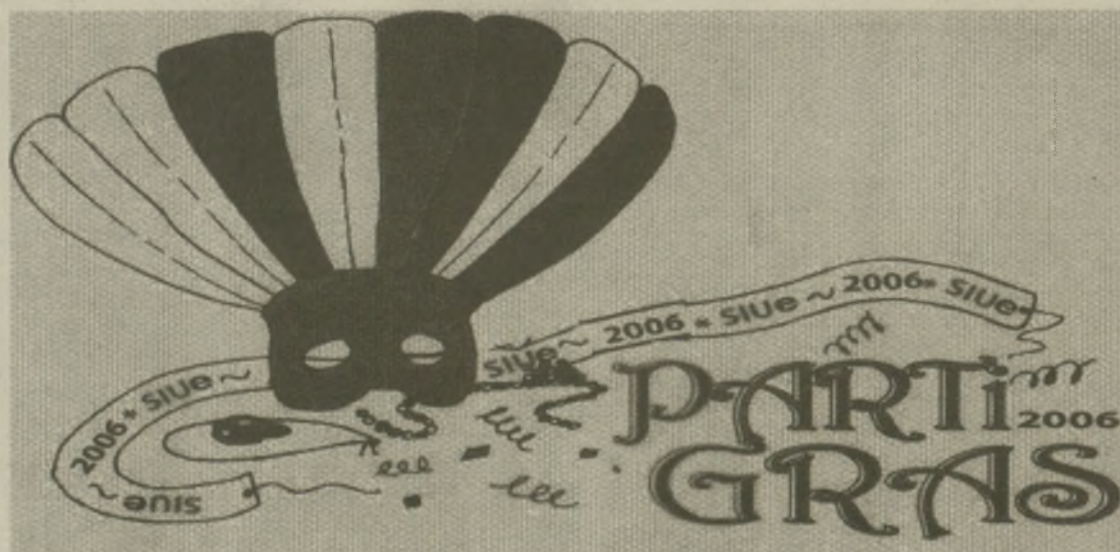
Wednesday, March 1

Film – Bamboozled

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library
Bamboozled is a dark, controversial, biting satire of the television industry, focusing on an Ivy-League educated black writer at a major network, a network television's pitfalls and prejudices, and a humorous look at how race, ratings, and the pursuit of power lead to a television writer's stunning rise and tragic downfall. Sponsored by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

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PERSONALS

The ladies of Alpha Phi want to congratulate Emily Mott for being this week's sister of the week. 2/16/06

The ladies of Alpha Phi want to thank the men of Alpha Kappa Lambda for a great mixer last Friday! 2/16/06

Sigma Pi Burro this week: Coz and Cody for arguing with McDonald's over \$3. 2/16/06

Sigma Pi Brother of the week: Arnis for safely giving Cody and Bolt a ride all around Edwardsville. 2/16/06

The Men of Sigma Pi would like to thank the Men of Sigma Phi Epsilon for a great toilet bowl and keeping the tradition. 2/16/06

Take a ride with Sigma Pi. Join us for a safe and comfortable ride to Souard for Mardi Gras. Info from 11-3 in MUC. 2/23/06

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