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Senate rejects sorority program, discusses fin-aid

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Tension concerning Student Government's constitution and a program request for Delta Phi Epsilon, in addition to talks of financial aid, took center stage Friday afternoon in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Talks of approving the sorority's \$1,300 request to fund their 65 Roses Gala and Silent Auction fell through, as the Student Government constitution prohibits funding charitable fundraising events put on by student organizations. The restriction is also a state law, but the Senate agreed to disagree on the terms of the rule and that it is up to individual interpretation.

"We had discussed a few different issues with this, but none of them were going to work and that's not saying that there aren't others," Finance Board Chair Brandon Rahn said. "I would like to state that even with tabling the motion or going into our discussion, that does not change the fact that this is in our funding manual, it is a law and tabling or further discussion won't change that."

Numerous members of the Senate as well as Director of Kimmel Leadership Center Steve Sperotto suggested the motion be tabled and brought back at the next Student Senate meeting to further prepare funding for, or reconstruct, the event.

"If they do not receive funding, we'll find the source for funds some place, not from university funds, but somewhere," Sperotto said. "Yes, the Senate can interpret indirect funding to a charitable cause, but it gets into a really gray area."

Student Body President Laurie Estilette saw the purpose of the program was genuine, yet something that Student Government simply could not approve due to constitutional restrictions.

"If the program was strictly for awareness, we wouldn't have a problem with it," Estilette said. "In this case, the fundraising portion is the problem and anyway to get around it either directly or indirectly funding it, in my opinion, to this Senate, is unethical."

After much debate amongst the Senate, the program request for Delta Phi Epsilon was voted on and failed by a vote of 7-1 with one member abstaining from the vote.

Soon after, Student Government broke into an unexpected 20-minute executive session, which Student Organization Advisory Board Chair Ankur Patel explained upon returning was to discuss possible changes to be made to the constitution in future weeks.

"In executive session we talked about making changes

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Allison Prorise/Alestle

Members of the Student Senate and Executive Board discussed financial aid with administrators Friday.



Chris Oberholtz/Kansas City Star/MCT

Members of the Kirkwood, Mo., community gather Friday for a candlelight vigil to remember the lives lost Thursday evening during a shooting at City Hall.

'This is a time for sober reflection'

Area remembers Kirkwood shooting victims

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

The shooting rampage in the Kirkwood, Mo., City Council chamber not only gave pause to the nation, but also brought strong emotions for members of the Metro-East and SIUE communities, especially for those with ties to the fallen.

T.R. Carr, professor and chair of the Department of Public Administration and Public Policy, gathered at a prayer service for the wounded Kirkwood Mayor Mike Swoboda Saturday at St. John's Mercy Medical Center with 80 other people. He had worked closely with Swoboda for more than six years.

"This is a time for sober reflection," Carr said, who is also the mayor of Hazelwood as well as the president of the St. Louis County Municipal League. "The news appears to be getting better for Mike, but we still have the loss of two council members, two police officers and

a public works director."

Swoboda was unconscious and in critical condition at the time, incapacitated by two bullets that struck him in the head Thursday. The shooter, Charles Lee "Cookie" Thornton, shot and killed five people at the Kirkwood City Council meeting before being gunned down himself.

Psychology graduate student Lindsay Kurth, a Graduate student in psychology, grew up in the St. Louis suburb and returned for the candlelight vigil Friday. She said between the capture of kidnapper Michael J. Devlin, to the 2005 shooting of another police officer, and the most recent shootings, Kirkwood had received a lot of negative publicity. But, Kurth said, the news was a shock to the normally quiet town.

"It really is a safe, close-knit community," Kurth said. "I think that's what people need to know."

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Police Reports

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Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property after a door was kicked down in the 500 block of Cougar Village.

Police gave Ashleigh L. Henson a citation for expired registration on North Circle Drive.

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Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property in Bluff Hall after 15 light covers were damaged. The individual responsible for the damage provided a statement and agreed to reimburse the university for more than \$300 in damages.

Police issued Rashonda Brown a citation for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Christopher B. Glynn a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of an automobile accident involving a deer on New Poag Road. There were no road blockages or injuries, and the animal was put down.

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Police issued Lacey N. Howe a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Laura M. Simms a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police took a report of damage to a smoke detector on the 500 side of Cougar Village. The case is under investigation.

Police issued Oun G. Bae a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property after a timer controlling the lights of the Cougar Village Commons was tampered with.

Police responded to Evergreen Hall after a recycling bin was stolen.

Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property after lights were damaged in Woodland Hall.

Police took a report of a two-vehicle accident in the Evergreen Hall Lot. There were no injuries and no blockages reported.

Police took a report of a two-vehicle accident in Parking Lot F.

Police arrested Jared D. Fuhler for a DUI on South University drive, after

police pulled over his vehicle and conducted a field sobriety test. The officer at the scene pulled over Fuhler after noticing he was driving on two flat tires. Fuhler was also given a citation for the use of unsafe tires.

Police issued Tonny Bowers a citation for driving without a valid license.

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Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property in the East St. Louis Center.

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Police issued Heather E. Arce a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Carrie L. Patterson a citation for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police and fire department responded to a fire alarm and reported a gas leak in building B in the East St. Louis Center. The building was evacuated without incident.

Police took a report of battery between two female subjects in the cafeteria of Building B in the East St. Louis Center. The case is under investigation.

State's attorney calls for grand jury in ISP case

Alestle Staff Report

The clock is counting down in the case involving Trooper Matt Mitchell, as St. Clair County's prosecutor is seeking a special grand jury to decide the fate of the case.

State's Attorney Robert Haida announced his intentions Feb. 5, when he told reporters that a group of 16 jurors would review the Illinois State Police report on the Nov. 23 crash.

SIUE freshman Jessica Uhl and her sister, Kelli, both of Collinsville, were killed in an automobile accident on Interstate 64.

The sisters had just left a family photo session over Thanksgiving break. Mitchell, who was rushing to the scene of an accident, lost control of his vehicle and crossed the median of the highway, striking the Uhl sisters' Mazda sedan.

Two other motorists were injured in the accident.

A coroner's jury ruled Jan. 23 that reckless homicide caused the deaths of the Uhl sisters. It was at that time that ISP investigators first revealed Mitchell was traveling 126 mph before losing control.

ISP's refusal to give information about the crash raised questions into the validity of an internal investigation and sparked criticism from Belleville lawyer Tom Keefe, who represents the Uhl family.

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FREE LOVE

Free condoms available in MUC Wednesday

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

This year, Valentine's Day will mean more than heart-shaped boxes, bouquets of flowers and stuffed animals for students at SIUE, with a display of condom appreciation Wednesday in the Morris University Center.

The second week in February is National Condom Week, presenting an opportunity for students to learn about safe sex practices and pregnancy prevention.

Bethany Place, a local non-profit organization, chose to celebrate National Condom Week by distributing free condoms and setting up safe sex information tables at SIUE, McKendree University, Lewis and Clark College and Kaskaskia College.

Bethany Place is the largest non-profit AIDS service organization in the St. Louis Metro-East area and works to teach and spread information on AIDS prevention regardless of race, gender, finance or orientation throughout the community. This organization serves an eight county area with testing, teaching and support.

Some controversy arose when Southwestern Illinois College refused to allow the distribution of free condoms on campus.

SIUE Health Services has offered free condoms to students for many years.

Katie Barnhart, Community Prevention and Education Coordinator for Bethany Place, said she was glad to see that SIUE is open to sex awareness education.

"So many people don't know how to protect themselves," Barnhart said. "In fact a large percentage of Americans in general don't use condoms correctly."

This is where Bethany Place comes into play. From 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, the Morris University Center will feature several tables set up by Bethany Place and co-sponsors, Eta Sigma Gamma and MadCap.

These tables will be distributing 6,000 free condoms to students, as well as information booklets. Students will be able to learn about correct condom use with lube testing tables and instruction on how to properly put on a condom, even while wearing provided beer goggles.

"We're going to inflate a condom too, to show that they stretch to 17 inches," Barnhart said. "We want to dispel the myth that condoms are 'uncomfortable.'"

"Condoms are the best barrier to protect yourself if they are used correctly. It's something people need to know about."

In addition to the tables set up in the center of the MUC, two rooms upstairs will be reserved for free and confidential HIV testing.

Andrew Maas, a sophomore mass communications major, said when it comes to universities teaching and distributing protection to students, "better safe than sorry."

"Providing the information and condoms is half the battle," Maas said, "but each person would have to make their own decision as to whether to use it or not."

Health Services Head Nurse Sue Grimes said the key to being informed on safe sex practices is through "solid information, not 'hearsay.'"

Health Services provides students with a variety of pamphlets on sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy prevention, as well as one-on-one counseling for anyone

interested in gaining more knowledge on the issues. Teachers from Health Services are available for group presentations, Grimes said.

Attaining this kind of information is part of a "maturation process," according to Grimes.

"To some people, it would say that your college is condoning sexual behavior," Grimes said. "There has never been any backlash here."

Freshman art education major Tiffany Tate said most students would use condoms if they had them, but lack of funds or laziness prohibits the use of protection.

"Sex is obviously a part of a lot of students' lives," Tate said, "so it only seems smart to educate them and equip them with the tools that will enhance that and help them make smart choices concerning it ... I don't know anyone who prefers unsafe sex to safe sex. I think unsafe just happens when you're unprepared."

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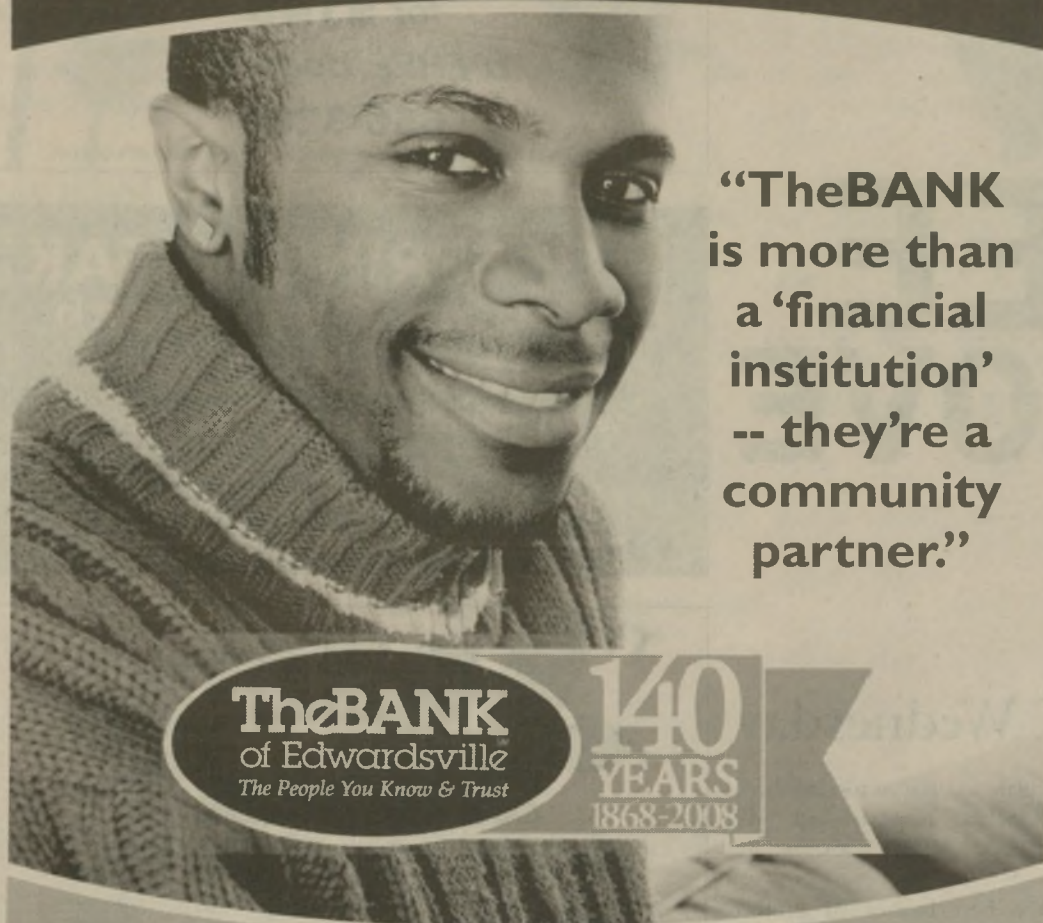
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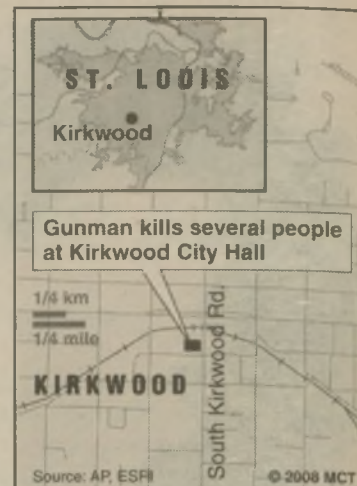
While saddening, she said the Friday night vigil showed just what kind of community Kirkwood was.

"It was really great that everyone came together," Kurth said. "I found a lot of comfort in that there were so many people there."

Thornton had a long history of quarrels with the council, according to council members and longtime reporters of the area; mostly disputes over fines Thornton accumulated from his demolition business. At one time, Thornton was charged with assaulting Public Works Director Ken Yost, but Swoboda and the council had no ill will towards Thornton, Carr said, and continued to let him speak at council meetings.

"(Swoboda) knew this individual and did not want to ban him from council meetings," Carr said. "He wanted him to be heard."

Since the shooting, Carr has been taking calls from spouses of current council members, asking what they can do to help the safety of their significant other in office. It's a sign that the shooting will have a lasting psychological impact, one that may get in the way of people



seeking public office. The tragedy has also changed the way people think about the forum itself.

"We generally think of the city hall as the safest place to be," Carr said. "There will be a longer-term impact."

The extent of the impact to local governments remains to be seen, Carr said, but for now friends and neighbors of Kirkwood are trying to cope with their loss.

"It represents a great deal of challenges," Carr said. "Anytime we have an open society, occasionally things go wrong, and we have to pay a very high price."

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in the Student Government constitution and enforce policies and make sure we do what we need to do for the students," Patel said. "In past years we have had two different constitutions for Executive Board and Senate, but we have never been successful in merging the two together. We need to make these changes or things will continue to go the way they are going."

Estillette said members of Student Government need to attend the SOAB meeting where the constitution will be reviewed Feb. 15.

"That's politics at its best and the answer as to why the constitution has failed over the past years," Estillette said. "Certain people weren't there during the process of getting (the constitution) together, and they waited until it was time to vote, and in the Student Government process you guys have to do something about it."

For the second straight meeting, Scott Belobrajdic, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, addressed the Senate, this time in regards to financial aid at the university.

Belobrajdic outlined various issues within the department of financial aid and looked to the Senate for suggestions into fixing the situation in the future.

Noted in the presentation was a 13 percent increase in student financial aid filings in fall 2007 over the previous year.

Belobrajdic said the increase took place with 51 fewer students enrolled in the university.

"There are a handful of instances where we could have done something different as administrators, and we understand the importance of the issue, and the goal is to be staffed appropriately to address these issues," Belobrajdic said. "There is no one in the financial aid office who is not concerned with getting the students the resources they need."

Belobrajdic also said a new financial aid adviser and processing position have been added for next year to handle the increase in transactions and that even with the future completion of the Student Success Center, Financial Aid will remain in Rendleman Hall.

The Senate also approved three personnel appointments, bringing in sophomore business major Dianna Baurassa as the new School Spirit and Pride Chair, sophomore English major Mary Clabaugh to the final vacant Senate seat and freshman Krystle Callais as a member of the SOAB committee. Baurassa and Clabaugh both currently serve on the Finance Board as well.

The next Student Senate meeting is scheduled to take place Feb. 22.

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Young voters seeing beyond race

We've heard it a million times before: it's a landmark election year. Within a matter of weeks (or months), one of two groundbreaking events will occur: either a black man or a white woman will be selected as the official Democratic candidate to the presidency.

In this race, the party is split between a freshman senator and a former first lady. Pundits and Joe Citizens alike have debated each candidate's qualities ad nauseam: Does Obama have the necessary experience? Didn't Clinton already "run" the White House once?



Megan McClure

Among the questions on Americans' minds is: If either of the Democratic candidates is elected to the presidency, is America ready for this step?

Wait, no. I misspoke. By "Americans," I meant "citizens of an older generation deeply rooted in the past."

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have heard more than one person say that they "fear for Obama's life." What is this, 1958? Although many of our nation's leaders are still the stereotypical "old, white men," it is not at all uncommon to see black lawmakers on the national political front.

Coincidentally, not one of the persons I have heard convey this apparent fear for Obama's life has been from our own generation. Is it possible that "Generation Me" has a point?

Could this stereotypically, self-absorbed voting bloc actually see beyond race and gender to view candidates as – gasp – people?

Perhaps the younger generation is actually setting a positive example in this landmark election year. America is facing too many problems for voters to be concerned with candidates' demographic statistics.

Regardless of who is elected Nov. 4, some members of the American public should re-examine their priorities. Antiquated racial prejudices have no place in modern American politics.

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I didn't think this was an online class

Maybe it's to stop cutting down the rainforest to type papers or easier for the Facebook generation to grasp.

I am talking about the near-religious use of Blackboard by some professors that it is no longer a supplement to the curriculum, but rather an "I may as well have gone to the University of Phoenix online" addition to the curriculum.



Allan Lewis

Possibly I am a little underqualified on the subject, being that it is my first year of college. I have not yet fully grasped the concept of

harnessing Blackboard to its high octane potential, but am I the only one who finds it a bit disturbing to respond to mandatory questions on an internet message board and have other students be able to read my responses and possibly steal them?

At first, my teachers wanted nothing to do with Blackboard. I would occasionally be able to check up on a grade, but that was about it. Now, I am turning papers into a "digital drop box" and receiving them back in a "digital passing back of papers."

What is so wrong with doing things the old-fashioned way: typing a paper, stapling that bad boy, bringing it to class and turning it in? It is a lot less distracting and just sort of the norm to get things done and

back in physical form rather than wait for it to come back to you scribbled on in "virtual red ink" rather than the real thing.

If SIUE actually endorses using this software that apparently does not even work with Windows Vista to the point where everything at the school is eventually done online, what is the point in going to class?

I am a busy person and with Blackboard running the show, there are many things that would be more beneficial to me as a student than mandatory attendance in an online-based course.

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Feb. 14 is about love, not money

When I think of Valentine's Day, I imagine diamond company commercials, roses, big boxes of candies and dinner at a fancy restaurant.

Though the hype of Feb. 14 has seemingly made the day extremely stressful on some couples. People are concerned with buying the right gift, picking the right restaurant or making sure they look perfect for their loved one.

There is nothing wrong with any of this, but instead of inviting stresses into a relationship, why not keep things simple?

Pick a favorite restaurant you two enjoy, stay home and watch a movie and cook dinner together or go see a new movie the two of you think looks good.

Or, for something a little more active, go bowling or play indoor mini golf.

Valentine's Day is supposed to be about being with the person you care about. Don't let planning something for the day become so cumbersome that you forget what celebrating Feb. 14 is all about.

Instead of stressing over candies, perfume and restaurant reservations at that swanky place downtown, just take some time to think of a simpler way to spend the day.

Love shouldn't be about spending money, but enjoying the company of your significant other.

I am not opposed to making Valentine's Day something extremely special, but I am opposed to trying to make things so perfect that it ruins the day if one small detail goes wrong. It just doesn't seem worth it.

Saying "I care about you" is the only necessity to celebrating Valentine's Day. If speaking your feelings is hard for you, then all you need to give your significant other is a hug and a kiss.

If swanky restaurants and planning romantic evenings is your thing, then by all means, go for it! Have an amazing night! But if you don't want to make a huge deal out of Valentine's Day, then don't be afraid to just keep things simple. Smile, laugh, kiss and enjoy the company of the one you care about.

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Sydney Elliot

Professor discusses pros and cons of collegiate love connections

Alestle Reporter

"Sometimes it gives you a perspective of what really matters

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Now Reviewing: “Sleep Through the Static”

by **Lori Schueler**
Alestle Reporter

Recorded with 100 percent solar energy and using recycled paper for the CD case, Jack Johnson’s latest album released on Feb. 5. “Sleep Through the Static” is a collection about all things natural and human: love, hate, war, change, struggle and rebirth.

Giving off a mellow, lazy feel, most of the songs on this album are soft and slow, easy-listening tunes. Although it has a calm sense, the powerful lyrics about our planet, society and personal experiences are not overshadowed.

The song “Sleep Through the Static” gives strong suggestions about the nature of humankind as we are today. Repeating the lyrics, “We went beyond where we should have gone,” the song talks about how we are war-hungry creatures who put little value on relationships, compromise or peace. The song makes us think twice about what we consider “accomplishments” in today’s world and gives off the sense that we are blind and robotic when it comes to our everyday actions.

Presenting a similar feeling of loneliness and confusion is “All at Once,” which is the first track on the album. Describing the world as overwhelming and gigantic, the lyrics tell about how someone may feel lost and alone in a world that seems to be filled with so many things, but at the same time feeling empty. It mentions how many things are taken for granted and everyone



needs to feel like they have place in this world.

But not the entire album is comprised of serious, debatable issues in society. “Angel” gives the album a romantic and hopeful feel of love and bearing children. The short and sweet two minute song is assumed to be about Jack’s love for his wife and his children. In a product description on Amazon.com, Jack writes, “Some of the songs on this album are about making babies. Some of the songs are about raising them. Some of the songs are about the world that these children will grow up in; a world of war and love, and hate, and time and space.”

The final song worth mentioning is “If I Had Eyes” which has a catchy beat and is the typical sounding Jack Johnson song. The song is about falling in and out of love and the struggles of winning back a girl.

Although the album could use a little more upbeat and lighthearted tracks, which his previous albums never seemed to have left out, the message the album sends and the overall quality of the album is definitely worth a listen.

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Comedy Central comedian performs tonight in Woodland

by **Erika Helmerchs**
Alestle Reporter

Students will have the opportunity to watch Comedy Central comedian Retta perform stand-up in Woodland Hall’s Multifunction Room tonight from 7 to 9 p.m.

“Retta is hilarious,” Kristin Hoover, general assistant at the Kimmel Leadership Center and contact for this event, said.

Retta has worked on Comedy Central’s “Premium Blend,” has performed in a “Comedy Central Presents” special and has worked on sketch comedy for “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.” She has appeared in movies like “Slackers” and “Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star.”

In the past five years, Retta has traveled to every state in the union telling her stories and soliciting laughter.

SIUE’s Campus Activities Board organized this event as

part of the “Just 4 Laughs” series, which features eight comedians every year.

“We found her at the National Association for Campus Activities,” Hoover said.

NACA is a convention that showcases different options that colleges and universities can utilize in entertaining students.

“A lot of the comedians are up and coming there,” Hoover said, “usually once we get them, they become a little bigger.”

The Just 4 Laughs series pulls in from 50 to 100 students at each event, Hoover said. This evening of stand-up has no admission cost and will offer free sodas and snacks for students.

The Campus Activities Board has been active with this event since its formation, Hoover said. CAB also holds a series of events called Late Night Laugh-In, featuring comedy for free on Friday nights.

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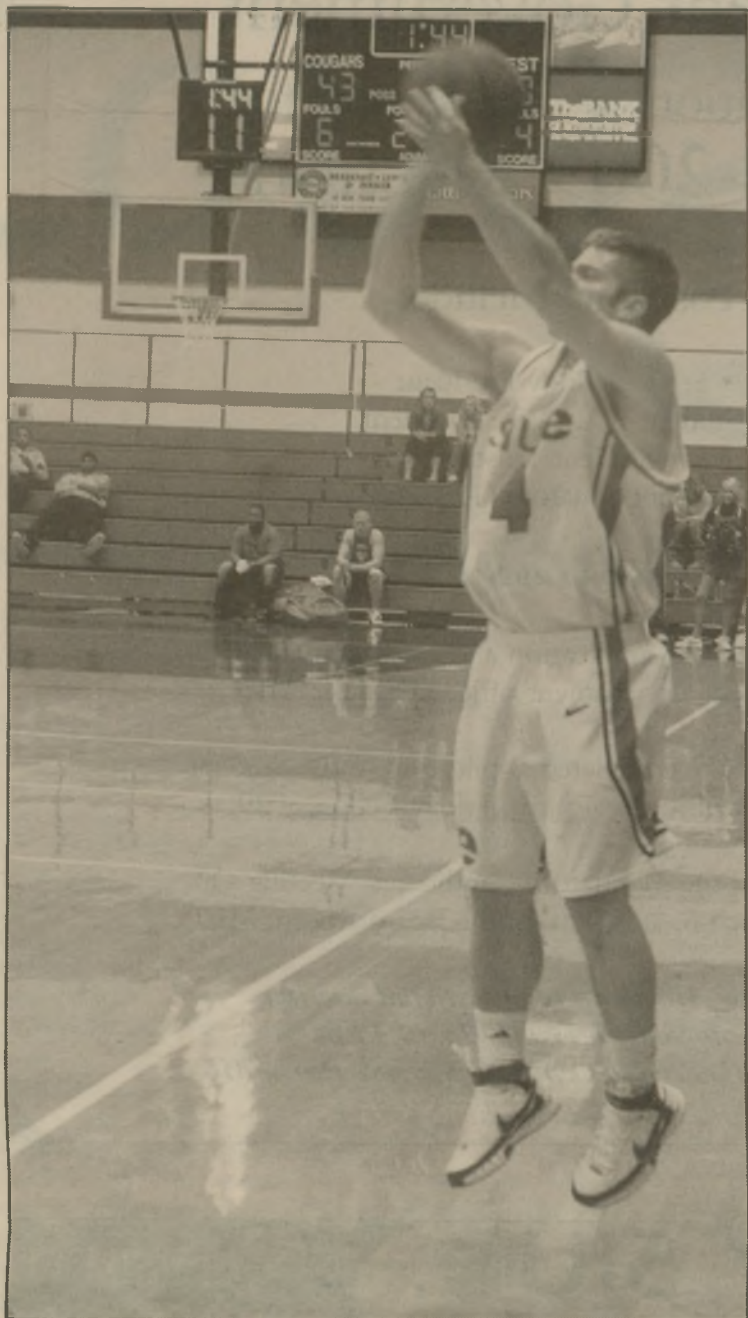
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Sophomore Stephen Jones attempts an outside shot during a game in a blowout against Oakland City University. Jones and the Cougars went on to beat UW-Parkside but lost to Lewis University over the weekend.

Weekend series split

Cougars win over University of Wisconsin-Parkside, drop contest against Lewis University

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

SIUE men's basketball junior guard John Edmison said last Monday that the Cougars had not won a single Great Lakes Valley Conference game on the road "yet" and the advantage would be "huge" if that changed.

So far, the Cougars are one-for-two on the five-game road trip after holding off GLVC foe University of Wisconsin-Parkside 99-84 in Somers, Wis., Saturday. SIUE dropped its Thursday night contest against Lewis University 76-70 in Romeoville.

"It was a very big game," SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said of the UW-Parkside game. "I thought our guys really stepped up to the challenge."

The challenge did not appear to come into play until the second half because SIUE entered halftime with a 17-point lead. In fact, the Cougars had a 24-point lead with 13:53 left in the second half before the Rangers battled back with a 25-8 run to come within six points.

UW-Parkside's LaVontay Fenderson scored 23 of his 33 points in the second half as part of the Rangers' run.

SIUE then held its own for the remainder of the game with a 22-13 run to nab its 12th victory

of the season.

Senior guard Anthony Jones, who picked up 14 points and four 3-pointers in the win, said that the win was even more gratifying because his team managed to hang in there on the road.

"We're playing at their house on the road," Jones said. "They kept fighting ... they're a good team, and we're glad that we got the win."

Senior guard T.J. Gray sank 20 points with three 3-pointers in a strong perimeter game and freshman center Nikola Bundalo did not miss a shot as he recorded 18 points. Senior center Doug Taylor netted 14 points and senior guard J.B. Jones added 11 points.

Kyle Clark finished with 18 points to back Fenderson's 33, and Dave Keane chipped in 15. D.J. Danzler added 10 points in the loss.

J.B. Jones said the road conference win is not only a sign of a near-mature squad, but the playoffs are still within reach.

"We still have a chance of making the conference (tournament)," Jones said. "I think our maturity is getting better and better as the games go on."

Both noted that the UW-

Parkside win was a result of a plan to not repeat mistakes from their Lewis loss two days before. Like UW-Parkside, the Cougars carried a double-digit lead into the second half, but they allowed Top-20 conference scorers Jason Genova and Brandon Dagens to help the Flyers rally back to get a two-point lead with 17 seconds left in the game.

Two Cougar fouls led to free throws from Dennis Thomas Jr. and Genova to seal the loss.

"With that Lewis game ... it was all SIUE," Anthony Jones said. "We let our guard down. We let them get back into the game."

Genova led all scorers with 21 points.

Gray led the Cougars with 18 points while Anthony Jones recorded 14 points. J.B. Jones added 11 points.

Dagens and Thomas each chipped in 16 points, and Stephan Bolt had 11.

The Cougars not only have another chance to improve their 5-8 conference record on the road, but also another shot at University of Missouri-St. Louis and Missouri University of Science and Technology this weekend. SIUE beat both squads at home two weeks ago.

MEN'S BASKETBALL/pg.10

Cougars drop two over the weekend

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

After two straight losses to University of Wisconsin-Parkside and Lewis University and at least an 18 percent 3-point shooting percentage in both games, the SIUE women's basketball team seemed baffled about its suddenly slumping offense.

"I don't know, I wish I had the answer," senior guard Elyse Morris said.

SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg did not have an exact reason behind the team's recent skid, but said the Cougars' mental game could be a contribution.

"We're just struggling right now to get shots to fall down for us," Hedberg said. "A part of it is mental, we're thinking about it too much. (There's) not much of a flow offensively."

While SIUE made just four of its 23 treys in the 74-63 loss to the Rangers in Somers, Wis., Saturday, UW-Parkside netted 10 3-pointers. The Rangers built an 11-point lead with more than 10 minutes into the first half, but SIUE responded with a 12-4 run to close within two points at halftime.

However, UW-Parkside paced itself in the second half with a trio of 3-pointers and two more free throws to earn its 14th win this season and eighth Great Lakes Valley Conference victory for a share of third place in the East Division.

Senior forward Amber Shelton led the Cougars

with 22 points and 12 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the 2007-08 campaign. Freshman guard Kara Frandsen hit two of the team's four 3-pointers and finished with 14 points off the bench and junior forward Jessie Stapleton recorded 10 rebounds.

Rangers star Kayla Ming, who is third in the GLVC with 19.4 points per game, sank four 3-pointers and picked up 18 points. Amanda Gibson added 16 points, Allison Smaglik collected 14 points and Chelsey Schadler scored 12 points in the win.

The Cougars were off to a solid start against the Flyers Thursday night in Romeoville with a lead as high as six points just minutes into the second half. However, Lewis scorched SIUE with a 22-6 run for more than five minutes and took advantage of the Cougars 37 percent shooting game and two 3-pointers for an 80-71 win and an even conference record.

"It's like everybody's shooting bad right now," Hedberg said. "We're just not getting the right combination of anyone who can knock down the open shots right now."

Shelton was the exception, as she scored 31 points in the loss. Morris and senior guard Whitney Sykes each added 14 points, but six other players played only a few minutes and averaged two points each.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL/pg.10



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SIUE senior Lauren Witherspoon attempts a layup during a game earlier this year. The Cougars dropped both of their games played over the weekend.

Cougars fall in close match to CMU

by Jacob Boone
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE wrestling team fell to the University of Central Missouri 34-3 at the Vadalabene Center Thursday.

While the score looked lopsided, the Cougars lost several close matches, something Head Coach Patrick McNamara said the team has to change.

The Cougars lone victory was by sophomore Tommy Hill in the 133-pound match. 197-pound sophomore Chris Flaughier lost a close decision by pinfall in the third period at 6:56. Other close decisions for the Cougars included sophomore Nick Shumate dropping a 7-6 decision in the 141-pound match, 174-pound senior Daniel Midgett losing 6-1, 149-pound sophomore Matt Mitchell losing 6-3, nationally-ranked 157-pound freshman Eric Pretto losing 5-2 and 165-pound freshman Blake Reed losing 8-6.

"We just aren't breaking through in some of those matches," McNamara said. "We gotta start winning those matches instead of letting them

slip away from us."

"A couple we were winning early in the match, and we got beat late in the match, so that was frustrating, and we just gotta continue to improve and continue to fix the mistakes that we're making."

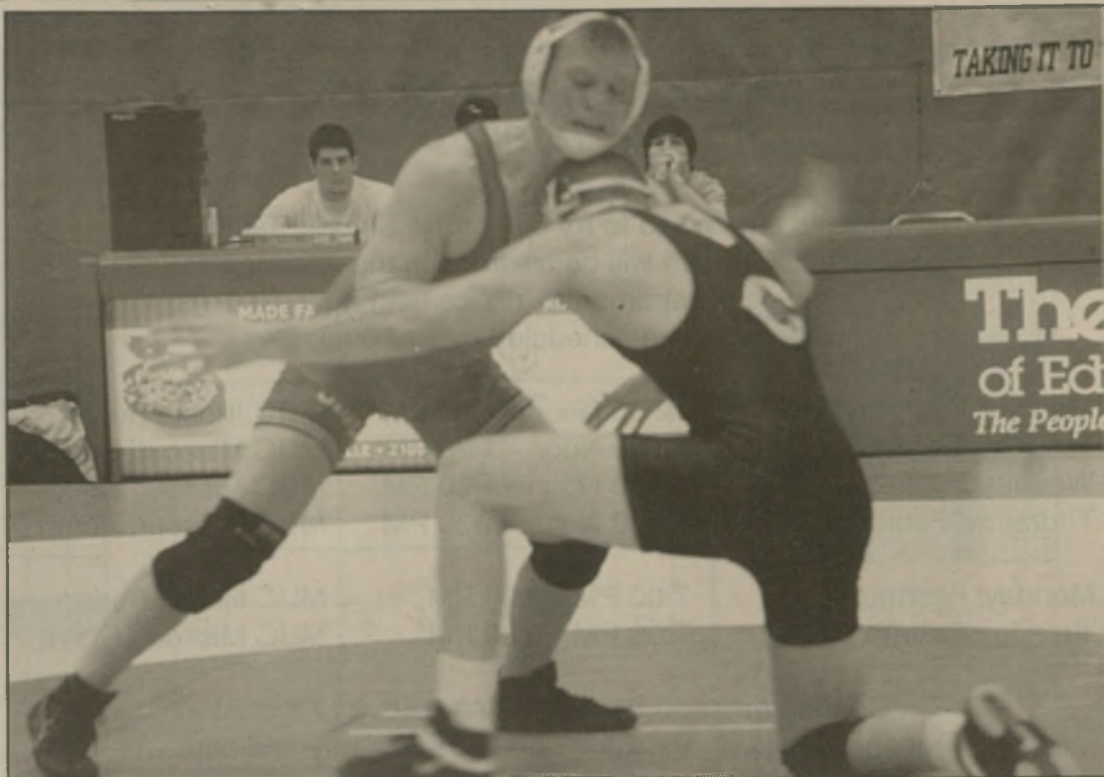
Like the Cougars' previous match with McKendree University on Jan. 30, Midgett said the final score was not indicative of how the meet went.

"We had a lot of close matches that were wrestled that didn't go our way, so at the end it just looks like it was a blowout when in reality we actually had a lot of close matches," Midgett said.

The Cougars also had to forfeit two matches in the 184-pound weight class and 125-pound weight class, something Midgett said hurt the Cougars.

"We're missing those two weight classes which really hurts the team in the long run," Midgett said.

McNamara said the team is not getting discouraged with the close decisions and was happy to see Hill come away with a victory.



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Dan Midgett, who wrestles in the 174 lb. weight class grapples with an opponent during a match earlier in the year. The Cougars will head back to SIUE to face both Northern Illinois University and Truman State University, 2 p.m., Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

"Tommy's working hard," McNamara said. "He's making progress. He's a really talented kid. He just needs to believe in himself and believe that he can win big matches."

Midgett said that while the team did not get the win against Central Missouri, it is still improving as the season winds down.

"It was upsetting that we didn't come through with the win, but from the McKendree meet to the CMSU (meet) from last night (Thursday), we're getting better and we've still got

three weeks before Regionals. We can actually do something at Regionals for sure this year. We just gotta fix some things that need to be fixed and work on those areas and continue (to) improve, and that's what we've been doing every week."

With Regionals coming up March 1, the Cougars will try to make improvements in hopes of getting wrestlers to the national tournament.

"We gotta get better on the mat, I think, a little bit more," McNamara said. "I think we gotta get better on top and gotta

get the breakdowns and really start to just improve in all three positions and get sharp and prepare for that Regional because that's real important. If we can get guys to the national tournament, that'd be huge for us."

The Cougars compete again at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Vadalabene Center against Northern Illinois University and Truman State University.

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SIUE Black Heritage Month 2008 - Schedule of Events

United or Divided, Where do we stand?



Wednesday, February 13

Panel Discussion – Justice and the Black Athlete
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

A distinguished panel of experts, led by Dr. Maruice Mangum, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, will discuss the differences in treatment received by black athletes when compared with white athletes. The panel will address how black athletes are held to a different standard by the justice system, the media, and public opinion. Topics for discussion will include Barry Bonds, OJ Simpson, Michael Vick, and the Jena 6.

Friday, February 15 – Sunday, February 17

Black Theater Workshop – The Many Faces of Family
Feb. 15 & 16 – 7:30 PM Feb. 17 – 2:00 PM

Metcalf Theater

A compilation of theatrical scenes, song, poetry and dance that celebrates the diversity of today's family. Directed and performed by SIUE students.

Sunday, February 17

Titanically Speaking: Sink or Swim
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

The journey to cultural competency is a long and conquerable one with no free rides. This workshop, led by Dr. Venessa Brown, Assistant Provost, is a simulation designed to challenge and strengthen the cultural competency and leadership abilities of students. Participants will come to see themselves as integral players in the pursuit of a genuinely multicultural world.

Tuesday, February 19

Panel Discussion – Are We Still Miseducating the Negro?

11:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This is a panel discussion of views outlined in Carter G. Woodson's book *The Mis-Education of the Negro* published in 1933 and African Americans' experiences and views today. In his book, Woodson identified several issues, concerns and barriers related to the social, economic, and psychological progression of African Americans in the United States. The panel, led by Dr. Shonda Lawrence, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, will respond and comment on: the issues/concerns and barriers presented by Mr. Woodson, their own experiences, their knowledge about African Americans' matriculation through educational systems, what they see as issues today, perceived outcomes for African Americans as a whole, and what they see as possible solutions.

Thursday, February 21

Health Fair: A Celebration of Health, 2008
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come and celebrate your health through health screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health care providers can improve your health in 2008 and beyond. Co-sponsored by SIUE School of Nursing and SIUE Counseling Services

Charles Drew Blood Drive

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mississippi-Illinois Room, Morris University Center

Dr. Charles Drew, an African American physician and medical researcher, pioneered techniques for blood storage that made the development of large-scale blood banks possible. Dr. Drew also protested the practice of segregating blood on the basis of the race of the donor.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Come watch SIUE students as they take their turn on stage showcasing their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents.

Wednesday, February 27

A Lesson Before Dying: The Burial of the 'N' Word
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

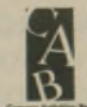
Using a funeral ceremony as the backdrop, this event will discuss the history and social significance of the most offensive word in American culture. Eulogies, songs, and an intellectual treatment of the 'N' word will precede burial. Members of the SIUE community will bury the 'N' word as a symbolic gesture for improving race relations and encouraging racial sensitivity.

Blackthink: Who and What is Black?

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come hear Kimberly Norwood, Professor of Law at Washington University School of Law, discuss the stereotypes of African Americans in today's culture. Are blacks expected to think a certain way? Be Democrats? Support affirmative action? Defend welfare? If an individual does not embrace these ideas, is the person "really" black or a traitor to the race? Do blacks get to exercise choice or does being black mean you have no choices? Join us for a discussion of these and other provocative questions.



All events are free unless otherwise noted. Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for a detailed schedule of events or visit www.siu.edu/cab. All events are subject to change. Black Heritage Month is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

Auditions

SIUE students are invited to try out for the Student Talent Show. First place prize of \$100.00 will be awarded in the following categories: vocal/instrumental, dance, and rap. Auditions will be scheduled every 20 minutes.

Monday, February 11	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Illinois Room
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Wednesday, February 13	12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM	MUC Missouri Room
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Jenna Mooberry led a quartet of Flyers with 17 points. Kelly Dianis added 15 points, Lauren Martens recorded 13 points and Jenny Turpel had 10 points.

Shelton said the team's offense needs more balance and the outside game needs more coverage defensively.

"Until we start knocking down shots outside ... there isn't much inside for us," Shelton, who recently earned ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District V second team honors, said. "I think a lot of it is we don't get on shooters fast enough (on defense)."

Between the Rangers and the Lewis University Flyers, the average perimeter shooting game was 48 percent and more than 47 percent overall.

"Teams are shooting in the 40 percent ... and our goal is to keep them under 40," Hedberg said.

The Cougars face familiar foes in the University of Missouri-St. Louis for a 5:30 p.m. Thursday tipoff and the Missouri University of Science

and Technology for a 1 p.m. Saturday start on the second leg of the road trip. SIUE split the games at home two weeks ago and will look for a season sweep against the Tritons and revenge against the Lady Miners, who came back with a big run in the second half to sink the Cougars 67-60.

"We know pretty well the personnel and the plays are fresh on our minds, so that helps," Shelton said.

However, according to Hedberg, the team does not see either team as an easy win. Hedberg said the games will be different with both schools, especially since the contests are not at home.

Morris said the keys to this week are for the Cougars to regroup and intensify their defensive game.

"We have to come together as a team and find out what we're made of," Morris said.

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Forrester said matchups will still be competitive as always, even if he already knows how they play.

"I never look at it that way," Forrester said on whether UMSL or S & T will be easier to play this time around. "It's always tough to beat a team a second time. We've got to out-tough them like we did with Parkside."

The Cougars tip off against UMSL at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in St. Louis and at 3 p.m. Saturday against S & T in Rolla, Mo.

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By Michael Mepham

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