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Northern Illinois University students use their hands to protect the flames on their candles at a midnight vigil the night of the shooting in DeKalb.

Alan Cesar/Northern Star

TRAGEDY

Gunman kills five, self at Northern Illinois University

21 shot in campus lecture hall

NIU students react to shooting

by Alan Edrinn and Kelth Cameron
of the Northern Star

Six dead and a total of 16 injuries, including the shooter, have been reported from the shooting Thursday afternoon at Northern Illinois University's Cole Hall.

Daniel Parmenter, 20, of Westchester; Catalina Garcia, 20, of Cicero; Ryanne Mace, 19, of Carpentersville; Julianna Gehant, 32, of Meridian; and Gayle Dubowski, 20 of Carol Stream were

identified as the shooting victims.

Twenty-two casualties, consisting of the injured and deceased were reported. All injured were students, including a teaching assistant who was teaching the Geology 104 class.

The shooter has been identified as Steven Kazmierczak, 27, a former graduate student, who enrolled at NIU in

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by David Thomas
of the Northern Star

Freshman undecided major Dan Espana was coming out of the gym when the shootings happened.

"I saw some kids running out of Cole Hall," Espana said.

Espana, who was accompanied by his friends, sophomores Paris Wilson and Eddie Sample, said he had heard the gunman was wielding a shotgun and that

it was maybe a possible hostage situation.

"Stay away from the Holmes [Student] Center and Neptune," Sample said, restating what he had heard.

Class had just ended for freshman Adam White when he saw them running. Class had ended at 3:15 p.m., and White said he heard it happened at 3 p.m.

"I heard the shooter was a white male," White said, saying he heard that

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Editor's note: In solidarity with the Illinois College Press Association, the Alestle is publishing selections from the Northern Star, the student newspaper of Northern Illinois University. Further Alestle coverage may be found inside today's issue.

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seven or eight shots had been fired.

A mass of people rushed onto the Huskie Bus, junior Alex Ross said.

"I saw people running from Cole, towards DuSable and the bus," Ross said. "When they got on, they were screaming and such."

Ross said he saw one student, Troy Chamberlain, who had suffered gunshot wounds to his legs, run from Cole to DuSable Hall.

Freshman Sharon Khalil was leaving from Neptune Hall and crossing a bridge near Cole Hall when students came pouring out.

Khalil, accompanied by freshman Joshua Peter, said three wounded students had entered Neptune.

"One was Asian, and he had a headshot. People were around him with paper napkins and getting him water and sugar," Khalil said.

Khalil said that the other two students were shot in the leg and in the head, respectively.

Sophomore Tyler Dameron was driving home from the Campus Recreation Center.

"I saw a ton of ambulances going by," Dameron said.

Junior Corrine Case was waiting for her 3:30 p.m. class in the vestibule of Cole Hall when she heard three loud bangs.

"It was like little explosions," Case said, stating that she had never heard anything so loud.

Almost instantly, Case said, people started to run out of the hall.

"I knew something bad had happened," Case said.

One student told her that someone was shooting, and Case said she ran to the top floor of Reavis Hall. Case stayed up there for 20 minutes.

"I didn't know what to do. People were still in their classes. Do I start yelling about a shooting?" Case said, saying that when she looked outside, she saw people walking by as if nothing happened.

Visit the Northern Star at www.northernstar.info for more information and continued coverage.



Stacey Huffstutler/Northern Star

A friend of a student shot in the leg reacts to the situation. Students gathered in the lobby of DuSable Hall at NIU for almost 30 minutes after the attack before officials were on hand to secure the building.

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spring 2007, who has since enrolled at University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

Kazmierczak did not have a prior arrest record, NIU President John Peters said, and police have no motive for the shooting.

When asked if the shooting had any connection to the threats during last semester's finals week, Peters said that he saw "no connection."

Peters said witnesses described the shooting as very brief, rapid fire from the stage that ended with Kazmierczak taking his own life. Kazmierczak used a shotgun and two

handguns: a Glock and a smaller caliber pistol.

All NIU classes will resume on Monday, Feb. 25.

Peters said outside agencies have been called to help, including the FBI, to process the crime scene, state police for interviewing and identifying, local police and fire department and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is on its way.

Cell phone companies brought equipment to expand capacity for students, Peters said.

Grief counseling centers are available at NIU's Holmes Student

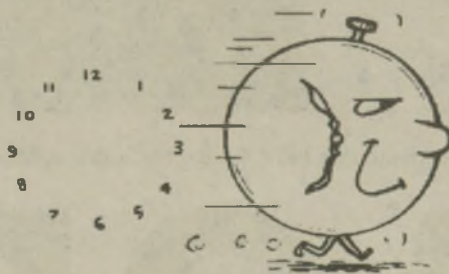
Center's Heritage Room, Neptune Dining, Stevenson Multi-Purpose room, Grant North C/D lounge and the Psychological/Computer Science Building.

Peters said his associates will be a large part of assisting in the grieving process for students, he said.

"I'll do what I can personally to help them through this, and they'll help me," Peters said.

Alestle Managing Editor Catherine Klene contributed to this report. Visit the Northern Star at www.northernstar.info for more information and continued coverage.

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ROTC student arrested on weapons charges

by Catherine Klene
Alestle Managing Editor

SIUE Police arrested a student on campus Friday morning after finding two airsoft BB guns and a 4-inch knife in his car.

According to SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll, junior education and ROTC student Stephen Vories was charged with unlawful possession of weapons on state property for having the two guns and the knife.

Vories was also charged with unlawful use of weapons after police found out that he brought a Taser gun to class. Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said Vories only showed his classmates the Taser; it was never used.

Conroy said SIUE Police were notified Thursday night that Vories posted something on his Facebook account that was considered an “indirect threat” against an ROTC sergeant.

“It was not a direct threat to the campus, but enough of a red flag that they wanted to talk to him,” Conroy said.

Police located Vories on campus at 6:30 a.m. Friday and brought him in for questioning. After receiving permission to search Vories’ car and Glen Carbon apartment, police found the BB guns and knife, as well as two 30-round magazines, both unloaded, which he obtained through ROTC.

“The weapon that he had was an airsoft gun, which you can buy at Wal-mart or Target,” Schmoll said. “It shoots plastic pellets.”

Schmoll said the weapons are not allowed on state property.

“If he were to have them in Edwardsville city, it’s fine,” Schmoll said. “It’s illegal to have them on a school university or college property.”

Vories posted \$100 bond and was released later on Friday.

Schmoll said Vories is not allowed on campus, except to attend a hearing with Student Affairs, and his court date is set for March 12 at the Madison County Courthouse.

Conroy said the university community was not alerted to the incident “because there was no direct threat to the campus.”

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

James Klenke said the response to the situation was appropriate. Klenke said SIUE Police and the Office of Student Affairs decide together when something is deemed a threat against the campus.

“It’s a judgment call with several individuals who would read the language and decide whether it is,” Klenke said.

Schmoll said SIUE did not interpret this incident as direct threat against the university, but rather an individual upset with his ROTC officer.

“I wouldn’t even say it was a threat at all. It was really something that he just wrote about one of his officers in ROTC,” Schmoll said.

Calls to the SIUE ROTC office were

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June Farley/Alestle
Pharmacy students Cole Naumann and Abby Dunker sing “The Prayer” during Mass Sunday evening at the Religious Center. A ceremony honoring those killed Thursday at Northern Illinois University took place in conjunction with the Mass. Other tributes are scheduled for later this week.

A time to reflect

Ceremonies offer tributes to NIU victims

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

In the aftermath of last Thursday’s campus shooting at Northern Illinois University, the SIUE community plans on remembering the victims through ceremonies and tributes in the coming weeks.

A short memorial service in honor of NIU took place before Catholic Mass Sunday night in the Religious Center.

“From what I saw Sunday night at our memorial tribute before and during our Mass, the students are visibly and quietly reflective about this and see that it can happen anywhere,” Sister Claudia Calzetta said. “It didn’t strike them until they had heard the names and knew it was so close being five hours away from here.”

Catholic Campus Ministry and United Campus Ministry are hosting a joint prayer service Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Religious Center. A Catholic Mass with intention and prayer for the NIU community

will take place at the same time Thursday.

“I do anticipate a lot of students coming down this week,” Calzetta said. “We are not in the mainstream of the building, so you have to deliberately want to come down, and we do have a handful of people who do.”

Calzetta said that the importance of the issue as well as the comfort level of students would be a factor in attendance Tuesday.

“It is really hard to say it depends on the appetite students have to attend,” Calzetta said. “It depends on how comfortable students are and how valuable this is to them.”

The memorial service on Tuesday will cater to all religions and give students of all faiths an opportunity to remember the victims at NIU.

“It will speak to all faiths,” Calzetta said. “We will reflect and pray together in order to hold these victims in our hearts.”

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Emergency text messaging system to start in March

by Whitney Tate
Alestle Correspondent

With the recent shooting at Northern Illinois University, safety at SIUE has become crucial. Emergency plans have already been established on campus and officials say a text messaging system will be available as early as next month.

Similar situations have occurred in recent years, but the proximity of NIU, a fellow Illinois state college, has produced a sense of realism for universities all across the state.

SIUE Police officials have already implemented short- and long-term precautions for the campus. SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said the university is maximizing patrol by putting uniformed and plain-clothed officers around the campus during academic hours. With the conclusion of evening classes, the law enforcement focus will shift to campus housing.

If an incident similar to the NIU shootings occurred at SIUE, Schmoll said the university’s Emergency Response Plan would come into effect. Schmoll said the SIUE Police received shooter training over the summer. Using a vacant residence hall, the

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Administration reacts to shootings at NIU, sends counselors

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

As state investigators were gathering evidence surrounding the Northern Illinois University tragedy Feb. 14, Gov. Rod Blagojevich convened a teleconference with the presidents of Illinois public universities and urged them to tighten security and offer counseling services to NIU.

In a press release from the office of Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard, he said, “I had an opportunity to express to the officials at NIU our greatest sympathy for what occurred yesterday at our sister campus.

“I offered them our university’s assistance in any way needed and let (NIU President John) Peters know that the thoughts and prayers of the entire SIU community are with his students, parents, faculty and staff,” the release continued.

Friday, SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift sent a message of condolence to NIU, which was viewable from the chancellor’s Web site as well as on the NIU

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Students walk past Campus Recreation's memorial sign Monday in the lobby of the Student Fitness Center. Tributes, such as the poster, or displays in the Religious Center and the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge, honor the students and staff of Northern Illinois University.

SIUE students reflect on shooting at NIU

by Lindsay Stuart
and Lori Schueler
Alestle Reporters

Her Facebook status said it all. "Rachael Cully is in shock."

The Northern Illinois University sophomore from Jacksonville was a witness to the NIU shootings on Thursday.

At 3:06 p.m., former NIU student Steven Kazmierczak walked into a lecture hall in NIU's Cole Hall and opened fire on the classroom. By the time police arrived on the scene, Kazmierczak had killed three students and himself, as well as injuring 16 others. Two more students died later in the hospital.

Cully was working in the nearby NIU bookstore when she heard about the shootings. She yelled for the fleeing students to come into the bookstore and was about to lock the door behind them when she saw a student covered in blood stumbling outside the bookstore doors. Cully yelled for him to get inside, but the student was "out of it completely." Cully then ran out and pulled the young man inside and locked the doors.

Although Cully acted bravely, she said she "was absolutely terrified."

SIUE senior nursing major Becky McCoskey said she worries about the possibility of a shooting on campus.

"It is really scary to think about something like this happening at SIUE," McCoskey said. "I think that emergency plans are important, and the administrators seem to be stepping up and putting some plans into action. However, I

don't think there is really any way to predict or stop something like this from happening."

Freshman nursing major Ashley Kahl has a friend who goes to NIU. Kahl said sophomore Scott Howell is thinking about transferring to a different school since the recent shootings. She said the tragedy has opened his eyes to the security of his school.

"He is still in shock, most definitely," Kahl said. "He is iffy about going back to school."

However, Kahl said the occurrence has not made her feel unsafe about SIUE.

"I feel fine here; completely safe," Kahl said. "The school handled it very well and we got e-mails right away."

Senior biology major Ashley Steinwagner used to work with an NIU student, who she contacted online to make sure he was okay.

"It kind of scared him a little, but he's not on that side of campus," Steinwagner said. "He wasn't ever over there so he felt a little more safe."

Steinwagner said Owens was shaken up over the incident but he has not mentioned leaving the school because he likes it there.

Senior speech pathology major Lindsey Cuba said she tries not to worry about a school shooting happening here.

"You can only take so many precautions, and I feel that SIUE administration is really taking control of this," she said. "They have seen what has happened at the other universities and are looking into better emergency plans."

McCoskey, who said that she

does not have any close friends who attend NIU, thinks that there may be a better way to prevent school shootings.

"Rather than pouring all our resources into safety and protection against these types of events, I think we should focus on treating people that are mentally ill. It seems that most of these shooters have either been mentally ill or have been labeled as social outcasts and bullied for most of their lives."

Cuba said she has a friend who attends NIU and was scheduled to be in the geology class in Cole Hall where the shootings took place, but he was not there that day.

"He had to pick up a friend so he was running late and didn't make it to class," Cuba said. "Talk about a blessing in disguise."

McCoskey, who found out about the shootings on the Internet, is worried about how frequent school shootings are.

"It's tragic. Unfortunately shootings have become a pretty regular occurrence in our society," McCoskey said. "When something like this happens so close to home, it really makes you think about your life and the things that are really important."

College students nationwide have used tools such as Facebook to show support for NIU.

"Everything happens for a reason, and it may be hard to see that now," Cuba said. "Know that through your grieving you will become strong."

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SWIC student arrested after alleged threat

Alestle Staff Report

While investigations are under way at Northern Illinois University for Thursday's shootings and SIUE for Friday's gun-carrying incident, Southwestern Illinois College has an investigation of its own regarding a student's alleged false terrorist threat.

Newspaper reports indicate that 21-year-old Steven Ellis of Belleville was charged with a Class I felony over the weekend for falsely making a terrorist threat. Reports also said that Ellis allegedly approached a fellow student about planning an attack

similar to NIU, and the student notified authorities about the conversation.

SWIC's Public Safety and Marketing Offices declined comment Monday. Multiple phone calls to the St. Clair Sheriff's Department were not returned due to investigators and administrators having President's Day off.

According to reports, Ellis was held at the St. Clair County jail on \$100,000 bond and is isolated under a close watch.

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not returned as of Monday afternoon.

According to Schmoll, an incident is considered a direct threat if the university had knowledge that someone was coming on campus with a weapon and had made some indication that he or she planned to harm someone on campus or a group.

An indirect threat, he explained, had more to do with hearsay or word of mouth.

"There was a Facebook post, never a direct threat," Schmoll said.

Klenke said students would be notified if campus security became an issue.

"When we feel that campus security is compromised, we never hold back information," Klenke said. "We always notify the campus when we feel it's

prudent ... In this situation, it was felt that it did not reach that level."

Conroy said incidents have occurred in the past when students have reported things posted on Facebook, and the university has looked into them.

"We check on all those," Conroy said. "The Facebook incidents, I'm not sure they've been part of an e-mail to the campus ... They weren't any threats to the university."

Conroy said all reports are looked into, whether they result in anything or not.

"We take these things seriously," Conroy said. "Your parents entrust us with their kids."

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A memorial for the entire university is tentatively planned for Feb. 25 at noon in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. At this time exact details on the ceremony have not been released.

"We are going to have a candlelit memorial on the 25th, although it is unofficial at this time," Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said. "The plan at the moment is for the chancellor, provost and student body president to speak, and we will also have another commemorative book for the university as the Religious Center is doing."

Aside from the memorial services at the university, numerous visible memorials are being made to the victims of the shooting.

"The same group of university staff members who met last Friday to plan the memorial service felt it was appropriate to have a banner to recognize the victims of the tragedy," Director of the Kimmel

Leadership Center Steve Sperotto said. "Also, in the Goshen, we will have a table with a wreath and a candle to be lit at the memorial service and also a memorial book for the students to sign."

The memorial book in the Religious Center, according to Calzetta, already has more than 40 signatures and will be available throughout the week before it is sent off to NIU.

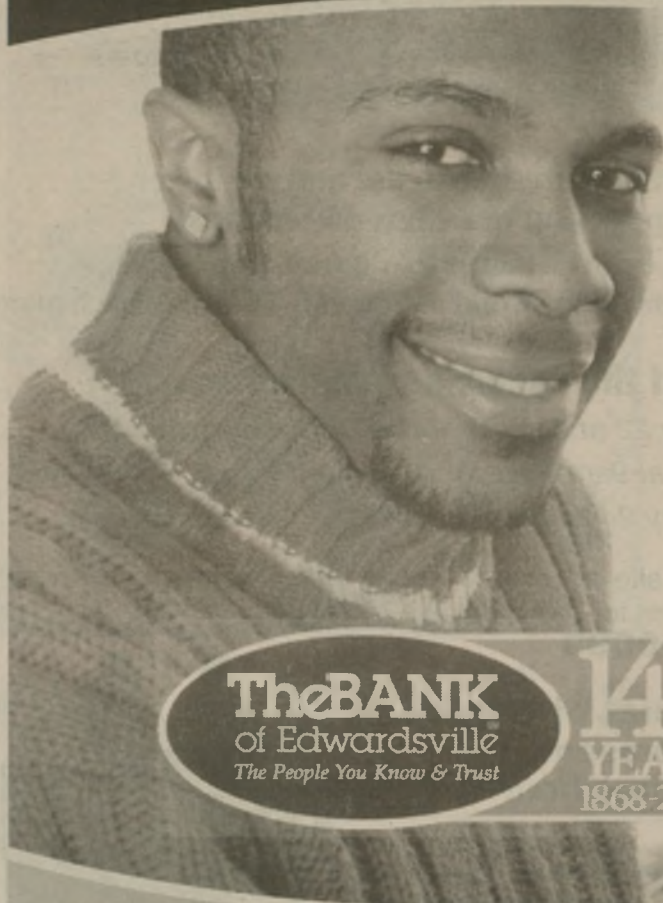
"As of Monday, we have received quite a few signatures and messages from the students, Calzetta said. "We are confident people will sign it as they did for Virginia Tech."

Through the tragedy at NIU, Calzetta hopes that good things can come from a bad situation and students can come together.

"If we can replace these random acts of violence with random acts of kindness, that's all we can do."

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officers attended a training tutorial to prepare themselves in case a similar incident would occur on SIUE grounds.

Schmoll said if the situation were to replicate at the university, other local law enforcement systems would be required.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addressed the campus safety issue in a statement regarding the NIU shootings.

"Although we feel secure here at SIUE, as always we will continue to take the utmost caution in keeping our campus safe," Vandegrift said. "In the next few days, our University Police will stand at high alert. In addition, we have an emergency plan in place for the campus."

Schmoll said "high alert" means more than the average number of officers during the academic day.

A text messaging system is in the works; it will automatically send a text message to all registered cell phones, informing

them of a dangerous circumstance so appropriate action may be taken.

The new system's purpose is to "get the emergency information out as fast as possible," Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenn Neher said. "It's faster than e-mail and offers direct contact wherever they are."

Conroy said the system is nearly complete and is being tested throughout February. After a meeting early this week, Conroy plans to release information to faculty and staff through e-mail as soon as decisions are finalized.

The text-messaging system is scheduled to launch March 3. Details on how to register cell phones and other information pertaining to the newest SIUE safety addition will be released via e-mail later this week.

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Web site, where it was included with condolence letters from other universities.

"The tragic shootings at NIU Thursday constitute a horrendous and inexplicable event that affects us here at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville because we all feel a connection as a campus family," Vandegrift said in the letter. "In the wake of the Virginia Tech killings last year, it has an even more chilling effect."

SIUE Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said Poshard sent a memo to the chancellors of the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses, requesting the campuses send counselors to NIU's DeKalb campus. Monday morning, Conroy confirmed that SIUE counselors would be sent.

Conroy commended NIU administrators and first responders in how they handled the shooting. NIU Police Chief Don Grady announced in a Friday morning press conference that within 29 seconds of the shooting, two NIU police officers were at the scene and were joined by another eight officers a minute and a half later.

"NIU responded very quickly, and it could have been worse than it was," Conroy said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said the university is continually revising all campus emergency response plans and said the responsibility of campus safety rests with all members of the SIUE community.

"If we all work together and are sensitive to each other we can create a climate where all members of our community feel safe and secure," Emmanuel said.

Emmanuel emphasized the importance of a supportive, caring community to prevent disasters.

"I would ask that our students be vigilant, compassionate, and I ask our students to be supportive of each other," Emmanuel said. "I ask our students to let us know when we can lend assistance to them and to others."

Conroy also urged members of the community to stay alert.

"When we hear something terrible, it reminds us that we have to continue to be diligent," Conroy said. "It's just something we have to keep in the back of our heads because it's our reality."

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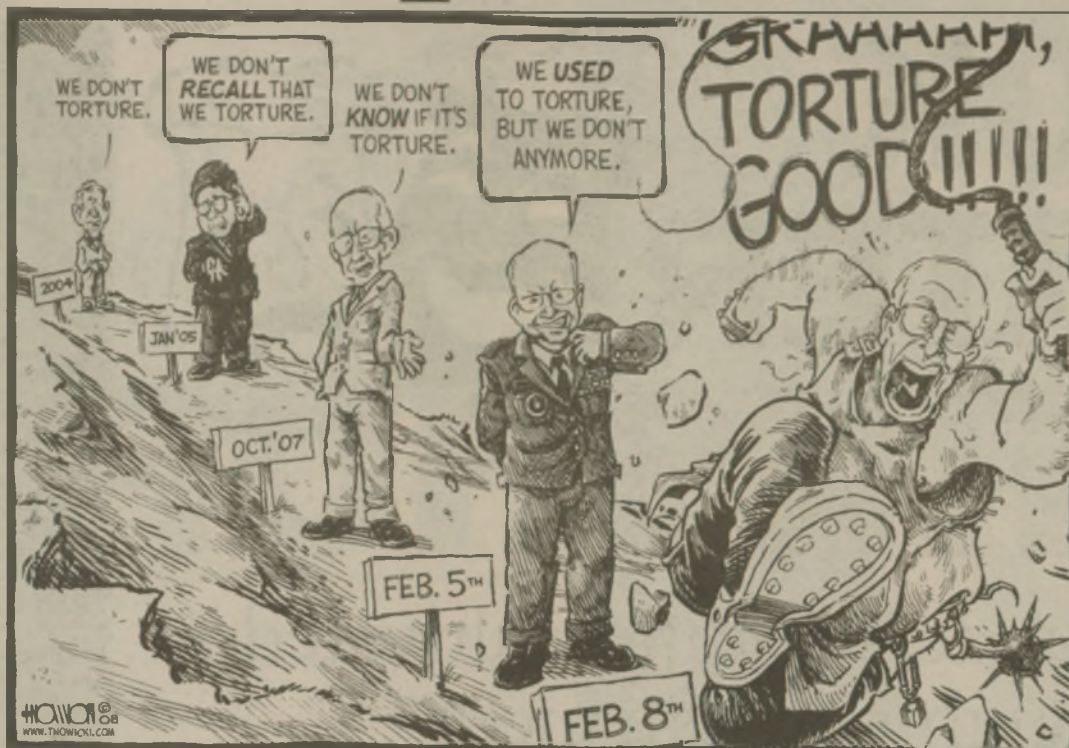
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Alestle View: A threat is a threat

At SIUE, university officials put threats to campus safety into two categories: direct and indirect.

Direct threats are severe enough to be passed on to the university community, while indirect threats are apparently kept from students, faculty and staff.

The evening after the shooting at Northern Illinois University that left five students dead, SIUE Police and administrators were notified of an "indirect" threat to the SIUE campus.

Like the threat system goes, university officials did not find the information important enough to pass on to the university community. So, students and faculty attended classes as normal, and the staff went to work the next day.

Simply put, a threat is a threat, and campus safety should be more important than the

university's image any day especially after a national tragedy. On Friday morning, SIUE Police arrested and charged ROTC student Stephen Vories with unlawful use of weapons and possession of weapons on state property, i.e. the SIUE campus.

Even though he brought weapons to where about 13,500 students attend school, university officials still did not consider Vories a threat worth mentioning.

In less than a year, two magnanimous national campus shootings and three other threats against this university have made it apparent that SIUE could be the next school staring down the barrel of a shotgun.

Even with impeccable

emergency response time, it only takes a few seconds to unload a magazine of bullets into a crowded classroom.

The shootings at both NIU and Virginia Tech were not a result of a direct threat to the universities, but people still lost their lives. In fact, a direct threat to the NIU campus before winter break yielded no deaths.

Why risk lives, when a simple campus-wide e-mail could have warned students of a potential danger?

If the emergency text-messaging system was in place, campus officials could have notified students easily. But apparently, ten months is not long enough to figure out how to

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"It was not a
direct threat to
the campus."

-Greg Conroy, SIUE
Director of Public
Affairs

NIU tragedy hits close to home

"You have two unheard messages. First unheard message, sent ... today, at 3:32 p.m."

Walking out of Dunham Hall Thursday afternoon, there was no way I could have predicted what was about to happen. The first message was from my older brother, saying there had been a shooting at Northern Illinois University.

My initial reaction was something along the lines of: wow, that's sad, but I bet my friends up there are okay. Selfish, maybe, but that's the first thing I

thought.

Then came the second voicemail.

It was one of my best friends from home. She had called to tell me that she had contacted another of our good friends, who happens to go to Northern, and that he was fine.

However, his girlfriend, also a friend of ours, was not so lucky. She was in the lecture hall that afternoon and ended up being one of the injured.

Though she was treated and released from the hospital that evening, the entire event seemed so surreal. This was not just a headline on a news story. In a matter of moments, a gunman had turned one of my own friends from an honor student sitting in class into a statistic on

the evening news. One of my own friends.

Another aspect of the tragedy that really hit home was the death of Daniel Parmenter, one of the five killed in the attack. He was on the advertising staff of the Northern Star, the NIU student newspaper. Although I do not personally know any members of the staff, I spend day in and day out with my Alestle coworkers, love them like my own family and am pained to think of the devastation the newspaper staff must feel after losing one of their own.

For every person impacted by this horrific event, there is another similar story. Another person grieving, another life story forever changed – or brought to a painfully abrupt

end.

What's worse, this happens all too frequently. Periodically, another "breaking news" piece on the major networks alerts the public to another school shooting. Though many of us remain blissfully aloof to these incidents, someone somewhere is experiencing the most intense agony and grief of his or her life.

So now we know, in a tiny way, how they feel. I pray this never happens again, but I know better. If and when it does, we'll be able to identify. We'll be able to share in their grief, together.

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BLACK THEATER WORKSHOP

Cultural understanding cultivated through performances

by Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

This weekend, the Metcalf Theater was filled with inspiring student performances in a Black Theater Workshop titled "The Many Faces of Family" as part of SIUE's Black Heritage Month.

The performances took place on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and had no cost for admission.

Junior Greg Fenner served as artistic director for the Black Theater Workshop.

"This is the first year we've done it like this," Fenner said. "It's usually just one play."

This year is the third year Fenner has been involved in this special theater event. He said that the directors came to him with the idea to feature a variety of performances.

The Department of Theater and Dance put out an advertisement for singers, dancers, poets and all other performers to collect acts centered on a theme of diversity for the show, Fenner said.

Performances this year consisted of several dance troupes, vocalists and musicians, personal poetry readings and scenes from plays like "This is How it Goes" and "The Colored Museum."

Performances in "The Many Faces of Family" included an original poem by freshman Sherryl Jewell titled "Wake Up America," which focused on

breaking down racism, sexism and domestic issues in our country today.

Hui Lui contributed to the workshop with a traditional Chinese song called "Jasmine Flower" that portrayed the beauty that rests inside of people.

One of the dances featured was performed by sophomore Geoffrey Alexander to the song "I Will Get There" and aimed at the issue of overcoming obstacles.

The workshop incorporated bilingual families with a piece by Laurel Seives and Anna Skidis called "Illegal Alien."

"February is Black History Month, but this is more of a multicultural look at family," Fenner said.

"The Many Faces of Family" focused on African American heritage, along with Asian, Jewish, Indian and many others, as well.

"A lot of people don't talk to members of different races on a regular basis," Fenner said. "It's important for people to take a look at different cultures and become educated."

Kathryn Bentley is a professor in the Department of Theater and Dance and has served as a faculty adviser for the Black Theater Workshop for four years.

"Student commitment and level of support for each other's performances was exceptional this year," Bentley said.

Bentley praised the students involved in this production for

their hard work and desire to make this year's Black Theater Workshop more diversified and culturally unified than in years past.

"I will do what it takes to make black theater successful," Ashley Hemphill, assistant Project Coordinator and theater education major, said.

Hemphill believes that events like the Black Theater Workshop help to reach different cultures in ways that classroom learning cannot.

"It becomes real through seeing, touching, hearing and tasting," Hemphill said. "It's good to experience different cultures in different ways."

"I love everybody's part," Hemphill said. "We all bring something different, that's what I love so much about it."

The Black Theater Workshop was a free event in affiliation with Black Heritage Month at SIUE, but accepted donations for the Lisa Colbert Scholarship, which provides for minority students working toward a theater major.

Department of Theater and Dance chair Peter Cocuzza described "The Many Faces of Family" as "one nice evening at

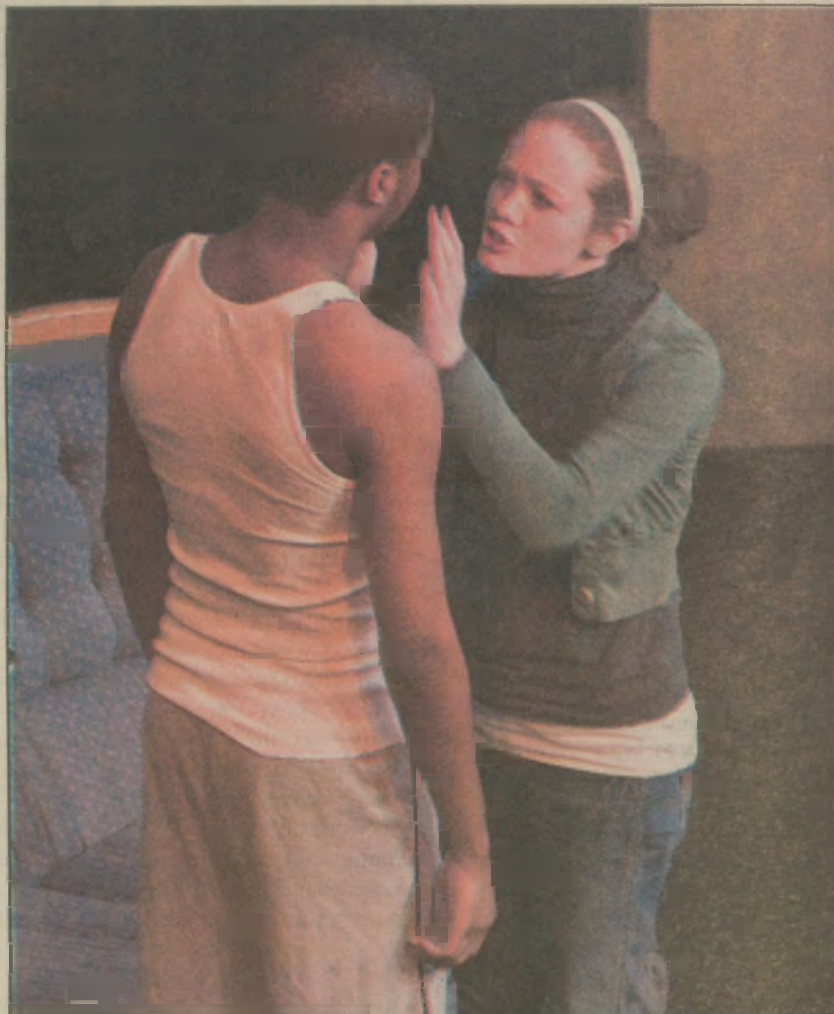
the Metcalf Theater.

"It was varied, it was interesting and it made you think a little bit," he said.

Cocuzza feels that these kinds of events within the department work to broaden

students' understanding of the arts through events directed and put on by their peers.

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Top, Geoffrey Alexander performs "I Will Get There," during the Black Theater Workshop. Above, Greg Fenner and Ana Lucasey perform "This is How it Goes."

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Gone Country



Country musician to play at Starbucks Thursday night

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

Homecomings always have a way of striking nostalgic cords within people, and musicians are no exception. For budding country music star Matt Steel, returning to the intimacy of the SIUE Starbucks is the perfect setting for a homecoming concert.

"I've always enjoyed playing at SIUE and Starbucks, and they are very supportive of music and musicians," Steel said, who has played at the coffee house a



number of times in recent years. "The way they support musicians, that's the way it should be."

Fresh off a tour promoting his first full-length CD, which is self-titled, Steel said he is happy to be back in the St. Louis area and is ready for his Thursday rendezvous at the Starbuck's Late Night Espresso.

"It's a private, intimate setting. A personal setting," Steel said. "It's always something we've enjoyed doing."

Before embarking on his solo tour, Steel spent two years in Nashville developing his songs and honing his songwriting skills. After cutting the album in summer 2007, Steel traveled to radio stations in Georgia and Texas to promote his album, where he said he received a lot of positive reviews. One of his songs became the background music to a halftime performance by the Houston Texan cheerleaders.

"We got a great response down there in Texas," Steel said. "That's the biggest and the baddest. They say if you can make it in Texas, you can make it everywhere."

For his Late Night Espresso gig, Steel will be tapping the skills of Curt Brewer, an SIUE guitar instructor and former band mate.

"He's sort of been a right-hand man," Steel said.

Brewer first met Steel in 2003 when he was studying music as an undergraduate and looking for a band to play with. Steel was looking for a guitarist



Courtesy Photo

Country music performer Matt Steel got his musical start in the St. Louis area and will return to play at Starbucks on Thursday night.

at the time and put Brewer to the test by having him memorize 150 songs in the period of a week.

"It was intense, but good for me," Brewer said, who was relieved that the band only played 80 of the 150 songs.

That musical project went on to open for Diamond Rio and was scheduled to open for an ill-fated Keith Urban concert in St. Louis, which was canceled abruptly when Urban's band broke up. After Steel and Brewer's band separated on amicable terms, Brewer took a year off and toured the country on his own before graduating and beginning a master's degree in jazz at SIUE.

Between working as an assistant in the SIUE Department of Music, 24-year-old Brewer teaches guitar at Mojo's Music in downtown Edwardsville and has been working with St. Louis-based groups such

as Paper Street Retreat and Meridian Blues.

Brewer fondly remembers the times he played with Steel in the coffee house and said he is looking forward to the Late Night Espresso gig.

"It was a great place to play songs, a great place for Matt and I to learn and tighten up some songs," Brewer said. "More than anything it's a lot of fun and jokes."

More information about Matt Steel can be found on his MySpace site, www.myspace.com/mattsteelcountry. Curt Brewer maintains his MySpace site at www.myspace.com/curtbrewer.

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St. Louis born Arab-American poet to speak tonight

by **Lindsay Stuart**
Alestle Reporter

In light of recent events in our country, peace and understanding have become important to many citizens of the United States. To help promote these traits, SIUE is hosting a speaker presentation Tuesday on peace and understanding of the Arab culture.

Naomi Shihab Nye, a writer and poet, was born in St. Louis but spent her high school years in Jordan and Jerusalem. Shihab Nye's father is a Palestinian, so Shihab Nye has spent her life as an Arab-American and has experienced first hand the tension between both cultures.

"I know that Naomi Shihab Nye is a very powerful voice for peace and understanding amongst all cultures," SIUE professor Gloria Reading said.

"She is a Palestinian, but she's not just for Palestinian or Middle Eastern people, but she speaks for the world. She's done a lot of work even with the government to

various places to give talks globally."

According to Reading, Shihab Nye will be reading some of her poetry and "talking about how we are all connected to each other from a global perspective, not just a national perspective."

Shihab Nye has won many awards for her writings, including four Pushcart Prizes. SIUE junior education major Andrew Schneider, who will be introducing Shihab Nye tonight, feels that those awards are well-earned.

"Naomi Shihab Nye is not just a speaker, but she is also a master of her craft," Schneider said.

"She is a great writer of poetry and adolescent stories, and that kind of quality of art and literature that she brings makes what she's saying about understanding Middle Eastern culture much, much deeper and rich ... it's very palatable for students and teachers alike."

SIUE senior Joel Gherardini agrees.

"The thing about Naomi Shihab Nye is that her writings are so peaceful, and

when you read what she writes you can just feel her sincerity about her culture in the smoothness of what she writes ... her writing is just an open book of pictures in your mind ... I can't wait to hear her talk because she is inspirational."

Gherardini, an elementary education major, will be reading a portion of a letter Shihab Nye wrote to would-be terrorists right after 9-11.

"It's a pretty scathing letter," Gherardini said. "It's a really serious, deep letter and it reinforces that."

Reading feels that this presentation is important for teachers and students alike.

"I think students and teachers need to become aware of this world that we live in and all of the cultures within it," Reading said.

"Not that we are out to change people, but that we need to understand just as we want to be understood. I think the most powerful way to achieve cultural understanding is by traveling the world, and the fact of the matter is that very few

of us get to do that. The second most powerful way is getting to know the stories and the poetry from cultures around the world. We do that in the classroom every single day, across the nation, with stories from cultures all around the world, but there is an absence of stories from this region, and we are trying to fix that."

In addition to Shihab Nye's presentation, students from Woodland Elementary and Liberty Middle School will be presenting excerpts from Shihab Nye's books, and Ralph Cordova will be the master of ceremonies. There will also be a bookstore of student and adult books about the Middle East and Shihab Nye will be doing a book signing.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

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Sophomore Saihou Jassey (34) and freshman Nikola Bundalo (54) go up for a rebound in a game against Oakland City University. SIUE has won three straight games with victories over University of Missouri S&T and UMSL.

Lucky number three

Cougars win third on the road and in the GLVC, and third consecutive win bringing them to 14-9 overall

by Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

The SIUE men's basketball team has recently found itself following the old adage of everything good coming in threes.

SIUE beat Missouri University of Science and Technology 58-46 Saturday in Rolla, Mo., and the University of Missouri-St. Louis 59-57 Thursday in St. Louis. The wins mark not only three straight wins on the road, but also three straight in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and three straight overall.

However, SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said the only number on his mind is one, as in each game being a challenge of its own.

"I think our momentum is good, and we never look at it as coming in threes," Forrester said. "We just try to focus on each game. Our goal when we first started our five-game road swing was to take it one game at a time."

The Cougars appeared to have both sides covered as they shot nearly 47 percent in the field and 39 percent from the perimeter. Meanwhile, they held

the Miners, who are currently winless in conference play, to a 32 percent shooting game.

Up 31-24, SIUE scorched S&T with an early 10-3 run to help earn its third win of four games on the road trip.

Senior guard Anthony Jones notched 13 points off the bench with two 3-pointers, and senior guard J.B. Jones added 12 points, also with two 3-pointers.

Meanwhile, Justin Taylor led the Miners with 13 points, and Aaron Hays recorded 11 points for the 3-20 Miners.

Forrester said senior guard T.J. Gray's dropoff in points is nothing to worry about and does not think he is "out of rhythm or anything like that."

UMSL, unlike S&T, did not go quietly Thursday in the Mark Twain Center. SIUE carried a nine-point lead into the second half and climbed as far as 14 points, but let the Tritons form a 29-11 run and rally back to take charge. Key jumpers by senior forward Asa Clayborne and freshman center Nikola Bundalo pushed the Cougars slightly ahead again. Jones and senior center Doug Taylor each sank their free throws late in the game to claim their 12th straight win over UMSL.

"There's definitely a rivalry there, and I know our players get excited to play them," Forrester said Friday. "But I also want them to be excited to play every team in our conference and every team that we play on out. I thought our guys were ready and jacked up to play."

Gray, who was averaging more than 17 points a game prior to the weekend games, netted just four points.

"Other people stepped up, even though T.J. did have an off-night," Clayborne said. "It didn't seem that way out there, but Doug did step up big and I guess I did, too, a little bit."

If Clayborne calls 14 points "a little bit" it's a mystery what he has in store for the final four games of the regular season. Clayborne led all Cougar scorers as junior guard John Edmison added 11 points. Bundalo recorded 10 points.

UMSL's Nathan Whittaker led the Tritons with 13 points, but missed two of his three free throws with seven seconds left in regulation that would have tied the game. Tim Green and Paul De Chellis each collected 10 points in a game that again lacked contributions from stars like Paul Paradoski.

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Time is running out

Cougars in fourth place with four games left in season

by Zach Groves
 Alestle Reporter

Time appears to be running out for the six SIUE women's basketball seniors.

After a rough 72-48 loss to the Missouri University of Science and Technology Saturday, the players are looking for four much-needed wins in the final two weeks of the season. The Cougars' suffered from a dismal shooting game against S&T, unlike their 71-68 win over University of Missouri-St. Louis Thursday. As of Sunday, SIUE is sitting in fourth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference West Division and looking at a wild-card spot.

Drury University already clinched one spot in the division for the GLVC tournament, a format that allows the three top teams from both divisions and two wild card teams to compete for a championship and an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II tournament.

"I hope that's motivation for them," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said about the seniors' possibility of a missed playoff chance at the end of their careers. "You'll never be in this position again. You don't want to look back and say, 'I should have.'"

SIUE may have wanted a rewind against S&T, where they shot just 27 percent against the Miners.

Not a single starter outside of senior forward Amber Shelton could manage double-digit points.

S&T Assistant Coach Keri Hessel said the key was to shut down Shelton and senior guard Whitney Sykes, who are both averaging more than 10 points a game.

"Defensively, I think we just really clicked and got some stops," Hessel said. "They didn't really hurt us too much in the second half."

"There really isn't all that much pressure, we're not taking care of the ball," Hedberg said. "Right now, we're not a very good team. You look at the starters besides Amber, we're two-for-21."

Hedberg said the team might have been psyched out by the Lady Miners' Senior Day and the large crowd the Rolla, Mo., school attracts.

SIUE entered halftime down eight points and could not keep up with the Miners' 40 inside points and 22-2 second-half run to maintain its comfortable winning lead. The Cougars also surrendered 24 points on 25 turnovers.

Shelton netted 16 points and freshman guard Kara Frandsen managed 13 points off the bench.

S&T, meanwhile, got 20 points out of Tamara McCaskill and a double-double from Katie McElrath, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL/pg.13



Photo Courtesy of SIUE Sports Information

SIUE senior Amber Shelton goes up for the jump shot earlier this year. The Cougars are currently in fourth place of the GLVC heading into the final four games of the season.

Defending champs unbeaten at Delta State Tournament

by Tony Patrico
Alestle Sports Editor

As SIUE opened up their softball season with two victories, the opposing teams they played on Friday opened up their seasons with only two hits as the Cougars won both games by a final score of 8-0.

In their first of two games, SIUE defeated University of Arkansas-Monticello by eight runs in five short innings of work. Junior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo recorded the first complete one-hit shutout striking out six.

In the second game against Delta State University, freshman Erika Taylor also recorded a one-hit shutout while striking out five in a game, which lasted only six innings.

"It was a very good starting weekend for us," Colosimo said. "We are all playing really well together and as a pitcher it's nice to have all of the success that we did offensively."

According to Colosimo, a good offense "takes the pressure off," and offensively SIUE was spearheaded by the efforts of senior outfielder Ashley Price and

senior first basemen Mallory Ruggles, who both hit homeruns in the first game. In the nightcap, senior Kaeleigh Rousey also hit a homerun.

"The importance of the homeruns we hit this weekend is that it shows that we have the power," Rousey said. "It also shows how hard we worked in the offseason with weightlifting and conditioning."

The No.1 team in the nation took their 2-0 record into the second day of the Delta State Tournament, looking for similar results against Henderson State University and Arkansas Tech University. As the Cougar pitchers were on top of their game on day one, the bats came alive on the second day of the tournament.

In the first of the two games on Saturday, two Cougars again scored homeruns. Rousey, hit the first, and Ruggles sent another drive over the wall in dramatic fashion in a win over Henderson State. Ruggles homer came in the bottom of the sixth, which propelled the Cougars to the early inning victory.

"It was just exciting to watch," junior outfielder



Photo Courtesy of Kaitlin Colosimo

SIUE junior Kaitlin Colosimo pitches a game against Lewis in NCAA Regional competition. Colosimo has started off this season with similar results from last year with a record of two wins in two games.

Courtney Mall said. "Every game was better than the last, and every win was a complete team effort."

In the second game, the Cougars started the contest on the right foot as Mall hit a lead off homerun to put the Cougars ahead early. Rousey and Price both recorded homeruns as well as a double dose of long balls hit by junior Lindsay Longfellow.

In the first four games, SIUE has sent a total of 10 balls over the outfield fences. Rousey, who hit three over the weekend, already has matched her total from last season.

"For us to go out the first

weekend, and not only to win, but to run rule every opponent, shows our hard work and dedication," Rousey said. "It proves that we are the defending national champions."

Colosimo recorded her second win in a victory over Henderson State. Colosimo notched the victory while holding Henderson State with only three hits. Gaining the victory in the second game, senior pitcher Lindsey Laas earned the complete game victory against Arkansas Tech while holding them for only four hits.

The defending national

champions have now opened the season 4-0, with the remaining two games of the Delta State Tournament canceled due to weather.

The Cougars will take the field against West Florida in Decatur, Ala., in the first game at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Charger Chillout.

Be sure to check alestlelive.com/sportsblog for tournament updates over the weekend.

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SIUE Black Heritage Month 2008 - Schedule of Events

United or Divided, Where do we stand?



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE

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/edafceh. All events are subject to change. Black Heritage Month is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.



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What's in a name?



Photo Courtesy of SIUE Sports Information

The SIUE baseball team takes action on Roy Lee field. Roy Lee founded the SIUE baseball program and is the reason for much of its success in its early years of the program.

SIUE figures such as Bob Guelker and Roy Lee provide strong history

by Joshua McCarty
Alestle Correspondent

The teams take the field, preparing for an important contest that can determine the fate of a season. As a fan, your immediate focus goes to the players and coaches. Their stories, successful and unsuccessful, are all familiar to you as a supporter of the team.

The game ends. There are winners, and there are losers. Happy or sad, fans leave. The lights go out, and all that's left is a field. Without players, it may just seem like an ordinary patch of grass. But, if you look deeper, even the playing field may have a story behind it.

SIUE's baseball and soccer fields are home to two sports that are "cornerstones of SIUE's Athletic tradition," SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said. The fields are also named for two coaches that put their respective programs on the map.

Roy Lee Field is named for baseball Head Coach Roy Lee, who founded SIUE's baseball program in 1967.

"He put the Cougars into the national spotlight with eight consecutive appearances in the NCAA Championship from 1970 to 1978," Hewitt said.

Lee's most successful season came in 1976, when the Cougars finished second place in Division II College World Series. That team was inducted into the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

"He was patient, yet he placed a high expectation on his players' work ethic and commitment to being a collegiate athlete," Hewitt said.

Current baseball Head Coach Gary Collins was a player and an assistant coach under Lee. Collins played professional baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals organization and said he learned as much from Lee as he did playing in the Cardinals' minor leagues.

"He was an innovator," Collins said. "His

theories about coaching baseball and the physics of the game made him willing to take chances."

Lee, who served as head soccer coach for 11 seasons, from 1968 through 1978, was inducted into the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. Another member of the 2005 class was Bob Guelker, the first head coach of men's soccer at SIUE and for whom the soccer field is named.

Guelker started SIUE's soccer program in 1966 and immediately made history by being the first coach in collegiate soccer to win both an NCAA Division II championship and an NCAA Division I championship at one school. This achievement added to an already successful coaching career.

Guelker's success began at St. Louis University, where he won five national titles in a seven-year span. He was inducted into St. Louis University's Hall of Fame in 1980 and also received Soccer America's Coach of the Year award that same year. In 1972, Guelker coached the United States Olympic soccer team.

"He was respected throughout the nation for his involvement in different areas of soccer," recently retired Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "He was organized, prepared and efficient in all areas of coaching."

Those qualities greatly benefited Guelker's ability to recruit players to SIUE from the St. Louis area, which, Huneke said, "is a hotbed of soccer talent."

Guelker coached at SIUE from 1967 through 1983, finishing his career with an overall record of 311-77-26.

So while the current players are the primary focus of today's fans, it is the work of the programs' founders that paved the way for the success the teams now enjoy

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The Cougars play their final regular-season road game at fellow GLVC foe Quincy University for a 7:30 p.m. Tuesday tip-off in Quincy. SIUE then plays its final three games at home through March 1.

The Cougars previously beat the Hawks at home in early January 87-80 and look to keep their distance as a team battling for a spot in the GLVC

tournament.

"They're still the same way, they're pretty explosive," Forrester said about Quincy's aggressive approach in their previous game. "They've won some games (since then). We're only two games ahead of them."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Hessel said a second matchup with the Cougars could have gone the other way around, but at the same time the Lady Miners still learned about SIUE from their win Jan. 31.

"I think playing somebody the second time around, you know their personnel," Hessel said. "We did use that to our advantage the second time."

SIUE previously battled an UMSL team that was undersized and relied on the 3-point shot for points. This time, though, the Cougars dealt with tall inside player Mary Slaughter, who did not play in their last meeting.

Slaughter recorded 16 points in her season debut against SIUE. In the end, the Cougars relied on free throws by senior guard Laura Witherspoon and Shelton to gain a sizable lead, which would nullify a last-second 3-pointer by Courtney Watts.

"We were in their face a lot," Hedberg said of the Cougars, who limited the Tritons to 39 percent shooting. "I think it was our perimeter defense that shut them down a bit this time."

Shelton recorded 20 points and junior Jessie Stapleton added her second double-double, which happened to come against UMSL again, with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard

Whitney Sykes collected 18 points and sank the team's only 3-pointers.

The Cougars have won just two of their last six games, both against UMSL. They have won just once on the five-game road trip leading up to Tuesday's matchup against Quincy University.

Hessel said S&T hopes to close in on Drury in the next four games.

"We both have four games left," Hessel said. "We are kind of looking at it one game at a time."

SIUE plays its final regular season road game at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in Quincy against the Lady Hawks, who sit slightly ahead at third place in the West Division. The Lady Hawks have an identical overall record but have won two more conference games.

SIUE will look to sweep the season series against Quincy and hope to move up in the conference standings.

"It's going to be a war," Hedberg said. "It was a very physical game here, and I think it's going to be the same in their gym."

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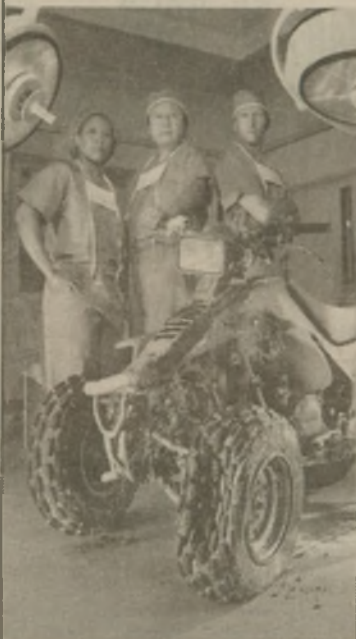
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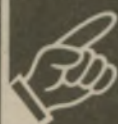
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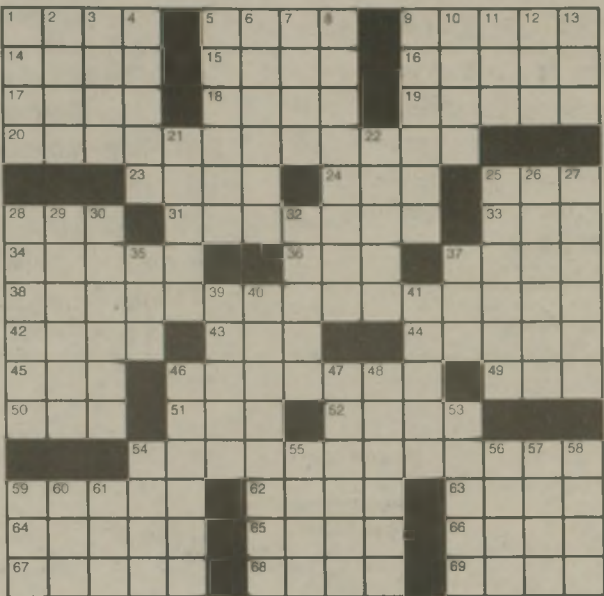
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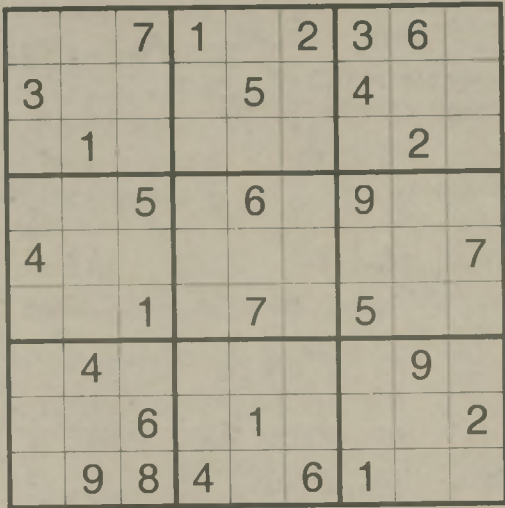
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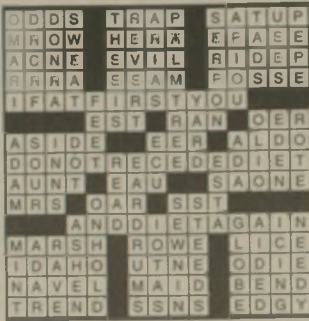
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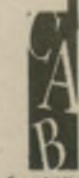
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