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Black Heritage Month 2009



Assistant Director of Human Resources and Compliance Shrylene Langston recreates the life of Rosa Parks in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge on Wednesday. Langston also performed the life of Ida Wells-Barnett.

Remembered

Staff recreate historical icons

by Kenneth Long Alestle Managing Editor

SIUE Police escorted a lone woman dressed in 1960s attire to the center of the Goshen Lounge Wednesday afternoon. Surrounded by chairs, a single student's desk sat, covered in papers taped to it, with phrases like "Go back, Negro," warding off the woman.

Channeling the spirit of Elizabeth Eckford of the famous Little Rock Nine, graduate student Rozina Coleman circled the desk, reciting Psalm 23, books in hand.

"I will fear no evil," Coleman repeated many times, tearing the papers from the desk.

SIUE administrators, faculty and staff played the roles of many prominent black activists, writers and other prominent figures through history in a live presentation titled "Reliving the Lives of Historical African Americans," a part of Black Heritage Month.

Eckford said they decided to portray the figures through theatrical readings and performances to make a lasting impact.

"To see (the figures) makes a difference than reading (about them,)" Eckford said. "Some people are better visual learners."

The panel of performers varied from departments, as well as time periods. Venessa Brown, assistant provost for Faculty Development and Diversity, portrayed Sojourner Truth, a slave that was beaten, sold numerous times and had her husband taken away from her. Truth went on to regain some of her children and became an activist for former slaves.

"Look me up," Brown said. "Learn what I did to fight for freedom."

Other performances took on a more active role. Theater and dance professor Kathryn Bentley gave life to both Underground Railroad conductor Harriet Tubman and dancer and activist Katherine Dunham.

As Bentley entered as Dunham, she scampered in to the beat of a drum, rhythmically explaining Dunham's life on and off the stage. She also told of her travels to the Caribbean and other parts of the world, using her anthropologic background to combine dances into her

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Panel discusses black activism

by Rosie Githinji Alestle Correspondent

The face of activism has changed in the months since Obama was elected president. People of all generations agree Obama is having a positive effect on the country.

The panel was comprised of multi-generational group, including the youngest panel member Student Body President Dominique Majors. Other panel members included Historical Studies Chair Anthony Cheeseboro, retired professor Eugene Redmond and Paul Pitts, assistant chancellor for the Institution of Compliance

One topic the panel discussed was lessons blacks could learn from Obama's example and what issues they would like to see addressed while Obama is president. Panel members said they would like to see Obama address issues of education and family, as well as

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Burris admits offering to raise donations for former governor

by Rachel Carlson Alestle Reporter

Sen. Roland Burris' recent admission to being approached by former Gov. Rod Blagojevich or members of his staff could lead to perjury charges.

Blagojevich, who is under investigation for federal corruption charges, including trying to sell the Senate seat, exercised his power to appoint Burris to the Senate in January amid much debate. Congress accepted Burris' credentials, but new developments in recent statements have brought his credentials back into the spotlight.

When Burris was questioned during Blagojevich's impeachment trial, he said neither Blagojevich nor his staff had asked him for donations. However, Burris' recent admission said Blagojevich's brother, Rob Blagojevich, did approach him. Burris has also admitted to offering to raise money for Blagojevich.

According to political science professor Ken Moffett, it looks as though Burris was solicited, but may not have committed perjury.

"Technically, the answer would be no if you parse out the words," Moffett said. "If you believe Burris at his word then he might not have (committed perjury)."

To the public, however, it does look like Burris was solicited, Moffett said.

Whatever the outcome, Moffett said he believes this may have "repercussions to his

"Being connected to the ex-governor politically is not a good thing," Moffett said.

Senior business major Kayla Smith said she was not surprised by the news.

"Our policy in Illinois is so screwed up you can't trust anyone right now," Smith said.

Smith said his actions "shouldn't be overlooked," but she could understand the confusion.

"He probably did it because he thought he wasn't doing anything wrong," Smith said.

Freshman civil engineering major Josh Kintz said he did not think the admission mattered.

"It seems like they're trying to slander his name because of his relations to Blagojevich,"

Slander or not, Moffett said Burris's reputation has taken a major hit.

"It makes Burris look bad politically and creates an image about Illinois politics that can foster distrust," Moffett said.

Moffett said he was unsure if Congress will take action against Burris. The constitution states that Congress can dispel someone for "disorderly behavior." A decision like that would be up to the discretion of members of Congress.

According to Moffett, if Burris's admission had come before his appointment

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Police Reports

Ryan J. Stitt was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor after police observed Stitt walking through the Prairie Hall Parking Lot and appeared to be intoxicated. Stitt was processed, posted bond and was released.

Mobolaji T. Adebayo was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after police responded to a 911 call from Adebayo in Bluff Hall who said he was "too drunk." After being released from Anderson Hospital, Abedayo was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police took a report from an employee of Starbucks who said a bottle of juice had been stolen from the refrigerated case about 15 minutes before the store opened.

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Chelsea M. Johnson was arrested in connection with domestic battery after police received a 911 call reporting a domestic disturbance in Cougar Village Apartment 409. Johnson was processed and taken to Madison County Jail.

Police issued Matthew D. Whitledge a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at the SIUE Police Station after Whitledge came in for a copy of a police report for an accident that happened earlier that day.

Police issued David A. Erlebacher a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Kwame D. Teachey citations for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration on University Drive.

Police took a report from a Student Fitness Center Employee about items that were stolen from an unsecured locker at the center.

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Police issued Marlen R. Logan a citation for speeding on University

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own unique styles.

"The techniques I was using weren't saying what I wanted to say," Bentley said.

Her travels helped her "capture the culture and the life of people," when she formed the Katherine Dunham technique, which drew influences from African dances, pelvic techniques and isolation of

Bentley went on to instruct audience members to join her in some of Dunham's dances.

Assistant Chancellor of Institutional Compliance Paul Pitts spoke as Leon Bass, a black soldier during World War II who witnessed the aftermath of the Nazi Buchenwald concentration

Bass was in a segregated Army unit that had been in the Battle of the Bulge. Pitts said Bass felt his fellow Americans didn't appreciate him.

"People I had sworn to protect and defend looked at me like I wasn't good enough," Pitts said.

When Bass entered the concentration camp and saw the emaciated bodies of the victims, Pitts said Bass realized all human life was precious.

"I saw the walking dead," Pitts said. "They were human skeletons, skin and bone."

Pitts also said Bass drew the line that connected the Nazi oppression of Jews, gypsies, homosexuals and other peoples to the oppression of blacks in

"Segregation and racism can lead to what I saw at Buchenwald," Pitts said. "The Nazis said (the victims) weren't good enough, that they were

Other prominent figures featured included Rosa Parks, teachers Nikki Giovanni and Mary McCleod Bethune and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People founder Ida Wells-Barnett.



Paul Pitts, Assistant Chancellor of Institutional Compliance, relives the life of Dr. Leon Bass in Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Wednesday.

Coleman said she drew her portrayal of Eckford from books, Internet sources and her own knowledge of her life.

"Most have seen the famous photo of (Eckford), but don't really know who she was," Coleman said. "I wanted to portray who she was as an individual."

As Coleman ended her performance as Eckford, she said the audience should follow in Eckford's footsteps to fight for equality in the

"The struggle still continues," Coleman said. "I ask that you walk through that valley of the shadow of death, and fear no evil."

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Student Leadership Development Program & Volunteer Services

Modules

2/24/09

Module 16, 2:00 p.m. Developing Self-Esteem Traice Webb, PhD. Counseling Services, SIUE Board Room, MUC

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Module 6, 6:30 p.m. Assess Your Service & Leadership Style Chay Lemoine, Consultant Project READ Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

February 28 – Angel Food – Granite City / Fairview Heights

February 28 - Homeless Project

March 19 - The Gardens at SIUE

March 21 - CERT Training

March 21 – Computer Rehab March 21 – The Gardens at SIUE

March 26 – Project READ Orientation March 28 – Angel Food – Granite City / Fairview Heights March 28 – CERT Training

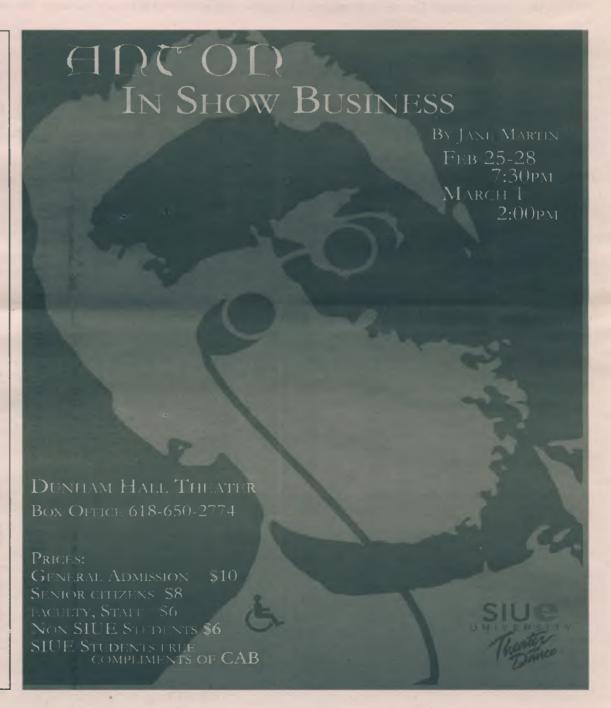
March 28 - Homeless Project

March 28 – Call for Help Suicide & Crisis Training March 29 – Call for Help Suicide & Crisis Training

Must attend all training sessions to receive certification from Call for Help or CERT

Alternative Spring Break Trip - Cherokee Nation, OK, March 8-12

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website www.siue.edu/kimmel/sldp or www.siue.edu/kimmel/sldp/volunteer.





Terrence Antonio James/Chicago Tribune/MCT

Sen. Roland Burris arrives for a meeting at Illinois State University in Bloomington Feb. 17. Burris has now acknowledged he sought to raise campaign funds for then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich at the request of the governor's brother, at the same time he was making a pitch to be appointed to the U.S. Senate.

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-Anthony Cheeseboro,

historical studies chair

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he most likely would have taken the seat anyway.

"All the Senate can do is judge his qualifications of being a senator that are listed in the Constitution," Moffett said.

Burris met all the qualifications, according to Moffett, but despite that, many people are calling for Burris' resignation. Illinois Rep. Lou Lang and U.S. Rep. Phil Hare are the recent adds to a line of congressmen asking for his seat resignation.

However, Moffett said he does not see Burris giving up his seat because he did not resign during Blagojevich's impeachment.

"He's faced some very difficult circumstances

politically," Moffett said. "He hasn't shown any signs of buckling so far."

According to Moffett, Burris has two reasons for making the decision to keep a tight lip from now on regarding the situation. One reason being Burris wants to protect himself and the other reason to prevent leaks of information from getting out.

"It's not a good sign when Burris says he's not talking to the media anymore," Moffett said.

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illiteracy, joblessness and poverty. The panel members agreed Obama has been able to reach out to a diverse group of voters and motivate the younger generation to make their voices heard.

"Obama is smart enough to switch codes and speak to all Americans while still speaking to specific Americans," Redmond said.

Cheeseboro asked each panelist about their experience in politics, as activists and Obama's role in each. Pitts said he grew up during the Jim Crow Era, which mandated separate but equal status for black citizens.

"I think black activism during the Obama period will certainly be as important as it was historically," Pitts said. "Obama was involved with a diversity of people on the south side of Chicago. From that humble beginning, it propelled him to where he is today."

Cheeseboro said he has a few memories of segregation in the South, but he said his memory of activist groups while in college carried negative connotations

"I looked at it and thought (activism) was a good way to never get a job," Cheeseboro said.

Cheeseboro spoke about the "Obama effect," which he described as a hope for change, a bigger political turnout and more of an involvement from

the younger generation. Many of the panelists said they have noticed more unity among the black community as a whole and also on campus.

Majors said there are many issues on campus that have not been fully addressed citing racism, lack of real black leadership and also lack of voice. Majors cited different organizations on campus who

don't do enough to deal with issues on campus.

"When there is an issue on campus, we kind of just roll with it," Majors said. "A lot of freshmen and younger classmates look up to what they see a lot of."

Senior criminal justice and history major Rodney Jackson of Alpharetta, Ga., said he left the discussion feeling encouraged by the advice from the panelists on how to take care of problems on campus.

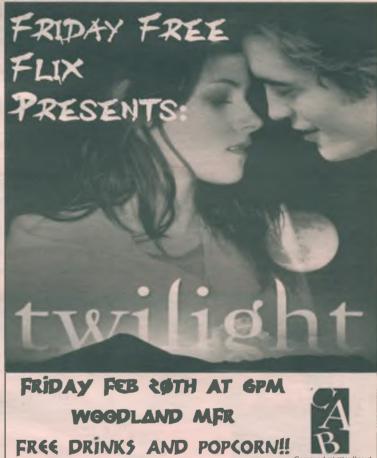
"I actually cut one of my classes to come here," Jackson

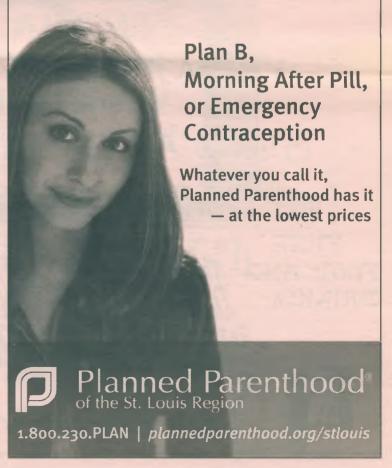
said. "The advice from professor Redmond helped me remember that sometimes we are more relaxed as far as what we are going through right now."

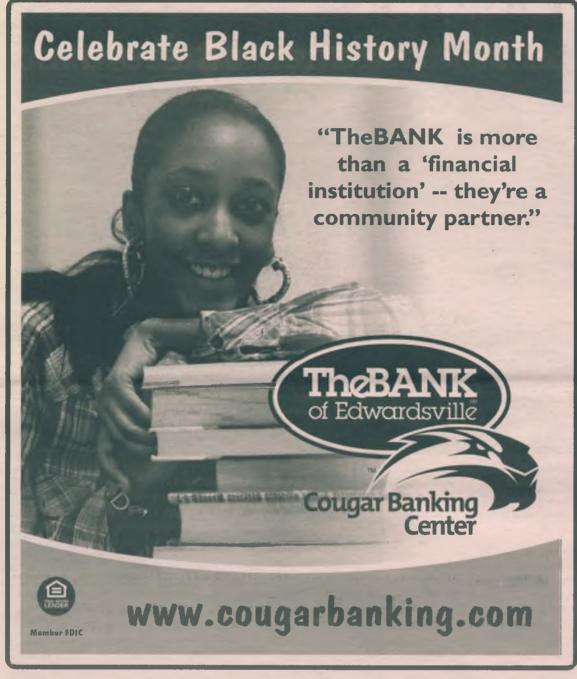
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Three speakers to address Student Senate on Friday

Alestle Staff Report

A variety of issues will be addressed when Student Government meets Friday.

Three speakers will address the Senate, Director of Morris University Center Joseph Pearson, Dennis Wobbe, assistant director of Dining Services and Ken Aud, community organizer for the United Congregations of Metro-East. The Senate will revisit the appointments of freshman Steven Robinson-Holman and senior Alex Walk to the External Affairs Committee. Senator Louis Browning tabled the motion during the previous Senate meeting.

SIUE Print Council, SIUE Chemistry Club and Wagner Potter's Association will submit travel requests for consideration of the Senate, while the men's Club Soccer team and the American Advertising Federation will present their constitutions for review by the Senate.

An open forum will ensue for any student wishing to address the Senate.

Student Government will convene Friday at 2 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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Alumni Association offers "speednetworking" event

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

In an attempt to aide students' networking and networking skills, the SIUE Alumni Association and Office of Educational Outreach have set up a different take on networking for SIUE students with a "Speednetworking" event for students to sharpen their skills with industry professionals.

The event will not occur until April, but Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Katie Bennett said she they are currently gathering volunteers, as tickets go on sale March 2.

The event will cost \$15 for current students, \$25 for Alumni Association members and \$35 for non-members. Students will need to register for the event because the number of participants will be dependent on the number of volunteers

Bennet said she wants the volunteers to represent as many different career fields as possible, as well as volunteers who are currently attending graduate school.

"We are currently soliciting our volunteers, and our goal is to have 100 networking volunteers," Bennett said.

According to Director of Alumni Affairs Steve Jankowski, each participant speaks with a volunteer from a career field for five minutes and then moves to the next table to speak with another volunteer.

"It's a takeoff on speed dating, but you speak with someone in different career fields," Jankowski said.

According to Bennett, the event will give students the chance to practice their one-on-one and social networking skills.

Jankowski finds th

networking event to be a "golden opportunity" to get some valuable insight into a possible carrent field

"They can get direct advice from someone in a career field with the latest information about that career field," Jankowski said.

Junior psychology major Shannon Shoemaker of Shiloh said the event will be beneficial for students to make contacts, especially for shy students who have a hard time networking on their own.

"Many students graduate with little or no way to get a foot into the door in their chosen profession," Shoemaker said. "This is the perfect opportunity."

However, Bennett said networking is not about asking for a job. She said volunteers attending the event are not necessarily there recruiting new employees. They are there to help participants practice their networking skills.

"Before attending a networking event, you should practice your elevator speech," Bennett said. "This is a 60-second commercial which provides a snapshot of where you are in your career. For a student attendee, that commercial could include information on your major, expected graduation date, career goal and what you are hoping to accomplish by attending the event."

Shoemaker said the contacts made would be worth the cost.

"The \$15 would be a good investment when I consider how many hours of my time I would use meeting cold contacts," Shoemaker said.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Bennett at 650-2762.

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Pursuit of Dr Pepper brings Mr. Pibb to campus

satisfied by Dr Pepper.

The Trustees

Unfortunately, until recently, nothing

exotic short of Wild Cherry Pepsi was sold on campus. According to Beverage Digest, Dr Pepper was the sixth most popular soda brand in 2007, just behind Diet Pepsi and far ahead of some other brands sold on campus, such as Diet Ski. There have been many times when I got a burger and fries at the Morris University Center's Center Court and then had to get the next best soda with a kick, Cherry Pepsi, an insufficient alternative. So far, I have not been able to buy Dr Pepper at Union Station. Dr Pepper should be sold on campus like any other soda.

Thirst: something that can only be Pepper wasn't sold here when you can easily find it at any normal Taco Bell, which also sells all Pepsi products. What I learned about the

absence of Dr Pepper was horrifying. Alright, it wasn't horrifying, but it did bring some perspective to things. According to Morris University Center Business Manager Jim McDermott, Pepsi gives the school a special discount for the student union, and its exclusive contract allows five competing brands to be sold in Union Station and at the Cougar Village Grille. The five products are Coke, Diet Coke, Ski, Diet Ski and Cherry Ski. Dr. Pepper, however, refused to sell their product

to the university at a discounted price. Because I wanted to find out why exactly Dr of this, it would not be profitable to sell Dr Pepper at soda fountains.

While Dr Pepper is not coming to SIUE anytime soon, an alternate choice is on its way. According to Assistant Director of Food Services Dennis Wobbe, Mr. Pibb will be sold at Union Station and the Commons Grille early next week, provided everything goes as planned. While Mr. Pibb isn't exactly like Dr Pepper, it's a great substitute. This is a positive change for the university's beverage needs. No longer will I be forced to carry my own canned soda all the way from Cougar Village if I want to experience the delicious 23 natural flavors of Dr Pepper or at least a comparable substitute.

My thirst has been quenched.

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Professor gives perspective during journey to Beirut

I am writing from Beirut, Lebanon, while on sabbatical from my teaching position in SIUE's Department of Historical Studies.

I am missing Peck Hall and the Morris University Center; all the interesting events (like professor Lucian Stone's Iran series); taking my daughter to piano lessons with professor Huei Chin; my colleagues in historical studies and throughout campus; and most of all, my students.

Since the university has helped make my sabbatical a reality, it is only fair that I share. Here are some myths about Beirut that are worth dispelling. Beirut is not "the Root." In minds of many Americans, Beirut conjures up the awful memory of the loss of 241 marines in one fell swoop on Oct. 23, 1983. Just before I left Edwardsville,

my mechanic, a veteran, said, "Be sure to pack some iron; my prayers are with you."

Twenty-five years since the bombing, U.S. officials in Beirut are still jittery and are camped out in a hidden enclave on the outskirts of town. But there are plenty of American tourists, students, business people and families in and around the city. I am at the American University of Beirut.

Beirut is not a dangerous place. Yes, the Israelis bombed the country during the summer of 2006; there was internecine fighting in our neighborhood of Hamra last May (before we got here); and the future is not entirely certain. But the country is booming, the global financial crisis does not seem to have affected construction one bit, and last summer saw record numbers of tourists visit and record

numbers of Lebanese return home. There are even higher expectations for the summer of 2009. In January, the New York Times travel section rated Beirut No. 1 among the places to go in 2009

Hizbollah is not a terrorist organization, contrary to its designation as such by the U.S. State Department. Hizbollah does have an armed wing (which is, admittedly, a problem for the Lebanese state), but they earned that

distinction because they (not the Lebanese army) forced Israel out of Lebanon after 20 years of military occupation. Hizbollah is more properly understood as the voice of Lebanon's historically disenfranchised Shiite population.

Editor The party runs a host of social welfare projects, a popular TV station and all

manner of public services. One of Hizbollah's main political allies is the Christian party of former Gen. Michel Aoun. Aoun is arguably the most popular single leader among Lebanon's large and historically dominant Christian population.

Women do not have to fear harassment in Beirut ... well, for the most part. One of the most astonishing (and, I must admit, delightful) features of the social scene in Beirut is the freedom women have to dress as they please. They cover up or bare all as they wish. Don't get me wrong, Lebanese society is still patriarchal; there are few women in parliament, in the cabinet or driving taxis and trucks. But they are prominent in all the professional fields, from law to engineering and medicine.

Beirutis are not anti-American. They love American food, music and film. When I first got here, I was anxious to get some of my Middle Eastern favorites, like falafel, hummus and baklava. But, in Hamra, it is easier to find Kreme or Dunkin' Donuts,

McDonalds, TGI Fridays and even Applebee's. That said, the Lebanese and most Arabs and Middle Easterners remain skeptical about what the U.S. has in store for the region. There was none of the jubilation that met President Barack Obama's election in Europe and at home. Of course, most everyone was happy to see the departure of President George W. Bush, but, being in a region that has been pummeled for so long by the U.S. and Israel takes some of the excitement out of Obama's election. Here folks are hesitatingly, cautiously hopeful (maybe) that the new administration will open a less violent and more evenhanded chapter in relations with the region. But Obama's silence as Israel bombed defenseless Palestinians of Gaza for three weeks before his inauguration spoke volumes about the likelihood that, as the French say, "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

In closing, I hope as many students (and faculty) as possible will have (and take) the opportunity to explore the world beyond the ivory tower, beyond the Mighty Mississippi and even beyond the shores of our country. Don't let your schooling get in the way of your

Steve Tamari History professor



Sean Roberts

Letter

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Celebrate Mardi Gras St. Louis style



Students prepare for annual celebration in historic Soulard

by Neal Gough Alestle Reporter

Beads of every shape, size and color, beer tents, parades, food and music are just some of the things people will experience while celebrating Mardi Gras in St. Louis.

But Mardi Gras wasn't always about a giant party.

According to Sr. Claudia Calzetta, director of Catholic Campus Ministries, Mardi Gras originated in ancient Rome, before turning into a Catholic celebration to "eat and be happy" before the Christian season of Lent. Fat Tuesday is the last day of Mardi Gras, as well as the last day before Lent, which is 40 days of fasting and prayer before the Easter celebration.

This year's Grand Parade theme in Soulard, Mo., is Soulard Mardi Gras' Parade of History, including floats about the 1904 World's Fair, aliens landing in Roswell, "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure," the Boston Tea Party and more, according to the Mardi Gras St. Louis

Other events happening from Friday and Saturday include The Mayor's Ball, the Bud Light Party Tent, several musical performances all day Saturday and the Laclede's Landing After Party, according to

For those heading to Soulard for the Mardi Gras celebrations, the Sigma Pi fraternity has arranged a safe way to get there and back.

Senior history major and Sigma Pi's Mardi Gras Committee Chairman Jon Gallez has organized three buses to shuttle people from SIUE's parking lot nine on campus to Soulard and back. According to Gallez, these buses will run roughly every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to

"It serves as not only a fundraiser, but a great way for people to enjoy Mardi Gras and have a safe way there and back," Gallez said.

Tickets for the bus cost \$15 and can be used during the entire day. There are about 1,000 tickets available because of the buses' capacities.

"Last year we sold roughly 500 tickets," Gallez said. "We've already topped that mark this year."

Senior economics and finance major and Alpha Phi member Kristina White of Marine has already purchased her ticket and plans on taking the bus to Soulard with her fellow sorority members.

White, who took the bus last year, said it is a good way to prevent drunk driving, and it also saves students the trouble of looking for parking in a busy downtown area.

"There are a lot of young people who plan on spending the day drinking," White said. "It's a responsible way to get students there safely."

However, not everyone going to Soulard will ride with the Sigma Pis. Junior biology major Justin Okosi of Chicago will drive himself and some friends because he plans on staying in Soulard longer than the buses will run.

"I want to determine my own time to leave," Okosi said.

Okosi said he thinks the bus is a good idea though because it prevents people who "get out of control" from driving home intoxicated. Okosi said he does not drink and will serve the purpose of designated driver for his friends.

According to Okosi, Mardi Gras is hardly celebrated in Chicago. "I used to think it was only in New Orleans," Okosi said.

Calzetta's Mardi Gras plans are slightly different from many of the students taking the Sigma Pi bus.

"I will probably enjoy a good meal on Tuesday," Calzetta said. "And maybe have dessert. I don't usually have dessert."

While Calzetta said she realizes Mardi Gras has moved away from its religious roots and become secular, she did have some advice for students.

"I know people are going to drink," Calzetta said. "But drink responsibly."

Mardi Gras weekend events

The Mayor's Ball Friday 7 p.m. City Hall

Lumiere Place Grand Parade Saturday 11 a.m. Downtown to Soulard

Bud Light Party Tent Lumiere Place Grand Parade Day

Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Soulard Market Park Plaza (8th and Lafayette next to the Soulard Farmers Market)

Saturday

DJ Mahf, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Joe Dirt, 2 to 3 p.m. DJ Mahf, 3 to 3:30 p.m. Groove Thing, 3:30 to 4:30 DJ Mahf, 4:30 to 5 p.m. Purple Reign, 5 to 6 p.m. DJ Mahf, 6 to 6:15 p.m. Purple Reign, 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. Lot at the corner of 7th and Russell

Gateway Harley Gras Saturday 1 to 8 p.m. Soulard Market Park next to the Bud Light Party Tent

Laclede's Landing After Party Saturday Open until 3 a.m. Historic Laclede's Landing Located along the Mississippi

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Poetry group outgrows Starbucks, moves to Goshen Lounge

by Ben McDonald Alestle Reporter

When senior business administration major Justin Horton first helped organize the student group One Mic poetry at the beginning of the fall semester, he never imagined what it would grow into.

The first poetry reading on campus was in September was greeted by more than 40 students, breaking the Starbucks fire code. Since then, the number of fans has continued to swell. With roughly 115 fans from around the area showing their support of poetry and spoken word on Tuesday, the student-run organization One Mic hosted there most successful event vet.

"We got kicked out of Starbucks," Horton said. "It was pretty crowded in the multi-purpose room of the Meridian Ballroom. We were upstairs (in the Morris University Center) for a little bit, and now we've finally arrived in the Goshen Lounge."

The reading featured 12 artists from SIUE and from the St. Louis and Chicago areas, as well as DJ Chris Brown, who spun tunes before the reading started and in between performances.

Horton said One Mic poetry readings are still making the transition to completely student-run events.

organization," Horton said. "We're working on getting (the readings) more diverse."

Sophomore business major Dometi Pongo, vice president of One Mic, said One Mic, poetry readings started at the beginning of the fall semester with English

"I feel like it's a crime to have a talent and not use it..."

- Dometi Pongo,

sophomore business major

professor Adrian Matejka's help. Matejka helped the students organize the poetry readings with the creative writing department.

"He's always wanted us students to take over," Pongo said. "He told us that all the time, that this is for the

Pongo opened the show by performing a piece he wrote himself, while being accompanied by a piano and a

"I feel like it is a crime to have a talent and not use

"The students are slowly learning the process of the it, so that's probably the main reason I (write)," Pongo

Pongo said he began performing when he was in eighth grade and has been performing steadily since he

The Open Mic is not restricted to SIUE students. Many of the performers were from the St. Louis area and

One performer who helped headline the event was performer Theresa Wilson, known by her stage name, "Songbird." Wilson hailed originally from Chicago, but has been traveling all over the country performing.

Wilson said she has written since she was 14 and has performed for four years.

"I was born creative. The hard part was actually fighting against it," Wilson said. "Trying to not be myself and be more normal."

Wilson said she has supported herself purely through her poetry for two years.

"This type of thing is great because the reason you do your job is to make people's lives better, and this does that for everyone involved," Wilson said.

One of the more renowned performers in the show

From the lips of a woman, "The Vagina Monologues" returns

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Reporter

Sophomore interpersonal speech communications major Andrew Davis will perform in "The Vagina Monologues" Saturday and Sunday, and he will also celebrate his fifth anniversary of being transgender.

According to Davis, the general rule for the transgendered to perform in "The Vagina Monologues" is the person must be a woman for at least five years. It sometimes depends on the discretion of the director as well

Davis is one person in a cast of SIUE students, an alumni member and members of the Gay Straight Alliance who will perform "The Vagina Monologues," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Abbott Auditorium in Lovejoy Library.

"The Vagina Monologues" has been sponsored by the feminist organization Making Waves in previous years, according to junior mass communications major and show director Elizabeth VanWinkle. This year, due to fundraising issues, Making Waves could not host the event and the GSA stepped in to help out, according to VanWinkle.

VanWinkle said the original playwright Eve Ensler wrote the show as a collection of stories about different types of women and difficult experiences they go through, sometimes with adult humor.

After the play was written, Ensler created a movement to end violence against women called V-Day.

According to V-Day's Web site, their vision is to "see a world where women live safely and freely." Volunteers and students routinely produce benefits to "stop the violence against women, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery."

V-Day was founded in 1998, and the "V" in V-Day refers to the words valentine, victory and vagina, according to V-Day's Web site.

V-Day was originally celebrated on Valentine's Day, but has gained more support through the years and now stretches from January to March, VanWinkle said.

According to VanWinkle, "The Vagina Monologues" is the major V-Day event the GSA will be involved with this year. Last year they performed "A Memory, A

Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" as their V-Day performance.

VanWinkle said not all of the monologues in the show remain the same every year, according to VanWinkle. Ensler writes a new spotlight presentation each year to be included in the performance.

This year's spotlight presentation is women of the Congo. The topic was chosen to bring awareness of the raping of children and women in the rainforest areas by the Congolese and foreign militaries, according to VanWinkle.

Davis will perform in one monologue titled "They beat the girl out of my boy ... or so they tried." The story was adapted from a multiple person performance to a monologue and follows transgender women growing up, and the issues they go through.

"A lot of (monologues) are real and up close," Davis

Freshman medical technology major Vincia Jones has acted since first grade and is excited to be a part of the show

"It seems like it had a good message to spread," Jones said. "A lot of people think it's raunchy, but it actually has a message people need to hear."

Jones said her view of the message behind "The Vagina Monologues" is women's empowerment and women speaking their minds instead of remaining silent.

Jones will perform in two monologues, "Because He Liked to Look at It," about a woman embracing the beauty of her vagina, and "The Little Coochie Snorcher That Could," which follows the trials a woman faces in her life, such as an attack by a rapist. Following the attack the woman seeks refuge at a shelter and not only finds love, but a new perspective on life.

"The Vagina Monologues" is mostly a student production except for one alumna Peg Flach, who will perform in the monologues, "I Was There in the Room" and "The Flood."

Flach said she became involved with the production because the material intrigued her, calling it "edgy, honest and powerful.

"I Was There in the Room," tells the story of a woman witnessing her grandchild's birth and "The Flood," is a tale of a woman experiencing her own body.



Photo Illustration Derrick Hawkins

"('The Flood') shows a real generational shift because this woman didn't understand her own body," Flach said. "It's an interesting production."

VanWinkle said despite the title, "The Vagina Monologues" is for men and women alike and that the term "feminist" is not as radical as some may think.

After Friday and Saturday's performances, the audience will have the opportunity to dance with the cast and crew on stage as part of a vagina dance party. Sunday's performance will end with a drum circle. During the drum circle, actors from the performance will play in a freestyle rhythm circle. Audience members are encouraged to participate.

Tickets are \$7 for students and \$10 for general admission. There will also be a silent auction and chocolate vaginas for sale. All proceeds will go to women's organizations such as Call For Help, Phoenix, Oasis Women's Shelter and V-Day.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or from a GSA or Making Waves member. They can be contacted at sotathegsa@yahoo.com.

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from Chicago, Darren Redmond, known on stage as "Redstorm," has appeared on HBO's Def Poetry Jam and has won many awards for his poetry and spoken word. Redmond's representative, Robert Theard, said Redmond's performance is relatable.

"(Redmond) has an ability to communicate to the urban youth," Theard said. "This is his first time in the St. Louis area, and he is really hoping for a positive experience." Redmond received just the greeting he was looking for as he was greeted by the largest crowd in One Mic history.

"I've been to a lot of four year colleges, but I've never been to a college where (there are) this many people, (and) this much support of poetry," Redmond said

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Tieresa Wilson, also known as "Songbird," reads her poetry during the One Mic Poetry Reading Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

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One season ends; another begins

SIUE Club Ice Hockey prepares for U.S. Ice Sports Complex

by Levi Kirby Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE Club Ice Hockey team looks to cap off a transitional, but successful season with a first-place finish at the Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association Conference Tournament this weekend.

Junior goalkeeper Brandon Becker is the hockey team vice president and newly appointed president of Club Sports. Becker said the club ice hockey team has been through somewhat of a downseason as far as publicity and activity within the community.

The down-season is due to their former head coach of the gold team, Larry Thatcher, stepping down from the coaching position. Thatcher stepped down primarily due to health reasons, but even though Thatcher is no longer head coach, he is still very active in the club and is still an important part of the team, Becker said.

The assistant coach from last season, Scott Cloin, took over Thatcher's position. Becker said he has done a fantastic job and made the transition as easy possible.

"We have been kind of behind-thescenes this last year because of the transition," Becker said. "Next season we want to reestablish ourselves and get our name back out there."

Despite the struggle to draw in a large fan base from the new freshman class this year, the success of the team on the ice has not wavered.



Courtesy of SIUE Hockey

SIUE Club Ice Hockey Team (black jerseys) in a face-off earlier this season in a game against Bradley University.

The Cougars have two "teams," silver and gold. In the MACHA conference there are two tiers, gold and silver. The SIUE gold team plays teams in the gold tier, and the silver faces teams in the silver tier, but Becker said they try to make known they are one group, organization and essentially one team.

"We try and emphasis it is still only one organization and one group of people," Becker said. "It is a very large point of pride that we are able to field two teams and are able to be competitive in both leagues. Not a lot of schools are fortunate to have two teams or even one team."

Gold Team

SIUE gold will play in round one of the MACHA Conference Tournament at 1 p.m. Friday against the Kansas University Jayhawks at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex in Fairview Heights.

SIUE earned a four-seed for the tournament after compiling a season record of 9-8-1-1, beating teams such as Missouri University, Illinois State

University and sweeping KU, who they take on in round one of the tournament, in the regular season 3-0.

Barring a win by the Cougars on Friday against the Jayhawks, SIUE would then take on the University of Iowa the following day again at 1 p.m. in the semifinals of the tournament.

Another win on Saturday against Iowa would place SIUE in the conference championship match against whoever comes out on top between Missouri, ISU or Missouri State University.

The championship game is set for lp.m. on Sunday.

Junior forward for the gold team and team president Mike Dolan said the team feels confident heading into the tournament and needs to focus on a few things.

"We have to get our power play going and generate some goals off the power play ... and not give up any goals," Dolan said. "If we can do that we have a pretty good chance (of winning.) It's pretty balanced this year as far as teams go."

Cloin said the teams are even this year and every team has an equal shot at winning. If the Cougars want to take the championship it will have to be a team effort, Cloin said.

"We're not a team made up of superstars, we can't rely on a handful of guys. It will take all 21 guys being

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Baseball team prepares for life on the road

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The first-year transition to Division I will not be an easy one for SIUE baseball. The Cougars have 52 games scheduled against D-I opponents with all but one of those games on the road.

Despite their road-heavy schedule, SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said he is looking forward to traveling to new places.

"This year means a lot of travel," Collins said. "We want to have a winning season. There are a lot of unknowns with playing a whole lot of teams that we have never seen before. This year we are trying to measure where we are at and where we need to get to as a program."

SIUE's first season transitioning to D-I marks Collins' 31st year as head coach for the Cougars. With a career record of 944-637-7, Collins tops the all-time wins list in sports at SIUE. Collins' impressive record ranks him in the top 10 among Division II coaches.

Collins' 1991 squad set a school record of 43 wins. Collins also became the first Cougar to sign a professional contract, signing in 1969 with the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

SIUE's schedule includes games against some of the strongest conferences in D-I.

The Cougars have four scheduled games against Saint Louis University. The Cougars and Billikens will lock up once in St. Louis, once at SimmonsCooper Complex here at SIUE and twice at GCS Ballpark in Sauget. GCS Ballpark serves as the home to Frontier League member, the Gateway Grizzlies.

"We will be one of the better programs in the (Ohio Valley Conference), there is no doubt in my mind."

-Gary Collins,
SIUE baseball head coach

SIUE will have the opportunity to square off against six future conference foes this season. First off, the Cougars will see the University of Tennessee-Martin March 21 to 22. SIUE will make the trip to Murray State University in a three-game series March 27 to 29.

The Governors of Austin Peay State University play host to SIUE April 3 to 5. They will then see action against Southeast Missouri State University April 17 to 19.

In-state rival Eastern Illinois University will entertain the Cougars in a three-game series April 25 to 26. The final Ohio Valley Conference member SIUE will face this year will be on May 8 10 Morehead State University. Sophomore infielder Ryan Wiggs said he looks forward to seeing how SIUE will stack up against OVC opponents.

"It is good to get in the OVC games," Wiggs said. "We have a lot of guys who are ready for the transition. From here on out, it will be good to get a feel for the ball parks in the OVC."

SIUE also faces three teams from the Missouri Valley Conference. A single game in Peoria against Bradley University is April 29.

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E's, the Cougars
will lock up with
Evansville in a threegame set May 1 to 3.
Another three-game
series is set against Illinois
State University from May 15 to 17.
"The season will get long, but we
will have a good time," Wiggs said.
"Staying competitive will make the season

run smoother."

Additional games of interest include
March 14 when the Cougars battle Ohio
State University and four days later
includes a stop at Missouri University
against the Tigers.

SIUE will face off against two more Big Ten Conference schools in the University of Illinois and Purdue University before the season is over.

"It is going to be a long process," junior catcher Dustin Brooks said. "It is

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SIUE and Commerce Bank sign multi-year partnership

by Kyle Wiese Alestle Sports Correspondent

The SIUE athletic program has agreed to a multi-year agreement to partner with Commerce Bank for corporate sponsorship.

The deal was announced Feb. 12, and Zach Woods, assistant vice president of Commerce Bank and Edwardsville Branch manager, said Commerce is excited about the opportunity.

"We've Edwardsville three years in June, and we want to introduce Commerce Bank to the students and faculty," Woods said.

According to Woods, Commerce Bank is not only interested in providing banking services to SIUE students, they are also interested in educating in money management.

"Every time a student comes in, we like to take a little more time to find out what their goals are, (and) what solutions we can offer them to meet their goals," Woods said.

According to the Commerce Bank Web site, there are 34 branches and ATMs in the St. Louis and Metro-East area.

Commerce Bank has already begun promotions on the SIUE

campus, particularly during involved in on the SIUE basketball games.

In a timeout during SIUE games, basketball Commerce Bank sponsors the "Dash for Cash," which allows a

"This is just a chance for our sponsors to get involved and create an atmosphere for our students to get involved,"

-Brad Hewitt, SIUE Athletic Director

student selected from the crowd to grab as many one dollar bills off of the floor in 30 seconds as they can.

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said the event was a fun way for sponsors to interact with the crowd.

"This is just a chance for our sponsors to get involved and create an atmosphere for our students to get involved,"

This is one example of the many promotions Commerce Bank is expected to become campus.

Todd Garzarelli, associate athletic director for external affairs, said the agreement would have positive results for the athletic program.

"It's always important to have local partners that believe in the program," Garzarelli said.

Garzarelli said both SIUE and Commerce Bank are growing institutions and have seized the opportunity for a partnership during SIUE's reclassification to Division I.

"The support that we have is great to help each other grow," Garzarelli said. "They've been engaged in the community a long time, and it's a natural partnership for us."

As part of Commerce Bank's plan to get information to students, they created a Web site, www.commerce bank.com/learn, which shows how to set up a checking account, savings account and has many other features available as

provide comprehensive package for money management and our Web site is often updated with new features for

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disciplined and playing in the same system," Cloin said. "It's going to take everybody to win

Silver Team

SIUE silver takes on Missouri State University in round one of the conference tournament on Friday at 12:45 p.m., also at the U.S. Ice Sports

The silver team is coached by former player Jason Walker and put together a season record of 6-13-0-1, earning them a six-seed in the tournament.

A Cougar win against MSU on Friday would match them up with Northwestern University at 4 p.m. Saturday in the semifinals.

Beating Northwestern would put SIUE in the championship match against ISU, Marquette University or McKendree University at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Walker, who graduated in 2007, said the team feels pretty good heading into tournament.

"We had a pretty good week of practice, and everyone is pretty confident," Walker "Everyone is excited to play in the playoffs and take our best shot at it."

The Cougars are taking it one game at a time, and in round one against MSU, Walker said the team needs to focus on defense.

"We had some problems defensively the first time we played them. We've got to play

better on the defensive end," Walker said. "Our main focus is to keep the puck out of our net, and whenever we do get chances offensively, we have to capitalize on them."

McKendree University will host the tournament this weekend at the U.S. Ice Sports Complex (for both gold and silver teams), and they are very pleased for the opportunity, tournament Director Jantcen Eddington said.

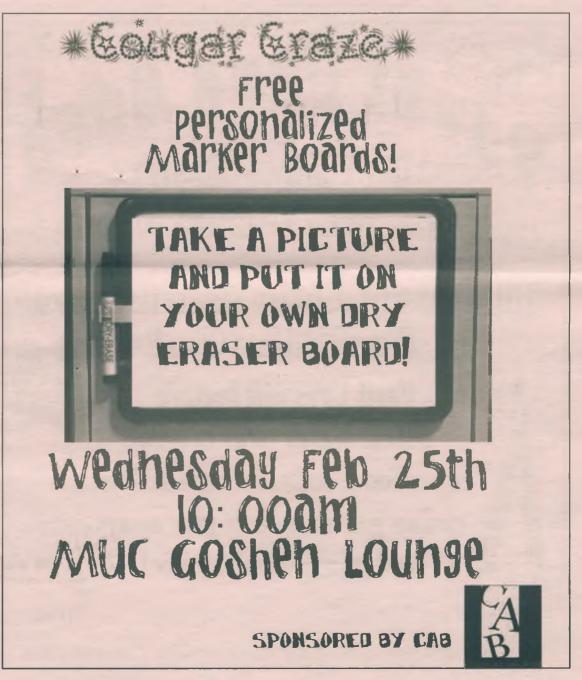
"We are excited that we're hosting (the tournament). I think it's a really good opportunity for us and the sport as a whole, and for the region as well," Eddington said. "What's nice about where we're located is it is fairly centrally located for all the teams that will be playing."

To those who believe "club" sports means a lower talent level, Eddington said he strongly disagrees.

"(The club teams) could compete with anybody. It's competitive, and I would consider the level or quality of athletes the same as you would see in any other conference," Eddington said. "You could take a lot of people who have no idea that it is a club sport and take them there, and they would not know (the difference). They wouldn't see a difference in the quality or level of play."

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SPORTS BRIEF

SIUE women's soccer signs eight new recruits

Alestle Staff Report

SIUE women's soccer Head Coach Derek Burton announced the commitment of eight recruits to come play soccer for SIUE next season.

"As a whole they all bring a lot of definite Division I caliber and athleticism, which we felt was a need," Burton said. "The majority (of the recruits) come with a high level of experience and success."

The recruits include Kristen Dailey of Florissant, Mo., Kristin Dierker of Groveland, Erin DiGiovanni from Rockford, Edwardsville native Jenny Humphrey, Shanna Hutchinson from Bloomington, Stephanie Jung of Troy, Megan LeBaron of Grayslake and Jenn Tucker from St. Charles, Mo.

SIUE landed midfielders in the signing process with 5-foot-6-inch Dierker, 5foot-5-inch DiGiovanni, who can also play the forward position, 5foot-9-inch Hutchison and 5foot-10-inch LeBaron.

Dailey is a 5-foot-8-inch forward, and the Cougars also received two new defenders. Humphrey and Tucker are a pair of 5-foot-5-inch defenders.

Humphrey is the younger sister of current SIUE midfielder Kelley Humphrey, and Tucker was recognized as Defender of the Year in 2008 in Missouri.

The tallest recruit for the Cougars is Jung, who is a 6-foot goalkeeper. Jung is a transfer student from Southwestern Illinois College.

"We have competitors with experience and a lot of success at every level, whether it's high school or club," Burton said. "We have state champs, regional champs, a player of the year award recipient ... we're really looking forward to it."

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many to balance academics and

social life with baseball. Brooks

added that despite the tough road

transition this year, the future of

SIUE baseball looks promising.

we measure up against OVC

teams," Brooks said. "Within 10 to 15 years, I expect to see

(SIUE) competing in the NCAA

will open on Friday when SIUE

takes on Wofford College at 3

p.m. in the University of South

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programs in the OVC," Collins

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"It will be good to see how

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something that everybody has to do in order to compete at the D-I level. It is going to be an extreme challenge, especially this

After playing host to SLU on April 7, the Cougars' next home game will be against the University of Missouri-St. Louis on April 14. April 30 Missouri-St. Louis will come back to SIUE to mark another rare home contest for the Cougars.

On April 21 and 23 there will be two more games at the SimmonsCooper Complex with ballgames against the University of Central Missouri and the University of Indianapolis, respectively. May 22 to 23 will mark the end of year one in D-I transition when the University of Central Arkansas will visit SIUE.

With 51 games on the road, Brooks said it will be difficult for

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education," Woods said.

The partnership with SIUE expected to benefit the various athletic programs.

of our flagship program basketball," Garzarelli said. "This partnership will help accelerate our other programs on the field and in the classroom."

opportunity for Commerce Bank to support SIUE.

"A lot of us here were SIUE university beyond success in the graduates or students," Woods said. "Since I have been at "Everyone wants to be a part Commerce Bank, I have seen SIUE become more involved in the community, and we're looking to grow with them."

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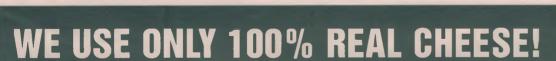
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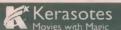
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