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Spring brings more students to campus

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE's spring enrollment figures are in and the university's growth trend continues.

According to the Office of Admissions, enrollment for the spring 2004 semester is at 12,597, a 3.6 percent increase over spring 2003's figure of 12,161.

Enrollment has increased by nearly 1,000 students since the spring 2002 semester.

This semester's figures show the continuation of a nine-year growth trend at SIUE. Fall 2003

enrollment was at 13,295, a 4.5 percent increase over Fall 2002.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Boyd Bradshaw said he expected the enrollment growth.

"We've seen consistent increases in our fall enrollment," Bradshaw said. "Now what we're starting to see is a spring growth pattern that mirrors the fall increases."

Illinois state budget cuts have put a crunch on SIUE's funding in recent years, but university officials have used increasing tuition revenue to offset the money crunch.

The enrollment boom has raised concerns among students about increasing class sizes and lack of course offerings. SIUE Chancellor David Werner addressed those concerns in his speech at the January Coffee with the Chancellor.

Werner said the university is studying the class schedules and room availability, along with the possibility of offering more Friday classes.

"The classroom space is there," Werner said.

The chancellor said finding faculty available to teach the classes might be the difficult part.



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Students hurry to get through the crowded staircase in Peck Hall on their way to class Monday morning. SIUE's spring enrollment is 12,597, a 3.6 percent increase from last spring.

Hays takes police reins, looking forward to tasks

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS REPORTER

The SIUE Police Department has a new chief. Gina Hays, who has served as captain since January 1999, has been appointed chief of the force, replacing Richard Harrison who retired last week after 26 years with SIUE.

Hays, who has been with the SIUE Police Department for 16 years, said she is excited to be the department's new leader, but that the department's policies won't change drastically under her

leadership.

"We're going to continue to emphasize our community policing policy," Hays said. "We believe in preventing crime, as opposed to fighting it, and to do that you have to involve the community."

Hays said one of the most difficult challenges the SIUE Police Department faces is the constant population turnover on campus.

"The population (of students) changes constantly here," she explained. "And every

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JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Gina Hays

Insert Team Name Here wins

KELLY SCHOMAKER
NEWS STRINGER

Campus Activities Board held its annual Campus College

Bowl Tournament Friday in the Morris University Center Conference Center.

The Campus College Bowl Tournament was run as a

trivia game.

Each team answered various questions, and the team that received the most correct answers won.

"We had 12 teams participate with at least four players per team. Several of the teams also brought their own cheering sections," Assistant Director for Campus Life Amanda Rainey said.

The team with the unusual name of Insert Team Name Here took first place.

The team members included graduate student Joseph Dethrow, senior Rachel Duede, junior Rick Maurer and senior

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KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Insert Team Name Here won first place at the college bowl Friday, and they will participate in the regional tournament.

Big turnout for talks

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

An estimated 75 people were present at a discussion of the Patriot Act Wednesday in the Religious Center.

"We were really happy with the turnout," historical studies graduate student and Amnesty International member Peter Cerneka said. "To us, it shows that people are interested in the subject, that people are concerned that some of their constitutional rights have been sacrificed with little or no debate or input from the American body politic."

The discussion, which was sponsored by Amnesty

International, featured History Department Chair Ellen Nore and Matt LeMieux, the director of the Eastern Missouri American Civil Liberties Union.

"We were really pleased with how the event worked," Cerneka said. "Nore was wonderful. She was the same speaker she is in class, well-prepared and passionate. Mr. LeMieux was great as well. He was well-versed in the Patriot Act law and gave his presentation and answered questions in an unbiased fashion that I think everyone appreciated."

Nore discussed similar laws in history and controversial

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Warmer temperatures reveal burst water pipes

JAMIE FORSYTHE
NEWS EDITOR

Saturday's warmer weather exposed three burst water pipes on campus.

"Sometimes we don't find them until it warms up and the pipes thaw out," Director of Facilities Management Bob Washburn said.

A pipe ruptured on the second floor of Peck Hall, in the south stairwell of the Vadalabene Center and by Chick-fil-A in the lower level of the Morris University Center.

Campus Recreation Director

Mick Ostrander said the Vadalabene Center was forced to close because the fire alarm and sprinkler systems were affected by the water pipe break.

The burst pipes were discovered between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Plumbers from Facilities Management repaired the pipes while workers from Building Services cleaned up the mess, according to Washburn.

Washburn said everything was cleaned up by 8 p.m.

"There was some damage, nothing serious because no offices were flooded," Washburn said.

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DIG A CASTLE IN BELGIUM



This summer the Department of Geography will be offering a field school in Belgium for two or four weeks in July. In cooperation with Eastern Illinois University and the University of Louvain, students will be working on the excavation and geographic field analysis of the Walhain-St.-Paul Castle and earning three to nine credits of upper division or graduate credit. GEOG 426-001 will be the basic course with other curricula added after individual consultation.

Please contact Professor William Woods
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for further information.

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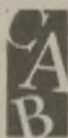
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Luncheon to honor MLK Jr.

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

In observance of the 75th birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is sponsoring a luncheon celebrating King's legacy at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

"This is an opportunity for us to recognize the contributions Martin Luther King made to our nation," said Narbeth Emmanuel, vice chancellor for student affairs and co-chair of the planning committee.

Following the meal, manager and Chief Executive Officer of

Burris Lebed Consulting LLC Roland W. Burris will speak. Burris, a Southern Illinois native, has career experience as a member of the governor's cabinet, as well as serving as Illinois state comptroller from 1979 to 1991. Also, Ebony magazine has recognized Burris as one of the 100 most influential black Americans.

"We've identified an individual who will speak to King's contributions to creating a society in which we are all valued and recognized as equals," Emmanuel said.

A reception to honor the three Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award recipients will take place at 1:30 p.m.

Community Humanitarian Award winner Calvin D. Brown, who serves as executive board member of the Edwardsville National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be honored alongside University Humanitarian Award recipient Larry E. Hogg, who is a counselor for the SIUE Upward Bound Science Awareness program in East St. Louis. SIUE economics and finance freshman Scott Herbert will accept the Scholarship Humanitarian Award.

Area high school students will also be awarded at the reception. Jesse L. Favre, a junior at Belleville East High School, *see MLK, page 4*

Grille smoke still a problem

JEWELS KUENSTLER
NEWS REPORTER

After being closed last week for improvements, the Grille in Center Court has been reopened.

The brief hiatus was due to smoke trafficking problems from the grill.

Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson said Friday that the renovation is not yet complete.

"The Grille was closed so we could install a new fan and shields to traffic the smoke," Robinson said. "We've been working with our architects to

adjust the system so the smoke would be expelled correctly. The fan is now installed, but the shields are not completely installed and the charcoal broiler will not be working yet."

Robinson also said the reason for the unfinished projects were parts that could not be manufactured for various reasons.

The Grille's suspension created mixed feelings among students.

"It sucks," freshman Jennifer Thorpe said. "It makes all the other lines longer because students have to pick other places to eat."

Some students said they didn't notice the Grille wasn't open.

"I didn't even realize it was closed," freshman Lucia DiGioia said.

Robinson has received positive feedback from students regarding the renovation as well as questions about why the renovations were not completed during the holiday break like they were supposed to be.

"I've heard very positive things," Robinson said. "I also received an e-mail from a student who thought the Grille would be fixed during the holidays, but so did we."

Faculty Ombuds act as mediator

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS REPORTER

Conflict in the workplace is a fairly common occurrence.

Inevitably, conflict will arise at some point between co-workers or between workers and their superiors. Sometimes people need assistance in properly resolving their conflicts.

That's where SIUE's Faculty Ombuds Service comes in. In 2001, the Ombuds Service was established to serve SIUE's faculty in the area of conflict resolution.

"We help faculty deal with difficult interpersonal situations at work," foreign language professor Debbie Mann said.

Mann and English professor Jeffrey Skoblow provide confidential, impartial dispute resolution free of charge.

"We deal with problems informally," Mann said.

Mann said many people don't want to take conflicts as far as filing a formal grievance or lawsuit, so they come to the Faculty Ombuds Service for help before taking those measures.

"We do a lot of mediation," Mann said. "We've both had

special training in conflict resolution."

The Faculty Ombuds Service office is in Rendleman Hall, Room 2225. Mann's and Skoblow's office hours change each semester with their schedules, and this semester their office hours are from 9 to 11 a.m. Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, 9 to 11 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to noon Fridays.

In addition to those hours, Mann and Skoblow are also available by appointment. They can be reached at 650-3238.

Police Incidents

Traffic

1-27-03

Police issued a citation to Lucas N. Shook for expired registration on South University Drive.

1-28-03

Police arrested Tanya L. Shores on an outstanding warrant after stopping Shores for disobeying a stop sign. Shores was taken to Macoupin County where she was booked and fingerprinted. Shores posted \$500 bond and was released.

1-29-03

Police issued a citation to Daniel L. Rodriguez

for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Ryan E. Tyler for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive

Other Offences

1-30-03

Police arrested Thomas E. Schaedel for criminal damage to property and illegal consumption by a minor at Woodland Hall. Schaedel was booked and released after posting \$100 bond.

Get ready for spring break with Food Chat

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Getting in shape for spring break will be the hot topic Wednesday as SIUE's Campus Activities Board presents Food Chat.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Assistant Director of Campus Recreation Aimee Knitter will speak to students in the University Restaurant on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

She will talk about how to get into shape before spring break

and keep in shape long after the vacation week.

Knitter will highlight fitness programs available at the Student Fitness Center and offer some nutrition tips that will suit anyone's budget.

Light refreshments will be served.

Space is limited for the event, but students can feel free to come and go at their leisure.

For more information, call the Campus Activities Board at 650-3371 or e-mail cab@siue.edu.

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four years there's almost an entirely new group of people to work with."

Hays said fostering strong relationships with the dean of students and University Housing has been the key to keeping in touch with the campus population and building trust.

Hays holds a bachelor's degree in administration of

justice from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and a master's degree in public administration policy analysis from SIUE.

In addition to her academic achievements, Hays served on the St. Louis Major Case Squad, attended the FBI National Academy and serves as treasurer of the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association.

Bowl awards brains



KWAME ROSS /ALESTLE

The team Phi Kappa Psi, top, was awarded second place in the college bowl and \$200. The Political Science Association, bottom, won third place and \$100.

COLLEGE BOWL

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Marshall Mullins.

The second-place winners were Phi Kappa Psi, represented by junior Jason Burian, sophomore Sara Eudy, junior Andrew Scott and senior Aaron Paul.

The first-place team won \$350 and will represent SIUE at the regional tournament at Indiana University in Purdue

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21. The second-place team won \$200.

"The College Bowl Tourney went well," Rainey said. "The tournament was double elimination, so games lasted until around 10 p.m."

Twelve volunteers assisted in judging, moderating and keeping score.



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PATRIOT

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sections of the Patriot Act while LeMieux further described the Patriot Act's weaknesses.

Under the Patriot Act, the government has extended authority concerning investigations, which many consider a violation of the Fourth Amendment regulating search and seizures.

"The Patriot Act was passed Oct. 21, 2001, very soon after 9-11, just a few weeks later. It was a hastily drafted law," Nore said. "My basic argument is all our freedoms can be thoroughly compromised with laws we already have."

Much of the evening's discussion focused on Section 215, which deals with access

to tell those investigated (of the investigation)," Nore said. "This deprives people of writing a letter to the editor, to a congressman and saying, 'what is going on here?'"

In the past, laws similar to the Patriot Act have failed, such as the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798, which gave the

Patriot Act, he insisted some of the enhanced securities developed because of the Patriot Act are understandable.

"Some of the government's actions taken at airports are perfectly reasonable," LeMieux said. "Not all 186 provisions of the Patriot Act are bad. There is some good stuff in the Patriot Act as well."

The Patriot Act continues to be a debate throughout the country, and SIUE students proved to be similarly interested in the topic.

"Someone once said that America is at her best when she's challenged. I think

"When provided with a solid opportunity to learn more about issues that affect us all and to act in one way or the other, this campus will respond."

~ Peter Cerneka

president the power to deport or imprison those who wrote or spoke against the national government.

"I think it really is enough to just look at how the powers have been used in history," LeMieux said. "If we give one branch unchecked power, they will abuse it."

While LeMieux criticized the unclear wordings of the

that's true, and not to get too dramatic about it, but I think that it's also true for SIUE," Cerneka said.

"When provided with a solid opportunity to learn more about issues that affect us all and to act one way or the other, this campus will respond. I know it was only 75 people, but it's an indication that people here do care and are interested," Cerneka said.

Love is on the street

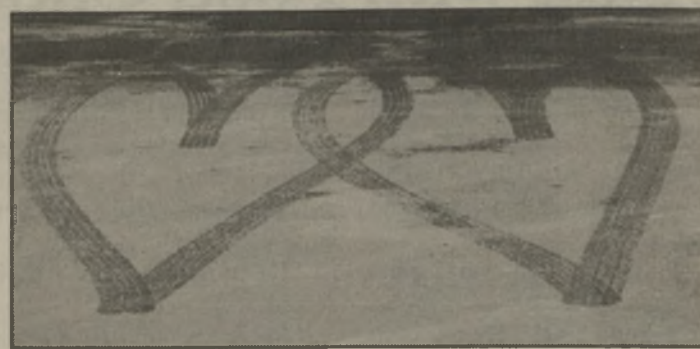


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Environmental Health and Safety employees David McDonald and Jim Hiatt found two hearts on Textbook Services parking lot Friday afternoon. The image was caused by a vehicle's inadvertent turnaround.

Get away from the weather with a DVD

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Harvey said. "So when it says it comes out on the 29th, we have it."

During this bone-chilling weather, students may decide to relax in the warmth of their own home for fun. A good way to relax is by curling up with some popcorn, soda and a movie to watch.

The Union Station addition of digital video disk rentals is a great way for students to stay close to campus when deciding to rent a movie.

"People won't always have to leave campus and go to Blockbuster or Shop 'n Save. They can just come here," Union Station employee Stephanie Harvey said.

With a variety of movie choices available, Harvey said there is something for everybody.

Every Tuesday, Union Station has new releases.

"We keep on schedule like Blockbuster and everyone else,"

Harvey said when new releases come in, they normally receive two copies of each movie and sometimes more. Some movies may only have one copy just to see how well it will work.

The rental cost is \$2.99 for newer movies and \$1 for older movies. There is no set limit of the amount of DVDs students can rent.

The DVD rentals are only for one day, and they are due back the next night before Union Station closes. There is a \$4 late fee if the movie is not returned on time.

Union Station is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to midnight Friday, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 650-2320.

Sirens sound again

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Another month begins with testing alarms

The university will be conducting tests of the civil defense and fire alarm systems at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The sirens will sound for approximately one to two

minutes, and the fire alarms will sound for 30 seconds to one minute. As usual, no evacuation of the buildings will be necessary.

The university asks that anyone unable to hear either of the systems e-mail their name, building address and phone number to Facilities Management at fmserv@siue.edu.

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will be awarded in the essay category. Kristina Cottone, a senior at Edwardsville High School, will be honored for her poetry, and Alton High School sophomore Matthew H. Stolze will be recognized for his visual art entry.

"In addition to having a recognized and featured speaker,

we also take this opportunity to value those individuals who have made contributions to our community that reflect the ideals, the aspirations, the hopes of Martin Luther King," Emmanuel said.

Tickets had to be purchased by Monday in order to attend the event.

Correction

In the Jan. 29 issue of the Alestle, the story "Virus puts e-mail under the weather" gave the incorrect phone number for the Office of Information Technology Support Center. The correct number is 650-3739. The Alestle regrets the error.

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Dating is harder than it seems

This is the first time in my life that I have ever dated.

After two long-term relationships, I know exactly what I am looking for in a potential mate and I'm ready to find Mr. Right.

This is a huge thing for me, so I decided to start with small things like giving guys my correct phone number instead of fake ones and enrolling in a coed volleyball class.

I also made a mental list of all the qualities I want in my prince charming.

To name a few, he should have dark hair and dark eyes and he should be intelligent. I don't really want someone who is so focused on his career that he forgets what is really important in life like family and friendship.

However, I don't want someone who sits around playing video games all day and can't hold down a job either.

In short, I want what every woman wants: a well-balanced guy who isn't afraid to love.

Now finding this guy is where things start getting difficult. I found out quickly that dating isn't really all it's cracked up to be. In fact, it is quite a complicated process.

Since I've only been in long-term relationships, I used to look at my dating friends with envy when they would talk about their

exciting escapades of love. Boy was I naïve!

In just the few weeks I have been dating, I've had all sorts of interesting experiences and I've learned a lot about myself. I find one guy to be very attractive, but he falls short on everything else on the checklist.

Another guy isn't all that attractive, but we really hit it off. I'm not superficial, so I can work with that, right? Then why haven't I returned his phone calls?

There are also those stupid

guilt. Who would have ever thought there would be guilt associated with seeing more than one person at a time?

This becomes especially prickly when someone you really like asks for another date on the same evening plans have already been made with another guy.

Do I cancel the first date and go with the guy I like or do I say, "I already have plans," which I now know translates into "I'm seeing someone else"?

The whole dating scene has



However, I've also learned to not take myself so seriously and to have fun with this whole dating thing.

After all, if dating isn't fun then why even do it?

Don't get me wrong, I still know exactly what I want in a guy and won't settle for anything less.

I've just realized this journey might take a little longer than I first thought, but I plan to learn something from each person I meet along the way.

In the end, I've found that some of the best surprises come in the most unexpected packages and you never even know it's there until you start to peel off the wrapping.

But beware, there are some packages that should never be opened. Ever.

Stella Ramsaroop
Columnist

"I found out quickly that dating isn't really all it's cracked up to be. In fact, it is quite a complicated process."

little mistakes that could possibly be huge issues like when one guy calls at 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning just to say "hi."

In a barely awake and still mostly asleep state, I think he is another guy. Oops! Now I have one guy who tells me his full name every time he calls just so there is no question as to whom I am speaking.

I learned to correct that mistake quickly by checking caller ID for every single call or just not answering any calls until fully awake.

One unanticipated issue is

turned out to be far more complicated than I had ever expected. Not to mention the pre-date jitters accompanying every single date.

When you're with someone for an extended period of time, a person tends to not feel the need to look like a movie star for a date to the movies and for some coffee.

I have learned a lot about myself in the last few weeks. I've found that I can be more superficial than I ever thought possible. That flaw will definitely need some tweaking.

Letter to the Editor

Alumnus questions penny pinching

Dear Editor,

This is to show the outside perception of the current labor negotiations between the university and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

The argument seems to be about a .5 percent. The union has asked for a 1.5 percent raise and you have offered 1 percent.

Figuring 67 employees and an average pay of \$10 an hour for the janitors, that comes to the following: at 40 hours per week on 52 weeks, (and the custodians, only work 37.5) that comes to \$208 per employee per year. If you multiply that by 67, you get \$13,936.

The nonunion employees received a 2 percent raise so I must assume their wages are lower.

However, if they are not lower then it appears this is an attempt to bust the union, which I, as an alumnus, would find disgusting.

Furthermore, the union has asked only for 1.5 percent. That is a difference of \$6,968. It would be ludicrous for a university to damage its reputation over \$7,000 a year.

I have spoken to the head of the Alumni Association because I heard alumni wanted the school to do this.

The director/president told me the association was not involved directly or indirectly and had a shocked look on his face when I told him.

The alumni are on neither side, but if this persists, others and I will be pushing for a move on behalf of the janitors.

Realizing university officials

cannot confirm or deny what is being said, all I am doing is letting you know the outside perception.

Whoever called the police on the custodians at graduation Dec. 20 made a grave error.

The next day on Sunday I spoke with a few people who witnessed what happened, none of which were custodians or in a union, and they felt it was simply a show of force.

A show of force is commendable in certain situations. However, in this case it seems to show the university's intent to break the union.

If this is about the other contracts coming up, maybe the university feels the custodians are the easiest to push around because officials have the least personal contact with them.

If the university can bully

them into taking a small amount, it will make it easier into doing the same with the clerical.

After all, you would want the people who are taking your messages and creating your work environment to be happy with you.

Since that is the only logical conclusion, I ran the following numbers.

If the average clerical worker costs \$20 per hour, which I know is less but through fuzzy math you will get it to \$20, and you have 300 employees, the total cost is \$249,600.

That is not even up to a fair cost of living allowance.

That is about the same as the tax credit Congress passed last year per worker.

Jonathon Forbes
SIUE Alumnus

Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT, & Arts

LeVasseur plays the Goshen

NATALIE HEIL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Solo artist Jason LeVasseur rocked the Goshen Lounge Thursday in a rescheduled appearance.

"I was supposed to play Tuesday night, but because of the snow I was stuck in Chicago, which isn't a bad place to be stuck, but I was sad I couldn't see you all," LeVasseur said.

Sponsored by Campus Activities Board's monthly Coffeehouse Showcase, LeVasseur played an array of original songs from his latest compact discs, including "The Steps of St. Patrick's," "Don't Wanna Fall" and "Fiddle."

"'Fiddle' is a drinking song, but I don't condone that type of behavior at noon on a Thursday," LeVasseur said.

LeVasseur's brand of humor was exhibited by his acoustic versions of songs by well-known artists like Eminem, Jennifer Lopez, Paula Abdul and Christina Aguilera.

Before his rendition of Aguilera's "Beautiful," LeVasseur said, "I didn't write this next song, but I really should have."

As a rising artist, LeVasseur has shared the stage with the Dave Mathews



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Jason LeVasseur runs his one-man show, complete with singing, dancing and a bongo drum.

Band, Widespread Panic, Vertical Horizon and John Mayer. intimidating."

LeVasseur said he felt these experiences were "inspirationally Also, some of LeVasseur's songs have appeared in the soundtracks of the Electronic Arts video game "Triple Play

2000," the television show "Felicity" and the movie "Delta Airlines," starring Christina Applegate.

"I don't recommend you all see the movie, but the soundtrack kicks ass," LeVasseur said.

LeVasseur has also earned recognition for his music. He was named best small-venue performer by Campus Activities Magazine and won a place in Musician Magazine's top 100 unsigned bands.

LeVasseur kicked off his six-month college tour with SIUE. Some students said they were impressed by the performance.

"I think Jason LeVasseur is rad. It is really nice to see something different than the usual walkers-by," freshman Stephanie Kurtz said.

Graduate student Vikrant Deshmukh said, "He's a good singer and guitar player. They should invite more people like that to perform for us."

Beginning his music career as a drummer, LeVasseur said role models like U2, Counting Crows, Ozzy Osborne and the Beatles helped inspire him to sing and write lyrics.

"I am so lucky to be able to do this as a profession," LeVasseur said. "Even if it is 12 o'clock on a Tuesday in the Quad, it is important to me to do my best."

Students get friendly with nature

DREW TALBOT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Two groups of SIUE students will travel to Costa Rica in May and July to participate in a diverse study abroad program.

The program allows students of all departments to learn in a new environment.

The study abroad program to Costa Rica has been conducted since May of 2001. Since then, nine groups of students have participated in the program.

Economics and finance professor Laura Wolff is the coordinator for the project.

"The purpose is to form a relationship between SIUE and Carara National Park that will allow our students various kinds of learning opportunities," Wolff said.

While in Costa Rica, students will stay on the grounds of Carara National Park, a rain forest wildlife refuge that is noted for its scarlet macaw population.

While at Carara, students will help maintain the park by working on park buildings and trails and installing information-gathering weather stations.

Carara has a lush variety of flora and fauna for students to observe. Some of the animal species found in Carara include the American crocodile, great anteater, ocelot, Central American spider monkey, great curassow and the black and green poison



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Scarlet macaws peak from a tree used as a nesting site in Costa Rica.

arrow frog. All of these species are in danger of extinction. Wolff said the stay will not be a luxurious one.

"We will basically be camping," Wolff said. "We're roughing it. It is Costa Rica. It's the rain forest."

Since July in Costa Rica is turtle season, students will also work at a turtle sanctuary in Playa Hermosa.

The sanctuary is dedicated to protecting the diminishing population of olive ridley sea turtles that inhabit the Costa Rican waters.

Students will work with the sanctuary staff to monitor the turtle population, as

well as to protect the turtles' eggs from poachers.

The program is open to students in all areas of study and is an interdisciplinary program. Some students who have attended the trip before have been in geography, business, biology, economics, computer science and environmental education.

The program is designed to be a valuable learning experience. Before the trip, students attend six to eight classes that prepare them for the program.

While in Costa Rica, they attend presentations at Carara to learn about the

various facets of Costa Rica and its environment, economy and wildlife.

Students also visit local schools to teach the Costa Rican children. Each student is also responsible for producing a project about what they learned while participating in the study abroad program.

"Most students write papers," Wolff said. "One year, two students put together a Web site for the park."

Wolff will be conducting informational meetings for students interested in participating in the program.

These meetings will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday and at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Both sessions will meet in Alumni Hall, Room 2138. For more information, contact Wolff at 650-2875.

For undergraduate students, the trip costs about \$950, not including tuition and fees. This price includes the deduction of about \$250 for each student made possible by an Excellence in Undergraduate Education grant.

Final decisions on attendance and payments are expected by Feb. 15.

The SIUE student-produced Web site for Carara can be found at www.siu.edu/BUSINESS/econfin/Carara/index.html. This is the official Web site for the park and contains further information about the park and its wildlife.

Art exhibit equals hard work

VICKI KRUSE
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE Undergraduate Student Art Exhibition cultivates an environment of community.

Students work long hours to prepare for the exhibition, scheduled to open with a reception at 4 p.m. today in the New Wagner Gallery.

"I like having a united community of peers when entering the exhibition," ceramics senior Susanne Harmon said.

Harmon said she plans to enter three ceramic pieces and two sculptures in the exhibition.

"In ceramics, I like to stay with simple forms, sets of things that sit on a base," Harmon said.

Harmon began college as a math major and was encouraged by an art history professor to take a ceramics class.

"It fits my personality and how I was raised," Harmon said. "I was raised on a farm and worked with my hands a lot."

Art professor John Denhouter contacted Art St. Louis Executive Director Dion Dion to serve as the juror for the exhibition. Art St. Louis is a nonprofit co-op art gallery.

Dion will judge the artwork Friday for two or three hours, Denhouter said.

"This is a chance for students to get an idea of seeing what is ensconced in the art community for when they graduate and enter exhibitions," Denhouter said.

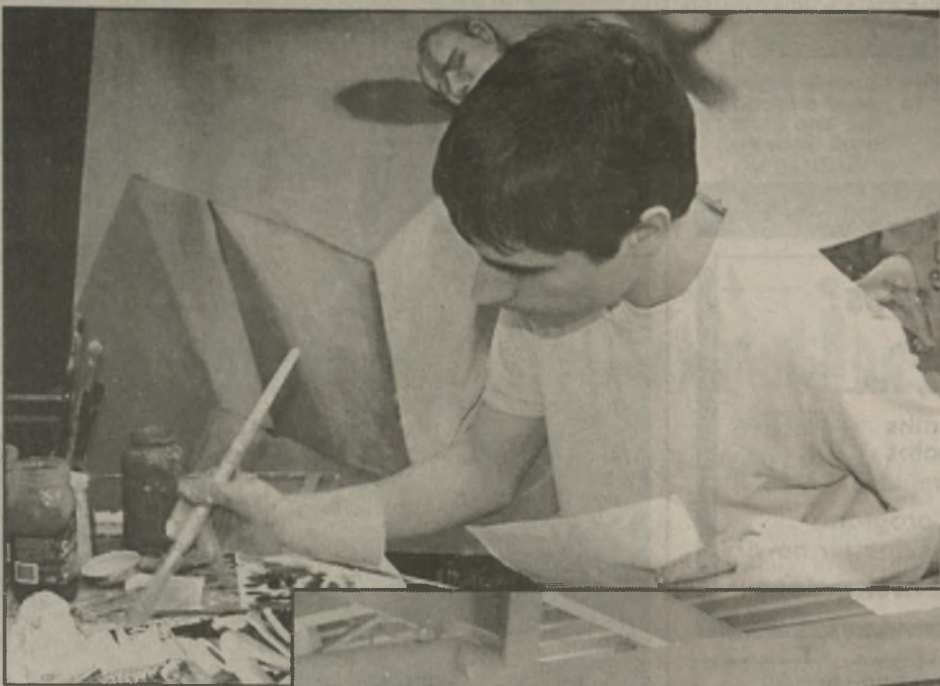
Professor Thad Duhigg, head of sculpture in the Art Department, said the exhibition is a great opportunity to enter and put on a resume.

"And this is a freebie," Duhigg added.

Art students occupy the Art Building as many hours as needed to get their work done.

Sculpture senior Crystal Kwentus said she plans to spend 40 to 50 hours a week working in the studio this semester on her thesis show.

Kwentus said she is working on a series of sculptures that reflect the



insecurities of women, "commenting on how extreme those insecurities are to the individual," Kwentus said.

"The exhibition has a fairly simple application process, yet it opens one's eyes to the process of competition, competing with our peers," Kwentus added.

Painting senior Jeremy Rabus has entered his work the last two years.

Last year, Rabus won the Friends of Art award for his painting, "The Symptom."

"I feel, right now, I'm in a state of transition," Rabus said. "The content on a level deep inside is changing, and I'm trying to grasp at it."

"It's like a school of fish darting through water under ice. Like ice fishing, you can't really see the fish you're trying



SHARA REYNOLDS/ALESTLE

Senior Jeremy Rabus, top, works on his untitled painting in preparation for the undergraduate art exhibit.

Senior Deanne Moore, bottom, sits at the loom working on a textile piece.

the undergraduates need an opportunity to exhibit their work.

"A big part of being an artist is taking a chance in a safe environment in juried shows," Strand said. "There is a way of mediating it with someone to remind you that it's one person's opinion."

Textiles and weaving senior Deanne Moore said the theme in her work involves insects.

Moore is working on her thesis show and plans to weave silk fabric and weave actual silkworm pods into it, incorporating the theme of insects.

One of the five artworks she is planning to enter in the exhibition is an altered book about arachnophobia.

Printmaking senior Khanh Le is

working on a photogravure print, titled "For the Sake of Modernization."

"The more confidence in my material, the chances are better to get in the exhibition," Le said.

This year's show will be the fourth one he has entered.

Le said he believes if a student has the chance to enter an exhibition, they should do it.

The competition is a good way to fill out a student's resume, apply for a master's degree or find work.

Other artwork entered in the show includes drawing, metalsmithing, blacksmithing, glass, photography, design and graphic design.

The exhibition will run through Friday, Feb. 20.

Scottish author shares his work with SIUE

SUZANNE SCHMIDT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

John Burnside, one of Great Britain's most acclaimed writers, read from a selection of his works at B. Barnard Birger Hall Tuesday, Jan. 27.

An assortment of students and teachers were present to listen.

Burnside won the Whitbread Poetry Prize in 2000.

"Burnside's poems have the rare power to alter one's perception of the world and of language ... a sensory delight with an epiphany on every page," the judges said about awarding Burnside the prize.

Burnside is an accomplished author and a teacher at the University of St. Andrews, which is the oldest university in Scotland.

Burnside's first book was a book of poetry released in 1988. He has since written four novels and seven other poetry books, along with a collection of short stories.

Burnside said he became a writer so

he could "say the things I really want to say, in my own way."

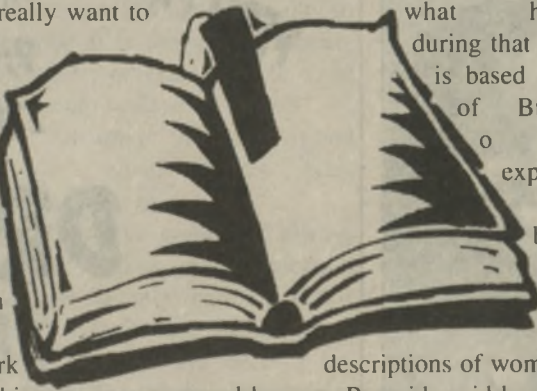
The first novel Burnside wrote was "The Dumb House," based on a psychopathic man who did research on language development by locking two children in a basement to see how they would turn out.

Burnside has dark characters in some of his books. He said he believes everyone has a dark side and that is his inspiration for his dark characters.

"You have to dig down into yourself and find your dark side," Burnside said. "There is darkness in all of us."

The second novel Burnside wrote is titled "Burning Elvis," and this book is about four men at the bottom of the social scale and what happens to them.

Burnside's third novel, "The Locust Room," is based in the University of Cambridge during the 1970s. There was a rapist on campus, and the book is about



what happened during that time and is based on some of Burnside's own experiences.

The book has

descriptions of women being raped because Burnside said he feels it is sometimes "really important to hurt your reader, make them feel uncomfortable."

The book is about the responsibility of men to behave properly toward women.

Burnside's most recent book, "Living Nowhere," is about Burnside's hometown, although it is not autobiographical.

The book is about friendship and love, and the main characters are two very close friends.

Some of the poetry Burnside writes is about very usual day-to-day topics, such as his marriage, his 3-year-old son

and the way humans relate to the natural world.

Burnside said he believes writing "should surprise the writer as much as the reader."

"I think that the readings were touching because they were about things that I could relate to," senior Chandra Wilder said. "Burnside describes things in depth with a touch of humor. I enjoyed myself."

Most of what Burnside read Tuesday was poetry. The readings were from his eighth volume of poems called "The Light Trap."

"That was the first time I attended a poetry reading," sophomore Veneta Grahovska said. "I was pleasantly surprised at how much I liked the poetry. He used very good imagery, and the words just flowed together."

Burnside said his desire is to be a "brilliant writer, someone you would enthusiastically recommend to other people."

"Writing is about discipline. Keep the

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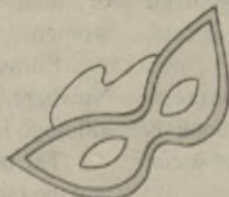
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Perseverance pays off for the Cougars

Cougars end two-game skid with win over Quincy

Kevin Corrigan
Sports Editor

Coming off two road losses, the Cougars needed to get off to a quick start against the Quincy University Hawks.

Jolted by an 18-0 run to start the game, the Cougars dropped Quincy 60-51 Thursday to get back in the thick of the Great Lakes Valley Conference mix.

"It was a great lift to open the game the way we did, especially the way we finished the game," head coach Marty Simmons said. "If we don't get that start, we probably walk out of the game as losers."

The Cougars improved to 10-9 overall and 6-7 in conference play. With the loss, the Hawks fell to 8-12 and 4-8 in conference play.

Senior guard Ron Jones again led the way for the Cougars, dropping in 17 points. Junior guards Tyler Hackstadt and Calvin Sykes each added 12 points for the Cougars.

The Cougars held the Hawks scoreless for the first nine minutes of the first half. Quincy didn't register a field goal until

there was 6 minutes, 43 seconds remaining in the first half.

"That's impressive to look back on," Simmons said. "It's nice to get the crowd behind you when you go on a run like that. Our players really were driven by the crowd's enthusiasm."

With 3 minutes, 43 seconds to go in the first half, the Cougars stretched the lead to 30-4 on a 12-foot jumper by Jones. From there, the Cougars coasted into the half with a 35-13 lead.

The Cougars were able to contain Quincy big man Cory Cummins, holding him to just four points.

"Andre Thomas and Tyler Hackstadt drew the assignment of marking Cummins," Simmons said. "We got a great team effort from everyone on the defensive side of the ball, though. He (Cummins) has had some big-scoring performances lately."

Cummins had topped the 30-point plateau in his two previous games.

The Hawks did get a quality effort from guard Jamal Thompson, whose 20 points was a game high.

While the Cougars came out

victorious, Simmons said he knows the team's second half woes are not acceptable at this level.

"We did this last week at Northern Kentucky (University)," Simmons said. "We have to have more composure down the stretch and take care of the basketball."

The victory solidified the Cougar's presence in the GLVC standings, putting them in fifth place with seven games to go.

As Simmons and the Cougars know, from here on out, they just get more important.

"We're at that stage of the season where every team is fighting for positioning. Every team is now familiar with one another, and we are going to have to play our brand of basketball to be successful," Simmons said.

The Cougars next hit the hardwood at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars will be in action again against St. Joseph's College Pumas.

Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Junior center Dan Heimos looks to take a Quincy defender to the hole. Heimos and the Cougars stand in fifth place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, with a 6-7 conference record.

Steffens is named GLVC Scholar Athlete

Two-sport star receives awards on the field, as well as off the field for Cougars

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One Cougar athlete is picking up a different kind of Great Lakes Valley Conference award – not for her accomplishments on the field, but in the classroom.

Senior cross country runner Breanne Steffens was honored as the GLVC Scholar Athlete in women's cross country. Steffens is a psychology major with a minor in sociology and has a 3.537 overall grade point average and held a 3.75 in the fall.

Steffens is the first Cougar to earn All-American honors in cross country. She was ranked 26th nationally last season. She holds the SIUE record in the

6,000-meter and 5,000-meter run and was part of the four-women, 800-meter record-setting team in 2002. Steffens was also named an All-American Scholar in 2002 and 2003.

Head coach Darryl Frerker said Steffens is a valuable asset to his team.

"She is a team leader," Frerker said. "She is what I would call an appropriate team leader. Sometimes she steps back and lets things happen, and sometimes she steps up and voices her opinion."

Frerker said having someone as dedicated to school and athletics in the program provides a strong positive influence on the younger runners.

"That's always been one of the benefits of having an athlete like this in the program," Frerker said.

"You could get someone that goes out and is not a very good leader, then those are they types

of athletes that would get developed. She has the quality to provide all of the positive aspects in the program while she continues to develop herself."

According to Frerker, good grades have always been important to him.

"I stress grades. I always have," Frerker said. "Education is important anywhere obviously. In this institution, having good grades has always been a top priority. The (National Collegiate Athletic Association) has standards, and if you don't meet those standards and SIUE standards, then you are ineligible to compete."

Frerker said Steffens is just one of a number of strong leaders on the cross country teams and the indoor and outdoor track and field teams.

"I've had a good team and I've had good individuals, but this year it just seems like both

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KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Senior Breanne Steffens runs at the head of the pack during a cross-country meet earlier this year. Steffens was awarded the GLVC scholar athlete award Monday.

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Quincy gets balanced attack, down Cougars

KEVIN CORRIGAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Quincy University Hawks have been on top of the Great Lakes Valley Conference all season. Thursday night the Cougars found out why.

Paced by five different players in double figures, the Hawks rolled past the Cougars, 78-58.

"They are a very impressive team, as we found out," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "Quincy is loaded with upperclassmen, and they really feel like this is their year."

The Cougars dropped to 9-11 overall and 4-9 in conference play. With the victory, the Hawks improved to 16-3 and 10-2 in the GLVC.

Despite the final score, the Cougars were able to hang with the Hawks in the first half. For much of the half, the score was nip and tuck with SIUE tying the game at 29-29 with only 2 minutes, 49 seconds to play. The Hawks, however, never

relinquished the lead and clung to a 35-30 score going into the break.

"We played right with them in that first half," Hedberg said. "We gave them some open looks and they knocked down the big shots. I feel that the effort and intensity was there, but give them credit; they came up with the clutch shot every time."

The Hawks used a 20-2 run to start the half to push the lead up to 25. From there, the Hawks never looked back, coasting to the 20-point victory.

"Their press in the second half just overwhelmed us," Hedberg said. "We tried to call a couple timeouts and regroup, but they just applied too much pressure."

Senior guard Jessica Robert once again led the Cougars in scoring, pouring in 15 points. Senior guard Sarah Schweers pitched in 13 points for SIUE.

According to Hedberg, the Cougars need to see more of a physical presence down in the post.

"We really didn't get any

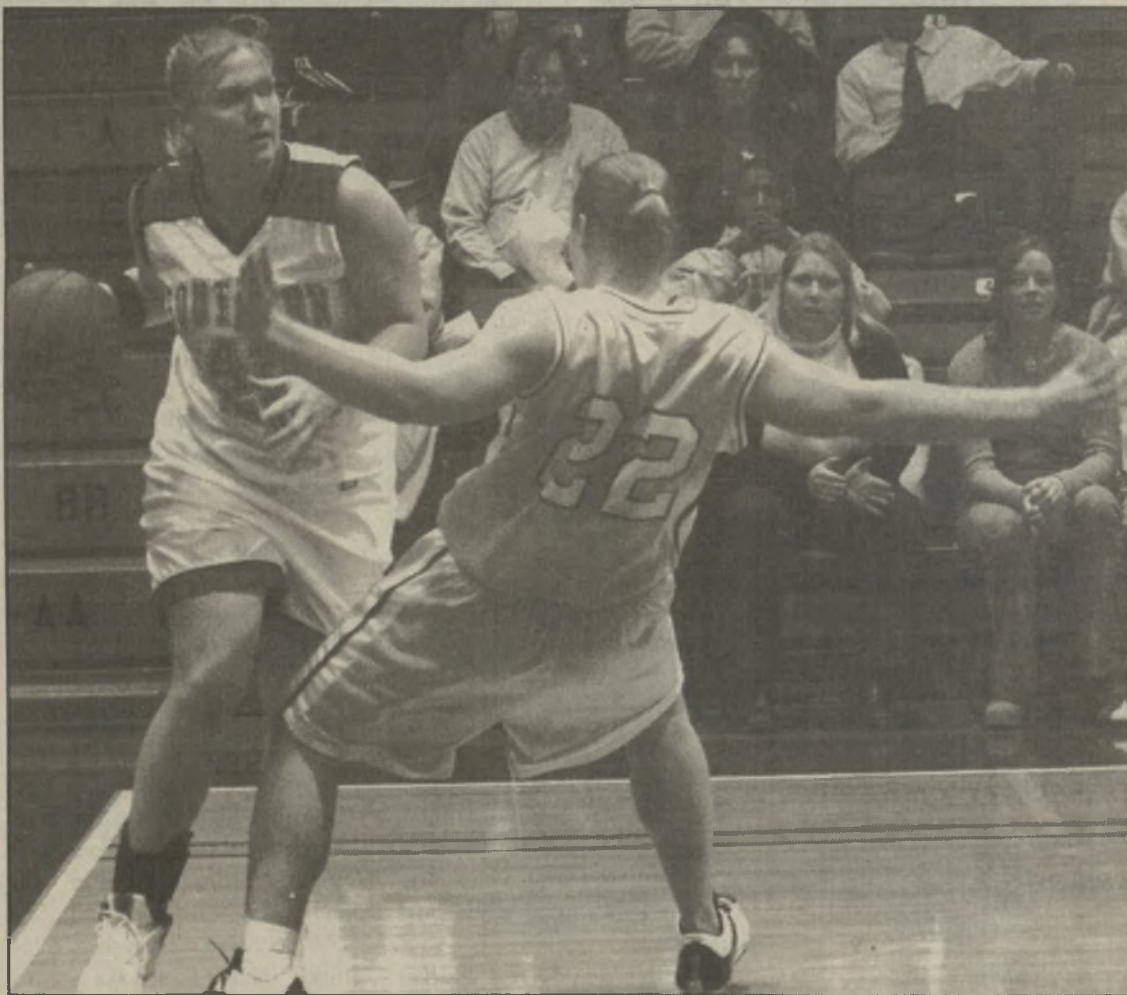
offense from our post players," Hedberg said. "(Sophomore center) Tonya (Guell) was held scoreless in the first half and didn't put up much in the second half either. We need to find some form of consistency down there."

Quincy's balanced attack included 32 points from a deep bench, and the Hawks were able to out rebound the Cougars 37-24 as well. Senior guard Tiffany Kelter did a little bit of everything for the Hawks, dropping in 10 points, five assists and grabbing seven rebounds.

"Their bench really gave them a lift," Hedberg said. "It's a great asset to be able to count on multiple players to step up game in and game out."

Quincy's bench also did a great job of keeping possession.

The Cougars will have to regroup quickly with two more conference games on the plate this week. SIUE will face the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in a home game at 5:30 p.m. Thursday while St. Joseph's College will visit the Vandalabene Center at 1 p.m. Saturday.



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

Freshman forward Julianne McMillen looks to force her way inside the paint against a Quincy defender. McMillen and the Cougars will look to improve on a 9-11 overall record this week against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and St. Joseph's College. McMillen is averaging 12 points and eight rebounds as a freshman while playing through injuries.

STEFFENS

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teams came together and we've done really well," Frerker said.

"We're having the best start of my career right now, and I'm

really looking forward to the indoor and outdoor (track and field) season."

The Cougars will look to

improve on the early and successful season on February seventh at the Titan Open Meet.

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Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Monday, February 2-27

Art Exhibit
Art Gallery, Morris University Center
Visualizing Black Writers: An Extraliterary Exhibit from the Photograph Collection of Eugene B. Redmond.
Reception: Sunday, February 8, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Tuesday, February 3

Fundisha Dance Ensemble
12:45 PM-1:30 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
African dance presentation

Wednesday, February 4

Lecture - KRS-ONE
7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
KRS-ONE, rapper, emcee, hip-hop artist, philosopher, and motivational speaker, will present on minorities in the media and ways to change their image. He will address the lack of common sense and awareness individuals have to respecting each other's culture. Co-sponsored by National Society of Black Engineers.

Thursday, February 5

Indigo Dyers in Western Nigeria
7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Maple-Dogwood Room, Morris University Center
Professor Judith Byfield, Associate Professor of African History, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, will present her work on Indigo Dyers in Western Nigeria as outlined in her book *The Bluest Hands*.

Monday, February 9

Soul Food Monday
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Commons Building, Cougar Village
Black Student Association will sell soul food dinners to introduce traditional African-American cuisine to the University community.

Tuesday, February 10

Cultural Bazaar
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
African and African-American vendors will sell books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event. Additionally, there will be entertainment, and prize drawings! Take a break between classes and stop by to see what merchants have to offer!

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Annual Birthday Celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr.
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Wednesday, February 11

Cultural Bazaar
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
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SIUE East St. Louis Center for Performing Arts Dance Company

12:45 PM-1:30 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
African dance presentation

Lyrics Lounge

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library
Students will perform oral expressions through poetry, song, spoken word, rap and other forms of expression. Sponsored by Black Student Association.

Thursday, February 12

Forum Discussion
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Mississippi Room, Morris University Center
Belicia Royster, President, Black Student Association will lead a discussion on the topic of Blacks in America discussing the state of Black America where they have been in the past and where they are headed in the future. Sponsored by Black Student Association.

Friday, February 13

Cultural Bazaar
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
East St. Louis Higher Education Campus, Building D
African and African-American vendors will sell food, books, clothing, art, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event.

Saturday, February 14

Cultural Bazaar
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
East St. Louis Higher Education Campus, Building D
African and African-American vendors will sell food, art, books, clothing, crafts, jewelry, and other wares during this annual event.

Tuesday, February 17

Poetry Reading
12:30 PM- 1:45 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Eugene B. Redmond, Professor, Department of English Language and Literature, will offer readings from his award-winning collection.

Wednesday, February 18

Black Heritage Month Networking Fair
11:30 AM-1: 30 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Come check out student organizations and what they can offer you!

Contemporary Struggles for Social Justice

1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Missouri Room, Morris University Center
This event is a two-day panel discussion examining both the historical and continuing vitality of social movements as agents for achieving social justice. Led by a multi-disciplinary group of SIUE faculty members, the panel presentation will focus on social movements from South Africa, the United States, Brazil, and West Africa. This symposium is open to the University public and wider community and is designed to provide a forum for wide-ranging debate and discussion.
Moderator:

Patrick Murphy, Chair,
Department of Mass Communications

Participants:

Isaac Blankson, Assistant Professor
Department of Speech Communications
Stephan Bradley, Assistant Professor;
Anthony Cheesboro, Associate Professor; and
Thomas Jordan, Assistant Professor
Department of Historical Studies
Elizabeth Fonseca, Associate Professor
Department of Foreign Languages and Literature
Howard Ramsby, Assistant Professor
Department of English Language and Literature
Mark Hedley, Assistant Professor; and
Monica White, Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology

Lecture - Bobby Seale

7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Co-founder of the Black Panther Party (BPP) will speak on a variety of topics. Besides addressing the purposes and need for the BPP during the Civil Rights Era, he will compare that era to that of today's, all the while clearing up myths and misconceptions that abound about the BPP's foundation (i.e., excluding those of other ethnic groups, being a strictly militant organization, etc.). He will also speak on the state of higher education in American society, which will be one of the main focal points of his speech. Mr. Seale will address these topics in the hopes of educating those in attendance about the importance of the BPP and other organizations like it during that time period, while simultaneously giving the audience a chance to see a political figure of major importance in real life. Co-sponsored by Iota Phi Theta Fraternity.

Thursday, February 19

Contemporary Struggles for Social Justice (continued)
1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Missouri Room, Morris University Center

Friday, February 20

6th Annual Black Heritage Month Talent Show
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
Come watch students perform their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents during this annual event. Tickets at the door only: \$2.00 - Students, \$3.00 - Faculty/Staff/General Public

Monday, February 23

Black Film Series: A Historic Perspective
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
A two-day screening of films directed by Oscar Micheaux (*Lying Lips* - 1939), Gordon Parks (*The Learning Tree* - 1969), Reginald and Warrington Hudlin (*The Great White Hype* - 1996), and a fourth film to be selected. A scholar will present a conceptualization of African-American films and filmmakers. Professors Elza Ibroscheva and Bala Baptiste, Co-Chairs.

Tuesday, February 24

Black Film Series: A Historic Perspective (continued)
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
A two-day screening of films directed by Oscar Micheaux (*Lying Lips* - 1939), Gordon Parks (*The Learning Tree* - 1969), Reginald and Warrington Hudlin (*The Great White Hype* - 1996) and a fourth film to be selected. A scholar will present a conceptualization of African-American films and filmmakers. Professors Elza Ibroscheva and Bala Baptiste, Co-Chairs.

Wednesday, February 25

Blacks, Radio, and History
11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
A panel discussion featuring invited talk show hosts: Richard "Onion" Horton, WGNU-AM and NewBlackCity.Com; Lizz Brown, WGNU-AM; Dr. Ray Hagins, WGNU-AM and Black Liberation Radio, among other air personalities at area stations. Dr. Bala Baptiste, Department of Mass Communications, will moderate the discussion and question-and-answer session.

Are We Still Living Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream?

7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Maple/Dogwood Room, Morris University Center
Leon Dash, member of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign faculty, author, and formerly a journalist with the *Washington Post*, will discuss *Are We Still Living Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream?* Dr. Dallas Browne, Department of Anthropology, will moderate. Sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Thursday, February 26

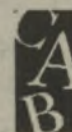
Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl
11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Come and test your Black History knowledge Hollywood Squares style.

Friday, February 27

Gospel Explosion
6:30 PM-10:00 PM
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
The Explosion will be an inspirational evening to spread the gospels of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community. This event will feature poetry, rap, praise dance, and gospel music.

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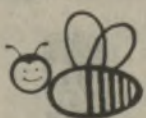
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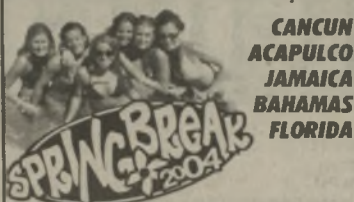
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