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SIUE To Present Black Heritage Month Activities During February

(EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.) Southern Illinois University Edwardsville will present its Tenth Annual Black Heritage Month Program during February, with its theme of *Revealing Identity, Expressing Consciousness*. Below is a calendar of events:

Monday, Jan. 29-

Friday, Feb. 23

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Art Exhibition, "Quilting as a Piece of Black Heritage,"

University Center Gallery, on the second floor of the Morris Center. Opening reception from 4-6 p.m. Jan. 29. An exhibit of African-American quilts reflecting the rich heritage of the art form with examples from local collections and also including works by contemporary local artists. Sponsored by the SIUE Department of Art and Design and The University Museum

Thursday, Feb. 1

11:45 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Opening Ceremony

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Join the 2007 Black Heritage Month Planning Committee as they launch this month long celebration. The opening program will feature Chancellor Vandegrift, a reading by East St. Louis Poet Laureate and SIUE Professor Eugene B. Redmond, a performance by the praise dance troupe "Young Men of God," and the SIUE Gospel Choir, singing the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dr. King Jr. Birthday Celebration Luncheon

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
SIUE's annual birthday celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. King Jr. will feature guest speaker Sylvester Brown Jr., Metro Columnist for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Admission, which includes lunch, \$15; Students, \$8. To purchase tickets, call the SIUE Office of Conferences and Institutes, (618) 650-2660.

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SIUE Vision Statement

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**Wednesday-Saturday,
Feb. 7-10**—7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11—2 p.m.
SIUE's James F. Metcalf Theater

Black Theater Workshop—*Purlie Victorious*, a showcase of the work by Ossie Davis, directed by SIUE Assistant Professor Kathryn Bentley and performed by SIUE students.

Wednesday, Feb. 7
Goshen Lounge, Morris
University Center
7-9 p.m.

“Blackthink: Who and What is Black?”
Kimberly Norwood, professor at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, will discuss the stereotypes of African Americans in today's culture. Are blacks expected to think a certain way? Support affirmative action? If an individual does not embrace these ideas, is the person “really” black or a traitor to the race? Do blacks get to exercise choice or does being black mean you have no choices? This promises to be a provocative discussion of these and other questions.

Thursday, Feb. 8
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Health Celebration
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Celebrate health through screenings and evaluations. Learn how simple lifestyle changes and acquaintance with community health-care providers can improve your health in 2007 and beyond. Co-sponsored by the SIUE School of Nursing

Friday, Feb. 9
7-10 p.m.

Fourth Annual *Gospel Explosion*
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center
An inspirational evening “to spread the gospel of healing, reconciliation, and unity to the campus and community.” This event will feature poetry, rap, praise dance, and gospel music.

Wednesday, Feb. 14
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Panel Discussion: “African-Americans: Defining, Constructing and Re-constructing a Race”—Goshen Lounge, Morris Center. A panel of SIUE social scientists offers wisdom and expertise on variations of identity and consciousness in the black community.

Thursday, Feb. 15
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Jazz Performance featuring Flautist Galen Abdur-Razzaq
Goshen Lounge, Morris Center—A talented and extraordinary flautist and major entertainment figure appearing on college campuses across the nation. Abdur-Razzaq will provide a captivating jazz performance in observance of Black Heritage Month.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Africa Week
Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center
Learn about African culture through displays of artifacts from African countries and vendors from the St. Louis area. Sponsored by the African Student Association.

7–9 p.m.

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Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

A provocative comedy program leading to discussion about the defining issue of our time—race.

Thursday, Feb. 22

10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Africa Week

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

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11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Test your Black History knowledge “Jeopardy” style; co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta

1–2 p.m.

Panel discussion: *Africa Today!*

Goshen Lounge, Morris Center

Join SIUE faculty members for a discussion about the cultural and social differences in Africa. Sponsored by African Student Association

Saturday, Feb. 24

6–10 p.m.

Africa Night

Meridian Ballroom, Morris Center

An evening of African culture with food, dance and entertainment. Admission, \$13; students, \$11. Sponsored by the SIUE African Student Association.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

East St. Louis Center Performing Arts Company

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

This regionally recognized dance group will perform traditional African and Caribbean dance.

7–10 p.m.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

SIUE students will take their turn on stage singing, dancing, reading poetry, and performing music. Co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha

Wednesday, Feb. 28

7 p.m.

Just 4 Laughs—Tracey Ashley

Cougar Village Commons Building

Tracey Ashley has always known that she wanted to make people laugh. All Tracey needed was a starting point. From her stories of growing up in the South to the weird happenings of her life, she found a place to begin. Tracey worked hard to hone her act. Now all that hard work and fortuitous decisions have finally paid off. Today,

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Tracey Ashley performs across the country in theaters, comedy clubs, colleges and corporate events.

All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Contact the SIUE Kimmel Leadership Center, (618) 650-2686, for a detailed schedule of events or visit www.siu.edu/CAB. All events are subject to change.

Black Heritage Month is sponsored by the SIUE Campus Activities Board.