**Underground event promotes social justice**

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This week, students and staff can venture into the darkness to bring oppression to light. The seventh-annual Tunnel of Oppression features a walk-through event designed to show students different perspectives of race, gender, body image and homophobia. Thirteen Registered Student Organizations, including the Black Togetherness Organization and Speaking and Teaching, have come together to host the 90-minute tour. Marvin Dixon, a junior from Rockford studying speech communication and Africana studies, said he took an active role in the event.

"In order to make our campus truly diverse and truly inclusive, we need to understand the drawbacks that we have," he said.

As an active member of the Black Togetherness Organization, Dixon highlighted different privileged cultures, such as males and whites, and said many people are not aware of certain oppressions still happen today.

"Some people, I don’t want to say they’re ignorant to the fact that these types of oppressions happen, but I know a lot of people don’t know," he said. "They need to become aware of the things that truly go on in their peers’ lives."

Dixon said the university has many marginalized cultures, and anyone can find the tunnel relatable.

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**Rape prevention tips push sensibility boundaries**

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A rape-prevention tip list has sparked controversy because of several suggestions readers found offensive.

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs posted 10 “last-resort” tips to prevent a sexual assault, which included vomiting or urinating on rapists. While the list was removed Feb. 19 and replaced with an apology, it left an impact about sexual assault safety on other campuses, including SIU.

"You are selling yourself as someone's property for a night or however long (it's) for," he said.

"You become with open mind to learn about somebody else’s oppression so that you can have a different view and possibly live your life differently," Adams said.

"We focus our energy and our outreach on trying to educate people to not assault or rape other people," she said. "We always want to put the focus on the perpetrators themselves as the ones responsible, not hold victims responsible for what they did or didn’t do in that situation."

Tom Hutton, a UCCS spokesman, told KRDO news officials the list was taken out of context, and it was meant as supplemental information for women who completed a self-defense class. Hutton said the list was created in 2006 but could have resurfaced because campus rape is a recurring issue.

"I really didn’t know what I was getting myself into," she said. "Gougis said the human trafficking and public versus private school classrooms particularly affected her."

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University officials dismiss potential grade inflation

One college grading trend may have found new life at the University of Notre Dame, but SIU officials say the university won’t consider it any time soon.

Grade inflation, the phenomenon of raising university-wide GPA averages because of lower grading standards, has caused Notre Dame to recommend that teachers consider increasing grading standards to limit the amount of As they give out. Princeton University combated the issue in 2004 with guidelines that allowed only 35 percent of each class’ students to receive an A.

Today article instructors should reserve A’s for the most exceptional students. While the University’s grading standards, has caused Notre Dame to university-wide GPA averages because of lower grading standards to limit the amount of A’s they give out. Assistant professor in educational psychology and special education, said she is grateful for the university’s grading standards, and Jordan Cox, a sophomore from Paducah studying pre-pharmacy, said there is no reason to make grading policies stricter.

“J.D.” Allen, associate provost for academic programs, said it is “impossible to place restrictions on the amount of higher grades they receive would not be responsible.”

Allen said he does not think grade inflation has been a problem at the university, nor will it ever be. “I have had classes in which I distributed more As than any other grade, but I have also had classes in which I gave out more Ds and Fs than any other grades,” he said.

Beyond grading standards, University spokesman Rod Steers said faculty members are not required to have their syllabi or course regulations approved. “All of this falls under the umbrella of academic freedom,” he said. “Professors set the course of study and grading policies for their class at the start of each semester.”

Kinbey Others-Self, associate professor in educational psychology and special education, and her students in her students’ courses. “I have no concerns because they are her only way of knowing what she has done well throughout the semester and what she needs to improve,” she said.

Administrators said they are comfortable with the university’s grading standards, and Jordan Cox, a sophomore from Paducah studying pre-pharmacy, said there is no reason to make grading policies stricter. “I expect teachers to give students the grade they deserve,” he said. “It shouldn’t have anything to do with inflation or trying to offer a variety of scores. When I go to see my final grade, I would be highly (upset) if I was graded down because I didn’t make some percentage cut to receive a good grade.”

Cox said he has learned how to perform well in courses by adjusting to each teacher’s style, but insists he has always gotten the grade he deserves. “I know which classes I absolutely cannot miss, which ones I can and which teachers are more lenient and understanding that their class is not the only one we’re taking,” Cox said.

While Notre Dame keeps track of grade inflation, officials at schools such as Illinois State University, Northeast Missouri State University, Northern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville said they do not track students’ GPAs after they enter the university because too many students transfer in and out to keep track of the university averages.

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NORTH CHICAGO — The North Chicago Police Department is being criticized for a brochure that some say is peppered with stereotypes of African-Americans.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported the brochure, given to participants in the North Chicago Citizen Police Academy last week, features a smiling African-American man handcuffed in an orange prison jumpsuit, with another portrayed as bug-eyed and slack-jawed in a mug shot.

There is also a page with a picture of comedian Dave Chappelle appearing as Tyrone Biggums, the stumbling junkie character he created for his Comedy Central show.

Lake County NAACP president Jennifer Witherspoon said the handout reinforces “every negative stereotype blacks as a people have been fighting against.”

Lake County State’s Attorney Mike Nerheim calls the handout “incredibly disturbing.”

The brochure’s cover features Nerheim opposite Tom Cruise as a military defense attorney from the film “A Few Good Men.” The brochure also has pictures of television TV cop Barney Fife, Judge Judy and Lindsay Lohan, big-bellied white police officers and acquitted murder defendant Casey Anthony.

“Unprofessional is probably the nicest way to put it,” Nerheim said. “It was obviously done without my knowledge and consent. I definitely see how it could be offensive to people. It’s not something that should be coming out of the police department.”

Nerheim said he called North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham about the handout.

Rockingham said the two academy participants he talked to about the circular were split, with one saying she didn’t find it offensive, the other saying it could be taken the wrong way.

North Chicago Police Chief James Jackson is calling the handout an ill-considered attempt at humor.

“We should have caught it,” said Jackson.

However, local activist Ralph Peterson says the brochure raises “another red flag” on the North Chicago police.

“It’s more bad judgment. For officers to pass out a pamphlet like this screams a need for sensitivity and that this department is not capable of policing the black community,” he said, pointing to a police brutality case that has the department snared in a federal wrongful-death lawsuit.

Academy student Paula Carballido, of North Chicago, said an officer explained the images were taken from movies and TV and were not meant to offend. She said the course, which offers an in-depth view of law enforcement procedures, was informative and “respectful.”
Jackson pitches 2 scoreless in Cubs debut

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Edwin Jackson got off to a near, clean start with the Chicago Cubs.

Signed as a free agent to a four-year deal worth $52 million, Jackson pitched two scoreless innings Tuesday in his first spring training as the Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 4-2.

“Today’s just pretty much an evaluation day for me,” he said, “to see where I am with things.”

The 29-year-old righty has a multiplayer contract for the first time in a major league career that began in 2003. He previously pitched for the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tampa Bay in 2010 and won a World Series title with the Cardinals in 2011, was 10-11 with a 4.03 ERA last year with the NL East champion Nationals.

Jackson gave up a pair of two-out singles in the first inning but retired his final four batters.

“It definitely feels good when you know you have some stability on a team,” said the 29-year-old Jackson, who pitched for six teams in five years before signing with the Cubs. “But at the same time, you can’t get too complacent to where you let it get you to relax. You will have to have some kind of edge about you when you take the field.”

Off the field, Jackson’s easy demeanor has made him a quick fit with new teammates.

“He’s been great,” manager Dale Sveum said. “He’s got that personality and work ethic and professionalism. And teammates without a doubt.”

Jackson said he’s learned to get comfortable anywhere.

“It’s not my first rodeo. I’ve been around the game. I’ve been fortunate enough to join loose clubhouses, and this is definitely one of those clubhouses where everybody’s having fun but taking care of business at the same time,” Jackson said.

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“Honestly, scoring off I really didn’t know the rules,” he said. “I think I played it more like football since that is what I played my entire life. I had problems playing the ball getting all sorts of penalties, but as time went on I got a little better understanding of the game. I think it was a relatively smooth transition, but it took me a little while longer than I would have liked.”

Along with adopting a new set of rules, the rugby's speed and teamwork can prove to be a challenge on its own, said former lacrosse player Stephen Kuhn.

“In lacrosse, when you get the ball it’s just you and the ball and what you’re going to do with the ball,” he said. “You can depend on your teammates. You can only say that the closest fundamentals (if) you want to make the jump from another sport.

Unes said the players who make the easiest transition are those who don’t play another sport. “It’s a continuous play can be difficult for some players to make the transition to rugby. The players said it takes a special athlete to make the jump from another sport.”

Unes said the players who make the transition are those who don’t play on a field, but rather on a mat.

“The best defenders are wrestlers from high school and college,” Unes said. “In football, you can just throw the shoulder and make as much contact as fast as you can, and that doesn’t work in rugby. To avoid penalties you have to have good fundamentals (if) you want to make a good tackle.”

The Salukis will strive for solid tackles when they travel to St. Louis to face Principia College in a 1 p.m. matchup Saturday.
Rugby club an athletic melting pot

MATT FERGUSON
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Finding and conditioning players are a necessary part of athletics. Speed, game intelligence and drive are traits coaches desire, but athletes don't have to be grown in their respective sport.

This is the case for many SIU men's rugby team members, whose roster consists of ex-football players, wrestlers, swimmers, tennis players and various athletes from other sports.

This culmination of players proved their capabilities as they went into overtime Feb. 16 against the University of Alabama but lost 19-19, 2-1 in a drop-goal shootout. The best-of-three shootout was tied through both team's first kickers, but it ended when the final Saluki kick went wide.

Team president and senior captain Dan Unes said the team's performance was surprising considering its competition.

"They are a Division I AA team, and we are a Division II team, so they have a lot more people to choose from," Unes said. "Going down there we honestly didn't expect to win, and we played a really good game. They didn't expect us to come out like that."

The game was tied 19-19 after the clock expired. It would have gone into overtime in a normal match, but it came down to the drop-goal shootout since it was a friendly match.

Despite the loss, Unes said facing an opponent like Alabama is beneficial to the program.

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