

"Movie" continued

Click – Adam Sandler is a workaholic dad trying to speed up his life with a mysterious remote control.

Lady in the Water – When a man rescues what he thinks to be a woman drowning in a pool, he later discovers she is a children's bedtime tale's character in another M. Night Shymalan twist movie.

School for Scoundrels – Billy Bob Thorton and Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite) are teacher and student, respectively, in a self-esteem class who end up competing to win the affection of a girl.

Fun with Dick and Jane – Jim Carrey is engrossed in an Enron-style predicament. When he and his wife lose everything, they turn to some illegal measures to make ends meet.

### Spotlight Student of the Week

Name: Melissa M. Glenn

Age: 36

Major: Social Criminal Justice

Favorite instructor: Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Shaw-Smith

Favorite class: Criminal Justice/Speech

Plans after graduation: To work in the social work field helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency



### I'm Not Sayin', I'm Just Sayin'... by Mitch Ladd

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Next week, If I Did It: Confessions of a Killer is set to be released. For those few lucky ones that have no prior knowledge of this book, this is the hypothetical account of how Simpson would have killed Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman. That is, of course, if OJ were the killer.

The printing was originally cancelled, but when the Goldman family won the rights to the book, they decided to

release it, adding Confessions of a Killer to its current title. The Goldman family also added commentary to Simpson's story.

Should this book be published? I really don't think so. But then again, I don't think it should have ever been written in the first place.

Regardless of whether or not Simpson "did it," I don't think that he has taken one ounce of the entire ordeal seriously. He has vowed to find the real killer or killers. Um, Juice? It's been more than 10 years. Any leads? In all honesty, this is all done to keep him relevant, to keep his name in the news.

One would have thought that when the Goldmans won the rights to the book, they would make sure that it doesn't ever see the light of day. One would have also been wrong.

While part of the proceeds will go to the Ron Goldman Foundation for Justice, I still think that proceeds could have been raised another way.

Personally, I would like to think that, in the same situation as the Goldman family, deciding to release this book would be the absolute last thing I would consider doing.

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# The Bulldog

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#### Be on the Lookout for...

- 9/15 Go Green with SC-BU
- 9/19 Blood Drive
- 9/26 Mayor's Cup! 7:00 SASA Sports Complex
- 9/28 Outdoor Movie



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### Go Green!

With help from the city of Springfield and the Green Club, SC-BU will be helping to make this corner of the world a little better looking.

Go Green with SC-BU will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. A cookout for those who volunteer will follow.

The majority of the morning will be spent cleaning along 6th Street, between North Grand and Black, the section of street that the college has adopted.

In addition, volunteers will help to beautify the college itself.

According to Dean of Student Affairs Kevin Broeckling, Go Green with SC-BU is ideal for "anyone who is conscious of the environment and wants to make a small contribution to do some good."

The event is part of the Springfield Green initiative. Springfield Green, according to the city's website, is "dedicated to the beautification of the Capital City area, benefiting the

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Kermit lied. It is, in fact, easy being green.

environment, and improving the quality of life for everyone, resident and visitor alike, whose backbone is its partnership with local businesses and volunteers."

For more information, or to sign up for Go Green with SC-BU, contact Broeckling or Green Club advisor Lisa Plumb.

### SC-BU to Hold Outdoor Movie Night by Zach Kirchner

On Sept. 28, SC-BU will be hosting an outdoor movie and everyone's help is needed to decide which two will be shown. The following is a list of possible choices, and everyone is encouraged to vote for their favorite two. To vote, send an e-mail to mitch\_ladd@sci.edu. Voting

ends on Sept. 19.

Superman Returns – The most recent installment in the Superman series pits the Man of Steel against Lex Luther yet again.

Nacho Libre – Jack Black stars as a cook in a Mexican

monastery who becomes a Luchador (Mexican wrestler) to raise money for the monastery.

Talladega Nights – A NASCAR spoof with Will Ferrell as a racing champ who is tested by a French driver.

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**Just a small taste of If They Had Faces.**

## New Art Display in Becker Gallery

Walking into the Becker Library, one cannot help but notice photographs all along the Becker Gallery. That is the work of Sister Beth Murphy, former communication coordinator for the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois.

The presentation, *If They Had Faces*, chronicles Sister Beth's trips to Iraq between 2001 and 2004.

"I knew I had to do the project when I realized that even many people of good will in the U.S. who want to see an end to the terrible conflict in Iraq were seeing it only from their perspective as U.S. citizens," said Sister Beth. "It's vital for Americans to know that there are real people in Iraq just like them, who have

the same dreams for a fulfilling life for their families."

While Sister Beth faced danger during her stay, she says that it pales in comparison to what goes on today.

"The most dangerous thing I experienced was riding behind a convoy of U.S. military personnel with my Iraqi Dominican sisters," Sister Beth said. "There was a soldier facing us with his automatic weapon pointed directly at the driver of our vehicle.

"Our driver was cautious, but we all had heard too many stories of sisters' friends and relatives' encounters with U.S. soldiers that ended badly for the innocent Iraqis at the other end of the gun for me

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to be comfortable in that situation."

Sister Beth's time in Iraq also gave her a new perspective on the world.

"There is the saying that what you see depends on where you stand. From my first trip to Iraq in 2001, I knew that my world view had permanently shifted," Sister Beth said.

"For the first time in my life I realized that every decision we make in the U.S. has an impact on every other citizen of the planet. We have a huge responsibility to reclaim our citizenship and to take seriously our responsibility to safeguard the common good of entire universe, really."

## Opinion: No, You're Not Too Busy

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Better World, the new Green Club and the many other student organizations are striving to find people who care about the issues and topics facing our world.

The continued presence of these fine organizations is a testament to the students and faculty who have invested their time and energy into their success.

There is a lingering problem, however. Too many of the faces I see every day are not involved in campus life. They have not committed themselves to a group or issue. They have not explored their own capabilities and talents.

## by Josh Sproat

There is a noticeable disconnect between the student body to which I belong and the incredible potential that it presents.

I ask you to change that unfortunate reality. In fact, I would like to challenge my fellow students to look past your GPA and ask yourselves what kind of legacy you hope to leave on this campus. Are you willing to make a difference? Are you willing to get involved?

We have been offered a chance to define what it means to be an SC-BU student. We should begin writing that legacy now, not next semester.



**Last semester, the Art Club sponsored a Kiss a Canvas event.**

Here we are again at the beginning of a new semester. The book store and hallways are once again a flurry of activity. Students are settling into the routines dictated by their class schedule and professors are matching names with fresh faces.

Students are also being solicited by the many campus organizations vying for their precious and often scarce time. Passionate members of the Literary Club, Build a

## A New Age Geography Lesson by Nikkie Prosperini

This Labor Day Weekend, the Illinois State Fairgrounds hosted its annual Ethnic Festival. While the atmosphere was certainly festive, the "ethnic" portion seemed to be somewhat lacking.

Not all of the countries normally represented served food, and the Italian food took over two or three booths, serving items such as pizza and cheese-filled breadsticks.

While some vendors, such as

Greek and Indian, did serve a multitude of ethnic foods, others failed in comparison.

However, there were new countries represented that this author had never even heard of! Along with the ever popular Mexican, Greek, and Indian booths, there was Beer Land, Kettle Cornia and Elephant Ear Village. Apparently, these countries are so new that they have yet to be found on any map of the world.

These booths could have been opened up to more choices in ethnic foods, but were in fact reserved for the attendees who wanted comfort foods despite the fact that they were at an ethnic festival.

All in all, the Ethnic Festival lost much of its appeal this year. It had few varieties and even less vendors than normal. The festival was, essentially, unreflective of the diversity found in Springfield and abroad.

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## Playing the Fantasy Field

High school and college students are doing it, so are professional business people. They are having fun enjoying the winnings and bragging rights.

People seem to love fantasy sports, especially fantasy football. The website NFL.com even has its own section devoted to this activity.

Anyone can do it, and it takes minimal time to join a league online or start one with your friends. By drafting players

that you think will be most productive for a season, it could be your opportunity to win.

In fantasy football, statistics mean everything. A person will draft a player each round, based on their statistical productivity. For example, the number one player usually taken in fantasy football drafts is LaDainian Tomlinson (last year's league MVP as well as Offensive Player of the Year).

## by Zach Kirchner

Running backs usually get drafted early, but big name quarterbacks like Peyton Manning rival that.

Just like in the NFL, players can be cut or traded. However, draft day can usually make or break a team. When doing this for money, it can get very competitive; even sporting magazines offer cash prizes to the league winners. One such magazine, *The Sporting News*, offers a \$10,000 grand prize to the yearly winner.

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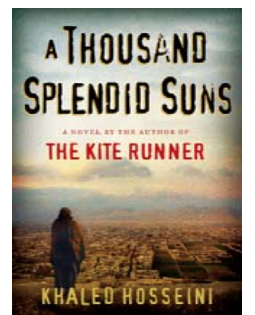
Khaled Hosseini's latest novel, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, is a heart wrenching account of how brutal life can be for Afghan women, especially those who have to wear a "burqa," or veil, when they leave the house.

Hosseini, who grew up in Kabul where the story takes place, weaves a masterful tale about Miriam and Laila, both wives of Rasheed, with the violent history of Afghanistan during the last 30 years, beginning with the Soviet invasion and continuing with

## by Pamm Collebrusco

the Taliban and post-Taliban periods.

Hosseini's first novel, *The Kite Runner*, was also a gripping story and was an international bestseller. I recommend both books.



**Hosseini's original title for this book: 500 Pretty Decent Suns.**