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Truck charred by fire outside Residence Hall Monday morning



Photo by Bethany Behrhorst for the Alestle

The remains of a Facilities Management truck after it caught fire on Monday morning.

Bethany Behrhorst News Reporter

A facilities management truck was destroyed yesterday at 10:45 a.m. when it caught fire on South University Drive.

The incident brought out SIUE and Edwardsville Police and the Edwardsville Fire Department

"It just died and started smoking, and the next minute it was up in flames," Linda Keller, a grounds worker for Facilities Management, said.

Keller has been an employee at SIUE for eight years and said this is the first time anything like this has happened to her.

"The fire department said it was probably a gas-line break. The wind was strong enough to make it burn a lot quicker," she said.

Keller said that the wind acted like a catalyst and fanned the flames, causing the

truck to burn more quickly.

The beige Ford Ranger began smoking and burst into flames. The tires were flattened by the fire and the only recognizable piece from the truck was the metal "Ranger" emblem, which Keller was given as a souvenir from the scene.

"When I pulled over, at first, it was just smoking. Then a passer-by stopped and pointed out that there were flames in the bottom.

"We got away from it and it was engulfed in flames in a matter of minutes," Keller said.

It took 15 minutes for firefighters to control the blaze. Respond time to the call was five-and-one-half minutes.

No one suffered injuries from the fire. Police and firemen could not comment at this time.

Jurassic era insects may help scientists to fight crop pests today

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — When dinosaurs roamed the Earth, the Phycus fulvus dwelled in African deserts doing no harm to plant or beast.

But the Jurassic-era insect's eel-like larvae do a lot of harm tunneling underground, voraciously consuming other insects they encounter.

That interests entomologists today, who are looking for natural enemies of crop pests.

That includes corn rootworms, which cause millions of dollars of damage to farmers' fields every year, said Michael Irwin, a University of

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — When dinosaurs Illinois entomologist who's trying to define the history of the elusive stiletto fly.

"We're trying to get an idea what this group is all about," Irwin said. "They're not pests, they don't fly around in your face, they're hard to find and they're rare in collections.

"We do know that the larvae are snakelike, moving around in sandy soils very quickly, like eels," he said. "And they're voracious predators. Rootworms aren't a problem in sandy areas, and we suspect that's because the flies are prevalent."

Housing residents will have free cable beginning Fall '98

By Chris Clayton News Editor

Beginning in the Fall '98 semester, students living in University Housing will have one less out-of-pocket expense to worry about.

University Housing and Charter Communications have agreed to give all University Housing units cable access for one flat fee.

The flat rate will eliminate the \$19.95 per unit installation fee and a monthly cable bill.

"It will be added to the bill at the beginning of the semester. It will just show up as an increase in rent," Director of Housing Michael Shultz said.

Students wanting premium channels will have to talk to the Charter representatives.

Cable access originally came to SIUE in 1991, when the local cable company laid a trunk line to the area and wired the apartments for cable service.

When the Residence Hall was built in 1994, it was wired for cable during its construction.

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Student Senate appoints election commissioner for upcoming elections

By Bethany Behrhorst News Reporter

Elections, the need for an "appointment exofficial member" and the Telecommunications Task Force were the main topics at the Student Government meeting held Fri.day.

Student elections will be held April 5 — 9 this year and Student Senate will be looking for an "appointment exofficial member" to work the election booths, count ballots and supervise operations.

Frank Bergman, the election commissioner who was appointed at the Student Government special meeting held at noon on Friday., Feb. 28, will be looking for a person to fill this position.

Another concern of Bergman's is to raise student awareness of elections and encourage them to vote.

Out of 11,000 students, only 836 voted last year, Bergman said.

"This is well below 10 percent which is really not good," Bergman said.

Last years statistics show that student voting is down 30 percent below the general average.

Bergman wants to encourage the campus population to vote.

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predictions of the Oscars.

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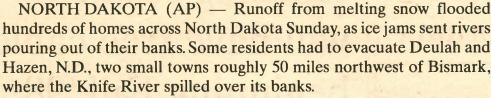
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Today: t-storms 56/51° Wednesday: Partly cloudy 51/38° Thursday: Sunny 63/39°

TOP STORIES

National

Melting snow is causing flooding downriver



The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for broad areas of western and south central North Dakota after two consecutive days of temperatures in the 50s began melting the snowpack. In some cases, areas nowhere near rivers were flooded by melting snow that formed ponds on the flat terrain.

International

Train passes over tot; cut is only injury

JAPAN — An 18-month-old boy crouched in the middle of railroad tracks as a train passed over Sunday and escaped with minor cut on his forehead, Japanese police said.

The engineer spotted the child from 90 yards away and applied the brakes, but the two-car diesel train passed over the boy before coming to a stop, said a police official in Nagasaki. The engineer found the boy crawling out from under the train.



State and Local

100-year-old political veteran running for re-election

CRETE, Ill. (AP) — Strom Thurmond would call this woman ma'am.

Six weeks shy of her 101st birthday, Emma Schweer is on the campaign trail for the 16th time. She's on the April 1 ballot for re-election as the Crete Township collector.

Mrs. Schweer boasts 64 years of experience, first as deputy collector and later collector. She virtually inherited the office from her husband, Art, after he died in 1965. He had held the office since 1933.

Nearly everyone in the township of 24,000 people knows Mrs. Schweer or has seen her riding around in her 1976 burgundy Cadillac. She has run unopposed every four years for as long as anyone can remember, routinely receiving the most votes of anyone on the township ballot — nearly 3,000 punches each election.

"I had one gal run against me two times," she said. "She lost, and the second time she came in with a nice bouquet of flowers for me and said, 'I don't know why I ran because I knew I couldn't beat you."

Democrats don't run against Mrs. Schweer "out of respect for this wonderful lady," said Crete Democratic Chairman Diane Waller-Nyman.

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• Violence in Greek-Letter Organization • No Money, No Social Life

Don't wait too late—the end is near



By Darryl Howlett For the Alestle

It's coming. The clock is ticking. The day of reckoning is close at hand. Will you be ready?

With less than six weeks remaining in the semester, there are those who still have not started working on their term papers.

It's quite possible that some SIUE students have not even darkened the doorsteps of the Elijah Lovejoy Library. Failure to invest time in research could yield devastating results. There is no fun in trying to concentrate on several term papers all at once.

The problem with delaying library research is that information you need might not be available in Lovejoy's library. It's quite possible that in order to obtain information, an interlibrary loan might be needed. (There could be a possible waiting period of several weeks.)

Then there is the necessity of finding the appropriate books—only to realize that 15 books are needed to read for a 3,000 - 5,000 word paper. Just recently, while I was in the library, a female student walked out with close to 20 books checked-out in a cardboard box.

The time of action is now. Not tomorrow and certainly not the week before finals. As each week progresses, the difficulty in achieving a solid term paper increases. (Does anyone actually believe a term paper can be completed during Springfest?)

Procrastination in research is not worth receiving a B paper when an A is obtainable. Nor is it worth receiving a lower GPA. However, most importantly, waiting is not worth failure for a class, for this university, for yourself. The clock is ticking.

Commentary

Political correctness has gone too far

Commentary By Corey Stulce Lifestyle Editor

Sometimes it's just sad how we as Americans are evolving these days. The ultrasensitive nature that seems to be enveloping everyone's consciousness is scary. While we concern ourselves with trivialities, the atmosphere of sanity is quickly disbanding. I'm talking about "political correctness". I'm talking about what is socially acceptable, and what is considered appalling. How can we sit back and accept awful crimes going virtually unnoticed everyday while the top news story is about a teacher who got fired because she reprimanded an unruly student?

What has gone so wrong in this country when parents are so scared of their children that they are afraid to discipline them? My mother beat the crap out of me, and I'm a better person for it today. People are afraid to talk to other people now, for fear of going to court. It's getting to where you can't even make a pass at your boss anymore to try to get a raise. Now, I ask you, where's the fun in that? Sometimes I worry that I'm going to sexually harass myself and pay the price for it.

I'm wondering why people seem to think the longer a word is, the less offending it will be. When did Indians become Native Americans? I always thought I was a Native American, being born in this country. Maybe next year it will be People-Who-Formerly-Owned-This-Country-Until-European-Settlers-

Forced-Them-Into-Near-Extinction (And We're So Very, Very Sorry About That).

Maybe I'm going a bit too far, but I don't think so. Why am I getting so irate, you may ask? Well, as a writer, I like to speak my mind, and apparently some of my thoughts might be taken as offensive to some. So, recently, I was censored. No big surprise, although it was my first time here at the *Alestle*. My boss has been pretty fair, as far as letting me get away with stuff in the paper. I thought it would happen a long time ago, since this campus is very sensitive and insecure about original thought. That's why I think it's so funny that they preach about diversity here. Well, I'm being diverse, by being a free-thinking jerk. That's my way.

I was attempting to make a comment in my column about Las Vegas concerning the large number of Asians who were in the city at the time. My argument for the line was, one, it was true, and two, it was a humorous comment in a humor type column. I don't think we take enough time to laugh at ourselves, and I think a good way to do this is to exaggerate some obvious differences we all have. I certainly have no qualms about someone pointing out my shortcomings in a humorous manner, why should anyone else? Isn't that what makes us human?

Well, I suppose I should wrap this up. Perhaps journalism isn't for me, since I like to be honest with people. For the time being, though, I will continue to keep making my observations and writing them down. I'm sure it won't be the last time I'll be censored. By the way, does anyone know of a good country to move to, cause this one has just about had it.

Letter to the editor_

Spare the rod, spoil the child

Editor's note: This letter is in response to an editorial written by Melanie Adams in Tuesday's issue of the Alestle.

Well, I thought that you were on a roll of excellent articles that were on point. However, I find an extreme exception to your latest article concerning the boy who STOLE money from another through the use of potential physical means. There is a fine line between good journalism and irresponsible journalism. You made the comment that "If someone is smaller than you, and they have what you want, take it." If only the guys in Florida (reference to your last article regarding pick up lines by men) knew your philosophy of parenting, I think they would quickly reach the conclusion of "[W]hat a bimbo of a statement". Let's see... I notice this little old lady walking down the street with a purse full of money and I decide to whack her and take her money, I shouldn't be held responsible RIGHT? Better vet, I know this 14-year-old boy that has an affiliation to a gang and he threatens to harm my

parents, nothing should happen to that boy because he is only 14 and doesn't know any better. Maybe the boy should be counselled and given another opportunity, even though he has been counselled numerous times.

It is time to stop codifying our children and come to the realization that they should be held accountable for their actions. I hear too many parents and educators make statements that "ohh...we should protect our children from the ills of society". But those same parents are the one's that tell authority figures that "...[M]y child would never do that". They are the same parents who don't ask their children where they will be when they leave the house to play or don't ask for a phone number to the place the child will be. They are the same parents who abuse this so-called 'timeout' punishment. What those parents need is a good slap on the face to wake them up and then a good swat on the kid's butt to let them know that there is a true punishment for their behavior. Oh my

God...those people in the department of education will be e-mailing me letting me know that "physical force is not the way to make a child understand". Well, they can just go and 'you know what'. They are doing a disservice when they teach our future educators that we must "reason with our children and try to talk to them". How many parents do you know that try to "reason" with their children. This is almost an impossible task. Sometimes the only way to reason with children is to take harsh steps such as a swat on the bottom, or if the behavior is such that it reaches the elements of criminal behavior, charge them.

The next time you decide to write about what should and shouldn't be appropriate for dealing with children, don't ask the bookworms out here at SIUE, question the working parents that have to deal with them on an everyday basis.

Gary Olson, Staff SIUE School of Business

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Eating in the cafeteria is a pleasure in Biloxi

BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — Every day, Sandra Fallo greets students and teachers with a radiant smile and a hearty "How ya' doing, sweetie" as they enter the Biloxi High School cafeteria.

Eating lunch was not always a pleasant experience.

In less than one year, the 57-year-old Fallo has used homespun humor, a kind word and good nutrition sense to put a little pizazz in the mundane offering of institutional fare.

"For a lot of these kids, this is the only hot meal they will get," Fallo said. "Nutrition is just as important as education, because they're partners."

Fallo has introduced a multi-faceted menu and a salad bar, food choices different from the traditional burgers and fries. But she also has infused an intangible ingredient into the culinary mix: a mother's love.

It is more than pots, pans and dishing out food, Fallo said.

"These are my kids, and I love each one of 'em who walks in that door," she said. "If you don't love kids, then you're in the wrong business."

Before Fallo arrived last fall, conditions were so dismal in the cafeteria, that many of the 1,117 Biloxi High students did not even bother to buy lunch at school.

Daily cafeteria attendance had dwindled to about 300 students. Now, cafeteria attendance has more than doubled.

The quick turnaround is not lost on Nolan Broussard, director of support services for the Biloxi School District.

"It is no secret that she accepts a challenge," Broussard said. "One of the things that she does is talk to the students; she has personalized the whole

The food service budget for the 1996-97 school year is \$2.1 million — about \$693,000 earmarked for actual food for the district's 11 cafeterias. The funds salaries, remaining pay maintenance of utilities and other costs.

"Although she is giving the children some new things, it's all balanced out with nutritional food," Broussard said. "I am extremely satisfied with the job she has done so far."

Food service worker Ethel Curry said she remembers those difficult times in the Biloxi High cafeteria.

"For one thing, it's cleaner around here, and the menu is more appetizing," Curry said. "She's so good to work for - like a big sister."

The students share Curry's view.

Police Beat

Ambulance Call

On March 17, at 3:12 p.m., officers and an Edwardsville Ambulance responded to the Art and Design Building. A male student cut his hand while using a band saw. He was transported to Oliver Anderson Hospital.

Theft over \$300

On March 8, at 3:08 p.m., officers responded Tower Lake Apartments in reference to a theft. A female student reported that someone stole her purse, valued at \$250. It contained \$25 and Nexus shampoo conditioner, valued at \$30. Later, the victim reported a compact disk rack, valued at \$10, approximately compact discs, valued at \$350, a tan coat, valued at \$99, were also taken from her apartment. Police are continuing their investigation.

Cable _____

from front page

Thirty-one cable channels will be available to residents as part of the package.

These channels include all broadcast stations, UHTV-6, which is the University closed access channel, two shopping channels, WGN, TBS, TNT, C-SPAN/ETWN, BET/REQUEST 4, VH-1, the Discovery Channel, Nickelodeon, The Family Channel, AMC, Lifetime Television, A&E, CNN, CNN Headline News, ESPN, TNN, the Weather Channel, SCI-FI

the

Channel, and CNBC/Fox

History

Senate

Network,

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Sports Midwest.

"I think this would be a good experience," he said.

Vice President James Little made it clear in his report at the meeting that the resale of phone minutes, by Telecommunications Task Force, will be a no sale for students.

The Telecommunications Task Force was implemented after university's telephone amnesty.



The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi wishes to congratulate and welcome the following new members:

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New Mexico legislature looking into doing teacher background checks before they can get their license

SANTA FE (AP) — New public school teachers would be required to submit their fingerprints for criminal background checks under a measure approved by the Legislature and sent to Gov. Gary Johnson.

The proposal was among those that received final approval before the Legislature adjourned on Saturday. However, a host of bills died as time ran out on the session.

Among those that failed was a hate crimes bill, which would have let judges impose stiffer sentences for crimes committed because of a victim's religion, color, race, sexual orientation or other such factor.

The background checks for teachers are intended to help schools screen people who have been convicted of crimes of moral turpitude, such as child abuse or molestation.

A school financing bill signed by Johnson provides \$60,000 to cover costs of the background checks.

The Legislature also gave final approval to a proposed constitutional amendment that would provide for property tax relief. The proposal will appear on the November 1998 general election ballot. It requires approval by a majority of voters to be adopted. The measure would require a system for limit annual increases in

residential property valuations, which are used for tax purposes.

Among the other measures sent to the governor by the Legislature

-Toughen the state law that prohibits serving liquor to anyone under age 21. The measure makes clear that parents or legal guardians could serve drinks to their children minors. In general, the bill increases the penalties for serving to minors. It says violations are misdemeanors, and prescribes fines and DWI-related community service for those who serve minors. Minors who buy or possess or get served alcohol illegally would be fined, required to do community service and have their drivers' licenses suspended.

- Lower the speed limit from 75 mph to 65 mph for semi-tractor trailer trucks on interstate highways in New Mexico. Supporters said it was intended to increase highway safety.

- Require fingerprinting of people arrested for drunken driving. Supporters said that it will help prevent people from using a false identification to avoid the tougher penalties that apply to repeat DWI offenders.

 Expand property-tax breaks for low-income residents. County commissioners could make an existing tax break available to people with incomes up to \$24,000. The ceiling now is \$16,000. Counties that give the break would have to reimburse the state for lost revenue.

— Give mobile home owners a bill of rights. Park managers would have to give residents leases and warn them of rules changes. Mobile home owners could not be kicked out of a park solely because of the size or age of their home. Disputes would be resolved by an arbitrator paid for equally by both parties.

— Tighten the law on Indian tribes selling tax-free gasoline by requiring the construction of holding tanks by tribes that want to become gasoline distributors. The measure is to plug a potential loophole that could allow tribes to claim tax-free status by having tanker trucks drive on and then off their reservations.

Proposals that died upon adjournment included ones that would have:

 Prohibited same-sex marriages. The bill would have also imposed \$50 fines on those who tried to perform the ceremonies and make same-sex marriages from other states invalid in New Mexico.

 Allowed judges to increase penalties for crimes that were committed based on a person's religion, color, race, sexual orientation, or other such factor. Supporters said these types of crimes were on the rise in New Mexico. Opponents, including the governor, said the measure was unnecessary because all crimes were crimes

 Allowed the Agricultural Department to regulate the water quality of the dairy industry. Currently it is regulated by the Department of Environment. Supporters said the Agricultural Department would be a better regulator because it's more familiar with the industry. Opponents contended the Department of Environment was a independent, vigilant regulator.

- Ensured that drunken drivers with multiple convictions couldn't enter into plea bargain agreements to avoid their driver's having licenses revoked.

- Doubled the prison sentence for vehicular homicide while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Currently, a drunken driving faces a three year prison sentence if convicted of killing someone in a car crash.





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Spring break Bahamas bummer

By Ty Norris **Assistant Lifestyle Editor**

Traveling to the Bahamas seemed like the ideal place to be during spring break. But, what should have been a normal spring break ended in disaster.

As part of a spring break, Take A Break Student Travel offered a package for students wanting to go to the Bahamas.

Take A Break Student Travel had ads that said they were members of the American Society of Travel Agents and National Association for Campus Activities.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville students Tatonya Roberts and Lashonda Sanders took advantage of the offer and were scheduled to be in the Bahamas during spring break.

Roberts and Sanders, along with other spring breakers, started early Friday morning on March 7, headed for Chicago. They were then to fly to Detroit and from Detroit to the Bahamas.

"We ended up staying in Detroit for 5 1/2 hours," Roberts, a senior majoring in nursing, said.

According to Roberts, when the flight was taking off from Detroit, the pilot announced that they would be in New York in 45 minutes.

"We didn't even know why we were going to New York," Roberts added.

The flight attendant informed Sanders and Roberts that they were going to New York to pick up other Take A Break Student Travel students.

New York ended up being the final destination and Roberts and Sanders never saw the Bahamas.

"Once everyone was on the plane and accounted for, the pilot announced that the flight had been grounded," Roberts said.

"He (pilot) said to remain on board for 30-45 minutes. for a response," Roberts added.

According to Roberts, after an hour everyone was extremely tired and upset. The pilot then announced that a Take A Break representative was in the JFK International Airport. No one ever saw the representative.

"I was upset when we had to go to New York, Sanders said. But, I thought, I guess since we have to stop in New York, we'll go straight to the Bahamas."

By this time the travelers were distraught.

"I was devastated, I began to cry. I figured we weren't going anywhere," Sanders added.

Roberts proceeded to call the president of Take A Break Student Travel.

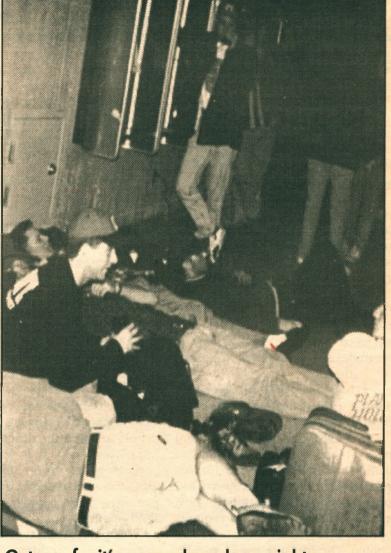
"He hung up on me twice," Roberts said.

officials were not much help. They remember. even told the travelers they would

have to evacuate the secured part of the airport. They also opened all the exits, practically freezing them out.

"Most of us slept on the floor or a cart," Sanders said.

In a telephone conversation with Tasha Adams.



The whole flight, except the flight Get comfy, it's gonna be o long night.

attendants, ended up spending the Students prepare to sleep in the airport after their flight to the night in JFK airport. The airport Bahamas is grounded in New York. It was a spring break to

> Take A Break Student Travel customer service representative, she stated that the president and vice president were trying to get those involved in the mishap taken care of.

> "They should have took better precautions," Roberts said.

Box Office Top Ten

Jim Carrey roared back onto the big screen last weekend, totally divesting the competition. It's no fib, "Line Line" is a hit. Another big surprise was the debut of "Selena," the story of the murdered singer. It had a big opening, tossing "Jedi" into third place. "Jedi" is definately a disappointment in comparison to the other two rereleases. "Star Wars" fever is on the decline.

- 1. Liar, Liar
- 2. Selena
- 3. Return of the Jedi
- 4. Jungle 2 Jungle
- 5. Private Parts
- 6. Donnie Brasco
- 7. Sling Blade
- 8. Loveiones
- 9. Empire Strikes Back
- 10. The English Patient

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Boston's bad boys haven't used all their 'Nine Lives' yet

By Corey Stulce Lifestyle Editor

Don't reserve their plots in the ol' Rock 'n' Roll boneyard yet, Aerosmith is still alive and kickin'.

Fans were worried when

Aerosmith delivers some fine rock songs, along with a few surprises. There's a little bit for everyone here. For the power ballad fans, the band dishes out "Hole in my Soul."

For those who just want to rock, the boys deliver the title track "Nine Lives," and



Aerosmith has been together for nearly 3 decades now, and they have just released their twelf studio album "Nine Lives,"

rumors about substance abuse and a managerial shake-up caused their new album "Nine Lives" to be delayed for nearly a year. Well, the wait is over and the album has arrived.

"Falling in Love (Is hard on the knees)."

A nice experiment in sound is "Taste of India"

All in all, the Boston boys have sent another fine album to the streets.

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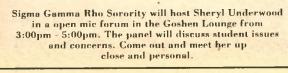
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Predicting Hollywood's big night... (Who won?)

By Corey Stulce Lifestyle Editor

Yesterday was Oscar night, and there were some very big winners, but I don't know who This is her they are yet. I am writing this Monday afternoon, mere hours before the celebration begins.

After listening to all the critics and all the buzz, I would like to make my predictions. I am usually pretty good at this, but this year I am betting on a few dark horses.

First, I think it is definitely the year for underdogs. As far as **Best Supporting Actor** goes, I think William H. Macy has a good shot "Fargo."

deadpan North Dakotan accent should be the clincher.

Next, it is most likely going to be Lauren Bacall's year to shine. nomination and the old I will personally call broad will take it for "The Mirror has Two Faces" just because of her long career and the fact that she'll probably be dead soon.

Sorry Tom Cruise, you won't be a happy man today. Billy Bob Thornton should be clutching some little gold man portraval of a retarded killer in "Sling Blade." Congrats, Bobby,

Frances McDormand is a shoe-in for her role policewoman "Fargo." This should be a big career take-off for the little-known actress.

If "Fargo" didn't win best original screenplay, every voter on the academy. It was a riot and should have won best picture, but it probably didn't.

Best Picture will most likely be "The English Patient," since voters were torn over "Shine" and "Fargo" for the independent slot. Perhaps one of them snuck in, though.

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'Only the good die young,' Veenstra's tenure chapter four

By Matt Veenstra For the Alestle

This week my roommate story is going to change tune a little. There is really nothing bad I can say about Jake. He and I were good friends. We stayed up at night and talked until I fell asleep. On some of the weekends, we would go out and have a drink. It was just a good time.

One weekend his little brother, Dave, came down to visit. This weekend was really interesting. The three of us hung out around Edwardsville on Saturday. Jake was just happy to have his brother down for the weekend. They told me about past times with their family, especially their sisters. The stories were fun. It wasn't long before his sisters and I got to tell stories about Jake.

But all the pleasantries ended the Thursday night before finals when Jake went to the landing for a study break with the Sig Eps. At about 2 am, Jake got in a car to head home with one of the Sig Eps, because he knew he'd had too much to drink. They were following the others they came with back to Edwardsville. They started driving really fast, especially for having been drinking all night.

The police estimated they were going 90 miles an hour when the car struck the median between Interstate 70 and the entrance to the Poplar Street bridge. This launched the car into the side of a U-Haul van. Without any seat belts on, both of them went flying out of the car. Jake died instantly and the guy he was with died in the ambulance.

We received a call from Jake's father, a man we had only talked to briefly on the phone, at 7:30 a.m. on Friday. My roommate John answered the phone and learned of the terrible news.

John then told us immediately. This incident caused for the longest finals week any of us, I am sure, ever had or will ever have.

By the time Friday was over, I had already talked to Jake's Mom, step Mom, Dad, Sisters, and Brother. Less than twenty four hours earlier, Jake and I were talking about playing the guitar, finals, and what there was to do that night.

We went to the memorial services. Many of us had a terrible time arranging to have finals rescheduled. We collected the memorabilia that his family requested us to bring to the visitation. And we drove five hours to East Moline just to make it before the end of the visitation.

After the visitation my roommate and two friends, one of them was Jason who was later a roommate came just to comfort us in a time of hardships, spent the evening with the family reminiscing of old times.

We told them about many of his adventures during his first semester at SIUE. I told them about the numerous hearts Jake had broken during his shortened semester, about his trials and tribulations of learning to play the guitar, the Saturdays Jake and I would sit and bullshit about nothing all day, while we thought about cleaning up the apartment, and all the good and interesting times Jake had at SIUE.

When we returned to school, there was a memorial service for both students who were killed in the accident. The Sig Eps and the

Religious Center held it in memory of the students who passed away. My roommates and I arrived a little late, because we were taking the finals we missed earlier in the week.

We didn't miss much. It was as if the fraternity treated their former member like a martyr, recalling stories and sobbing uncontrollably.

Yes, it is nice to remember someone, but they neglected to mention that he was drunk driving and just happened to kill himself and someone else in the process.

We went in respect for Jake's family, and Jake was hardly mentioned in the proceedings. They did make him an honorary member, even though he had told us he had not planned on joining after all.

After the service his family came over to the apartment for the first time since Jake had moved in. All of us began packing his belongings and loading them up into his family's two cars.

This was a weird experience, packing the belongings of your roommate who had just passed away. We came across many items that made us cry and remember the good times we had that we will never be able to have again with Jake.

We found the picks Jake used to play his guitar and the Eric Clapton sheet music he clumsily tried to play. We found the shoes he used to run in everyday. The letters he wrote to his old girl friends, and pictures of family and friends.

But the thing that made the experience worse was how the school did not attempt to help us get finals rescheduled. I had called and talked to many people and the only advice I could get was "talk your professors."

This was on Saturday and Sunday, and we were leaving Monday morning. Some professors were helpful, but one in particular said, "If it is not your family, you must be here." This was after two visits to his house because his phone number was unlisted.

The only help I did get was from (at the time) Vice President Janet McReynolds who called my professor and explained to him the details.

She convinced him to let me take the test right at that moment. Of course, I was unprepared, but it was better than failing

All in all, the school does not have any policy to help students out in a crisis like that.

I guess I will put a close on this because I could just go on and on about the experiences Jake and I had. We talked about girls, about why he didn't want to pledge the Sig Eps, about classes, and any other topic on our minds.

I still keep in touch with his family. His little brother Dave and I talk every couple of months. I have visited the family every time I've passed by the Quad Cities area.

It's easier to have roommates that you don't necessarily care for and to put up with their shortcomings than to have a roommate with the potential of becoming a really close friend die in an accident and miss out on the opportunity to really get to know them.



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Air Ball

By Todd Spann Sports Editor

Draft time

Saturday night I was at my annual baseball rotisserie draft and I'm happy with the outcome, but at the sametime worried.

It comes down to this. If the Cardinals win 90 ballgames, I probably will win the league. (This is only a National League rotisserie league.)

This wasn't planned, but I ended up with nine Cardinals.

They just happened to be there when I needed someone. The guys are Jordan, Lankford, Geatti, Andy and Alan Benes, Young, Jackson, Van Slyke and Mathews.

Go Cardinals!!

Final Four

Minnesota, North Carolina, Arizona and Kentucky have battled through the ranks and are ready to take a plane ride to Indy.

I'm going to be in Indianapolis the same weekend as the final four just five blocks from the RCA Dome

But I'm going to have a couch in my hand helping my sister move.

Why not?

It should be a beautiful afternoon so why not go and support your school.

At 3 pm this Wednesday the baseball team plays Eastern Illinois.

GLVC

The GLVC represented itself nicely with Northern Kentucky with a second place finish in the Division II championship.

This is the fourth straight year that the GLVC has had a representative in the final game.

Wouldn't it be nice to see SIUE on CBS in the final of the Division II championships?



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Big Dance — Intramural Style

Intramural basketball playoffs were last week in the Vadalabene Center. DaChronic won the six-foot and under league plus the men's open division.

Dazed and Confused won the women's diivision

Softball has 6-0 weekend

Compiled by Alestle Sports Staff

After a tough spring break, the SIUE softball team used a 6-0 weekend in Owensboro, Ky. to gain some early momentum in the GLVC.

The Cougars received help from Gwen Jackson, who batted .618 over the six games. Plus pitcher Deanna Smith wasn't scored upon throughout the weekend.

"We're a good ball club," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We played good defense and our offense did well."

The Cougars played Southern Indiana, Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine twice each.

Tennis starts GLVC off in prime fashion

By Brett Licata Assistant Sports Editor

A trio of victories, including an upset of the region's No. 14 ranked team, is a good start to Great Lakes Valley Conference play for the SIUE men's tennis team.

The Cougars rolled past Northern Kentucky at Sunset Hills Country Club on Friday afternoon 9-0. Darren Snyder stumbled in the first set, but stormed back to defeat Darren Giuggio 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the No. 1 singles match.

Edwardsville senior Jason Geminn shutout his opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles. Other straight set victories came from sophomore Mike Reither, freshman Zaid Numani, O'Fallon native Justin Lombard and Caseyville's Tim McKay.

"They weren't a bad team," head coach Bill Logan said. "This was a great way to start off our conference season."

In doubles, Snyder and Geminn won 8-5 and Numani and sophomore Nick Lane were victorious 8-4. At No. 3 doubles, Reither and Alton junior Morgan McAfoos claimed an 8-3 victory.

The Cougars went up against Indiana University/Purdue University-Ft. Wayne with a wealth of confidence and crushed the No. 14 ranked team in the Midwest Region 8-1.

Geminn, a semifinalist in the

Rolex National Tournament last fall, went up against another Rolex semifinalist Rob Moreland at No. 1 singles. Geminn dominated Moreland 6-2, 6-3.

Snyder, who had just finished the three set match against Northern Kentucky, was suffering from fatigue, so Logan moved him to the No. 2 singles spot where he won 6-1, 6-4.

"We actually have two No. 1 players on the team," Logan said. "Jason stepped in at No. 1, after Darren had played a hard match against Northern Kentucky, and showed that he can dominate against one of the toughest players in the country."

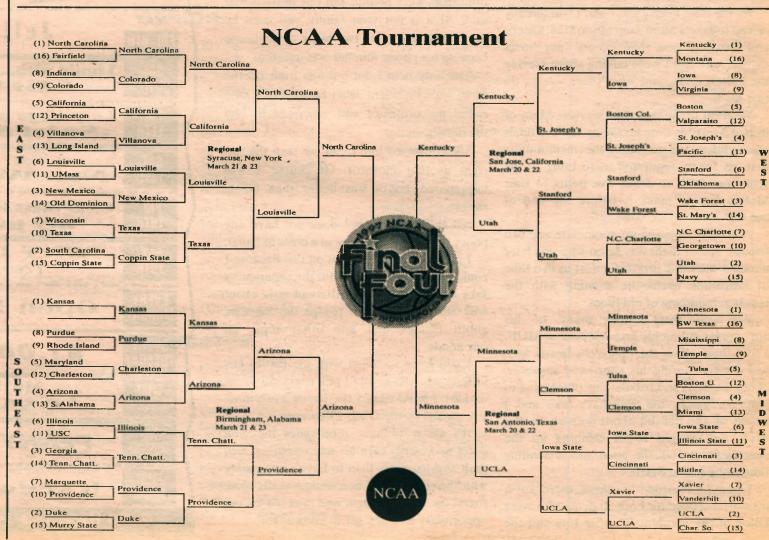
Reither overpowered IUPU-Ft. Wayne's Matt Flory 6-0, 6-4 at No. 3 singles and Numani stopped Darrin Strayer 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Lombard and McKay won their singles matches in straight sets.

"We knew that they'd be a tough team to play," Logan said. "We were ready for the challenge and showed we can beat the top schools in the country."

Indianapolis figured to be one of the top teams in the conference, but SIUE showed their depth with a 9-0 victory.

"This is a significant win for us," Logan said. "Everyone contributed and played hard in their matches."

The Cougars underestimated Truman State on Sunday and fell to the Bulldogs 5-4.



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Evil Tommy

by Corey Stulee

Artist's Blues

by Sam Pass



My Charles Manson fan club
kit finally came, with autographed
picture and rub-on swastika tattoos!

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Flip's World

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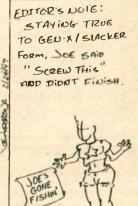


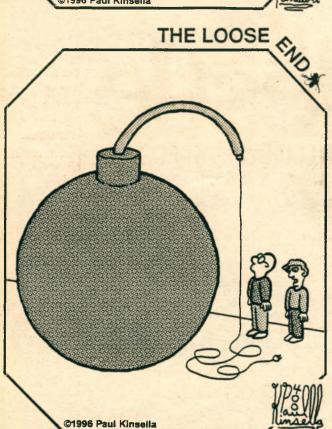
by Joe Andes











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"I don't think we should plug it in."

Poet's Corner

I Bear Your Name

by Doreen Van Lee

I was given a past because I bear your name
Your blood flows like a raging river through my veins
I am faced with a presence because I bear your name
But as for a future I must stake my own claim
Through the years this vessel has traveled far and wide
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S.S. ALLIBEE, who wants milk for breakfast? Sarah serving!! Had a great spring break at Bull Shoals. Shannon and Heather of the S.S. Allibee.

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CORIE, TIFFANY, who left the napkin in the toilet? The guy had to dig for an hour.

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