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Office allocation controversy finally drawing to a close for BSA

■ BY CHRISTOPHER SUTHERLAND
NEWS STRINGER

BSA, is optimistic about the future placement of BSA.

"I feel that they're going to let us stay," he said.

The Constitution Review Committee met early on Nov. 21. Among the topics for discussion was BSA's appeal to keep its current office space in the Kimmel Leadership Center. Mike

Loitz, chairman of the committee looked over the appeal and made adjustments to the new allocations.

"Nothing will be final until Steve Sperotto (director of the Kimmel Leadership Center) approves it," Loitz said. Loitz said this should be done sometime this week.

BSA was notified late in October that it would be leaving office space B of the Kimmel Leadership Center and moving to an office in room A, which does not have a phone hook-up or a computer outlet within the cubicles.

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President of the Black Student Organization, Terrance Gaddy.

The controversy surrounding office space allocation for the Black Student Association finally may be ending.

Terrance Gaddy, president of



Danielle Belton/Alestle

The paper angels hang in the University Center as the University Police Angel Tree Project goes into effect for the holidays.

Students and university police to play Santa for kids on campus

Programs provide gifts and Christmas cheer for children of SIUE students

■ BY DANIELLE BELTON
NEWS EDITOR

As the holiday season hurries upon SIUE and students prepare for either a winter graduation or a nice vacation, several organizations are working toward helping others in the SIUE community.

The SIUE Single Parent Support Group distributes Christmas wishes to Cougar Village children and their families while focusing on the needs of single parent families on campus.

In the Adopt an SIUE Single Parent Family For Christmas program, individual students and organizations can "adopt" a single parent family and help to supply presents to the family and their children.

The organization's treasurer and secretary, Synthia Hines, said that her organization was working to fulfill the needs of these families, which mostly consist of single mothers juggling classes, work and motherhood.

"(We're) almost like the second leg to a single parent," Hines said.

A single parent herself, Hines understands the difficulties in attending classes and trying to sustain a family. She hopes that the organization and adoption program helps those in need.

"It's important to know that there are other students who have done this," Hines said.

SIUE single parents can sign up for the adoption program by contacting Sandra Bode at (618) 632-2248 or Cynthia Hines at (618) 659-4110.

Students wishing to adopt a family may do so by requesting a specific family or by choosing from one listed. Individuals and groups who make donations may remain anonymous.

Even if students do not wish to adopt a family, they can donate food, cash, paper products and gifts. A list will be provided showing what types of goods in particular are needed most.

Students can also help by volunteering their time or donating food and money to help co-sponsor a Christmas party for the single parents and their children.

The University Police Angel Tree Project and SIUE Single Parent Support Group's Adopt an SIUE Single Parent Family for Christmas

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Personal data forms will have to do for SIUE housing roommate selection

■ BY ZHANDA JOHNSON
NEWS REPORTER

selection process. Many believe that a close inspection is needed before individuals are placed in the same living quarters.

Despite some complaints, Housing Director Michael Schultz said he feels that University Housing does a pretty good job at matching up roommates. The current process for roommate selection involves students filling a personal data form. The information from this form is entered into a computer, which matches similar students together. Students also have the option of being placed together

by mutual request.

"We think the process is effective," Schultz said. "This year, however, we had a problem with the application deadline of June 15."

Schultz said the application deadline complicated the process because it was too soon before the start of the fall semester. Some students who submitted applications dropped classes or canceled their applications, which caused confusion in the roommate selection process.

SIUE residents have several concerns when it comes to



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

In Cougar Village many students play a hand in their roommate selection by choosing to stay with friends, while others let housing make the choice.

roommate selection. One major concern is substance abuse. There are only two substance-free buildings on the 400 side of

Cougar Village. Students who live in these buildings must sign an agreement, which says there

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Police Incidents

Arrest

On Nov. 22 at 3:37 a.m., police responded to a disturbance call at Cougar Village. They broke up a party and arrested the following persons for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor: Vicki Kremer, age 20, of Teutopolis; Lisa Kremer, age 17, of Teutopolis; Scott Niehaus, age 19, of Farina; Benjamin Donsback, age 18, of Dieterich; Charles Lueken, age 18, of Teutopolis; James Grindstaff, age 18, of O'Fallon; Jada Grindstaff, age 17, of O'Fallon; Samuel Jones, age 18, of Kinmundy; and Kelly Henderson, age 18, of Edwardsville. Three juveniles were turned over to juvenile authorities.

Ambulance Call

On Nov. 25 at 10:12 a.m., police and ambulance responded to a call at the library where a female was experiencing chest pains. The victim was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville by Edwardsville ambulance service.

Traffic Accident/Deer Struck

On Nov. 25 at 5:51 p.m., Joyce Edwards of Edwardsville reported she was driving on Bluff Road when a deer ran out of the woods and struck her car in the left front headlight and fender area. The deer could not be located.

KIDS

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are a few of the programs being offered this Christmas to help children here on campus.

This is the second year for the Angel Tree Project. More than 40 children's names will hang from a decorated Christmas tree in the University Center.

The purpose of the Angel Tree Project is to help supply Christmas presents for children of SIUE's Cougar Village.

The program works by taking

paper angels with each child's age, gender, clothing size and three Christmas wishes posted on the back of the angel and placing it on the Christmas tree near the Information Center in the University Center. Anyone wishing to donate can take one of the angels from the tree, purchase a gift for the child, wrap the present and turn it in to the Information Center or to University Police. All gifts need

to be turned in by Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.

Both the children's names and the names of the donors are kept confidential. The gifts will be passed out by "Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and a few elves" on Dec. 20. Donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to the Angel Tree, Box 1041.

For more information, students can contact Lt. Regina Hays of the University Police for Project Angel Tree at (618) 692-3250.

**AIDS Awareness Week
Dec. 1 - 7**



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- Mon., Dec. 1: AIDS Quilt Exhibit and Info. 9am - 3pm, Peck Bldg.
- Tues., Dec. 2: Free HIV Screening 8:30am - 11am, Health Services

Bake Sale for AIDS Education 9am - 4pm Peck Bldg.

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- Wed., Dec. 3: Sex, Drugs, and AIDS 7:00pm Cougar Lake Commons Bldg.
- Fri., Dec. 5: Bake Sale for AIDS Education 9am - 4pm Peck Bldg.
- Sun., Dec. 7: AIDS Commemorative Service 4pm Religious Ctr.

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Life for Beginners by Danielle Belton



"For some students the MCT bus wait appeared to be a little longer than usual in the coming winter..."

Commentary

On a cold Monday morning, the incredible disappearing MCT buses provide no relief

Maybe it's just me, but everything seems to get a little slower around this time of year. The MCT buses appear to be no different.

This Monday morning when I got up, I didn't want to rise. I'm pretty sure this is a common affliction among college students. I probably wasn't the only one finishing a Thanksgiving break's worth of homework the Sunday night before. So when I rose this morning, I was extra sleepy. Therefore, I contemplated skipping my eight o'clock classes, but I told myself I had to go. After all, I was paying for it. Well, at least my parents were.

I even bothered to make an effort this morning to get out of

the apartment early to catch a less crowded bus and be early for class.

According to my MCT (Madison County Transit) bus schedule, I had several options. There were four buses coming before 8 a.m. — the 7:40, 7:43, 7:46, and the 7:52. When I was approaching the bus stop I saw the 7:40 bus leave, but didn't bother to run because about three other buses were coming, right?

I stood, in the cold, with about ten other people, who slowly accumulated over time. I stood there, and waited until 8:05 a.m. for a bus to come. Another girl waiting mentioned that the other buses that never showed probably came early, as they tend to do, and didn't wait until their

schedule departure times.

I'm a rational person. If the bus had been late, I would have understood because buses are driven by human beings and I, myself, have been known to keep people waiting a time or too. But I don't think I've ever come early and left early, when I told someone else I'd be there at a later time.

This behavior makes no sense to me. But I guess it doesn't matter to most people that it is almost winter, that it is cold outside, or that students get to class on time. I suppose it doesn't matter to anyone that I was made uncomfortable by this. We're just college students who pay to be here and I guess it

doesn't matter if we freeze waiting on a bus or lose points in certain classes for being tardy. I guess it's my fault I don't have a car and an overpriced parking sticker to arm myself with against public transportation.

But despite all this, whether the buses are early and leave or late and never come, really doesn't make a difference. All students want is to get on a bus and go to class. They really don't bother to fancy a reason. They just want to walk outside of their Cougar Lake Apartment and see a bus there running on a time that is corresponding with the bus schedule. Students aren't very hard to please. I, for one, definitely am not hard to

compensate. I'd just like my bus on time, and if it's not on time, at least the three buses after it should be. The bus driver doesn't have to fluff my seat for me. There's no need to hand out mints and play mood music. The bus doesn't have to be Pine-Sol fresh. The driver doesn't even have to smile at me. I just want the bus to be on time.

It would be nice if MCT was able to work out a compromise with the university and make most classes start at 12 noon so I can start slower as well in the morning. But I suppose that would be a little much to ask.

Danielle Belton
news editor

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We reserve the right to edit letters for grammar and content. However, great care will be taken to ensure that the message of the letter is not lost or altered.

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Two local Kwanzaa celebrations offer an interesting alternative for all during the holiday season

■ BY ZHANDA JOHNSON
NEWS REPORTER

Kwanzaa is just around the corner and you won't have to celebrate alone. There are several celebrations to help you get into the Kwanzaa spirit.

The Bakari Institute of East St. Louis and the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club along with the Department of English at SIUE are holding Kwanzaa celebrations.

The Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club and the Department of English at SIUE will host the annual pre-Kwanzaa celebration at Metropolitan Community College in Room 2085 on Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The pre-Kwanzaa celebration will include a KwanSaba Candle-Lighting Ceremony and feature a panel discussion. The panel includes David Nelson, founder of the Lost Poets; Dallas Browne, an associate professor of anthropology at SIUE; Darlene Roy, president of the Writers Club; Lena Weathers, a psychotherapist and a mental health administrator in East St. Louis; and Ira Jones, editor of Eyeball, a St. Louis-based,

cultural-literary magazine. Eugene B. Redmond, a professor of English at SIUE, will moderate the panel.

Also in the area, the Bakari Institute is sponsoring the fifth annual official Kwanzaa celebration for the city of East St. Louis.

This is the only seven-day, community-wide Kwanzaa celebration in the entire St. Louis area. It will take place Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 at Metropolitan Community College from 6 to 9 p.m. nightly. Admission is \$5 per night or \$10 for a seven-day pass. Adults over 55 and children under 18 are free.

This celebration will include African dances, poetry and oral tributes to significant people, places and events in African American history. It will also include, for the second year, the modeling of African hairstyles, clothes and jewelry. Each night a guest speaker will be discussing the Kwanzaa principle of the day. Among those scheduled to appear are Prof. Ron Henry; Ahmad Mahdi, motivational speaker; Mars Howard, businessman; Lee X. Brown, professional football coach; and Tamiko Armstead, former Miss Wiberforce

University and Ebony Magazine Campus Queen. There will also be a nightly traditional libation and candle-lighting ceremony along with an African marketplace featuring African clothes, food, arts, crafts, books and merchandise.

Kwanzaa is an African-American spiritual holiday. It is the celebration of the oneness and goodness of life. It claims no ties with any religion.

It was formulated, devised, developed and initiated by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga on Dec. 26, 1966. The focus of Kwanzaa is centered around the seven principles (Nguzo Saba) with particular emphasis on the unity of African American families. The seven principles are: Umoja, which means unity; Kujichagulia, which means self determination; Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, cooperative economics; Nia, purpose; Kuumba, creativity; and Imani, faith. Kwanzaa always begins Dec. 26 and lasts seven days.

The public is invited to attend both the Bakari Institute and Eugene B. Redmond programs.

Students get a chance to flex writing muscles in fiction competition

■ BY DANIELLE BELTON
NEWS EDITOR

The Department of English and Creative Writing Committee is sponsoring its annual Mimi Zanger Memorial Award in Fiction for SIUE students and is encouraging all students to enter.

The competition is open to stories on all subjects from traditional to experimental.

Lloyd Kropp, a professor in SIUE's English department and a fiction writer himself, encourages students to enter the competition.

Kropp, who teaches a fiction writing class, said often his students have won in past competition because they had been writing fiction all semester. He said he hopes all students will participate for the chance to win the \$100 prize.

Entries will be judged by three members of the faculty chosen by the Creative Writing Committee. All entries must be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper. They must include the author's name, student ID number, address and telephone number. This should be placed on a separate sheet of paper. The student's name should not be on the manuscript itself. The maximum limit is 18 pages.

Any current SIUE student is eligible. Manuscript submission deadline is Feb. 16. All manuscripts should be sent to Lloyd Kropp, Department of English, Box 1431.



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SPACE

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BSA shares this space with the National Society of Black Engineers and the Indian Student Organization. The BSA is being asked to move so the space can be used by four greek affiliated organizations. These organizations use the former TV lounge, now remodeled, on the second floor of the University Center. Some members of the organization found the space unfit because that office must remain locked after hours, which is inconvenient for some members.

Gaddy submitted an appeal on behalf of BSA on Oct. 30. The appeal suggested the decision to relocate BSA was made without

regard to the Kimmel Leadership Center's Student Organizations Space Allocation AY 1998 Policy.

"This constitutes a dereliction of duty and violation of the trust placed with this committee. Failure to conduct a background investigation into the activities of the Black Student Association leaves a decision of this nature left in the capable hands or the uninformed," Gaddy wrote.

The policy lists the criteria for granting space as the level of activity occurring in the space, the efficient use of the space, previous usage, planned usage, and systematic or standard operating procedures that occur in the office.

Gaddy's appeal further states: "We, the Black Student Association, are well aware that the use of office space and lockers are a privilege extended to student organizations, but to disregard these essential tasks amounts to a misuse and abuse of power and authority; and if allowed to go unchecked, such could result in tyranny on the part of campus committees — university wide."

Loitz recommends that the office moves take place the first week of the spring semester, so people do not have to worry about them during finals.

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can be no smoking or alcohol in the apartment. University Housing also offers to all students an educational programming on substance abuse. Students who do not want to live with roommates who drink or smoke feel that there isn't enough adequate substance free

housing for all that require it, thus causing some roommate conflicts as well.

"University Housing has rules and regulations on substance abuse," Schultz said. "We respond to complaints of people who do not follow these rules and make sure we enforce the policy."

University Housing will continue to work to accommodate SIUE students as well as possible. Therefore until a plan is developed to guarantee roommate satisfaction, students will just have to throw caution to the wind and get by with the old system.

Don't forget to pick up the special year-end issue of The Alestle on Thursday.

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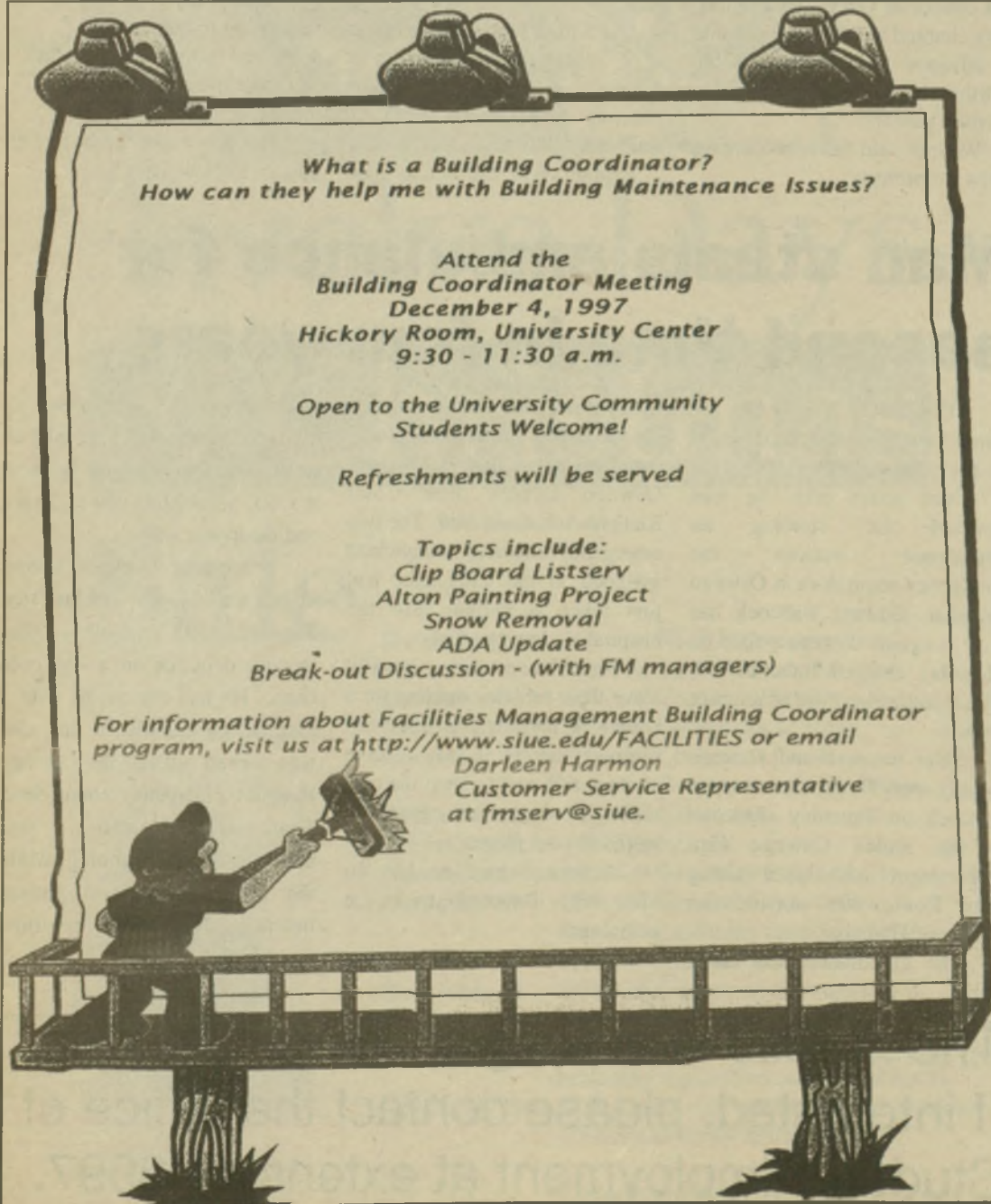
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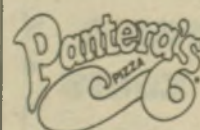
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School busing is faux pas when it comes to parking in affluent Chicago suburb

WINNETKA (AP) — Call it an economics lesson. When kids from affluent families have nowhere to park their cars during high school, someone's going to make money.

The parking crunch is so bad that many kids at New Trier High School, one of the state's wealthiest and best, are willing to pay hundreds, even thousands, of dollars a year to secure a space near school, either in a resident's driveway or a business' lot.

"I only got this because my sister had it," said Chris Bartlett, a New Trier junior who parks his Toyota Celica convertible at G&W Auto Clinic a short walk from the school. "We handed it down."

Bartlett, wearing just slacks and a Land Rover T-shirt in the chill November sunshine, said taking the bus to school in this tree-lined suburb north of Chicago wasn't an option for him.

"I'd be leaving 20 minutes early," he said. "You have to wait outside. It's a pain."

Bob Woyner rents out four to six spaces at G&W. In the past, he's charged \$500 a year, payable in advance. This year, it's \$750. Further, he has to know the kids or their parents.

Woyner said his rent increase drew no protests.

"People just said fine. Five hundred, 750, it's the same thing to these people."

Dylan Nagle got his spot at G&W through a sibling, too. He parks his Acura SLX there, and said he's glad for the space. The bus is no fun, and there's precious little room for parking around the school, he said.

"It's kind of a hot thing around here," Woyner said. "I've had people say, 'How much is it? I'm willing to pay double.'"

"Money's no object a lot of times to these people," Woyner said.

With an average household income of about \$150,000, that's probably true for a lot of people in this village of nearly 13,000. While not everyone who attends the school is rich, the average house in town is valued at more than half a million dollars and it's common to see New Trier students driving Audis, BMWs and Volvos.

With only a handful of students willing to take the bus, and nowhere to put cars, people are willing to pay a premium to park.

"As a high school in the midst of a residential area, we're a different story," said Judy Brinton, New Trier's dean of students.

Brinton said the school has

220 parking spaces available to seniors through a lottery. The spots cost \$270 a year and are highly coveted. Students cannot park on the street.

"Our culture seems to be becoming more pressed for time," she said. "And the kids' schedules are becoming more and more full."

With the school of 3,100 expected to grow by 1,000 over the next seven years, the situation is only going to worsen, Brinton said.

"We don't have any place we can expand to. We don't have any empty fields we can pave."

Kristen McGill, a 1994 graduate of New Trier, said the situation has been bad since she was in school, when students would pay a premium for space across from campus.

"Around here, kids are throwing two grand at the people for a semester."

McGill said she rented a spot in a driveway across the street from the school for \$500, but that bargain ended after other students offered \$2,000 for spaces.

"Finally, my senior year, they threatened to take it away."

Asked why students didn't just take the school bus, McGill wrinkled her nose.

"You don't take the bus when you go to New Trier."

Man steals ambulance for second time in four years

OSWEGO, N.Y. (AP) — Same crime, same place, same suspect, different year.

Four years after he was arrested for stealing an ambulance outside the emergency room door at Oswego Hospital, Edward Babcock has done it again. Oswego police on Thursday charged Babcock, 34, with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

State troopers and Oswego County sheriff's deputies stopped Babcock on Thursday afternoon in the stolen Oswego Fire Department ambulance along state Route 104 outside the village of Hannibal.

The ambulance was taken

from under the canopy outside the hospital's emergency room entrance at around 3:25 p.m., Oswego Deputy Fire Chief Richard Ackerman said. The two emergency medical technicians assigned to the ambulance had just taken a patient into the hospital, Ackerman said.

Ambulance crews usually leave their vehicles running for a couple of reasons — so they can respond quickly if they receive another call, and to keep the cars warm for drugs that cannot be stored in cool places.

Ackerman said he has no idea why Babcock took the ambulance.

"Apparently, he had a great

old time with it," Ackerman said. "Given the history, apparently he must like the attention because it's not something you can take and disappear with."

Something Babcock knows all too well. He also was arrested May 12, 1993 in Granby, after leading deputies on a five-mile chase. He had driven off with a Fair Haven ambulance that also was parked outside the Oswego Hospital emergency room door. That vehicle also was unoccupied and running while the crew delivered a patient inside. It was returned undamaged.

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Package arrives with urine specimens instead of toys

WEST HAZELTON, Pa. (AP) — A Luzerne County woman opened a package she received in the mail expecting to find two toys she ordered. She found two vials of urine instead.

The vials apparently had been sent by a Lehigh County man to an insurance company laboratory for testing as part of an application for a group insurance policy.

"When I opened it, one of the vials of urine fell onto the table

and I picked it up with my bare hands, without wearing gloves," Holly Martin, 20, said. "One was in a plastic bag with a seal, but the other wasn't."

The package, which arrived Friday, also contained a green "return receipt requested" postal card for a package that had been mailed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Philadelphia by a Long Pond man; a water filtration system advertising postcard mailed to a

man in Bangor; several catalogs for a music club and a single piece of a puzzle.

The package apparently had been damaged and rewrapped after the Child Development Toy Program mailed it in Monroe, Ohio.

"The package was supposed to contain two child development toys — a Wiggle Worm and a Tracking Tube, that I had ordered after reading about them in Parents magazine," Martin said.

Distracted by lingerie ad, driver kills child

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Distracted by a women's underwear advertisement at a cafe owned by supermodels, a driver hit a 13-year-old girl, killing her, news media in Spain reported Saturday.

The car accident occurred

early Friday morning as children waited at a pedestrian crossing on their way to school in central Barcelona.

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RANTS & RAVES



■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR
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Perhaps it would have caused more of a stir had the music still been popular, but INXS fans lost their frontman last weekend.

Now, singer Michael Hutchence has at least one thing in common with chivalry. This is just the next in the string of rock singer deaths in the last few years. It's starting to be a yearly trend. This time, however, there's a little mystery. Did he kill himself, or was he just trying to get some kind of pleasure from asphyxiation? He was found nude hanging with a belt around his neck like a noose. Very curious.

If it's suicide, fine, boo hoo. The torments of being a rich rock star have claimed another casualty. But, if it's the latter, we need to do something.

If people are going to have dangerous habits or addictions, it's high time they stop being embarrassed by them and start bringing them out into the open.

It seems every couple of weeks some junior high kid has accidentally hung himself in some basement while trying to get a high from lack of oxygen. This usually happens while his friends are in the next room, oblivious to it all until they smell something funky.

Instead of risking death for a short period of idiotic pleasure, make sure your friends are well aware of your sickness. Do it in the living room while they watch Scooby Doo. That way, if you start to turn blueberry, they can pull you down and give you mouth to mouth. It doesn't take much smarts to figure that out, junior.

I am always careful to make sure my friends don't try to direct traffic or bark at invisible dogs after they've taken eight tabs of acid. But, I guess I'm just a good friend that way.

'Flubber' has no bounce

■ BY STEPHEN
WHITE
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Robin Williams might be a brilliant actor, but even he couldn't inject any life into "Flubber," a retelling of the classic 1961 Disney film, "The Absent Minded Professor."

Whoever first said, "Don't mess with a good thing," should roll out of his grave and confront director Les Mayfield with a good-old-fashioned, in-your-face "I told you so!"

"The Absent Minded Professor" is old material; dressing it up with a translucent green goo that, well, flubs every time the professor tickles it, doesn't really add anything to the plot.

The central problem with "Flubber" lies within the characters themselves. They are hackneyed, predictable and lifeless. They're people we've all seen a hundred times — a nutty professor who stays up all night cooking up some volatile brew in his basement, subsequently blowing half his house up (Robin Williams); a smart, but not ingenious or eccentric professor (Christopher McDonald), who acts as the protagonist's rival, jealously vying for the other's love and copying his ideas for personal gain; and of course there's an evil rich guy (Raymond J. Barry) who's trying to bankroll Medfield



photo courtesy of ILM

Robin Williams stars in the bouncelless new Disney comedy "Flubber."

College, where the professor teaches.

The plot isn't tight at all and the parts that are supposed to surprise you amount to nothing more than cheesy coincidences and blatantly contrived ironies. Flubber and the rest of the elaborate (and amazing) special effects — the flying '63 T-bird, the professor's annoying saucer shaped companion, Weebo, and the high-flying Medfield basketball players — don't really add anything to the plot and, at best, are merely distractions.

The worst thing about "Flubber" is that it's a waste of a great actor's time. Williams simply doesn't fit the part. And even if he did, the story would still be hopelessly trite.

Mother, child sculpture finds home at SIUE

■ BY KARA WOLF
FOR THE ALESTLE

I was running late for class the other morning, driving on the access road through University Park, when I discovered a new sculpture sitting atop a small hill dividing the road. Over the course of the last few days, I have been finding every chance to drive by it and lose myself in its quiet, peaceful form.

The group of creatures is a steel creation of Richard Hunt, originally commissioned by George Irwin for his back yard. Irwin recently moved and donated the large beast and her two offspring to our rolling campus. Large Natural Form No. 1 adorns the grassy knoll as if it is a grazing atmosphere.

The mammoth mother and two offspring are very flowing in form. Standing tall and attentive, the mother points away from the

bustle of the main campus. Her head was not included in the rendering. This leaves the feeling of a very real and necessary process of letting go, experienced by most every parent of a child leaving for college. The offspring are attached to the mother's side pointing toward the center of campus activity.

The heavy, solid mass of the mother's shoulders and neck are also the beginning point of the hindquarters of the offspring, presenting an exaggerated fusion of mother and child. Out of the offspring's body grow two inquisitive heads attached to long, spindly curves. They look attentive, as if hearing the tolling bell, and aware of the numerous cars that drive beside them everyday.

Which brings me to the only problem I have with this magnificent sculpture, the location. Environmentally, the creatures are completely at home. The endless flowing

He comes off as too quick-witted and sardonic to portray such a naive, innocent, yet ingenious character. The original "Absent Minded Professor," Fred MacMurray, imbued the character with a calm, gentle warmth that is in no way mirrored by William's frenzied delivery.

Flubber is an amazing meta-organic compound that can break all the laws of physics. The only thing Flubber can't do is make a halfway decent movie. Go to a department store and buy some green goo. Use your imagination. If you have half-a-brain, what you dream up will be more interesting and thought-provoking than "Flubber."

miles of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are a perfect nesting ground for a creature of this type and her two children. Even the direction the sculpture faces is clever for the mother-child emotion it evokes. The problem is that no one is supposed to fly through that road pass.

This limits the number of students and faculty who have access to the work. Also, when driving through main campus, it is set too far away, with no lighting. This results in very few people even realizing it is there. In preparation for this column, I asked many friends and colleagues of mine if they had even noticed this work. All of the answers came back negative, for no one had seen or even heard it was there. This poor presentation is the one flaw with this phenomenal form.

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Men's soccer ends season with positive outlook

■ BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a disappointing end to the season, the SIUE men's soccer team has a lot to be proud of.

A record of 18-2-1 and a No. 3 national ranking is enough to make any coach happy.

"We exceeded all of my expectations," head coach Ed Huneke said. "Seldom does a team come out of a season with a winning percentage like we had. It's a nice accomplishment when you have the toughest strength of schedule in the region and play like we did."

Along with the No. 3 national ranking, the Cougars finished No. 1 in the region and picked up the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship on the way to their first NCAA Tournament appearance since the 1980s.

Huneke was recently named the GLVC men's soccer coach of the year as his team won a school-record 15 straight games.

"I was happy to come away with the conference title," Huneke said. "The players recognize that it's the toughest Division II soccer conference. It was nice to be able to win it on our home field."

SIUE lost 2-1 to Truman State in the first round of the national tournament. Jason Maxfield put SIUE on top early with a goal in the fourth minute of play, but goals midway through the first half and near the end of the second half by Truman State proved to be too much.

"Neither team deserved to lose," Huneke said. "Neither team had an edge. When you keep your opponent in a game, you give them the chance to beat you."

Huneke looked to an experienced group this year to step up in the tight games.

Senior Darren Snyder ended his final season for SIUE as the school's 16th all-time career scorer. He put in six goals and added nine assists for 21 points this year. He



SIUE photo service
Junior Matt Little wears a piece of the net, which was cut down after the title game against Wisconsin-Parkside during the conference championship at SIUE on Nov. 9.

was also one of three players to receive first-team all-GLVC honors.

"Darren is an interesting player to coach. He takes things close to the edge and was a very important part of the team," Huneke said.

Snyder's soccer ability has taken him to the professional ranks. He is currently working out with the St. Louis Ambush.

Maxfield contributed four goals and seven assists in a season full of injuries.

"Jason started the season really strong," Huneke said. "He was hampered with injuries, but came on again late in the season."

Brett Darby was part of the rock solid back line of the Cougars this season.

"He (Darby) is a very committed defender," Huneke said. "He leads by example. He has been a starter the last three seasons and was an important fixture on defense."

SIUE senior Matt Dubach was also sidelined with injuries throughout the season.

"Although Matt fell victim to injuries, the time he did get was quality," Huneke said.

Jaron Hines finished as the second leading scorer this season to end his SIUE career.

"Jaron was a pleasant surprise after leaving for two years," Huneke said. "He was a hard-working forward who came in handy with our style of soccer."

Jerry Reed was tied for second on the team in goal scoring with six in his final season and Riverton's Rob Thornberry added a goal and two assists on the year. Both received all-GLVC second team honors.

"It was rewarding to see the development of Jerry and Rob these past two years," Huneke said. "They've both made a tremendous improvement."

"As a group, it was really nice to see a turnaround for the seniors. After struggling when they first came to the team, it's gratifying to see us have a season like this when they leave."

Although a handful of star players will be graduating, Huneke will bring back his team's leading scorer, Matt Little, and outstanding goalkeeper, Andy Korbesmeyer, for next season. Both players were named all-GLVC first team.

"He (Little) is a complete player statistically, but he plays with a lot of heart and passion," Huneke said. "He's a great two-way player. I'll be glad to have him back."

Korbesmeyer was one of the top 10 goalkeepers in the country for a good portion of the season.

"He was one of our most important players. He made very few mistakes and that's what you want out of a goalkeeper," Huneke said of his goalie.

Women's hoops win 3 of 5 on the road

■ BY JASON TRIPLETT
SPORTS REPORTER

The Cougar women's basketball team won three and lost two in a pair of tournaments during the Thanksgiving break.

Before the break, freshman Misi Clark gave a 16-point performance in a convincing 69-46 victory against Missouri-Rolla.

The Cougars then traveled to St. Joseph, Mo., for the Missouri Western Tournament on Nov. 21 where they defeated Northern State, S.D., and lost to Missouri Western State College.

SIUE held Northern State to 32 percent shooting from the field. The Cougars hit 24 of 53 shots to defeat the Wolves 63-58.

Cougar senior forward Alicia Harkins had 20 points and seven rebounds. Center Kim Lowe grabbed 12 rebounds, put in six points and dealt two assists. SIUE had three other players scoring in double figures. Leslie Phillips had 12, Misi Clark put in 10 and Erica Cory had 10. Clark also shot 50 percent behind the 3-point line nailing 2 of 4 attempts.

Despite strong performances from Harkins, Lowe and Phillips, SIUE dropped a game to Missouri Western due to the Lady Griffons team offense. Missouri Western shot 55 percent from the field but was outrebounded by SIUE. The Lady Griffons came out on top, 82-66.

SIUE led 39-36 going into the half. After halftime, the Cougars shot 30 percent from the floor. Missouri Western outscored them by 19 points.

Lowe poured in 19 points and seven rebounds in the game while Harkins and Leslie Phillips also scored in double figures.

The Lady Griffons' Sara Elgin tapped SIUE for 23 points and Becky Reichard hurt the Cougars with 24. The Griffons shot 47 percent from behind the 3-point line hitting 8 of 17 shots.

The Mesa College Tournament in Grand Junction, Colo., began Nov. 28 with SIUE losing to Mesa State College and then defeating Western State College of Colorado and Adams State College to finish out the tourney.

Clark and Lowe both made the all-tournament team. Clark averaged 18.3 points throughout the tournament, and Lowe averaged 10 points and eight rebounds.

In the loss to Mesa State College, the Cougars' offense sputtered, hitting just 19 of 59 shots, dropping the game 75-56.

The Mavericks' forward Mandy Miller had 24 points, seven rebounds and two assists. Forward Jaime White followed with 19 points and nine boards.

Clark had 14 points for the Cougars and tallied three assists to go along with her five rebounds.

Western State College fell to the Cougars this past Saturday and Adams State College toppled on Sunday. In both occasions the Cougar offense came alive and the defense tightened up to make the tournament a 2-1 event.

SIUE overcame the Colorado Mountaineers of Western State College by a score of 59-40. Clark put in 19 points for the Cougars and Lowe had 15.

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Any victory good for Iowa State

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Whatever is said about Iowa State's basketball game with Texas-Arlington, all that matters to the Cyclones is that it was a victory.

Iowa State pulled away at the end to beat Texas-Arlington 66-58 Saturday night and square its record at 1-1.

Four years ago, when Texas-Arlington last visited, Iowa State won 119-55. But with this group of Iowa State players, most of them young and inexperienced, any victory looks good — regardless of the margin or opponent.

"We have to look at it like this is a win and we need any win that we can get," said senior Matt Knoll, one of Iowa State's few returning players. "This team is so inexperienced. It doesn't know how to win."

The game was tied 55-55 when Texas-Arlington's Colby Bolden missed two close-in shots that would have put his

team ahead with a little more than two minutes left. Iowa State got the lead on Klay Edwards' tip-in with 1:50 left and the Cyclones outscored the Mavericks 9-3 the rest of the way.

"Well, we got one and we sure needed it," Iowa State coach Tim Floyd said.

Iowa State lost to Northern Iowa 54-48 in its opener, committing 23 turnovers and shooting 30 percent in the second half.

The Cyclones shot 53.6 percent in the second half Saturday night and outrebounded UTA 48-32.

Freshman Marcus Fizer, who scored six points against UNI, came back with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Edwards had 14 points and Stevie Johnson 11.

"It's a big win for us because we've got to crawl before we walk," Johnson said.

Knoll started at point guard and finished with eight points, two assists and only one turnover in 30 minutes. He played a total of 23 minutes all last season and scored just four points.

Athletic trainers are secret behind healthy Cougar teams

■ BY BOB FEHRINGER
SPORTS STRINGER

Sports programs are in full swing at colleges across the country as the sounds of crunching young bones and cries of pain slice through the crisp fall air.

Fortunately, this scene has not been played out too often at SIUE this year, where the men's soccer team recently completed an 18-2-1 season.

In addition to hard work and skilled athletes, head coach Ed Huneke believes that the athletic training staff from St. Elizabeth Health Services is also responsible for a great season.

"The training staff has been very good at treating the few injuries we've had," Huneke said. "We've been a little lucky, but like in life, you gotta be good and lucky both."

The men's soccer team has indeed been lucky with only one major injury during a season, which started Aug. 18 and ended with a loss to Truman State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Dan Stephens, coordinator for sports medicine at St. Elizabeth Health Services, credits the team's dedication to physical training for its winning season.

"The more cardiovascular fitness you have over your opponent, the better off you're going to be," Stephens said.

Stephens and his staff of four trainers and one graduate assistant work with injured athletes at SIUE, Granite City

High School, Collinsville High School and Triad High School during the school year. During the summer, they participate in local sporting events such as the Junior Nation Track and Field Championship, sports camps and the Prairie State Games.

"In any sport," Stephens said, "if we have anybody who has been hurt throughout the week, we kind of hold them out of the more intense practices."

"We try to build an injured player up so we peak at the right point. We usually do some extra conditioning on the lighter days, again, more on the cardiovascular side."

Stephens oversees the sports medicine program from his office in the Vadalabene Center.

"We meet here at the college in the morning and go over the day's schedule," Stephens said. "In the afternoon, my trainers go out to the schools and evaluate and treat any injuries."

"Tate Merten goes to Granite City High School, Brett Kisro goes to Collinsville High School, Lisa Daurer goes to Triad High School, and Jamie Franklin works primarily with the women's teams here at SIUE," he continued.

"They're out there for 20 hours per week for either practices or game times. It's totally free to the high schools. It depends on the athletic director how the time is used."

Anyone who attends sporting events on a regular basis has seen an injury occur with the resulting rush of trainers and coaches to the injured party.

"Sometimes you see what happens and sometimes you don't, so you try to identify the problem while you're

going out," Stephens said.

"The one you don't like to see is when the athlete is lying very still and not making any noise at all. Then you have to go to worse-case scenario. Airway, breathing, circulation first, they get them to calm down."

"Then you evaluate their condition to determine if there is going to be a life-threatening situation or not," he said.

"We go through a range of motion and fracture tests. If it's something like a broken bone that will have to be splinted, we get them off the field. We want to make sure that it's not something that will be made worse by moving them so we want to get the appropriate equipment."

The athlete is then moved from the field and looked at again to assess the situation. It is then determined if they have to be transported to a hospital. According to Stephens, every time a trainer goes to the aid of an athlete on the field, the athlete has to be removed from the field to be evaluated.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, we can fix the problem," Stephens said. "But there's always the (chance) that it could be a career-ending injury."

Throughout the school year, athletes receive muscle flexibility assessments. Anyone with a problem is put on a flexibility and strengthening program during the year and when they leave for the summer. According to Stephens, most athletes work on their programs because the whole idea is to come back bigger, faster, and stronger.

HOOPS

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On Sunday, Adams State fell hard by a score of 63-55 with the Indians shooting 34 percent from the floor and having only one person scoring in double figures.

The Cougars made easy work of the game with three

starters scoring in double figures and the whole team pulling down 51 rebounds. Barbara Washington started at center for the Cougars and put in 10 points and had six rebounds. Lowe had 10 points and eight rebounds. Clark

achieved a career high of 22 points.

The Cougars return home this week for their first conference game of the season facing St. Joseph's. The Cougars and Pumas will square off in the Vadalabene Center on Thursday.

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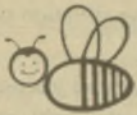


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