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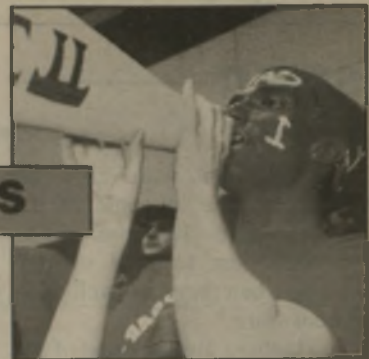
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SIUE Cougars in search of crucial sixth man

FROM SIUE NEWS SERVICE

That all-important sixth player is the crowd and the atmosphere that often carries the home team to victory.

That's what SIUE

basketball wants to see.

"We're looking to tap the student population on campus," said SIUE men's basketball coach Jack Margenthaler.

SIUE students, who can

attend all regular season athletic events for free with a valid SIUE ID, are a prime source of enthusiasm from which coaches and players draw strength.

Margenthaler and SIUE

women's basketball coach Wendy Hedberg appealed to Cougar fans at noon on Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Cougar Den.

Along with introducing their

players and letting everyone in on the battle ahead in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, the duo let SIUE students know how important they are.

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Student volunteerism on rise

DANA MILES
NEWS STRINGER

The Student Leadership Volunteer program is overwhelmed with help instead of work, as more students are getting involved with helping others.

"Every weekend there is a volunteer project, there is always a full crew going on the trip. Many students are getting involved with the program because it offers something new, exciting and rewarding," Suzanne Kutterer-Sibert, assistant director of leadership

development, said.

There are many volunteer opportunities on the rise. The Student Social Workers Association along with the Metro-East area Catholic Urban programs, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Salvation Army, Urban League of Metro St. Louis and the Department of Children and Family Services are working together to meet the needs of the surrounding communities during the holiday season.

"The volunteer program is fun and very worthwhile. Be prepared to work hard, but have

fun at the same time" Luso Mathali, a senior English major, said.

The upcoming volunteer projects are as follows: Dec. 6-10, Christmas Baskets, assistance is needed with construction of boxes and packaging food. On Dec. 25, Christmas Dinner, assistance is needed with delivering more than 300 meals and with clean-up.

Students, faculty and staff members are welcome to participate.

For further information, contact the Kimmel Leadership



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Examples of Christmas craft items for sale during the Christmas Craft Fair, which continues today in the Morris University Center.

2,500 kids to get books

BY DANA MILES
NEWS STRINGER

SIU has completed another successful campaign for the Head Start Program. More than 2,500 preschool children in southern Illinois and the Metro-East area will receive a special book to read and treasure through the SIU "Book In Every Home Campaign."

The children receiving the books are enrolled in SIU's Head Start and Child Development Programs. The Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses operate Head Start programs in Jackson, St. Clair and Williamson counties

at a total of 17 locations.

The SIU Head Start Program has been recognized nationally for its success. The program focuses on meeting the social, intellectual, emotional and physical needs of preschool children in low-income families.

"I have found that children who have books in the home do better in school," said Beverly Sanders, campaign director and wife of SIU President Ted Sanders. "The East St. Louis Center has one of the largest and most successful Head Start Programs.

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Lower interest for student loans

FROM SIUE NEWS
SERVICE

Christmas has come a few weeks early for student loan borrowers with the announcement by the U.S. Department of Education of a new lower interest rate, according to Marian G. Smithson, director of Student Financial Aid at SIUE. "Homeowners aren't the only ones taking advantage of refinancing opportunities," she said. "Those with a student loan should seriously consider consolidating their loans and refinancing at the new 7.46 percent interest rate."

Smithson, a member of the steering committee for the National Direct Student Loan Coalition, said that for most individuals the new rates will mean lower monthly payments

as well as a significant savings over the life of their loan.

"On average with this lower interest rate most borrowers could save at least \$50 for every \$1,000 of debt they have through student loans," Smithson said. "A typical student borrower from SIUE who graduates with \$13,000 in debt could save around \$700 over a 10-year repayment period."

Consolidated loans at the low interest rate are available through the Department of Education's Direct Loan Program. Private lenders who participate in the government-guaranteed student loan program may also offer the lower rate. Anyone who is not in school or accepted for enrollment in school and who is making payments on his or

her loans is eligible for a consolidated loan.

"The lower rate is also available to in-school borrowers, but only those with direct loans only, and to parents who have PLUS loans," Smithson said. Applications must be received by Jan. 31, 1999.

"Borrowers who are interested in consolidating their loans with the lower interest rate formula should act fast and contact private lenders or apply through the direct loan program," Smithson said. Applications and additional information about direct consolidation loans are available by calling (800) 557-7392 or from the Department of Education's web site: www.ed.gov/DirectLoan/consolid2.html.

SPIRIT

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"The fans can have an impact on the outcome of the game," said Hedberg. "The players seem to feed off the energy when they can latch on to school spirit."

Hedberg also has one of the best teams in the nation. The Division II Bulletin ranked SIUE 25th in the nation in its preseason poll. The team will be getting its due tonight at Pack The Gym Night, which urges all students to attend SIUE's GLVC opening-round matchup against Indianapolis. Activities set for the game include putting and free throw contests, a tasting reception in the Vadalabene Center's Dance Studio during half time of the men's game and drawings for a spring tuition

waiver and a special parking permit.

SIUE basketball also draws vitality from the Cougar Kids Club, a pilot program started three seasons ago by men's assistant coach Scott Eggleston. The program takes SIUE student athletes into the classrooms of some of the area's younger fans. Cougar student athletes participate in activities ranging from assemblies to special work in the classroom.

Eggleston has expanded the program to include several other sports in addition to basketball. During the fall season, members of the men's soccer, women's soccer and volleyball teams participated.

For information on Cougar basketball or Pack the Gym Night, call Cindy Jones, director of Intercollegiate Athletics, at 650-2871.

BOOKS

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Not only do we give books to the children, we also place a school label within the book to remind them that SIU cares."

"The Book In Every Home Campaign' is an excellent way the university can give back to the community," said Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, assistant director of leadership development. "Education starts early."

Donations of new and used books were made by students, faculty and staff. The books were dropped off in special containers that were available from early October until Nov. 25. Campaign workers placed bins for the books in the student fitness center, Early Childhood Center, Cougar Village, residence halls, Morris University Center, Lovejoy Library, the Good Buy Bookshop and the athletic department.

1998-1999 FRESHMAN RECORD EDITOR SEARCH

The Office of Student Publications is seeking an editor for the Freshman Record. The editor is responsible for designing and producing the Freshman Yearbook. The job is a paid position.

Qualifications:

- Good writing skills
- Basic understanding of magazine and desktop design production
- Currently enrolled SIUE student
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This position begins with the spring semester and continues through the summer session.



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Guest column

Just another student on MCT. Where is that bus going?

It would be restful to ride a bus to campus. It would be cheap. And because I am stingy and indolent, it seemed wise to explore the possibilities.

I've observed students stepping from the busses. Their demeanor is placid. They seem happy and some are still sleeping. But I wondered why some of the busses were sparsely occupied. This question prompted my study of the schedules.

Madison County Transit provides 19 scheduled routes and the process appears simple. Further scrutiny however, reveals that the white paths, dotted lines and slashes do not stop where you are and do not take you where you want to go.

Route No. 5 serves Pontoon Beach and Ill. Highway

111. You can also board No. 5 Metro Link Station at 6:42 a.m., but you won't return there until 6:00 p.m. Route No. 7 leaves Alton at 6:24 a.m. It takes you to the Edwardsville Court House where you are handed a transfer and tossed out. Another route tours Dupo, Ill., before returning north. The MCT in East St. Louis requires a transfer to Bi-State.

A number of printed locations have a NO in their column. This means you cannot board or exit except on Saturday at 6 p.m. at some but not all stops.

Possibly, at all the NOs, might the bus driver slow down just enough for you to leap off and hope for minor injuries?

Route No. 4 is the easiest. Beginning in Madison, it

goes through Granite City to the campus. But you can't all move to Granite City.

Route No. 18 will take you from the campus to the Fairmont Race Track, but it doesn't pick up there. Maybe the solution is to pack a lunch, board any bus, secure a handful of transfers and simply ride. If the boarding time were 4:30 a.m. it would be a splendid way to enjoy the scenery, especially if you didn't care where you went.

Route No. 13 stops at Anderson Hospital. Sources tell me the architect of the bus schedules is confined in its psychiatric ward. I think I'll ride over and speak to him.

E.J. Gallo
SIUE student

Letters to the Editor

Terrible tenured teacher

The recent editorial "Here today, gone tomorrow" struck a cord with me. It mentioned how good instructors tend to leave while some of the rotten ones stick around and get tenure. It really makes me wonder if anybody reads the teacher evaluations we fill out.

The worst instructor I have ever had was recently awarded tenure. It's not that I don't like the guy; he's actually quite entertaining. But all the antics in the world cannot make up for the fact that the instructor cannot perform the basics of his job. That is, he is not conveying information to his students. The worst part is that this semester he is "teaching" several sections of a basic-level class. If students cannot grasp the basics that are supposed to be presented in that class because the instructor spends class time fumbling through examples and telling lame stories, how can they be expected to succeed in their higher-level classes? I wonder if he even knows what he's supposed to be teaching.

Again I am forced to ask if anyone reads the teacher evaluations. I've slammed him in the past and I know for a fact many other students have too. One student even submitted a three-page essay (submitted with his evaluation) explaining how terrible the instructor was at his job.

He still got tenure. I'm graduating soon and won't need to worry about scheduling my classes so I won't have him as an instructor. I'd rather stick a fork in my eye than have him as an instructor again.

Brian Jarmy
SIUE senior

Necessary Roughness

After reading your editorial "Slumlords to the World," I must admit I was a bit confused. Unfortunately I do not see a connection between Southern racism and international terrorism. Racism is the product of pure hate, while terrorism is a means of getting the entire

world's attention. I do not think that Southern whites "terrorized" African-Americans. The KKK was not concerned with sending a message to the world, only to African-Americans. The Klan was responsible for the horrible deaths of many innocent African-Americans, but they committed the acts out of hatred, not to gain notoriety.

Terrorists, on the other hand, have a completely different agenda. Acts of terror are committed to get the entire world's attention. When an airliner is blown out of the sky, everyone notices — they are supposed to. A terrorist's goal is to make all people think they are in danger, regardless of race, religion or creed.

As far as Saddam Hussein is concerned, why do you stand up for him? He is not some poor, innocent man that we are bullying. In case you have forgotten, he invaded Kuwait eight years ago with no provocation. He has a history of using his weapons on his own citizens. Let's not forget his "ethnic cleansing" program to get rid of the Kurds. Do we really want to let him develop more weapons (biological, nuclear, etc.)? I for one would not.

Think about it in terms of sports. Let's pretend the Rams are a halfway decent threat to the 49ers and that Tony Banks is their main offensive weapon. Let's also assume that Banks is capable of changing the outcome of the game. If you are on the 49ers, would you rather face the Rams with Banks in the lineup or out with an injury? Naturally, if he could have that big of an impact so as to change the outcome of the game, you would rather see him on the sidelines.

What this all means is that if we prevent Saddam from obtaining more weapons, we prevent him from changing the outcome of the game. The game here is the power struggle in the Middle East, which happens to be a lot more important than a Rams/49ers game. We are simply trying to prevent Saddam from hurting anyone else — ourselves included. Is this so selfish? I don't think so.

Unfortunately any plans to

bomb Iraqi targets or assassinate Saddam have met with strong resistance. I'm not in favor of war. I don't believe it brings about good things, but there are times when we must make decisions based on what is in our best interest. I think we have reached the point where a decision needs to be made, and it must be made with the future in mind, not past mistakes. As the saying goes, "What is popular isn't always right and what is right isn't always popular."

Michael B. Aden
SIUE student

Editor's note: Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, North Korea, Somalia, Rwanda, Congo and the former Yugoslavia as well as many other countries also have cruel dictators who harm their people, two even involved ethnic death camps to get rid of an ethnic group. Pakistan and India have developed nuclear weapons to destroy each other. I am not defending Saddam. I'm only wondering if the reason why we are so concerned about Saddam is because of biological weapons and injustice, or if it is because out of all the other dictators who hurt their people he is the only one sitting on a sea of oil.

None of our (and your) business



Danielle Belton

This semester I had several concerned readers ask me about the Alestle police incidents column. Most of these students had been listed in the column at one time or another. All were upset and wondered how we could print their names and ages as well as where they lived without their consent.

Police incidents are a matter of public record and the media serve the public by reporting this information. However, legalities aside, one student asked if such reporting is ethical. After all, the police incidents column could be seen as no more than a local gossip column to keep track of campus drunkards and drug addicts.

A newspaper is supposed to inform the public. Is the Alestle doing the SIUE community a service by printing the reports?

I'm sure there are many people on campus who only read the police incidents column, just as there are many who only read sports or only look at reviews. It is human nature to be curious, to want to see if your party-kegging roommate's name will be in the police column. Others may just like to see if they know anyone who is in the report.

This is where many students have an issue. Is their dirty laundry really news? If they smash up their GEO Tracker on Old Poag Road, does the world need to know? Does knowing who struck a deer on University Drive warrant media coverage?

Some students would say no. As a matter of fact, those who talked to me gave several reasons why the Alestle is just plain wrong to air their business. They all felt their actions should not have been in the newspaper.

But does this mean we should chuck the section? There are some things people need to know. For instance, last fall there were several car thefts and break-ins on campus. Students deserved to know that burglary was up during the holiday season. At another point last year, students' lockers were being broken into in the Vadalabene Center. Students needed to know this as well.

I'm sure those people who approached me will be happy to know they have brought about a policy change at the Alestle. We will strike a balance between the privacy seekers and the people who deserve to know. All crimes and arrests will continue to be printed as they have in the past. That means if you're arrested for possession of narcotics, drunken driving, beating up your girlfriend, spray-painting your calculus professor's office or failing to appear in court, you can still expect to see your name in the paper. But if you just backed your van into the resident assistant's car, it won't get printed. Only accidents that involved significant injury or damage will be reported.

After all, is a fender bender really news?

Danielle Belton
Editor In Chief

Letters to the editor policy:

The editors, staff and publishers of the Alestle believe in the free exchange of ideas, concerns and opinions and will publish as many letters to the editor as possible. All letters should be typed and double-spaced and be no longer than 500 words. Please include your phone number, signature and social security number.

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.

Letters to the editor will not be printed anonymously except under extreme circumstances.

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Telling stories about life as lived at SIUE

BY ROB MILAZZO
NEWS STRINGER

Many of SIUE's 11,000 students are typical; that is they graduate from high school and come to the university to earn a four-year degree.

However, many are not traditional students. They are older or come from different cultures or backgrounds.

Seven nontraditional students recently spoke about their lives on the SIUE campus. The session in the Cougar Den just before the Thanksgiving break was sponsored by the Student Affairs Staff Enrichment Committee.

KJ Jackson, a University Housing coordinator, said she put the event together to give the students an opportunity to talk about their individual struggles and how they have persevered.

"Our goal is to constantly enrich the students' lives," Jackson said. "We want their time here to be a profound experience."

First to speak was Shaheed Saleem, 20, a transfer student from Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill. Saleem said attending SIUE was an opportunity for him to get away from home.

"I do get homesick, but I have a lot of family members around in case I need help," Saleem said. He is also a member of a pilot group for African-American males.

"The group helps me deal with the stress of college," Saleem said. "I'm looking to get more involved."

Saleem handed off the microphone to the group's only international student, Oluwaseun Akisanmi of Nigeria.

Akisanmi came to SIUE in the spring of 1997.

Akisanmi, like Saleem, said he often feels homesick, but looks to his church and his father for support.

"My dad pays a lot of money for me to go to school here. I want to do well," Akisanmi said. "What bothers me is that my dad had to pay \$5,000 before they would admit me. International students have to pay three times the tuition that Americans do."

Akisanmi went on to say that the university was looking into the matter. "Generally, this school is a very good school," Akisanmi said.

Next to approach the podium was Kyle Thompson, 24, a graduate student in speech communication. Thompson said he felt uncomfortable at SIUE at first, then he joined the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity.

"I'm a handicapped student," Thompson said. "For the most part I was terrified. A lot of my friends in the fraternity helped me when I was in a wheelchair during the spring semester. I feel a lot of warmth and love from the people on this campus," Thompson said as he stood at the podium.

Another student with positive words about the university was Juan Carlos Rosa, 23, who introduced himself as a "Hispanic gay male."

"All my instructors have been very kind to me. I enjoy being a part of this school," Rosa said. When asked about discrimination, Rosa talked about being denied the opportunity to room with other students off campus, but was quick to point out that he had not suffered discrimination anywhere on campus. Rosa is working with the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Alliance and is a member of the Puerto Rican Society of St. Louis.

The first female to speak was Keri Schanbacher, 25, a full-time student and a single mom. Schanbacher is interested in social work. "I want to work with children,"

she said.

When talking about day care for her son, Schanbacher said that the campus day-care center is great, but she would like to see it stay open later for students who take night classes. Currently, campus day care is open until 6 p.m.

Another full-time student and single mom is Ann Mumphard. Mumphard transferred to SIUE from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., a historically black university.

"I was blown away by the efficiency here at SIU," Mumphard said. "The lines at book rental were short and moved quickly."

Mumphard said that registration was also very efficient compared to Jackson State. "I've never had a problem here, I feel like I belong," Mumphard said.

Both Mumphard and Schanbacher belong to the Single Parent Support Group at SIUE. Both said the group has been very beneficial.

The last student began by saying, "Hello. My name is Steve McLean and I'm [pause] years old." McLean, who later said he is 55, didn't give his age at first as a way of emphasizing the fact that many nontraditional students are well beyond their teens and 20s.

McLean worked as director of marketing for a company in Jacksonville, Ill., but when the company folded he was forced to find another career. After 15 laborious years as a carpenter and one long fall off of a ladder, McLean said he opted to return to school. After graduating with honors from SIUE, McLean is now attending graduate school and studying anthropology.

"This has been an incredibly satisfying experience for me," McLean said. "All my life experiences have applied to where I am now."

SIUE Lecture series hits the ground running

BY RHODA T. HARPE
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

The Mercantile Distinguished Lecture Series at SIUE got off to a running start with its first speaker.

John Stanton, founder and president of the Running Room chain, spoke to SIUE business students Nov. 17 as the first lecturer in the Mercantile series presented in partnership with the School of Business.

The idea of a store that sells running shoes and also provides advice and information came to Stanton when he took up running.

The Running Room chain is based in Alberta, Canada, and was founded in 1984. Stanton said he wanted to purchase quality running shoes from someone with knowledge about running, as well as shoes. Finding informed salespeople proved to be difficult, so Stanton decided to open his own stores with quality customer service as a basic tenet.

"There was a need and a void," Stanton said. "I took up running late in life, I guess, for me. I was about 35. I took up running to lose weight. And when I started, I realized there were lots of people in retail, but nobody doing what I needed as a consumer. I need the knowledge and the how-to aspect of the sport."

Stanton based his company mission on a premise for success that he calls the three "C's." The focus is on company, customer and community. To demonstrate his commitment to his customers,

Stanton said he spends time on the sales floor dressed in running clothes, T-shirt and shorts.

Sometimes, he said, a customer will feel sorry for this old guy selling shoes. Then he tells the customer he's president of the company. The usual response is one of incredulity.

Employee teamwork is imperative.

"Everyone is accountable to everyone else," Stanton said. Employees know what is expected of them. "I want your very best today and tomorrow I want it better," Stanton said he tells his employees.

The Running Room chain employs 250 and Stanton said he is always keeping his eyes open for excellent people.

All Running Room locations are linked by computer technology. Stanton sees the home office as a support center for the retail outlets.

This week marks the opening of store No. 29 in Canada. Expansion into the United States is soon to follow, Stanton said.

He expects to begin with stores in Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. After conducting a market study, he said, he may consider St. Louis.

Cheryl Camp is secretary to Dr. Robert Carver Jr., dean of the School of Business.

"This lecture represents the first in a series of hopefully at least three," Camp said. "Each lecture will be presented in the fall semester of each academic year."

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The Worst Night

Dalton's Believe it or Not, Part One...

BY JIM DALTON

LIFESTYLE STRINGER

* Disclaimer: *The names and some of the details of this story have been changed in order to conceal the identity of the actual people involved.*

Denise looked down at the sleeping child in her arms and smiled. It was a motherly smile, one that conveyed not just a loving warmth, but an air of protection. From that simple smile, you could see that Denise would never let anyone harm her daughter. Gently propping the infant onto her shoulder, Denise got up out of the hard Cougar Village couch and walked over to her 7-year-old son who was sitting in front of the TV.

"Time for bed, Billy," whispered Denise as she turned the TV off.

"But Mom, I'm not even tired. Mike Williams' parents let him stay up 'til ten, and ..." Billy's plea was cut short when his mother put one finger to her lips. He stomped his tired little body down the hall in protest.

"Don't forget to brush your teeth, and quiet down or you'll wake up your sister." Denise took her daughter into her bedroom and laid her in her crib. She kissed her daughter's head and went to check on Billy. He was already asleep under his Power Ranger covers. Denise wiped a spot of toothpaste off his cheek and turned off the light.

As soon as her son's light went off, a rumbling began in the kitchen. At first she thought there may be someone in her apartment, but the rattling sounded like dishes clanging together. Denise hesitantly walked down the short hall.

When Denise reached the end of the hall, her body froze with fear and disbelief.

Her cabinet doors were open and a stack of her good glass plates was floating in the air.

Hovering over the cheap kitchen tiles, the plates clanged against each other making sharp,



Photo by Mark Wood

high pitched noises that seemed to stab at Denise's eardrums. This awful sound grew louder and louder as the plates began to tremble so violently that small splinters of glass rained down on the floor.

Without warning, the plates stopped moving and hung in the air like a panther ready to pounce. That's when Denise felt it.

It seemed as if for a brief moment the gates of hell were thrown open, and something hideously evil escaped. Denise could somehow feel this wretched, vile presence flee from its hellish dungeon and begin to ooze through the walls. She was paralyzed with terror.

Every joint, every muscle in her body locked into a tight, rigid stance, like a matador waiting for a charging bull. Her quivering hands instinctively balled into tight fists.

A dark mass that vaguely resembled a person had seeped

through the wall above the stove. Although the mass had no eyes, no face and no definite form, Denise could have sworn it was staring at her, pulling her eyes into its dark being. A brief vision flashed before Denise's terrified eyes: her daughter, Amanda, lying in a pool of her own blood just before a thousand hands ripped her into pieces.

"No!" Denise yelled and tore her eyes away. As she started to run to her daughter's bedroom, one of the glass plates shot out from the floating stack and flew toward her. She threw her arms in front of her face and the plate crashed into them. The plate shattered into hundreds of sharp pieces slashing dozens of small lacerations on her hands and arms. The blow knocked Denise to the floor and up against the living room wall.

The infernal presence in her kitchen angrily began to swirl like a black tornado. All the

cabinet doors flew open, the silverware drawers fell to the floor spilling their contents, the oven slid across the kitchen slamming into the walls like a pinball. Plates, knives, forks and other projectiles sliced through the air in all directions.

Straining to get to her feet, she watched in horror as the cyclone of evil demolished her small college apartment.

Denise's fear began to turn to anger as she realized how helpless she was to stop this onslaught.

"Stop it! Stop it, right now!"

As if obeying her command, the dishes and silverware crashed to the floor, the stove parked itself in the corner and the mass stopped spinning. The apartment was still except for a single glass plate that continued to hang in the air.

The vile presence in her kitchen again seemed to be looking at her. But this time she thought she saw a face inside it.

The face looked a lot like her. It was a mother's face, she thought. However, something disgustingly evil lurked behind that face.

The mass slowly began to swirl again and the single floating glass plate started vibrating. In an instant, the plate propelled itself out of the kitchen and down the hall.

"My baby!" Denise cried and ran to her young daughter's room. She heard the glass shatter and her daughter scream.

Rushing into the room, Denise saw that the plate had smashed against the wall just above her sleeping child. Carefully brushing the glass fragments off her, Denise lifted Amanda out of her crib. She rested the infant's head on her shoulder and held her small body tightly against her chest.

"Mommy's got you now. No one's gonna hurt you," she said rocking the crying child back and forth. Billy cautiously opened his door and stuck his groggy head out.

"Mommy, what happened?"

With Billy clutching the back of her leg and her young daughter still cradled in her arms, Denise crept back down the hall. She took slow, cautious steps, although she knew it was gone. She had felt its revolting presence slither out of her apartment.

A messy collage of broken glass, utensils, pans and cabinet drawers littered the floor. The stove lay on its side in the living room corner. On the back wall where the mass had entered, smoldering fumes streamed from a charred two-foot-high circle.

"Mommy, what happened?" said Billy who was still firmly squeezing his mom's leg.

"Mommy ... dropped some dishes, Billy," she said and directed him back to his bedroom to pack some clothes. She couldn't explain what had just happened to herself, much less to her son. Denise did know one thing, she wanted her family out of that apartment.

(to be continued)

Say What!?

by Amy Wisneski

How do you relieve your pre-final stress/anxiety?



"I don't think about it."
-Bryan Bennett,
Freshman, Civil
Engineering

**"Smoke a lot of
cigarettes and
overreact."**

-Emilee Rollins,
Sophomore, Secondary
Behavioral Disorder



**"I don't let myself get
stressed."**
-Randy Borrer,
Sophomore, Anthropology

"Smoke a cigarette."
-Shawnte Smith,
Freshman, Unknown



Cartoons for college

Who says cartoons are just for kids?

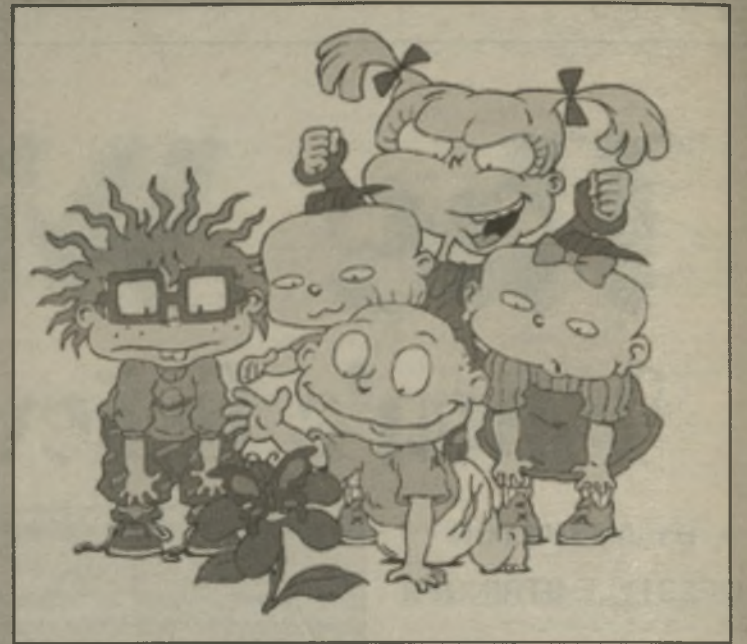
BY LUKE SMITH
COPY EDITOR

The truth is ugly; cartoons just don't get the respect they deserve, especially when the cartoon in question is "The Rugrats".

Many Alestle readers grew up in the '80s, the Golden Age of Quality Merchandise-Oriented Cartoons. From the world-spanning epics of G.I. Joe and Transformers to the eminently likable Rainbow Brite and Care Bears, school-day afternoons were always the best part of the day for fledgling couch potatoes and consumer zombies-in-training. In the transition from the "Killing is Cool!" Reagan Era to the "Trust No One" '90s, there have been some dead ends (the whole live-action Japanese action show premise), some bad decisions (Ted Turner's crushingly politically correct Captain Planet) and some travesties (Frasier keeps getting Emmies for rehashing stale sitcom chestnuts while the Simpsons get zip).

In "The Rugrats Movie," Nickelodeon proves that the future of cartoons is in good hands. Sensitive without being cloying, topical without alienating kids or parents and most importantly funny without being a joke in itself, "Rugrats" is getting its day in the sun with a return to a format few cartoons have sought out since the hey day of "He-Man" and "My Little Pony."

The story opens with the birth of Tommy's new baby brother Dil (short for Dylan), and, as it has been in child-



oriented entertainment since time immemorial, Tommy finds himself feeling left out and unloved. However, while most shows would (and do) wring this sort of story for all the "Awwwws" they can get, "The Rugrats Movie" decides to do something about it. In no time, Tommy and Dil, along with fellow 'rats Angelica, Chucky, Phil and Lil are on the adventure of a lifetime. Lost in the wilderness armed with only a diaper bag and a pint-sized Hummer with a voice chip, the kids grapple not only with the wilderness, but with issues of friendship and maturity. Think "City Slickers" in diapers.

Some of the most touching moments come from Tommy coming to grips with being an older brother. There's a surprising amount of pathos that comes from this subplot, especially when Tommy is forced to choose between his friends and his responsibility as dislikable little Dil's brother. In the end,

the movie turns out a real tear-jerking moment.

It also turns out a urine-cloud rainbow, provided by such musical luminaries as Beck, Jakob Dylan and Lisa Loeb. Don't ask. That's the terrific thing about "The Rugrats Movie."

It blends nutty, slapstick comedy with a real family-togetherness atmosphere and even an angle that the baby boomers will appreciate. Even when the movie starts to feel a little overlong, even when the story starts to feel like an overdone Disney wilderness adventure, even when the novelty of the circus monkeys wears off, there's usually something to like, even if it's just picking out the celebrity guest voices that pop in and out of the movie (Tim Curry goes against type and plays a sleazy, dislikable character, if you can believe that!).

A cartoon with terrific writing and superb animation. Optimus Prime would be proud.

Funny Business?

Comedy show leads to barroom brawl

BY BRICE LeBLANC
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

During the final moments of 2-Strong Productions comedy/talent Showdown Nov. 18, a brawl erupted forcing everyone out of Gallery Nightclub in Glen Carbon where the event took place.

"It's sad that we all can't just get together and have a good time without some idiots messing it all up," said Julious Lawson, owner of 2-Strong Productions, and Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The contest included students from SIUE that sang, danced and performed comedy. Many SIUE students were in attendance.

The sad event that ended the evening is hard to overlook. As an innocent by-stander, one would have to say that the unfortunate ending to an otherwise entertaining night ruined a potentially great event for the black community of SIUE. Yet the possibility for an event such as this to work is not too far-fetched. The presence of a bar in the club was possibly a helping hand to the catastrophe.

"There hasn't been any problem before when we had it (the showcase) here," said the owner of the Gallery Nightclub. Within minutes of the outbreak, the Glen Carbon police arrived and broke up the fight, and the bar was cleared. No arrests were made.

Poet's Corner

The Art of "EVOL"
by Dwayne Bess

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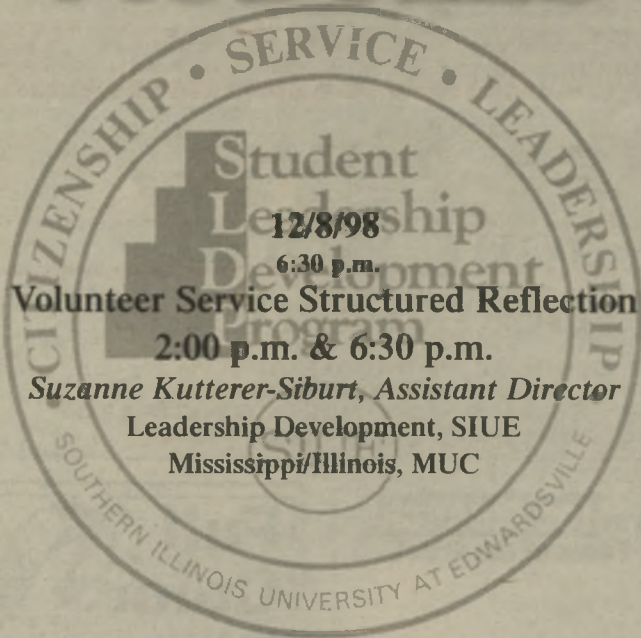
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 4:45p.m., Student Fitness Center
 Aerobics Room

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 5:30p.m., Vadalabene Center
 Gymnasium

Aerobics
 Level 1-3, 6:00p.m.
 Student Fitness Center, Aerobics Room

Pre-Season Hoops
 7:00p.m.
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Dedication to Women
 7:06 p.m.
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PACK THE GYM NIGHT
Men's Basketball
 SIUE vs. Indianapolis
 7:30p.m.
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Pack The Gym Night Aftersit
 9:30p.m., Vadalabene Center
 Dance Studio

Friday, December 4

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Visiting Artist Workshop
Joe Muench - Metalsmith
 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Just Work It: Circuit Aerobics
 12:00p.m. - 12:30p.m.
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 Dance Studio

Aerobics - Level 2
 4:45p.m.
 Student Fitness Center
 Aerobics Room

**In Expectation: An Advent
 Celebration**
 7:00 p.m.
 Religious Center

**Wind Symphony and Concert Band
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 7:30p.m.
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Three "Glorias" With Robert Shaw
 8:00p.m.
 Powell Symphony Hall
 St. Louis, Missouri

Alpha Phi Alpha Dance
 10:00p.m. - 2:30a.m.
 Morris University Center
 Meridian Hall

Saturday, December 5

Habitat for Humanity
 7:45a.m. - 1:00p.m.
 Alton, Illinois

Visiting Artist Workshop
Joe Muench - Metalsmith
 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Art & Design Building
 Free Admission

Aerobic Interval & Circuit Stations
 12:30p.m.
 Student Fitness Center
 Aerobics Room

Women's Basketball
 SIUE vs. Northern Kentucky
 1:00p.m.
 Vadalabene Center
 Gymnasium

Men's Basketball
 SIUE vs. Northern Kentucky
 3:00p.m.
 Vadalabene Center
 Gymnasium

Talent Exhibition
 6:00p.m.
 Morris University Center
 Cougar Den

Alpha Phi Alpha Neophyte
 7:06 p.m.
 Morris University Center
 Meridian Hall

Robert Shaw Conducts
 8:00p.m.
 Powell Symphony Hall
 St. Louis, Missouri

Sunday, December 6

**Advent Day of Reconciliation
 Mass Reconciliation**
 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.
 Religious Center

Body Sculpting Aerobics
 12:30p.m.
 Student Fitness Center
 Aerobics Room

**Three "Glorias" with
 Robert Shaw**
 3:00p.m.
 Powell Symphony Hall
 St. Louis, Missouri

Praise and Worship
 5:30p.m.
 Religious Center
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 7:06 p.m.
 Morris University Center
 Meridian Hall

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THE SCENE

Happenings Around SIUE

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Neil Diamond performs at 8 p.m.
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Mississippi Nights

Days of the New performs at 8 p.m.
 Mississippi Nights is at 914 N. 1st.
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THEATER

Alton Little Theatre

The Alton Little Theatre presents
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News from the foul line

By Todd Spann

Hello

Usually I don't like any new technological advances in sports because it gets in the way of the game but I like the new first-down line ESPN created so viewers can tell how far the team needs to go.

I'm just glad Fox didn't think of this.

Can't you see them having the line explode onto the scene or just have John Madden draw it on.

Cougars

Tonight, the Cougar basketball program is ready to pack the gym.

This whole week the players and coaches were promoting spirit week, which will be topped off with a GLVC game against Indianapolis tonight.

Let's face it, "Must See TV, Thursday," just isn't what it used to be and parties don't really get going until 10 p.m.

The men's and women's teams are very talented, so lets go out and make some noise.

Or at least go for the free hot dogs before the game.

Cards

The Cardinals are considering increasing their payroll to go after a guy like Kevin Brown, who is expecting to sign for more than Randy Johnson's four-year \$52.4 million.

Brown is looking for a six-year deal making Brown 40 when his contract is up.

Tyson

Mike Tyson may be back in prison as he pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault in Rockville, Md., Tuesday.

Tyson was accused of kicking and punching two motorists after a traffic accident in August involving his wife Monica.

It will be up to Indiana authorities to decide whether the no-contest pleas violated his probation.

Cougar basketball

Flyers get best of Cougars



Amy Wisneski/Alestle

Center Tim Thorsen grabs a rebound Saturday, Nov. 21 in the Vadalabene Center against Eureka College.

Men's team plagued with turnovers in 73-63 loss to Lewis

BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS WRITER

Turnovers will kill a team's chances of victory even when it plays well in all other aspects of the game.

The SIUE men's basketball team found this out on Monday against Lewis University when it committed 12 turnovers and suffered a 73-63 loss.

"We felt we were always in the game," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "But when you commit that many turnovers and don't shoot the ball well, your chances of winning aren't good."

Lewis went up 37-30 at the half when it hit a desperation three-pointer as time ran out.

SIUE came back on the court playing flat for the first six minutes, but were revitalized for the end of the game.

"The poor play at the start of the second half is what took us out of the game," Margenthaler said. "Not only were we committing the turnovers, but they were capitalizing on them."

The deficit was too great as SIUE fell to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

The Cougars were led by Junior Travis Wallbaum who scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"Travis did an outstanding job," Margenthaler said. "He exploited their center."

Ben Wierzba tossed in 13 points, with 10 of those coming from the charity stripe. James Marshall came off the bench to add nine points and dish out four assists.

see MEN, page 13

Cougar women let one slip away 65-60

BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS WRITER

The SIUE women's basketball team let one slip right through its hands against Lewis University.

An undefeated record accompanied SIUE to Romeoville on Monday, but an overtime loss had the Cougars shaking their heads on the way back home.

Although they had a one-point advantage at halftime, the Cougars had to rally after going down by 12 with less than nine minutes to play. A tremendous comeback had SIUE clinging to a two-point lead with 16 seconds left in regulation time.

When Lewis attempted to score the equalizing bucket, SIUE

committed a shooting foul with 1.6 seconds left that gave Lewis the chance to tie the game 56-56 with a pair of free throws.

"It's one of those (fouls) that you don't call at the end of a game like that," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "I would have let it go. You don't determine a game like that."

After sinking the free throws Lewis took the game, and the momentum, into overtime.

SIUE couldn't make headway in the extra period. Lewis continued to drive the lane and score nine points in overtime to escape with a 65-60 victory.

"We were playing catch up in overtime," Hedberg said. "We

see WOMEN, page 13

No place like dome — Andy Korbesmeyer

This is the story of a young man's first experience at a Ram's game.

Sunday, 11:30 a.m. The phone rings. The young man picks it up and is confronted by an unidentifiable, grave voice asking for the young man's father. "He's not here," the young man said.

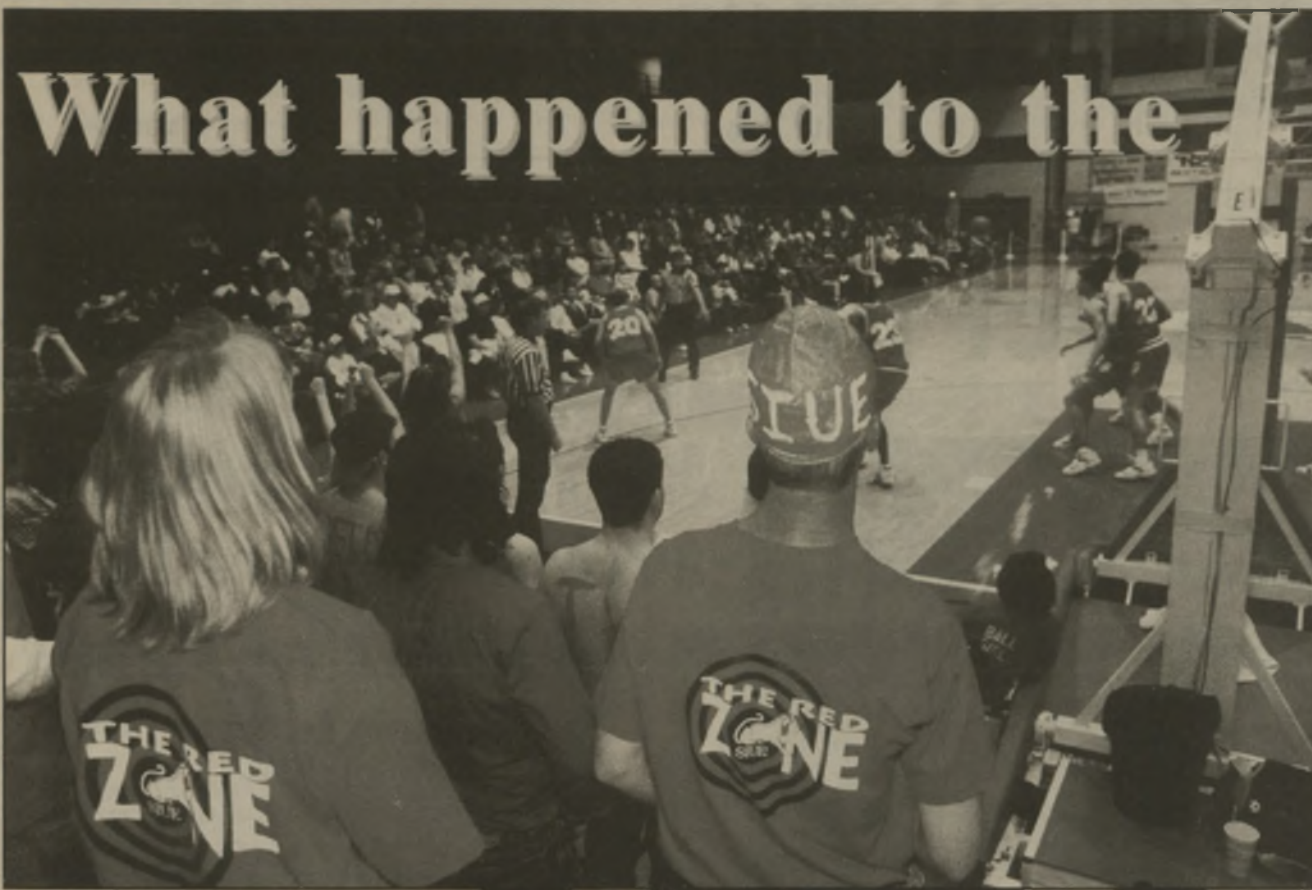
"Is this his son?" demanded the voice.

"Yes," the young man admitted. The voice continued. "I've got two tickets to today's Ram's game and can't use them. You can have them if you want but the game starts in 25 minutes." The voice gave the young man directions to an

undisclosed location. The instructions were for the young man to drive there, walk to the door and ring the bell. After identifying himself, the young man would be given an envelope. Inside the envelope would be the two tickets. He was to ask no questions, tell no one where he had been or where he got the tickets. These kinds of exchanges being quite common in North County, the young man agreed and set off to retrieve the tickets. After the drop was made, the young man returned home and rang an associate to accompany him to the game.

1:15 p.m. The two twenty-somethings arrived at the Trans World Dome ready to see some football. During their five-minute walk around the Dome, the couple was able to find out four things; it was half time, the Rams were down 3-0 to the Falcons, Tony Banks was again playing poorly and their seats were at the other end of the Dome. After the hunt for their seats finally ended, surprisingly close to the field, the two settled down for the start of the second half.

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What happened to the

The Red Zone is where I met my wife."

Senior Brian Wachter

Photographs by Bill Brinson

Red Zone?

BY TODD SPANN
SPORTS EDITOR

Flags were waving, fans were cheering and fingers were flying.

Several years ago five fraternity guys from Sigma Pi decided to attend a Cougar basketball game for the fun of it.

Before anybody knew it, they were being called The Red Zone.

"We wanted to go, just to go," senior Chris Pegg said, who was a part of the first five guys. "We sat in the blue seats right on the floor and got this great idea to annoy the other players. One player got mad, turned around and flipped us off. We liked it and we kept going back."

"They were just having a lot of fun," men's basketball coach Jack Margenthaler said. "And it is great to have that kind of fan support."

For the first year the school reserved a section of the blue seats to the group and The Red Zone started to grow each game.

But the following basketball season, The Red Zone was moved.

"The school said we couldn't sit there anymore and put us in the end zone seats behind the basket. And that killed it because it isolated us from the crowd," Pegg said.

Pegg added that the school got too involved in a unorganized group of people.

"We weren't an organization. Anybody could come and join us. We were a group of students who wanted to enjoy a basketball game," Pegg said. "And the school just got too involved."

Another reason for the demise of The Red Zone was the graduation of many main members.

"There was just a handful of us left from the original group the following year and that had a little to do with it," Pegg said.

"I think it started going downhill when we started rooting for our own team," senior Joe Turck said, who joined The Red Zone shortly after it started. "We



Members of The Red zone cheer on Cougar basketball during a game in 1994.

always rooted against the other team. We only knew two guys on our team; that was Jason Holmes and the guy who dunked."

The demise of The Red Zone can be blamed on many things, but the fact of the matter is the attendance and enthusiasm aren't what they used to be at the Vadalabene Center.

Women's basketball head coach Wendy Hedberg commented on the fans at Lewis University, which the team visited Monday evening.

"There were about 20 or so guys in the stands just hammering us," Hedberg said at "Meet the Cougars

for Lunch" in the Morris University Center Court Wednesday. "It would be nice if we could see that here."

The Cougars are looking to get the fans back in the Vadalabene Center as they promote tonight's match-up with University of Indianapolis at Pack the Gym Night.

Both games will include half-time prizes including a 1999 Dodge Intrepid, \$25,000 cash or a spring semester tuition waiver.

Game time is 5:30 p.m. for the women's game and 7:30 p.m. for the men's game.

Cougar wrestling

Brown and Stephens excel in Oklahoma Open

The two Cougar wrestlers bring home second and third respectively

BY BRIAN ANDERSON
SPORTS WRITER

Over the Thanksgiving break, the Cougar squad participated in the Oklahoma Open. Only five SIUE wrestlers made the trip while the other five starters were suffering from injuries.

However, two SIUE wrestlers brought back some hardware as junior Steve Brown and freshman Zach Stephens took second and third respectively.

Brown advanced to the championship match in the heavyweight division after beating some good Oklahoma and Air Force candidates. Brown wound up taking second place in the tournament, falling 8-4 in his final match. Brown "looked good" according to SIUE assistant coach Booker Benford.

"Steve was in control of all his matches," said Booker. "He is very strong and defensive and is hard to take down."

Coach Booker continues to mention flexibility as one of Brown's major weakness.

"Steve is like a stiff board out there. He just doesn't bend certain ways that would help him score more points, escapes especially."

Stephens, a two-time Missouri State champ, picked up a third-place finish in the 157-pound weight class. After losing his first match, Stephens knocked off his next five opponents. In fact, Stephens reclaimed that first loss as he placed higher than the wrestler who beat him.

Stephens feels he should have won his first match and been in the finals of the tournament.

"I know I could have beat that first guy, but instead of conserving my energy, I used all of my energy in the first two periods. By the third period, I was dead tired," Stephens said.

However, Stevens did push himself past his fatigue and won the third place match in overtime.

"Both Brown and Stevens had strong outings," head coach Larry Kristoff said. "Both wrestled well for us."

Other Cougars recording victories were freshmen Jesus Bautista and Nathan Graumenz. Each scored a victory.

The Cougars head to Northern Iowa University this weekend to compete in the brutal one-day tournament.

Look for Senior Demos Glass and returning All-Americans Jesse Montez and Titus Taylor to have an impact on the Cougars' success. They were kept out of the Oklahoma Open due to injuries.

ANDY

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The Falcons kicked off the start of the half and Tony Horne took the kick two-yards deep in his own end zone and headed up field. After starting up the middle, he quickly cut to his right. He had two players to beat, one being antique kicker Morton Anderson. Horne beat them to the sideline and turned the corner.

The crowd erupted. It was now a one-man 50-yard dash to the goal line. Horne stepped into the end zone, high-fives were given and Bud Light was spilled.

The first professional football play the young man saw live was a 102-yard touchdown run to put the home team ahead.

The crowd was still buzzing and the young man was still on his feet when he heard, "You've got to move." He turned to find an annoying intoxicated middle-age woman leading a group of six down the row of seats. "You're in our seats, you've got to move," she sputtered again.

"Well, let me check my tickets," the young man said. He checked the seat, checked the ticket and checked the woman. "No, 7 and 8, this is us," the young man explained.

"Well you weren't here earlier," the woman brilliantly observed.

"Yes, but we're here now so we are going to watch the game," the young man replied. The woman took another drink, huffed and turned to leave.

The young man turned his attention back to the field to find the Rams again on offense.

Tony Banks was still ineffective, as was the offensive line, and the small crowd began to boo mercilessly. The young man hadn't heard this many boos since Halloween. Then the crowd began to chant something. He thought the crowd was calling Banks a crude name.

It was finally explained to him the crowd was chanting "Bo-no, Bo-no." They wanted backup QB Steve Bono.

Well, they got Bono on the next Rams possession and his pass attempts were effective early. The crowd cheered madly on each completion and most incompletions. Well, this being the Rams, the good feelings didn't last long.

When Jamal Anderson scored with a few minutes to go to put the game out of reach, the crowd stood in unison.

The young man thought the fans were going to offer some encouragement for the home team. He was wrong. They were leaving. For the last few minutes of the game, the two twenty-somethings were two of only a few thousand people left in the cavernous Dome. They stayed until the end of the game and watched the home team leave the field not to cheers, not even to boos, but even worse, to dead silence.

There were now only a few hundred people left inside and the two decided to make their way toward the exits.

As they left, the companion turned to the young man and said, "Watching this team is a waste of time."

The young man smiled and said, "Yeah, but at least the tickets were free."

This is the story of a young man's first experience at a Ram's game.

WOMEN

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were down and just started forcing shots up."

Senior Kim Lowe had a career night leading the Cougars with 25 points and 14 rebounds. Lowe made the most of her numerous opportunities from the free-throw line by sinking 13 of 15.

Sophomore Misi Clark contributed 16 points and tallied three steals in the losing effort.

New Castle, Ind., native Erica Cory added nine points and led the team with four assists.

The Cougars will try to get back on the winning track in tonight's game against the University of Indianapolis.

"This is a big team," Hedberg said. "They'll test us inside."

SIUE will take on one of the top teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference on Saturday playing Northern Kentucky University.

"I think they're the No. 1 team in the conference," Hedberg said. "They are a very well-balanced team."

MEN

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"Ben is a leader on the floor for us," Margenthaler said. "He knows what to do in difficult situations."

The opposition will not get any easier as the Cougars take on the University of Indianapolis tonight at the Vadalabene Center.

Indianapolis also posts a 2-2 record early in this season. SIUE will have to contend with a pair of dominating scorers, Andy Foster and Chuck Gilbert, who are both in the top ten in the conference in scoring.

Northern Kentucky University will visit the Vadalabene Center on Saturday with a 3-2 record.

"We're looking forward to a couple of challenging GLVC ballgames," Margenthaler said.

Men's Basketball Lewis Univ. 73, SIUE 63

Lewis University (73)

	Min	FG	3PT	FT	Rb	Pt
McCracken	25	4-8	1-4	2-2	2	11
Harrison	25	4-7	0-0	3-3	2	11
Pujo	35	5-12	0-0	6-7	15	16
Batambuze	20	2-6	0-1	2-4	2	6
Wilson	30	2-7	0-2	4-6	5	8
Hines	22	2-7	0-1	0-2	1	4
Warner	8	0-1	0-0	1-3	2	1
Virostko	12	2-3	2-3	0-0	0	6
Vargas	12	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	4
Moski	11	3-3	0-0	0-0	2	6
Totals	200	26-56	3-11	18-27	31	73

Shooting Pct.: FG, .464. FT, .810

Women's Basketball Lewis Univ. 65, SIUE 60 (OT)

Lewis University (65)

	Min	FG	3PT	FT	Rb	Pt
LaBuhn	31	3-3	1-1	0-0	8	7
Watterson	24	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	4
Collins	29	2-7	0-0	8-10	5	12
Jewell	37	7-18	2-8	5-5	3	21
Harmas	41	4-10	0-0	3-4	4	11
Bourn	6	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0
Hogueisson	9	2-3	0-1	0-0	2	4
Heap	10	0-3	0-1	1-2	1	1
Mackinson	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2
Carlson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Frey	25	0-3	0-0	3-6	6	3
Totals	225	21-53	3-12	20-27	40	65

Shooting Pct.: FG, .396. FT, .741

SIUE (60)

	Min	FG	3PT	FT	Rb	Pt
Clendenin	32	2-2	0-0	0-0	6	4
Lowe	45	6-12	0-0	13-15	14	25
Gladson	18	0-3	0-0	0-0	2	0
Clark	45	3-17	2-8	8-15	4	16
Cory	41	3-13	3-9	0-0	2	9
Hillebrenner	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Buldtman	7	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	2
Eller	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Sollberger	11	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0
Johnson	22	1-1	0-0	2-2	4	4
Totals	225	16-52	5-17	23-32	37	60

Shooting Pct.: FG, .308. FT, .719

SIUE (60)

	Min	FG	3PT	FT	Rb	Pt
McKenzie	24	1-4	0-0	0-0	4	2
Wallbaum	36	10-16	0-0	1-1	11	21
Thorsen	18	2-4	0-0	1-1	4	5
Wierzba	33	1-6	1-3	10-11	4	13
Moss	26	3-8	1-5	2-2	2	9
Cross	8	0-3	0-3	0-0	2	0
Minshall	24	4-7	0-0	1-4	4	9
Cowan	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0
Lee	23	1-5	0-0	2-2	5	4
Totals	200	22-53	2-11	17-21	39	63

Shooting Pct.: FG, .464. FT, .667

Cougar volleyball

Gilman and Rust named to AVCA All-Region team

From Sports Information

Michelle Gilman, a senior from Springfield, and Lindsay Rust, a sophomore from Belleville, have been named All-Region by a vote of American Volleyball Coaches Association's Awards Committee.

Gilman led SIUE with 4.44 kills per game, 1.22 blocks per game and a .317 hitting percentage. Gilman completed her collegiate career as a two-time All-Region selection, a two-time Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year and a three-time All-GLVC pick.

Rust completed her first season in a Cougar uniform by posting 4.43 kills per game and a .212 hitting percentage. Rust led SIUE with 444 digs.

As a team, SIUE ended the season with a 29-7 record and its first NCAA Tournament appearance. The Cougars upended No. 7 Northern Michigan in the first round only to fall later to GLVC rival Northern Kentucky.

"I think they're very well deserving of the honor. They were a big reason for the success of this team," SIUE coach Sandy Montgomery said.

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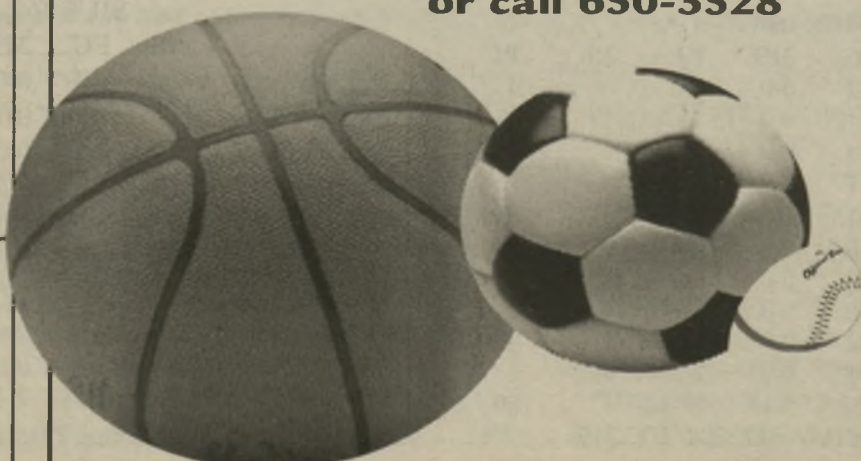
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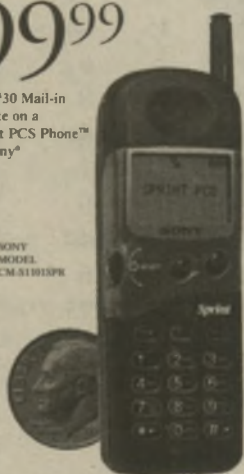
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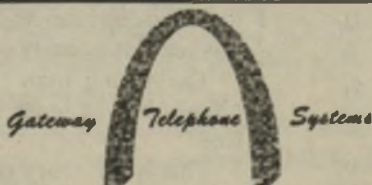
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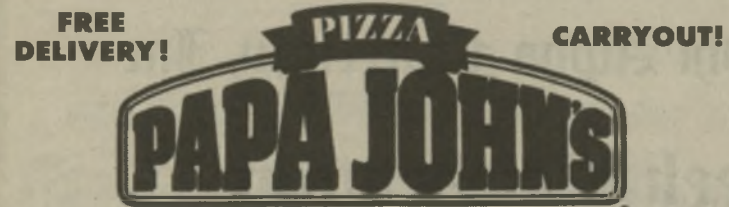
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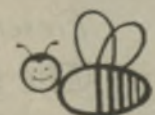
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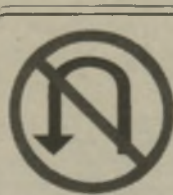
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