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Ticket sales low, CAB cancels rock concert

*Refunds will
be available
for tickets*

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

With only 10 days before the concert and ticket sales still less than 100, the SIUE Campus Activities Board canceled the Five for Fighting concert Wednesday.

Assistant Director of Campus Life Lisa Ramsey said CAB hoped to sell between 2,000 and 2,500 tickets for the Oct. 12 show.

"We regret having to cancel, but we were disappointed in student response to this," Ramsey said.

CAB decided that going on

with the Oct. 12 concert "would be fiscally irresponsible," and is planning to refund money to those who already bought tickets.

Morris University Center Business Manager Jim McDermott said in the past people would have to request a check from the university for a refund, but he doesn't like that procedure.

"I have made a request to change our procedure to give students cash instead of giving them a check," he said.

McDermott said he made the request to SIUE's chief financial officer Wednesday and expects an answer Thursday.

Anyone needing a refund should take tickets to the Information Center in the MUC. McDermott said the refund policy does not cover anyone who bought tickets through a

Metrotix outlet.

Those who bought tickets through Metrotix should get a refund for the face value of the ticket where it was purchased.

CAB is planning a smaller concert sometime in the spring semester. The organization is looking for suggestions for what type of show to have. Anyone with a suggestion should call CAB Concert Chair Melissa Preusser at 650-3371.

Ramsey said the spring concert might be smaller than the Five for Fighting concert would have been. CAB was going to pay the band \$35,000 for the show. Since it was canceled, CAB will still have to pay the band, but Ramsey said she is unsure how much.

"We have to pay regardless," Ramsey said. "We won't pay the whole thing. We're still negotiating that."

No cause for alarm in CV

Lawsuit claims fires were caused by electrical problems

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

Despite a claim by the Hartford Insurance Co. that electrical problems were the cause of a fire that gutted a Cougar Village building in January, university officials are saying residents have no reason to worry about existing wiring.

SIUE spokesman Keith Nichols stressed that it is

Hartford Insurance making the \$700,000 claim against O'Fallon Electric and Elk Heating and

"They could not point to anything specific that caused the fire."

Sheet Metal Inc. in a lawsuit in Madison County Court, not SIUE.

The companies were responsible for installing

electrical work in Cougar Village apartments during renovations that ended in August 2000.

University Housing Director Michael Schultz said an independent consultant from the University of Illinois investigated the cause of the Jan. 31 fire for SIUE and could not pinpoint its cause.

"They could not point to anything specific that caused the fire," Schultz said.

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Greeks have new standards

*University wants
Greek organizations
to become more
involved on campus*

TRAVIS L. ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE is hoping to improve Greek life through the Greek Accreditation Report.

"We have been looking at

ways to strengthen and enhance our Greek organizations at SIUE," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said. The report "identifies a set of standards that each organization will be measured against. We are asking chapters to engage themselves. Based on the report we will address the strengths and weaknesses."

According to Coordinator of

Greek Life John Davenport, a Greek Life Task Force was formed in 1993 due to numerous nationwide problems occurring in fraternities and sororities. The task force recommended setting up a permanent Greek Life Advisory Committee and the implementation of Greek standards, expectations, relationship statements and an evaluation instrument.

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Resumes to jobs



STEFANIE ANDERSON/ALESTLE

Top: Students from SIUE and area universities attend the Career Fest in the Vadalabene Center. Middle: Senior mass communications major Sheryl Homann talks to Monsanto Project Teamheader Dave West. Bottom: Marketing major Mary Curry speaks to First Lt. Frank Moore about the Marines.


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Procedure analyst honored

STEVE M. BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

After twenty years of dedicated service, Procedure and System Analyst for the Office of the Bursar Busabun Catalano is receiving her due.

Catalano is the Employee of the Month for October. Bursar Barry Greenberg was her nominator.

"The reason we nominated

her is because we thoroughly appreciate the effort she puts out every day. We couldn't run this place without her efforts," Greenberg said.

Judy Malone was glowing about her co-worker.

"She works on the computers, and anytime we have

a problem she steps right in and gets it fixed," Malone said.

The award will be presented to Catalano at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Bursar's Office in Rendleman Hall.

She will also be given a \$25 gift certificate to the Morris University Center Bookstore and an up-close parking spot for the entire month.

"We couldn't run this place without her efforts."

Police incidents

Traffic

09/14/02

Police issued a citation to Scott Carmen for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

09/15/02

Police issued a citation to Catrice E. Brinker for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Stacy O. Reynolds for speeding on University Drive.

09/16/02

Police issued three citations to Sean Patrick Hussey for speeding, no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police issued a citation to Brian M. Nelson for 78 mph in a 45 mph zone on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jacqueline M. Haun for improper backing in Lot 4C.

09/17/02

Police issued a citation to Gary P. Parquette for failure to yield on South University Drive.

09/18/02

Police issued citations to Mihia Lajoi Henderson for speeding and no valid driver's license on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Floyd M. Plymale II for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Amanda N. McLemore for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

09/19/02

Police issued a citation to Sidney C. Ross for parking in a parking space reserved for handicapped people in Lot 4F.

Police issued a citation to Myra Bergman for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Robert Noyes for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Alan Anthenat for a stop sign violation on Stadium Drive.

Police issued a citation to Corbin Schey for

speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Ramkrishna Gowda for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

09/20/02

Police issued citations to Ashlei R. Brown for not having valid registration and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued citations to Charles R. Butler for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to David W. Crets for a stop sign violation.

09/21/02

Police issued a citation to Kali A. Smith for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Michael T. Pikey for failure to yield when turning left on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Ben Rowry Jr. for a stop sign violation and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on J.R. Thompson Boulevard.

Police issued a citation to Bracia E. Harris for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued citations to Filmon Tekeste for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

09/22/02

Edwardsville police arrested Leslie A. Spencer on an outstanding warrant of failure to appear stemming from a previous charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was transported to Madison County Jail and held on \$600 bond.

Police issued citations to Antonio L. Adams for a stop sign violation, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and driving under the influence on the East St. Louis campus.

Police issued a citation to Jeanette K. Bardle for speeding on South University Drive.

Police said the owner of a white Dodge Avenger used a marker to write over a temporary plate and got the number wrong. Police issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and not having valid registration on South University Drive.

See one deer, more will follow

SIUE police urge drivers to be on the alert for deer on campus

JESSICA MULLEN
NEWS REPORTER

An increasing number of deer are getting caught in headlights this season at SIUE.

Lt. Tony Bennett, of the SIUE Police Department said 16 accidents involving deer have been reported to the SIUE Police Department since January.

"We have an expanded student population this year,

which means more cars on campus. There is a higher risk for students who drive on campus to come in contact with a deer, especially during mating season," Bennett said.

Deer are more active in the fall, because it is the beginning of mating season.

"Deer are also nocturnal. It is important to remember to be extra cautious at night during this time of year," Bennett said.

If you are involved in a collision with a deer on campus, notify University Police right away.

"If someone is hurt dial 911. If no injuries occur, you can dial our nonemergency number, which is 650-3324. Both calls are answered at the University Police Station. We are one of the dispatch offices for 911 in Madison County," Bennett said.

Under the Illinois

"It is important to remember to be extra cautious at night during this time of year."

Department of Natural Resources Administrative Order, any driver involved in a vehicle collision may retrieve the carcass.

The driver does not have to claim the carcass or do anything with it.

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Web site, any individual may claim a deer carcass that has been killed by a motor vehicle.

The person is required to keep proper records that provide the date the deer was claimed, the sex of the deer, the location of the kill and the place where deer and

deer parts are stored.

The information must be kept until all parts of the deer have been consumed or used. The records are also to be provided to any law enforcement official who may be investigating the location of a vehicle-killed deer.

"We suggest that anyone interested in claiming a carcass they find on campus to go to the Web site and make sure proper procedure is being followed," Bennett said.

For more information on the claiming of a deer carcass, go to <http://dnr.state.il.us/Law3/roadkill.htm>.

"Extra caution should be taken where tree lines are close to the road. Do not assume that you will see just one, more will most likely follow. Be very careful when driving at night," Bennett said.

According to University Police, high-risk places where deer tend to gather are South University Drive, East University Drive, Stadium Drive and Poag Road.

Students find free massages in Goshen



STEFANIE ANDERSON/ALESTLE

Students received free massages from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Campus Activities Board sponsored the event. Massage therapists Bonnie May and John DuPoreur provided the services from Xcursions and John's In Home Service.

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For more information about the University's procedures on sexual harassment see the SIUE web page at

<http://www.siue.edu/POLICIES/2c5.html>

Students who wish to report sexual harassment should contact;

Liz Tarpey
Office of the Provost
Rendleman Hall, Room 3102
Phone: 650-3361

Employees who wish to report sexual harassment should contact.

Paul Pitts
Equal Opportunity Programs
Rendleman Hall, Room 3310
Phone: 650-2333



MODULES

Leadership Modules Held on Tuesday

Modules

10/8/02
Module 7, 2:00 p.m.
Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences
Paula Martin
SIUE Problem Solving Center
University Club, MUC

10/8/02
Module 17, 6:30 p.m.
Leading Your Peers
Billie Turner, Prevention Specialist
St. Clair County Region Education Office
University Club, MUC

10/15/02
Module 18, 2:00 p.m.
Motivating Others
Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, Assist. Director
Leadership Development
University Club, MUC

10/15/02
Module 8, 6:30 p.m.
Human Relations
Al Kerth, President & CEO
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SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

October 12 - Computer Rehab - Washington Park, IL
October 12 - Habitat for Humanity, E. Alton, IL
October 19 - Open Gym, Fairmont City, IL
October 26 - Habitat for Humanity, E. Alton, IL
October 26 - Share Food, Granite City, IL
November 2 - St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL
November 16 - Open Gym, Fairmont City, IL
November 16 - Beverly Farm, Godfrey, IL
November 23 - Boy Scout Food Drive & Share Food, Granite City, IL
November 28 - Thanksgiving Dinner, Belleville & E. St. Louis, IL

For more information contact
the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686
or visit the website at www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

FIRE

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University spokesman Keith Nichols said he could not release the name of the consultant or any information from the report due to pending litigation.

According to Schultz, the consultant said, "No electrical failure was observed that could be related to the fire origin."

However, Amy Gunn, an attorney representing Hartford

Insurance in its claim against the two electrical contractors, said there is evidence that points to an electrical problem in the Cougar Village Building.

"I wouldn't have filed a lawsuit without any evidence," Gunn said.

She would not comment further on what evidence she had since the case is going to court.

Schultz pointed to the report from the independent consultant as the reason students should not worry about electrical problems in their own apartments.

He said other than normal concerns, students should feel safe.

"They shouldn't be overloading any circuits," Schultz said.

GREEK

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"The initial Greek Life Advisory Committee met from 1996 to 1998 and established standards and expectations, a mission, vision, values statement and operating policies for Greek life and the Advisory Committee," Davenport said. "The Greek Life Advisory Committee then was inactive until 2000 when it re-formed to create the evaluation instrument, the Greek Accreditation Report."

Davenport said opinions of the report vary among Greek organizations.

"Many chapters have expressed their support for the accreditation but we have also had several that have expressed

reservations," Davenport said. "One concern is that it places additional demands for time on the leadership and membership of chapters."

According to Davenport, the Greek Accreditation Report is a national trend in Greek life.

"Greek organizations are supposed to promote certain values," Davenport said. "The chapters that are performing well will receive recognition. If a chapter completed a report at the end of this year and did poorly, they would have to work with the advisory committee and put together a plan to improve. If there is no improvement, then the organization could lose their

SIUE recognition.

"Overall the university is expecting a higher level of accountability from Greek organizations," Davenport said.

He added the report should be completed before the end of this semester.

"We are planning on implementing it on a limited pilot basis for the Spring 2003 so we can work the bugs out," Davenport said.

He said Greek students are invited to voice concerns during the next Greek Life Advisory Committee meeting at 3 p.m. Thursday in the board room on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

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Web radio starts up new program

New station will broadcast over the Internet

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

If you're interested in Web radio, you can still get in on the ground floor of SIUE's station.

Students met Tuesday with WSIE Director Frank Akers and graduate assistant Lisa Herman. She said she hopes the station will be operational within a month or sooner.

Herman told the students

they would soon begin their training to learn the radio and computer operations that will allow them to put the station on the World Wide Web.

The station expects to offer a wide range of programming, including news and sports.

Interested students can contact Herman at lherman@siue.edu.

Jobs for all at fair



STEFANIE ANDERSON/ALESTLE

Economy and Finance Senior Jennifer Schultheis meets with UMB Bank Representative Carla Bailey at the Oktober Career Fest held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center. More than 125 employers attended the event.

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Campus Activities Board Announces:

Five For Fighting Concert is

CANCELED

The October 12

Five For Fighting concert at the Vadalabene Center has been canceled.

Ticketholders who purchased tickets at Morris University Center should bring their entire ticket to the MUC Information Center for a refund.

For more information, please contact Lisa Ramsey at (618) 650-2686





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From the Editor



Recently in Kansas City, Mo., an ad aimed at the black community aired on radio airwaves with the following message over a jazz music bed:

"You've heard about reparations. You know, where whites compensate blacks for enslaving us. Well guess what we've got now. Reverse reparations. 'Brothers' earn thousands of dollars less in retirement benefits than white men because they have a shorter life span."

The ad was in support of President Bush's proposed Social Security changes.

The changes supposedly would help blacks by allowing for higher minimum benefits,

Republicans use negative ads to fight for the black vote

black women getting their fair share in their spouses Social Security and retirement benefits with real financial assets.

The ad asserted, "So the next time some Democrat says he won't touch Social Security, ask why he thinks blacks owe reparations to whites."

The ad was yanked and disavowed by the Republicans.

The St. Louis market features a different Republican ad slant aimed at the black community.

It features a child doing a class project who asks his grandmother what political party she belongs to.

The grandmother responds that traditionally she's voted Democratic and encouraged others to do the same.

Now she's having second thoughts and is coming to realize that voting Democratic since forever just might not be in her best interest.

"Now it's time to explore and consider other options," the grandmother said. "It's not wise

to blindly give your vote away and be taken for granted." She advised her grandchild and others to hold off on voting Democrat.

The ad suggests the message is coming from someone with the knowledge of the past and the wisdom and vision for the future.

Right message, wrong party. Besides being incredibly patronizing at a minimum, the ads refer to an era that many tend to shrug off or to ignore its enormity.

It refers to an era still ongoing, but one that has moved beyond the need to fight to eat at a lunch counter or to use the same bathroom as others.

It refers to an era where George Wallace, Strom Thurmond and Jessie Helms were Democrats and Barry Goldwater was the Republican standard bearer who made them look like choirboys.

It refers to an era where Medger Evers was killed for standing up.

It refers to an era where Fannie Lou Hamer's words rang

out, "All my life I've been sick and tired. Now I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Hamer wasn't taking about choosing an elephant or a donkey. She was talking about being black and how black people should choose to vote for those who support what is needed for continued advancement for blacks.

When choosing between the elephant and the donkey, or the lion and the bear, it's good to know that both are hungry for a quick meal.

Well, at least they're getting better. A few years ago the Republicans aired a radio ad where a woman's voice said she had to put her son in a private school because drugs and violence at his public school were a bit more diversity than he could handle.

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief

Letters

Economy -- its all about the benjamins

Dear Editor,

It is the opinion of many Americans that they have been cheated as a result of the downturn in the stock market.

Many who lost money want to believe it was the fault of shady corporate leaders. Middle class investors signed over their hard earned money. In good faith they expected their investments to pay for their kid's college, niceties for the house and a wonderful retirement.

So, why isn't everyone still rich? Was it a terrorist plot? Did greedy corporate leaders steal the missing \$6 Trillion? Did the

Grinch take it? Did the money ever actually exist?

By the mid-1990s America's economy was visibly expanding. The 1991-92 slowdown was over, replaced by boom times. The American economic machine was doing what it does best. American workers were producing high-quality, high value goods and services. Those products were being distributed across the country and into all parts of the world. Money was pouring in at an unprecedented rate. Everyone who wanted a job had one. In some cities, the shortage of labor got so bad that

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Viewpoints

Reparations needed like 9/11 funds

JEFF POSTELWAIT
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) -- Two different atrocities have since spawned two different issues.

The destruction of the Towers has brought us the issue of victim's family compensation and the practice of slavery in the United States has given birth to the question of reparations for descendents of slaves.

However, there is one common thing that ties these two seemingly separate issues together: money.

The question rarely asked here in America is whether money is really the best way to cope with the terrible things that sometimes befall us.

On the surface, it seems like a sensible idea to compensate victims of the attacks financially, but there are many others who have suffered without seeing a dime.

Oklahoma is still home to the victims of our nation's second largest terror attack, but apparently those people's deaths could not generate enough public sympathy on a national

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Political Humor



Correction

The Oct. 1 edition of the Alestle incorrectly reported the title of the director of Criminal Justice Studies Hugh Barlow.

The Alestle regrets the errors.

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ECONOMY

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there was a bidding war to attract hourly workers to fast food restaurants.

After the 1996 election when things should have normally slowed down, something unexpected happened. The Asian economy crashed and burned. The American public saw a few television news stories about failing businesses in various Asian countries. They also saw dispossessed workers selling trinkets on the streets in an effort to feed their families. What everyone here in the U.S. experienced were falling gasoline prices and rock bottom prices for electronic goods.

The other unexpected event was a flood of investment money moving from Asian markets into the American markets. As the money moved into our markets, stock prices went up. When stock prices went up, the value of individual American investor portfolios went up, creating a desire to buy more stock, pressing the price of the stock up even further. More foreign money came in, pushing prices even higher. As people saw the price of stocks continue to rise, they rushed to buy even more shares. Day after day people were "getting richer" as the value of what they owned went endlessly upward.

When reasonable people, people who knew better, spoke out about the expanding economic bubble, their advice went mostly unheeded. Some fund managers expressed their fiduciary responsibility by closing down the fund they managed and sending the money

plus profits back to the investors. Other managers were not so "pessimistic" and continued to earn big dollars by encouraging investors to "get in while the getting was good."

Even when the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States warned of "irrational exuberance" he was thought to be overly cautious. During the period of the Clinton impeachment, the business press reminded people of how well the economy was being managed and asked if the public really wished to tamper with success.

The Asian economy finally began to heal and Asian investors began to bring their money back home to reinvest in their own economies. The process of disinvestment in the American economy started a counter-cycle. As money came out of the markets, prices fell. As prices fell, American investors got nervous and felt poorer, causing them to pull their money from the market, causing further downward pressure on market prices. Fund managers had to clean up their funds before profits were reported. More stocks were dumped. Prices continued to fall.

When money is pouring in and people are getting rich, few investors are closely examining the books. If tricky accounting practices are being used, very few people complain. But, during the downward slide, when new money is not coming in to cover shortages, when profits are way down, companies must either tell the public they are in trouble, causing their stock price

to decline, or they lie, they coverup and they cook the books, hoping an infusion of cash will save the day. This time no turnaround in the cash situation occurred. When their real financial situation was exposed, a few companies came crashing down.

The criminal behavior that brought down those few companies represented only a small fraction of the general revaluation of the American markets. Those tech investors who sold out in December 1999, and the New York Stock Exchange investors who sold out in December 2000, captured their investment gains. The rest captured less and some who got in late showed losses.

It is easy to blame others for the natural fluctuations of the markets. Politicians are doing just that. Beware of them.

In January 1996, the NYSE stood at about 5,500. One year later, it stood at about 6,400. In January 1998, it was approximately 7,900, in 1999, it was approximately 9,100. In January 2000 it stood at about 11,000 and in 2001, about 10,800.

Sept. 24, the market closed at 7683.13 or back to where we were in 1997 before the extra economic boost given our markets by the Asian economic crises.

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REPARATIONS

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level to bring up the subject of financial compensation.

Also, there are those who died in the Pennsylvania plane disaster, those injured and killed in the Pentagon and the plane that crashed into it, as well as the victims of the subsequent anthrax attacks. Already, people have illegally taken advantage of charities that were meant to aid victims of several of these tragedies, so how can we ensure that the money goes where it is needed without leaving anyone out?

So the idea here seems like a good one, even a humanitarian one on paper, but it seems to be more complex than many think. An even more complex issue is reparations -- and an even more hotly debated one as well.

The effort has gained support steadily for decades now and many believe that demonstrators will push the issue to the forefront of public debate very soon.

The issue is getting harder for the mainstream media to ignore.

Our government would also probably like to see this argument go away, but that appears to be wishful thinking -- it must be resolved one way or the other.

I do have problems with the practicality and the logic behind slavery reparations, but I won't waste valuable space here going into how much I hate racism.

Despite popular opinion, being white does not automatically disqualify anyone for speaking out on this issue because it affects everyone.

Slavery was certainly devastating to this entire country, and in some ways, its negative effects are still painfully evident today.

Merely because slavery ran its course many years ago is no reason to ignore the issue of reparations.

Can money make all this damage and all this hurt go away?

No, it cannot.

Victims of the attacks will still have to live with their losses. Children will still have lost

parents, and money cannot raise a child.

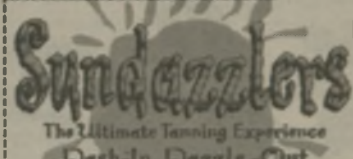
Unfortunately, money is also completely unable to undo the hate and the repression that African-American people still have to face in this country.

In fact, it might even serve to deepen the rift between the races in this country; a gap that many would agree is already too wide.

Time will heal the wounds of those whose lives crumbled along with the Trade Center towers, but the answer to the plight of slavery's grandchildren is less clear.

Perhaps a good start would be for our government to issue a formal statement - an official statement from the government that both apologizes for the indignities that were forced upon black people for all those years and that promises to correct through legislation the injustices that they still face today.

This might be the best way to remove money from the equation and begin work on some real, more permanent change.



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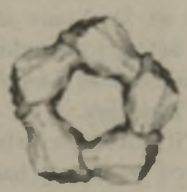

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NANCY McDONALD
Lifestyle Stringer

A small group of SIUE students gathered at the Metcalf Theater Sept. 24 and 26 for two free seminars called, "Making It In Hollywood."

The audience, mainly composed of juniors and seniors majoring in theatre performance, was captivated by the guest speaker Brian Hohlfeld, a writer, actor and director.

Hohlfeld appeared on SIUE's stage in 1982 and was directed by Bill Grivna, director of Performance Art. Hohlfeld and Grivna have been friends for the last 20 years. It was Grivna who asked Hohlfeld to hold the seminars at SIUE.

Hohlfeld shared highlights with the audience of his Hollywood career.

"After I graduated from St. Louis University, I moved to Los Angeles. I had a few odd jobs here and there, most notably as the voice of 'Daddy Dodo' in 'Sesame Street Presents, Follow That Bird.' Then I sold a script I wrote to Paramount Pictures," he said.

The script was turned into a 1991 film called "He Said, She Said," starring Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins. But as Hohlfeld put it, "It was a bomb. It opened two weeks after the premiere of Silence of the Lambs. Nobody went and saw that movie."

Hohlfeld wrote for a few more movies, many of them had him unbilled. He now directs children's theater.

Hohlfeld gave pointers to the eager students on how to make it in Hollywood.

"First off, get an agent, get a resume together, and make sure that your headshot actually looks like you. Try to update your headshot as often as possible," Hohlfeld said.

He recommended getting an agent in St. Louis and getting local acting jobs before making the big trip to Los Angeles or New York City.

"It looks better when you can say you've already had an agent and got jobs back home," Hohlfeld said.

He encouraged the students to get involved with children's theater because it is more demanding to keep a child's interest than an adult's.

Hohlfeld gave tips on what to do when auditioning for a movie or television show.

"When they ask you to tell a little bit about yourself, don't say, 'Well, my name is so-and-so and blah, blah, blah. Say something original, even if it's a lie. Say something like, 'Well, I tell you, my toe hurts because I stubbed it

How to make it in Hollywood



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on the way in here.' Make it something memorable," Hohlfeld said.

He also said casting directors are not just looking for talent, but for young, beautiful people who have talent. They are also looking for new actors who look like celebrities. "Try to, if you can, look like one of those hot actors of today. Believe me, it helps," Hohlfeld said.

Before he ended the first seminar, Hohlfeld added, "If you can work anywhere that has anything to do with 'the industry', do it. Whether it's being an assistant to someone, or an extra, or whatever, do it. Get your foot in the door any way you can."

During the second seminar, Hohlfeld shared some anecdotes of his Hollywood days.

movie called "Good King Harry." Brian Grazer was going to produce it. We got every role cast, except for the main one. We finally got John Candy to sign on, but three weeks later, he quit.

I got to meet John and that was one of the best experiences ever. After John left, the movie just fell apart," Hohlfeld said. "I learned an important lesson from that; the amazing part is when the movie actually gets made. And it's even more amazing when the movie is actually good."

He explained that when "He Said, She Said" was being cast there were a lot of "protocol courtesy interviews," which basically meant there were a lot of Hollywood stars who had to audition but everyone making the movie knew they were not going to get the part.

"Catherine O'Hara from the "Home Alone" movies was interviewed, but her role went to Elizabeth Perkins. And Jeff Daniels, who is such a wonderful actor, was interviewed, but his role went to Kevin Bacon," Hohlfeld said. "It was fun casting the movie. I would have made some changes to the cast, but they were all good."

Hohlfeld also offered his advice on dating a fellow actor: avoid it at all costs.

"Well, if you want a relationship that lasts three or four months, then by all means, go ahead. But if you want something better, date someone not in the business," he said.

Most of the students took notes on everything Hohlfeld said. Senior Erin Dempsey, who is majoring in theater performance, found the seminars

to be informative and entertaining.

"I've learned a lot. I'm going to try to find an agent in St. Louis like Brian said, and then I want to go to either L.A. or New York," said Dempsey.

Junior Brad Brefeld, also a theater performance major, enjoyed the seminars as well. "It was very informative because he didn't just talk about Hollywood, but he talked about all of the opportunities St. Louis has to offer," said Brefeld.

Hohlfeld gave his last piece of wisdom when a student asked if making it in Hollywood had anything to do with luck. He replied, "My definition of luck is 'preparation meets opportunity.' You might get your chance tomorrow to be in a major motion picture, but will you be ready?"



PHOTOS BY JOSH DIX/ALESTLE

an Hofffeld offers advice to student Hollywood hopefuls Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in Metcalf Theater.

Internet usage is up with college students

NANCY McDONALD
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

According to a new survey, the Internet has become a college student's best friend.

This survey, released Sept. 15, by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, has confirmed that the Internet has become an integral part of a college student's life.

The survey, conducted from March to June of 2002, is based on more than 2,000 surveys from undergraduate students who hail from 27 different U.S. colleges and universities. It is also based on observations done at 10 Chicago-area schools.

It showed that 89 percent of college students use the Internet compared to 59 percent of the overall U.S. population. It also showed that much of the students' Internet surfing had nothing to do with schoolwork.

Forty-two percent of college students use the Internet primarily to check their e-mails or to send instant messages to their friends and families, since many students move away from home after high school.

Freshman Erin McCarthy, who went to high school in Woodstock, Ill., which is about one hour away from Chicago, said, "I use e-mails and instant messaging to stay in contact with my friends. It's free and easy, so I use it."

The survey also found that about half of the students said they were better able to share their ideas and thoughts with professors through e-mails rather than in person.

Senior Sharissa Holliday agrees. "I've e-mailed my professors before. It's much easier than trying to get a hold of them by going to their office or calling them," Holliday said.

The survey found that only 38 percent of the students used the Internet most often for academic purposes.

"I use the Internet for research a lot, practically every day in fact. I usually use it to help me with a research paper or homework. Sometimes I use it to help me study, depending on the subject," Holliday said.

Other SIUE students would much rather play games on the Internet than do research.

"I think that college students use the Internet for both educational and entertainment purposes. But if you just sat down at a computer and did research, you'd fry your brain. You need some kind of release, so you play a few games," freshman Len Napp said.

Just why is the Internet attracting college students? Holliday thinks she has the answer.

"I think that college students use the Internet more today because everything seems to be Web (site)-based. It's like, for every class you take you're going to need to do some research on the Internet for it," Holliday said.

It does look like everything seems to be Web site-based, even SIUE. If a student wants to check out their grades or search for a job, they must go to the SIUE Web site.

Napp does not mind that SIUE is Internet dependent. He said, "I think that it's cool that SIUE uses the Internet for most everything. Everyone has access to computers; they're all over the campus."

In fact, there are 16 computer labs on the SIUE campus for any student to use, three of which are open 24-hours a day located in Bluff, Prairie and Woodland Halls.

While students are not allowed to play games or enter chat rooms, they may quickly check their e-mails and do research while in the computer labs.

Whether a student does research for a paper or plays games to blow off steam, it is clear that the Internet is becoming a must-have for college life.

See COMICS by Matt Seniour, page 10.

See ECSTACY article, page 11.

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Issues and Challenges for the Contemporary Artist
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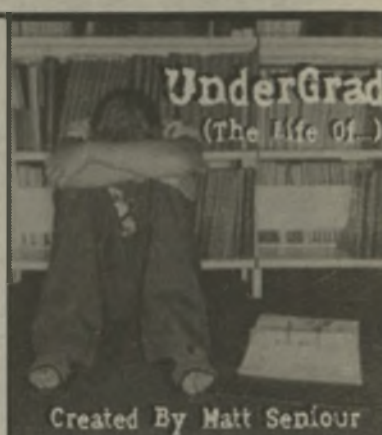
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Study says ecstasy may not cause brain damage

EDDIE ALICEA

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Although recent research suggests ecstasy usage may not cause long-term brain damage, those who have worked with the drug say they are unsure of the study's value.

Research at Liverpool University, England, published last month suggested no relation between ecstasy and brain damage. The research did not take into account other drug usage or previous psychological problems.

"We still don't know the whole story," said Paul L. Doering, a University of Florida professor of pharmacy practice.

Previous research has suggested the "party drug" may cause brain damage.

The research done in England was observational, where the drugs were given to animals and researchers recorded what they saw. Doering said this type of study allowed for unknown factors to contribute to the study.

"There's never any perfect study," he said.

Ecstasy causes large quantities of serotonin to be released within the brain. Serotonin is the "feel-good chemical" that alters perceptions of touch, taste and scent, Doering said.

Recovering ecstasy addict Drew Blair said he knows from personal experience that the club drug does cause damage.

Blair said he began using drugs such as marijuana to have a good time.

His weekend consumption of recreational drugs later grew out of control.

"Smoking and drinking alcohol led me to ecstasy," Blair said.

Toward the end of his drug-driven weekends, Blair would "pop a pill" every hour or two to keep him high.

"It was all in the name of fun," Blair said.

But Blair's partying stopped when he had a drug and alcohol overdose that included ecstasy.

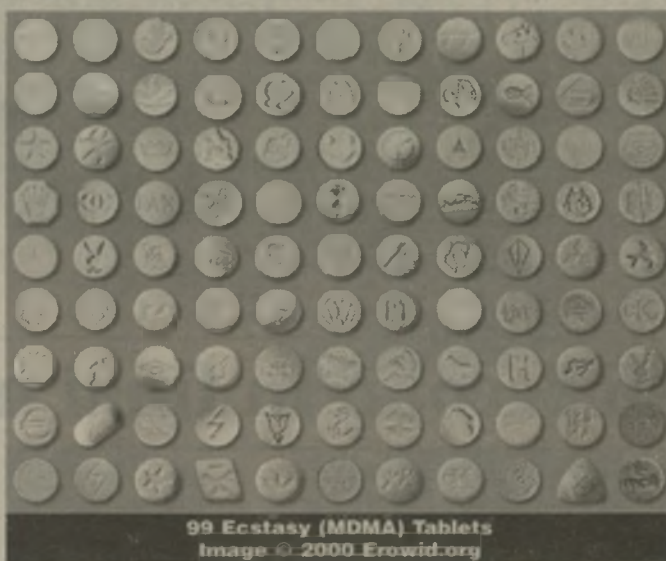
After a year in the Alachua County General Hospital, Blair was discharged in a wheelchair, he said. The chemical's long-term effects on Blair included neuropathy, a type of paralysis that prevents the use of his legs.

Two years later, Blair still attends therapy twice a week.

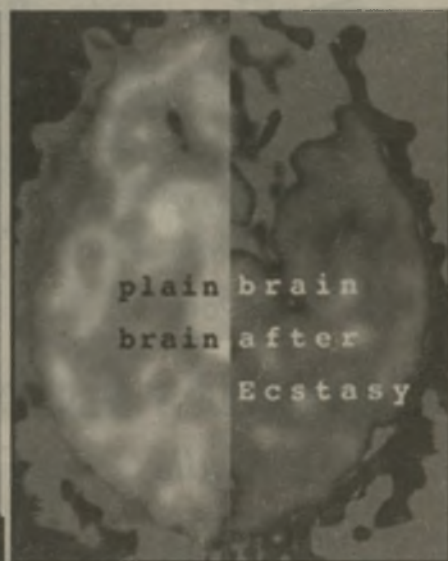
With all the variations of drugs out there, people never know what they are getting, Blair said.

And without sufficient research detailing specific complications, drug users are at high risk, Doering said.

"The use of the drug is in proportion to the dangers of the drug," Doering said.



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Cougars finish second in final meet of regular season

SIUE readies for GLVC Tournament in Springfield

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

With the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament just a few days away, the SIUE women's golf team finished the regular season strong in placing second at the Owensboro Women's Fall Invitational held at Ben Hawes State Park in Owensboro, Ky., Sunday and Monday.

Freshman Brittany Hood led the Cougars finishing fourth overall in the tournament with scores of 84 and 81 for a total of 165. Hood was closely followed by junior Beth Gumbel who shot a 91 and an 89 for a total of 180, placing her seventh in the tournament's final standings.



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Top: The Cougars are currently ranked 24th in the nation and seventh in their region. As a team, SIUE holds an average tournament score of 346.25. Right: Freshman Brittany Hood was the highest finisher among the Cougars at the Kentucky Wesleyan Golf Invitational held in Owensboro, Ky., Sunday and Monday. Hood finished fourth out of 19 entrants with a total score of 165.

Senior Nonie Ehlke shot a total of 181, with scores of 93 and 88 over the two days, finishing in ninth place. Junior Katie Beyers finished 10th shooting 88 and 95, totaling 183.

Junior Ashley Collum rounded out the Cougars' scores

shooting 89 and 99, totaling 188 while freshman Crystal Nuetzmann shot as an independent player in the tournament, recording scores of 100 and 90 for a total of 190.

The team shot a total of 705, good enough to beat the



tournament host, Kentucky Wesleyan College, which shot a total of 774.

The names on the scoreboard were not usual for the Cougars. Prior to the tournament, coach

Larry Bennett conducted playoffs to determine which players would represent the team at the conference tournament.

The players not qualifying

see GOLF, page 14

Cross Country teams head to Chicago

Cougars ready to run in third meet of season

STEVE OGUNJOBI
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men and woman's cross country teams have been gearing up this week for the Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational. The meet will take place Saturday at Loyola University in Chicago.

Last week, the teams competed well at the Eastern Illinois University Open in Charleston with both teams placing second behind Division I Ohio Valley Conference Champions Eastern Illinois University.

EIU won the meet by scoring 17 points, almost a perfect score in cross country.

Freshman Brian Taghon placed seventh overall in the meet. He completed the fast, flat 8,000-meter course in 25 minutes, 54 seconds, which was the fifth fastest time overall.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Four members of the women's cross country team run together in a meet held at the SIUE course earlier this season.

Taghon was followed close by fellow teammate senior Jason Olszowka, who placed 10th overall and completed the course in 26:04.

The women's team also put forth a strong effort. Four athletes finished in the top 10 places. The team missed clinching first place by 10 points and was led by senior Amanda Bozue, who

placed third overall and completed the 5,000-meter course in 18:39, the 14th fastest finish by a Cougar.

Slightly behind Bozue was junior Carrie Carducci, who ran 18:43 and placed fourth overall. The Cougars now look forward to seeing great Division I and Division II competitions in Chicago.

Hockey club ready for play

SIUE has large tryout number

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE hockey league that finished first in the Mid-American Collegiate Hockey Association's Silver Division last season is far removed from the team that couldn't find enough players to fill its roster four years ago.

In stark comparison, this year's team had so many players show up for tryouts that the Cougars formed Division II and Division III teams.

The Division II team will take to the ice Saturday as the Cougars open their season against Southwestern Illinois College.

Composed of 15 returning players and 10 newcomers, SIUE will look to repeat as the Silver Division leader while improving upon its third-place finish overall in the Division II conference standings.

The varsity team, coached by Larry Thatcher, finished last season with an impressive 9-1 record in the conference and a

14-7 mark overall.

SIUE tied the University of Missouri-St. Louis in points with 18, but UMSL held the edge over the Cougars for second place behind Robert Morris College of Chicago.

Showing their strength offensively, the Cougars scored 79 of their 156 goals against conference opponents, a feat that was second only to Robert Morris.

SIUE was strong on the blue line as well, surrendering 117 goals throughout 23 games.

The Division II team, led by returning sophomore goaltender Patrick Day and senior right winger and captain Scott Cloin, will play host to 12 games at the East Alton Ice Arena in addition to the MACHA Tournament in February.

The Division III team is coached by Craig Buntensch and is comprised of 16 players with six playing on the Division II team as well.

The junior varsity team will play in the Adult "A" Division, but will be eligible to play on the Division II team. SIUE can take up to five players from the JV.

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SIUE COUGARS SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 4 to Sunday, Oct. 9

Friday

Soccer at Bellarmine
Men's game 1 p.m.
Women's game 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball at Quincy 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis at ITA Mid-American Regional in Indianapolis, Ind., all day.

Saturday

Cross Country at Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational in Chicago.
Women's 5K 11:15 a.m.
Men's 8K noon

Volleyball at Truman State 1 p.m.

Women's Golf at GLVC Tournament in Springfield all day.

Women's Tennis at ITA all day.

Sunday

Soccer at Kentucky Wesleyan
Men's game noon
Women's game 2:30 p.m.



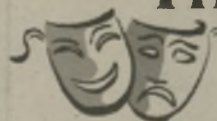
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for the GLVC had the chance to play at Owensboro. According to Bennett, this gave the Cougars more playing time and also allowed the qualifying players to focus on the upcoming match.

"The players had a chance to concentrate on the conference tournament for two weeks instead of one," Bennett said. "They could take care of their classes, get rid of any distractions and get good solid practice at home."

The official lineup for this weekend will be senior Deanna Bock and juniors Brittany Auld, Kacy Gruenkemeyer, Katie Farrell and Kristi Novak.

The GLVC Tournament will be Saturday to Monday at the Piper Glenn Golf Course in Springfield.

Although the team has not played a meet at that course this year, many of the players have played it at some point in the past.

Bennett said he believes it will be a good course for the team to play. However, he

pointed out that it would be good for other teams as well.

"There is the potential for a lot of low rounds out there and hopefully our players are among those who will shoot them," Bennett said.

SIUE will enter play this weekend ranked 24th in the nation and seventh regionally.

"It is nice to see where you are at, but I don't put much stock in it (the ranking)," Bennett said. "It shows room for improvement, but also lets us see we are moving in the right direction."

Bennett said he believes the regional ranking is more important to look at, especially going into this weekend. Only six teams play in the regional tournament. With a seventh place ranking, SIUE is not on the list of invitees yet. The Cougars have one last chance to receive an invitation when they play against four of the six teams ranked ahead of them this weekend.

"We have work to do," Bennett said.

HOCKEY

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team to fill the Division II roster in the case of injuries or disqualifications.

The Division II team will play SWIC at 3 p.m. Saturday at the East Alton Ice Arena. The

Division III team will go on the road this weekend to play a 7:30 p.m. game Friday at Robert Morris College in Springfield.

Admission to the games is \$3 for students



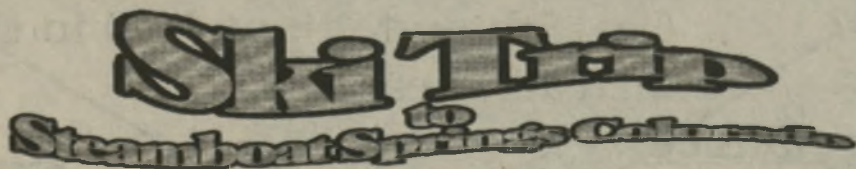
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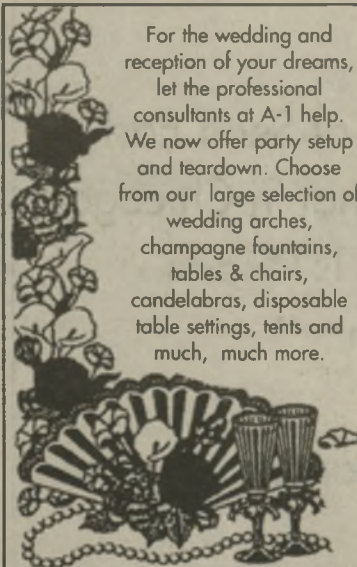
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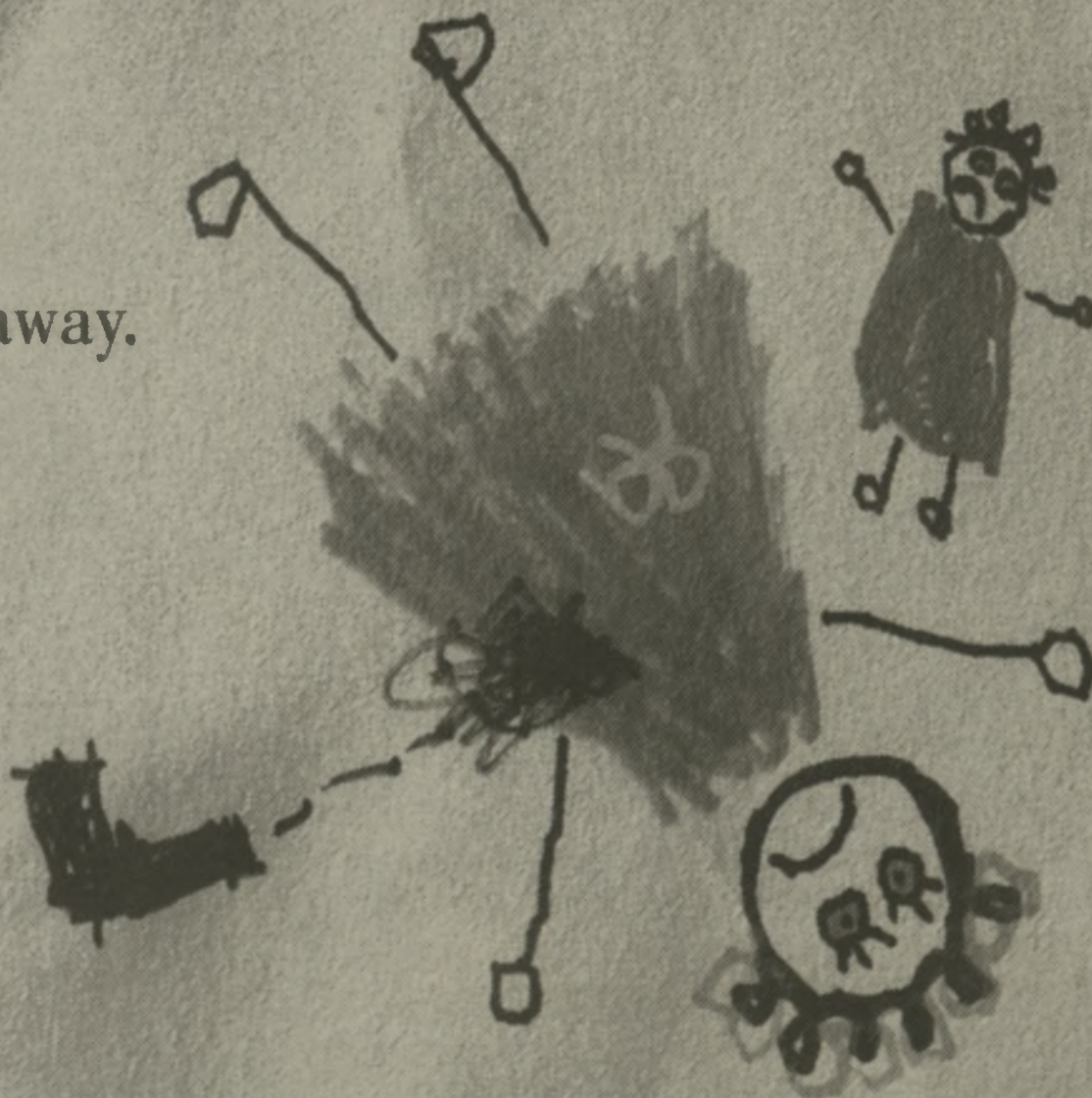
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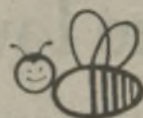
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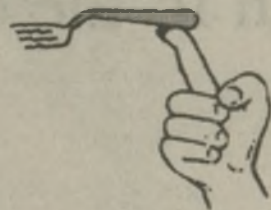
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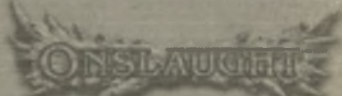


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