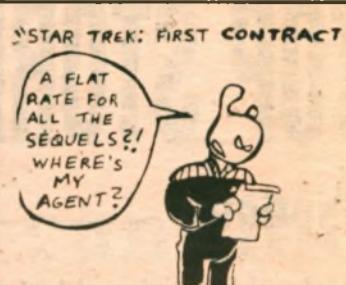


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Hitting phone fraud students where it hurts

SIUE officials ready to take action

By Darryl Howlett
News Editor

Officials at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are taking a last stand against students who have yet to come forward to pay off a \$450,000 phone fraud debt.

Certified letters have been sent out to 20 students, some of whom are out of the country.

The certified letters warn students that if they do not respond to the letter within 15 days the university will take several steps, including referring students to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs for violation of the Student Conduct Code. "The university is trying to take steps in locating foreign students. It is more difficult to

locate them," Sam Smith, Director of university news services, said.

"We're working through normal contacts with foreign students through certified mail. If there is no reply, sanctions prohibit those students from having diplomas or getting credit for work done at the university," he said.

"It would be far better to avoid prosecution. We hope students come forward and pay the debt. The university doesn't want students to go to court, have jail time, or pay fines. We're trying to avoid that," Smith said.

Vice Chancellor of Administration Ken Neher would like to avoid sending anyone to jail.

"We're trying not to send anyone to jail, but if we get a

criminal case then we will prosecute. We would like to try to first recover the money," Neher said.

A question that is sure to be on many students' minds is how the university will make up its losses if the administration is unable to reconcile the outstanding bill.

"We will have to pay the money somehow. Where the money would come from is yet to be determined," Neher said.

He added police are continuing their investigation into the students who possibly participated in the fraud, but did not take part of the amnesty period, which ended in March.

A total of \$1.1 million dollars was charged to the university during the phone scam.

Steps university will take:

Prohibit students from registering for more classes.

Withhold university records such as transcripts, grades and diplomas.

Turn the unpaid bills over to a collection agency, which will mar the students' credit records for seven years.

Add the unpaid amount to the students' university accounts, and any financial aid checks received for those students will be used to pay the bills.

Students who owe the money, and currently work for the university, will lose their jobs

After receiving certified letters, students will have 15 days to reply.

Grand opening for new interactive service

By Darryl Howlett
News Editor

Buttons declaring "I like IKE" circulated Tuesday afternoon as the Interactive Kiosk Experience (IKE) held its grand opening in the University Center.

IKE provides students with several services including movie previews and what's new in the world of music. IKE is owned and operated through Campus Interaction, a media corporation that provides interaction services to colleges in the United States.

"It doesn't cost the university anything. It's sponsored through local, state and national companies," Jeff Chimola, a sales representative for Campus Interaction, said.

Some of the companies who are sponsors for IKE include American Express, EA Sports, Columbia House and MCI. MCI is providing the data connection for IKE.

"It allows students to connect with campus events and web sites," Chris Barone, collegiate marketing for Campus Interaction, said.

"So far, over 70 colleges are under contract. We just installed our thirty-first system at Southern University in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana.

Campus Interaction recently went public as a business three months ago. Their stocks are currently being traded on the NASDAQ stock exchange.

Last year, IKE was installed at the university but due to some problems had to be taken back.

"When we installed it, there were some software problems. The memory was not holding like it should have," Barone said. "We took IKE back to R&D (Research and Development) and had some things redone. Now we're running full speed ahead, everything's solid."

SIUE was one of sixteen colleges originally installed with the IKE system across the nation.

"All of the computers are linked through a wide area network (WAN) through the main office in Coral Gables, Florida," Barone said.

In addition to students getting a chance to get up-close and personal with the systems, free CD's, tee shirts, caps, video games and posters were given to winners of a number of contests.



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Jason Simpson, a Psychology junior, checks out the new Interactive Kiosk Experience located near Union Station in the UC. IKE had its grand opening Tuesday.

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TOP STORIES

National

Columbia carries oldest spaceman

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — NASA's oldest shuttle soared into orbit Tuesday, carrying the oldest person ever to fly in space, 61-year-old Story Musgrave.

Columbia lifted off with a pair of science satellites at 2:55 p.m., a few minutes late because of a slight hydrogen leak in the engine compartment. The 4.5-million-pound rocket ship pierced thin clouds as it arced out over the Atlantic.

Musgrave broke the age record held by former astronaut Vance Brand, who was 59 when he flew in space in 1990.

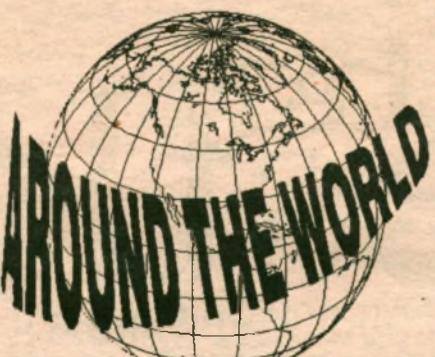
International

Pope to visit Cuba after compromise

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In a stroke of brilliance or folly, Fidel Castro won a long-sought pledge Tuesday from Pope John Paul II to visit communist Cuba next year, capping a triumphant stay in Rome by the Latin American revolutionary.

"The only thing missing is the date in 1997," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said. Preparation will begin "shortly," he said. A Cuban stop in October during an already scheduled trip to Brazil was one possibility.

The Cuban leader apparently hopes Vatican influence can help ease the 34-year U.S. embargo against Cuba. The embargo did not come up during Castro's meeting with John Paul, Navarro said.



In Our Area

State and Local

Staff is ill from food poisoning

METROPOLIS (AP) — Every once in awhile, the teachers and other staff members at Metropolis Middle School escape from cafeteria food and throw a potluck luncheon in the teachers' lounge.

They're still paying for the one last Thursday, when 22 staff members came down with what appeared to be food poisoning.

Classes for the 150 students were canceled the first three days of this week and Superintendent Don Smith said there may not be enough teachers off the sick list to have classes Thursday or Friday, either.

Six teachers remained in the hospital Tuesday.

Smith said that he was still awaiting results of laboratory tests, but that it appears the culprit was a turkey breast roasted and smoked at a local barbecue place.

"Everybody who ate the turkey became sick," Smith said. This included teachers, cafeteria cooks, secretaries and maintenance workers, many of whom developed urinary tract infections in addition to having severe cramps, high fever and dehydration.

Escaping the illness were two teachers who went home at the lunch hour.

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Letter to the editor

Focus on logical, rational thinking not emotion

I would like to thank Dr. Kimball for his letter in the Thursday, Nov. 14 edition of the *Alestle* regarding UCB's distribution of condom key chains. Not only does his opinion "denote" interest in campus events (by reading the newspaper), it also denotes interest in the welfare of the student body. However, I am concerned with the rationale behind his proposal that "UCB also pass out 'Mace on a Key Chain' so our lovely coeds can protect themselves from ping-pong playing studs who just happen to have a condom handy".

The distribution of the key chains at the ping-pong tournament was in the interest of providing prizes for individuals who exhibited talent and skill in the event, while still promoting UCB as a sponsor of the program.

On the other hand, the idea of mace

distribution, quoted above, has been accompanied by rationale that assumes a direct relationship between condom use and violent sexual behavior. In no way does the correlation follow in a logical manner. On the contrary, most violent sexual offenders do not even bother with such caution.

In the future, I would suggest that if an individual has a problem with a campus issue, that the problems be addressed as they exist.

Reduccio ad absurdum, the Latin phrase for "reducing to the absurd," does nothing but incur the unnecessary emotional aspect of human nature. Rather than solve problems by emotion, let us all focus a bit more on logical, rational thinking.

Ray Green
Political Science



Commentary By

Melanie Adams
Editor in Chief

Zero Tolerance needs to be taken on sexual harassment in the military

Women have come a long way since suffrage; women have the right to vote and hold office, women have moved into the workplace and are slowly moving into higher-up positions; women currently attend institutions that were once limited to men and nearly 200,000 women serve and have served in the armed forces. However, while women have come a long way, the battle for equality is never ending and women face an even bigger challenge — dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace.

The recent case of sexual harassment has truly saddened women as well as men, in America, because it seems to be a recurring nightmare. This nightmare is sexual harassment in the military.

Americans listened in horror as newscasters nationwide announced that 19 women trainees at the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground's Ordnance Center in Maryland have allegedly been raped or sexually harassed by their drill sergeants since May.

The problem of sexual harassment in the military is not limited to the Army. Since 1994, eight male instructors at Lackland Air Force Base, the Air Force's center for basic training, have been disciplined for sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment has spread throughout the Navy as well, the infamous Tailhook convention of 1991 is a prime example.

But these problems of sexual harassment are minute compared to the real issue at hand, how to deal with the offenders in a way that will send the message to everyone in the Armed Forces that such action will not be tolerated.

Monday, Nov. 18 a bipartisan group of

congresswomen met with Army officials to discuss the recent charges facing the Army. The officials assured the congresswomen that the alleged offenders would be dealt with in a strict manner and would prevent such abuse from occurring in the future.

All of their talk is reassuring, but how will these offending soldiers be dealt with, and how will the Army prevent such abuse from occurring in the future? The American people want answers. Acts of sexual harassment have no place in the military or in the workplace.

Zero tolerance needs to be taken on this issue. If a man sexually harasses a woman, the offender needs to be discharged or demoted to another rank and removed from the environment in which the incident occurred. Equally, if a woman sexually harasses a man, the same should happen to her.

The military has made steps to relieve this problem. A permanent hotline was set up earlier this month to allow women and men to report sexual harassment to higher officials and the Air Force has published on the Internet, the steps to follow if a person is sexually harassed by another. However, the Armed Forces can not stop at forming a hotline and setting up information on the net.

Women who are sexually harassed need to take a stand like the 19 women at Aberdeen did and report the incident when it occurs. The Armed Forces then need to deal with the offenders in a strict fashion and make it clear that this type of action will not be tolerated. Training new recruits how to deal with sexual harassment is also essential in relieving the problem. Until the Armed Forces perform such actions and until victims of sexual harassment take action for themselves and let it be known, the problem of sexual harassment in the military will not cease.

The military does not have to be a hostile place for women. There can be change in it, just like everything else, but people have to be willing to fight for it to make this change happen.

Legalize cannabis

Commentary by

Scott Anderson

Assistant Photo Editor

This editorial is in response to Jamie Schmidts' letter in the *Alestle* Nov. 14th concerning the legalization of marijuana. At a glance it is obvious that Jamie has no first hand experience with cannabis, and that the information she used is based on whim and propaganda, not fact. The only way to deal with this country's substance use is to deal in facts, rationally and intelligently. There are four things to consider when talking about legalization of cannabis: its' effects on the user, the user's effect on society, regulation and total costs and benefits.

What does marijuana really do? Cannabis smoked produces in most a euphoric feeling that is accompanied by expansion of awareness of surroundings, sometimes with intense focus on the specific. It is a difficult feeling to relate, in that it is completely different from the drunk most people are used to. Alcohol narrows and blurs, marijuana opens and intensifies. As for Jamie's claim of high addiction, Richard E. Schultes, Harvard's foremost ethnobotanist states, "cannabis is definitely not addictive". Unlike alcohol, cannabis is a benign plant, both in its' physical effects and its effect upon the user. Where those under the influence of alcohol might be prone to violence, cannabis user's are generally calm, controlled and peaceful.

The effects of marijuana use upon society have been small. Never do we hear of a marijuana crazed attacker running through the streets, this is reserved for hard drugs like heroin and alcohol. However, as there are at least 30 million consumers of cannabis in the U.S., a good portion of the country has been criminalized, creating distrust of the legal system. Further, as adolescents start to experiment with marijuana, they start to see that they have been lied to in school about drugs, thus opening the door to experimentation with harder drugs.

The inability to regulate the distribution of marijuana is one of the main issues of the anti-legalization lobby. This is nonsense. It is naive to think that people don't use marijuana because it is illegal. Anyone who wants cannabis can get it easily. The law has deterred no one. Through legalization the government would be able to have some control over quality, potency, and distribution, albeit modest. This is better than the regulation we currently have. Regulation would also allow for taxes that could go towards education and counseling.

The societal costs of cannabis are, and will be, small. The cost of education will be the largest expenditure. Like anything cannabis must be used responsibly and adolescents must be taught to make rational and educated decisions for themselves. The benefits of cannabis are overwhelming. The tax revenue alone would pay for any education and counseling. The medical benefits of marijuana are well known for sufferers of glaucoma and cancer and could be used to treat other illnesses as well. Hemp is an excellent source of fiber for clothes and paper and will eliminate the need for logging. It will be an excellent alternative to cotton. The courts and jails could be freed up from useless cases, and most importantly millions of Americans could be free to practice as they please.

Marijuana was outlawed in the 30's because of pressure from the tobacco and textile industries because they feared competition from this useful plant. The "War on Drugs" has failed, like Prohibition. Alcohol is a far more dangerous and socially draining drug, yet it is still with us. The use of cannabis is 10,000 years old and will last another 10,000 years, legal or not, if our species lasts that long. "Just say no" hasn't worked. It is time for an educated and rational approach to substance use. Read up folks.

Memorial service for former employee

Michael Scarbrough, 38, of Granite City died on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis County.

Mr. Scarbrough was born on Oct. 30, 1958 and was a lifetime resident of Granite City.

He had been working

for SIUE for the past 15 years and had held many positions. His most recent position was chef in food service.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Maple Room of the University Center from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

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On Nov. 14, at 4:40 p.m., police stopped a car on south University Drive for speeding. Randall Hoey, 19, of Fairview Heights, was arrested for speeding, no proof of insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol, DUI, and no valid drivers license. He was also issued a misdemeanor complaint for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and a felony warrant for obstructing justice. Hoey was not able to post bond and was transported to the Madison County Jail.

Ambulance Call

On Nov. 14, at 1:43 p.m., police and ambulance responded to a call to Tower Lake where a female student was feeling faint and dizzy. Edwardsville Ambulance Service transported the student to Anderson Hospital.

On Nov. 14, at 2:18 p.m., police and ambulance responded to a call to the Peck Building where a student had tripped and fallen on the sidewalk, injuring her leg. The student was transported to Anderson Hospital by Edwardsville Ambulance Service.

Criminal Defacement

On Nov. 14, at 7:36 p.m., a student reported someone keyed the driver's side door of her car while it was parked in Lot C. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Warrant Arrest

On Nov. 14, at 6:57 p.m., David Adlfinger, 20, of Edwardsville, was arrested on an active warrant for FTA Battery charge. Adlfinger posted \$300 bond and was released.

Correction

In the Tuesday, November 19, issue of the Alestle, an article stated that the number of families living at Tower Lake Apartments was 498. The correct figure is 160. The Alestle regrets the error.

In the Tuesday, November 19, issue of the Alestle, a letter to the editor from the Iota Sweethearts said a bake sale would take place Thursday, November 21. The bake sale has been cancelled. Although anyone can still send donations to the appropriate outlets.

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Buses limited during break; will run to train station

By Danette Watt
Assistant News Editor

University Housing residents planning to take the Alton train out of town for Thanksgiving break can catch a ride to the station from campus.

A special shuttle bus will depart from the Residence Hall at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 and will pass the regular bus stops starting at 6:35 a.m. A return bus is also scheduled to leave from the train station Sunday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. The fee each way is 75 cents.

If students need to get to the station at other times during the week, they can take the MCT Alton-SIUE bus leaving the Hairpin Drive at 30 minutes after the hour between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Students can take the bus from the Alton Square Mall and transfer to the Bethalto Shuttle for a ten-minute ride to the station.

The cost for the MCT Alton-SIUE bus is 75 cents and riders should ask for a free transfer to the shuttle without cost.

In addition, bus service will operate on campus at a reduced schedule during both the Thanksgiving and end-of-semester breaks.

Any bus labeled "special" in the SIUE campus bus schedule, will not be available during breaks. The Bi-State (Edwardsville/Collinsville) Route 503 and the route for MCT Edwardsville and Troy, will continue to run to all SIUE stops between 7:20 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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Life, love and AIDS: Original production to debut this weekend at the Metcalf Student Experimental Theatre

By Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

AIDS is a subject many people do not feel comfortable talking about, perhaps because there are so many misconceptions involving it. It is also a subject which is often ignored, but ignoring it will not make it go away. Unfortunately, some do not realize the effects of AIDS until someone they know is infected.

"The Diaries of Adam and Steve" is an original production which will debut this weekend at the Metcalf Student Experimental Theatre. The play gives audiences a chance to meet some characters and become a little more aware of the problem upon which many people turn their backs.

The show was written by Jeffrey Yapp, a theater performance major, who wrote a few scenes last year for an AIDS awareness project, and decided to expand them into a full length production. "It involves a gay couple who meet, fall in love, decide to share their lives together, and then find out one of them is HIV positive," said Yapp. "It really shows what can happen to a relationship."

The story is fiction, but Yapp based some of the writing on his own

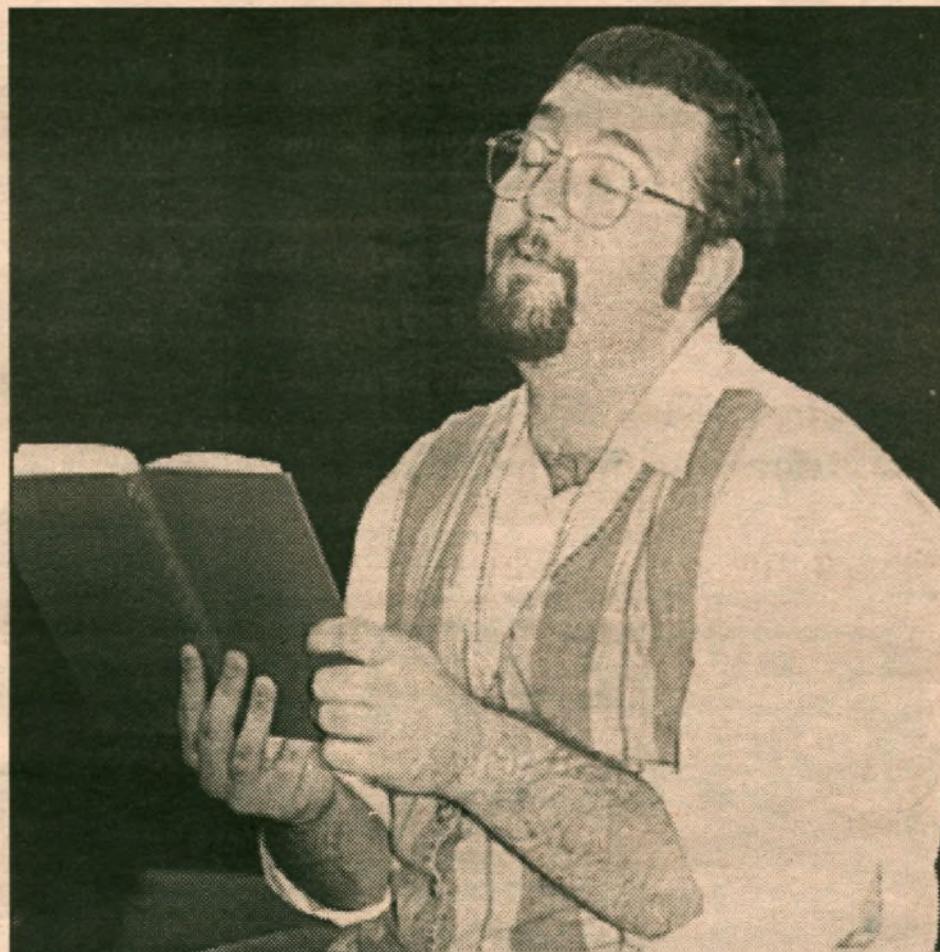


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Jeffrey Yapp in the "The Diaries of Adam and Steve." an original production written by Yapp. The Play will run from Friday, Nov. 22 - Sunday, Nov. 24 at the Metcalf Student Experimental Theatre.

experiences. He had four friends die within four months of AIDS, and one was a close friend named Steven. "It's about him and some of the things he went through, and how I dealt with it when they were diagnosed and then coping when they had died," Yapp said.

Yapp wants the audience to leave the production with a better understanding of the personal effects of AIDS. "I don't want them to forget," he said. "People need to lead a responsible lifestyle, no matter what their preference is. I don't want people to go through what my friends did, which was their families turned their backs on them, they were left to fend for themselves, they couldn't get the insurance they needed and were dropped from the insurance they did have."

The play is being entered into the American College Theater Festival. It runs Friday through Sunday at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted for the Madison County AIDS Project, the SIUE Student Experimental Theatre Organization and the Gay/Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance (GLOBAL).

The muppets: I thought they were real



Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle
editor

Fairy. Okay, so I was never too convinced about the Bunny or the Fairy. I mean, come on, a giant bunny giving out eggs and candy and a winged dame sneaking into my bedroom at night to trade my old tooth for a quarter. Call me a skeptic, but I was always wary of those two. Maybe they were in cahoots. Anywho, back to my point, I considered the Muppets to be real.

I discovered the truth about them around the time when I started to realize that Santa's and Mom's handwriting were awfully similar. Also, Santa didn't seem to be as concerned about my behavior when I would go and visit him at the local mall as he did in those letters. I

happened to be watching a program on PBS, I was a very cultured child, when I saw a documentary on puppeteering.

After I wondered a few seconds about who those strange men were with their hands up Bert and Ernie's anal cavities, I realized they were puppeteers. This dismayed me a bit, since I had always longed to be one of those kids on Sesame Street who got to hug Grover or pull off Bert's nose. Did those kids realize the Muppets weren't real? However, I didn't lose my infatuation with the Muppets, in fact, my love for them probably grew.

I decided to learn about the art of puppetry and about the genius behind the green piece of felt named Kermit, Jim Henson. After many failed attempts at sock puppets, I knew puppet construction was not for me. I still followed the Muppets in their many successful endeavors. Was there any media they couldn't conquer? They had the movies, television, albums and even a magazine. The Muppets helped me to find the industry in which I wanted to work, entertainment.

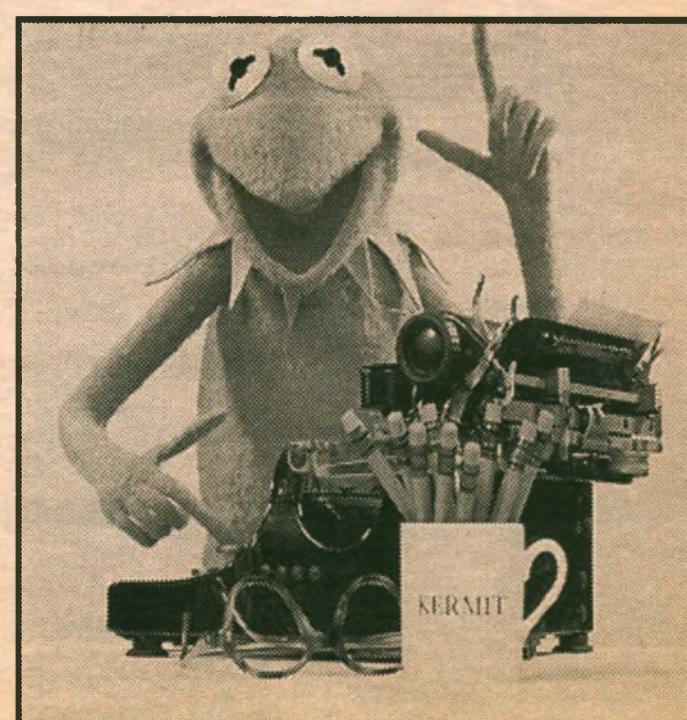
It was always a secret dream of mine, even into adolescence, to work

with Jim Henson. I had always loved writing, and I wrote many possible Muppet movies in my head to present to Jim Henson. Unfortunately, some years back, Henson left our world before I got to ever shake his hand. It still saddens me to think of the joy he could've brought to the world, but my spirits brighten when I think of the magic he made while he was still here.

What is it exactly about the Muppets which is so special? There is no answer I can find. They are not elaborate creatures, most seem to be made of simple materials. Even now, though, it's hard to watch them without thinking they are really alive. I even have friends who are scared of the Muppets. I think it's silly, but I have a good time teasing and

torturing them.

Unfortunately, I haven't made it to Hollywood yet. I'm still trying to find the Rainbow Connection. I would still love the chance to work with the Muppets, but it appears Journalism is the path I'm on right now. Of course, Kermit, as the investigative reporter in his trench coat and fedora was my inspiration.



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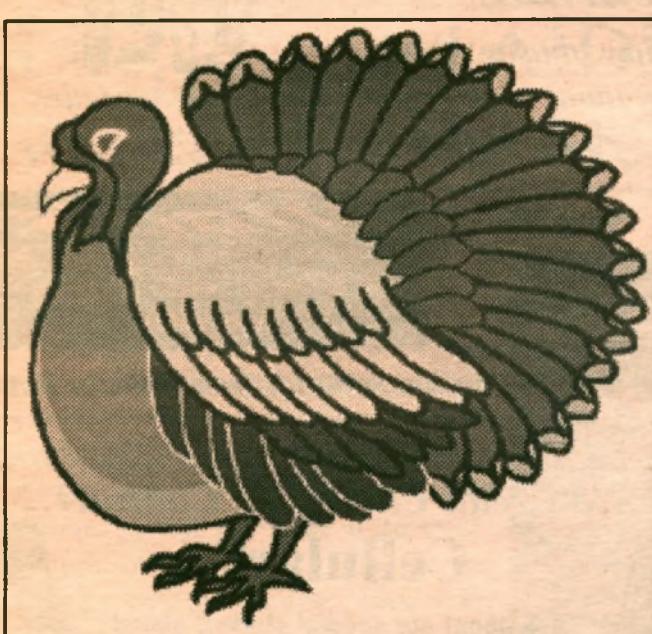
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Pleadings from the "doomed"

By Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Hi, you don't know me, but in one week you'll jab a big blade into my gut and start hacking away at me like some sort of psycho.

I'm a turkey, and dammit, I'm not gonna take it any more. I don't know where this tradition started, but I want to put a stop to it.

The first thing that has to be changed is that name. "Turkey". Who wants to be called a turkey? It's a stinkin' insult. Especially a jive turkey. Being called that has probably started quite a few brawls. Maybe if we changed it to "Coolbird", or something, I don't know.

What a lousy life we lead. Penned up all the time, being fattened so all you jerks can suck us down to the bone. Animals, that's what you are, animals. We don't even have an opportunity at survival. If we were hunted, then at least we'd have a fighting chance. You'd see some hiding turkeys then, brother. And we'd learn how to peck, too. It would be a challenge to get that bird for dinner.

There are other options for turkey dinner, you know. I'm not trying to sell my barnyard pals down the river or anything, just offering up some

options. You've heard of the other white meat, right? Oh, but no, you can't eat pork, can you? Not since that snot-nosed little talking pig, Babe, came around. He's too cute to bake up, isn't he? Come on, if I could do more than gobble, I'd be crooning tunes like Sinatra to keep from being eaten.

Oh, by the way, here's a little known fact about eating turkey. This is legit, too, I read it in one of those medical journals. You know that chemical in turkey which makes you drowsy? Well, it also lowers the sex drive in men. Yep, I couldn't make this stuff up folks. I mean, I've got a brain the size of a peanut.

But, I digress. Oh well, I guess it's inevitable. Thanksgiving is one week away. Oh, and what a day to be eaten, on Thanksgiving. What have I got to be thankful for? Gee, thanks lady, for stuffing my rear full of bread crumbs and celery. Sheesh, what's a bird to do? I still have my last ditch efforts. I've got a meeting this weekend with the Disney people to make a cute movie about turkeys. If that don't pan out, I've been working on a turkey underground railroad.

Anyway, I hope I don't see YOU in a week.

New CD leaves Van Morrison lovers shocked

By Greg Levrault
For the Ales tle
(CD Review)
(★★ 1/2 of four)

Anyone who puts Van Morrison before Jim Morrison musically will appreciate a new Michelle Shocked compilation, "Mercury Poise: 1988-1995." Her eclectic stew of old-time bluegrass, country, blues, and Springsteen-tinged rock provide the rhythm for Shocked's stark lyrics.

There's no special reason for the collection; her record label is testing how the market responds to her work still, before they release a new Shocked album, coming soon.

The collection's a reminder for anyone who listened to Michelle Shocked what all the buzz was. Besides selections from her three albums, "Mercury Poise" includes Shocked's contributions to the "Dead Man Walking"

soundtrack and "Sweet Relief" compilation.

They testify to the fact that Michelle Shocked, whose albums get sold in the folk section as often as not, has never let such things as genre designations or audience expectations get in the way of a good song.

Like Van Morrison, Shocked throws in the bare essential sounds, just enough to tell the stories that need to be told. Whether it's about the hottest metropolis in the U.S. or the coldest, whether it's about her grandmother or a vagrant on the street, whether it's about loving life or loving worth leaving, Shocked's songs have that heart-on-the-sleeve quality, as if every word was the closest to God's truth she could find.

Shocked may have seen her heyday, lost in the shuffle between Lyle Lovett and Tanika Takiram. Today's world may be too beat-driven to listen to the words of a song. But, back when people tried to sing along with more than the chorus, Shocked showed them how it's done.

"Mother Night:" Not just another rollercoaster ride at the multiplex

By Greg Levrault
For the Ales tle

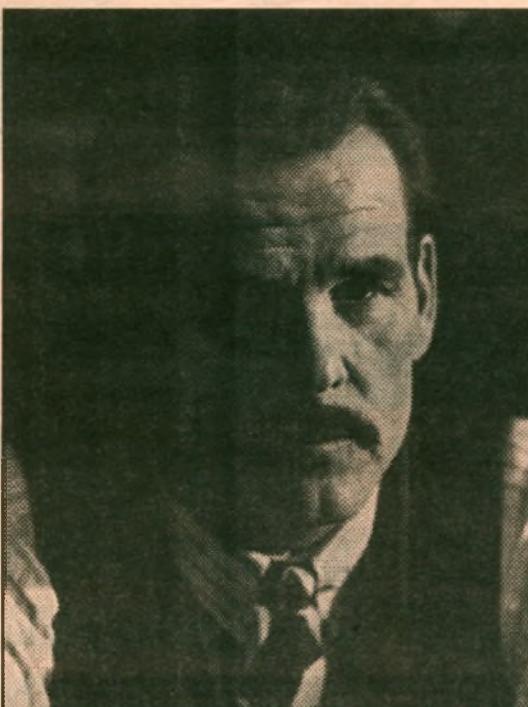
"Mother Night", a new movie based on the Kurt Vonnegut novel, begins with Bing Crosby's seminal crooning of "White Christmas" hanging over the first scene — Israel, 1960.

From that moment on, paradox is the rule of the day.

Howard Campbell (Nick Nolte) is preparing his memoirs before he goes on trial for collaboration with the Nazis. During World War II, he was the most successful propagandist of his day, — and perhaps America's greatest spy, as well. The movie is all about paradoxes, the same paradoxes we live with everyday.

Everybody has their own agendas, their own rules. Those rules lead to decisions that seem to conflict with their own beliefs. Consider Howard's baby sister-in-law, a death-obsessed 12 year old who survives the war.

Consider the black Nazi. Consider the dentist who can argue that "Christ was not a Jew", because he can find over 50 paintings of Jesus, and not one looks even remotely Jewish. Consider Dr. Epstein, an Auschwitz survivor who becomes Howard's first friend after his fall to obscurity.



photo/Fine Line Features
Howard Campbell (Nick Nolte) in "Mother Night." "Mother Night" is now playing in theaters across the nation.

Consider the speeches that Howard writes and speaks, the words that rally people around the Nazi cause for decades after, the same speeches that hide the codes the Americans needed to defeat the Nazis.

Consider Howard himself, a born American who moves to and becomes a German.

A man with no political allegiances who becomes the most useful tool for both the Nazis and the Allies, a man who writes about romance above all, yet survives betrayal and the death of love, a man who was the most celebrated of writers, and then a man who didn't exist, and finally a man

vilified as the scum of the earth.

Would anyone ever believe that Howard was not a Nazi? That he was an American agent of the most secret extreme, with only his "blue fairy godmother" (John Goodman) to know his secret? Did he mean any of the words that he wrote for the Nazis? Is he in any way responsible for the death and chaos the Nazis created?

Director Keith Gordon had an easy job to make the movie good: stick by the story, and use the excellent cast. Alan Arkin is charming, and reminds the viewer about the grand paradox he

starred in, Catch-22. Sheryl Lee, queen of the spooky chicks, does just as well in a major plot twist (think Kim Novak).

The glue that holds the film together is Nick Nolte's incredible performance as Howard Campbell, who manages the ambiguity needed to make the story work, to keep it unpredictable. Yes, Nolte's got an Oscar nomination for this one.

"Mother Night" is not one of the rollercoasters playing at all the multiplexes.

It's funny, sad, and extremely complex, yet easy to follow. It's a wild ride all its own.

Horoscopes by Cassiopea

If your birthday is today: You will need to start looking for another part-time job. You could always apply for that Santa Claus position. Just don't pull that stunt with the elves that you pulled last year as the Easter Bunny...

Aries (March 21-April 19): The project that you've put off for so long is due. THIS WEEK!!! And, what did Cassiopea hear you just think? You haven't started? Tsk, tsk. Procrastination will get you nowhere—except into an all-night coffee shop with jabbering waitresses with buggy eyes and bad breath.

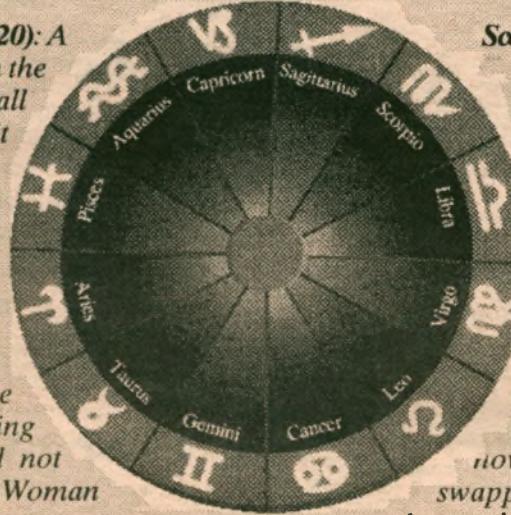
Taurus (April 20-May 20): A Christmas bonus is on the way. Don't blow it all on frivolous crap. Wait till after New Year's when all those cool little horns go on sale.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will be attacked by photographers in the near future. Make sure you're wearing clean underwear and not those crusty Wonder Woman Underoos.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will be invited to lunch. Beware of ulterior motives. You are being used to fill a quota. Get revenge. Order the fish.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): There are hidden messages in your dreams. Pay attention. They may provide an answer you've had for years.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Throw away those Snoopy and Woodstock galoshes. The



Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will not get what you have been expecting for so long. Don't get discouraged; there's always tomorrow.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's about time you let people drink out of your soda can. You are entirely too anal about germs! And just now do you feel about swapping spit? Oh, I see...that anal...

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Try not to get annoyed so easily. That guy is just trying to get your goat. Don't buy into it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen up. It's time for you to make that commitment. Either commit or move on. All involved are getting too entirely tired of waiting.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Do your annual good deed. The year's almost over. Take some crab out to lunch.

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Volleyball's second season ends in semi's of GLVC tourney

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

For a second year team, the SIUE volleyball squad played like veterans.

"I'm very pleased," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We are a second year team that is one of the top teams in the conference."

The Cougars had high expectations going into the conference tournament last weekend.

But in the semi-finals, the Cougars fell to Northern Kentucky.

In their first match, SIUE beat Bellarmine 15-2, 15-8, 15-10.

Michelle Gilman put away 15 kills

on 29 attacks for a .310 hitting percentage. She also contributed three blocks against Bellarmine.

Julie Litteken helped out from her outside hitting position with a .467 hitting percentage.

Next up was the semi-final meeting with the No. 1-seed in the Green Division, Northern Kentucky. The Cougars lost a hard-fought battle 15-13, 16-14, 15-7.

"We played well, but couldn't get any breaks," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "I felt like we could have won, and who knows what would have happened if we made the finals."

Yvonne Welch, a senior from Pekin, led the team in kills in the match with 19 and had 25 digs to her credit. Welch ends her SIUE career ranked 11th in the country in digs and owns the SIUE record in digs with 1,055.

Litteken hit .423 against Northern Kentucky and finished her season ranked eighth in hitting percentage and sixth in blocks in the GLVC.

Gilman had 11 kills on 28 attempts in the Northern Kentucky match. She concluded the season leading the conference in both kills and blocks and was third in service aces.

Gilman also was honored as the

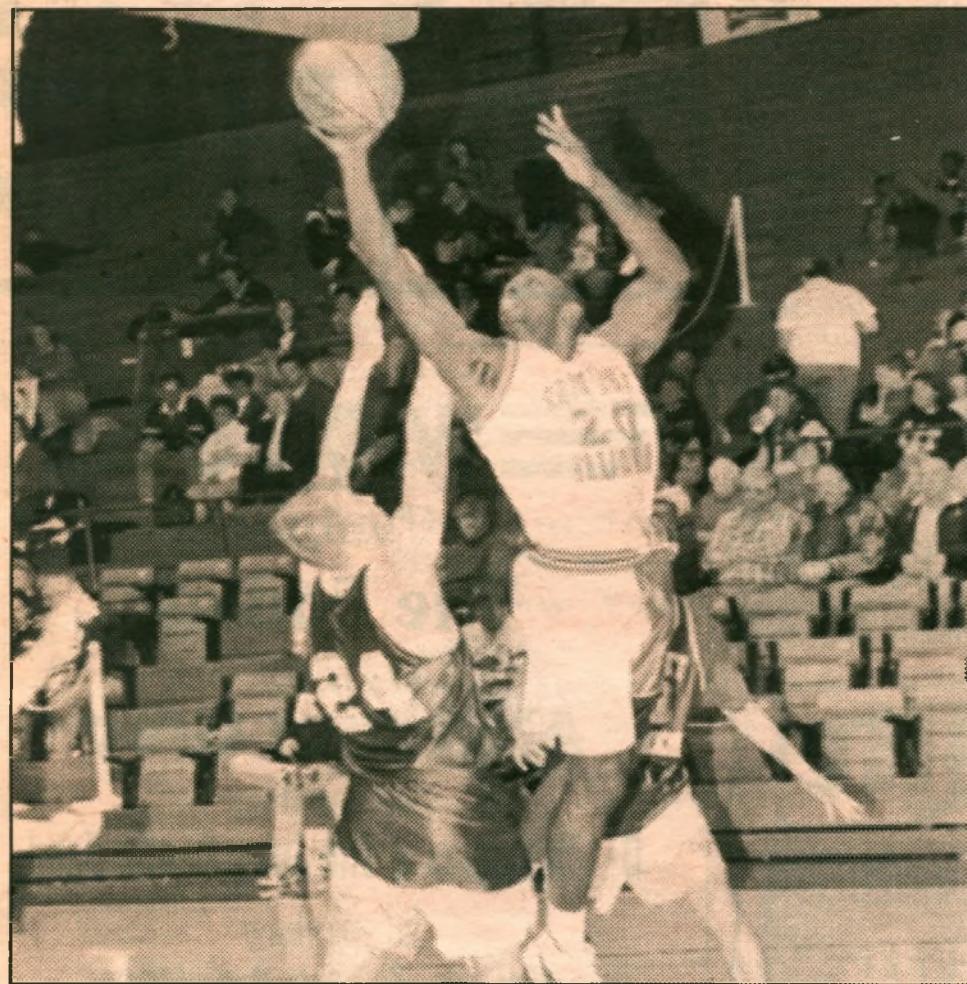
GLVC Player of the Year, and Litteken joined her on being selected to the all-GLVC team.

"Michelle and Julie were the most consistent players on the team, they were our "go-to" people offensively and defensively," Montgomery said.

The Cougars finished their season with a 22-15 record and a 12-4 conference mark.

"We gained a lot of maturity this year, and our level of play was much greater as a whole," Montgomery said. "We have everyone coming back except Yvonne, so we should remain competitive in the coming years."

Cougars rack up home victories



Scott Anderson/Alestle
Ronnie Henderson puts up a shot in Tuesday night's game against Olivet-Nazarene at the Vadalabene Center. The Cougars won the game 87-80

Defense propels men in victory

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

Aggressive defense propelled the SIUE men's basketball team to a 87-80 victory Tuesday night against Olivet-Nazarene at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougar defense held Olivet-Nazarene to only 24 first half points thanks to the rebounding of Ronnie Henderson, who had 5 boards, and Travis Wallbaum who grabbed 6 from the glass.

Jason Holmes led both teams in scoring with 27 points in 32 minutes on the court. Henderson threw in 17 points and went 7 of 13 from the field, while Rusty Sarnes went 9 of 10 from the free-throw line to contribute 10 points. Wallbaum also added 10 points in 16 minutes of play.

"We played exceptionally well on defense," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We showed a tremendous improvement in our rebounding, but our offense wasn't in sync."

SIUE shot 41 percent from the field and 78 percent from the free-throw line.

The Cougars will try to add to their 2-0 record when they travel to Kirksville, Mo. for a game with Truman State University on Saturday afternoon.

"Truman State has good outside shooters and a lot of size up front," Margenthaler said. "Both teams have similar styles of play, so it will be a matter of who executes better."

Women blow past Oakland City 81-54

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

The SIUE women's basketball team opened up their home schedule with a victory Tuesday night at the Vadalabene Center 81-54 against Oakland City.

"I thought we played a notch above them," head coach Wendy Hedberg said after the game.

Leslie Phillips led the Cougars with 20 points and 9 rebounds. Fifteen of her points came in the first half. She was followed by four other teammates with double figures in scoring.

Except for the brief moment when Oakland

led 2-1 in the first two minutes of the game, the Cougars never trailed in the game.

The Cougars went on to take a 42-26 halftime lead.

From there the Cougars continued their offensive dominance but Hedberg stresses that they need to keep improving on defense.

"I'm pleased with our performance. We're doing things well but I will harp on this all year that we should be doing better on defense," Hedberg said.

The Cougars wanted to improve on turnovers from last Friday's game and they did just that. One of the reasons for the turnovers might have

been from the transition of losing point guard Terri Evans to graduation.

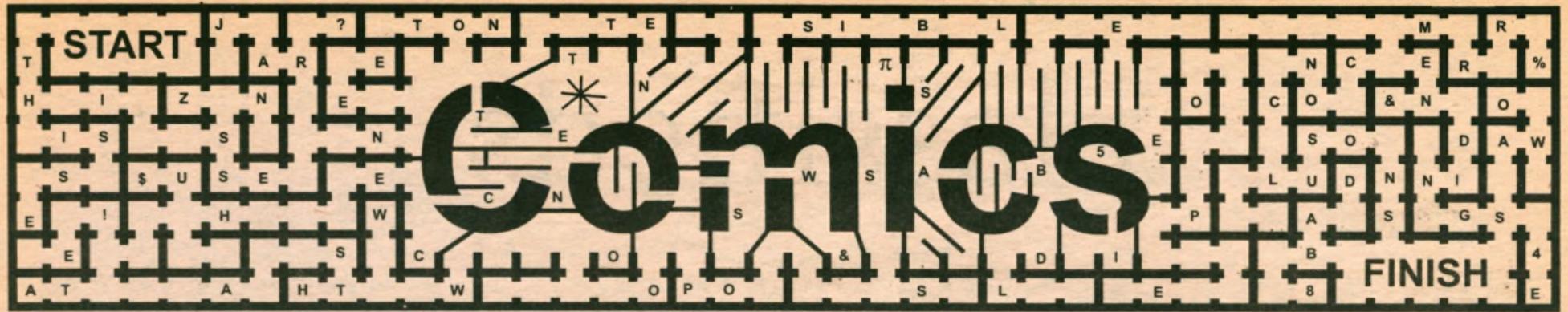
But Amy Mazner has slid in and filled the position nicely.

"Amy has stepped up and has done a real good job. Of course Evans is a big loss for the team but Amy has stepped up and took the role," Hedberg said.

For the game, the Cougars shot 46.8 percent and out rebounded Oakland 52-38.

Christina Loomis, Alicia Harkins, Beth Brown and Kim Lowe also hit double figures in points.

The Cougars will travel to the Missouri Rolla Tourney which takes place on Nov. 30-Dec. 1.



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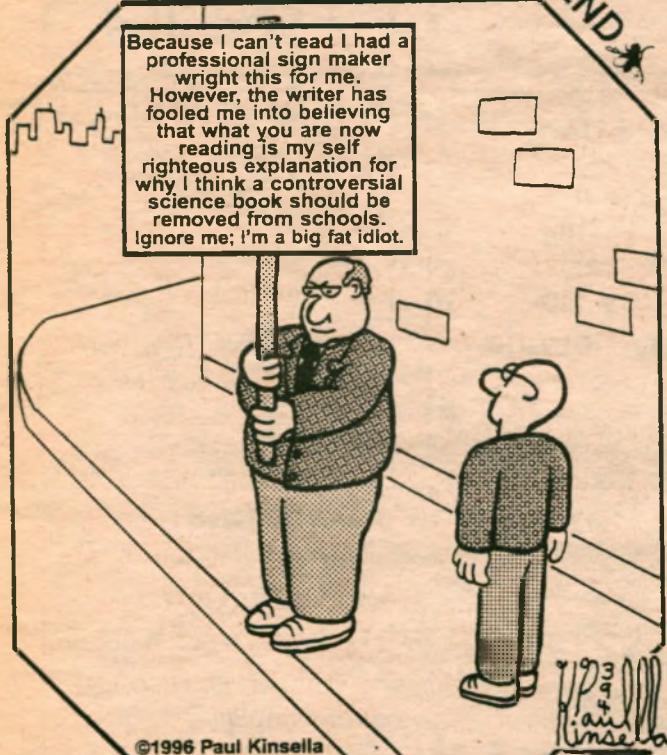
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Evil Tommy



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"It's an old football injury."

by Corey Stuless

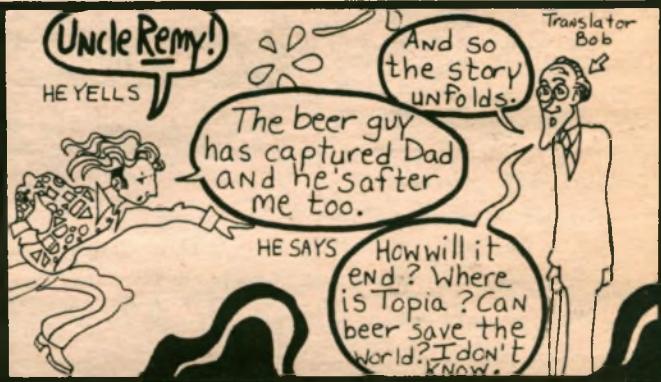
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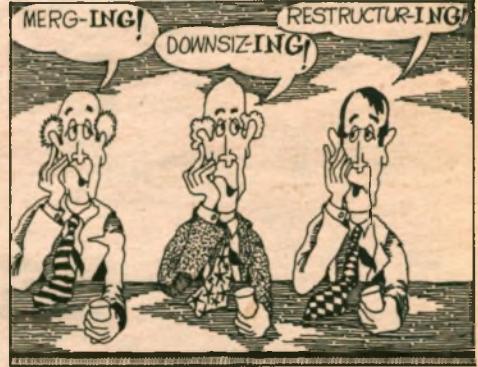
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