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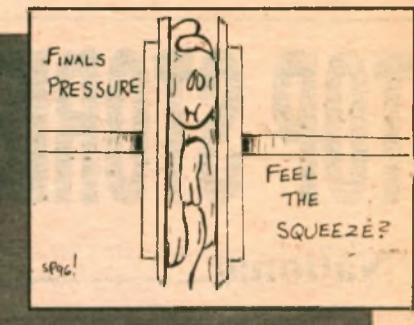
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New communications tower to be built at University Park

By Ed Hawkins
News Reporter and
Danette Watt
Assistant News Editor

If all goes according to plan, Southern Illinois University will be leasing property to AT&T for the construction and maintenance of a cellular communications tower.

The 180-foot high tower will be erected on a 100-square-foot tract located northwest of the Supporting Services building. Building the tower with enough equipment for three or four other cellular carriers to use may eliminate the need for another tower on the east side of the campus.

The Board of Trustees

approved a five year lease with the option for five renewals, leading to a 30 year partnership between the company and SIUE. The company will lease the land from the university for \$8,400 a year.

The university also gave the company an easement that will follow an abandoned gravel road from University Park Drive to the tower site. AT&T will pay for an upgrade and regraveling the road. The company will also upgrade a section of the gravel road south of the tower that is used by the Vadalabene Bike Trail.

AT&T's tower will be 150 feet from Illinois Power's 150-foot high tension tower and 950 feet from the 465-

foot WSIE broadcast tower.

The Board also established a University policy to assure that any future towers built on University land will return fair compensation to the institution; be structurally safe; meet all government requirements; be designed to be aesthetically acceptable; and be located away from campus buildings, parking lots, walks and roadways and other frequently used areas.

The towers affected by the policy include the Illinois State Police tower at SIUE and the Illinois Department of Correction's tower atop Morris Library and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's tower on Neely Hall at Carbondale.

SIUE administration establishes inclement weather policy

By Danette Watt
Assistant News Editor

In a memo to the university community, Kenn Neher stated that the general policy of SIUE is to keep the university open for scheduled programs and operations during inclement weather.

Although employee and student safety will be a primary consideration, every reasonable effort will be made to avoid closures.

During extreme conditions, several factors will be considered:

- regional road conditions as reported by the Illinois State Police and University Police
- general weather and forecasts as reported by the National Weather Service, the University Police and Facilities Management.
- condition of campus roads and parking lots as reported by the University Police and Facilities Management.

In the case of extreme weather or other emergency conditions, information will be passed along via the following

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Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship/Humanitarian award winner named

By Darryl Howlett
News Editor

Clarence Lang, a graduate student in the department of historical studies, has been named winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship and Humanitarian Award at SIUE.

Associate professor of historical studies, Ellen Nore, nominated Lang for the award.

"I think it's wonderful that Clarence won the award. He combines excellent scholarship with community service. When

you meet him, you know you're meeting someone who will have a place in history," Nore said.

Along with his historical studies, Lang is a volunteer of the Ma 'at organization. This program works with inner-city children from the ages of 6 to 12 and provides field trips and other educational services.

"Clarence is also very involved in politics in St. Louis. He worked for two candidates this election year. One of them, Darlene Green, won," Nore said.

Lang, a native of

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Bill Brinson/University News Services

Professor Leonard Van Camp directs members of the brass ensemble in practice for *A Joyous Christmas*. The performers on brass instruments are, clockwise from the front, Jay Harkey; Steve Wyatt; Steve Lawson; Aaron Musselman; and Danyll Cooper. At the organ is Kad Day. The annual celebration will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vadalabene Center gymnasium.

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Darryl Howlett talks about leaving the paper **AND A** student responds to the marijuana issue.

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Corey Stulce talks with the group "Rusted Root" AND Rebecca

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TOP STORIES

National

Internet carries "wanted" posters

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Wells Fargo is putting the byte on

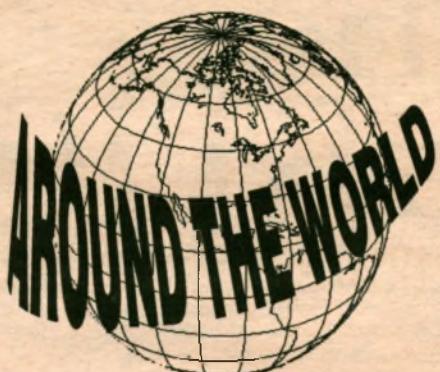
criminals. A century after earning a reputation for doggedly pursuing stagecoach robbers, the California bank is still chasing outlaws, this time via "wanted" posters dispatched across the new frontier of the Internet.

The company's website shows a series of small photographs of suspects, most of them gleaned from fake drivers licenses used in transactions. Clicking on a small photo yields a bigger picture, the price Wells Fargo has put on the suspect's head and brief details of the crime. Rewards range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Wells Fargo revived its wanted posters in 1991, distributing paper posters in the vicinity of unsolved crimes. So far, the bank has put out posters on about 100 suspects; about 30 percent of those pictured have been arrested. The Wells Fargo website is <http://www.wellsfargo.com>.

International

Winter blast takes deadly toll in Europe

(AP) — Harsh weather Sunday lashed Europe from the Alps to Greece, with a record snowfall on Swiss peaks and deadly flooding in the southern Balkans. Snow blanketed the Alps, sending authorities scrambling to clear avalanches and reach isolated villages. In many areas, up to 3 feet of snow fell during the weekend — the most for early December since the Swiss started keeping records 45 years ago. In northern Greece, a father and his teenage daughter drowned when their car fell into a flooded rift on a highway in Xanthi, police said. Another man was swept away by a flash flood on the city's outskirts. In Bulgaria, officials said two elderly women died in flooding.



In Our Area

State and Local

Edgar's referendum plan attracting little support

(AP) — Earlier this year, sparks flew in the legislature over Gov. Jim Edgar's failed proposal to let Illinoisans vote on a constitutional amendment to set minimum state funding for public schools.

This fall, Edgar still has school funding on his mind, but he is mulling a milder strategy that is generating no great enthusiasm among lawmakers.

Edgar and Republican leaders are discussing whether to ask voters in an advisory referendum next April whether the legislature should overhaul school funding. The outcome would not be binding but lawmakers could use it for political cover if they do act.

This plan faces two problems: school funding is so complicated that many doubt it can be boiled down to a simple question, and spring may not be the right time for such a vote. While many communities have local elections in April, Chicago is a major exception.

Some say it would be impractical and expensive to set up balloting simply for a nonbinding referendum.

Edgar wants to give voters a voice and change school funding in Illinois. The state's share of education funding has fallen from 47 percent in 1976-77 to 32 percent during this school year. Local property taxes make up the difference, which creates a disparity between wealthier and property-poor districts.



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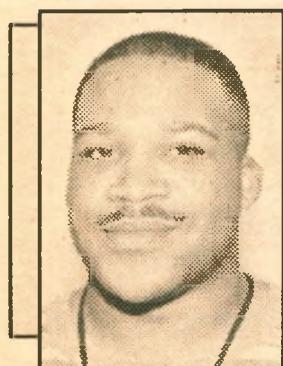
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The Alestle

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**Commentary By
Darryl Howlett**
**Good-bye is only
a preview of
better things to
come**

Two years of *Alestle* reporting is coming to an end. Two years to reflect on chasing stories from one end of the campus to another. Two years to reflect on all the compliments I've received on articles I've written.

Being a journalism student requires great responsibility. You're not only dealing with presenting facts to the public, but you're also dealing with people's well-being. The press is a mighty tool that can be used for the benefit of all people. However, if that tool is abused or mishandled it can become dangerous. So, I hope as I leave the paper the respect of the press is embedded in my soul.

One of the more memorable moments I can remember that helped define this reporter was during the spring of 1996. I wrote a review about a comedy show sponsored by a sorority. To be straight and to the point, I wrote that the show was terrible. However I was not suggesting that the sorority who put the show on was terrible. Nevertheless, the sorority was not pleased and let it be known. This

event challenged my view on journalism. Writing is fun as long as people are coming up to you saying what a great job you've done. However, it's an entirely different story when the heat is on you. If you believe in something and you're courageous enough to write about it—stick to it. But also be ready to admit when you wrong—a technique I'm still working on.

To the administration of this school: what can I say? You guys are the best politicians this side of the Mississippi. From MCT to the phone scandal, the way you handle students' well-being is something else. Well, at least you won't have to worry about this snooping reporter calling or seeing you anymore. (Maybe.) (This does not apply to all parts of our administration, for Dr. Emmanuel is a shining light and an honorable man.)

To this year's student government, even though you guys are politicians in your own right, I honestly believe you have the students' best interests at heart. Keep the pressure up on this administration, for they're a sneaky bunch of characters.

One thing I did take pride in doing, was covering events sponsored by minority students on campus. In a time when minorities are often portrayed negatively by the media, it was my extreme pleasure to bring a voice to your cause. Continue to prosper in all your undertakings.

To the journalism department, enough has been said about the quality of the newspaper. These students who take the time to work on this paper, come from the journalism department. So when you berate the paper, you berate yourself. My suggestion is to close the damn paper down, and start from

scratch. Maybe then we can have enough reporters.

To Professor Bill Ward (wherever he may be) for lighting a fire in this journalism student's mind, that will never be extinguished. Long live the press!

To the future reporters of the *Alestle*, I hope you succeed where other writers failed. No longer will you have to listen to the police department tell you we're continuing our investigation. No longer will you have to talk to University News Service to tell you the same things that university officials try to explain to you. Reporters be bold! Find new and inventive ways to gather information.

To the *Alestle* staff, you guys work so hard and receive so little. Keep reaching for that perfect article, column, story. No matter what anyone else says, you're the best to me. A special thank you to Danette Watt for keeping me from going crazy this semester. How did we do it?

To Melanie Adams, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, I repeat, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, you are the strongest, most dedicated journalist in the world. Thank you for your understanding of my situation. Sorry, we weren't able to end our careers together. But I know you will keep up the fight.

To all the *Alestle* readers, thank you for giving me encouragement when I needed it, and criticism when it was deserved. Take pride in the fact that you molded and shaped a dedicated reporter.

And last but not least, who was the damn *Alestle* advice columnist?

(I will try from time to time, to contribute enlightening articles and well-developed columns in the future for the paper.) So long and God bless.

letter to the editor

Marijuana is not leading the way for the drug problem in the U.S. — Read Up !

I am writing in response to Jamie Schmidt's letter on "America Going up in Smoke" in the Nov. 14th issue of the *Alestle*. I believe that there are some things that need to be corrected in some of her facts.

First of all there are countless other valid reasons for legalizing marijuana other than "drug wars, gang violence and drug smuggling". For instance, hemp, the by-product of marijuana is used in making clothing, paper, building homes and much more. The fabric made by hemp is one of the strongest fabrics available and our own country used it to make military uniforms during the first world war.

Secondly, marijuana has a medicinal value. It is used to help relieve the painful symptoms of such diseases as aids, glaucoma, cancer, nausea and countless others. And don't think that this is just a ploy that "stoners" came up with to aid in the legalization of marijuana. It is reality, or at least Arizona and California feel that way. In the November elections, the citizens of those two states passed a legislation that allows the legal use of medical marijuana. I can guarantee you won't see those people "buying weed and getting stoned along with Cheech and Chong". They are doctors, lawyers, lawmakers, artists, mothers, fathers and grandparents.

She also stated that the Netherlands had "disastrous results" from legalizing marijuana. Among these was a triple increase in drug use among teenagers and a crime and assault record that ranked number one in ALL of Europe. On the contrary, according to Amsterdam's own statistics, there are approximately 6000 hard drug users there (cocaine and heroin), out of those 6000, 1000 are said to contribute to the crime rate. The rest of the country's crime problem comes from

prostitution, tourism and a huge increase in transient citizens. In fact, the city itself reported that crime has decreased and that drug use among teenagers has dropped dramatically. You see the Netherlands do not have a marijuana problem, they have a heroin and cocaine problem, and believe me it does not stem from marijuana use.

And what about the statement about marijuana being highly addictive? Again, there is no proof of that. In fact, marijuana is one of the only drugs, including alcohol, that does not have physical signs of addiction. This means if you miss your daily joint, you're not going to hallucinate and have cold chills.

And last but not least, marijuana is not leading the way for the drug problem in the US. That would be crack, heroin, rufenals, and ecstasy. If it were not for those drugs, crime would not be at an all time high. I've never heard of anyone getting robbed because someone needed their daily joint.

It's really not Ms. Schmidt's fault that she is misinformed. People who use marijuana are often stereotyped as "stoners", "weed heads" or "slackers". You never hear about all the advantages to legalizing marijuana because the government makes more off of it being illegal than legal. In fact, in 1995 there was one marijuana arrest every 56 seconds, and 87 percent of the arrests were under 30 grams. A person can receive more jail time for marijuana than murder. You're right, the USA does need to wake up!!!!

If anyone would like to know more about this subject, try <http://www.norml.org> or <http://www.hightimes.com>

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Lang

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Chicago, received a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Other honors he has received include: being one of three winners for the Pegasus Young Playwrights Contest; National Press Club Scholarship for Minority Journalism Students; first place in the Missouri College Newspaper Association Awards; Chicago Sun-Times Minority Scholarship and Internship; and Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program.

Lang served as an editorial intern three summers: for Neighborhood Works magazine in 1991; Modern Healthcare magazine in 1993; and the Chicago Sun-Times in 1994. He collaborated with Professor Sundiata K. Cha-Jua in a publication titled, "Providential Design, Patriarchy and Militant Conservatism: Louis Farrakhan at the Pinnacle of Power," to be published in the winter 1997 issue of New Politics.

Lang's career goal is to teach and research U. S. history, with an emphasis on the African-American experience. In April, he presented a paper, "The Black Panther Party: Social Basis, Ideology & Practice," at the Phi Alpha Theta Historical Regional Conference at Eastern Illinois University, in Charleston.

"Clarence is a wonderful writer and superb communicator. He is a great guy," Nore said.

Lang will receive the award and special recognition at the Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration, Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the University Center.



Charles Lang

Black student organization lends Army helping hand

By Danette Watt
Assistant News Editor

For many people, the holiday season is a time of joy. And for the second year, members of the National Association of Black Student Social Workers (NABSSW) are making sure some families will experience that feeling.

Because of their fundraising efforts, NABSSW members were able to present Lori Wright, of the Salvation Army, with Thanksgiving baskets filled with turkey and non-perishable items. The Army passed along the baskets to ten needy East St. Louis families.

NABSSW President Ted Baugh said members will be adopting about 12 children living at the Second Chance Shelter in East St. Louis during the Christmas holidays, providing them with clothing and/or toys.

"We could not have helped these families without the students, members and faculty supporting our fundraising efforts and I thank them," Baugh said.

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WARRANT ARREST

On Nov. 15, at 11:40 p.m., Robert Spells, 21, of Centreville was arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for a city sticker. Spells could not post bond and was transported to the Madison County jail.

On Nov. 17, at 11:25 a.m., police arrested Richard Hosto, 28, of Hamel on an active warrant failure to appear on deceptive practices by check. Hosto was not able to post bond and was transported to the Madison County jail.

On Nov. 17, at 5:40 p.m., police arrested Edward Janek, Jr., 38, of Glen Carbon on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for speeding. Janek posted \$100 bond and was released.

AMBULANCE CALL

On Nov. 15, at 7:06 p.m., police and ambulance responded to a call to Tower Lake where a student was having chest pains and difficulty breathing. The student was transported to Anderson Hospital by Edwardsville Ambulance Service.

On Nov. 17, at 2:42 a.m., police and ambulance responded to a call to Tower Lake where a student was complaining of chest pains. The student was transported to Anderson Hospital by Edwardsville Ambulance Service.

On Nov. 18, at 5:13 p.m., police and ambulance responded to the Peck Building where a staff member was having an asthma attack. The victim refused to be transported to the hospital.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

On Nov. 16, at 6:15 p.m., Roy Witthuft, 50, of Edwardsville reported a deer struck the right side of his vehicle as he was driving north on Bohm Road. The deer could not be located. Witthuft sustained no injuries.

BURGLARY

On Nov. 17, at 9:21 p.m., a student from Tower Lake reported that, when he returned home from the weekend, he found his patio doors open and a Sony play station missing. The play station is valued at \$370. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Nov. 18, at 7:45 p.m., a student from Tower Lake reported someone stole several items of clothing, 10 CDs and a gold necklace out of her apartment over the weekend. The missing items are valued at \$1,135. Police are continuing their investigation.

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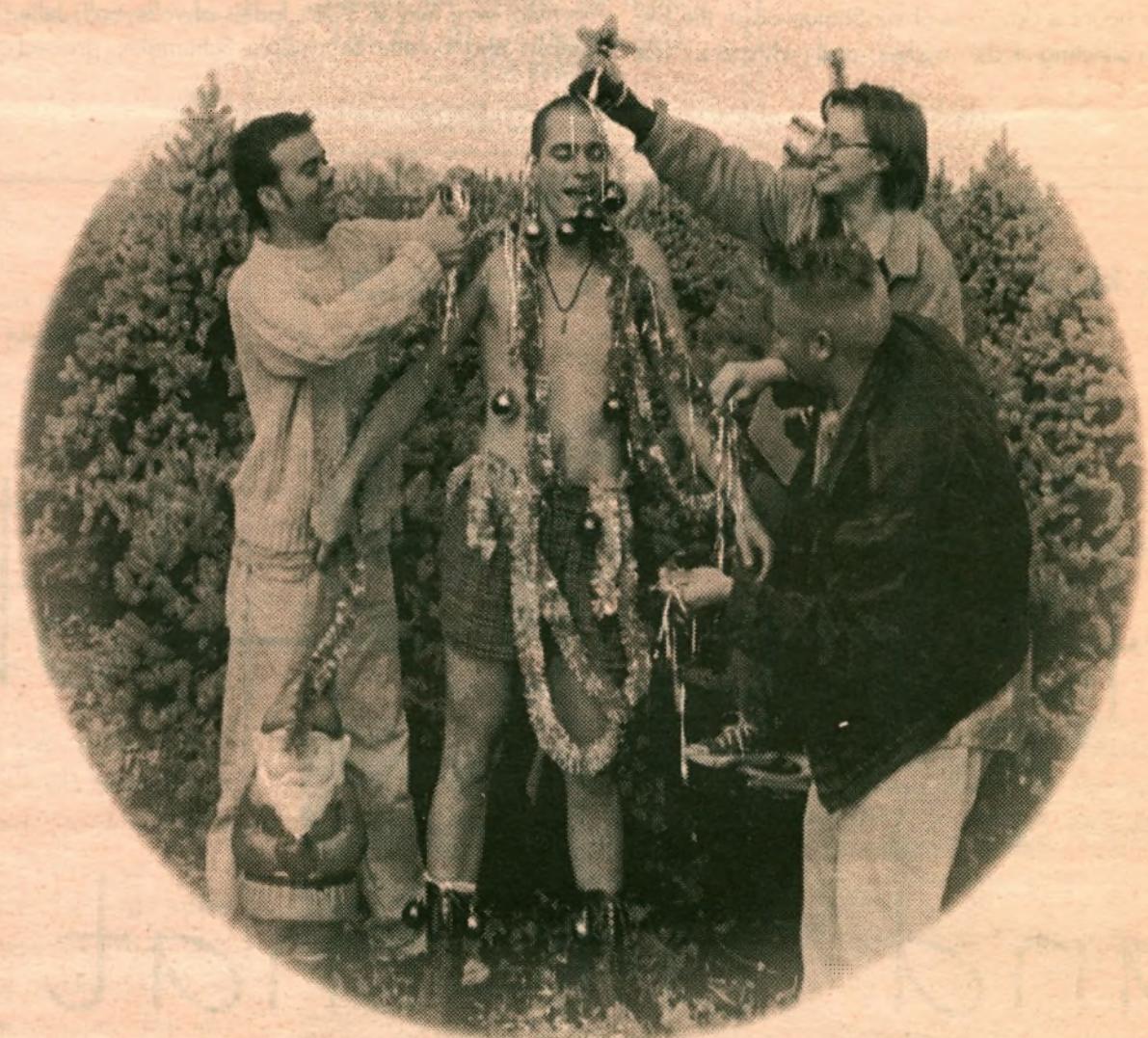
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Santa exposed: The confessions of a shopping mall Kris Kringle

by Greg Levraut
For the Alestle

Christmas creeps closer each year in the shops and on the television, and that thought produces dread from the average person. But one sight of the Christmas season that seems more welcome the earlier he arrives, is Santa Claus. Two weeks before Thanksgiving, kids were already able to talk to Santa Claus, gift-giver to the world, friend of children everywhere and SIUE graduate.

Pete Schumacher, Class of '72, assumed the red mantle last year, highly recommended by others who know his secret identity. Schumacher is a grandfather, with a 25-year career in teaching behind him. Throughout the year, he works with Special Olympics, helping mentally handicapped children explore their potentials and dreams.

Schumacher never sought to be Kris Kringle, but admits that it's "one of the best jobs I've ever had in my life". The job is obviously seasonal, and not with the most extravagant pay, but Schumacher doesn't mind.

"I wake up each morning really looking forward to coming to this job, I really do. I don't care what kind of day or night I've had before, when I wake up in the morning and realize I have to come over here and work... it's no problem getting me motivated to work. I guess that's why I do it," Schumacher said.

Santa season started Nov. 15th at St Clair Square. For five hours a day, one of six Santas sits in the big chair, collecting kids' wishes and whispers. The



them and their fellow helpers, who keep the kids amused while trying to catch the perfect snapshot.

Of course, not all kids warm up to Santa immediately. Schumacher remembers when his grandson visited "Santa" last year when he was two years old. The kid, who had no recognition of either Santa or the man under the beard, cried the entire time. Although Santa managed to give him a candy cane, he never got to hold his frightened grandson. After his shift was over, Schumacher listened to his grandson talk about his new friend, Santa Claus.

Most kids warm up to Santa immediately. Even the skeptical ones warm up and talk about anything after a moment. "The imaginations of the children that visit Santa are most interesting. You're so busy in your young life, and now you have the time to really listen to them; and they have the wildest stories," Schumacher said.

Children of all ages visit Santa. Last year, Santa got a visit from a child only ten days old. Also last year, three marriage proposals were witnessed by Santa Claus. Schumacher happened to witness one and even got invited to the wedding.

Santa's ready for most questions about his work and his friends. Where does he park the reindeer? On the roof. How does he cover all the houses by Christmas? A new engine is in the sled.

For some, however, there's no doubt who sits in the big chair. A little girl, pointing to him, told her mother, "That's old Ho-ho," which is kid talk for "Santa Claus".

company that provides the Santa service, Santa Plus, limits shifts for all Santas. Photos are conveniently available, in packages ranging from \$7 to \$25. But any kid can talk to Santa for free.

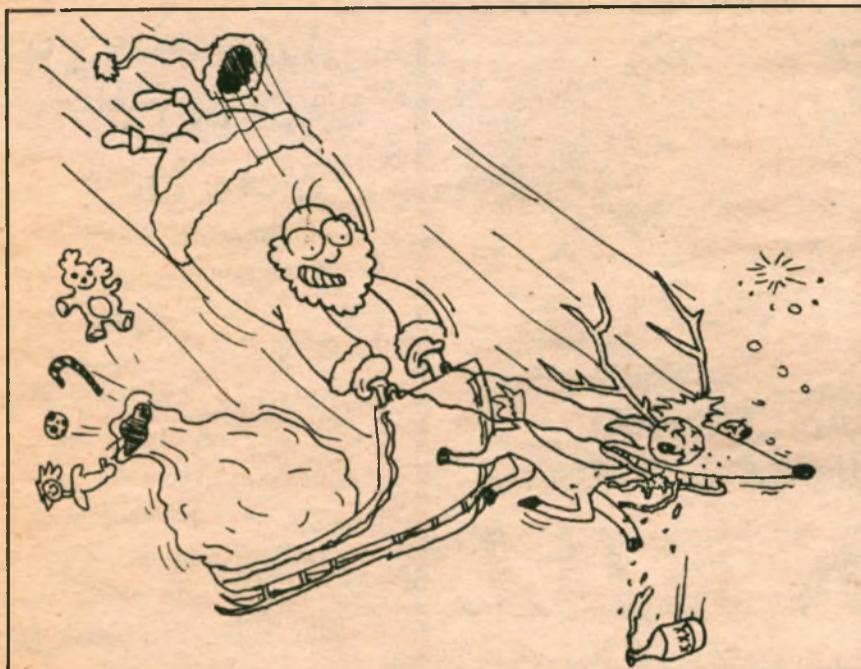
None of Santa's elves are on site, but Santa has helpers to manage the constant crowd of eager eyes and ears. Helping Schumacher on one particular morning were two of SIUE's ladies of volleyball, Julie Litteken and Lynette Schrieden. Schumaker praised

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Topsy the Red-nosed Reindeer



By Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle Editor
Drawing by Joey Stulce
For the Alestle

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen, but do you recall...the most infamous reindeer of all. Topsy, the red-nosed reindeer, has a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you would even say it shows. (Like a drunk). All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names. (Like booze-hound). They never let poor Topsy join in any reindeer games. (Like Spin the bottle). Then, one foggy Christmas Eve, Santa came to say, "Topsy with your nose so bright, won't you guide my sleigh tonight?" Then, how the reindeer shunned him, as they shouted out with glee, "Topsy, the drunken reindeer, we'll write you out of history!"

Those were the little known facts about the tenth reindeer who led Santa's sleigh. For years no one knew what had happened on that fateful night when Topsy was allowed to lead Santa's sleigh. It was kept under wraps, due to security measures at the North Pole. Recently, though, an elf has come forward to share his memories of that night.

His name will remain a secret. For the purposes of this article, he will be known as Bernie. Bernie has retired from his post at the North Pole where he was rocking horse supervisor. "It was a very glamorous position," said Bernie.

Bernie remembers Topsy, and how the other reindeer treated him. "They were cruel sometimes. Always stumbling around and saying 'hic hic' when he was there. I'm not trying to blame them for his problem with the sauce, mind you, but they sure didn't help matters," he said.

According to Bernie, Topsy came to the North Pole with a hidden alcohol problem. Santa, of course, discovered the problem and told Topsy to quit the booze, cold turkey. Topsy agreed, but with his hooves crossed. He was apparently too taken by the liquor to quit on his own.

Soon, it was Christmas Eve. Unfortunately, Rudolph had broken a hoof trying to perform a stunt on a "Circus of the Stars" special with Bea Arthur a month back. Santa was desperate for a leader. He decided to give Topsy a chance, in order to give him respect among the other reindeer.

Topsy started off fine, but seemed to slow up every time the sleigh would pass by a tavern. Santa was nearly done delivering the toys when things took a turn for the worse. Topsy passed out over New York City and the sleigh took a quick dive. "Santa was freakin' out! They were droppin' like the Hindenberg, and there was nothin' they could do about it," said Bernie.

Luckily, Donner and Blitzen were able to glide onto the roof of a theater in the Redlite District. They put Topsy into the back of the sled to sleep it off, and then delivered the rest of the toys. It was daylight by the time they returned to the North Pole. Santa was very upset. He forced Topsy to enter AAA (Animal Alcoholics Anonymous). Today, Topsy is doing well, and he is in training to return to Santa's team. He is even considering a name change.

While this was a lighthearted look into drinking and driving and the problem of alcoholism, the message is a serious one. During the holiday season, alcohol and depression are in abundance. Be a true friend, and don't let your loved ones drink and drive. Have a safe and merry New Year.

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Winterize your car or pay more later

By Ty Norris
Lifestyle Editor

If your car has not been winterized, now is the best time to take care of it, or the results could be expensive.

One of the worst things that can happen to you is your car stopping in the dead of winter. But you can avoid most worrisome hassles this winter if you stay a step ahead by properly maintaining a few basic parts—battery, hoses, belts, fluids and tires.

Steve Bickel, manager at Midas, recommended following a few basic guidelines.

"You want to make sure you check hoses and belts," Bickel said. "If they feel rough, hard or soft or have bubbles or cracks in them they should be changed," he added.

"You should also check the coolant system to make sure it is not rusty or dirty," Bickel said.

Bickel stated that on putting a few dollars worth of gas into your car at a time is also not a wise decision.

"Keep the gas tank a quarter full above," Bickel stressed. "You can also add a jar of heat gas which helps remove moisture in the tank," he added.

Bickel said it is a good idea to make sure your spare tire is operable, air pressure checked, that you have jump cables and spare belts in case the old ones need to be changed.

The American Automobile Association (AAA) suggested the following checklist:

- Battery: Make sure the battery is fully charged because batteries do not recharge quickly in cold weather.

- Spark plugs: If necessary replace old spark plugs and clean spark plug wires.

- Radiator: Test for balanced mixture of antifreeze and water. Fill as needed.

- Oil: Oil can become thick and gooey, so the oil should be changed and the oil filter replaced.

Bickel added that many of these checks can be done by the motorist and he said that Midas offers free safety inspection.

Gifts for mister "x" this holiday season



By Ty Norris
Lifestyle Editor

Seasons greetings to everyone! Yes, it is that time of year again... tis' the season to be jolly, fa la la la la la la.

During this time of year, shopping for the right gift for the "x" man" in your life can be more of a chore, instead of a delight. I know how you feel. You probably want to stay within an affordable budget (considering the fact you still have to live after Christmas) and you definitely don't want the gift to be cheesy (no it is not the thought that counts).

Now, I know you want to get "Mr. 'x'" something he can use and appreciate, so the following gifts are merely suggestions for those betwixt holiday shoppers.

Men want to smell like men, so anything you might see in the store that is cute, probably won't go over very well.

You might want to purchase Tommy Hilfiger's **Tommy Body Wash**; 6.7 fl. oz. \$12 or **All Weather Body Moisturizer**; 6.7 fl. oz. \$14. If there is one thing women like that is a man who smells good

and a body wash with a body moisturizer is the key. These two items are less expensive than cologne sets, while achieving the same results.

A **Clinique Face Scrub** \$12 is also an ideal gift. Hey fellas, it feels like grit, but it removes dead skin flakes and dirt. Clinique also offers a lotion for \$10. The lotion is so unique because it can be applied after a shave to the face or head, and it helps moisturize dry, irritated skin.

Many of these items can be found at Famous Barr or Dillards, but are not limited to them.

A good piece of fiction or non-fiction is always an exceptional gift. There are books (not magazines),

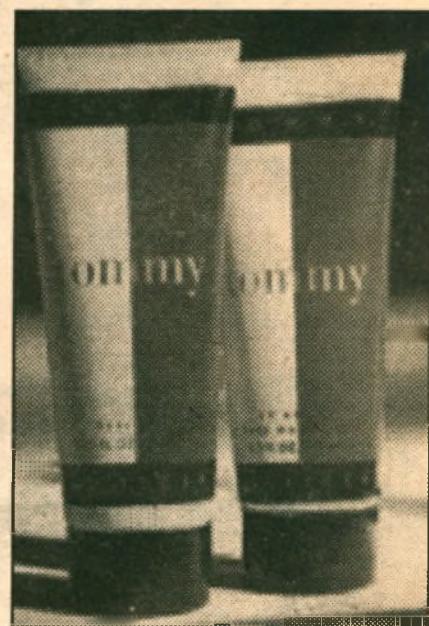
paperback or hardcover that cater to the African-American male as well as the Euro-centric male. Any book or novel that w o u l d broaden his mind would work. What do you have to loose? He might just read it!

If "Mr. 'x'" is a sports man, you can get him tickets for his favorite sport or for any sporting event, and then shock him by going with him!

Finally, if none of these suggestions work, a gift certificate from Lord and Taylor's, Structures or Banana Republic is sure to surprise even the most difficult man.

Above all, do not go into debt for any gift. Looking for the right gift doesn't have to be a drag nor does it have to put a hole in your pocket.

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Inexpensive and romantic gift ideas

By Melanie Adams
Editor in Chief

With the holidays fast approaching, shopping for gifts for the love interests in your life can put a cramp in your wallet. But never fear, here are a few inexpensive and romantic gift ideas guaranteed to please the love or loves of your life.

Depending on how long the two of you have been together, one gift idea sure to bring a tear to your loved one's eye is a memory book, detailing some of the great times the two of you have shared. All you need is a photo album or scrapbook and photos or symbols of the times you have shared. Be sure you leave lots of pages open though so you can record future memories together on its pages.

Another wonderfully romantic and fairly inexpensive gift for the holidays is a Winter picnic survival kit. The kit should include a bottle of wine or sparkling cider, candles, a blanket, your loved one's favorite meal and a good book (such as the "100 Ways To Say I Love You" book found in area bookstores,) or a classic movie. Sit back, curl up in the blanket, sip on the juice or wine and enjoy each other's company. Inexpensive and *tres chic!*

Another romantic idea for the financially challenged is a cassette recording of all the songs that remind both of you of your relationship. Your love will melt at the sentimental gesture.

Nothing is more romantic than a horse-drawn carriage or trolley ride through an enchanted park filled with twinkling lights.

Dress warmly for this present and don't forget to stop for hot chocolate afterwards! Carriage and/or trolley rides range in price from \$15 to \$45 and can be found all over the St. Louis Area. Check the local paper for details on rides and reservations.

The best you could give to your loved one, however, is something that you can't make, can't buy and can't ever exchange. The best gift, is your time. As college students, employees, and even in some cases, parents, time is something we don't have a lot of. The people we care about the most seem to get the least amount of our time. So, go shopping together for friends and family, make cookies together or romp in the snow. But, spend time together; it is the most romantic and most appreciated gift you could ever give the one (or ones,) you love this Holiday season.

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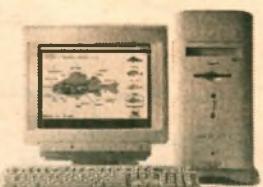


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The Alestle

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By Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle Editor
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Who would have thought a Rusted Root could grow. That's what has happened though. The band who started out playing little gigs in Pittsburgh have gotten bigger, and without the aid of an annoying Top 40 hit, either. They are growing in their fan base, and are on their way to becoming a "followed" band, like The Grateful Dead and Phish before them.

The key to their success has been positive word of mouth and constant touring, which according to bassist Patrick Norman, can be very taxing. "I never thought it would be. We're just never home. It can be stressful. It's also cool, though. We get to see many places around the world and we're getting paid for it," said Norman.

The band has recently released their second album, "Remember." Norman said the second album

is a bit of a departure from their first, "When I Woke". "We got to explore more on this album. The first one was songs written over four years and we were trying to give it more of a live sound to represent ourselves at the time as clearly as possible. This album was more wide open. We got into the studio more and got to play around with many different instruments," said Norman.

Unlike most bands, Rusted Root's unconventional style has each member of the band jumping around to try different instruments. For the song "Heaven," bass player Norman decided it needed a piano part, so he went in and played it. Being very flexible in their music gives Rusted Root a very original, even tribal sound. "I've heard that word [tribal] used a lot to describe us," said Norman. "I think it's because we have a very communal type of feel, especially in our earlier shows. It was very intimate. It was the vibe we grew up in."

The band has been lucky enough to play with many

legends of the rock world, from The Grateful Dead to The Allman Brothers to Willie Nelson. "My favorites were Robert Plant and Jimmy Page," said Nelson. "They were my childhood idols."

Like mailmen, Rusted Root promises to play rain or shine, or sick or healthy. Nelson says they have canceled very few shows because of bad health because they would hate to disappoint the fans. "I've played deathly ill," he said. "Everybody plays regardless, unless we physically cannot get up. I don't know if it's wise or not. It's very difficult to play when you're sick. A lot of energy is expelled while playing."

At least the band has their families with them on the road to nurse them back to health. Since they are on the road so much, many family members tour along with Rusted Root. They will be wrapping up for awhile in December though. According to Nelson they need to "take time off to have babies in the winter".

Alternative holiday CDs to jam to this holiday season

By Corey Stulce
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Why must we be tortured every year with the same old rambling versions of Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas" or Jose Feliciano's "Feliz Navidad"? There has to be an alternative for those who enjoy Christmas songs but also would like music from this century. Here are a few choices, all unique in and among themselves, for some holiday musical enjoyment.

First, is a selection that hasn't been available since 1980, "Christmas In The Stars". Rhino Records has rereleased the little-heard "Star Wars" holiday album. This selection is for those fans who just can't have

enough of those two lovable droids C-3PO and R2-D2. The premise of the album has droids working in Santa's workshop, and C-3PO trying to explain what the season is all about to R2-D2.

The album features original cast member Anthony Daniels as C-3PO's voice. He does a fine job on singing such songs as "Bells, Bells, Bells" and the title track. A very nice bonus on the cd is Jon Bon Jovi, then unknown, singing lead on a track called "R2-D2 We Wish You A Merry Christmas". It's very amusing to think of a group of children singing a carol to R2-D2.

There is a very zany number that answers the age-old question "What Can You

Get A Wookie For Christmas" (When He Already Owns A Comb). The album was produced by Meco Mondaro who was responsible for the funky disco versions of the "Star Wars" theme in the 70s. Overall, it is a fun album to listen to, and the songs aren't entirely atrocious. Everyone should get a good feeling listening to C-3PO say, "Merry Christmas, everyone. And may the force be with you, always!"

Next on the list is "Dr. Demento Presents The Greatest Christmas Novelty CD Of All Time." The title certainly lives up to its boast. These are the songs everyone's mother hated

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Portraits of Nature in its rarest form

By Rebecca Hopkins
for the Alestle

the Peoria, Ill., Nature Preserve and waterfowl from Florida state parks.

Mostly self-taught, Hanner has passionately studied his hobby with a zeal that rivals his carpentry skills. He regularly attends seminars by other wildlife professionals and has steadily built his knowledge of photographic techniques, composition, film processing and print making. Hanner uses the Cibachrome process and none of his photographs have been enhanced or altered by computer imaging.

Hanner received First Place and Honorable Mention awards in the 1996 Fox/CPI Great Forest Park Balloon Race Photo Contest. He and his colleague, Dr. Judy Lincoln, are currently writing a book about photographic technique in nature.

A real treat for nature lovers can be found through Dec. 20, at the Watershed Nature Center in Edwardsville. "Portraits of Nature", by photographer Jim Hanner, will be on display Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Hanner is a carpenter by profession, but has enthusiastically pursued a lifelong interest in nature by participating in sport fishing, sailing and hiking. In 1992, he began combining his love of nature with his new hobby of photography and, in 1996, formed his company, Portraits of Nature.

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has kept the works of Stan Freeburg and Allan Sherman alive and kicking.

This collection starts off with the immortal classic "The Chipmunk Song," from David Seville. Everyone can annoy their neighbors by playing "Jingle Bells" by the singing dogs at full volume. The cd also includes the "Twelve Days of Christmas" by Bob and Doug McKenzie and the classic "Grandma Go Run Over By A Reindeer" by Elmo and Patsy. The strange Christmas works of "Weird" Al and Cheech and Chong are also featured on the cd.

The next album features some classic carols with a twist, they're all performed by the Muppets. Unfortunately the title of the album is "John Denver and The Muppets". Denver is featured on about half of the tracks, but those can easily be skipped. The good songs are all done by Jim Henson's Muppets. The "Twelve Days Of Christmas" has never sounded better even with Miss Piggy hamming it up. The highlights of the cd are a version of "Christmas is Coming" done "in the round", and a rocking version of the Beach Boys "Little Saint Nick" performed by Dr. Teeth and The Electric Mayhem. This is a must for Muppet fans.

The last of the alternate selections is a CD put out last year from Atlantic, featuring 12 Atlantic artists, called "You Sleigh Me!" This is a so-so album featuring the likes of Collective Soul, Julianne Hatfield, and Victoria Williams. There is one song on the album which makes it worth buying, Jill Sobule singing "Merry Christmas from the Family". This is the ultimate dysfunctional carol for everyone's family. It tells the tale of alcoholic aunts, crazy kids and last minute trips to the supermarket for whipped cream and cigarettes.

All of these selections should be easy enough to find in the holiday section at the local music shop. Just skip past all of the Dean Martin and Perry Como records to get to these holiday gems.

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Cougars drop two games in tournament

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

The Cougars were able to work off their Thanksgiving meal over the weekend as they traveled to the Missouri-Rolla Tournament.

Going into the contest the Cougars were 2-0 but after Sunday they were quickly 2-2 with losses from Southwest Baptist and Missouri-Rolla.

Up first for the Cougars was Southwest Baptist who came in with a 2-1 record and left with a 4-1 mark.

"They have a good inside-outside game," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "They have some good shooting guards which we were concerned about and

they were posting us up."

Turnovers killed the Cougars in both games, committing 17 in the first game and 26 in the Missouri match-up.

"We beat ourselves. They started putting pressure on us and we didn't handle it well," Hedberg said. "We had 26 (turnovers) in the second game and a lot of those were unforced. Some traveling violations were called and the league is cracking down on that more."

The Cougars were led by Alicia Harkins and Leslie Phillips who were the leading scorers in both contests.

Blackburn is up next for the Cougars as they host the Beavers this Friday at the Vadalabene Center.

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Missouri-Rolla 70, SIUE 62

SIUE — Lowe 1-2 2-2 4, Tuetken 2-6 0-0 5, Harkins 5-10 5-6 15, Mazner 1-5 0-0 3, Phillips 9-13 3-4 23, Loomis 0-1 0-0 0, Mason 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 3-5 0-0 6, Mosley 0-1 0-0 0, Washington 2-4 2-3 6. Totals 23-48 4-9 62

Rolla — Martens 7-11 1-2 16, Johnson 3-6 0-0 6, Hartman 6-7 1-4 13, Mills 7-21 3-8 19, Farmer 2-3 0-0 5 McMillan 1-8 2-2 4, Fischer 2-4 3-5 7, Steig 0-1 0-0 0 Totals 28-61 10-22 70.

Men's Basketball off to quick 4-1 start

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The SIUE men's basketball team ran its record to 4-1 with victories over Missouri Southern and Lindenwood College at the Vadalabene Center.

Last Tuesday, the Cougars bounced back from a loss against Truman State to beat Missouri Southern 83-70.

Senior Jason Holmes led all scoring with 18 points and added 5 rebounds in 33 minutes of play.

Shaun Smoot threw in 14 points, Travis Wallbaum had 12 points with 5 rebounds and Ronnie Henderson tallied 10 points and 6 boards for the Cougars.

"We had a balanced scoring attack," Margenthaler said. "Everyone contributed on offense and on defense."

The Cougar defense held Missouri Southern to 35 percent shooting from the field. SIUE shot 51 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line. SIUE also out-rebounded their opponent 43-33.

"I was happy to see us out-rebound them by 10. They were extremely strong and well coached. We needed a tough game like this," Margenthaler said.

The Cougars were victorious again on Saturday with a 104-68 victory over Lindenwood College (Mo.).

SIUE was heavily favored, but got off to a slow start. The Cougar defense held Lindenwood to only 26 points in the first half, but SIUE couldn't pull away. At half-time, the Cougars had only a 10 point advantage.

"In the second half, we started hitting our shots and controlling the boards," Margenthaler said.

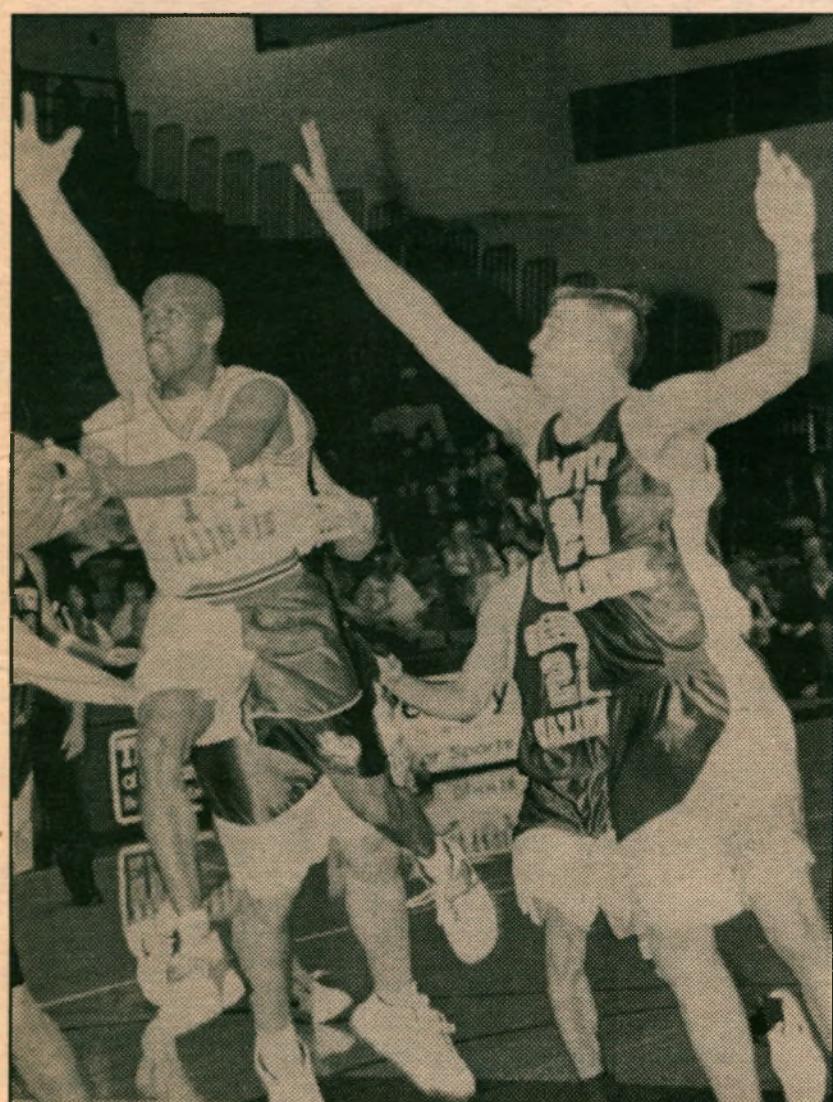
The Cougars scored 68 in the second half to put the game out of reach. Rusty Sarnes had 27 and Nathan Kreke had 11 points and 10 boards.

"Nathan had a complete ball game," Margenthaler said. "He did something in every area."

Henderson added 11 points in only 23 minutes and Holmes contributed 22 in 23 minutes.

SIUE will travel to Minnesota to face Winona State on Saturday. Winona is a physical team with a lot of inside players.

"We need to play our game," Margenthaler said. "If we run a controlled fast break and execute on offense, we should be able to get a key win on the road."



Scott Anderson/Alestle

The men's basketball team added two more victories over the break as they increased their record to 4-1. Shaun Smoot (above) is driving to the basket in an early game this year in the Vadalabene Center.

Alestle Top Ten

Men's college basketball Men's college football

1. Kansas	5-0	1. Florida State	11-0
2. Wake Forest	4-0	2. Arizona State	11-0
3. Kentucky	3-1	3. Nebraska	10-1
4. Utah	3-0	4. Ohio State	10-1
5. Cincinnati	2-1	5. Florida	10-1
6. Indiana	5-0	6. Brigham Young	12-1
7. Michigan	2-0	7. Penn State	10-2
8. Iowa State	2-0	8. Northwestern	9-2
9. Villanova	3-0	9. Virginia Tech	10-1
10. Duke	3-1	10. Colorado	9-2

Soccer Stats

Women's All-Region Team

- G - Denise Hutchinson, St. Joseph's College
- D - Kristi Callison, Drury College
- D - Lisa Isaacson, North Dakota St U.
- D - Keryi Wickenhauser, Truman State
- M - Jill Benson, Truman State
- M - Beth Ernst, UM-SL
- M - Sarah Leuenberger, Drury College
- M - Cindy Reyes, Lewis University
- F - Janece Friederich, SIUE
- F - Nancy Reyes, Lewis University
- F - Tracy Sibell, Moorhead State University

Men's All-GLVC Teams

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| <i>First team</i> | |
| Forwards: | Darren Snyder, SIUE |
| | Mike Harper, IUPU-Fort Wayne |
| | Mary Tucker, N. Kentucky |
| Midfielders: | David Siers, Wisconsin-Parkside |
| | J.T. Roberts, N. Kentucky |
| | Chris Doran, Lewis University |
| | Joe Fisch, UM-SL |
| Backs: | Craig Posselt, Wis.-Parkside |
| | Jonathon Douglas, Quincy |
| | Trent Woodrick, UM-SL |
| Goalie: | Mathias Luhr, Lewis University |
| <i>SIUE second team placers</i> | |
| Midfielder: | Jerry Reed |
| Back: | Steve Van Dyke |

