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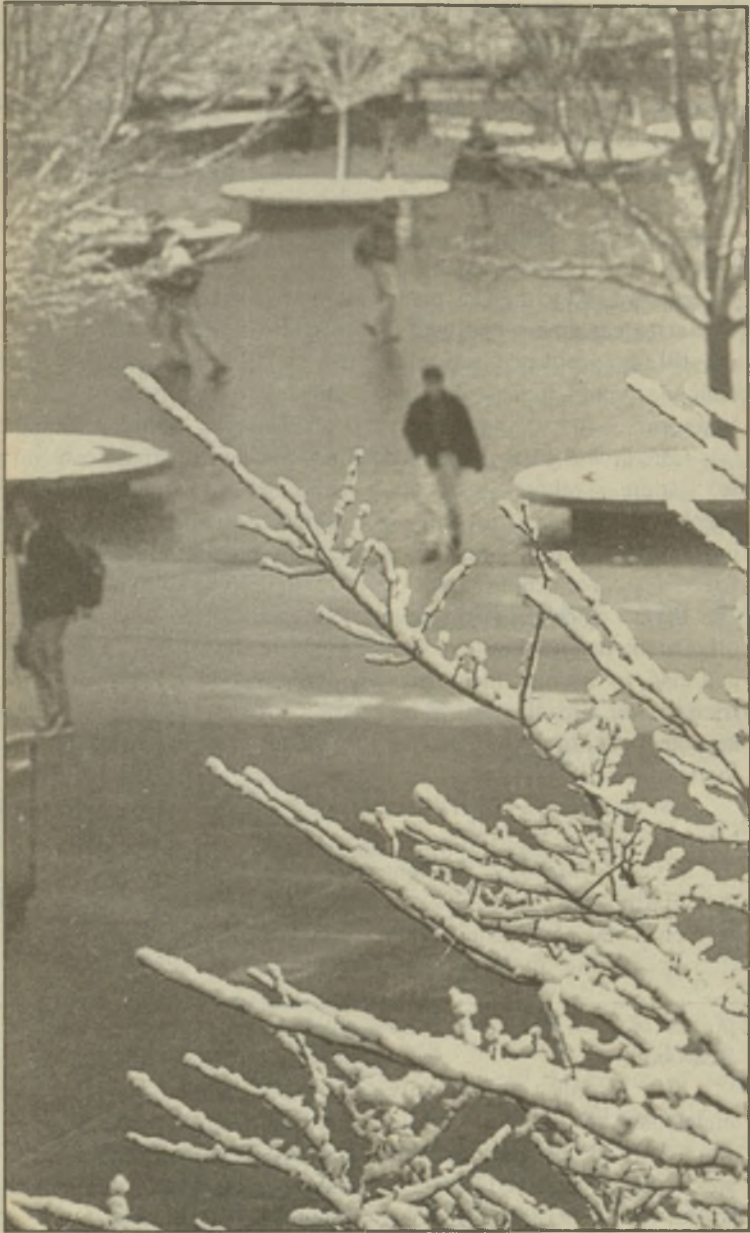
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### Snow in March?

**With spring break only a week away, students braved the cold to get to class as they are faced with unseasonal snow. The high was in the low thirties and low was in the teens, with high winds and blowing snow.**

## Cougar Village residents suffer from power outage, may be due to unseasonal snow, bad weather

■ BY DANIELLE  
BELTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Students woke up to dead alarm clocks, no lights and in some cases no heat this morning in Cougar Village and found that the entire housing complex was without power Monday morning.

The power went out approximately 8:30 a.m., leaving some students without heat. According to Housing Director Michael Schultz, the power outage was a result of a statewide power outage in

certain areas of Illinois. Schultz said that Illinois Power, the electricity supplier for the state, cited the problem as weather related but the results are still unofficial.

Though many apartments still had heat due to gas furnaces, several apartment buildings in Cougar Village function completely on electricity leaving them cold till the electricity returned. Some students went without hot water and usage of their stoves and ovens.

Power was restored to the apartments at 1:45 p.m.

## Cigarette ashes causes \$100 fire damage in Woodland Hall

■ BY DANIELLE  
BELTON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A fire occurred in Woodland Hall at approximately 4:30 p.m. Monday. According to Michael Schultz, housing director, the fire was caused by cigarette ashes being dumped in a trash can in a male resident's dorm room on the first floor. The fire department responded at 4:40 p.m. alerting officials to have the building

evacuated. According to the Residence Hall front desk manager, LaDawn Young, the fire was discovered by resident assistant, Jack Gibson.

Gibson, a peer assistant, was working on homework in his room when he heard the alarm in the room go off. It turned out to be his suitemate's room. Gibson then got a fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

Gibson said he smelled smoke coming from the room. He knocked on the door but no

one was inside. The door was unlocked and when he entered, the room was filled with smoke.

An evacuation of the entire building was the end result. The room was empty at the time because both roommates were out of the room, with one in a meeting on campus.

Residence assistant, Scott Hopfinger of 2 North Wing in Woodland Hall, said that this was the first fire of the semester.

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## Deluxe private bedrooms become available for fall semester 1998

■ BY RENEE D.  
HOLLER  
NEWS STRINGER

Due to the high demand of first-class apartments at Cougar Village for fall of 1998 and a favorable construction contract, current and incoming University Housing residents now have more options and a better opportunity to get the housing assignment they desire. Also, more private and deluxe private bedrooms are being made available.

When this year's University Housing Reservation Process was designed, it was under the assumption that the renovations due to take place at Cougar Village would occur over four phases. This design would have resulted in a number of housing spaces being unavailable for students to occupy, as renovations would begin in May of 1998 and continue throughout the summer 1998, fall 1998, spring 1999 and summer 1999 terms. However, when the renovations went to bid, the

contractor currently working on Prairie Residence Hall, Fru-Con, estimated the project to take up only two terms, summer 1998 and summer 1999. Although this plan would require changing the University Housing Reservation Process, the inconveniences were minor compared to the advantages created.

"We were running out of space and this way we now can accommodate everyone," said Lisa McKirgan, marketing director of University Housing.

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## Greek organizations promote leadership and unite for the Order of Omega's first event

■ BY ANTHONY WATT  
NEWS STRINGER

The Order of Omega, an organization promoting excellence and leadership among the nations Greek societies, held its first event on Saturday, in S.I.U.E.'s Meridian Hall. The program "Fat, Drunk and Stupid is no way to go through life-The Changing Face of the Campus Greek system," included a mocktail reception provided by the Wellness Center and an interactive lecture on improving Greek life by keynote speakers Lori Hart of American college, Atlanta and Bob Kerr of the University of Northern Colorado.

Hart stressed the values of

leadership and flexibility.

"I think that this program is beneficial," she said. "We are not just quoting statistics and using scare tactics. What we are talking about is setting a higher standard and challenging the way we are currently doing things."

Kerr likened ideal members of fraternities and sororities to modern Knights of the Round Table, defending the weak from evil.

"The future of the global culture is at stake," he said. "I think fundamentally we live in a time where it is easy to not



Jill Stevens/Alestle

**Lori Hart and Bob Kerr serve as the keynote speakers for the event.**

have hope. I feel if even one person walks out of here willing to make a difference then we have done well."

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# Mock student government lights up statehouse for weekend

BOSTON (AP) — Lawmakers worked into the weekend on Beacon Hill to tackle pressing business, including bills to license bounty hunters, ban cameras in the courtroom and raise the age to buy tobacco products.

But these weren't ordinary

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legislators. The high school-age representatives, senators and administrators were taking part in the YMCA's annual mock government program.

In a three-day event that began Friday and ends Sunday, 200 students claimed the Statehouse corridors, attending training sessions, committee hearings, and press conferences.

They held a delegates caucus and roll call, and conducted Legislative and Supreme Court sessions without so much as a single adult telling them what to do.

They even came equipped with their own press corps.

"I love the stress," said Ryan Keith, editor of The Beacon, a student paper covering the event,

which has been held in Massachusetts for the last 15 years.

The students, who came from all corners of the commonwealth, wrote legislation, defended it in committee hearings and debated it on the floors of the House and Senate.

Many of them looked and sounded the parts they played, and some seemed ready to step right from the classroom into the House Chamber.

"I enjoy politics, because it enables me to interact with others and develop better solutions," said Gov. Michael Kane of Quincy, a Boston College High School senior. "It allows me to have a positive

impact on people."

The most contentious bills included an act to legalize chemical castration for certain convicted sex offenders, a proposal Kane opposed on the grounds that it "can be considered unusual punishment under the Constitution."

"This should be a matter of choice for the person who is convicted," said Kane, elected at last year's conference and sworn in by Rep. Thomas Finneran — the real House Speaker — on Friday.

The mock government sessions started in New York in 1936, and have spread to 42 states. There are 55,000 students involved this year nationwide, said Andy Sullivan, the

program's associate director.

Marcia Dudley, the state director, said she got involved after seeing how the program changed her son's outlook. "I could see how he was becoming a bitter person and then how compassionate and caring and a little less competitive he was afterward," said Dudley, whose son went on to attend the Air Force Academy and is now a captain in the Air Force.

Said Audrey Rose, an Oliver Ames High School senior who is in her third year as a member of the governor's council, "Some people come because they want to go into politics, and others are here to share ideas from around the state."

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"I was sitting in my room when the alarm went off so I cleared my wing," Hopfinger said.

Hopfinger said that the fire alarms happened more often during Resident Assistant training week, earlier last semester, but had died off for some time.

"It comes at bad times," said Diane Carson, freshman and resident of Woodland Hall.

Carson was just returning to Woodland Hall when she saw the students gathered outside of the building. Rather than waiting outside, Carson and most other

students walked to the University Center to eat dinner and wait it out till the residence assistants announced that it was all right to return.

Carson was lucky compared to some other residents. Freshman Sarah Lawson, a psychology major, was in a friend's room watching "Days of Our Lives" when the alarm went off. Carson had no shoes nor coat and had to borrow them from friends. She also didn't have her keys and was forced to leave her room unlocked.

"We don't have our ID's, or keys or anything," Carson said.

Several freshmen thought the alarm was fake due to incidents last semester with students lifting their cigarette

lighters to the sprinkler systems to set them off.

At 5:05 p.m., students were allowed to return to Woodland Hall. The only damages were the male resident's garbage can and a small piece of carpet on the floor. Schultz estimates that it will be about \$100 worth of damage.

According to Schultz, in the four years since Woodland Hall was built there has been approximately three fires there. He attributes most of last semester's alarm incidents to a broken sprinkler head.

There was also an incident involving a fire alarm in Woodland Hall earlier last semester but Schultz said there was no fire at that time.

## HOUSING

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Due to this new plan, more students will be able to enjoy the first-class apartments, live in their current apartments if desired and stay with their roommates.

Another advantage that has come about is the use of Deluxe Private Bedrooms. Deluxe Private Bedrooms are shared bedrooms where both spaces are bought out by one student. While these are more expensive than a basic private bedroom or a shared bedroom, some residents seem to really appreciate the fine

points of the Deluxe Private Bedroom.

"I could definitely understand why someone would want extra closet space, drawer space and an extra bed," Angela Costa, a resident of Cougar Lake Apartments said.

Any University Housing resident that was denied the opportunity to stay in their current space, got on a waiting list, got separated from desired roommates, or reserved spaces in apartments that changed in class designation during the first part of the University Housing Reservation Process has been offered the opportunity to

change their reservation without penalty. Those who desire a Deluxe Private Bedroom or who were not happy with their original assignment will have the chance to make changes beginning March 11-25.

"Some students will be affected very positively by this change," Michael Schultz, director of University Housing said.

More information regarding the updated University Housing Reservation Process is available at an open forum with the Director of University Housing today, at 4 p.m. in the Cougar Village Commons Lounge.

## GREEKS

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Approximately 30 members of various campus Greek chapters attended the two and a half hour session. Among the members were Michelle Williams, president of the Alpha Phi sorority and Alexander Fox, president of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Nearly all sorority and fraternities had areas they wished to improve within their own houses and Greek society at large but there were also many success

stories. The Alpha Phi's raised \$3500 last year for charities. Phi Beta Sigma donated time to Habitat for Humanity and the Action Day projects held by the Kimmel Leadership Center Order of Omega statistics reveal that collectively the Greek organizations of SIUE donated nearly 30,000 hours of community service and raised \$10,000 for local charities in 1997.

"I hope that the people outside the Greek community realize that we are not just raging alcoholics that party everyday," Bill Anderson,

president of the Order of Omega and member of the campus of Alpha Kappa Lambda said. "We actually have some goals we would like to achieve. The Greeks can band together and try to get rid of those stereotypes and solve the problems that we have."

The program concluded with closing remarks by Grahaeme Hesp, Order of Omega advisor and Bill Anderson. A list of new initiates for the Order of Omega was also recognized. These new members were formally initiated Sunday in the Illinois room of the University Center.



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As college students, stress comes with the territory. The entire Alestle staff could easily be placed in the category of students who do too much. But this drive to do as much as we can, cram between these most important years, can cause students to lose focus on the main goal of every college student – graduation.

There are always good intentions at first. “We came to school to learn,” says the little voice in the back of our minds. But after a few days for new freshman, this voice ends up blowing somewhere in the wind as they savor their first tastes of college freedom.

Wild nights of drunken abandon and long stupid days of missing class persist, as students lose focus and forget what their main goal was. It doesn’t take long till they’re on academic probation and taking more than the normally four to five years to graduate.

There is always a price to pay for having a little too much fun that first year. It often ends up taking longer for some students to graduate. Some students get pregnant, others drop out, and some even ruin their lives. But all hope isn’t lost. It’s simply important that students remember their main reason for coming here. If the reason was to party, students can do that at home. It is important to have a social life, but students shouldn’t treat it as if it was their whole purpose in being here.

No time passes as long as you think it does. Time goes fast. An education is not something a student should waste for the sake of a good time all the time.

Danielle Belton  
Editor In Chief

Commentary  
Things won’t change until students become involved in the university

Student Government recently sponsored a program entitled “Speak Out to the Student Government” to address issues that concern the students. This was a very successful program, but it was successful for the simple fact that administrators cared enough to represent their office to address particular issues. I am very pleased that we had enough students show up and voice their opinions. These students are the individuals that make a difference on this campus. However, this campus has many complainers and not enough

“doers.” Many students have several problems and complaints, but they do not take the time to do anything about it. Student Government’s purpose is to be the voice for the students. Unfortunately, many students do not use this opportunity to their advantage. I have participated in Student Government for the past year and I have been really disappointed with the students’ input. Each Senator and Executive Officer have to fulfill office hours each week. These office hours are supposed to be used to communicate with students, but the fact is that

students do not come to the office and voice their opinions. I would have to ask, Do students really care? Changes and decisions are being made that effect the student body and students do not even take the time to come and voice their opinion to “their” student government. This is a problem. Many people complain about the decisions that have been made by the University,; but where were you when the decision making process was going on. This campus has a hard time getting people involved and this is a shame. I think that it is time for students to take a little more

initiative to make a difference on campus. If your logic is “what ever I say will not change anything,” I would have to say that is the easy way out. Students, wake up and use the advantages that are given to you. Come by the Student Government Office or call extension #3818 and voice your opinion. Once again, I would like to thank the students and representatives that participated in the “Speak to Student Government” program.

Michelle Williams  
Public Relations Chair

Letters to the editor

House Bill 110 and the Grandfather clause

As you remember, House Bill 110 (Public Act 90-65) was passed and then signed into law by Gov. Edgar on July 7, 1007. It went into effect Jan. 1, 1998. Pension payouts to workers with five to 19 years of service went up but at the cost of paying (at retirement) 5 percent of health care premium for each year of service under 20 years and loss of pay for half of sick time after Jan. 1, 1998 (payable at separation of employment).

There are many on campus who want a “Grandfather Clause” put into effect so that SIUE retirees have the choice of retiring under the old rules. To do this, it is absolutely vital that this be done by as many register voters as possible.

To help:  
Call and write all area legislators and let them know you

support this grandfather clause.

Get commitment of at least six other co-workers, relatives and friends to do the same.

Send a list of these names to me at Campus Box 1170.

Do this process as many times as possible by March 21, 1998.

For a list of area legislators, their addresses and phone numbers, write to me at Kurt Neumann, Campus Box 1170.

Kurt Nueman  
Dining Services

SIUE football could be a reality

Recently, I read an article in the Alestle addressing the subject of football here at SIUE. The article basically bashed the idea of a division II football team here at SIUE because of the cost of getting a team started would be

too high. The article also stated that other colleges have suffered financially due to football.

After the initial costs of getting a program started, the rewards would do nothing but benefit the school. Take McKendree College for example, a small NAIA division one school in Lebanon, Ill which recently started a program. The games at McKendree have been sold out since the opening season in 1996. The profits earned from one day of concessions alone are enough to finance a season. The school would also benefit from the enrollment increase due to entering football players. Not only would the players themselves be interested in this school but friends of the players and fans of football would also be drawn to the campus.

Other than the added enrollment and the financial benefits the school would also benefit from the pride instilled by a football team. From the

reaction of students to the article in the Alestle, the fan base of football would be much larger than some of the sports which are in the spotlight at SIUE.

As the son of a coach who helped start a football program at a small private college in central Illinois, I’ll be the first to say that it is not an easy task. I, however, do not think that attacking the idea of having a program with talks of finances and low fan base is proper justification for the absence of football here at SIUE. In my opinion, and what seems like many others as well, a football program would not only enhance the lack of school spirit on the campus, but would complete the file of already successful programs here at SIUE.

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# Three planned to bomb buildings, kill federal judge

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill. (AP) — A man who left the Ku Klux Klan because it wasn't radical enough, a retired Illinois prison guard and a construction worker plotted to bomb buildings across the country and kill a federal judge, prosecutors said.

Federal authorities said the men are members of a white supremacist group called The New Order. They were arrested Feb. 23 in raids at their southern Illinois homes, where authorities found guns, a pipe bomb and hand grenades.

FBI agent Jason Thompson said at the men's bail hearing

Friday that they had formed a "hit list" that included lawyer Morris Dees, who heads the Southern Poverty Law Center and an unidentified federal judge.

They also planned to bomb the Southern Poverty Law Center's office in Montgomery, Ala., the Anti-Defamation League's New York headquarters and the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, Thompson testified.

He said the group planned to rob banks and armored cars to finance the plot, as well as contaminate "a large water supply" with cyanide as a diversionary tactic while they

carried out the bombing in Alabama.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, which regularly monitors the activities of some 250 extremist groups, said it wasn't unusual for his group to get hate mail and threats.

Douglas Forsythe, an attorney for one suspect, said the government "was relying on a bunch of big talk" and a confidential informant. The lawyer said the men had committed no crime.

"They've got taped

conversation, but they've got no actions," Forsythe said.

The three were identified as former KKK regional leader Dennis Michael McGiffen, 35; retired Illinois Department of Corrections guard Wallace Scott Weicherding, 64; and Ralph P. Bock, 27, a construction worker.

Each is charged with one count of conspiracy to possess and make machine guns and destructive devices, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Smith said other charges would be filed.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Clifford J. Proud ordered them held without bond and set a trial date of April 27.

A fourth man, Glenn Levelle Lowtharp, also is named in the indictment. Prosecutors said Lowtharp is in federal custody, but they would not say why he was not in court Friday.

Prosecutors said Friday that McGiffen was the leader of the group and recruited Weicherding and Bock. After McGiffen left the KKK because it wasn't radical enough, he began forming The New Order last May, Thompson said. The group was modeled after a similar group, The Order, led by Robert Matthews in Washington state.

"Their allegiance was strictly to the group, over family," Thompson said. "There was only one way out of the group — death of a member."

## Albright issues stern warnings to Serbia, Iraq

ROME (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, looking ahead to a key international meeting on the Kosovo crisis, said Saturday that "decisive and firm action" against Serbia is needed to end the violence against ethnic Albanians in the Yugoslavian province.

"We are not going to stand by and watch the Serbian authorities do in Kosovo what they can no longer get away with doing in

Bosnia," Albright said during a joint news conference with Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini.

Albright, who is on the second leg of a seven-nation foreign tour, also had what she called a "fabulous" meeting with Pope John Paul II in which they discussed Cuba and other issues.

On Kosovo, Albright is concerned that a lack of

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## Ameritech move to raise toll call rate

CHICAGO (AP) — Ameritech Corp. has quietly instituted a price increase that would raise the cost of making many local toll calls.

The increase affects all Illinois customers who keep their current basic calling plan. Those who change calling plans could see an even greater increase.

The consumer-advocacy group Citizens Utility Board is criticizing the move, and its executive director, Martin Cohen, says the group will probably try to block the rate hike.

The increases are tucked away in an Ameritech calling plan dubbed Simpli-Five. Customers could pay a nickel for each local call and a nickel a minute for calls eight to 15 miles away. In the past, calls eight to 15 miles away cost about four cents for the first minute and less than two cents for each additional minute.

Ameritech customers could avoid the higher rate by keeping their current calling plans. Those not signing up for the Simpli-Five plan will be charged seven cents a minute for calls to places 15 miles away or farther. That is up from five cents a

minute under Ameritech's previous rate structure.

"No one plan fits every customer," said Ameritech spokesman Bill Pendergast. "It depends on your calling pattern. Someone who doesn't make many calls but whose calls last a long time might benefit more from one of our CallPak plans that charge a flat rate per call."

Ameritech can change its local toll rates without regulatory approval because local phone service has been subject to competition for two years.

"When this so-called competition started nearly two years ago, Ameritech made a flat rate of four cents a minute," Cohen said. "After a while they raised it to five cents and now it's seven cents. So in two years of what they call competition, the rate has effectively doubled."

Ameritech customers can avoid the rate hike by taking their local toll business to other companies. AT&T and Sprint offer flat rates of five cents a minute and MCI's peak rate is five cents a minute with an off-peak rate of four cents a minute.

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international resolve could embolden Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to step up his campaign to tame the Kosovo independence movement led by ethnic Albanians.

Of the six nations that will assemble Monday in London to discuss the Kosovo situation, Russia is regarded as the strongest opponent of tough action against Milosevic. Italy also is seen as reluctant.

An administration official accompanying Albright said her first goal in London will be to convince the six, known informally as the contact group, of the need for a firm response and then to seek diplomatic and economic penalties against the Serbs. In addition to the United States, Russia and Italy, the other members of the contact group are France, Britain and Germany.

Albright believes a discussion of military action is premature at this point and did not discuss that option in her meeting with Dini. Dini denounced the Serb actions in Kosovo as "brutal and violent" but stopped short of recommending punitive measures. As of Friday, an estimated 45 ethnic Albanians and six Serb police had died in the recent unrest.

Russia sees the violence as largely an internal matter and, in an apparent signal of opposition to a stiff response, will send a

deputy foreign minister to London instead of Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

The violence in Kosovo has triggered fears that neighboring countries, including Albania, Greece and Macedonia, could be drawn into the conflict.

It also has dampened considerably the upbeat mood prevailing in Washington less than two weeks ago about its overall policy towards the former Yugoslavia.

After Milosevic signaled his support for the new, moderate prime minister of the Serb entity in Bosnia, Milorad Dodik, the Clinton administration decided to ease sanctions against Belgrade.

These included giving Belgrade permission to open a consulate in the United States, to give its national airline U.S. landing rights and to expand its U.N. mission.

Following the upsurge in violence in Kosovo, the administration withdrew these concessions. Albright told the news conference that action was taken to ensure that Serbia "pays the price" for its conduct in Kosovo.

Italy, while seeking a more cautious approach on Kosovo than does the United States, also is at odds with Washington on Iran.

After the European Union ended a ban on high-level visits

to Iran late last month, Dini showed up in Tehran a few days later. Dini insisted on Saturday that Iran must follow up its moderate words with concrete deeds.

Albright, in an apparent dig at Dini's foray to Tehran, said, "In our effort to encourage change (in Iran), declaring success prematurely is the surest way to delay success indefinitely."

She added that there were differences between the United States and the EU on "pacing and tactics" concerning Iran.

Albright and Dini also discussed the situation in Iraq and agreed that Baghdad must give free access to U.N. weapons inspectors, consistent with U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"No one is going to give peace an unlimited number of chances," Albright said.

According to a U.S. official, Albright told the pope his recent visit to Cuba could be a "point of departure" on the island for political change.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said Albright stressed to the pope "America's desire to find ways to help the Cuban people without strengthening their repressive government."

Albright gave the pope a leather-bound book about the first Polish immigrants in the United States.

## A zealous fiscal watchdog battles way toward Capital Hill

CHICAGO (AP) — From the glass and steel towers of corporate America to the drafty halls and evangelical churches of the anti-abortion movement, Peter Fitzgerald delivers a simple message.

"I am the only conservative candidate, fiscal or otherwise, in this contest," declares the 37-year-old millionaire state senator.

And if the smooth, self-assured suburban bank lawyer wins the March 17 Republican primary and goes on to beat Democratic U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun next fall he may well prove to be the most conservative Illinois senator in decades.

Over six years in the Illinois Senate, the studious, Dartmouth-educated Fitzgerald has emerged as a zealous fiscal watchdog, ripping into tax proposals and anything he views as squandering like a grand inquisitor rooting out sin.

He opposes abortion except to save the mother's life and has voted to allow trained private citizens to carry concealed weapons. In addition, he spearheaded legislation to bar Illinois from recognizing gay marriages performed elsewhere.

Skeptics warn that his staunch conservative views may go too far for swing voters and merely make an easy target for the Democrats come November.

Gov. Jim Edgar and a host of GOP luminaries back moderate state comptroller Loleta Didrickson as the best bet to capitalize on Moseley-Braun's political woes.

Fitzgerald brushes aside all such qualms. He says there's "not a dime's worth of difference" between "Liberal Loleta" and Moseley-Braun on fiscal issues.

Didrickson is far from a liberal. She supports the death penalty while opposing partial birth abortion and proposals for a national health care program, which she calls "socialized health care."

Fitzgerald insists the real reason why party leaders oppose him is concern that as a political "outsider" he would shake things up too much.

"The image of these party leaders sitting around smoking cigars, drinking bourbon and looking for a (rival) candidate tells me that I must be doing something right," he told reporters last summer.

see WATCHDOG, page 7

## Attorneys reach \$4 million settlement over gas explosion

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Four companies have agreed to pay \$4 million to the victims of a 1996 natural gas explosion in this Kansas City suburb, attorneys for the victims said.

The Oct. 3, 1996, explosion happened after workers severed

an underground pipe that had been mislabeled and then failed to call emergency personnel or the gas company before the escaping gas ignited.

Two women were seriously injured in the blast, which demolished their home and heavily damaged several others

near the explosion site.

A lawsuit was filed in Johnson County District Court against Central Locating Service, K&W Underground, United Cities Gas Co. and TCI of Overland Park.

An attorney with a law firm that represented the family of the women said all four companies


were involved in the settlement but did not say how much each would pay.

"This case shows just how at risk we all are to the land mines in our back yards when the people who are supposed to maintain them safely do not do their jobs," Thomas said.

Both women have undergone physical therapy to learn how to walk again, and both will require lifelong medical treatment, officials said.

Lawyers for two of the companies confirmed the settlement but said some details had not been worked out.

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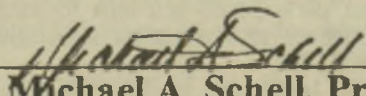
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# Do clean bathrooms equal safer schools?

ATLANTA (AP) — School bathrooms are a good place for

furtive smoking and bullying classmates. Not to mention

graffiti, broken mirrors and purposely clogged toilets.

An inner-city school is attacking the filth and stench in hopes that a fresh paint job and more paper towels can help fight violence, gangs and drug use.

Tom Keating, a former teacher and school board member in suburban Atlanta, won a \$3,500 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for his project to do what the janitors apparently could not: clean up bathrooms at Cross Keys High School and other schools.

School psychologists believe that creating a spotless, cheery school is one step toward stopping violence, making schools more comfortable and helping students learn. And restrooms, which have less supervision than the rest of the building, are typically one of the dirtiest and most dangerous parts of a school.

Bathrooms are widely known as sites for smoking, threats and vandalism. Many students refuse to use school restrooms, instead waiting until they get home.

"They're the soft underbelly of the school building. I think as the restroom goes, so goes the school," Keating said.

Student groups have adopted each of the bathrooms at Cross Keys and are attacking dreary

walls, garbage on the floor, unflushed toilets and the never-ending deluge of gang graffiti that proved too much for custodians in the 40-year-old rambling building.

"We were dealing with it strictly in a reactive mode: Whatever they do, we'll clean it up," school principal Tim Freeman said.

The DeKalb County School District paid \$300 for paint, and the walls in two bathrooms are now decorated with bright, student-painted murals.

"What you see on the walls makes you feel like you're in a good school," said 19-year-old Juan Olivares, a senior.

Psychologists say the more pleasant the surroundings, the more likely children are to feel safe and respected at school.

"They feel that somebody cares about them when someone provides toilet paper in the bathroom, when somebody makes sure there are paper towels in the paper towel dispenser," said Kevin Dwyer, assistant executive director of the National Association of School Psychologists.

That, in turn, makes children more likely to learn and less likely to be violent.

Dwyer gives the example of a crackdown on jaywalking, public

urinating and drunkenness in New York. With the "quality of life policing," violent crime went down, he said.

Keating is using his grant to pay himself for working with students and faculty at Cross Keys and other schools in metro Atlanta to find out their ideas about how to clean up bathrooms.

He started with Cross Keys — a crowded school of 1,300 which sprawls in so many directions that administrators need walkie-talkies to communicate with each other — because it was on his bus line and the principal was cooperative. Sixty-seven percent of Cross Keys' students are so poor that they qualify to receive free and subsidized lunches.

Keating has also worked with Lithonia and Tucker high schools, both in metro Atlanta, and has applied for another federal grant.

The Department of Justice's law enforcement block grants are distributed by local governments for several purposes, including increasing security around schools.

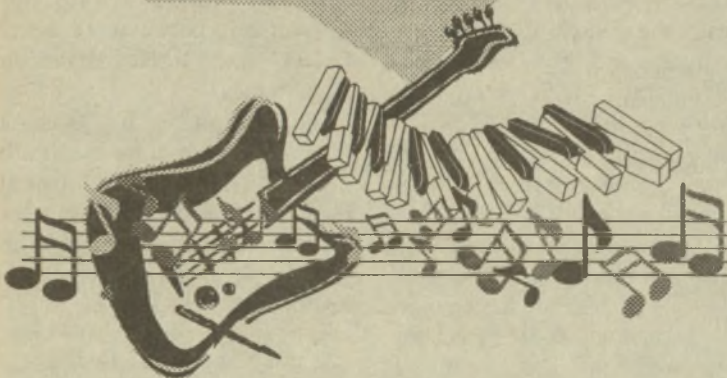
Margaret Schuelke, who manages grant programs for the DeKalb County public safety department, said Keating's project qualified because

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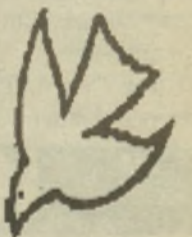
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## WATCHDOG

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On close inspection, though, Fitzgerald doesn't look much like an outsider.

The two-term state senator grew up as one of three sons of Gerald F. Fitzgerald — an opera-loving, big-game hunting wine connoisseur who created a banking empire and sat on Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie's Illinois Racing Board.

Money and politics went hand in hand in the Fitzgeralds' comfortable brick home in Inverness. When Gerald Fitzgerald finally sold his Suburban Bancorp to Chicago's Harris Bank — a Bank of Montreal subsidiary — his offspring were well taken care of.

Son Peter's net worth is estimated at upwards of \$50 million. His financial disclosure reports list up to \$40 million in Bank of Montreal shares alone. He has borrowed against that fortune to finance his campaign.

By the time Peter Fitzgerald graduated from Catholic schools and headed off to Dartmouth, politics already was in his blood.

While still an undergraduate he got his first political break as an intern to U.S. Rep. Philip M. Crane, R-Ill., one of Washington's best known conservatives.

Assured in his skills at sizing up the political landscape, sophomore Fitzgerald also wrote a 1980 essay for the Dartmouth paper that told readers Ronald Reagan "carries heavy political baggage."

"At 69 years of age, Reagan has difficulty convincing voters that he is the right man for the 1980s," he wrote. "So too, as a staunch conservative, Reagan has difficulty convincing his fellow Republicans that he has the ability to capture the moderate vote."

Didrickson's campaign staff now eagerly hands out copies.

After getting a degree from the University of Michigan law school, Fitzgerald worked as an attorney in the family banking business.

In 1992, he arrived at the Statehouse as one of five newly

elected conservative senators, representing a district in the northwest suburbs around Inverness where he lives with wife, Nina, and 5-year-old son, Jake.

The five newcomers confidently vowed to end decades of budget squandering and shell-game accounting practices that concealed state debt from the voters.

Senate veterans smiled tolerantly and dubbed them the "Fab Five." And when GOP leaders frowned on some of the revolutionary changes, the freshmen didn't press the issue.

"They were presenting themselves as hard-nosed conservatives but I think that hard nose got blunted a bit by Senate politics and perhaps by electoral politics as well," says Jim Nowlan, a former lawmaker and authority on Illinois government.

All the same, as one of Springfield's most disciplined homework doers, Fitzgerald has little tolerance for those who try

to fudge their way through.

"I don't think there's an arrogance in Peter at all," said state Sen. Steve Rauschenberger, R-Elgin, another Fab Five stalwart.

"But he does sometimes speak in shorthand ... he's not quite circumspect enough and he can be impatient with people he thinks haven't thought through an issue," Rauschenberger adds.

Fitzgerald's self-assurance was underlined in the 1994 election just two years after his Statehouse debut — when he challenged his old conservative mentor, Phil Crane, in a Republican congressional primary.

Some outraged conservatives said Fitzgerald should back off, but others said that after decades on Capitol Hill, Crane should make way for fresh blood.

Fitzgerald lost. Later, he buried the hatchet with Crane.

But he made it plain that Capitol Hill was still his dream.

And he's devoted himself to it ever since, carefully building a

following among the anonymous, anti-abortion foot soldiers who work the precincts and the churches, ringing doorbells and passing out leaflets. He's complementing that strategy by blanketing the airwaves with sophisticated ads promising to declare war on taxes.

"He's very corporate, very white shoe, but he speaks the language of movement conservatives as well," conservative organizer Tom Roeser said.

Fitzgerald saves the tip of his blowtorch for the hated tax collector. At times his rhetoric takes on a ring of almost messianic zeal.

When education groups were showering praise on plans to increase state aid to schools by raising the Illinois income tax, Fitzgerald was sounding as if he were somehow in a wrestling match with Satan, himself.

"I will fight it," he declared, "with every ounce of strength in my body."

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## Computer report shows black felons receive longer sentences

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Black felons get slapped with more prison time than white felons in Richmond courts, and the disparity between sentences for blacks and whites is particularly wide in the city's South Side, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported Sunday.

In the South Side's Manchester court, where veteran Judge James B. Wilkinson presides, blacks convicted of violent felonies such as murder, rape or aggravated assault received an average of more than

7.5 years in prison. Whites convicted of violent felonies got an average of about 3.5 years. In the city's North Side cases, judges handed down nearly six years to black violent felons and just over 4.5 years to whites on average.

The same trend held in felonies other than violent crimes. In those less cases, blacks convicted on the South Side got nearly a year and a half on average, while whites received less than a year.

The Times-Dispatch analyzed

more than 10,000 Richmond Circuit Court convictions from June 30, 1994 to Sept. 30, 1997 to develop its findings. Jacob Van Bowen Jr., a professor of mathematics at the University of Richmond, also performed an independent statistical analysis of the data. He concluded the racial disparity in sentencing is almost twice as large on the South Side as the North Side.

"There is no question about the weight of the data," Bowen said. "That difference is a big, big difference."

The analysis does not offer conclusive proof that race affects sentencing in Richmond courts, because various factors — the differing seriousness of crimes within the category "violent

felonies," for example — can affect the length of a sentence.

But analysts checked as many factors as possible, including breaking the numbers down by individual crime type and taking into account defendants' prior criminal records. None of those factors helped explain the racial disparity.

"We have looked at everything we have in the data that could explain it," Bowen said. "This is a statistical finding, not a fluke."

Bowen, however, said just because an alternative explanation has not yet been found does not mean one can definitively conclude that there is racial bias in Richmond sentencing.

"More data would make the picture clearer," he said.

Wilkinson, the sole South Side circuit judge, disputed the findings.

"The computer doesn't tell the whole story, and in using that, you are telling a falsehood," he said. "I've never looked at the color of a person's skin in sentencing."

Wilkinson is not solely responsible for the sentences. In a jury trial, jurors recommend a sentence and the judge may impose or reduce it.

No data was available to determine whether South Side juries recommend longer sentences than North Side juries, or whether Wilkinson just reduces his juries' sentence recommendations less than other Richmond judges do.

Wilkinson, who turns 72 this month and has 28 years on the bench, offered to comb through the thousands of cases to find the evidence supporting the fairness of each sentence.

"I've been called goody-two shoes. I've been called harsh," he said. "All I want to do is be called fair."

Several Richmond lawyers said the South Side's tougher sentences may stem from the overall level of violence. Crime figures in recent years show that neighborhoods a few blocks south of the Manchester courthouse had more murders, robberies and aggravated assaults than anywhere else in the city.

## BATHROOM

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cleaning up school bathrooms will make them less likely sites of petty crimes and intimidation.

"I guess the idea is the kids are going to feel safer," she said.

Experts in school behavior say restrooms are a good starting place, but freshly mopped floors don't mean much if schools are filled with other problems.

"If they just stop at the bathrooms, that's missing the point," said Mike Furlong, a school psychologist and professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Furlong said that energy should be applied to other areas, such as violence and education.

Dwyer agreed that tackling restrooms is only one step.

"It's sort of like the building is burning down but everybody has a little mist sprayer of water to keep things going," he said.

But Freeman said his school is not focusing on bathrooms to the detriment of other school programs.

"It's not like, today we're going to paint bathrooms instead of read. Or, no math today, let's paint," the principal said. "I don't think the restrooms are going to raise SAT scores 50 points."

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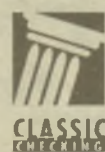
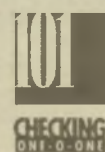
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# Lifestyle

People, Entertainment & Comics

## Box Office Big Ones

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| 1. Titanic        | \$18   |
| 2. U.S. Marshals  | \$17.1 |
| 3. Wedding Singer | \$6.2  |
| 4. Hush           | \$6.0  |
| 5. Twilight       | \$6.0  |

(All figures in millions)

Titanic has grossed over  
\$445 million in 12 weeks.

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## IRANTS & RAVES



■ BY COREY STULCE  
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Why does it always cost me  
money to learn a lesson? I made  
the mistake of agreeing to  
accompany friends to one of the  
casino boats this weekend. It  
took almost a full year since my  
spring break trip to Vegas for the  
gambling bug to come and nip  
me in the buttocks again.

Somehow I keep forgetting  
how much I despise casinos,  
whether they're on land or water.  
Somehow, I keep picturing Las  
Vegas from the '40s, with  
showgirls, martinis, flashing  
lights and rat-packers at every  
twist and turn. Oh, how my  
creative brain lies to me. Anyone  
who knows if this Shangri-La  
type vision exists, please  
drop me a line. Because I keep  
stumbling onto something  
quite different.

First of all, I would like to  
know where these casino-people  
come from. Where were they  
before the casinos opened — in  
the sewers packing together like  
hideous rats? The sight of these  
people is enough to send small  
children running to the safe arms  
of their parents. They are truly  
nightmares, each one worse than  
the rest. I don't want to know  
80-year-old women who feel the  
need to plunk quarters into  
machines at 3 a.m. It's sick.

I can just picture a pack of  
them escaping from the  
nursing home.

"Mildred just sprung the lock.  
Grab your lucky troll dolls and  
let's roll Betty!" They amble to  
the bus stop in walkers and in  
wheelchairs to get to the sweet,  
sweet lights and sounds of the  
casino boat.

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## STEEE-RIKE!

The Coen Brothers maintain their  
average with "The Big Lebowski"

■ BY ANDREW  
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At the beginning of the latest  
Coen Brothers film, "The Big  
Lebowski," the narrator says of  
the main character (The Dude)  
that he is "just the right man for  
his time." The same can be said  
of this movie: it is exactly what  
an industry bogged down by film  
noir slacksters and who-done-it  
cyncats needed. And the Coens

deliver, hilariously.

As usual with the  
makers of such films  
as "Raising Arizona"  
and "Fargo," the  
characters are simple  
and the plot is  
intricate. Jeff  
Lebowski, or The  
Dude (played by Jeff  
Bridges of "The  
Fisher King"), is an  
average, un-



photo: Merrick Morton

Jeff Bridges and Julianne Moore in one of the outlandish dream  
sequences featured in the Coen Brother's film, "The Big Lebowski."



photo: Merrick Morton

Bridges, Steve Buscemi and John Goodman  
are bowling partners in "The Big Lebowski."

baked pot-head  
living in LA  
whose favorite  
(and only)  
activity is  
b o w l i n g :  
simple. His  
friend Walter  
(St. Louisan  
J o h n  
Goodman) is a  
fellow bowler  
obsessed with  
the Vietnam

War: simple. But these two get  
mixed up in a kidnapping-  
extortion-theft-embezzlement  
story with more laughs than  
anything starring Adam Sandler.  
And they keep on bowling all  
through it.

Not only do we get to see two  
idiots get in way over their heads  
and take a good deal of  
punishment for it, but we are  
constantly reminded that it all  
began with a case of mistaken  
identity. Some hired goons  
mistake Jeff Lebowski (The

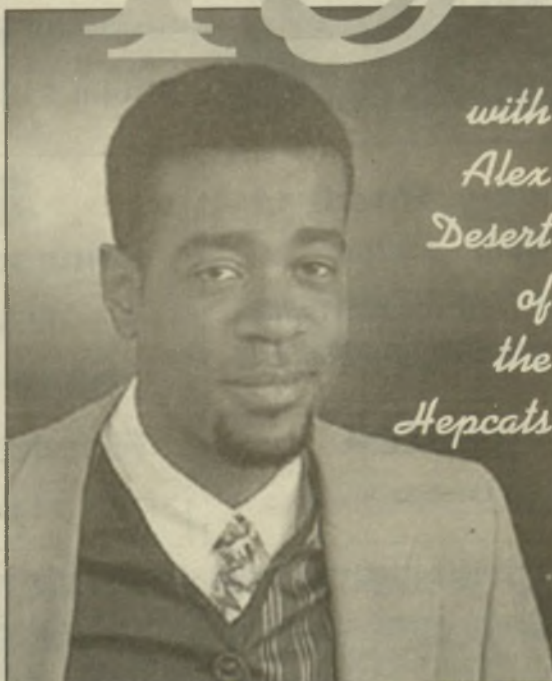
Dude) for the big Lebowski (a  
millionaire with the same name),  
beat the tar out of him and pee on  
his rug. The replacement of this  
rug is The Dude's only  
motivation for most of the movie.

The cinematography is much  
more subdued than in their other  
films except for two outlandish  
dream sequences. Rooting the  
audience in reality helps keep this  
slapstick comedy believable yet  
surprising.

see LEBOWSKI, page 11

## 13 Inane Questions

by Corey Stulee



with  
Alex  
Desert  
of the  
Hepcats

The space is jam-packed with sweaty  
cats of all shapes and sizes; the swing  
kids in their three-piece suits, the hard-  
core ska folks with their shaved-heads  
and grizzly demeanor and the average  
joe, all brimming with excitement.

The closet-size room's temperature is  
that of a mouth after eating a large  
Mexican meal. Just walking into the  
place provides a stinky sweat bath. But,  
the crowd is jazzed all the same.

Onto the tiny Hi-Pointe theater stage  
walk the Hepcats. Like a cool breeze,  
they settle the room. The crowd starts to  
sway like tall grass to the smooth  
rhythms of the band. After a lengthy  
musical intro, Alex Desert, one of  
Hepcats' two lead singers, starts his wail.

Three hours earlier, Desert was  
relaxing and enjoying a pre-show drink.  
He met me at the Hi-Pointe's restaurant to  
unload the skinny about his dual career as  
lead singer for the Hepcats and as a  
Hollywood actor. After roles in "The  
Flash," and "P.C.U.," Desert snared the  
role of Charles in the "money" flick  
"Swingers," which made him part of the  
reborn rat pack.

Why do you think Swingers was so  
much the phenomenon that it was?

It's just telling truths. I don't know

how many women came up to me saying  
"I'm glad I saw that movie, because now  
I know all you guys' secrets." And the  
odd thing was when we shot the movie, I  
never thought of it like that. I just thought  
it was a manly man's flick. And it's all  
truths. The guy calling the girl after he  
just met her. All that is true. We've all  
done it. And plus also, "Swingers" has  
that whole rat pack thing. And the rat  
pack symbolizes brotherhood for me  
personally. And that's why there's such a  
huge resurgence of it. I think that's what  
"Swingers" conveyed. And I think we're  
ready for that in this lifetime.

How do you juggle your music  
career with your acting career?

I have no idea. It was easier before,  
because the band was pretty much  
weekend gigs. I could handle that. Now  
that we're starting to tour so much, it's  
becoming a pain in my ass. As it is now,  
I've taken four months off of acting and  
there are a lot of jobs I'm missing out on.  
But, I'm young. When's the next time  
I'm going to be offered the chance to go  
around the world to sing for people. I'm  
sure the acting will always be there,  
because I'll always have the love for it.  
That is my first love, since I was six  
years old.

see DESERT, page 11



# Say What?!?

Who will be the next celebrity to die?



"Hulk Hogan, it's time for him to move on."

-Terry Downey,  
Carpenter for the  
Physical Plant



"The Spice Girls' career, because their 15 minutes of fame is up."

-Danielle Belton,  
Soph., Journalism



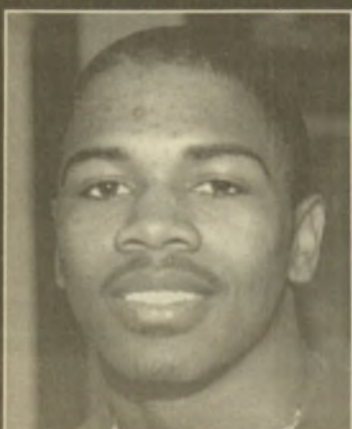
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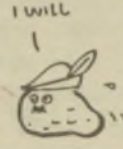
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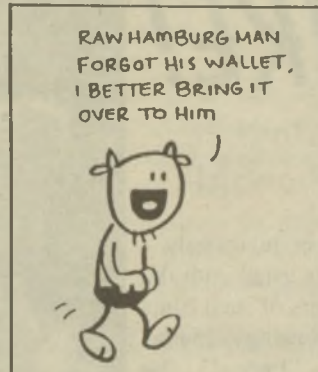
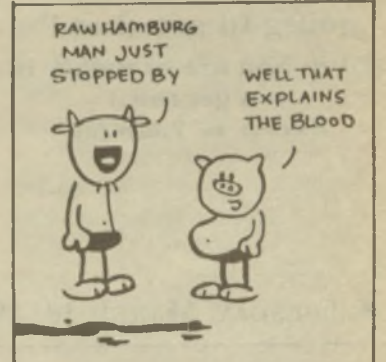
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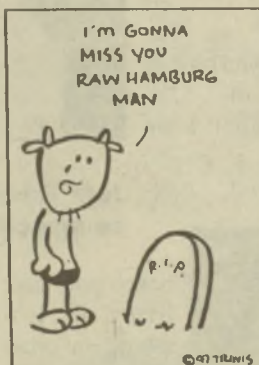
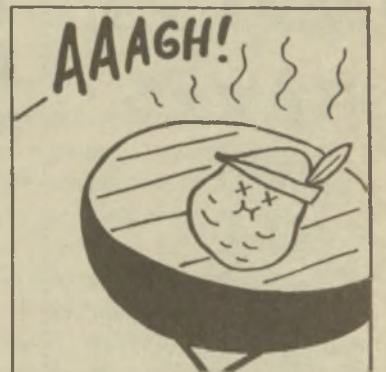


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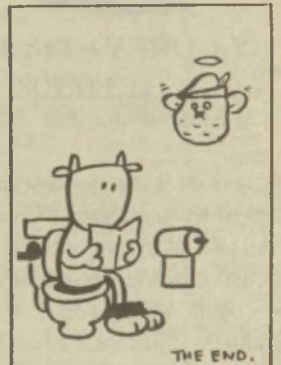
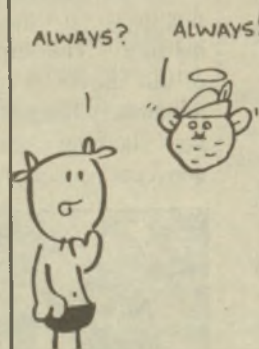
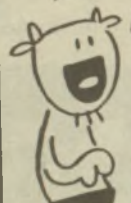


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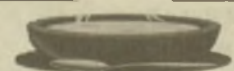
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## DESERT

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**How long did it take to make the band smooth?**

We're still trying to make it smooth. I'd say initially the band's music started jelling into the direction we wanted it to head about three or four years after we were playing together. And it keeps evolving. I don't know what the next step will be, but I know we're moving in the right direction.

**So what makes your group distinct?**

I couldn't really answer. I've heard what other people say. Every person I know that's in a band loves what they do. I'd say that's what makes us distinct. But that doesn't make sense. I think perhaps one of the things that makes us distinct is the blend of each of our personalities. That probably is what helps our music. Does that sound like bullshit to you?

**Did you have a lot of personality conflicts to overcome.**

We're still overcoming them man. This band never stops. You have one guy that's really blase. One guy that's really passionate. Another guy that's passionate about being blase.

**How do you keep the live shows fresh after eight years?**

We just try to outdo each other. Like Greg and I, if I throw something different out into the vocal mix, maybe he'll catch what I did and start running with

it and it'll turn into something else. The same as when we're dancing onstage. We never know what the hell we're doing. We just make it up as we go along, and that's what makes it interesting, exciting. Listening to the solos every night. They're always different and it cracks me up.

**How does love fit into the music?**

That's one of the reasons we started the band, so we could have couples dancing together. Cause we'd go to ska shows and a guy and his girlfriend were dancing together, but not together. We decided we wanted to make music with couples looking at each other, dancing and swinging. That's a heavy part of it. Everyone in this band is a cynical romantic. Talking from myself, I believe in romance, but I think it's bull. I'll admit it. I go home, I love listening to Burt Bacharach and Dionne Warwick.

**How do you relax after a show?**

It takes me about fifteen minutes to wind down from being up there. Then I enjoy having a Meyers and Coke (holding up a near-empty drink). I like enjoying them before the show as well. It's weird you get into a zone when you're done playing. Me personally, my mind's just racing, and depending on how connected I am to the actual performance that night; if I'm 120 percent on, I won't be able to talk to anyone for about a half-hour. I'll just sit with thoughts racing through my mind. I'll just have to sit in a corner and dry myself off.

**What kind of preparations are you making for success?**

I don't think I am. Just rolling with it, taking it one day at a time.

**What would you say is the worst part of touring?**

Obviously, things waiting for you at home. The weird thing about touring, it gets harder the closer you get to home. You can see the light at the end of the tunnel. It's easier than the start of the tour. We're on the road for another week and a half. All of a sudden, L.A. is starting to become a clear picture for me again. I'm remembering what my house looks like, remembering I have to pay bills.

**How does the suit make the man?**

The suit makes the man hot if he's onstage dancing for an hour and a half.

**Where do you think your humor spawns from?**

I don't know. My mom was a funny looking woman. No, no don't print that. I'm joking, I'm joking. I was real chubby as a kid, so that was part of my self-defense. I'm still chubby now, what am I talking about? Now it's become real acidic.

**How tough is it for young actors in L.A.?**

A lot of traps you can fall into. Sh\*t, I've fallen into some of those traps. There's a lot of "yes" men in Los Angeles. When you do fall it hurts, really bad. That's one thing you've got to remember; to keep yourself humble. Pick yourself up. Damn, I'm proud of myself, but I know the sh\*t won't be here forever.

## GAMBLING

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These people look so damaged. I've seen circus freaks that would shake their heads in disgust. I tried to look around to find the trashiest person, but soon had to give up. There was a twenty-way tie! These people had wrinkles on top of wrinkles! Their teeth were green, their eyes beady. The hair so unkempt, Buckwheat would say, "Damn, you need a comb?" How am I supposed to have fun in a place like this?

Oh, but it will all be worth it when you start winning money. Ha! What rube still believes this? I love hearing about the people who claim to be winners. Look, there's a picture of Joe Schmoe, who won \$5,500 on black jack. Of course, they don't mention the \$36,000 he spent over the last two months, or about his third mortgage because he's sick with the casinos.

I just go in planning on leaving \$20 broker. Maybe it's just the masochist in me that makes me go. At least in Vegas I can see a decent show. The next time I get that crazy gambling look in my eye, do me a favor and slap me.

## LEBOWSKI

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What the Coens do that makes this movie so important right at this time is the fun they poke at Tarantino, the Tarantino rip-offs, and the whole "Usual Suspects" genre. Where these movies are completely serious crime dramas with brilliant protagonists and a myriad of supporting roles, involving only a bit of dry sadistic wit strategically placed for shock value, "The Big Lebowski" is the same thing a la the Three Stooges. Imagine Jim Carrey stumbling through "L.A. Confidential," or Pauly Shore

squaring off against DeNiro in "Heat," or Woody Harrelson in any serious role. Goodman and Bridges have that same kind of goofy effect on such an intricate story line, only they do it very well. Not since Pacino in "Dog Day Afternoon" has incompetence been played so competently.

The real treat of "The Big Lebowski" is wondering how these morons are going to get through it, and the end is anything but predictable (except for the bowling). So instead of seeing "Titanic" for the thirtieth time this weekend, see something that will keep you guessing and laughing up to the last frame.

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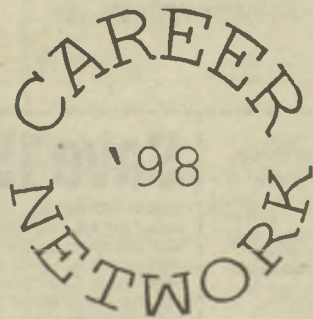
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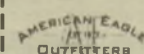
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## Women's hoops lose to Mich. Tech; three seniors

■ BY JASON  
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SPORTS REPORTER

Women's hoops traveled to Evansville, Ind. for the first round of the NCAA Division II tourney. Well, at least the Cougar defense showed up.

With no offensive production, the SIUE squad had trouble getting ahead in the 60-47 loss to Michigan Technological University which ended the Cougars season and three college

playing careers this weekend.

Shooting for the Cougars flatlined at just 37 percent. Out of a mammoth 45 shots taken, SIUE hit 17 and committed 23 turnovers. Bench scoring, and a standout performance that had marked Cougar play toward the end of the season, was absent. In nine of the last ten games, SIUE had one, and sometimes two, twenty-plus point performances. Cougar senior Alicia Harkins had the hot hand throughout the GLVC tourney. She averaged 22 points in the tourney, but could

only manufacture 10 points and seven rebounds in her last game as a Cougar.

"They did a good job with Alicia," Cougar head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "They focused on a few of our key players and made sure they weren't a factor."

Freshman Misi Clark and junior Kim Lowe came to play combining for half of SIUE's points and Lowe got more offensive rebounds than the rest of the team put together.

On the defensive end a totally

different game was played. SIUE held Michigan Tech under their scoring average and allowed only one Husky to set the pace. Forward Bailey Allison displayed the definition of individual effort scoring 21 points with five rebounds off the bench.

"We played excellent defense," Hedberg said. "They have a few stars on the team and they were not key in the win."

The loss for the Cougars enforces the fact that defense alone cannot win championships. SIUE's offensive weapons

seemed to misfire all at once. Freshman Erica Cory and senior Christina Loomis were held scoreless and senior Leslie Phillips scored under double digits.

Without knowing what kind of talent they will have next year, Hedberg says that the outlook is uncertain with the loss of Loomis, Phillips and Harkins.

"We haven't signed anyone yet," Hedberg said. "But we will know soon what kind of a team we will have for next year."

## Cougar softball defeated at Classic; looking for win in south

■ BY BRETT LICATA  
SPORTS REPORTER

A five-game losing streak in the Cougar Classic leaves the SIUE softball team looking to pick up the pieces as they travel south this weekend.

After a decent showing at the Southern Classic to open the season, the Cougars went into a tailspin last weekend. SIUE dropped five in a row before salvaging a win in their last game of the round-robin tournament.

Peoria's Sarah Sollberger had a double, a RBI and a run scored in a 10-3 loss to the University of North Alabama in the first game on Friday. Senior Gwen Jackson added three hits and scored a run.

Deanna Smith held the University of Southern Indiana to only two runs on five hits, but the Cougars couldn't manage to cross the plate against conference rival Southern Indiana in a 2-0 loss.

SIUE and South Dakota State University played scoreless ball until the fourth inning when SDSU scored two runs in the top half of the inning and pulled away for an 11-1 victory to drop the Cougars to 2-4 on the season.

On Saturday, SIUE continued to struggle against the same three teams. Southern Indiana picked up the offense from the last game as they out-hit SIUE 11-4. USI

jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning and continued their offensive dominance in downing the Cougars 8-3. Southern Indiana took their record to 11-0 on the season.

South Dakota State baffled the Cougars again by coming away with a 6-4 victory. Kim Wagner, of Burbank, had a double, three runs scored and a stolen base in the game while Jackson contributed a base hit, an RBI and swiped a base.

SIUE finally added a mark in the win column in their second game against North Alabama. SIUE had a four-run first inning, but North Alabama tied the game after two innings. The Cougars took a 6-4 advantage after scoring runs in the third and fifth. A two-run seventh by North Alabama tied the game again until SIUE scored in the bottom half of the seventh to gain the 7-6 victory.

Sollberger had three hits which included a triple and a home run. Niki Mitts, of Morton, had two hits, two RBI and a stolen base. Pekin native Erica Connett had two hits and an RBI.

The Cougars travel to Columbus, Ga. to take on Columbus State in a doubleheader on Friday before going to Ocoee, Fla. for five days of competition in the Rebel Spring Games.

## Just goofin' off



Jill Stevens/Alestle

**If you look outside you wouldn't think this is baseball weather, but the Cougars are geared up for a two-game home stretch starting today against Lincoln. Game time is 1 p.m. and is a double header.**

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## CHALK TALK

BY SARAH FINLEY

### Men's Tennis

Cougar tennis returned home from Northwest Missouri State University with a 8-1 victory over the Bearcats under their belt.

The team lost the first match in a 7-6, 6-4 set, but came back and won the rest of the singles matches and all three of the doubles. The Cougars face Drury College on Wednesday.

### Track & Field

Men's and women's track and field wrapped up their indoor season this weekend at the Indiana Invitational.

Only five Cougars placed in this large meet which included teams from Miami University, DePauw University and Indiana University.

In the men's 200-meter dash Luke Lay placed 20th finishing only 2.6 seconds behind the leader. In the men's 400-meter dash, Lay finished eighth. In the men's 800-meter run Bill Beckley finished fourth with fellow Cougar Dan Walden finishing sixth.

In the women's 200-meter dash, Janece Friederich finished fourth coming in only 2.02 seconds behind the leader. In the

women's 800-meter run, Kendra Newell finished fourth and in the women's one mile run Lisa Ribes finished fourth with a time of 5:21.92.

The Cougars will start their indoor season on March 27 at Washington University.

### Women's Basketball

Freshman Misi Clark and junior Kim Lowe have been named to the second team of the Daktronics, INC. women's basketball all-Great Lakes Region Team.



# SPORTS SHORTS

## BASEBALL

### DAVIS

Mark Davis, the National League's 1989 Cy Young Award winner, ended his comeback attempt with the Arizona Diamondbacks and announced his retirement Saturday.

The 37-year-old left-hander, a two-time All-Star, missed the entire 1996 season with a shoulder injury that required surgery.

He finishes with a 51-84 career record and 4.17 ERA. His best year was in 1989, when he converted 44 of 48 save chances for the Padres and was voted the Cy Young Player of the Year.

Hideki Irabu lost control again and this time it was off the field.

### IRABU

Irabu, who has had strained relations with Japanese media since joining the Yankees last year, allegedly grabbed a television camera and stomped on a cameraman's foot after pitching four scoreless innings Saturday against Detroit.

Irabu asked freelance Toyko Broadcasting System cameraman Keiichiro Hoashi to stop videotaping him during what the

pitcher apparently thought was an off-the-record session.

Irabu departed Legends Field with the videotape and film in his possession.

The incident occurred after Irabu left a tense interview session with Japanese reporters. He returned moments later in what reporters said was an attempt to smooth relations.

## BASKETBALL

### ATLANTIC DIVISION

Miami: W43-L19 Won 2

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Chicago: W44-L16 Won 2

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Utah: W43-L16 Won 6

### PACIFIC DIVISION

Seattle: W45-L15 Lost 2

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

New Jersey at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

### CARROLL

New England coach Pete Carroll has broken his silence on the arrest of running back Dave Meggett, saying one incident should not necessarily cause a team to sever ties with a player.

Meggett was arrested Feb. 27 after a Toronto call girl told police that he punched her and took his money back when she told him to stop having sex with

her when his condom broke.

The NFL's career punt return leader was charged with sexual assault and robbery and released on \$5,250 bond. Another football player, Steve Brannon of the Barcelona Dragons, was arrested and charged with sexual assault.

### BRONCOS

A giant pumpkin on the lake is what some opponents have said the new Cleveland Stadium will look like with orange seats, but that did not stop city planners from choosing that color.

The city's Design Review Committee cast an advisory vote on Thursday against the color, but the Planning Commission had the final say on Friday and gave the OK for orange seats.

The exact shade of orange had not been selected. The commission said the color is part of the Cleveland Browns legacy and will work well with the concrete, stone and steel structure of the new stadium.

The \$247 million, 72,000-seat stadium is expected to be completed by August of next year.

### GIPPER

The football from the game Notre Dame won for "the Gipper" is still up for grabs.

A Seattle sports memorabilia company, representing the owner of the ball, unsuccessfully tried to auction it by phone. The owner

was asking a minimum bid of \$100,000.

The ball was used during Notre Dame's 12-6 victory over Army on Nov. 10, 1928.

In the most famous pep talk in college sports, coach Knute Rockne inspired the injury-riddled Irish by recalling George Gipp's deathbed request eight years earlier: "... When the team is up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys, tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper."

Rockne told his players, "This is the day and you are the team."

## HOCKEY

### DAIGLE

Alexandre Daigle scored on a breakaway with 56.5 seconds left in overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 4-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday night.

Daigle lifted the puck high over goaltender Ken Wregget from the middle of the slot for his first goal as a Flyer.

Pittsburgh's Jaromir Jagr sent the game into overtime, scoring on a backhand from just outside the right crease with 15 seconds left in regulation. Jagr's goal came with Wregget pulled for an extra skater.

Just 31 seconds earlier, Shjon Podein had put the Flyers ahead by diving over a prone Wregget and pushing the puck into the net.

Mike Sillinger and John LeClair also scored for the Flyers, and Rod Brind'Amour added three assists. Brad Werenka and Martin Straka also scored for Pittsburgh.

### MODANO

Mike Modano's goal with 6:35 left in regulation gave the Dallas Stars a tie with Phoenix, keeping the Coyotes winless in their last nine games.

Phoenix took a 1-0 lead when Teppo Numminen's slap shot from the right point beat a screened Ed Belfour with 11:31 remaining in regulation. Numminen's seventh goal came while the Coyotes were on their seventh power play of the night.

But Dallas tied it on Modano's backhand from the slot, his 21st goal of the season.

Both goalies turned in strong efforts, with Dallas' Ed Belfour stopping 33 shots while Phoenix's Nikolai Khabibulin had 22 saves Keith Primeau and Martin Gelinas scored 37 seconds apart on Carolina's first two shots of the game as the Hurricanes beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

### ROBERTS

Gary Roberts added his fifth goal in five games and 14th of the season on a breakaway at 13:35 of the third period and Trevor Kidd made 21 saves to help secure Carolina's fourth consecutive victory.

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## Safe Spring Break!!!

The staff of the Wellness  
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for students, faculty, and  
staff.

1. Never drink and drive!
2. If you drink, avoid binge drinking & never drink on an empty stomach.
3. Avoid jail or steep fines by adhering to all laws relating to alcohol use. Law enforcement is strict during Spring Break.
4. Ladies, be careful with your drinks. Don't leave drinks unattended. Only drink beverages served directly to you from employees of the establishment. Date rape drugs are colorless, odorless, tasteless, and may be slipped into your drink. Victims can't respond to or remember the assault.
5. There is no substitute for sleep. Rolling your window down, playing the radio, and drinking caffeine are only temporary measures. Alternate drivers.
6. If you're under age, don't panic! There are alcohol-free drinks that look and taste like the real thing.

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## Mrs. Bowden honored as 'First Lady' of football

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The matriarch of one of Florida's best-known families, Ann Bowden, has been named recipient of the initial "First Lady of Football" by the All-American Football Foundation.

She and Florida State coach Bobby Bowden have been married nearly 49 years and are the parents of six children, including two college head coaches. A son and son-in-law are also assistant coaches in Division I programs.

"We've always thought of ourselves as partners," Mrs. Bowden said Thursday. "I've certainly been involved in his business."

"We know all the things you have to go through and put up with," she added. "I don't know how a coach runs a successful program without a wife who really helps him. A little fairy doesn't keep the logs burning and the music playing."

The foundation will honor Mrs. Bowden, 65, at a banquet March 16 in Tampa.

Bobby Bowden is ranked fifth all-time with 280 career coaching victories. He has the No. 1 bowl winning percentage and winning percentage in the Atlantic Coast Conference where his teams have run off six straight championships.

The Bowden's son, Terry, is the head coach at Auburn and son Tommy is the head coach at Tulane where he guided the Green Wave to a 7-4 mark in his first season — the school's best mark since 1982.

Jeff Bowden is the receivers' coach at Florida State and son-in-law Jack Hines is an assistant at Auburn. The Bowden's oldest daughter, Robyn, is married to Hines and their youngest daughter, Ginger Madden, is an attorney in Shalimar, married to a former Bowden player at Florida State.

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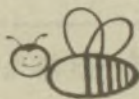
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