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Its beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Photo By Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Mary Reinacher, placement secretary in the School of Education and Jean Dayton, Special Education Advisory Staff member, spend their lunch time browsing the Christmas Craft Fair.

Tower Lake resident charged with child abuse

By Chris Clayton For the Alestle

Police arrested a 42-year-old SIUE student who was charged with aggravated battery to a child on Tuesday afternoon.

The charges came after a school nurse learned that the woman's 12year-old son had been beaten with an electrical cord.

Radell F. Gibbs, an undeclared junior, remains in custody at this time.

University News Service Director, Sam Smith said the police arrested Gibbs after a school nurse at the boy's school called University Housing, who then called the police to file

The charge against Gibbs states that she "knowingly caused permanent disfigurement or great bodily harm" to the boy.

Dr. Narbeth Emmanuel, Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs, said, "the university will work closely with the Department of Children and Family Services to determine the course of action that needs to be taken in this matter."

Child abuse is often stress induced, according to Dr. Jennifer Hamer, assistant professor, in the Sociology

Department. "Tower Lake is a hotbed of stress. You have lots of students who have children and also work, add to that, living in cramped quarters, it causes a lot of stress."

Dr. Hamer continued, "parents don't have an outlet for stress, they don't have a network where they can talk to people to deal with the stress in their lives. SIUE doesn't have traditional students, we have people who work, people who are married with children, the university needs to provide resources for them."

"I would recommend that the university house a resource center for parents. They also need a social worker of some sort to help with the stress. Someone who can go door to door and talk to parents, ask how they are doing, how their children are doing. The only problem with this idea is it all comes down to funding."

Students had definite opinions when asked about child abuse. "Child abuse is anything that causes pain that is either physical or emotional. When you act to damage a child's character," Moira Guffey, a student pursuing a second degree in Fine Arts, said.

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SIUE set for fall commencement

Two leaders to receive Distinguished Service Award

By Darryl Howlett News Editor

As part of commencement ceremonies, SIUE will be presenting their Distinguished Service awards to two individuals who blazed a trail to help humanity.

The Rev. Buck Jones and Leo Wolf will receive the award on Dec. 14, at 10 a.m. in the Vadalabene Center.

Jones founded Project HOPE (Helping Other People Emerge), an organization dedicated to solving problems of hunger, crime, environmental protection, education, public transportation, adequate housing, and promoting peace throughout the St. Louis and southwestern Illinois area.

contractor for construction of the Religious Center students over the years at SIUE. The speech will be at SIUE in 1970. His leadership as chairman of the student-oriented," Rutman said. St. Louis Holocaust Committee resulted in the opening of the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center in Creve Coeur, Mo., in May of 1995.

The commencement address will be delivered by Gilbert Rutman, professor in the SIUE economic department. He is also the director of the Office of Economic Education. Rutman takes pride in his selection of delivering the commencement address.

"I'm very flattered and honored," Rutman said.

Rutman said he wants the topic of his speech to be close-kept, but it will be student-oriented.

"I want the speech to have some type of shock

Just as impressive, Wolf served as the general value. I will certainly talk about my observations of

Rutman, a member of the faculty since 1969, has served as chair of the economics department for seven years and is a nationally recognized economists and consultant. He has two degrees from Boston University and completed his doctoral degree at Duke University.

Marguerite Newton, an assistant professor at the school of Nursing, served on the Honorary degree/Distinguished Service Award committee. Newton said both award winners are deserving.

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Melanie Adams talks about Sister Mary Agnus and Danette Watt's Farewell

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TOP STORIES

National

Judge lifts ban on gay marriages

HONOLULU (AP) — On Tuesday, a judge barred Hawaii

from denying marriage licenses to gay couples in a case that has already led Congress to allow other states to refuse to recognize such unions.

The ruling is certain to be appealed.

Kirk-Cashmere, an attorney for three homosexual couples who sued the state, said Circuit Judge Kevin Chang, "in a nutshell ruled that the sex-based classification in the state's marriage law is unconstitutional".

Chang said the state failed to show any compelling state interest to deny gay and lesbian couples the right to marry, Cashmere said.

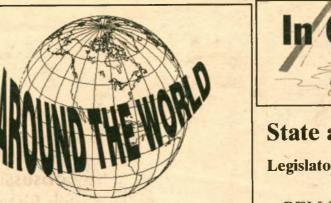
Copies of Chang's ruling were to be distributed later Tuesday.

A spokeswoman for the conservative Family Research Council said the ruling defies the wishes of the majority. Polls say 70 percent of Hawaii's residents oppose same-sex marriages.

"This ruling is a slap in the face of the Hawaiian people who have made it clear that they don't want liberal judges tampering with society's foundational institutions," Kristi Stone Hamrick said.

An appeal of Chang's ruling would send the case back to the Hawaii Supreme Court, which ruled in 1993 that denial of marriage licenses to same-sex couples amounted to gender discrimination under the state constitution's Equal Rights Amendment.

The state Supreme Court sent the case back to a lower court to give the state a chance to show a compelling public interest in allowing such discrimination.





State and Local

Legislators must disclose scholarships

BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT — The Illinois House gave overwhelming final approval Tuesday to requiring disclosure of the names of university students who get scholarships from lawmakers — a program costing more than \$5 million a year.

The House voted 107-3 in favor of the measure designed to curb what the public interest lobby Common Cause and other critics have described as costly abuse by state lawmakers.

The vote came on changes recommended by Gov. Jin Edgar to legislation approved by the General Assembly during its spring session.

Alcohol hikes women's estrogen

CHICAGO — (AP) Drinking alcohol tripled the level o estrogen in the blood of post-menopausal women taking hormones, possibly explaining how such therapy could raise the risk of breast cancer, researchers say.

Some scientists believe estrogen promotes breast cancer Studies of the issue have yielded conflicting data, and more research will be needed to establish cause and effect.



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Learning can take place anywhere, any age

Commentary
By Danette Watt
Assistant News Editor

What began in 1980 is finally coming to an end. It's taken me 16 years and eight schools, but I finally made it. When I turn in my final Thursday, I'll have the satisfaction of knowing I accomplished what I set out to do — with a few detours along the way.

And the detours have been just as enlightening as school.

Two months into a fouryear-stint in the Navy I quickly learned military life was not for me. Though I hated almost every minute of it, I stuck it out and learned I could put up with just about anything "they" could dish out. Plus, I've been able to see parts of the world I wouldn't have seen otherwise, courtesy of the USN.

Time off to have my first son didn't stop my education— it just came in a different form. I've been in "continuing ed" ever since.

When you have kids, you realize a healthy child is more important than having a perfect house and you look at those "shoot-em-up" flicks with a more critical eye.

I finally made it back to

school at age 30-something. There's a distinct advantage to being an older student. Professors take you more seriously and you bring a new dimension to class discussions.

On a radio talk show yesterday morning, Department of Labor Secretary Robert Reich told the interviewer he was stepping down so he could spend more time with his family. Missing his childrens' growing-up years was no longer worth the prestige and income he had.

I can understand that. I want to be there for my kids when they need me, even if it means juggling part-time jobs and free-lance work.

Consequently, I won't be "walking" Saturday. Instead, I'll be taking my five-year-old to a Christmas concert practice.

Most of us get wiser as we get older and over the years I've learned to drown out the voice in my head that wants to tell me I'm not smart enough. For if anything, I've come to relish my intelligence and will miss the intellectual environment of school.

But, like MacArthur, I shall return. Maybe not here. Who knows where life will lead me, but somewhere there's another school waiting for me.



Commentary By
Melanie Adams
Editor in Chief
My obsession
with Sister
Mary Agnes

A few months ago, as I was aimlessly flipping T.V. channels, I came across a pudgy, grandmotherly-looking nun who was complaining about an article in a popular magazine that featured a photo of a crucifix in a bottle of urine.

"Jusht loook at deesh photo. It ees a pictshuure of a crucfixsh in a bottle of urne. Deesh type of reporting eesh a deeshgrace. Eetch Blashmeenmush for deesh magazine to show thees types of peectures. We all must pray for the editorsh of deesh publication," the nun said.

I was transfixed. The sweet old nun with the extra-large glasses and the sliding, invisible dentures was angrily pouring her heart out about a picture in a magazine on cable T V! But the thing that amazed me the most about the woman is the fact that there was a packed studio audience cheering her on!

"Where do these people come from?" I thought to myself as I continued to watch the ancient sister.

She was hilarious! With her glasses that kept falling down her nose and her teeth that appeared only when they were about to fall out, she reminded me of an old teacher I had in grade school.

At first I just sat there watching her because I thought she looked like a trip, but the more I listened to the eighty-something nun speak, the more I began to warm to her razor-sharp wit. I was literally laughing out loud at her jokes about the Pope and I am not even Catholic! My roommates entered the room at the sound of my chuckling and immediately asked what in the world I was watching. I quickly responded with the name Sister Mary Agnes. Her real name is Mother Angelica, I have come to discover, but at the time it sounded like a good name for the comical nun.

Naturally they razzed me about the nun for the rest of her show, laughing at her flapping dentures and cross-stitched bible cover, but I didn't care, Sister Mary Agnes was beginning to grow on me.

I began to watch her show nightly, laughing at her jokes and guests. (Sister Mary Agnes often has guest monks on the show that like to discuss the "lard" and his power — very enlightening and what a sight!) She is like the Rosie O'Donnell of the devout Catholic circuit.

She has taken over my life. My fiancé is sick of hearing what Sister Mary Agnes said on her last show and even more tired of the imitation of her on my answering machine.

My obsession with Sister Mary Agnes is

growing. Soon I may even form the Sister Mary Agnes fan club. Or better yet, the Sister Mary Agnes Website. (Why not, we have the Chia-Pet Website?!?). knows. "Anyting eesh poshible, as long ash the lard eesh on yore shide." And Sister Mary Agnes is on T.V.



Letter to the editor

President Sanders: stop micromanaging the campuses and fulfill your promise

I would like to add a few thoughts to the debate on "Responsibility Centered Management" (RCM). In my view, both the substance of RCM, and the means by which it is being imposed, are seriously flawed. At where RCM has been campuses implemented, it has had effects that work against a university's goal of graduating broadly-educated students. RCM encourages departments to require their students to take their own departmental courses, at the expense of interdisciplinary courses, electives and general education courses from other departments.

The result is narrowly-trained technocrats rather than broadly-educated students ready for a changing world. When professional schools behave in the manner described above, as RCM will encourage them to do, it has another undesirable effect.

It leads to enrollment declines in the arts and sciences, which administrators here have constantly told us are the heart and soul of any university. (Remember those proclamations a few years ago when they created the College of Arts and Sciences?) But at Indiana University, after RCM was implemented, enrollment in the College of Arts and Sciences declined 20 percent!

So much for the heart and soul of that university! By the way, if you would like to learn more about RCM from an SIUC faculty

member who has studied it, visit the following World Wide Web site: http://www.nea.org/campus/siuc/rcm.html.

The means by which RCM is being imposed is equally problematic. Ignoring SIUE's long history of shared governance, SIU System head Ted Sanders simply proclaimed that RCM would be imposed on SIUE. He never bothered to ask the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate, the Student Senate, or anyone else, what we at SIUE thought. He just handed it down as a command.

If it is such a good idea, President Sanders, why don't you convince the Senates of its merit and maybe they'd recommend it on their own.

But, I have an even better idea. When you interviewed for the job of SIU System head, you said that you would not try to micromanage the campuses. Instead, you said, you would concentrate on efforts in Springfield to represent the interests of SIU to the legislature.

We would all be better off if you did exactly that. A final thought: RCM appears to be a major reason the faculty at SIUC voted overwhelmingly for collective bargaining last week after soundly rejecting it 8 years ago. I suspect that RCM makes the same result both increasingly likely, and increasingly attractive, to SIUE.

John Farley Professor of Sociology Letters to the editor policy:

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from front page

Cassulo, Connie senior pursuing a degree in education said, "Spanking with your hand is fine, and even that can be excessive at times, but it's not ok when you use a weapon of some type."

All three of Gibbs's children have been turned over to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Earthly angels to help children at Tower Lake

By Danette Watt **Assistant News Editor**

Cheryl Huber's idea of ar 'angel tree" may not be original but nobody will care.

Not the people who wil pluck an angel from the tree set up outside of the Opap Lounge in the UC. Mos certainly not the children who benefit their largess.

Huber, a clerk in the University Police department is the impetus behind the project, sponsored Community Orientec Police (COP).

"I'd seen it before and thought it would be nice to do here," Huber said.

The tree is covered with about 35 paper Christmas angels, each bearing the gender, age, clothing size and three wishes of a child living at Tower Lake Apartments.

Anyone who wishes to participate chooses an angel and drops off any wrapped item to the University Police. The paper angel must be attached to the gifts. Items must be turned in no later than Wednesday, Dec. 18.

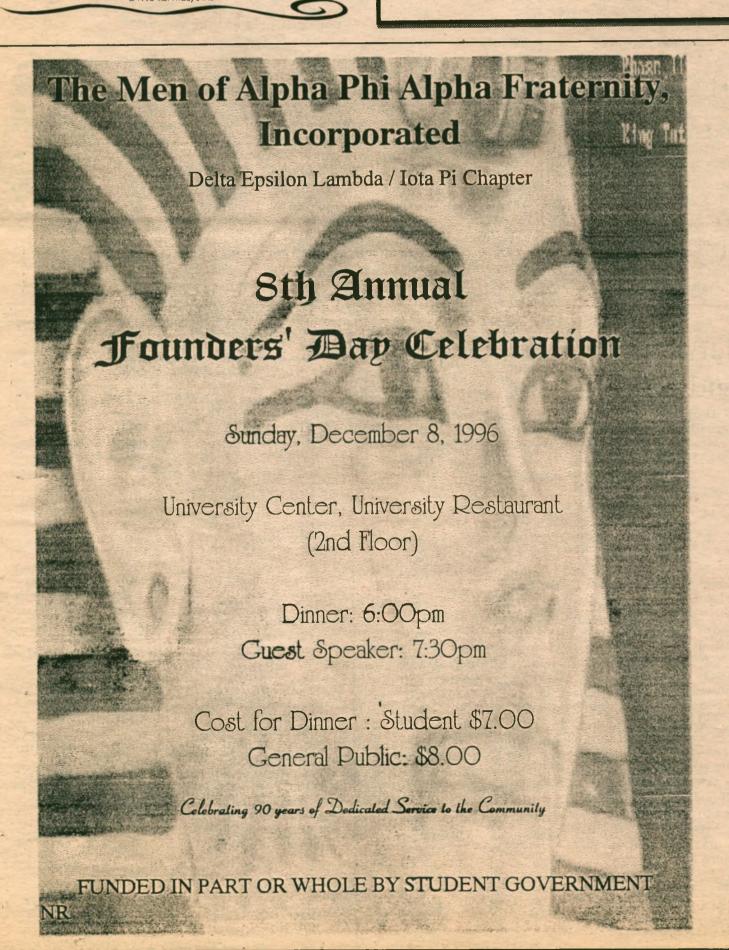
Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves will deliver the gifts the children Saturday, Dec. 21.

"Even though sponsored by COP, we want to make it more policewide," Officer Plew said.

Plew said that if someone wants to participate but doesn't have the time to shop, a check payable to SIUE-PD Christmas Fund will be accepted. Checks should be mailed to University Police Angel Tree, Box 1041, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Other monetary donations will be accepted as well.

"This will ensure that every angel gets a Christmas present," Plew said.



Buck

from front page

"He (Jones) was nominated within the university community. He was discussed and we talked about his extensive amount of community service in the East St. Louis Community. We felt he was deserving of the award," Newton said.

"Wolf has contributed a lot to the community. It was a strong consensus among the committee that his nomination should be sent forward to the board of trustees," Newton said.

Mr. Wolf is known in the St.
Louis region and Southern
Illinois as the founder and
chairman of Wolf Company, a
commercial, industrial and
institutional general
contracting firm based in
Granite City, and as the owner
of Pontoon Plaza
Development Company in
Granite City.

Born in Poland, he survived internment and abuse in more than 13 Nazi camps, and imprisonment at Auschwitz and Dachau before coming to America in 1948.

Wolf's personal story was related by Peter Maer, White House correspondent for NBC Radio and Mutual Broadcasting, in his commencement address to SIUE graduates in August, 1995.

For Jones, in addition to Project HOPE, he organized the Metropolitan Job Assistance Program in St. Louis and the Habitat for Humanity Project in East St. Louis.

A contemporary of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, he came to St. Louis in 1967 as a United Church of Christ minister. He involved himself in community concerns, addressing problems faced by low-income residents. Jones holds a baccalaureate degree in



Leo Wolf



Rev. Buck Jones



Gilbert Rutman

philosophy from Michigan State University, a bachelor of divinity and master of religion from the Yale University Divinity School, a master of political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a doctor of divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary.



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by Corey Stulce **Assistant Lifestyle Editor**

1. Fargo: Steve Buscemi getting run through a wood-chopper. Need I say more?

- 2. Flirting With Disaster: Ben Stiller and Alan Alda as an acid-freak. Rock on!
- 3. Swingers: Hot comedy for the Rat-pack baby.
- 4. Trainspotting: Not worth all the hype, but still disturbingly brilliant.
- 5. Welcome to the Dollhouse: Junior high hell is lots of laughs.
- 6. The Long Kiss Goodnight: Best action flick all year, hands down.
- 7. The Young Poisoner's Handbook: Creepy, yet funny.
- 8. Beautiful Girls: Uma, Uma, Uma.
- 9. Trees Lounge: Another Steve Buscemi, he lives through this one.
- 10. Basquiat: Art-house, but not too hoighty-toity.

by Corey Stulce **Assistant Lifestyle Editor**

1. Diabolique: Worse than dental work.

- 2. Primal Fear: Cheese.
- 3. Crow 2: Bird droppings.
- 4. Spy Hard: Not laughing.
- 5. Dragonheart: Sleep inducing.
- 6. Striptease: Embarrassing.
- 7. Independence Day: Will Smith?
- 8. Twister: Blew.
- 9. Barb Wire: Over-blown.
- 10. First Wives Club: Moldy Goldie

Horoscopes by Quato

If your birthday is today: You are prone to get gypped out of some cool presents because you were dumb enough to be born so close to Christmas. You'll probably get some crappy combination gifts from cheap relatives.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Really, this year, don't let Grandma hit the egg nog too hard. Her liver is starting to resemble Bea Arthur's head.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Your friends are planning something exciting for the holidays for you an intervention! You have a gambling problem, dammit, and it's time to admit it.

Genini (May 21-June 20): The holidays are a good chance to redeem all of your evils done throughout the year. Maybe you could brake when you see old blind people crossing the road for a change Concer (kne21-kily 22) Hang

up that mistletoe baby, you're prone for a Xmas kiss. (And I'm not talking about creepy Uncle Al, either

Leo (July 23-Aug.22): Do you have your New Year's resolution yet? How about you give the poodles in the

neighborhood a rest. Their suicide rate has tripled since you moved in.

Virgo (Aug.23-Sept.22): The holidays are not an excuse for you to spend money on yourself just because no one will buy you a present. Buy one for Quato instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): I sense a Grinch in the midst. What are you going to do with all of those Barbies anyway? Return them to the Wal-Mart truck where you found them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Avoid your Aunt's house at all costs this year. She's serving smoked ham covered

with hot tar. The medication just isn't working. Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21): The mystery man in your life will make himself known soon Unfortunately he's an elf with bad hygiene. Bu

Capricorn (Dec.22- Jan. 19): Tired of spending countless nights home alone watching special like "Dolly Parton's Smoky Mountain Christmas with Charles Manson?" Why not de

> something productive like decorate your neighbor's house. O better yet, remind the simp to take down his lights before June this year!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The economic future for you isn't very bright. Here's your new holiday shopping list: gum for Dad, ring pop for Mom, and birth control for little Sis.

Pisces (Feb.19-March 20): You are about to become the nex George Bailey, But don't worry, I'n

your Clarence. I've been sensing a lot of people asking for help for you. You're troubled, bu don't worry, a wise man once said, "No mar who has friends is a failure." Oh, who am kidding. Life is one big fat waste of time. Who cares anymore, just do it. Jump off that bridge never mind about Zu Zu's petals. Mr. Potter has won, the old scurvy spider. It's al just...wait...sorry about that. Ummm...have e Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or whatever!

Tops and flops of this year's CD's

By Greg Levrault For the Alestle

The best this year:

- 1. "Fashion Nugget" Cake
- 2. "Adios Amigos!" Ramones
- 3. "Fat Headed Stranger" Wammo
- 4. "Autobiography of a Mistachuck" soul divide", The Tear Garden Chuck D

The worst this year:

- 1. "Justus" The Monkees
- 2, "1" Desdinova
- 3. "to be an angel blind, the crippled
- 4. "See" The Ocean Blue

Holiday movies to break up the Winter blahs

By Corey Stulce Assistant Lifestyle Editor

There are tons of movies coming out for the holidays. Here are a few to check out after all the shopping is done. On December 13, Mars Attacks!, the all-star martian epic from Tim Burton, The Preacher's Wife, with Whitney

Houston and Denzel Washingotn, and Tom Cruise's sports comedy, Jerry Maguire, make their way to the screen. Beavis and Butt-head do America, this year's guaranteed Oscar winner, and the horror comedy from Wes Craven, Scream, starring Drew Barrymore and Courtney Cox, lurk into theaters. A couple days after Christmas, on the 27th,, check ou

Michael with John Travolta a an angel, or Shirley MacLaine Jack Nicholson and Bill Paxtor in the Terms of Endearmen sequel The Evening Star. Afte the new year, the long-awaited Evita with Madonna opens, a well as Shakespeare-meiste

Kenneth Branagh's four hour version o Hamlet. Those two epics are debuting in New York and Los Angeles on Christmas, in orde to make the ever-important Academy Award deadline. Any of these films should help overcome the winter blahs for an afternoon.



It's a

By Ty Norris Lifestyle Editor

Many African countries are filled with holidays and festivals that are celebrated important events. Harvest festivals are one of the glorious events.

These festivals, which joy, and sharing thanksgiving the become tangible fruits that

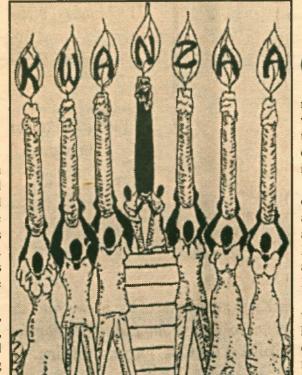
are reaped when sown in the seeds of commitment and responsibility, to oneself and to his family. Thus, Kwanzaa becomes a celebration of cultural harvest.

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday, which intertwines African traditions with American customs. It is celebrated from December 26 through January 1. Kwanzaa builds on the power of culture and roots to plant seeds today for the harvest of tomorrow.

With this celebration comes a Swahili term, Nguzo Saba. Nguzo Saba is the term for the seven principles of Kwanzaa, which are listed below:

- 1. Umoja (Unity)
- 2. Kujichagulia (Self-determination)
- 3. Ujima (Collective work and responsibility)
- 4. Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)
- 5. Nia (Purpose)
- 6. Kuumba (Creativity)
- 7. Imani (Faith)

The seven principles of Kwanzaa are more than just mere words, they carry a philosophy. The principles are practical and informative and they are tailored to the celebrants way of celebrating. So, the principles act as



monuments of faith, which establish growing traditions, birth-purpose, direction, and feelings of identity.

"Seven is a holy digit denoting truth, wisdom, acceptance, perfection and understanding," said Dorothy Winbush Riley, author of The Complete Kwanzaa

This sacred number with its blazing truth leads a person to the expectancy and discovery for prosperity, health and success.

Children are the

heart of Kwanzaa, so it involves seven principles, observed with seven days, while endorsing the seven symbols. So these truths tie in to planting seeds into our children of today so they are able to become the adults of tomorrow.

On the first day of Kwanzaa, the celebrants light the first of seven candles, while the seven symbols counterpoint the seven principles. The seven symbols of Kwanzaa are:

1.Mazoa Fruits, nuts, vegetables

2. Mkeka Place Mat

3. Muhindi Ears of corn

4. Mishumaa The seven candles

Candleholder 5. Kinara

6. Kikombe Communal cup of unity cha umoja

Gifts 7. Zawadi

Many holidays carry symbols and rituals that accent the culture of their people. Kwanzaa's intent is the same. The Kwanzaa celebration stems from very close familial and communal ties, so it should be observed with another person. Thus, Kwanzaa emerges as a spiritual celebration of unity, based on African traditions.

Giving gifts from the heart

By Rebecca Hopkins For the Alestle

Once again it is that merry time of year when we're all supposed to be happy, joyful and full of love for our fellow humans. We are bombarded with messages to buy and shop and spend, spend, spend. In this season when so many of us are struggling to keep our heads above water just to survive, why do we all try so hard to buy the perfect gift?

Many of us are facing this Christmas season with no money to buy gifts. It is instead of handing over a package. depressing, but all the things that are whether we have money or not. The most of yourself, you give love.

important gift we can give anyone is the gift of time; it can't be bought, packaged or taken back in exchange for cash.

The gift of time can be given in many ways. Offer free babysitting services, cook a meal for someone, sit on the floor with a child and color or play a game, read or visit with a nursing home resident, offer to help wrap packages, or just be there for a friend in need. There are so many ways we can help others that really conveys the meaning of Christmas

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Lindenwood College Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 14 at the Jelkyl Theatre on campus at 209 S. Kingshighway. Call 314-949-2000 for information.

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A Joyous Christmas

SIUE choral groups will present their annual holi-"A celebration,

Joyous Christmas", on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m., in the SIUE Vadalabene Center gymnasium.

Christmas Caroling

The United Christian Foundation, SIUE and St. Paul United Church of Christ are sponsoring caroling at local nursing homes. Those interested should meet at St. Paul United Church of Christ on Bluff Road, next to SIUE sports field, at 5:30 p.m. to share a meal and then go caroling. Call Joyce at 692-3203.

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The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra's IN UNISON chorus present "A Gospel Christmas" on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at Powell Symphony Hall. Tickets are \$14 - \$46. Call 314-534-1700 for more information.

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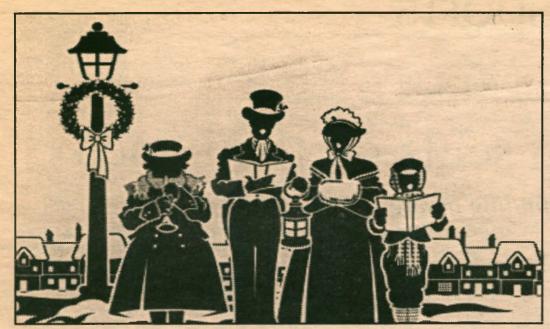




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SPECIAL EVENTS

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The SPSG is sponsoring a basket and wreath decorating party on Tower Lake. Tonight's information.

the Religious Center. Lunch will be served at noon.

SPSG Annual The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Religious Center. Please call 692-3203 for reservations.

Kwanzaa '96

Kwanzaa Celebration will be held at Metropolitan Community College at 601 James R. Thompson Drive from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. each night. Admission is free. Call 414-0202 for more information.

Intn'i Women's Organization

International The Women's Organization month at 7 p.m. in the

meeting will include a round table discussion of "Holiday Customs Around the World" and a special holiday silent auction. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

Bethlehem

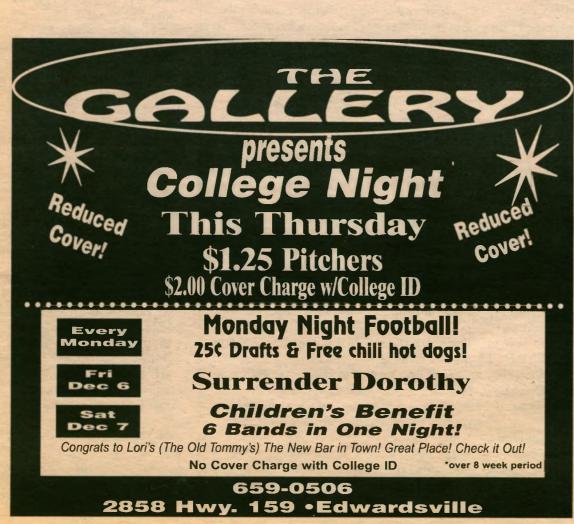
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The St. Louis Science Center is celebrating a Festival of Holidays every weekend until Dec. 29. The event features how different cultures celebrate Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah. Call 314-289-4400 for information.

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Baseball strikes away another unique tradition

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Then came baseballs latest "experiment," the temporary designated hitter, which is now in its 24th season.

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The baseball season has always had equal competition. The Cubs play the same teams the Mets do, they play them home and away. Every year they beat the same teams and lose to the same teams.

But when Interleague play is implemented for the 1997 season, lets say, the Cubs 15 interleague games are against an A.L. central division, like last years one great team in the Indians and four mediocre .500 teams. Then the Mets 15 games are against A.L. east teams like last years division which had two playoffs teams in the Orioles and Yankees. Plus a strong third team in Boston. In short a stronger division.

Lets hypothesize even further and say the Cubs and the Mets are fighting for the wild card. Couldn't the wild card be decided by the relative strength of the divisions in the other league

Baseball has been the only sport that bothered to maintain the integrity of separate leagues. Two years ago, the NFL offered San Diego against San Francisco in the Super Bowl. The teams had played during the regular season with the 49ers prevailing by 23 points. It was no great surprise then, that they won the Super Bowl by 23 points.

Nor was there anything real special when the Chicago Bulls faced Seattle in the NBA championships because they had played during the regular season.

The World Series has a please see BASEBALL, page

No warm seats on the bench

Men's basketball finding quality minutes from supporting cast

By Brett Licata **Assistant Sports Editor**

Depth is something the SIUE men's basketball team didn't have last season. This year the team has a wealth of talented young players who have all contributed to the Cougar's 4-1 record.

Head coach Jack Margenthaler is in his fifth year at the helm of the Cougar basketball program. He will try to build on the team's best start in seven years with a well-rounded scoring attack.

The Cougars will look to senior guard Jason Holmes from New Castle, Ind. to contribute a fair share of the scoring. He led the team in scoring his first three years on the team and is currently averaging 21.8 points per game.

"We know that Jason can score for us, but he has shown improvement in his passing and on defense," Margenthaler said.

Ronnie Henderson is a senior guard from Cairo who is currently second on the team in scoring. Along with his 12.8 points per game, Henderson is the team leader in rebounds.

"Ronnie is the most athletic player on the team. He is extremely strong and aggressive inside," Margenthaler said.

New Baden's Chris Brefeld is the only other senior in the line-up. He is coming off knee reconstruction that kept him out of action all last season. He should be a factor at the forward position once he is physically 100 percent.

Rusty Sarnes is a forward from

Lincoln College. He is an accurate outside shooter who drained 5 three-pointers in a row on Saturday against Lindenwood College.

Nathan Kreke is a junior from Effingham that will be a force on the



Head Coach Jack Margenthaler

offensive boards and should contribute with his excellent perimeter shooting.

Junior Marlin Clark is a transfer student from Southeastern Community College in Burlington, Iowa. This Davenport, Iowa native is quick, an excellent ball-handler and a talented outside shooter who will quarterback the team from his point guard position.

Travis Wallbaum is the only freshman on the squad. The Ashland High School graduate is 6-7 and will be called upon to score inside and grab what rebounds he

Havana who transferred to SIUE from can on both offense and defense. Wallbaum's strength and aggressiveness are useful tools when he is used as a screen to free up other shooters.

The title of quickest player on the team goes to sophomore Shaun Smoot. This guard, from Natchez, Miss. is an accurate passer who can also take the ball to the hoop himself with his dribble penetration

Mt. Vernon's Tim Holloway is one of the best defenders on the team. Holloway is an accurate outside shooter who will be a threat behind the three-point arch.

Sophomore Tim Thorsen is the tallest player on the team at 6-9. This Schaumburg native will rebound and score inside with regularity.

John Pruett is a center from Metropolis who missed last season after being the victim of a serious car accident.

"As a freshman, John led the nation in field goal percentage," Margenthaler said. "Getting him back is a big plus for us. He is still getting back into playing shape, but he'll be a factor when we start our conference schedule."

Chad Moss is a junior guard from Highland, Ill. who will be an outside shooting threat and a key member of the Cougar defense.

Margenthaler has started a different line-up in each of SIUE's first five games.

"We are blessed with a lot of players that can play," Margenthaler said. "Our

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Ditka to Shanahan: Go all out

(AP) — Mike Ditka, the last NFL coach to be in Mike Shanahan's position, has some perspective on how the Denver Broncos should play their three meaningless regularseason games: Go all out.

"I think the worst thing you can do is rest people,"' said Ditka, whose 1985 Chicago Bears clinched home-field advantage in the playoffs with three games left, just as the Broncos did last Sunday.

The Bears, who finished 15-1 and went on to beat New England 46-10 in the Super Bowl, were the only other team in the Super Bowl era to clinch the best conference record this early.

Chicago went on to win its final three games after the clinching game, which ironically came the week of its only loss _ a 38-24 defeat in Miami. The Dolphins were motivated by the prospect of keeping the 1972 Miami team the only one to go through a season unbeaten.

Still, the Bears used all their important players down the stretch. Walter Payton carried 26 times in a 17-10 win over Indianapolis. He ran 28 times in a 19-6 victory over the New York Jets and a mere 17 in a 37-17 win over Detroit in the season finale.

Ditka isn't exactly telling Shanahan how to coach. But he suggests the Denver coach leave it up to John Elway, who has a sore hamstring, whether to start at quarterback against Green Bay on Sunday and in the final two games against Oakland and San Diego.

"You don't play people who are injured," he said." We had no choice but to rest Jim McMahon. But I believe in playing all out. Buffalo is the worst example. They've rested their best guys after they've clinched and they've lost four Super Bowls."

Not that the Bears didn't relax a bit.

On the Friday after they clinched home field in 1985, they taped the "Super Bowl Shuffle," the rap video impossible to avoid during their run to victory.

"I remember the day before the game that they were playing it in the locker room, the audio, not the video, which we didn't have yet," said Bryan Harlan, the team's public relations director.

"Some of the guys, like Dan Hampton, hated it, but most of them were having a great time."

Said Ditka: "Did they do that? They must have had earphones on. I was a loose coach, but not that loose."

Actually the Bears didn't play particularly well that week, beating an Indianapolis team that finished 5-11 that year by just seven points after being tied 3-3 at halftime. But Payton gained 111 yards and one of the best defenses in NFL history did the rest.

The Bears played more efficiently in their last two regular-season games and it carried over into the playoffs. They didn't allow a point in their two NFC playoff games, shutting out the Giants 21-0 and the Rams 24-0 at Soldier Field.

Then they went on to trounce the Patriots in New Orleans, site of this season's Super Bowl.

"This is a little different because they're playing teams that have something at stake _ Green Bay wants home field in the NFC," Ditka said. "But we didn't call the dogs off and I don't think Mike Shanahan will do that either. I hope he gets the same result we had."

Cougars back home

By Brett Licata **Assistant Sports Editor**

After losing their last two games, the SIUE women's basketball team will look to regroup against Blackburn tomorrow night at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars are 2-2 on the season after losing to Southwest Baptist 77-66 and Missouri-Rolla 70-62 at the Howard Johnson/Lady Miner Classic last weekend.

SIUE will look to juniors Alicia Harkins and Leslie Phillips to continue their hot shooting from Thanksgiving tournament. Harkins made the all-tournament team scoring 18 and 15 points in the respective games and Phillips contributed 23 points against Missouri-Rolla and pumped in 15 against Southwest Baptist.

Head coach Wendy Hedberg is also looking to Amy Tuetken to come alive against Blackburn, a team that SIUE holds a 5-0 series advantage over.

"We match up well with them," Hedberg said. "We need to regroup and get our confidence back."

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biggest strength is that we can have a lot of (player) combinations on the floor and stay competitive.

"The key to winning this Public Service message from season is rebounding,' Margenthaler said. "If we outrebound our opponents, we should be competitive in every game we play."

Baseball.

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mystery and magic about it. The showdown between teams and players that had not met before, creates special moments. One of those occurred in the 1995 World Series when a showdown between baseball's best pitcher, Greg Maddux of Atlanta, and its most menacing slugger, Albert Belle Cleveland. It was an intriguing confrontation, one made even better because it wasn't an everyday occurrence.

The owners have suggested 15 games for 1997 season. The first year would be East vs. East, setting up tantalizing matches between the New York franchises and less compelling ones between Detroit and Florida. Then it would be Central vs. Central and West vs. West. After that, the divisions will rotate with East vs. Central and etc. It's good for a marketing standpoint and that generates more revenue, which, in baseball, is what progress is all about.

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SIGMA PHI Epsilon thanks to all of our wonderful husbands for the great time at the mixer. Hope to have many more. Ladies of Delta Phi Epsilon

SUNDAY DEC. 8th the Men of Alpha Phi Alpha will be having their annual Founder's Day celebration at 7 p.m. in the UC Conference Center.

COME PARTY with AKA, AΦA, ΔΣΘ, ΙΦΘ, ΚΑΨ, $\Omega \Psi \Phi, \, \Phi B \Sigma, \, \Sigma \Gamma P, \, and \, Z \Phi B$ Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Meridian Ballroom at 10 p.m.

FINALS ARE close as you can see, come kick it with the black Greeks of SIUE, Saturday Dec. 7 at 10 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom

YOU ARE invited to a joint Informational hosted by today ΑΚΑ, ΑΦΑ, ΔΣΘ, ΙΦΘ, ΚΑΨ, ΩΨΦ, ΦΒΣ, ΣΓP, and ZΦB 7 p.m. in the Religious Center.

HERE'S TO 90 years of excellence. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. founded Dec. 4 1906! First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all.

1T'S ON once again this Saturday in the Meridian Ballroom. It's the Black Greek explosion. The last party of the year - 10:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cost

DARRYL, CONGRATULATIONS on your move up in the world. Don't forget about us. We love you and good luck always. Parris and Tasha.

ΔΦΕ ABBY - congrats with The Point. Love Jana

SHARE IN the joy of the season. Christmas carolling. Friday, Dec. 6th, 5:30pm St. Paul UCC on Bluff Rd. Supper served. Call Joyce, UCF, x3203 for rides.

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"HOUDAY CUSTOMS Around The World" discussion followed by silent auction with proceeds going towards scholarships for International Students. Dec. 5. The Commons at 7 pm.

HABITAT FOR Humanity work day Saturday, December 7. meet on Parking Lot B, next to Religious Center at 8:15 am. Will return at noon Call 2686 or 3203 for more information

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