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Northwest jets collide

19 reported dead, 25 injured at Detroit airport

ROMULUS, Mich. (UPI) — Two Northwest Airlines jets collided on a foggy runway at Detroit Metropolitan Airport Monday. At least 19 people were reported killed and at least 25 others injured.

Northwest Flight 1482 bound for Pittsburgh, a DC-9 carrying 39 passengers and five crew, and Northwest Flight 299, a Boeing 727 carrying 146 and 10 crew, collided on a taxiway about 12 p.m., an airline spokesman said.

The DC-9 burst into flames, quickly leaving a charred hulk with most of the top of its passenger cabin blown away. A Ramius depot police chief said some of the dead were still trapped in their seats aboard the DC-9. "It is a disaster," said the

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Gus says a party planner could keep more parties in hand, less in cuffs.

Arab states step up diplomatic efforts against Iraq

By Brian Gross

Spring loan checks unavailable until Jan. 2

By Todd Gardner

Spring loan checks will not be available before Christmas break this year as part of the federal government's plan to help students hold onto their money.

In the past some students have counted on having their spring loan checks to use during Christmas break. Let S JUC no longer will be able to distribute the checks early under a new federal law, said Pamela Britton, director of Financial Aid.

The second disbursement of Stafford Loans and Perkins Loans for Students cannot be made by the University until Jan. 2.

The change was made as part of the 1989 federal Budget Reconciliation Act, Britton said. Diana King, Financial Aid

student, said this new delay was designed as a budgeting tool for students. The act makes sure the loan money is being spent during the spring semester and not during Christmas break, King said. The delay could create a problem for students who planned to use the second disbursement to pay their first spring semester installment, but those students may be eligible for a cancellation waiver, King said. The first payment is due Jan. 3.

Students who have enough financial aid to cover all of their University charges are eligible for a waiver to have their first payment delayed one month, she said. The first day to apply for a cancellation waiver is Dec. 10.

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United Press International

Foreign ministers of three major Arab states directly involved in the Persian Gulf crisis ended their first round of talks in Cairo Monday and agreed to step up diplomatic efforts to dissolve Saddam Hussein's army from Kuwait before a U.N. deadline, an Egyptian official said.

The Arab initiative came the same day Yemeni Vice President Ali Salem al Bad, whose country supports Iraq in the war, flew to

the Jordanian capital Amman for talks on the 4-month-old standoff, Amman Radio reported.

Persian Gulf states have labeled Jordan's King Hussein, who on Monday met in Amman with a delegation from the exiled Kuwaiti government, an apologist for Saddam because of the Hussein-

monarch's refusal to condemn Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion and annexation of Kuwait.

Caribbean newspapers said Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria hope they can make a rift between Saddam and his handful of Arab allies, thus persuading him of the futility of remaining in the oil-rich emirate after Jan. 15, a date set by the United Nations to let diplomatic efforts work before resorting to force.

"The foreign ministers ... have agreed to step up diplomatic efforts to persuade Iraq President Saddam Hussein that peace can best be achieved by his withdrawal from Kuwait," the official said. He said the efforts are crucial to averting a force in the area.

Egypt's Middle East News Agency quoted a government official as saying the talks, which were to resume Tuesday in the presence of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, are intended to contain the crisis before it explodes.

The meeting came as an Iraqi official boasted that any military attempt to free Kuwait would be a catastrophe for the attackers and their friends. That threat came two days after Saddam accepted U.S. proposal for last-minute talks.
Americans send gifts, holiday cheer to gulf
By Douglas Powell
Staff Writer

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droby Deghender of Murphysboro and her three children, who live in Cairo, are all the way to Saudi Arabia. "I bought a Christmas tree, but it was so dry and dusty. But the Christmas trees are always the hardest thing to send," Deghender said. She wrapped the tree in plastic, packed it in bags, and mailed it to Saudi Arabia. All across the United States people are raking up their Christmas trees and making life easier for military personnel who will spend their Christmas in Saudi Arabia. Vendors sell dinner packages filled with: candy, dried fruit and cookies. Families are forming support groups within schools to help students make special packages for U.S. troops serving in Operation Desert Shield.

Kim Butler was scheduled to graduate in May, but the expectation of walking away with a diploma at that time has been stalled ever since the military called. The troops belong to the Army 1244th Transportation UNIT, which was activated and sent to Saudi Arabia.

Students should prepare against break burglaries
By Douglas Powell
Staff Writer

H
students who don't take steps to protect their possessions might find their valuables gone when they return from Christmas vacation.

SIUC Police reported burglaries last year in the Union Grove Row, Spiegel Hall, Neely Hall, Abbott Hall and Lentz Hall.

The University Police Officer Nelson Ferry said burglaries on campus increase over Christmas, to prepare for a variety of reasons.

Students tend to leave their residences unlocked, especially at the dorms, "there is a lot of little things they want to steal," he said. This is especially true for burglaries on ground floor residences.

Ferry said students need to make sure their window have locks. "Even the student on the ground level should have a lock on their window," he said.

Both SIUC and the Carbon Police Department offer students and groups "house checks." Ferry said person visit the city for an extended period of it can place these checks off, to make regular checks of the residence.

Ferry said officers will get out of their car and do a house check. "I can close the windows, I can check everything is locked and safe."

Ferry also recommends students purchase light bulbs that can turn lights on and appliances on and off at designated times.

"I tell my students that if they don't leave until break during the break...

Naughty or nice

Jeremy, 3, son of Angela and D.J. Fleetwood of Benton, sits on Santa's lap at the University Mall.

Annual concert reflects customs
By Melynda Findlay
Staff Writer

A
 mixed bag of 16th century English Christmas customs, traditional music and food of the Renaissance period will highlight the Student Center's 14th annual Madrigal Dinner Concert Dec. 6 and 7.

"The Madrigal Dinner" revolves around the entertainment and the food because in the old days that's all they had," said Mike Blank, assistant director of marketing and special programs at the Student Center. "It's more than just dinner, it's a major gift event.

The program will feature the King, played by Jeff Harve, the Queen, played by Jame Flahore, a magician I'asser played by Anthony Zappo and the Town Crier, played by Grace Anselmo.

Madrigal singers, fanfare trumpeters, a gaiter ensemble, a string trio, a recorder group and a harpsichord player will provide the musical entertainment. John Mohnic, associate professor in the School of Music and director of chorale activities at SIUC put together the musical talent, Blank said.

We advertise auditions to see what kind of talent there is on campus," said Blank. "The talent changes every year."
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Bush promotes free trade, ignores Brazilian problems
BRASILIA, Brazil (UPI) — President Bush's first in-person outline of his
"Initiative for the Americas" for promised Southern Americans the
chance of a rosy trade future with the United States but was less than
warm on the continent had hoped to hear. Bush arrived in Brasilia
Monday morning for the first stop of a five-nation tour to promote free
trade from the Arctic Circle to Cape Horn and to celebrate the reforms
democracy in the region. Brazilians had hoped Bush would lend a hand
to help in negotiating their foreign debt, more access to
to high technology and expanded markets for exports.

First woman president of Ireland inaugurated
D.L. B.J. Ireland, 1990 — Church bells and a 21-gun salute marked
the inauguration Monday of Ireland's first woman president, Mary
Rosenius, who promised to represent an open, tolerant, inclusive Ireland.
The 66-year-old stateswoman was sworn in for a seven-year term as the
first woman in the history of the republic in a largely ceremonial
manner. She replaced Patrick Hillery, who has served for the past 17 years uncontested.
Rosenius, 66, is Ireland's first president who did not come out of the
carpeted, Fianna Fail party machinery. She served 20 years as a
senator until 1983.

Inoe yells 'honestly, 'integrity' of Keating Five
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Saying Congress is on trial in the Keating
Five hearings, Sen. Daniel Inoe, D-Hawaii, delivered an impassioned
defense of the accused senators Tuesday, hailing their "honesty" and
"integrity." Sens. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.,
John Glenn, D-Ohio, Joan McCain, R-Ariz., and Donald Riegle, D-Mich.
are accused of improperly pressuring federal bank regulators to benefit
savings and loan king Charles Keating Jr., who gave the lawmakers
$1.53 million in political contributions.

Seven young men indicted in Halloween killing
NEW YORK (UPI) — Seven young men accused of beating a homeles man to death while wearing monster masks and wielding a meat cleaver on Halloween night were indicted for the murder Monday.
"These seven young men perpetrated shocking, indiscriminate and
heinous acts of violence against the city's most vulnerable citizens,"
Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said of the attack on
homeless men living in a shelter on Ward's Island. The seven young men
indicted on murder, assault and ror charges ranged in age from 13 to 23.

Activists demand broader definition of AIDS
ATLANTA (UPI) — AIDS activists coaxed themselves to the front
door of the national Centers for Disease Control Monday, demanding a
broader definition of the deadly disease. Police reported about two
dozen arrests for criminal trespass among about 200 demonstrators
who gathered outside the federal health agency. The AIDS Coalition to
Unleash Power, or ACT UP, wants the CDC to revise its definition of
AIDS to include symptoms specific to women, as well as focus on how
the fatal ailment affects intravenous drug users and minorities.

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Five additional reserve units called to active federal duty
CHICAGO (UPI) — Another five U.S. Army Reserve units from Illinois
were ordered to active federal duty — the vague term being one
that deals with processing prisoners of war. Some 205 reservists
were ordered to active duty effective Thursday and were to report to their
mobilization stations by Sunday, Army officials said. The largest unit
was the 255th Military Police Company, which is based in Decatur and will
be mobilized out of Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. The unit deals
with processing prisoners of war. Three other medical units also were called
— one of which deals with veterinary services.

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City bags parking cost with decorated meters

By Karen Radius
Staff Writer

The city of Carbondale is decked out for the holiday season. Parking meters downtown have been decorated for the holidays with an added bonus of free parking.

The city manager’s office in city hall has bagged the meters with holiday decorations.

The bags over the meters say, “Seasons Greetings,” and allow people to park free for two hours.

Jeanne Foster, president of Uptown Inc., said it requested the city to bag the meters earlier this year to promote shopping.

“We Uptown, Inc., wanted to make it easier for the people to patronize the downtown merchants,” she said.

In past years, meters have not been bagged until the middle of December, but this year merchants asked the city to start earlier, City Manager Sue Hefner said.

Foce parking has been available to the commercial areas downtown once a day after Thanksgiving.

Carolyn Schomakoff, owner of Kaland-Scope, said she came up with the idea to bag the meters for free parking to begin earlier than usual.

“I did a survey and checked with the merchants and down the area,” she said.

She said sometimes her customers will complain about receiving parking tickets.

Foster said Uptown Inc. always has worked closely with the city and has been involved in choosing city decorations.

All the Christmas decorations downtown such as the wreaths and trees have been purchased and displayed by the city, Hefner said.

Hefner also said the city spent $25,000 a year on decorations.

The city has decorated its parking meters since 1982 or longer.

Is this me?

Paul McGovney, a graduate student in sculpture from Kansas City, works on his self portrait “Figure Out” Monday at the SIU School of Art Foundry.

Dean candidates for CCFA down to seven

By Natalie Boehme
Staff Writer

THE SEARCH committee for dean for the College of Communications and Fine Arts has narrowed the choice to seven candidates.

The committee, comprised of representatives from the college’s departments, faculty and students, prepared for the search this summer to fill Marvin Kleinau’s position. Kleinau, acting dean of CCFA, will leave his interim post July 1.

KLEINAU SAID the committee met last Monday, discussed the remaining 17 candidates and voted Friday to reduce the number to seven.

“NARROWING DOWN the candidates was a tough job because the committee felt all 17 (candidates) had a lot to offer us,” Kleinau said.

“However, the remaining seven had a majority vote, showing the committee felt good about these people,” he said.

KLEINAU SAID it is still too soon to announce the remaining candidates’ names because it could harm their positions at their current jobs.

“They (candidates) will be informed today or tomorrow and the process will continue,” Kleinau said.

THE COMMITTEE’S next job will be to thoroughly investigate the candidates.

“THE BEST WAY to find out is to talk to the candidates, themselves, and to the people who know them,” Kleinau said. Kleinau said gaining this position would be an increase in status for most of the applicants.

He said the seven applicants are all experienced to qualify as dean for the college.

“ALL SEVEN exhibit strengths important to us, and each offer a chance of a particular type of leadership,” Kleinau said. “We’re looking at people who are not only administrators, but also very accomplished in their disciplines.”

KLEINAU SAID the committee hopes to have three finalists picked out by the end of January or the beginning of February.

The finalists’ names will then be given to Benjamin A. Shepherd, vice president of academic affairs, who will invite the finalists to SIUC to be interviewed by Shepherd, the committee and the college.

The committee is a hard-working group and we have been making good progress,” Kleinau said.

Kleinau said after the dean position is filled he will retire.

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Letters

Drug war hides economic issue

As soon to be released casualty of the so-called war on drugs I want to make public several years of reflection. The alleged war on drugs is a propaganda stunt and media induced smoke screen that hides America’s real problems, which are primarily economic. The drug crisis has built-in media drawn—money, sex, guns, scandal and violence. The trade deficit, savings and loan claw, consumer and national debts, loss companies to foreign manufacturers and a bankrupt Social Security just don’t attract attention the way a drug bust can. With a drug bust you get criminals you canloathe, flashing lights, cops with big guns and flash jackets and all kinds and confiscated drugs, cash and weapons. Many of our civil liberties are being tramped by corrupt, over-cagers cops. The glamour and money of the drug game attract the greediest and most corrupt of our police forces. Lying, stealing and perjury are just part of the job. It has been the experience of most convicted drug dealers that the police steal and keep for themselves much ostensibly confiscated merchandise. The dope fiends with badges even have the audacity to brag about their dope deals. It is well publicized that prison overcrowding is fueled primarily by first-time drug offenders. These prison slave camps are a huge business for political patrons and a useful tool for a government that grows larger and more authoritarian every day. I found Illinois prisons to be full of misfits and losers. Finding a man with a 12th grade education was a one in 50 gamble. For most, prison is just another stop on the welfare train. Free food, shelter and clothing “three hots on a cot.” These inmates cannot do basic math, but can tell you the penny amount of the monthly welfare check.

The true psychotics that one thinks of as belonging is prison fill that time that ex-maximum security penitentiaries. These lowlives don’t deserve the air they breathe. I am strongly in favor of an accelerated death penalty for all serious crimes of sex, violence and abuse of public office.

It is my belief that these psychopaths are kept around as a threat to other prisoners. This helps make prisons a great bet-averse modification tool for those inmates caught in the criminal justice trap. Too often this is someone in disfavor of the state. It is very easy to lose or silence and undesirable person in prison.

Unless we take control of our fate from our incompetents, corrupt government, we will find ourselves with an authoritarian state. We need leaders and statesmen, not managers and politicians, to address America’s ill—Steven Boyer, senior, civil engineering technology.

Conscience weighed

I am writing it for Mr. Silverglod and people who think (or rather don’t think) like him. There are such things as just wars and that is the point. We as individuals have to weigh the justness of our cause. We can’t delegate that choice to someone else.

He calls Mr. Atkinson irresponsible! I’m sure you could come up with a thousand quotes to support your sinister point that citizens owe unsignaled allegiance to the state.

Let me supply you with another quote, from Thomas Jefferson, “breaking men to military discipline, is breaking the spirits of passive obedience.” There are many things worse than being disloyal to Uncle Sam. I cannot think of anything worse than ignoring your conscience. Dare to be free, Mr. Silverglod.—Dan Kane, senior, history.

Physical Plant cannot tell time

To the persons responsible at the Physical Plant who say that 95 percent of all the clocks on campus: What the heck are you doing? Did you think, that saving time is year-round now? The stant you pulled Tuesday caused a considerable number of students, who obviously weren’t wearing a watch that day, to stand classes an hour early. It made them confused, bewildered and lost in time.

I had the notion that I warped forward and backward an hour in time and entirely lost my sense of time.

I suggest before you start playing around with the clocks all over the campus you had better check atomic clocks that keep real accurate time.

Otherwise, I may have to come over there and clean your clocks!—Steve Lucas, computer information processing, freshman.
Wake up Mr. Streigel. It is the 1990s, not 1878, and it is not time to bring back the whipping post again.

Although I agree that Ms. Atkinson should have thought more about the consequences of enlisting in the military, I also believe that the issue she is raising is being put down for using her brain.

Immunity from glorifying war and the whole "give your life for your country" routine, why don't you step back and think about what global military movement is about... any guesses?

It's about oil, not the freedom of the people of Kuwait. If it were, why didn't we come to the side of the people of Cyprus Island when they were invaded?

Why didn't we add the countless numbers of aggression throughout the world?

Because they didn't have dirtying our country needed. After thinking about it, you can realize that this is the American government looking out for itself under the guise of "Operation Desert Shield" and "Gulf of the Immortal Thunder" patriotic slogans.

Out of all the opinions I have been reading in the Daily Egyptian, I would have to say that Ms. Atkinson was the only one to display any kind of intelligence.

She is standing up for what she believes in, the brotherhood of man, and she is not going to some God-forsaken desert and kill a million people in the name of Uncle Sam while our "leaders" are spilling champagne in plush, air-conditioned palaces.

The quote, "My policy? I am a soldier. I do not have a policy," by General Henry Girard, is both idiotic and offensive. What is the story?

Are you supposed to turn in your free will, your brain, and your sense of right and wrong for military fatigues?

Are you supposed to mame and kill on command like a bunch of animals?

If there were more people like Ms. Atkinson voicing their opinions, maybe the government would think twice before tearing apart families in the name of cheaper gas prices.

Problem two: Beer cans, and other such items, I'm simply asking you to think about this.

Can you see the government is learning toward war? Has it been long since Vietnam? Has it been that long since we have witnessed, how brutal and agonizing war is?

As for Ms. Atkinson's situation, why don't we all think long and hard about what we are really fighting for.

If enough people see the light, instead of bringing back the whipping post, maybe we can bring back peace.—J. Pigati, senior, geology.

Everyone benefits from foreign exchange programs

After reading a quite lengthy article in the Mount Vernon Register News about your Halloween celebration I am forwarding my own suggestion and would like in my two cents worth and offer a few comments and suggestions.

In my opinion the commentation on many occasions so my observations are not secondhand. I have quite extensive foreign experiences because I lived practically every one of them with reasonable driving distance from Mount Vernon.

Also, let me record that I am currently 36 years old and have a six-year-old daughter.

Your problems will not be listed in order of importance but merely in the order of which I remember them.

Problem one: Beer cans and beer cans throwing. Answer: Cans and bottles should be banned. Beer should only be distributed in plastic cups from beer trucks.

People wishing to buy beer must first purchase tickets from ticket booths from ticket booths at various locations. It's you would be checked here by the ticket sellers. A policeman should be posted at each ticket booth for the duration of the event; you'll have no can throwing.

I also would bar any radio station from broadcasting from any rooftops in the area. If this cannot be broadcast, they have in the street level. The rule would be no rooftop parties!

Problem two: Public urinating.

Answer: Provide more portables. You haven't had very many in the past and they were hard to find.

Problem three: Nothing for young kids or young teens to do. Answer: Have carnival rides etc. set up in front of the Recreation Center. Provide more bands or DJ's for them.

Problem four: The party lasts way too long! Answer: Every celebration must have an official beginning and ending. Because most of the fighting seems to break out after about 1 a.m. You should close down around this time. One idea I had to be to have a parade of everyone in costume to begin at the Amtrak Station and proceed south on Route 51 then east to the Recreation Center.

This would begin at midnight and be followed by a fireworks display at 12:30 a.m. launched from the top of the Recreation Center.

This should last about 20 minutes. You could then close the beer stand at 1 a.m.

Problem five: Police patrol. Answer: I know I'll make some enemies here. Let's just say I was not too impressed with the police in the past. They seemed more interested in standing in one place in groups of three of four and watching the... who knows? On that day we were moving through the crowd and seeing that things went smoothly.

Many of us had to go to these days have unconfirmed reports of seeing police working in twows throughout the crowd.

People need to have more respect for state troopers than they do local police.

Problem six: Not enough cooperation between the community, businesses and student body. Answer: Get more people involved in organizing, police protection and cleaning up.

Get more help from student organizations, Greeks, etc. If they want it badly enough, then they should be willing to pitch in to assure it comes off smoothly.

Closing thoughts: You have a great tradition here. Don't throw it away because you don't know how to run it correctly. Instead, start now for next year.

Organize, plan activities, and strategy, and lay down rules that are fair and everyone can live by. Think of it as a "Halloween celebration - Carbondale is proud of!" —Robert D. Morrison, Mount Vernon.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE
**Autumn ends 18 days early**

Winter storm brings high winds, snow, sleet to northern Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin

United Press International

A winter storm so nasty it even knocked out the local weather service office wrote an early end to autumn Monday across most of Illinois.

Rain, sleet and snow accompanied by high winds New Mexico across the state, making rush hour travel hazardous and intensifying winds to thousands without electrical power.

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning because of a system covered over communities with heavy snow in parts of Iowa and Wisconsin as well as the Land of Lincoln.

City Legal Director Ronald Schultz said nearly every retail store, labor organization and fraternal organizations would fit in under the designated designation.

The businesses bringing the suit maintain Lazaros violates zoning because it is located in an area on a parking lot and it is near numerous establishments that serve liquor.

The storm knocked out power to the weather service's Chicago-area office in Des Plaines for about three hours, disrupting operations.

"We went stone cold dead," NWS spokesman John Jameison said. "The last time I heard generators went out. Things have been pretty strange around here." Jameison said the weather reporting station at Meigs Airport on Chicago's takeoff and landing winds gusting to 70 mph.

"Gusty winds do things to power lines," he said.

Jameison said power was restored at Des Plaines Office shortly after 7 a.m.

A dozen lines forced Metra to cancel two South Shore commuter trains, delaying rush hour travelers between Indiana and Chicago's Loop. Metra systems never opened or slush early — especially in northwestern sections of the Chicago area and the state.

Northern Illinois University in DeKalb called off all classes after 3 p.m.

The weather knocked out power to about 1,500 customers of Illinois Light Co. who live north and west of Peoria but most of them were restored by noon. About 1,000 people in Peoria Heights spent several hours last Sunday and early Monday without power.

Flights at O'Hare International Airport were delayed 30 to 60 minutes early Monday and more than 80 flights were canceled between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. when runways had to be plowed, city aviation spokesman Lisa Howard said.

Later in the day, an aviation spokesman said delays were down to 15 to 40 minutes and no delays were reported at mid-afternoon.

Waves were reported at 14 to 18 feet on Lake Michigan.

Water officially begins Dec. 21.

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**SIUC zoologist says Crab Orchard seems safe from toxic honeybees**

By John Patterson

Staff Writer

Contamination at Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge is not entering the food chain and should not pose a threat to the public, according to SIUC zoologist studying the area.

McKee said it is unlikely, and if anything, zoology, has been studying, a cloud of honeybees accompanied by the jumble of dead, poly-chlorinated highly toxic landfill material left over from several industries once located at Crab Orchard Refuge.

The business bring the suit maintain Lazaros violates zoning because it is located in an area on a parking lot and it is near numerous establishments that serve liquor.

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James Nacker said. "We're being a lot of activity on both shuttle and ISS party payroll."

The next day, Wednesday, will bring the mass distribution of the finalized rules. This is probably going to be a lot of activity here, " he said.

Barbara Nicholson, a spokeswoman at Oakwood College in Decatur, said 13 were taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and two of them later were transferred to the Birmingham Transplant Center, the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, and three others were discharged.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport was closed for about two hours after the accident.

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Court lets false ads suit stand

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court Monday refused to hear an appeal by four Omaha, Neb., dealerships sued for false advertising in Iowa. The suit was based largely on advertisements placed in a Nebraska newspaper with limited circulation in Council Bluffs, Iowa, which is across the Missouri River from Omaha.

The suit also contended advertisements placed in a telephone book and with television stations violated Iowa law.

The dealers contended they complied fully with Nebraska law where they conducted business — and thus should not be liable for suit in Iowa.

The Iowa Supreme Court, however, upheld a lower court ruling that the dealerships had adequate notice with Iowa residents to justify a suit alleging false advertising under the Iowa Consumer Fraud Act, the Iowa Consumer Credit Code and the Iowa Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

The dealers claimed they had no control over circulation of the Omaha World Herald, where the advertisements were placed. The dealers contended that less than 2 percent of the newspaper's total circulation reaches Iowa residents, a figure too small to justify minimum contact needed to permit such a suit. They said the provision violated their rights to due process under the law.

But the state of Iowa claimed more than 11 percent of the newspaper circulation is in Iowa, and that the dealers' advertisements appeared on "almost a daily basis" in the "Iowa edition" of the newspaper delivered to Iowa residents.
Countries send food to Soviets

MOSCOW (UPI) — The international relief effort to feed the Soviet Union this winter is in full swing, and the country should be able to feed itself.

But much of this fall's record Soviet harvest has been directed to the country's need to pay for Soviet military purchases and to feed the population in the Soviet Union's Far East, which is experiencing a severe economic crisis.

Diplomats in Moscow and officials from the countries involved in the relief effort are working with the Soviet government to ensure that the food is distributed efficiently.

As even the relief effort moves forward, many Soviet and Western observers argue that the current system of food distribution and government control is inadequate to meet the needs of the population.

Yuri Andropov, Pravda reporter, observed that the current system of food distribution and government control is inadequate to meet the needs of the population.

The problem of food distribution is complex and requires a comprehensive approach to ensure that the food reaches those who need it most.

In conclusion, the international community must continue to work towards a solution to the food crisis in the Soviet Union, ensuring that the food is distributed efficiently and effectively.

Group goal: Prevent conflict in Persian Gulf

By Brandi Tipp
Staff Writer

The local coalition for Mid East Peace is trying to prevent any war in the Persian Gulf. The group consists of many people concerned about war, said George Harrington, member of the coalition, adding that members are from a combination of groups, including the Mid America Peace Project, members of the Church of the Good Shepherd and other groups from the University.

Some members have friends and family in the area that have been to war.

The group is working on issues of militarism, nuclear weapons and the misuse of military power by this country, Harrington said.

The coalition is planning a march and rally at 11:45 a.m. on Dec. 8 at the north-west corner of Turley Park or in the southern corner of Lewis Lane and East Walnut Streets.

Members of the coalition and anyone who wants to participate will meet at the two locations and march to the Newman Catholic Student Center for a 1:30 p.m. rally. "Our very clear purpose is to work to see that a war does not happen," Harrington said. "I think it is really going to take a strong public outcry to prevent what may in many ways be a holocaust."

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WASHINGTON (UPI)— Christmas wrapping paper, "Machobox" cars and cosmetics were among nine products cited Monday for wasteful holiday packaging by a group that wants taxpayers to foot the bill for "spoiling the junk.

Issuing its fourth in a series of "Wastemaker Awards," the group called Waste Watch urged shoppers to think environmentally when purchasing gifts for Christmas and Hanukkah.


"We've said our piece, and we're getting ready. Within a month, canvassers in the East St. Louis canvass will be on the streets of St. Louis of the East," Muncie said. He said the group is using money from the bailout fund, "so we can start running ads, so we can tap into the system." Muncie also said the group is seeking State of the Union tickets. "We've been pleased to receive them," Muncie said.

The returned list of dead people and their addresses included names of dead people and their addresses, according to a second person familiar with the group's activities. In many cases, however, women's low status within the family and society heightens their vulnerability to infection and limits their ability to attain and share knowledge about AIDS.

"We are concerned about the packaging of products," he said. "Our target is that this product is designed to go where it can be broken, lost or stolen," he said. Muncie said the group is doing a study of products, including the elimination of plastic foam in some holiday light sets.

"The decision to tap into the budget and seek state approval for the spending on our next year's budget is a real threat to this city's future," Muncie said.

"We were pleased to hear it," a spokesman for the city's attorney said. "We are happy to support his suggestion on something else. We'll save time and money," Lewis said.

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"Early this week we will draft a loan agreement to enable the canvass to get underway," said Carl Leonard, chairman of the East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority.

"We've already been working and getting ready. Within a day or two of the approval we would be able to immediately start the mailings," Lewis said.

All of the city's registered voters will be mailed new voter cards with "Mail In Only" and "Do Not Forward," Lewis said. The return mail will trigger the name of the voter to be removed from the voter list.

An investigation earlier this year revealed that some 300,000 mailings were cast in the names of 27,000 dead people since 1981.

Last month, state election officials found the names of 46 dead people on registration lists for East St. Louis of 27,000 and 162 people who are registered to vote from more than one address in the city.

Experts offer tips for sending food to U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia

URBANA, (UPI) — Experts say it's not a good idea to send military cookies, candy and chocolates to U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia.

A University of Illinois food safety expert Monday recommended not sending non-heat-stable foods because the softer stuff likely does not survive the long trip.

"The most important thing to remember is don't send foods that are either perishable or can't tolerate rough handling," said Dawne Weston, a food safety specialist with the U of I Cooperative Extension Service.

"The temperatures in Saudi Arabia average 78 degrees in November and 97 degrees in December, the potential for food spoilage is always a problem," Weston said.

It is also important to consider the transit time — 10 days by air and 6-7 weeks by boat.

"Instead, consider sending firm, dry foods such as sugar cookies, sandwiches, packaged breakfast cereals, individually-wrapped hard candy, well-packaged potato chips, crackers, pretzels, corn chips, dry beverages packages and dry spice mixes," Weston said.

Dead foods such as raisins and cookies also make good choices, she said.

Direct aid better for parents of disabled children — study

MUNCIE, Ind. (UPI) — Direct support to parents with two or more handicapped children can better benefit people suffering from HIV/AIDS by providing greater services for the children.

"This is an area of great many problems with just one child," said Marcia Summers, a Ball State University counselor psychologist. "We found that the stress was high, and the parents needed help with it." A study of 55 families with two or more handicapped children found parents were better able to cope with their situation if they attended weekly support group sessions, Summers said.

The funding for four months of weekly two-hour sessions has increased the children's behavior, ways to modify that behavior and also how to improve it," Summers said.

"The addition of another handicapped child plays more pressure on an already stressed family structure," Summers said. "Parents can use the handicapped handicapped children need more help."
San Francisco signs McGee for $13 million

CHICAGO (UPI) — The San Francisco Giants decided not to gamble on Brett Butler possibly becoming a second-look free agent and Monday signed Willie McGee to a $13 million, four-year contract. Giants General Manager Al Rosen said Butler’s agent was asking for a $15 million package. Butler, who hit .309 last season for the Giants, is among 15 players expected to be sold — second-look free agents following an arbitrator’s ruling.

“In conversations with Butler’s agent, we felt the asking price was more than we could meet,” Rosen said. “I didn’t want to leave here (winter meetings) without a center fielder.”

McGee, 32, won his second National League batting title in 1990, hitting .335 in 125 games for the St. Louis Cardinals before an August 29 trade to Oakland. The switch-hitter batted .274 in 25 games for the Athletics.

“Now one of the best leadoff hitters (in Butler) but you gain more power, more speed with McGee,” Giants Manager Roger Craig said. McGee won’t be expected to fill Butler’s spot in the lineup. Second baseman Tony Thompson will probably be moved up in the order to leadoff with McGee hitting No. 2.

“If I just talked to him (McGee) and he said ‘you hit me anywhere you want to and I’ll do the job for you,’” Craig said. “This guy’s an impact ballplayer.”

Larry Dierker, a former Oakland A’s player and assistant coach, said McGee acquired by the A’s. "I think he wants to wake up in the morning, knowing he’ll be in the lineup. I don’t think he wants to wonder.

Mahan making mark at SIUC

By Julie Autor

Staff Writer

Saluki guard Sterling Mahan already has left his mark on Saluki basketball. The senior player became the 23rd Saluki to reach the 1,000-point milestone in the 108-69 massacre of St. Louis University Saturday night.

Saluki head coach Rich Herrin said Mahan wanted to reach the 1,000-point mark and he worked hard to get there.

“It’s very gratifying to see a young man reach a goal,” Herrin said. “Not many players score 1,000 points in their college careers.”

Herrin said he left Mahan in the game Saturday night after talking to senior forward Rick Shipley and the assistant coaches. Herrin said he wondered if Mahan’s family, who made the trip from Chicago to see Mahan play and to witness the event.

“It appeared he had an opportunity to get it,” Herrin said. “I left him in the ballgame and it was nice his family was there to share the thrill that he got it 1,000 points.”

Shipley said Mahan deserved the honor and he has become a very aggressive player since he started playing basketball for the Salukis.

“When Sterling hit that (1,000-point) mark, I was pretty close friends. I know how hard he has worked and how far he has come.”

“I think last year he really came into his own when he got the point guard job,” Shipley said. “This year I think he’s ready to explode. I think people will see the same type of player as last year to this year. I think he’ll be a more integral part of a spectacular player this year.”

Mahan came to SIUC in 1986 after deciding to play his own way because of an old Proposition 48 guideline. If Mahan had accepted a scholarship, he would not have been granted four years of eligibility.

“He realized he could come here and sit a year and pay his own way, so he did it,” Herrin said. “It’s the best decision he’s ever made. He got a scholarship because we did have some guards playing. He couldn’t practice with us that first year, but when he got his scholarship he really made the best of it.”

Mahan has missed only one game as a Saluki because of influenza and he has played in 46 consecutive games, averaging a career 25.7 minutes per game. Mahan said he attributes this to daily habits and a little bit of luck.

“I just try to stay healthy and get into the weight room, to stay healthy and do some strength, and try not to get hurt,” Mahan said.

A Missouri Valley Conference First Team team and a member of the all-MVC Defensive Team last season, Mahan said he reached his goals last year and now he wants more.

“Last year was a good year for our whole team,” Mahan said. “This year I want to surpass that being on the All-Conference Team. I want to take it a little farther and try to win MVP of the conference, The Defensive Team was a big goal,” Mahan said. “I hope this year we play better defense than we did last year. This year we’re working hard at it and everybody knows we have to do it with defense.”

Mahan credits his success to the support of his family, and the way he grew up.

“I grew up from a well-together family,” Mahan said. “They always supported me and that’s the way you grow up, you always support each other.”

Mahan grew up with three sisters and one brother, but he said he and his brother were interested in sports. Mahan is studying criminal justice and he hopes to take his degree back to Chicago.

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Holiday spirit not gift-wrapped

Guess what, Virginia? There is no Santa Claus.
At least not the kind of which you dream.
You see, Virginia, if there were a Santa Claus then all little boys and girls would have his Christmas wishes come true. Not all of them do.

Thousands of children around this country have never been visited by the man in the red suit. They’ve never known the pleasure of running to the tree Christmas morning to find the loot Santa left.

What should we tell them, Virginia? that they weren’t good enough, that they didn’t believe enough?

Your Santa doesn’t need money or credit cards to buy presents. Mom and dad Santa do. When they, or generous friends, relatives or kind strangers, don’t supply the funds for Santa, some children are left with nothing.

For all delighted parents who have the pleasure of watching their children reap from Santa’s generosity, there’s other parents who have to explain why Santa passed over their roof or car or box.

Santa Claus has no place in Christmas anymore, and it really isn’t the old guy’s fault. It’s the fault of a materialistic society which places so much emphasis on the gifts of one generous man that the reality of Christmas like giving and family are pushed aside.

The tale of old St. Nick has changed, Virginia. He used to bring Christmas cheer to the poor children as well as the middle class and the rich. But he can’t do that anymore.

Christmas cheer costs money. Cabbage Patch dolls and Nintendo cartridges and mutant amphibians have become the meaning of Christmas for so many children.

But don’t mistake me for a grinch, Virginia. I used to love Santa, too. I used to run to the tree Christmas morning with my brother and sister. I used to write him letters and sit on his knee. But Santa never gave my Christmas life. My Christmas gave him life.

I’m no scrooge, Virginia. I don’t want to ruin your Christmas or any other child’s Christmas by telling you there’s no Santa Claus.

But you see, that’s just my point. Take away Santa, and there still should be a lot of Christmas left. I don’t believe in Santa anymore, but I still believe in Christmas. Santa shouldn’t be such an important part of Christmas that when he’s gone so is the Christmas.

If Santa gave from his heart and not from his sack, children might learn that Christmas really isn’t what they find under the tree. Christmas is who you feel inside.

Some day, Virginia, you’ll understand.

Economy not affecting shopping—retailers

By Brian Gross
Staff Writer

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The mall traditionally gauges the success of the Christmas season on the weekend after Thanksgiving, Mack said.

"Coming in to the weekend, Mack said she was not sure how shoppers would turn out, but Friday sales showed a big increase over last year. Saturday and Sunday sales showed slight increases, she said.

Mack said the mall retailers may have better sales than national retailers. More people may be staying in Carbondale to do their shopping this year because of high gasoline prices, she said.

Robert Herty, Wal-Mart manager, said increases in sales at the Carbondale store may be a result of a recession.

"It’s hard to tell, but we often get busier at times like this," Harty said. People tend to shop at discount stores more when times get tough, he said.

Harty said slower sales had been expected this year, but sales have increased over last year. The store now expects to continue increased sales through Christmas, he said.

Dan Stroud said K mart sales have been steady but about the same as last year’s sales.

Stroud, an assistant manager at K mart, said public anxiety over a possible earthquake may be the reason sales are not higher.

"A recession effects big-ticket items, like cars," Stroud said. "It won’t effect people buying for Christmas."
Migrant camp closes; residents look for work

By John Patterson
Staff Writer

The migrant workers camp in Carbondale closed Friday, Nov. 30 sending nearly all of its residents on their long road to find housing during the holiday season.

The camp, which usually accommodates 150 people, will be reduced to a population of three until it reopens in April.

Juan Montoya, 14, and his mother and father will remain at the camp as caretakers during the off season.

The only English speaking member of his family, Juan is much like every other 14-year-old despite being the only one in the immediate area.

"If they really like a Nintendo for Christmas," he quickly responded as to his Christmas wish.

The Montoyas celebrate the holidays with a Christmas tree, turkey and the common activities but other families aren't so lucky.

"It would be nice if we could remain open," said Melisa Sanchez, camp manager.

"We are applying for a grant from the Migrant Council to try to stay open because a lot of people have a hard time finding a place to stay," Sanchez said in order for the camp to provide housing year round many of the buildings need to be modernized.

Most of the buildings don't have adequate facilities such as heat, restrooms and showers.

The camp has 36 apartments with the rent ranging from $25 to $50 a month.

"If they move from the camp and stay in the area rent is a big problem," Sanchez said.

Mr. and Mrs. Montoya, the caretakers at the migrant worker camp in Carbondale, stand in front of their residence. The Montoyas will be the only family left at the camp which closed down on Friday and will not reopen until April.

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"Share Your Blessings" Project

By Leslie Colp
Staff Writer

Volunteers for "Share Your Blessings" are making sure Santa has directions to some of the houses he may have missed in the past.

In its ninth year, "Share Your Blessings" is a regional Christmas project that provides gifts for children who might not otherwise receive any.

The children are chosen by the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services.

"These children might not have Christmas if somebody didn't help them," said Lynn Baggett, Lynn and Larry, her husband, coordinate the "Share Your Blessings" project for Murphyboro and Carbondale.

The project, which covers 11 counties in Southern Illinois, helps 720 children celebrate the Christmas season in 1989.

As of Nov. 27, 83 sponsors have volunteered to help 65 children in Murphyboro and Carbondale.

Those numbers are expected to grow, Baggett said, because most people do not think about sponsoring a child until closer to Christmas.

Sponsors are asked to spend at least $60 on gifts for each child. They are then asked to wrap and tag the packages and take them to a designated drop-off point.

To help with the "Share Your Blessings" project in the Marion area call 994-1870, in Harrisburg call 525-3278, in Carbondale call 382-7324 and in the Murphyboro-Carbondale area call 467-3805.
Consumer advocate warns of possible hazardous toys

By P. E. Reyes

Shoppers beware: some popular toys available this Christmas could injure or kill children.

Consumer advocate Edward Swartz said some of the most popular toys on holiday shopping lists have the potential to kill or injure children, who already suffer an estimated 600,000 toy-related injuries each year.

Each year Swartz, a Boston attorney, releases a list of toys that could injure children. Included on Swartz's list this year are the Bart Simpson doll that hangs from a bike and toys modeled after the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Swartz said the Simpson doll, recommended for hanging from bicycle handlebars, where it could be entangled in the bike parts and cause an accident. He said the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Pizza Thrower" may tempt children to shoot the pizza discs at people or animals.

Swartz goes to toy stores and buys the toys on the shelves and analyzes them, a spokesperson for Swartz said. Swartz was convinced after informal tests of the danger of some toys after some cases he fought early in his career, according to the spokesperson.

Swartz has published two books on toy safety, "Toys That Don't Care" and "Toys That Kill.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said parents can take the following five steps to help children avoid injury:

- Look for and read age and safety labels on toys
- Explain and show the child how to use toys properly and safely
- Keep toys intended for older children away from younger children who can be injured
- Check all toys periodically for breakage and potential hazards—damaged or dangerous toys should be repaired or thrown away immediately
- Store toys safely—seach children to put toys away so they are not tripping hazards, and check toy boxes and shelves for safety

Cathy Thoersen, director for public affairs at CPSC, said it is important to know the age and interest level of a child.

"For very young children, toys with small parts should be avoided," Thoersen said. "Board games and toys like that have small parts that aren't safe.

She said one child is stung with their toys and like to hit on them so parents should look for tiny toys for these children.

Thoersen said parents should be aware that a lot of toy injuries involve two-year olds who get into toys of an older brother or sister.

Another precaution parents should take is to keep balloons away from toddlers who like to chew on things, she said.

If the child has a piece of broken balloon, the piece can and does block the windpipe, she said.

There were 10 deaths last year in the United States resulting associated with balloons, she said.

Two booklets on toy safety information are available from CPSC by writing the area office 600 S. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60606 or calling (312) 331-8260.

The 1986 annual list of the "10 worst toys" according to Swartz includes:

- "Barbie: Bamboozle" by Toy Biz Inc., contains a hidden rocket launcher that fires two concealed plastic play rockets. A child could be injured falling on the Bamboozle's plastic fins.
- "Assorted Small Wooden Toys" by L'Arche A Tracer, distributed in the United States by FAO Schwartz, contains several small parts that children could choke on.
- "Kaboom the Balloon Busting Game" by Just Toys Inc., contains contradictory instructions which increase the risk of a serious injury or choking.
- "The Real Ghostbusters' Ecto Goggles" and "Ghost-Pointer" by Kenner uses air pressure to discharge four soft foam pops, but could be used to fire other objects, Swartz said. The toy is particularly inappropriate because eyes should not be the focus for playthings.

- "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Pizza Thrower," by Playmate Toys Inc. contains 180 degrees and adjusts for high or low trajectory blasts, but the temptation to shoot the pizza discs at people or animals prove too tempting for children.

- "Crazy Hammer" and "Crazy Axe" distributed by Fine World International Trading Corp. are both heavy and hard enough to cause serious injury.

- "Bart Simpson's Hang Arounds" by Spectra Star, a 13-inch lightweight nylon doll is recommended for hanging from bicycle handlebars, where it could easily become entangled in the bike parts and cause an accident.

- "Voice Changer Megaphone" by Boxer and distributed by Fine World International Trading Corp., a battery-operated play megaphone amplifier, could lead to serious hearing impairment if played too close to a child's ear.

- "Honey Pos Bear Stuffed Animal," a Nissen bear made in England by Tide-Riddler Inc, comes with what Swartz condemns as an unnecessarily heavy crockery pot on a removable loop around the bear's neck. Children could easily remove the bear's bow tie and its sight, sturdy handle.

- (ii) "MPSK Crossbow Target Game Set," Chap Mei item No. 7837, is propelled by a rubber band that could snap and cause an eye injury, and its darts have removable plastic tips.

- (i) "Motorized Attack Force Weapon Set" by Esquire/Nichols, which Swartz described as a "little multisized terrorism kit" includes a knife, replica pistol and machine gun, which could cause hearing loss, eye injury or other accidents, and be mistaken for the real thing.

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Toys teach children eye coordination skills

By Natalie Boehme
Staff Writer

Toys aren’t just for fun anymore.

"Toys on the market this season—the latest video game or a basic set of building blocks—can stimulate vision development and provide entertainers, according to the American Optometric Association.

Paul C. Jacobs, Carbondale optometrist, said all visual skills are learned, and playing with toys is a fun way children can work on these skills.

"So much of your learning involves vision," Jacobs said. "First your eyes gather information (light), and then when this information is processed through the brain, learning occurs."

Jacobs said any toy that aids visualization, the ability to picture an object in the mind, can improve visual skills.

Television and computer games lessen visualization but improve eye-hand-body coordination, Jacobs said.

Suzanne Keller, instructional developer in learning resources at SIUC, said the first person in the nation to research the effects on children from playing the video game Nintendo.

"My studies indicated playing Nintendo does improve visual skills," Keller said. "However, more than three hours of play will have the opposite effect." Keller said the recommendation is no more than one hour a day and three hours a weekend to avoid weakening eye muscles.

If straining of eye muscles occurs it is not a serious problem because eyes are the fastest healing organ in the body, Keller said. Jacobs said that not only computer games, but any toy with fine detail will improve eye-hand-body coordination.

Although toys aid visualization, they are not the end-all solution for children with visual problems, Jacobs said.

"Toys will capture a child’s attention, but if the child has a difficult time with a particular skill, he will lose interest fast," Jacobs said. "This is when visual therapy is needed."

Toys also can aid children in learning vision skills only if they are used properly, so adults need to watch children while they play and correct them when they misuse a toy, Jacobs said.

Brenda Gilbert, assistant professor of psychology, said good toys also can develop a child’s cognitive skills.

"Good toys spark children’s imagination, allowing them to create and exploring them to different kinds of materials," Gilbert said.

Excessive use of toys, however, which cause children to be solitary, harms their ability to interact with others, Gilbert said.

Gilbert said computer games are fine as long as there use is balanced.

"We are in a computer age, and so children need to be comfortable with computers," Gilbert said.

Children who do not have toys have more difficulty with cognitive or learning development because they have nothing to spark their imagination, Gilbert said. Toys, however, are not necessary for cognitive development because a child can use a stick and pretend it is a doll. It just takes more effort from the child.

"The more a child has, the better the child will be," Gilbert said. "Children just need some stimulation."

Even with the visual and learning benefits of toys, the association said parents need to remember to keep toys age-appropriate for their children.

For babies, the association suggested large, bright rattles and sticky toys.

For toddlers, the association suggested peg-hammer toys, crayons and puzzles.

For preschool children, the association suggested pegboards, puzzles, simple sewing cards, modeling clay, match-up shape toys and tracing tools.
New adjustments cause stressful Christmas breaks

By John Patterson
Staff Writer

Going home for the holidays isn't always the experience a lot of students think it will be. In fact, the break from the pressures of school can actually create more stress, a Uni-versity counselor said.

Robert Sepich, health program coordinator for the Wellness Center, said readjusting to different rules and norms and the feeling of not meeting expectations can cause conflicts and stress.

"A lot of students do have parents with high expectations," Sepich said. "If the student feels they are not measuring up they may feel guilty which can lead to low self-esteem, anxiety, depression and physical problems." Aliments such as continuous headaches, stomach pains and lower-back pain are common signs of stress, and many students do experience them while at home, Sepich said. In order to cope with problems Sepich suggests students pay attention to their expectations and attitudes for the break.

"If you expect no problems because you've been away from home, you might be setting yourself up for a disappointment," he said. "By thinking that the different environment has its own advantages and using them to have fun you can reduce the stress."

Another problem facing students returning to their hometowns for the first time is their contrasting roles from high school and college. Students with the greatest contrast between their home and school life will have the greatest difficulty adjusting from one to the other, Sepich said.

"Someone with a strict family who feels they have very little say in what they can do at home and who answers to no one at school and sees their own schedule and social times will have the most difficulty adjusting," Sepich said.

To avoid these problems students need to be honest with themselves and their parents, Sepich said.

"The more they can be honest with their parents about themselves and what they want to do the less likely she will be confusion over what they want versus what their parents want," he said.

The stress-drenched 1990s could turn anyone into a psycho-mouth, but few people like to sling insults directly. Trece said she foresees big sales for The Last Word, a hand-held device that holsters "Drop dead!" or "You're an idiot!" as the touch of a button. A slightly less polite version of The Last Word will soon be available for mature Christmas consumption as well, Trece says.

Backyard war is one sport that never loses its appeal, whether it involves snowballs or water weapons. The Power Drencher from Larami toys is a water rifle with an advertised 50-foot range that could bring pointless gunplay to a new level of excellence.
Common sense can prevent holiday tragedy

By Todd Gardner
Staff Writer

A Christmas tree strung with lights is an enduring symbol of the holiday season, but it also can become a flammable combination if not handled properly.

Using common sense can prevent a holiday celebration from becoming the seeds of tragedy.

Cliff Manis, Carbondale’s assistant fire chief, said the simplest form of prevention for people with real trees is to be sure to pick one that is green. Some signs to look for when choosing a tree are branches that bend instead of breaking and needles that stay attached when the tree is shaken.

To ensure the tree stays green, it should have one inch cut from the bottom of the trunk before placing it in water. The water should be checked daily. It’s normal for a tree to use a quart of water a day.

Manis said artificial trees will burn as fast as a live tree, and the key to safety with both kinds of trees is using small lights that are in good working order.

“Most people now use the smaller lights,” Manis said. “The large bulbs they used to use were quite dangerous.”

But even with the smaller lights, Manis recommends that people turn off lights when they leave the house.

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Tree growers take part in family holiday ritual

By Todd Gardner
Staff Writer

A PICTURE OF a family returning from the woods pulling a sled loaded with a Christmas tree is one seen often at this time of year.

For most Christmas trees sold in the U.S., the woods are in the form of large plantations in the north and west and the sled is now an 18-wheeler, hauling trees hundreds of miles. Ho-ever, more small tree growers who sell directly to the public are appearing in Illinois.

FOR CHARLES MARVIN, a retired SIUC police officer who now sells Christmas trees at Marvin Gardens on South Wall Street in Carbondale, selling his trees directly to the public is a satisfying retirement occupation.

"It keeps me busy, and it pays better than corn or soybeans for me," Marvin said. He also enjoys the fringe benefits of playing a part in people's Christmas celebration.

But the chance to become a part of his customers' holiday came after years of hard work.

"YOU CAN'T POP a seedling in the ground and come back in 10 years later to cut a Christmas tree," Marvin said.

Growing the perfect tree requires a lot of pruning, moving to keep down competing weeds and spraying for disease and insects, he said.

For Steve and Sherrie Schumacher who operate Mud Creek Tree Farm on Chautauqua Street west of Carbondale, watching the family ritual of selecting the right tree is as fulfilling as growing a perfect Christmas tree.

"It's fun watching the families," he said. "Everyone in the family wants a different one."

THE SCHUMACHERS run a "choose and cut" tree farm, which allows people to feel the satisfaction of cutting their own tree.

"Some families take tamps with the saw so each can take part, and some are bringing video cameras to record it," Schumacher said.

IT'S THE FEELINGS of producing something of value and the holiday spirit that has to sustain growers through the loss of the year.

"If you look at the work involved, you don't make a lot of money," said Schumacher, who has six acres planted in trees. "It's a little extra cash at Christmas time. I'd guess you'd call it a hobby."

"I've known a lot of people who tried growing trees and gave up or lost the trees because they didn't know how much work it would be," he said.

MARVIN AGREES growing trees on his 40 acres is a break-even venture. But it is a business in which he doesn't have to worry about dissatisfied customers.

"When they come here, people are in a good mood," Marvin said. "It's a rather pleasant transaction." He also thinks there is room for more local growers.

The big tree growers have to start cutting trees in September and then ship them hundreds of miles, he said.

"I'd have to hold a hair dryer on one of my trees for two weeks to get it in the same condition," Marvin said.

ALL THIS SEEMS far removed from the nostalgic idea of going off into the woods to hunt for a tree to become the centerpiece of the holiday celebrations.

But if someone is willing to have a less than perfect tree and take the time to trim through the woods looking for it, the Shawnee National Forest will let people go and cut a red cedar for a Christmas tree for $3.

Staff Photo by Mark Busch

Sherri Schumacher, a son Ryan, 4, of Carbondale, along with his cousin Lauren Re-nie, 3, of West Frankfort, look at one of the trees at Mud Tree Farm, on Chautauqua.
Christmas season celebrated internationally

SIUC students revel wide range of festivities from their homelands

By Brandi Tipps
Staff Writer

JOYEUX NOËL, Feliz Navidad, Frehe Weihnachten, Shen Deng Koi Le, Merry Christmas. No matter how you say it— it means the same thing.

But even though many Americans may associate Santa Claus, gift giving and nativity scenes with a traditional Christmas celebration, countries around the world celebrate the season in many different ways.

As early as September we start to play Christmas music on the radio,” said Marie Castro, president of the Filipino student association.

Beginning on Dec. 16, a dawn mass is held each morning in the Philippines, Castro said. The service concludes at midnight on Dec. 24. said Castro, a graduate student in chemistry from the Philippines.

People who do not attend mass on Christmas Eve, go on Christmas Day, Castro said.

“After the Dec. 24 mass we have noche buena—Christmas dinner,” she said.

IN THE PHILIPPINES the Christmas dinner consists of roasted pig, rice cakes, round cheese fruits and chestnuts, Castro said. After “inner presents are opened, she said.

Almost everyone else sleeps on Christmas Day because they were up all late the night before, she said.

Castro said, before Christmas many Filipinos make lanterns out of paper and have a contest for the most beautiful one.

“They are usually in the shape of a star, lashed and hung on a door,” Castro said.

Castro said she thinks they celebrate Christmas more in her country than Americans do.

International students offered alternatives

By Brandi Tipps
Staff Writer

Many international students do go to their homelands for Christmas, but some students stay in town, said Diane Wissinger, foreign student advisor for International Programs and Services.

“If they stay in Carbondale we don’t have too many options for them,” she said, adding most travel or stay with friends.

For students who will stay in Carbondale, a Christmas Day dinner will be served from noon to 2 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale.

The cost for a ticket; to the dinner is refundable, said Rose Mary Nadaf, secretary at the church. Tickets are collected to get an idea of how many will attend, she said.

“They purchase a ticket for a dollar and when they come to the dinner we give them the dollar back,” she said.

About 150 people are expected this year, Nadaf said. Tickets are available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday in the church office.

International students and scholars also can get a taste of the holiday season through a program called Christmas International House, Wissinger said.

“The students go and stay with a family for two weeks in another city or state,” Wissinger said.

IN INDIA, the emphasis is on Santa Claus not Jesus, said Nabarun Ghose, president of the International Student Coordinator.

Ghose said, since Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are national holidays in India, “it is a nice occasion for everybody to get together and enjoy the day.”

Christmas is a very popular season despite religious affiliation, said Ghose, a doctoral student in business administration from India.

But the traditional Christmas dinner is only popular with the Christians, Ghose said.

Most people go out to eat at the restaurants, he said.

“We don’t exchange presents, but in the larger cities, Santa Claus rides around in a one-horse open sleigh throwing presents out to people on the street,” Ghose said.

On Christmas Eve, the people go caroling, singing the same carols as Americans, he said.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY they spend their time at the shopping centers admiring the decorations, Ghose said.

“In many cases the celebration is much bigger than what we see in the United States,” he said.

Arshar Rahim, president of the Malaysian Student Association, said, because Malaysia is a Muslim country they have Christmas for the Chinese and the Indians who live there.

“On Christmas Day we all visit the homes of Christians,” he said, adding they sometimes donate food to the poor, disabled children and veterans.

ONLY THE CHILDREN receive presents and usually only one or two, but more so, said Rahim, a junior in microbiology from Malaysia.

Rahim said, they usually have their dinner on Christmas Eve and enjoy turkey, rice, raw vegetables and cakes.

“On Christmas day from morning to night there will be nothing but Christmas shows,” he said, adding the shows are usually for the whole family to watch.

Lena Ng, president of the Chinese student association, said, the difference in Christmas in Singapore is their decorations are more elaborate.

“OUR CITY SPENDS more money on decorating the streets and roads,” said Ng, a senior in advertising from Singapore.

Ng said, they even have a contest to determine which building or business has the best decorations.

Ng said, everyone in Singapore celebrates Christmas, Ng said, adding that those who don’t, go downtown to the shopping centers and walk around and get into the Christmas spirit.

“I think the Christmas spirit affects everyone,” she said.

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Festive Fowl
Christmas goose perch in front of a tree decorated at the Stone House. The residence of University Chancellor Lawrence Pettit.

Campus groups plan for season
By Karen Radius
Staff Writer

"Although it may not look promising for a white Christmas in Carbondale, campus groups are doing their part to brighten the season. SIUCA's sororities and fraternities are dressing for holiday spirit with Rainbow-Tree Development Center's Operation Eppp: Holidays in green annually for the kids at Rainbow's End. The Greeks will hold this event in the video lounge at the Student Center, Dec. 7. Each sorority and fraternity sends six people to the event, said Connie Brown, president of Inter-Greek Council. "It has always been a lot of fun," Brown said. She said they make Christmas cookies and bring gifts for the kids. She also said Santa Claus makes an appearance.
The Student Center will be dressed in holiday style at 6:45 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 6 when it hosts the 14th annual Madrigal Dinner Concert. Susan Coriseco, assistant to the director, said characters and servants will dress in renaissance garb.

She also said the concert is open to the public and tickets are on sale at the Student Center Ticket Office. Students pay $12 and non-students pay $18 for Thursday. For Friday and Saturday, all tickets are $18.
The University Museum is decking its halls with two new exhibits, thought they don't carry Christmas themes. Jesse Carleek: Focus on Contemporary Illinois Artists Series began Nov. 20 and will run through Jan. 28. The Carleek exhibit is part of a series called FOCI, or Forms of Contemporary Illinois: which focuses on a contemporary Illinois artist with a particular and significant approach to art. Photography from the Community 99 will also be exhibited during the holiday season, it runs from Nov. 30 through Jan. 6.
The Undergraduate Student Government will have an office, 5-8 p.m., Nov. 30 at the Recreation Center. USG members get in free, but anybody else can attend for $1, and Brad Cole, USG chief of staff. He also said there will be food and door prizes.
The Student Programming Council, SPC, will show the film, "Christmas Vacation," 7 and 9:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at the Student Center.

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Administrators make wishes for holidays
By Christina Hall
Staff Writer

HE'S MAKING A LIST and checking it twice and some University officials have a few Christmas wishes they would like to come true — if they are on the right list.
Top officials throughout the University were asked what they would like for themselves, the University or both. Most wishes are not the type to be tucked away in the average stocking. Here's what they said:
Chancellor Lawrence Pettit said he would like the University to receive "a sudden infusion of about $20 million in philanthropic contributions." For himself he would like some "calm and peaceful time to collect his thoughts, read a few books and maybe write an article."
PETTIT has been asked by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in the University to write an article for a special publication. He said he would like to write an article about the University's persp ective on accountability. Pettit said people outside of higher education have been defining how productive universities should be, how cost effective they should be and how accountable universities are in using his money. His article would show the view from higher education.
British Britton, the vice chancellor for administration, also said he would like money for the University from a healthy state economy. Britton said he hopes state revenue will not go down so that the University will receive more money. For himself, Britton said he would like good of St. Nick to give him longer days, so that he has more time to relax.

ALONG THE SAME administrative lines, Donald Wilson, vice chancellor for finance and affairs, said he hopes that the University will be able to keep tuition down and still provide a quality education. His personal Christmas wish is "for the world to be a better place."
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**Calvin and Hobbes**

By Bill Watterson

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**Mother Goose and Grimm**

By Mike Peters

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**Walt Kelly's Pogo**

By Doyle & Sterneky

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Cotton Bowl could decide national champion

DALLAS (UPI) - David McWilliams of Texas and Dennis Erickson of Arizona will be co-pilots of the Cotton Bowl battle to be the best college football matchup this year. Both have shown why their Cotton Bowl battle will be the best college football matchup this year.

It is stated that the Cotton Bowl will be a turning point in the battle for the national title. Texas, 10-1, is going to be an outstanding game and nobody will win the Cotton Bowl. The game will be big because whatever wins will have a chance for the national title.

"I'm not disappointed at all (at not being in the Orange Bowl). The way things have turned out, I'm not so sure Texas and Miami aren't the best two teams in the country. Let Notre Dame and Colorado fall into the Orange Bowl, and we'll be. I think I'd rather be second or third because we would have no such much crap when you're No. 1."

"It's all up to the people who vote. How much the best? That's the best record? When you're dealing with that, you're dealing with a situation that couldn't have been any different."

Texas will take a No. 3 ranking into the Cotton Bowl against fourth-ranked Ohio State and are expected to win the game.

Both Texas and Miami played impressive games this season and are expected to play an exciting game. But it will be a game that could mean the difference between winning and losing for the national title.

DiNardo is ideally suited to turn the program around, said "Colorado head coach Bill McCanney. "He is a superb defensive minded man."

DiNardo, a native of Colorado, has been an assistant coach at Colorado for two seasons before turning things around in the program.

DiNardo, 38, is a native of Colorado, which will take: a No. 6 ranking into the Orange Bowl against Colorado. Notre Dame beat Colorado in its last two seasons.

The other team is the No. 2 Georgia Tech, 10-3, which plays Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl. This game is not in favor of a minimal player, but has reconsideration.

The world is "Are we jumping on who they will take, I'm not sure who we will pick," a school official. "It's going to be a game we are in favor of the minimal player, but has reconsideration.

McWilliams will also fluctuate the game because of the "incentive for a team. I won't deny it has been a big game, but one has no chance to be so big and the way with a have a program that will work."

"I would still like to see some of those bowls on the side for the players," he said.

"I hope they will be healthy for the Bowl. I had an opportunity to watch Texas, 10-1," Erickson told. "I'm not happy with the way we do the things, stretching out the opponent. Our team has been really the key to the access, the way we do the things. Our team has been really the key to the success, and that's how you win football games."
Winter meetings bring thoughts from coaches

**Winter Meetings Notebook**

- Milwaukee Brewers manager Fred Hoyle announced he plans to meet with Ted Higuera's agent Monday to discuss the possibility of contract settlement with the free agent pitcher.

- "We want Teddy to return," Trebelhorn said. "Within our ball club, he's recognized as the No. 1 starter. That's very difficult to find anywhere."

- "It's an outstanding DH award that has been presented since 1973," Vising said. "Conducted by club public relations directors, broadcasters and regular writers.

**Vincent: 1990 was 'year of transition'**

The Oakland Athletics rotation went through the loss of Bob Melvin and the introduction of Edgar Renteria. The A's moved into third, while
dropping to third, the Michigan Wolverines are still hopeful of a conference title in the Big Ten.

The system was designed to help protect the Charlotte Knights from baseball violence. The team was detailed by the Charlotte Knights, a non-profit organization established to help former baseball players. Who's going to win the National League East now that Darryl Strawberry has moved west? Cubs Manager Don Zimmer said it's anybody's division.

"Heard somebody from the Mets say it's going to mean something to them a better club (with Strawberry gone)," Zimmer said. "Whoever else replaces Strawberry in the lineup is a bell of a player.

"It could be Vince Coleman. The five-ace outfielder is being wooed by the Mets.

"I don't know what we can expect to play every day." La Russa said. "We know we want Bob. We know other teams want Bob."

La Russa also denied any revenge in selecting two players from the Cincinnati Reds' roster in Monday's minor-league deal.

"I think it had more to do with nepotism," La Russa said. "Dave Parker of Milwaukee was voted the American League's outstanding free agent hitter for 1989 for the second straight year. Parker appeared in a league-high 153 games as a designated hitter, batting 28 with a 446 slugging percentage in his first season with the Brewers.

He hit 21 home runs and 89 RBI, leading all designated hitters. A seven-time All-Star and former National League MVP, Parker collected his 2,900th career hit in June.

The outstanding DH award has been presented since 1973. Voting was conducted by club public relations directors, broadcasters and regular writers.

Mahan said he tries to set an example for younger players on the team by showing them how to deal with pressure.

"At the beginning of the year I wasn't working hard because I was feeling a little pressure," Mahan said. "Now I'm trying to work as hard as I can and show them what it takes to win conference year after year.

One Seattle player who hopes to follow in the footsteps of Mahan is freshman guard Chris Lowry, who said Mahan has taught him the tricks of the trade.

"He taught me a lot of dirty things that are all good things. He's a basketball player," Lowry said. "Things to help you get ahead, get an advantage over the opposite team player. I learned how to play under control and see the whole floor."

"I'm not going to say he has learned to deal with the pressure of being a top basketball player."

Mahan said the team has his own unique way of being a leader for the rest of the Saluki team.

"Sterling is a quiet leader," Herrin said. "He does it more by example. That's some of your best leaders are, they're leaders by example. He's a self-made basketball player."