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Gubernatorial candidate proposes stiffer measures to fight gangs.

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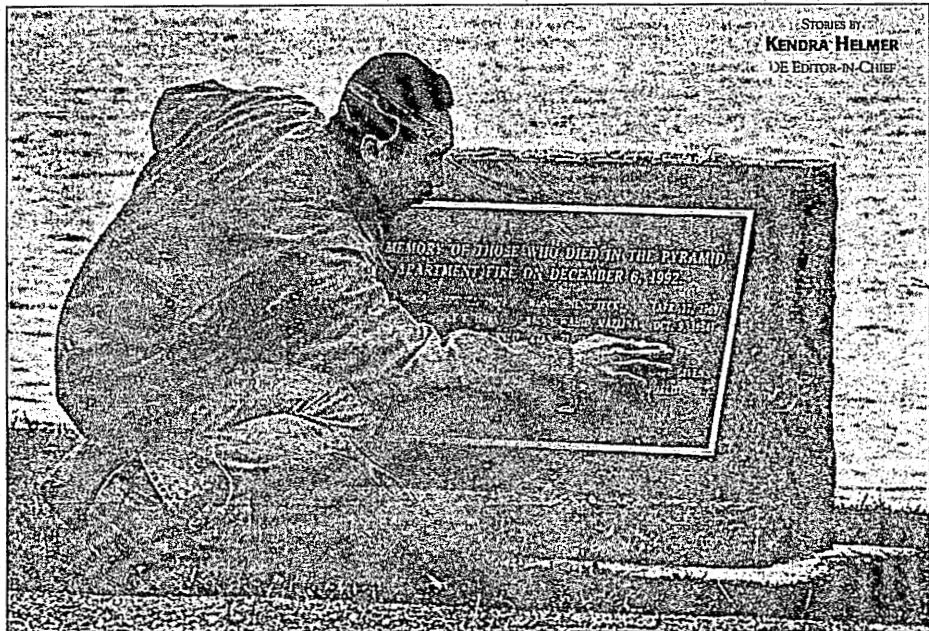
Puppets:

Show to entice crowd with familiar characters.



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FIVE YEARS AFTER PYRAMIDS FIRE



STORIES BY
KENDRA HELMER
DE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

DOUG LARSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Police have suspect in 1992 arson

Carbondale Police announced Thursday they have a suspect in The Pyramids apartment arson case, which Chief Don Strom calls a "roller coaster" five-year investigation.

"There have been times that it's going up and everything's falling into place," he said. "Then you hit a dip. We've taken such a ride several times.

"We still remain optimistic that this case can be solved."

Saturday marks the five-year anniversary of the fire, which caused the deaths of five SIUC students and injured eight others. No immediate arrests are expected to be made.

Sgt. Bob Ledbetter, lead investigator of the case, said authorities are working with Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.

"This is my No. 1 priority," he said. "We're trying to focus on that information that will take it to a level that it's ready for prosecution. This is a very complex case. It's like putting pieces of a puzzle together."

Police will not comment on many of those pieces, including where and how the fire started or a motive.

"My personal belief is that this fire was never

TIME MARCHES ON: Wan Kamal Wan Napi, president of the International Student Council and graduate student in political science from Malaysia, visits the memorial near Campus Lake honoring those who died in The Pyramids apartment fire on Dec. 6, 1992. One of Wan Napi's best friends died in the fire.

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Fire burns in friend's memory

On a frigid December night five years ago, Wan Kamal Wan Napi was awakened by a phone call that sent him rushing to the site of a devastating fire that killed five students, one of whom was his best friend.

Wan Napi witnessed a scene of chaos when he arrived at The Pyramids apartment complex, 504 S. Rawlings St., at about 2 a.m. on Dec. 6, 1992.

"The smoke was coming out of the building, and everybody was running away," said Wan Napi, International Student Council president. "Everybody was crying. I saw two or three people jump from the second floor."

In what has been described as the worst fire catastrophe ever in Carbondale, five students were killed, six were hospitalized — some with serious injuries — and two were treated and released.

Most of the injuries were caused by smoke inhalation and residents jumping to the ground to escape the flames and smoke of the building, which primarily housed international students.

The smoke spread rapidly throughout the building, dazing many of the residents. Four of the dead students were found in positions indicating they were trying to reach the windows before they were overcome by the smoke.

The Fire Department arrived on the scene shortly after receiving a call from an automatic alarm at 1:27 a.m.

More than 30 of the 44 residents

were left homeless by the blaze, which was contained to the second and third floors and took a little more than an hour to defeat.

The blaze was ruled arson by investigators, who said the building was up to city code. In the five years since the fire, no arrests have been made, and police will not comment on a possible motive.

Wan Napi's friend, Mazlina Abdul Wahid, was pronounced brain dead the morning of the fire and died the next day. Wan Napi saw her carried out of the burning building by a firefighter.

"She was unconscious, and she had no burns, so I didn't think it was that serious," he recalled. "I thought she was only unconscious because of the smoke."

Wan Napi was one of about 60 Malaysian students who went to Belleville Memorial Hospital to await word on the condition of Wahid.

Wahid, a member of International Student Council, was treasurer of the Malaysian Student Association.

"When she first came here, she was very shy and quiet," Wan Napi said. "I decided to ask her to join (ISC) so she could make friends. She ended up being very outgoing."

Wahid's friends from SIUC and several other concerned strangers from St. Louis University and the University

THE VICTIMS

of the Dec. 6, 1992, fire at The Pyramids apartment complex

KIMIOKO AJIJOKA, 25, a senior in marketing from Osaka, Japan

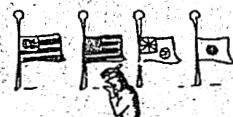
RONALD MOY, 23, a senior in economics from Chicago

LAI HUNG TAM, 23, a senior in marketing from Kwloon, Hong Kong

MAZLINA ABDUL WAHID, 28, a freshman in vocational education studies from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

CHENG TECK WONG, 23, a senior in electrical engineering from Johor, Malaysia

Gus Bode



Gus says: Time doesn't ease the pain.

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Parties work to settle suit

The parties involved in a lawsuit against The Pyramid apartments' past and present owners and managers are in active settlement negotiations and are prepared to settle the case under the right circumstances, a local attorney says.

One of the original plaintiffs has settled out of court for an undisclosed amount.

Carbondale attorney John D. Alleman, who represents two people injured in the Dec. 6, 1992, arson, said that if the parties cannot agree on a settlement, the case will go to trial.

The suit was filed Dec. 21, 1992.

"At this time we're devoting our energy to settling and resolving the case without having a trial," he said.

"Everybody is prepared to settle this case under the right circumstances, and that's what we're trying to explore — what is the right circumstance for each plaintiff and defendant."

Alleman said there was a settlement conference several weeks ago, and attorneys on both sides are still talking. He said that if the case is going to be settled, it will be within the next 90 days. If it goes to trial, Alleman said it probably would be within a year.

Five students died in the fire, and eight were injured. Five of the

survivors are suing, alleging negligence.

The plaintiffs in the consolidated case are: Gergana Zlaveta, Simona Dimitrova, Sylvia Camacho, Amit Singh, and Chanin Heid Birkhahn. All are represented by Southern Illinois attorneys.

Alleman is representing Zlaveta and Dimitrova, who suffered serious injuries when they jumped from a third-floor window onto concrete to escape the blaze.

Dimitrova suffered a broken pelvis and ankle, a fractured jaw, internal injuries and several broken teeth. She walks with a limp and will at some point undergo hip-replacement surgery.

Zlaveta suffered a broken wrist and a skull fracture. Her teeth were knocked out, and she suffers sinus and breathing problems.

The defendants are Bonnie Owen Realty Inc., Sun King Realty, Arthur Realty Corp., The Pyramids and Egyptian of Carbondale Inc.; Herman Horowitz and Israel Jakobovich.

Attorneys for the defendants could not be reached for comment.

One of the lawsuits has been settled.

G. Patrick Murphy, who represented Masako Toyota Shin, the

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Calendar

CALENDAR POLICY
The deadline for Calendar items is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission cost and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered or mailed to the Daily Egyptian Newsroom, Communications Building, Room 1247. All calendar items also appear on the DE Web page. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

- Forestry Club Christmas Tree Sale, 6 to 8 foot quality trees, December 5, 6, and 7, all day, under east side of stadium bleachers. Contact Matt at 529-3910.
- Library Affairs "Intermediate Web Page Construction (HTML)" Seminar, December 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.
- Organization of Paralegal Students Luncheon, December 5, noon, Student Center Old Maine Restaurant, free for members, \$6 for others. Contact Bridget at 687-2280.
- Library Affairs "SilverPlatter Databases" Seminar, December 5, 1 to 2 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.
- Russian Table - open to students of Russian, speakers of Russian, or anyone curious about Russia, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., China House at 701 S. Illinois. Contact Sarah at 453-5029.
- Spanish Table, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Dimitrios at 453-5425 or 536-5571.
- German Table - "Stammtisch", December 5, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Boozy's. Contact Anne at 549-1754.
- Japanese Table - informal conversation in Japanese and English, Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Shinsuke at 457-6884.
- Black History Month Committee

and the Theater Department need African American actors for the new play, "Autumn's Song," audition material will be provided, December 5, 6 p.m., McLeod Theatre Lobby. Contact Eddie at 529-3399.

• Hillel Foundation/Chavutah/Shebat Dinner, December 5, 7 p.m., Interfaith Center. Call 351-1546 for information.

UPCOMING

- Habitat for Humanity work project, December 6, 8 a.m., meet in front of Student Center. Contact John at 529-3311.
- Strategic Games Society - Standard meeting, December 6, Noon to Midnight, Student Center Mississippi Room. Contact Maggie at 549-3467 or SUC SGS@AOL.com.
- Golden Key National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, December 6, 1:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom B. Contact Megan at 351-1120 or 536-3381.
- African Student Council meeting, December 6, 5 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge. Contact Samuel at 457-2423.
- Black Togetherness Organization 27th Annual Cultural Festival, December 6, 6 to 10 p.m., Grinnell Hall Lower Level. Contact Zawadi at 536-2054.
- University Christian Ministries open house reception to watch the Lights Fantastic Parade and welcome new

campus minister, Hugh Muldoon, December 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Interfaith Center. Call 549-7387 for information.

• Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir Fall Concert, December 6, 7 p.m., Newman Catholic Center, \$5 advanced, \$7 at door. Contact Gregory at 549-7329.

• Newman Club Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, donations accepted, Hayride and Caroling, 7:30 p.m., meet at Newman Center, December 7. Contact Mary at 529-3311.

• New Canaan Cathedral Worship Service and Children's Church Service, Sundays, 1:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation. Contact Larry at 549-0263.

- Library Affairs "Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)" Seminar, December 8, 9 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.
- SPC Travel Committee meeting, Mondays, 6 p.m., Student Center Activity Room D. Contact Dave at 536-3393.
- SPC-TV general interest meeting, Mondays, 6 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge. Contact Jeremy at 453-6550.
- SPC Comedy Committee meeting, Mondays, 6 p.m., Student Center Inquiries Room. Contact Dottie at 536-3393.

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TODAY:
Mostly cloudy.
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Low: 25

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Police

UNIVERSITY

- Police are investigating a residential burglary that occurred sometime between Nov. 22 and Monday at Neely Hall. There is no estimate of the value of items taken.
- Police are investigating a report of criminal damage to property that occurred in lot 44, near the Communications Building. Some ne

between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, the driver's window of a car was broken out. There are no suspects in the incident.

• Michael F. Cardilli, 18, of Carbondale, was arrested for aggravated battery and attempted robbery in lot 35, which is east of Boomer Hall, at 2:28 a.m. Thursday. The victim was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and was treatment and

released. Cardilli remains in custody at Jackson County Jail.

• Dushun Wilson, 26, of Calumet City, was arrested for vehicular theft at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday following a report by a 23-year-old SUC student that her car had been stolen sometime between 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and 3:41 p.m. Wednesday. The vehicle has not been found. Wilson remains at Jackson County Jail.

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LIGHTS FANTASTIC: A group of SIUC students from four University organizations combined to make a float equipped with fiber-optics and a large projection screen that will display images of the campus during the Light's Fantastic Parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The route begins at the corner of Illinois and Grand avenues, continues north on Illinois Avenue to Jackson Street, east on Jackson Street to Washington Street, where the parade proceeds south and ends at the town square. There are 25 new entries, including bands and floats, in the seventh-annual parade.



Schmidt

Candidate criticizes system

EFFORTS: Schmidt plans to get tough on gang leaders in prisons.

JASON FREUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Adding 200 additional probation and parole officers throughout the state would help curb the power of gang leaders recently released from prison, one candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 1998 gubernatorial race says.

John Schmidt, former associate U.S. Attorney General, told about seven supporters and local media at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., that local efforts against gangs are not enough to win the war.

"The best local efforts to fight gangs will fail if our state government does not do its job in the area of criminal justice," he said.

Schmidt, who implemented the Motor-Voter Law to boost voter registration, cited the ability of gang

leaders to continue operation from within prisons and the lack of restrictions on recently released leaders, as the major problems.

“Gangs are moving, people are nervous they are afraid and that's wrong. People shouldn't be afraid.”

BRENDA WEIST
GRADUATE STUDENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

"What we need to do is to isolate gang leaders within our prisons, deny them access to the general prison population and deny them access to the outside world; including visitors and telephonic contact, except for the constitutional minimum of access to an attorney," he said.

Schmidt said the additional offi-

cers would help restrict the activities of gang leaders through curfews, geographic restrictions and restrictions with whom the leaders associate.

He estimated the 200 new officers would cost \$10 million per year.

"I believe in a \$35 billion dollar-a-year budget, we can afford \$10 million dollars a year for something that will have an impact on violence," Schmidt said.

He said 200 officers would be sufficient to have an influence throughout the state because the new officers will focus on gang activities.

"It would be nice to have 1,000, but 200 is enough," he said.

Brenda Weist, a graduate student in political science who attended the speech, said she thinks gangs are an important issue to discuss.

"Gangs are moving, people are nervous, they are afraid and that's wrong. People shouldn't be afraid, they shouldn't have to live like that," she said. "I think somebody needs to come into Illinois and do something about gang activity, crime and violence."

Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

SIUC student arrested in connection with robberies

An SIUC student was arrested Monday in connection with an early morning Nov. 15 armed robbery in the 600 block of West Freeman.

Frederick T. Drew, 19, of Fairview Heights, was taken into custody Monday about 5 p.m. by Carbondale Police after an investigation revealed that he was one of four individuals involved in the robbery.

Police responded to reports that four men traveling in a blue 1980s Cadillac stopped pedestrians in the 600 block of West Freeman and demanded their money.

Police continue to investigate the incident. Drew remains in custody at Jackson County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.

—Linda A. Krutinger

DESOTO

Edgar signs aid bill increasing funding for poor schools

With a needy DeSoto Elementary school as his backdrop, Gov. Jim Edgar signed what he terms an historic school-aid bill Thursday, providing Southern Illinois schools like DeSoto with a modest increase in funding.

The package establishes a foundation funding level for the state's poorest school districts at \$4,225 per student in 1998, increasing in \$100 increments over the next three years. It also implements several controversial education reforms, including the extension of the probationary period for tenure, making it harder for educators to renew their teaching certificates and the reworking of administrators contract so that they are performance-based.

The needed revenue will come from an increase in cigarette, casino and telecommunications taxes, and the institution of a deadbeat tax penalty.

—Kirk Mottram

CARBONDALE

SIU Credit Union's new branch opens Monday

SIU Credit Union will open a new branch Monday at 395 N. Giant City Road. The new full-service facility will have four drive-up lanes, a 24-hour, drive-up automated teller machine, Saturday lobby hours and a safety deposit box rental.

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 Guest
 Column

America forced groups to become second-class

Bill Mamer submits "it is no more of the government's business what ethnic group you belong to than which religion you subscribe" in his letter ("Americans should stop thinking by race alone," Nov. 5). The problem with this analysis is that historically the U.S. government has done this precisely all too well. It has used race and ethnicity repeatedly to forcibly subjugate minority groups into second-class citizens.

The last racial restrictions were not repealed by Congress until 1952. Thus, for 162 years "whites" were considered citizens while other groups such as Native Americans, African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics were not. With the tool of citizenship, whites could vote and gain political participation and representation. The outcome of this privilege was economic and social prosperity for one segment of society and not for the other.

In fact, while whites reaped the benefits of institutional affirmative action, other minority groups were enslaved and some had to fight to preserve their way of life. Other minorities suffered from race exclusions as well.

As a history major, I am sure Mamer is well aware that the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was the first national law passed by Congress that barred one group's entry into this country based on race. It also prohibited wives of Chinese laborers from entering the United States. The passing of this historic piece of legislation came about as a direct result of political pressure from whites who, at the time, feared job competition from Chinese immigrants working on the Transcontinental Railroad and in gold mines in California. For a period of American history, the words "Chinese" and "exclusion" were synonymous. The Chinese workers themselves remained ineligible for citizenship until 1943. Following legislation such as the 1945 California Alien Land Act prohibited "Asians" from owning land and properties.

The author of "Americans should stop

thinking by race alone" also states that as a future history teacher, he "will be the first to admit that until recently, minorities were held back by institutional racism." This is an understatement and is passively inaccurate. Minorities were not just "held back" by institutional racism, but the racism they experienced was often very active and very violent. A more correct depiction would include enslaved, destroyed and excluded.

Admitting wrong in the past is heading in the right direction, but to claim that recent minority affirmative action "offend[s] the generic white male" is seeing history in a static rather than continuous manner.

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An analogy would go something like this: A group of people is sitting at a table playing poker. After eight hours of playing, one player has gotten ahead by winning most of the chips from the others. It is soon dis-

covered that the reason the player got ahead was because he cheated by having an extra card. When caught, the player admits guilt and insists that from now on everyone must play by the rules or else it is reverse discrimination. The extra card that allowed the one player to get ahead of everybody else was the voting card enjoyed by the "generic white male."

I have taught biology in an inner-city high school, and I agree with Mamer in that we both see the value of diversity. However, to think that diversity can be achieved by individuals on a level playing field is naive, for up to recent times the field has never been leveled. History is not just this morning, yesterday or the month before. History is continuous from the beginning of time.

Because one has to know one's history in order to have focus and direction for the future, I submit that history is not just about events in the past, but that history also is the future. To give up on recent affirmative action programs is the rationale that fails to understand that affirmative action has always existed in the past — and will continue to be a part of the future, perhaps under different labels.

Our Word

Remembering

Arson deaths of five students remind us of sober truths

A SOMBER ANNIVERSARY GREETES THE SIUC campus this weekend, as Carbondale faces the fifth anniversary of The Pyramids apartment complex fire.

And this weekend highlights how much we all have to learn from that tragedy.

SIUC students Kimiko Ajioka, Ronald Moy, Lai Hung Tam, Mazlina Abdul Wahid and Cheng Teck Wong died as a result of the Dec. 6, 1992, arson fire at The Pyramids, 504 S. Rawlings St. That fire also left eight other students injured — many from jumping out of windows because of a lack of fire escapes in the building. In addition, the fire left more than 30 students without homes.

Carbondale Police announced Thursday they have a suspect in the arson, which shows they have not forgotten about the case. But what about the rest of us? How are we served by remembering this awful event?

This tragedy forever changed the lives of a number of SIUC students. Only days before, these students probably were making plans to study for their final exams and visit relatives over winter break.

Such plans are familiar to many of us, as we may already have done likewise. Unfortunately for those students — who so disconcertingly are like us — tragedy had made other plans for them.

Today, The Pyramids — now known as Ambassador Apartments — are under new ownership. Located near campus, a number of SIUC students live in the building. Other students and community members pass by the quiet complex everyday. But remembering the holiday-season tragedy — occurring there just a short five years ago — may be difficult for those people to do. It may be just as difficult for us all.

That difficulty may be attributed to a number of reasons. The Pyramids apartments primarily housed international students, and many survivors of the fire may have graduated or returned to their homelands. Those residents and neighbors remaining in the Carbondale area may be loathe to relive such a terrifying experience. Without the headlines and news reports in the media accompanying the original event, many of us just may not recall the tragedy.

AND IT IS HERE THAT WE FIND THE TRUE meaning of somber anniversaries. These recurring events should serve to spur us into action in two sorely needed ways. We are goaded to remember the original tragedy, and we are inspired by that event to take steps to ensure that it does not happen again.

The International Student Council and other groups have taken steps to aid the first purpose, as a meeting about commemorating the five-year-old tragedy is planned for tonight. Wan Kamal Wan Napi, ISC president, plans to ask Undergraduate Student Government and administrators to support an annual memorial service.

These events serve well in accompanying the memorial statue and tree that were placed near Campus Lake almost three years ago.

The second purpose rests in all of our hands, as we all should check the safety of our living conditions to avoid a similar tragedy. Take time to check fire alarms to make sure they are in working condition. Use weekend funds to purchase a fire extinguisher for your homes. Work with landlords to design efficient fire escape routes from apartment buildings — and reacquaint yourselves with the location of fire escapes. If a high-unit, multi-storied building does not have one, that poses a possible threat.

If SIUC students or community members were not in Carbondale Dec. 6, 1992, — or even if you were here, and do remember the city's worst fire catastrophe — then make sure that you do remember the SIUC students who lost their lives. Honor their memory by protecting yourselves — and others — from suffering in a similar way.

This is the very least that we all can do for those students and their families.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

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LAWSUIT

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administrator of the estate of fire victim Kimiko Ajioke, said the case was settled within the last 60 days. Murphy would not comment on the amount of the settlement.

"It was a long, difficult and hotly contested case," Murphy said.

Murphy said the cases were bogged down in the judicial process because of litigation and requests by attorneys for police to release evidence.

"The question of the insurance coverage had to be litigated and was appealed to the Illinois Supreme Court," he said. "The plaintiffs were successful in binding the defendants' insurance company."

There also was a dispute as to whether the plaintiffs should be allowed access to evidence obtained by police.

"Releasing that information was not in the best interest of the case," Carbondale Police Chief Don Strom said. "We believe that some of that information is information only the person who started the fire would know."

In April, after three years of motions and delay, Judge William Schwartz ordered the city, under threat of contempt, to provide all evidence to the attorneys.

Attorneys, who have since viewed the evidence, are not allowed to discuss the evidence.

Alleman would not say how much the remaining plaintiffs are seeking, but said it is a significant amount.

"There has not been an offer made," he said. "I expect that when an offer is made, there'll be offers made to all the plaintiffs at one time."

The amended complaint, filed on July 14, states, "Before and at the time the fire started, the defendants failed to exercise ordinary care for the safety of the plaintiffs."

"We think that they violated their own rules and regulations concerning keeping the hallways clear of debris and other items," Alleman said. "It's in their lease that they're in control of the common part of the building."

"It's our contention that this fire started in a pile of clothes or laundry that was left outside of the door of one of the rooms. I cannot tell you what evidence we would present to prove that point; all I can tell you is that if we put it into our complaint, we can prove it."

The complaint also alleges the defendants "failed to exercise a high degree of care for each plaintiff's safety" by failing to provide a sprinkler system in the building's hallways and common areas, failing to provide outside fire escapes on the

third floor of the building and failing to provide a security guard on the date of the fire to patrol the common areas and monitor the hallways.

The defendants have filed documents challenging some of the factual allegations in the complaint and want the plaintiffs to be more specific in some of the allegations.

"The defendants are asking the court to make us prove how the fire started and who started it," Alleman said. "We have not alleged that we know who or how the fire started, and I don't think that's something we have to prove. All we have to prove is there was a fire."

Alleman said a common point in the attorneys' discussions has been that no arrests have been made in the arson.

"Our clients, who are foreigners, are somewhat disillusioned that they (police) haven't been able to apprehend anybody," he said.

Alleman said attorneys have spent a great deal of time on the lawsuit, and everyone is eager to see it conclude.

"It's a tragedy that, has transcended this community for five years," he said. "In that respect, it's time we move forward and get this case settled or tried. There are injured people who would like to get this over with. The people who were in this fire will always be haunted by it."

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SUSPECT

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started with the intent of killing someone," said Strom, who does not believe the fire was racially motivated. The apartment complex, 504 S. Rawlings St., primarily housed international students.

Strom said the suspect, who he believes acted alone, has been interviewed.

"We've always said from the start that there were certain individuals' behavior that was suspect, and this was one of those individuals," he said.

He could not comment on whether the suspect was a tenant of the apartments. Strom said the suspect is not in the Carbondale area.

"I don't have any reason to believe the person poses a threat to the community at large," he said.

Police do not know how long Wepsiec's review of the case will take and when an arrest could be made.

"Arson investigations are very difficult to investigate," Strom said. "Any police investigation is going to rely on good forensic evidence and good witness statements. We feel like we've done a good job on the forensic part and interviewed all witnesses."

Police have chased about 1,000 leads, conducting more than 700 interviews in 10 states and Japan.

There are more than 2,000 pages of reports, about 300 photos and 80 items of physical evidence.

It has been about three months since the public has generated any new information, Strom said. Two Carbondale Police officers and representatives from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the U.S. Attorney's Office went to Japan in May 1996. Strom would not say why officials went to Japan, but said it was a "worthwhile trip."

Authorities have coordinated their efforts with the ATF, U.S. Justice Department, U.S. Treasury Department Customs Bureau, U.S. Department of State and Interpol.

An agent from the profiling unit of the FBI Behavioral Science Unit at Quantico, Va., came to Carbondale and now uses the case file to train agents on the appropriate way to handle such a case. Strom would not comment on what the profiler determined about the suspect.

The ATF has been involved in the case because of its expertise in arson. The ATF immediately assigned its National Response Team, comprised of arson experts from across the country, to come to Carbondale and work with local investigators after the fire.

Ledbetter said that although the fire occurred five years ago, he is actively working on the case and is in constant communication with the ATF investigators in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"There might be a week where (Ledbetter) spends the better part of the week on it," Strom said. "Any murder investigation has our highest priority."

Strom said that the absence of an arrest has not deterred investigators. "I don't think [not having an arrest made] affects morale," Strom said. "People have gotten so emotionally involved in this. Our officers experienced the suffering of the victims first-hand."

"That emotional investment continues to this day. We want to see the person or persons held accountable—that's what continues to drive us."

There is a \$32,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

"Anyone who believes they have information, no matter how insignificant, [should tell police]," Strom said. "We're in a better position to judge the importance of information."

Strom hopes Thursday's announcement will generate leads.

"We think it's an appropriate time when interest is heightened in the case to not only reveal as much as we could but to also seek additional information anyone may have," he said.

Strom said the department has remained in contact with some of the victims' families.

"This [case] remains our highest priority," he said. "I'm convinced that if it's possible to bring it to justice, this department can do it."

MEMORY

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of Missouri at St. Louis prayed together in the hospital, saying a last rites prayer so her soul would leave her body in peace.

Wan Napi called Wahid's parents in Malaysia to tell them of the fire.

"Her parents were very calm. They said, 'Thank you,' and asked me to take care of her and said they depended on us," he said. "We said we'd do everything we can."

Wahid's parents, who could not afford the trip to be at their daughter's bedside, agreed to terminate her life support after speaking with doctors and an attorney.

"We were just quiet and didn't know what to do," Wan Napi said. "We realized it was God's way."

Wan Napi said he feels somewhat guilty about Wahid's death, because she was supposed to have participated in the Lights Fantastic Parade, which ended several hours prior to the fire.

"Every time I see a parade, I think of her," he said. "I decided not to let her be in the parade [with other ISC members] because she was very skinny, and I didn't want her to get sick."

"We all went out after the parade and didn't get back until 1 a.m. I wonder if she would have been in the parade if she would have been awake when the fire started [at 1:27 a.m.] and if she could have gotten out."

The fire also seriously injured Simona Dimitrova, who suffered a broken pelvis and ankle, a fractured jaw, internal injuries and broken teeth. She will require a hip replacement in the future. Dimitrova, now a Ph.D. student in engineering science, did not want to talk about the incident.

Dimitrova is one of five survivors suing the buildings' past and present owners and managers. She is represented by Carbondale attorney John D. Alleman.

"She's a remarkable young lady who's been determined not to let this terrible accident dissuade her from being productive and having a good life," Alleman said.

Alleman also is representing Gergana Zlaveta, who suffered a broken wrist and a skull fracture. Her teeth were knocked out, and she has sinus and breathing problems. Zlaveta now lives in New York.

"She jumped from a third-floor building onto a concrete pad and struck her head on the concrete," Alleman said.

SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs was dean of the College of Education at the time of the fire.

"It occurred the night of the Lights Fantastic Parade, and my family and I left the parade feeling good about the holiday time," Beggs said. "The next morning we heard what had happened, and it sure changed my feeling about the holiday."

Beggs said the memorial service that drew hundreds of mourners to Shryock Auditorium later that week was one of the most dignified services he ever has attended.

"Some of my friends told me the appropriate way to show dignity was to leave as orderly and as quietly as possible," he said. "I'll always remember the sobbing of what I assumed to be a relative and what an empty feeling I had in terms of what I could do to help the person."

In 1994, a monument was erected at the boat docks near Campus Lake. It was paid for by ISC, Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate and Professional Student Council and some SIUC administrators.

The memorial states: "The world will never know what their young lives could have given. May time ease our grief into passion for making this world more peaceful for all its people."

Wan Napi would like SIUC to have an organized memorial service

every year for the victims.

"A monument can't speak by itself," said Wan Napi, a graduate student in political science from Malaysia. "We want to organize something very meaningful so the old and new students realize there was a tragedy."

ISC sends letters to the families every year on the anniversary of the fire.

"Her (Wahid's) parents are always asking my mother and me, 'Do you know who did it?'" Wan Napi said. "But there's nothing for me to say."

"She was a Muslim, and her parents believe whoever did it will be judged."

At ISC's meeting at 6 tonight in the Kaskaskia Room in the Student Center, Wan Napi plans to propose that the University have ceremonies every year in memory of the students. He plans to send a memo about such a proposal to USG and the administration.

"I've noticed that after two years, nobody knows or remembers anything," he said. "And it's important for new students to be aware of safety issues. I'm not saying that Carbondale has high crime, but we can be aware as a community. And we should always remember this tragedy."

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Story By TAMEKA L. HICKS

Having celebrities like Madonna and the Beatles on stage at the same time as the "Nutcraker" ensemble and various animals is not unusual for one theater company that has come a long way from Broadway.

Displaying a flourishing show of colorful, oversized puppets, the Famous People Players will present "A Magical Christmas" at 8 p.m. Friday in Shryock Auditorium.

The Canadian theater company has been a world-wide success traveling from New York to Japan, entertaining crowds with stuffed characters under fluorescent colors and black light.

The group travels around the country four times a year amusing crowds with the mere presence of well-known faces and characters.

Diane Dupuy, founder and director, said the group's black light show of famous puppets is to entice all audiences, children as well as adults.

"It's good for all ages — from two weeks to 102 years-old," Dupuy said. "We try to find something everyone likes. I think it brings out the child in all of us."

During one show, Mary Thornton, head of visual art effects, recalls witnessing a moving entrance by one of the company's old-time fans.

"She was a 102-years-old, and she walked in all by herself," Thornton said. "She said she had heard so much about it from her nursing home buddies. I don't know what it is about the show, but it really moves people."

Melissa Jakubowski, publicity assistant for Shryock Auditorium, said that after reviewing videotapes of the Famous People Players, she is sure they will move Shryock's crowd Friday night.

"I just think it's amazing how they create this magical show," she said. "There's giant flowers and sugar cubes on stage, and giant angels sing 'Silent Night.' You kind of have to see it to believe it."

Thornton said that after 23 years of creating hundreds of stuffed characters, it tends to become a bit overwhelming.

At the age of 80, Thornton spends weeks at a time producing foam-made celebrity and animal-like puppets, which are sometimes 10-foot tall, for each show.

"It's bigger and harder to compete with oneself," she said. "We have to do better than before. We travel with 578 items, and it's all transpired into two hours on stage. That's why we have so much to show."

The group has been featured on shows such as "Good Morning America," "The Phil Donahue Show" and "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee."

The Famous People Players rehearse for shows year-round to guarantee improvement each time.

Dupuy said constructing such an elaborate show requires complete attention from everyone involved.

"It takes time, and there's hours and hours of repetition," she said.

"Then it's selecting the music and coming up with characters to match the music. It's like drawing a cartoon. Each second has to create animation."

Thornton said with Dupuy's, who is also her daughter, creative ideas, producing the elements

for the amusing show is made simple.

"Diane (Dupuy) chooses the characters," she said. "I make the life-size puppets very colorful to be more visual and imaginative. I guess someone has to be kind of crazy or something to come up with this."

Producing shows for all crowds calls for inquiring into the entertainment world. Famous People Players has produced shows that present tales and songs of the well-known faces of Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Barbara Streisand.

"You have to get people who are recognizable," Dupuy said.

Players.

Dupuy said it is not important that the performers are challenged because they are normal people and perform the job well enough to be a success.

Although it takes about six people to control the strings of each prop, Thornton said the performers' capabilities are not a concern because they are like everyone else.

"We forget about the disabilities because everyone is equal here," Thornton said. "We give them a chance and everyone is treated the same."

Fulfilling her passion to create animation,

The Famous People Players will perform of "A Magical Christmas" at 8 p.m. Friday at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets for the show are \$15.50 and \$13.50. Tickets can be purchased at the Shryock box office, or charge by phone at 453-2787.

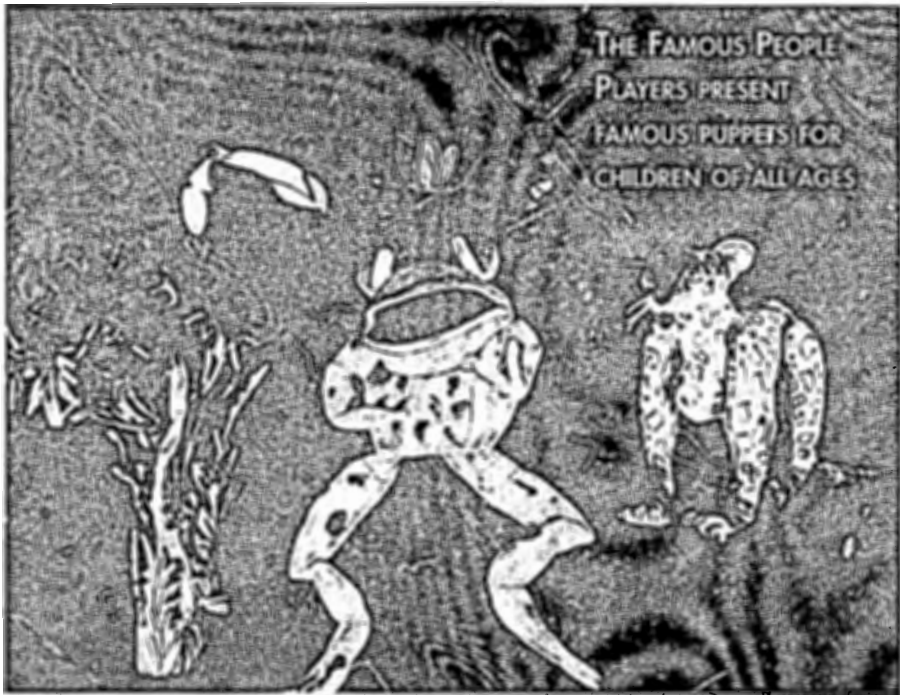


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"They must be well-known. But it's all to entertain."

Entertain is what the Famous People Players has done with such supporters as Phil Collins and Paul Newman. Both have made large contributions to the company.

"I just always wanted to own my own theater company," Dupuy said.

"I was enthralled with the young people. I thought it was a good idea to display their talents because we all have a creative chord inside us."

The young people Dupuy speaks of passionately are the 12 developmentally challenged young adults who make up the Famous People

Players. Thornton said she plans to continue for as long as she is able.

"It gets mind-boggling sometimes with one show after the other, but I kind of still think I'm 30- or 40-years old," she said. "I'll keep on until I find something better. But I really can't see anything better or as rewarding as this."

Excited about performing at Shryock, Dupuy said she encourages all people to attend the show for positive, inspirational fun.

"When we're a world with such negative influence, it is important that parents bring their kids," Dupuy said.

"And it's a show that is not to be missed."

She said she had heard so much about it from her nursing home buddies. I don't know what it is about the show, but it really moves people.

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Bustin' the BLUES in St. Louis

STORY BY JASON ADRIAN

Blues enthusiasts yearning for a hefty dose of their favorite mood music will find solace among other blues fans at the Third Annual Fall Blues Bust at 9 tonight at Mississippi Nights in St. Louis.

As part of a triple headlining bill, area blues acts Blues Handle, Uncle Albert and show opener River City Blues will converge on the club stage to display the music that gave birth to rock 'n' roll.

Uncle Albert guitarist Tim Albert said the Fall Blues Bust will not only offer blues fans three different styles of the blues, but will bring the three bands' following of fans together in one location.

"It will consolidate three different blues audiences, and it will build some community and camaraderie," he said. "It's a better way for people to understand that there is a lot of good music out there, and it's better for people to be exposed to what is going on with the area blues."

Albert also said the show's all-ages entry is an excellent way for young people to hear a style of music to which they normally are not exposed.

"We've been pumping (the all-ages aspect) because there are not many chances for young people in the St. Louis area to see the blues," he said. "It gets too locked up in the bars and that limits your audience."

The Fall Blues Bust is the brainchild of River City Blues bassist Joe Miles, and it came about simply because of his impromptu, colossal desire for a decent blues concert for people of all ages.

"I was driving down the street one day and I thought it would be cool to see a blues show in one of St. Louis' bigger venues," he said. "It was that profound."

A couple phone calls later to Mississippi Nights, 914 N. First St., and the first Fall Blues Bust was underway.

Miles said the interest in the blues shown by the younger audience was a big reason the Fall Blues Bust came about.

"With the '70s thing really big right now, the response I've been getting toward the blues seems to be that it's appealing to younger people as well," he said.

Blues Handle harmonica player Matt Morrell said catering the Fall Blues Bust to a broad scope of new, potential and old blues fans had a lot to do with which site was chosen.

"The nice thing about Mississippi Nights is that we can accommodate all ages," he said. "We picked this venue because we can hit every age in just one place."

And what will strike the audience on hand tonight will be three distinct styles of the blues from three unique St. Louis area bands in one show.

River City Blues opens the night with its chameleon-like band lineup for a mix of blues and Texas shuffle.

"We will play with anything from a trio to an eight-piece band. It's a variation of the same players," Miles said. "That is what makes it cool and keeps it interesting not only to myself but to the other members in the band."

Albert said what makes the members of Uncle Albert different is that they enjoy something most bands find annoying and disrespectful: on-stage crowd and band communication.

"On a good night the crowd will yell back at us. That can dictate the direction of the evening," he said. "When you have a connection with the audience, they get to hear what they want to hear, and we're not searching for what we should play."

After Uncle Albert fires up the crowd with its contemporary blues sound,



Blues Handle, which also is making its third Fall Blues Bust appearance, will close out the night with a set of its traditional and contemporary blues puffers. Albert said the night will offer plenty of honest and emotional music for people interested in the appeal of the blues.

"I think a lot of what people judge the blues on is whether or not you're telling the truth. People can tell when you play if you're faking emotion," he said. "You can tell when someone is blushing you in a conversation, and the blues is the same way."

"The blues is all based on attitude."

BLUES BUST

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Turnover on downs: Fourth 'Alien' fails

JASON ADRIAN
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"Alien" was a brilliant ride in the relatively new science fiction/horror genre. Then came the masterpiece sequel of man-against-monster "Aliens," which made Ripley as formidable an action hero as Rambo.

Then the series took a drastic turn with the dismal "Alien 3," and to save the series, "Alien Resurrection" not only had to score a fourth-quarter touchdown but convert the two-point score.

Despite nifty special effects, which include a spectacular underwater chase scene, the fourth installment fumbles at the goal line with dire dialogue and an incomprehensible plot.

As fans of the series know, the surviving character of the series, Ripley (Sigourney Weaver), died in the third film, and, well, ceased to become a surviving character. Or so we are led to believe.

Cloned back to life on a military ship deep in space by an immortal team of scientists to retrieve the alien seedling within her belly, Ripley is left embodying superhuman abilities. And because she gave "birth" to the alien queen being kept captive by the military crew of the ship, Ripley is even linked by her arch-nemesis aliens.

When the young space pirate Call (Winona Ryder) and her mercenary team of smugglers show up to sell their goods to the wicked General Perez (Dan Hedaya), a massive turnover allows the aliens to prove they cannot be tamed or

manipulated.

While the military crew evacuates and the aliens run rampant over the gargantuan space ship, the small crew of pirates are left to deal with the vicious creatures. Instead of a powerful human standoff, we see these people walk toward their escape ship and run into an occasional alien while warbling extremely bad bits of verbiage.

Movies have come too far to depend on ingenious special effects to carry a flick. Audiences still need a decent script for a truly superior film even if the first half of the series is the cinematic equal of the '85 Bears.

CD Capsules

Led Zeppelin

LED ZEPPELIN: BBC SESSIONS
Atlantic — 1997

Forget when the songs were recorded. Forget all of the dates and times when the songs were created — it doesn't make any difference. Every track on the new "Led Zeppelin: BBC Sessions" double album is a legendary tribute to the mighty rock 'n' roll machine.

I cannot begin to explain how excited I was to hear the recording of "Stairway to Heaven" from when Zep played it for the first time ever to a live audience. I was dazed and confused with amazement when Jimmy Page wailed a seemingly endless, masterful guitar solo on "Heartbreaker."

The album also contains two recordings of "Whole Lotta Love," each one unique in its own way. One version has Elvis adages including the ever famous melody, "Gonna let that boy, gonna let that boy boogie." Plant sings a line and Jimmy mimics his voice on his Les Paul Standard.

And it is far too easy to boogie to the tunes on this album because every classic tune is raw and chock full of intense rock-ability.

There are two new songs on the album, but you might want to check out "The Girl I Love She Has Long Wavy Hair." It is a spin-off of "Moby Dick." The riff is similar, but Plant belts out passion-filled vocals backed by Bonzo's hard drum beat and John Paul Jones' driving bass lines. Page is brilliant as always.

No doubt about it, this album is a must-have for any Led Zeppelin fan, or anyone who likes good rock music. —Brian Ebers

Garth Brooks
SEVENS
Capital — 1997

After some disappointment in Garth Brooks' sixth album, "Fresh Horses," his latest release, "Sevens," brought me back to my love of Garth and country music in general. Brooks co-wrote five of the 14 tracks on this album, and you can tell which ones reflect Garth in their lyrics. The album had a great feel to it, with only one exception.

Brooks already has released two songs from this album (released Nov. 25), "Longneck Bottle," and his duet with Trisha Yearwood, "In Another's Eyes." These two tracks are sure hits.

One of my favorites on this album is "She's Gonna Make It." In this tune, Brooks croons about a divorced man who is not quite making it without his ex-wife, "You know it's driving him insane! And the crazy thing about it/Is she'd take him back/But the fool in him that walked out/Is the fool that just won't ask."

Brooks co-wrote this tune, and I love it because it has the same feel as "The River" and "If Tomorrow Never Comes," two Brooks-written songs that are my all-time favorites.

Other great favorites on this album are "You Move Me" and "A Friend to Me." "You Move Me" reminds me of when I first met my fiancé and had that not-so-sure feeling before he won my heart. "But you move me/You give me courage I didn't know I had/You move me/I can't go with you/And stay where I am/So you move me." I was moved!

I would buy this album in a second, and would recommend it to all you men out there who haven't remembered to buy your significant others a great Christmas present. Come on, Paul, get with it! —Donna Colter

2Pac
R U STILL DOWN
Interscope — 1997

If Elvis Presley is alive, then so is Tupac Shakur. He may not be here in the flesh, but Tupac's spirit definitely lives on. Being dead for more than a year does not stop the "soldier" from appearing in music videos and releasing albums.

As the double compact disc, "R U Still Down?," was released on Nov. 25, die-hard fans rushed to music stores for the thought of a revived thug. Fan or no fan, one must admit that "R U Still Down?" is not Shakur's best work.

Sorry to say, it is quite disappointing to hear the rapper's voice over such out-of-synch melodies. Honestly, the man has a way of making his worst songs sound good, but for the most part it did not work on this album.

Shakur raps in a young voice continuously talking about the "Thug Life." Even dedicating an entire song called, "Definition of a Thug," does not contribute to the quality of the album.

The whole concept of "Thug Life" gets tiresome similar to other hostile topics he has rhymed about in the past.

But there are hopeful songs such as, "I Wonder if Heaven Got a Ghetto." The rapper reminisces about being black as well as the situations he was faced with in his neighborhood — the ghetto.

Other positive songs are "Nothin' But Love" and "Do For Love." "Do For Love" is an up-tempo song in which Shakur expresses feelings for his love interest. Overall, "R U Still Down?" is a compilation of Shakur's pastime (meaning in his spare time he just ran off at the mouth). But it does feel good to hear a few captivating lyrics from one of the most controversial rap artists of all time. —Tameka L. Hicks

Shemoves
BREAKING ALL THE RULES
Geffen — 1997

Look! Up in the sky! It's Bananarama! It's the Spice Girls! No? It's Shemoves?

Has yet another money-hungry production team of "musicians" pieced together female singers in an attempt to sell records to the country's youth? Or, have the three members of this New York-based vocal trio come together out of a sheer wave of creative inspiration?

One listen to Shemoves' debut album "Breaking All the Rules" proves that the answers to these questions go "yes" and "no" respectively.

Discovered by the German-born production duo known as The Berman Brothers, Danielle, Diana and Carla have managed to dish out 12 songs of pure pop cheese, sans any wit or humor evident with the spunk of the Spice Girls.

The title cut is catchy, and it will invade Top-40 radio stations' rotation as disk jockeys adhere to the endless requests from the Shemoves' target audience — adolescent girls.

This musical marketing ploy is fine (and not new), but why do these girl singing groups have to offer such rubbish like "Just For Tonight" and "Perfect Sin" to reach fans?

The answers to these questions certainly are not found in the dance numbers "Wouldn't It Be Good" or "You Make Me Believe in Magic" though the effort to succeed seems to be there. But, then again, not many groups, whether talented or not, make records without success in mind.

"Breaking All the Rules" is an ironic title for Shemoves because the only rule the trio seems to break is that unwritten one about not becoming a parody of oneself while trying to be a legitimate act. —Jason Adrian

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First Holiday Gala benefits School of Music



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE: The Southern Illinois Choral Union, lead by John Mochnick, warm up at the beginning of choir practice Monday night at Altgeld Hall.

Story by BRETT WILCOXSON
Photo by ALICE JOHNSON

Scholarship fund raising for the School of Music will be the goal when 200 area musicians take the stage Sunday at Shryock Auditorium to perform the various Christmas-oriented acts of the first Holiday Gala Scholarship Benefit Concert.

Event coordinator Tim Fink

said this is the first year such a fund raiser has been attempted, and he hopes it will begin a positive annual event.

"It's kind of the pilot version of it," he said. "We hope it continues."

The concert, which is planned to last an hour and a half, will be made up of many short performances.

The Choral Union is going to sing something they are calling a

musical journey through the 12 Days of Christmas; the Opera Workshop and the Southern Illinois Children's Choir will be singing carols; there will be a guitar quartet, a flute quintet, a trombone sextet, and both percussion and jazz ensembles; the Southern Illinois Youth Orchestra is going to play some excerpts from its production of "Nutcracker;" and Joseph Breznikar, an internationally renowned guitarist and SIUC

School of Music professor, will play "White Christmas" and "Christmas Song" (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) on solo guitar.

And for the crowd's enjoyment, Fink said there will be a sing-along led by Gail White on Shryock's huge organ.

"There will be sing-alongs of all the songs that people know like 'Joy to the World,' 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing,' 'Silent Night' and 'Come All Ye Faithful,'" he said.

While there will be many performances, Fink said the crowd need not fear boredom.

"The program is going to move along quickly," he said. "Everybody's doing just a little bit."

Fink said that while he has organized the concert, he has had little difficulty because of the support he has received from the many planned performers.

"Everyone has offered me something that they are willing to do," he said, "and I have organized the layout for it."

Robert Weiss, director of the SIUC School of Music, has high hopes for the concert, but because it is the first year for the event, he does not know what to expect.

"We'll know more after the first year," he said. "I hope that between \$1,000 and \$2,000 will be generated."

Weiss hopes the event will mature through the years.

"If it's successful, I would hope we will see that (amount of revenue) grow and double over the years," he said.

Weiss said the school desperately needs more scholarship money

because of increased demand by students.

"We have more students every year that need support, and less money to offer," he said. "So this is a good chance to provide money for the students and to provide good entertainment for the community."

While all of the musicians are affiliated with the School of Music in some way, Weiss said this concert will differ from the average school concert.

"It's different from most of our concerts in that it contains a greater variety of musicians and ensembles than any other program we offer," he said. "And we hope that draws a diverse crowd."

Overall, Weiss said the event will provide a win-win situation for students and the community.

"It will benefit the school in the long run, but it's just fun to do, and it's great entertainment," he said.

Fink said the concert will provide a wonderful opportunity for people to get in the Christmas spirit.

"The holiday season, and the music that goes with it are so much a part of each other," he said. "So if people are looking for an opportunity to get in the mood of the sea-

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Wind Ensemble performance to harvest student talents

The SIUC Wind Ensemble will showcase a few of its members at 8 p.m. Monday during a concert at Shryock Auditorium.

Michael Hanes, director of bands at SIUC School of Music and conductor of the ensemble, said the two featured soloists will be graduate students Tammy Kirk and Chris Day. Day will perform the fast-paced number "The Golden Age of the Xylophone," which is filled with tunes from the first three decades of the 20th Century. Vivaldi's "Concerto in C Major for Piccolo" will be executed by Kirk.

Conducting students taking the podium at the concert are J.T. Lewis, Jasmine Fennwald, Amy Helbig, Dannel Deghardt, Larry Robinson and Jennifer Thrailkill. The students will lead the ensemble through various compositions ranging from Christmas medleys to movie marches.

Cliff Jourdon will conduct the debut of his original composition, "Volksleider: Variations on Two German Folk Songs."

Admission to the concert is \$3 for the public and \$2 for students and seniors. All proceeds go toward student scholarships.

Alternative country combo to fire up the Dragon

Rolling Stone magazine's "Hot Country Act" for 1996, BR5-49, rolls into the Copper Dragon tonight riding the critical success of the band's self-titled album and its debut live EP — "Live From Robert's." Local rockers The Bottletones will warm up the crowd with its fast and electrical sound of '50s inspired rock 'n' roll.

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CHICAGO'S FIELD MUSEUM HAS MOST COMPLETE TYRANNOSAURUS REX EVER

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JASON ADRIAN

About 65 million years ago, herbivores had a real problem, and it was not a giant meteor. Herbivores in prehistoric times had a fierce and vicious foe with giant, slashing 12-inch teeth, and jaws powerful enough to rip through any size bone.

That savage beast is none other than one of Chicago's newest residents, Sue.

Today Sue is not regarded as much of a threat to herbivores because, after all, she is only a pile of plaster covered bones. But Sue is a unique fossil because, when pieced together, she will be the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton ever erected.

The public has a chance to see a few of Sue's bones in the "Sue Uncreated" exhibit through Jan. 11 at The Field Museum, Lake Shore Drive at Roosevelt Road, Chicago.

"Sue Uncreated" is a special new exhibit at the museum that offers the public its first opportunity to view a vertebra, partial jaw bone, shoulder blade, skull and ankle bone before the famous skeleton is mounted for display in the year 2000.

The Field Museum purchased the skeleton for \$8 million on Oct. 4 at Sotheby's auction house in New York.

The museum's Media Relations Manager Nancy O'Shea said it was important that Sue and her 300 bones did not go to a private collector because

The Field Museum offers the proper care in constructing the skeleton.

"The museum has the facilities to prepare it and study it, and we have a world renowned staff of scientists and paleontologists who can study it and do it justice," she said.

"Through what they learn, they can pass it along to students and other scientists."

O'Shea said the skeleton is by far the largest and most undivided T. Rex skeleton in existence.

"It's about 85 to 90 percent complete," she said.

"It's much more complete than any other T. Rex ever found."

So complete is Sue, that one of her forearms was found intact. Only one other undamaged T. Rex arm has ever been discovered.

Though the forearm is shown in its entirety, many of the bones in the display are still covered by a plaster jacket to keep the bones intact and protected.

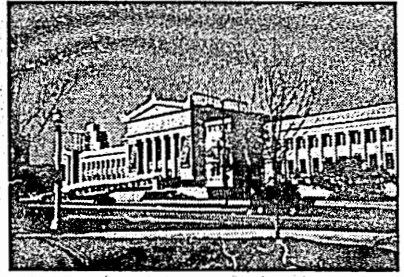
A pair of leg bones are shown partially exposed because they reveal a mass of new bone growth, which proves the bone was broken and healed during Sue's lifetime.

Sue gained her name when she was discovered near the Black Hills of South Dakota in 1990 by Susan Hendrickson.

"(Hendrickson) was with a group of people hunting for fossils and they had trouble with their car," O'Shea said. "So, while they were taking care of that, she (Hendrickson) wandered over and started exploring, and she found the dinosaur."

O'Shea said the chance find led to seven years of debate over where the skeleton should make its home.

Though Sue will not be fully constructed for a couple years, O'Shea said the public will still be able to see the progress scientists make in constructing the mammoth beast.



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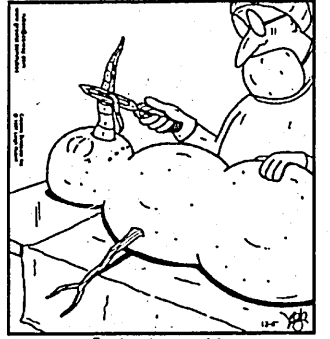
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Dawgs lose starting center

FRUSTRATION: Watts puts fist through glass after loss to St. Mary's.

RYAN KEITH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUC men's basketball team's string of bad luck continued to deplete the team's depth Tuesday night.

After a 73-66 loss to St. Mary's College to extend SIUC's losing streak to two games, the Salukis lost starting center James Watts for two games in the Power Bar Men's Invitational in Honolulu this weekend.

Watts, a 6-foot-8 junior from Memphis, Tenn., suffered a cut to his right hand after punching a glass object in the locker room following the game. The act was committed in frustration, and the

injury required stitches.

Watts is out for an undetermined length of time, although he is expected to be ready for SIUC's home battle against Southeast Missouri State University Thursday.

Saluki basketball coach Rich Herrin said Watts' injury forces his Salukis to adapt with experimental lineups.

"Losing Watts will definitely weaken us," Herrin stated in a press release. "We'll possibly go with a smaller lineup and one that may be able to apply a little more pressure defensively on our opponents."

Watts is coming off his best game of the season with an eight-point performance against St. Mary's. But the incident comes at a poor time for an SIUC squad that is preparing to battle Long Beach State University at 1 p.m.

Sunday.

Watts' loss drops numbers on an already shorthanded Saluki front court. Watts joins sophomore forward/center Derrick Tilton on the bench, as Tilton is out for three to six weeks with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Herrin will look to 6-foot-6 junior forward James Jackson and 6-foot-8 freshman forward Thanasis Topouzis to split time at center in Watts' absence. Sunday's matchup marks Herrin's fourth different starting lineup in the team's five games.

"Really, it's too soon to say what lineup we'll open with against Long Beach as there are several possibilities," Herrin said. "James Jackson will probably be our first choice to replace Watts, but even if he does, I'm sure Thanasis (Topouzis) will see a lot of playing time as well."

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early foul trouble. Scott said Bartley needs to find her niche because she has the potential to be one of the best post players in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Mel still has not found her stride," Scott said. "I think she is playing a little frustrated right now. When she and Theia are both on track, that combination inside is very difficult for anyone to stop."

Scott said part of the frustration for Bartley and the rest of the team may have come from being tired. But the sloppy play in the first half was inexcusable because the team should have controlled both halves of the game.

"I don't really think we can blame fatigue," Scott said. "We made mental mistakes. We just have to be cleaner with the basketball in our hands."

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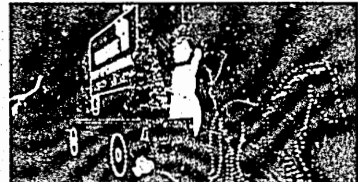
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WEEK OF DEC. 7

Corey Cusick
DE Sports Writer

Record: 122-59



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| Giants at Eagles | Redskins at Cards |
| Raiders at Chiefs | Lions at Dolphins |
| Rams at Saints | Panthers at Cowboys* |

* Monday night

Prediction: Rodney Peete: benched, Ty Detmer: benched. Will former Buckeye Bobby Hoying be Ray Rhodes' savior and lead the Eagles into the playoffs? Hoving better enjoy it while it lasts because he could be the next victim.

Ryan Keith
DE Sports Editor

Record: 113-68



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* Monday night

Prediction: Elvis Grbac sends the Raiders to the Hearbreak Hotel in a rematch of the classic Monday night ending. The Jets take the Colts to school and stay first in the AFC East.

Travis Akin
DE Sports Writer

Record: 107-74



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* Monday night

Prediction: Bears beat Bills. Sprewell solidifies a spot as a super star. What is this Shandel's Christmas wish list? Forget it. The Bears couldn't win this game even if Bryan Cox tries to strangle Dave Wannstedt.

Shandel Richardson
DE Sports Writer

Record: 89-92



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* Monday night

Prediction: Sprewell will return. But first I hope "Spre" pays a visit to Wannstedt. Barkley throws a fan through a window and Shaq knocks Osterberg silly, but both only receive slaps on the wrist. Are a few scratches worth \$24 million?

Track and field 1997

SALUKIS OPEN SEASON JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC men's indoor track and field team opens its 1997 season Saturday without two of its top athletes, while the Saluki women are looking for a pre-Christmas bonding experience to see where the team stands in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Both teams, who are competing at the four-team Illinois State University Open in Normal Saturday, also are seeking the answers as to where they might stand in the conference this season.

Men's coach Bill Cornell said the Saluki men will have to leave Orlando McKee and Jeraldo Henry at home for its season opener. McKee and Henry, who are wide receivers for football coach Jan Quarless, have been slowed down after recovering from the football season.

"Orlando McKee and Jeraldo Henry didn't get all the training in due to the football season," Cornell said. "Orlando has been nursing a slight foot problem, so I'm going to give them Christmas break to get in shape."

Women's coach Don DeNoon said he is using the meet to keep the team fresh before Christmas break.

"We have this meet primarily because we've trained these track athletes now since September, and we'll be sending them home before too long," DeNoon said. "If we don't have something to measure where they are, they could lose interest over break."

Cornell said the meet should give him a good idea of how the SIUC men's team will match up in conference action this year.

"This meet in particular is for all those track and field people who have been training all semester," Cornell said. "Likewise, I've been tied up in cross country, so I'm wanting



TRACK AND FIELD

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams compete in their first meets of the 1997 season Saturday at 11 a.m. at the four-team Illinois State University Open in Normal.

WATCH WHERE YOU PUT THAT THING:

Mike Sandusky, a junior in sociology from Bourbonnais, practices his shotgun skills Thursday at the Recreation Center. The men's and women's track team will be competing Saturday in the Illinois State University Open in Normal.
Doug Larson/
Daily Egyptian

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Saluki women come back to stomp Racers

TAKING CHARGE:
Proctor leads SIUC to 12th straight win over Murray State.

TRAVIS AKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Two minutes into the second half and down by 10, it looked like the same lackluster first half performance of the SIUC women's basketball team would continue against Murray State University. But O'Desha Proctor stole the game.

After Proctor's steal, the Salukis went on a 6-0 spurt that eventually turned into a 38-23 run to cap a 61-53 win against the Murray State University Racers Wednesday night.

Proctor had four steals in the game and poured in 15 points to give the Salukis the spark they needed to overcome the Racers' first half 30-23 lead. Proctor also went 9-for-10 from the free throw line.

Women's head coach Cindy Scott said Proctor's performance was the biggest reason the Salukis came back to win the game.

"I thought Proctor played an outstanding second half," Scott said. "She probably was the key factor in enabling to come away this win. She also did a great job defensively and on the boards on the defensive end."

The Salukis also got a boost from freshman guard Terica Hathaway, who was able to lob the ball to Hudson underneath the basket. She also put up 10 points of her own.

With the win, the Salukis move to 3-3 on the season. SIUC will be idle for 10 days before taking on the Tennessee Tech University Dec. 13.

In the first half, the Salukis shot a mere 39 percent from the field and were 0-for-3 the free throw line. The Salukis turned the ball over 24 times in the game, and most of those

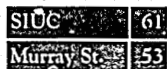
turnovers came before they could even get a shot off.

Scott said her Salukis lost rebounds to the Racers and sometimes their own teammates caused problems with potential rebounds.

"I have never seen us have such a case of fumbleitis," Scott said. "I don't know how many rebounds we went up strong and then one of our teammates was going up strong and knocked the ball out of our hands. I don't think we played a very intelligent basketball game — particularly in the first half."

One reason the team had trouble rebounding was because centers Melaniece Bardley and Theia Hudson both fouled out in the last six minutes of the contest. But both Bardley and Hudson managed to pull down nine boards apiece before fouling out.

Bardley made five of 10 field goals for 11 points, but she was limited offensively by her



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