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Bulgaria sets date for free elections

SOFIA, Bulgaria (UPI) — Bulgarian party Peter Mladenov set a May 31 deadline for free elections, democratic elections Monday and called for the adoption next year of a new political strategy for the Communist Party of its guaranteed dominant role.

Mladenov unveiled the proposal at the opening of a Communist Party Central Committee plenum in a move seen as underscoring his commitment to deep political reforms. While he was speaking, several hundred demonstrators held a candlelight vigil outside the parliamentary building.

In a report to the plenum, Mladenov also urged the adoption by the end of 1990 of an outline for economic reform as well as the establishment of a committee to examine and eliminate the abuse of power, the official Bulgarian news agency BTA said.

In another sign of a change, a city court Monday allowed the defense of 13 angry Bulgarian Beşaghians to be officially registered, giving it legal status for the first time.

The communist government's stance on dissent and reform has changed dramatically since Nov. 10, when Mladenov replaced hard-line President Tudor Zhirkov, then the oldest and longest-serving leader in the East Bloc.

Mladenov, in a meeting earlier this month with Soviet party leader Mikhail Gorbachev, endorsed Soviet-style economic and political reforms and promised to put them to work in his own country.

In a report to the Monday plenum, Mladenov urged the adoption of a new constitution by the end of 1990. He specified that for the following reasoning for the adoption of Article 1 of the current constitution, which guarantees supreme power to the Communist Party.

"The present election, which exists up to now should be eliminated," he said. "The party must confirm its authority by words, not by deeds."

Mladenov said a date for free, democratic elections should be fixed by "immediately after the adoption of a new election bill but not later than the end of May 1990," BTA reported.

The mandate of the present National Assembly was not scheduled to expire for another 18 months.

Mladenov also urged the establishment of "permanent, constructive dialogue of public forces," presumably including democracy groups, and called for the creation of a commission to investigate malfeasance.

The Union of Democratic Forces in Bulgaria, an umbrella group representing about 19 pro-democracy organizations, sponsored the candlelight rally outside the parliament building. BTA said. The marchers staged the silent procession to "show those sitting in session that we are here," the agency quoted a protest leader as saying.

On Sunday the UDFB led a demonstration by about 60,000 protesters who demanded free elections and constitutional reform in Bulgaria's largest pro-democracy demonstration in four decades.

The decision to grant

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Marion tries to stop Carbondale lawsuit

By Lisa Miller

Marion has filed a memorandum of law arguing Carbondale's lawsuit for the building a special Illinois law Center Mall is improper as well as illegal.

Opponents of the Marion plan are charging that TIF subsidies, as mandated by state law, are only to be used on blighted or hard to develop areas.

The TIF Act permits cities to redevelop blighted areas even are concentrating said to be able to wind back economically without tax incentives.

The Brookings property, called "Marion" in which Marion proposes to build its mall, is prime development property near Interstate 57, Procter said.

According to court reports, the area near Interstate 57 has experienced significant growth over the last 15 years.

Marion Mayor Robert Butler said the property has not been developed for more than 25 years.

"How long do you have to wait to determine it's not going to be developed with some kind of incentive," Butler asked? "If it's so prime, why hasn't it been developed before now?"

"The property was sold because of a fire," Wright said. "There was an increase in auto burglaries during the Christmas break." The police are concerned about the auto burglaries during the Christmas break.

Police warn about break-ins

By Douglas Powell

Staff writer

Because of an increase in auto and residential burglaries during Thanksgiving break and a recent rash of smash and run auto burglaries, police officials are concerned because they have a potential increase in burglaries during Christmas break.

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"There were an increase in burglaries over Thanksgiving break and that indicates to us that there may be a group of thieves working the area over Christmas break," Wright said.

Wright said he was sure there was a connection in the recent rash of auto burglaries, "because they all have the same motive: Smash and run.

The reason they do it like this is they can see something in the car that they want," he said. "So if people would take their airbags, and wallets and purses and put them in the trunk, it would deter these break-ins."

Untaxed cigarettes entering Illinois by illegal means from neighboring states

By Jackie Spinner

Staff Writer

Illegal cigarette bootlegging between Illinois and neighboring states is under fire by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Kevin Johnson, spokesman for the department's Bureau of Criminal Investigation is staging a special enforcement project to stop the illegal sale and transportation of untaxed cigarettes into Illinois and from other states.

The state tax rate of 30 cents per pack is higher than the tax rate of surrounding states, offering an incentive for smuggling cigarettes, Johnson said.

Indiana has a 15.5 cent tax rate on cigarettes, whereas Missouri's tax is 13 cents, and Kentucky's is 3 cents.

Illinois law permits an individual to bring no more than 10 cartons of cigarettes into the state.

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Illegal cigarette smuggling is a major growth industry, the agency said.

Wright encourages students who are leaving a residence unoccupied during the break to sign a form for the Home Watch program.

"People can come to the police station and get their names on a list and while their residence is unoccupied, we have officers whose sole job is to check these residences a minimum of three times in a 24-hour period," he said.

"Our officers get out of their cars, walk around the house, check windows and shake the doors," Wright said.

Vietnamese sent home

HONG KONG (UPI) — Britain began its involuntary repatriation early Tuesday of 400 Vietnamese refugees confined to camps in Hong Kong sending 31 boat people to Hanoi aboard a charter jetliner.

About 100 prison guards dressed in riot gear collected the Vietnamese from the Phoenix

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Communist Party releases power over East Germany

EAST BERLIN (UPI) — East Germany's ruling Communist Party has relinquished its claim to absolute power and expects to get only 20 percent of the vote in national elections, the new leader of the ruling party said.

New Forum, East Germany's leading pro-democracy movement, said Monday it will contest national elections expected in May, the first free elections in the country's 40-year history. The recently forced movement had in earlier statements said it did not want to continue itself as a political party, but wished to offer citizens a democratic platform.

Colombia to make decision on public vote

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Colombia's Senate must decide this week whether to let the public vote next month on an extradition treaty that would suspend drug lords so as to try in the United States. The Senate has until Saturday, when the current term ends, to vote on a legislative package, which also includes constitutional reform and a peace pact with the leftists rebel group. Senate failure to deal with the issue by the deadline could torpedo both the constitutional reform and the cease-fire with the rebels.

Fighting in San Salvador leaves 19 dead

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (UPI) —Heavy fighting between Salvadoran leftist rebels and U.S.-backed government troops in several parts of the country Monday left at least 19 guerrillas dead, a military spokesman said. The leftist Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, said on its clandestine Radio Venceremos that guerrilla forces were fighting government troops in Tonacatepeque, 7 miles north of San Salvador, and that the rebels had killed 20 militiamen. Military sources confirmed there was fighting in Tonacatepeque, but had no immediate reports of casualties.

US Iowa captain believes blast deliberate

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The skipper of the USS Iowa said Monday he agrees with FBI investigators that the gas tank blast that killed 41 sailors and brought down the ship was a deliberate act. Clayton Hartwig testit'd off. Capt. Fred Moonoski, in his first public statements about the April 19 explosion in the No. 2 turret, also stoutly defended his ship and its crew in the face of an investigative report highly critical of the ship and his command. Moonoski spoke before the Senate Committee on Government Services, which was to hear later in the day FBI agents about a psychological analysis done by the bureau that the Navy relied on in concluding the Iowa was delibcrate.

Bush defends decision on China mission

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush defended Monday his decision to send a high-level mission to China and said the visit helped win a promise that Beijing would not sell missiles to any nation in the Middle East. Bush was questioned by a group of editorial page editors about his decision to end a ban on high-level contacts with Chinese officials that he had imposed following the brutal Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy students in June. "Generally speaking, I think this is the right thing to do," he said. "We had a commitment to the Chinese people, to Chinese students, to those who were involved in the massacre. I think it would be a mistake if we continued to bear our arms. But I don't want to make it worse. I'd like to think it would improve."

Doctors say scalpel helps in limiting spread of cancer

CHICAGO (UPI) — A certain kind of laser scalpel can help limit the spread of cancer during surgical procedures, a group of Northwestern University researchers reported Monday. Dr. Toy K. Maker, chief of surgery at Grant Hospital, and James A. Radowski, assistant professor of medicine at Northwestern University Medical School, report in the current edition of Clinical Research that the Nd:YAG laser scalpel helped limit "knife metastasis" — the inadvertent transfer of cancer cells from a tumor to healthy tissue during surgery. The researchers used the scalpel in a series of tests designed to give the laser forces low-power energy through a thin fiber into synthetic sapphire probes or scalpel designs specifically for cutting, coagulating, vaporizing or irradiating.

Cells in a living tissue with the tumor can be vaporized or destroyed. The laser forces a low-power energy through a thin fiber into synthetic sapphire probes or scalpel designs specifically for cutting, coagulating, vaporizing or irradiating.

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Design students work on alternative mass transit

Vehicle prototype to draw attention from auto-makers

By Brian Gross
Staff Writer

Students are working around the clock at the Blue Bunnies to draw the attention of the Carbondale City Council, and perhaps even a major automotive maker, to the SIL-C design department.

The students are now in the final stages of constructing the design of a mass-transit vehicle and the construction of a full-scale, mock-up model of the vehicle.

The model will be presented Friday to Don Money, director of community development for the Carbondale City Council. Then photographs of the model will be used to promote the project among automotive makers.

"We want big companies to start taking an interest in SIL-C's design program," Sunand Bhattacharya, faculty member and the design class instructor, said. "The mock-up model, for photo purposes, will help us deal with GM or other car manufacturers."

These companies give financial support to the big design departments in the nation's universities.

Bhattacharya said, and he would like to see SIL-C receive similar aid.

"We've faced a lot of problems coming up with money and materials," he said. "We hope this will help us get the foot in the door for funding other projects."

The three-wheeled vehicle was designed keeping a small city's mass transit needs in mind. The vehicle, which resembles a compact van, seats four tightly, plus room for a wheelchair. It features a small, fuel-efficient engine, space for luggage and groceries and a pull-out ramp for wheelchair accessibility.

"We are aware of how, in smaller cities, a bus is such a waste of natural resources and time. The bus is behind our project is that there's no point in running a bus for two people because it's such a gas guzzler and there's no room for a wheel chair," Bhattacharya said.

Once the design stage was completed, the class, divided up into teams, moved from the drawing board to actual construction of the mock-up model. They also began encountering small problems.

"When you start building, changes take place and we have to make modifications on our design," Bhattacharya said.

"This is a very, very dedicated lot of students. They've been working night and day. There's always someone here around the clock. They seemed to have learned a lot in this class about design, using metal and team spirit.

The materials used in the project were only wood and foam, but it will be hard to tell apart from actual metal and plastic in the end.

Seniors in design (left to right) David Corriso, James Waring, Ken Bopp, Kevin Connolly, Ron Zmuda, and professors Sun and Bhattacharya prepare a model of a transit van for Design 462, a research product design class taught by Bhattacharya.

The model will be presented to the City Council, which has been attempting to deal with the mass transit problem in Southern Illinois.

For similar future projects to succeed, some funding must come from the big giants like General Motors, Bhatcharya said. First, though, the idea will be presented to the City Council, which has been attempting to deal with the mass transit problem in Southern Illinois.

Dept. chair to deliver keynote address in India

By Dale Walker
Staff Writer

The chairman of the Department of Mining Engineering at SIL-C will deliver a keynote address at the International Four-day Seminar on Land Subsidence in India this week.

"Prof. Paul Chugh will deliver the address on the state-of-the-art in subsidence prediction at the Central Mining Research Station conference from Dec. 11-14 in Dhemad, but over 200 participants from India, Israel, the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Italy, China, Poland, West Germany, Australia, Russia and Japan are expected to attend the conference.

Chugh is also the director of the Illinois Mining and Mineral Resource Institute and serves as technical director of the National Mine Land Reclamation Center-Midwestern Region.

While in India, Chugh also will be developing cooperative research with the Central Mine Planning Design Institute in Ranchi, Wilma Renz, secretary in the Department of Mining Engineering, said. Chugh has worked in the coal industry both in India and in the United States. Chugh, a native of India, earned his doctorate in mining engineering at Pennsylvania State University in 1971.

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OIL SPILLS, clearcutting, acid rain and many other issues involving the environment are on the minds of Americans from coast to coast. But what can an individual do to help preserve the environment? What can we at the University do to save our deteriorating environs? Recycling is the solution. If only a partial one, to slowing down the take over of our environment by trash and other reusable waste.

The University's Pollution Control office has proposed a pilot project of a recycling program which could go into effect as early as spring semester. We welcome this plan and hope it is instituted as early as possible.

ALUMINUM CANS, glass containers, newspapers, lawn clippings, and other garbage are overflowing landfills across the nation and increasingly in Illinois. In 1970 Illinois had 1,200 landfills. Only 146 are left and are likely to be filled within the next six years. We all need to be more conscience of what we throw away and how we separate it from daily trash. Each American throw away on average of 3.5 pounds of trash per day. As a whole Americans throw away about 160 million tons of trash a year.

THOSE WHO feel it is too much trouble to separate trash may not have a choice in the near future. In Illinois counties of more than 100,000, people will be required to recycle a fourth of their garbage by 1996. The private sector for the recycling effort return is not that great, but the long-term benefits to the environment are substantial. Some have suggested giving money received from recycling to housebound or needy people who need the money to eat each day.

WHATEVER THE motivation, we urge students, faculty and members of the community to take advantage of recycling facilities and to participate in local recycling programs.

Fall ceremonies needed; not bureaucratic red tape

I think it is every college student's aspiration to finally, one day, have the supreme joy of walking on campus with friends and relatives and receive a diploma. We have had numerous other fall graduates, commencement is something that will have to wait until next year. The place at all, I think it is totally insignificant and unfair.

The university must have this vision that those graduating during the fall semester are somehow less important and less deserving of commencement. Throughout my five years at SIU-C, I have met many classmates, put in my share of overnights, and repeatedly dealt with the bureaucratic red tape of the administration, along with every other student here. Consequently, as far as I can see, I and other fall graduates are just as entitled as spring graduates to participate in the ceremony and graduate, and not be here.

The administration is content with the ever-popular "diploma by mail" service. How ridiculous! Those people have college degrees and have spent a great deal money at this university. They deserve better. The SIU administration must have forgotten who pays its salary, or just doesn't care.

I would like to know SIU's reason for this injustice. I realize rockhounding and deer hunting are not the top priorities, but what about next year? I give SIU one week to respond. As for all students who have a special interest in fall commencement, I urge you to put pressure on the administration. Together we can make it work. — Ashley Greenwood, senior, language arts education

Labor hours 'illogical' for student users

Once again I am baffled by SIU's illogical way of thinking. At the Communications Building computer lab, there are 16 new Macintosh computers. I would like to see the university put them in the computer lab, but I hardly get to use them. Why the large lab? Because the lab is only open until 8 in the evening. I work as a computer lab assistant, but the rest of the computer users, but I really do not start my homework that needs to be typed until around 8:30. This is not because I am lazy, but because of previous commitments called classes of all things, and oh my gosh, work!

Here SIU finally does something to meet the needs of increased Macintosh use, but thenchooses to do so by limiting the times one can work on them. Even computers in the residence hall labs are open until midnight. 1 a.m. during week and until 2 a.m. on weekends. Why should we students want to spend the extra money to pay student workers to attend at the lab. Hey, the university has already spent thousands getting the equipment, why only go halfway by limiting the times one is able to work on them.

Do not tell me they do not get used either. Right now there are SIU students besides myself working on them. Just think of the other people who are in class, or a work right now. You can go to a crowded room and wait for hours just to get on a computer. only to kick off kicked of an hour later. Wait, how about extending these lab hours! Nah, that would be too illogical for SIU. — Steve Lang, senior, health education.

Classroom team needs student support, 'pep talk' to shove in right direction

Football has failed as the basketball season begins but let's not forget that the football team will be back next season and they need our support! So the team hasn't improved for us? Think about your parents for a moment. They love you unconditionally and should you? You're going to a school that will forever be remembered for the radical leftist activities that occurred over the last Halloween weekend and many other humiliating events of last that have spurred the unrelenting restrictions. The poluted reputation, as well as the diploma, will slide us for many years to come. Do your parents proud? No, if you disappoint them once in awhile you get a pop talk, twenty dollars, and a shove in the "right" direction. Why should the football team be treated any differently? So get out there next fall and give them all the spirit you can muster up and think of your parents sitting in the stands doing the same damn thing.


Time from busy schedules needed to acknowledge historical World War II events

It wasn't something I read in the DI or the News on day to day, but something I did not read. History. On Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed and destroyed the United States Naval Base and many ships moored in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This event launched the United States into World War II. Today, 48 years after the Japanese attack, 80 percent of the Harbor City they destroyed in 1941. End of History.

My point is, I would like to believe we are not too busy to at least pause from our busy schedules to acknowledge our parents, grandparents and veterans for their dedicated American war effort during World War II. And if it wasn't for their efforts, victory might have gone to the opposition. And we must not let SIU-C exercising and enjoying the rights and freedoms we have today. Thanks America — Tom Tate, graduate student, vocational educational studies
Washington (UPI) — President Bush declared Monday that speculation the Republican Party is past its zenith is "ridiculous," as the major candidate in the race for the Party's presidential nomination is "out of sight" during the Winter.Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson, who is widely seen as the front-runner for the nomination, said he hopes to "cleanse the Party" of its current leadership and is "excited" about the possibility of running for president in 1988.

Thompson, who is seeking the nomination with the support of a number of conservative activists, said he is "very optimistic" about his chances in the race. He added that he is "very confident" he will be able to "win" the nomination, and that he will be able to "kill" the speculation that he cannot win.

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Funeral service held for 9 of 14 Montreal victims

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) — A year after 35 Syracuse University students died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, their memory is being kept alive in a number of ways.

But the focus of the continuing grief is the university’s chapel, where weeping classmates gathered last Dec. 21 as news spread of the jumbo jet’s explosion over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The terrorist bombing killed 270 people, including 259 aboard Flight 103, 33 of them students enrolled in Syracuse’s overseas programs.

“The spirit of the Bible says that some acts of violence actually bring us closer to God,” said the Rev. Michael Rothermel, a Lutheran chaplain at Syracuse.

As the one-year anniversary of the tragedy approached, an all-faiths memorial service was scheduled last week in the chapel, located in the heart of the campus. On Dec. 21, a smaller chapel in the brick building will be open for prayer and meditation, Rothermel said.

“My sense is that people are beginning to play those images that they have in their minds from last year,” he said.

The 14 women, among them a freshman student, a administrator and 12 engineering students, were gunned down last Wednesday night by a terrorist who had harbored ambitions of being an engineer. The gunman committed suicide immediately after the killings, but left a three-page letter in his pocket complaining that women had ruined his life.

Services for the other five women were held privately Monday in other parts of Quebec.

The 14 women, Gregoire said, were “brutally cut down in the springtime of their life.”

“All of them had a promising future in front of them. One minute was all that was needed to demolish their dream,” he added.

Nine identical coffins, placed end to end along the basilica’s center aisle, were draped in bouquets of red and white carnations. Some also bore photographs and other souvenirs of the young victims.

Gregoire also appealed to the 2,000 or more university students crowded into the church to fulfill the dreams of their slain colleagues.
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Defense begins in murder trial of drunken driver

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court refused to disturb a ruling that overturned an influence peddling conviction of former Reagan White House aide Lyn Nofziger.

The justices, without comment, rejected the appeal brought by the independent counsel for the government, who was seeking to reinstate Nofziger’s conviction.

Nofziger’s 1988 conviction was the first, and thus far the only, prosecution under the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, which prohibits senior officials who leave government from lobbying their former agencies for a year.

In a 2-1 decision in June, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia overturned his conviction, finding the law ambiguous.

In seeking high court review, independent counsel James McKay warned the ruling would seriously “impede prosecutions under the act” and “will reward purposeful ignorance or heedlessness.”

Nofziger, a 65-year-old native Californian who helped Ronald Reagan capture the presidency in 1980 and served as special assistant for political affairs during Reagan’s first term, was convicted on Feb. 11, 1988, on three counts of violating the act.

Charges stemmed from business contacts between Nofziger and White House counselor Edwin Meese, later attorney general, and other officials less than a year after he left in January 1982 to open a consulting business.

He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, fined $30,000 and given two years’ probation, but the punishment was delayed pending his appeal.

The Ethics in Government Act was established during the Carter administration to prevent a “revolving door” phenomenon in which top-level government officials start up lucrative lobbying businesses shortly after leaving office by cashing in on their government experience.

Also Monday, the court ruled 7-2 that a federal court may help hostile potential victims of age discrimination that they have a right to sue the company that laid them off.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said the federal courts may help hostile potential victims of age discrimination that they have a right to sue the company that laid them off.


The case stems from the February 1985 firing or demotions of some 1,200 workers at Hoffmann-LaRoche plants, primarily in two locations in New Jersey.

A number of employees eventually sued charging age discrimination.

In connection with the suit they asked the court to order the company to turn over the names and addresses of other potential victims and send notice to them about the suit. The court ordered the production of the names and addresses of those who brought suit to send notice with a statement that the court had authorized the notice and took no position on the merits of the case.

In other action, the court:

* Ruled 5-3 that a defense contractor, facing a federal probe in New York, could not use the Freedom of Information Act to pry loose documents used in the investigation.

* Ruled unanimously, in a complex tax dispute involving the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., that U.S. tax law should be used to determine “accumulated profits” of an overseas subsidiary.

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Students can start change in eating habits by cooking

Begin with asking for cookbook and taking time to experiment

By Kate Zager Wicker News
Every day I hear students at the Wellness Center say they want to make some kind of change in their eating habits.

We often talk about how to reduce our habits with new over, lose or gain weight, lower fat or cut more exercise. As I get to

Cereals, fruits, vegetables, breads, lean meat and other nourishing foods are far less expensive to buy and use at home than they are in a restaurant.

Staples like frozen vegetables, pasta, some fresh and dried fruits, juice, whole grain bread and cereals can be kept for a long time, so there is no need to worry about "science projects" in the refrigerator.

Shopping and cooking for one doesn't have to be expensive or take a lot of time. Either, cereals, fruits, vegetables, breads, lean meat and other nourishing foods are far less expensive to buy and use at home than they are in a restaurant.

Roommates may want to share expenses and buy a microwave oven for their own personal use. Fruits and vegetables lose hardly any nutrients when they are cooked in a microwave.

First, buy a cookbook, or ask for one for Christmas from someone who would like to be fed. My favorite is called "Jane Brody's Good Food Book: Living the High Carbohydrate Life" by Jane Brody. It has lots of good tips on how to get your weight under and a terrific barbecue chicken recipe.

There are also many good books by Marilyn Bnowers who specializes in meals in less than 30 minutes.

Next, give yourself some time to experiment. Sunday afternoons are a good time to take a couple of hours to make a pot of soup. Spending time with family cooking during the holidays might be a good way to learn some of the basics.

Have a healthy and safe holiday.

STRESS SEMINAR, a seminar on how to cope with stress using the correct techniques and exercises, will be offered on 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Kesner Hall classroom for more information, call 536-6441.

WOMEN'S NIGHT Safety Tips. The Night Safety Van will not provide service beginning Friday, Dec. 15, through Monday, Jan. 2.

FINALS WEEK. Aerobics classes will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. in the East and Center every day this week. These classes will be combined into this one session.

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Military aircraft posters adorn the walls of Air Force cadet Michael Owczarzak's room. He has decided to dedicate his life to the United States Air Force.

By Jackie Spinner
Staff Writer

Stretching across the battle ramp arch of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs is the slogan "Bring Me Miss" from a poem by Samuel Walter Foss, "The Coming American." Hundreds of miles away from the academy at SIU-C, Air Force Cadet Michael J. Owczarzak is giving himself to the U.S. Air Force to be a guardian of the sky.

"It would be harder than any­thing to serve my country as an Air Force officer. That's just the way things are and the way that I am," Owczarzak said.

In the 14 weeks since begin­ning his career as an Air Force cadet in the SIU-C Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Mike has risen to the top cadet position of all freshmen and sophomore cadets.

But it wasn't easy getting to the top, Owczarzak said.

"The hardest part of my partic­i­pation in the AFROTC is find­ing the right chemistry to man­age my time, so that my grades and ROTC performance are both top-notch and I can abide with their standards.

Besides the minimal 20 hours he puts in as an AFROTC cadet, Mike has maintained a 3.8 grade point average.

"Because of ROTC and life's pressures and time constraints, sleeping is my biggest form of enjoyment and takes up most of my spare time," Mike said.

And his dedication to the pro­gram does not go unnoticed by his fellow cadets.

"Mike is always there for the corps and for each cadet," fourth clas­se cadet Kristin Schrecker said. "Mike probably gets an average four hours of sleep a night because he wants (our) detachment to be the best Air Force detachment in the Ohio Valley."

"This is shown by the dedica­tion, organization and internal motivation he projects," Schrecker said.

Indeed, Mike drives himself to be the best that he can be.

"I like to think that I have higher standards for myself than most people. I expect a lot from myself and everyone around me. Anything less than excellence is not acceptable," Owczarzak said.

But his dedication and motiva­tion are good traits for a cadet.

Mike hopes one day to protect his country, a responsibility that he does not take lightly.

"If I become an officer, some day people's lives may depend on my decisions," he explained.

His dream to be an officer becomes a reality after graduation with a commissioning ceremony that will make him a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

But when Michael takes his­ officer each and gets his gold bars after graduation, this will be just the physical reality of becoming an Air Force officer.

In preparing to become an officer, Mike has had to make some mental decisions, some decisions that have not always pleased his parents.

"My parents aren't too hot on the idea of me becoming an officer," Owczarzak said. "They want me to do more mundane things than becoming a yappie." Mike, however, already has made a mental commitment to serve his country in the Air Force.

"It is just a feeling that is in there in the heart, soul and mind to want to be an officer like me. If you had this sense or feeling, you too would change your life to try to get the call of an Air Force officer. I want the Air Force to be my life," Owczarzak said.

For now, Mike is content on being a ROTC cadet and a University student. He's a sopho­more with an undeclared science major.

As top GMC Academy gradu­ate and outstanding Arnold Society pledge, Mike is on his way to a promising military career.
SIU-C students in charge of in-space experiment

By Tony Mancuso
Staff Writer
and University News Service

After the shuttle Columbia blasts off from Cape Canaveral Dec. 18, University Professor James S. Ferraro and students Jeanne Dorsett, Renee Golay and Helen Ekborg can finally stop watching in awe.

The SIU-C student Michael Pence, however, the launch will mean even more as he awaits the shuttle's landing at the Air Force Base, Calif.

"I have to stay within an hour of the base," Pence said. "If I miss the landing, I have to call the base when I arrive and give them the phone number so they can call me if I need to." Pence said the shuttle is expected to land 10 days after its launch, but that he must be on call in case the mission fails. Pence said he will analyze the experiment the group is sending into orbit when it returns to Earth.

Ferraro said the project involves cooperation between the Air Force's Aerospace Laboratory of Neuropsychiatrics, which is a fungus or broad mold, in space with a control group on Earth.

The experiment is designed to learn whether or not the biological rhythms in the fungus are caused by environmental factors. Some knowledge could someday help people cope with everything from sleeplessness to drug withdrawal.

"All organisms are believed to have oscillators that time events in the body. Normally these internal clocks are synchronized to the external environment, such as a response to light-dark," Ferraro said.

"We are trying to see whether a change in the environment alters these rhythms or if it actually generates the rhythms."

He said the fungus undergoes a daily oscillation in its sexual reproduction of spores, but that condition, the reproduction process, can still occur in the absence of environmental cues.

"We are not entirely certain of this because even though we can isolate the fungus from some of the cues, others may still affect its rhythms. For instance, the moon's orbit of the Earth may have an effect on the fungus and the possibility exists of other cues we are not aware of yet," Ferraro said.

He said the fungus is to be prepared in advance and that it must be at an appropriate age for this experiment. That is why he and his students will begin around-the-clock shifts Dec. 14, when they will prepare numerous packages of the mold in case Columbia's launch is delayed for any amount of time. They also must prepare an exact replica of each tube to be used as a control subject on Earth.

Ferraro, Dorsett and Golay are already at Kennedy Space Center, setting up the preparation lab and preparing the food source on which the fungus will grow. Ekborg will arrive in time to begin the shifts.

"During the time for flight preparation, we will put the food source into long tubes. We then allow two days for it to set, like jello," Ferraro said. "After the food base set, we inoculate and fertilize the mold into the tube, expose it to light and let it grow along its length.

The fungus stays exposed to light for two days, which is placed in darkness a half day before launch.

Ferraro said he believes the exposure does not affect the fungus, a theory which contradicts the conclusion he was given at VFLD, 1983.

"I am hoping to prove hyper-rhythms caused by the biological clock. When the experiment was done before, the fungus was left alone for the entire mission. This time the astronaut will expose the mold tube to twice during the flight," Ferraro said.

Air Force rocket successfully fires "Navstar" military satellite into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — An Air Force Delta 2 rocket fired through a blue sky Monday and successfully boosted into orbit a $60 million "Navstar" satellite, the fifth in a global-scan­ ning network of military navigation satellites.

Rocket launch 24 hours behind sched­ ule, the $30 million Delta 2, equipped with two strap-on boost­ ers for extra power, thundered to life at 12:10 p.m. CST, 16 minutes late because of concern about high winds aloft, and quickly vaulted away from launch pad 17 at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Housed inside a protective nose cone at the top of the 126-foot rocket was the fifth of 21 new Global Positioning Systems GPS — navigation satellites designed to tell military units their locations to within 53 feet any­ where in the world.

About 25 minutes after liftoff, the 3.67-foot-pound solar panels powering the "Navstar" satellite were successfully pushed into place and the rocket entered its second stage into its preliminary egg-shaped orbit. The Delta 2-GPS launch vehicle is now a perfect five for five.

"Two-plus 25 minutes, we have spacecraft separation," said Lt. Col. Ron Rand, an Air Force spokesman. "We can't count everything that appears to have gone well with the mission." The 91-second launch was on schedule for zero.

Air-base Abort

An on-board solid-fuel rocket, called the Titan 3 flight was delayed to Dec. 18. The Delta 2 is built by McDonnell Douglas Space Systems Co. of Huntington Beach, Calif. Twenty-one such rockets were ordered in the wake of the Challenger disaster to carry GRS satellites into orbit that originally were to have been launched from space shuttles.

The 91-satellites, equipped with atomic clocks accurate to one second in 300,000 years, continuously broadcast radio signals coded with timing information.

Computers in receivers small enough to carry by hand can determine how long it takes a signal to arrive and thus how far the receiver is from the satellite, whose position and velocity are known. Combined with data from other GPS satellites, the user can pinpoint his or her location to within 33 feet anywhere in the world.

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Entertainment

Local compilation of songs has near-professional hits

By Sean Hannigan and Carrie Pomeroy
Staff Writers

The Primitive's, "Pure"

On the Primitives' new album, "Pure," lead vocalist Tracie Stalford's not quite anything but primitive.

In his recent album of highly polished pop music with plenty of good beats to go around, lead singer points out all the tunes with occasional help from his friends. Unfortunately, Stalford is being called being able to create highly listenable pop music meant he could have been much more.

He fails miserably. He makes Rick Astley sound like a modern-day Dylan. His cliches flow from beer with a beverage and shocked and souls. The lyrics are fifth-generation hippie put to 1980's dance music. The music does not make the poems in "Teen" magazine look like Shakespearean prose. He waxes a considerable talent.

Of course, pop music has never earned a spot of trite, so occasionally some of these songs do fall together. When they work, it's because they bring a humble drive that takes the listener away from the words.

"Way Behind Me" has a speeding arrangement that allows Court's guitar to take over. This nicely is no good English kid could read the label off a soup can so it and adds a twist.

The other bright spot is "Sick of It." This is dance music in the mold of some of New Order's best stuff. Tracy unleashes her vocals to match the soaring lead jams.

The band is well-produced by baxton Paul Sampson, but they're a drag.

The band is sort of like velour. They brush you one way and they're light, brush them back and they're dark, but they are always really smooth. (Stalford)

"Right Next Door-An Improv Four-Person Tandem Song" by Robby Reynolds and Sangam Cornejo. This compilation, put together by Carbondale's Independent Comedy Cellar, includes some new age pop songs chosen for their high quality sound, marketing manager David Buck said.

Although the sound quality, as well as the artistic quality of the songs varies, there are some near-professional gems here among some artists who have the potential for good things. Carbondale's own October's Child kicks off side one with the R&B-veined "State of Grace," Progressive guitar lines and warm country-рок vocals give the song an assurance that's hard to match. The lines "I'd like to wake up some morning Without that impending sense of doom" rang all too true during finals week.

A weaker song is New York City musician Jonathan Beal's "Gonna Do B Right," an attempt at dance pop which is marr by tinny, hollow-sounding and weak instrumental. Beal's soulful voice is interesting, but his song sounds too coy. His fast talking is a goofy feeling around in his basement to be taken seriously.

Another banger song with a positive feel is Brook Adams and Doug Eagle's "The Long Run." The Durango, Colorado duo opens their song with the peaceful sounds of rain and bird calls and then launch into a rich, rippling acoustic number featuring guitar and flute. The song has a hint like Irish folk and country and drums.

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ToroNTO (UPI) - A corpo-rate headhunting firm gave the NHL Players Association a confidential list of 15 candidates Monday for the position of executive director, an association spokesman said.

The association's search committee hopes to cut the list to five by Dec. 18, and make a final decision on its replacement to Alan Eagleson early in the new year, said Sam Simpson, the NHL Players Association's executive director.

The person chosen for the job, paying up to $100,000 a year, will be given the title deputy executive director on the understanding he or she will replace Eagleson within two years, Simpson said.

Search committee chairman Kevin Dineen of the Hartford Whalers said the candidates were pro-duced by Toronto headhunting firm Price Waterhouse after a North American search was "longer than expected, providing the search committee with a number of options.

Dineen said candidates will be interviewed by a group of people, including owners, later this month as well as by the All-Star break.

Eagleson, who formed the NHL Players Association in 1969, has been trying to close up his agent business and take a leave from his law practice. Eagleson balked at leaving the international hockey scene, saying he had leased those responsibilities in his spare time and that it didn't affect his union work.

The deputy executive director will work under Eagleson when a new collective bargaining agreement is negotiated with the NHL in the summer of 1991, Simpson said.

"I was just too hard, but I just didn't know if I could swim fast enough again. This year I have my confidence and drive back and I know I can swim fast," Callahan said.

Dineen, majoring in exercise science, would like to make a career of coaching swimming or possibly get into corporate fitness. Most importantly Canterbury wants to stay close to the sport of swimming. He plans to continue coaching collegiately at least until 1992 for the Olympic Trials.

Junior Chris Gally of Cairo has made the most of his time as a swimmer. Some of Gally's achievements include placing 10th at the Olympic Trials in the 100 butterfly, receiving honorable mention all-American honors in the 400 freestyle relay team, and now qualifying for the NCAAs for the third time.

Saturday against Auburn, Mahaira swam a 1:48.31 in the 200 freestyle to clinch her berth to the championships.

"I've been swimming since I was 5 years old, so being a competitor is the most important thing for me," Gally said. "I have to give a lot of credit to my friends and instructors for their support and pushing up with me every day."

Gally set a new pool record with a time of 48.00 at the Recreation Center Saturday during the Auburn meet.

Gally is majoring in food and nutrition and plans to eventually become a consultant after he establishes himself in the field.

As far as swimming, Gally plans to continue as long as he enjoys it.

"I'd like to go to the Olympics," he said.

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He too wishes to compete at the Olympics and has pledged to train at the Olympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Amira Mahaira qualified for the NCAAs during the meet and will be given a full scholarship for her native country in the 1992 Olympics.

"I'm a men's 400 freestyle relay team also qualified for the NCAA championships. Freshman Brian Gargan, sophomore Deryl LeBlanc and juniors David Moroviz and Gally teamed up to swim a pool record-breaking 3:59.0 to relay to qualify them for the NCAA's.

"It's great that we qualified early in the season. Now we can focus on the rest of the meets and rest up for the NCAA's," Moroviz said.

Moroviz is a marketing major and hopes to go into insurance sales. Coaching swimming is also something he's interested in, but, Gargan, and undecided senior, is just looking forward to competing for four years at SIUC.

Deryl LeBlanc, a marketing major, is SIUC's top freestyle sprinter. LeBlanc handles the first position on the relay team.

Gally, the final member of the team and the final swimmer in the relay, also qualified for the NCAA in the 100 and 200 butterfly. 
Hoyas don’t impress Thompson

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Georgetown Coach John Thompson may be the only one who isn’t impressed with his Hoyas through the opening weeks of the season.

The Hoyas, considered solid contenders for the national championship, came into the first five games with a lot of inside strength and backcourt depth. That wasn’t mean the cantankerous Thompson isn’t trying his team hard.

“They don’t deserve the abuse I’m giving them. But they’ll keep on getting it,” Thompson said.

“We’re striving for a certain level of perfection and I’m looking to find fault,” Thompson said.

“They’re trying to understand what I want done. I’m fussing and yelling at them and pressuring them into doing it.”

The goals for the Hoyas are winning a seventh Big East conference title and earning another trip to the Final Four. But, in the context of a college basketball season, all that’s in the distant future. Right now, Thompson is concentrating on working out the kinks and getting his younger players ready for the long season.

“It’s no surprise that Georgetown’s front court hasn’t been powerful enough through the first three weeks of the season. With 6-10 Alonzo Mourning and 6-foot-2 Dikembe Mutombo leading the way, the Hoyas set the NCAA single-season record for blocked shots in 1988-89. But what has been surprising is the instant contribution of freshman guard David Edwards.”

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Honorable Mention Converse All-American her senior year. She is the all-time leading scorer (1,293) at SIU-C and earned homecourt winning streaks of 1989. Kansas City, from Page 20

Rakers: Aces' 1989-90 home

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Junior forward Rich Herrin said the Aces are one of the best 3-4 teams in the country based on the chemistry they have faced so far this season.

“They played a very tough schedule,” Herrin said. “When you have a player like Godfried in the middle, that gives them an excellent foundation to start with. ‘They are a pretty good shooting basketball team,’ Herrin said. ‘You know they’re not going to make too-many longs.”

Herrin said his players will be eager to play after an emotional 114-110 triple-ot overtime victory over Murray State.

“Our players are ready to go,” Herrin said. “They’re ready to win. Whether you win, lose or draw, our players will always be ready. It will be an exciting game. Whoever has a good night shooting or gets the steals is going to win the ball game.”

The 5-0 start represents the Salukis’ best start since Herrin took over the head coaching position four years ago.

The 114 points represents the most scored by the Salukis since the 1979-80 season in a 114-86 victory over New Mexico State.

Junior forward Rich Thompson has played in 27 games this season at Murray State. Junior guard Scott Harris and senior forward center Jerry Jones tied their career highs with 24 and 22 points, respectively.

Senior Freddie McSwain leads a balanced Saluki scoring attack with 18.5 points per game followed by 17.6 points and 5.6 rebounds. Jones, 17 points and 12.3 rebounds while Mahan averages 15.4 points and five assists per game.

Saluki coach Cindy Herrin said, "I’m pretty much used to playing with ‘the pain.’

"Defense...may be the only championship thing they’a need to work on. Ammy’s weakness is defense and we need her to play quality defense," said Herrin. "But, I’m really proud of the young lady. She is going to have two great years for us.”

Rakers seems to be making strides defensively. She had three blocked shots Saturday.

Rakers has goals right now — team goals.

"Taking care of the ball is one thing we need to improve on," Rakers said. "Maybe shooting the ball is more important than we have. Other than that we just need to put everything together and win more.”

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on just one player.

Wall depends on 6-2 junior forward Michelle Welling, who averages 19.8 points and eight rebounds per game, 5-11 guard Karen Johnson (4.8, 5.3) and 6-1 junior forward-center Teresa Pendergrass (2.6, 2.2).

The Hoyas will face one of the best shooting teams SU-C has faced this season. Murray is hitting 48.5% of its three-point shots. Rakers has goals right now — team goals.

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Salukis look to continue win streaks

Scott's cagers aim for over .500

By Greg Scott
Staff Writer

The Salukis women's basketball team will try to get over the .500 mark for the first time this season when they battle the Lady Rakers at Murray State tonight.

The Salukis, 3-3, will be going for their second consecutive victory as they travel to Kentucky 53-52 as the Arena Saturday.

Junior Amy Rakers from Belleville goes airborne as she releases a jump shot Saturday at the Arena. Rakers averaged 17.2 points and 6.2 rebounds during this six-game season.

The Lady Rakers, 3-3, spoiled SIU-C's home opener last season with a 68-64 victory. The Racers went on to post a school record 16 wins with a 22-10 record and finished fourth in the Women's NIT.

Rakers lost his leading scorer, Sheila Smith, to graduation last season. Smith's 5.257 career points are missed, but Murray has made up for her absence with a team effort, according to first-year head coach Larry Wall.

"We lost our leading scorer but we are making up for it with players scoring points this season," Wall said. "We aren't really relying

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Rakers: Team player with super stats

By Kevin Simpson
Staff Writer

The Saluki men's basketball team will face another strong challenge at the hands of the Evansville Aces today at the Arena as they come off of a mentally draining 114-108 triple-overtime victory over the Missouri State. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Through seven games this season, Evansville has averaged 8.3 points per game against a team that has scored 75.9 points per game.

Rakers scored 12 second-half points to spark a 53-52 come-from-behind victory for the Salukis.

In the Salukis' overtime win to Creighcoi Dec. 4, Rakers scored a career-high 17 points and led the team in rebounds with 10. But the Salukis' victory over Evansville, which is the Conference selection last season, who averages 18.7 points, 7.1 rebounds and 3.1 blocked shots through seven games.

Brian Hill, a 6-7 senior forward, averaged 15 points per game this season while shooting a blistering 69 percent from the field. Hill averaged better than 60 percent in each of his first three seasons.

This year, however, Hill found himself without a true point guard but the ball-handling guard on the ball was not a problem. Sophomore Scott Shreffler (6-8, 180), 9.1 points and five assists per game, is proving it will work.

9.4 points, 7.4 rebounds and freshman Chucky Chandler (6-4, 187) 8.7 points per game.

Five-year head coach Jim Crews guided the Aces from cellar dwellers to conference champions as the victory tours have increased progressively from eight to 16, 21

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Eight Saluki tankers nab early NCAA zone bids

By Eric Bugger
Staff Writer

The Saluki men's and women's swimming and diving teams already have qualified eight competitors for the NCAA Championships.

Laine Owen, voted "all sports queen" and "outstanding athlete" by her high school classmates, now finds herself as the No. 1 diver on the women's diving team.

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"Laine has got to come through in the zone meet with as much confidence as she has right now, and I'd say her chances are as good as anybody's here. It's a big meet with a lot of pressure. Last year she experienced the pressure and she had a little trouble. It was her freshman season and a real learning experience. Now I think she's ready," Arndt said.

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