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-Benjamin Bradlee

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## Pay hikes on way

Board bags big budget for fiscal 2000

BY TINA FOSTER  
NEWS STRINGER

The budget for the SIU campuses is up nearly 5 percent for this fiscal year and that includes raises for faculty.

The SIU board of trustees met on the Edwardsville campus Thursday to approve the budget for the fiscal year that began July 1.

Students and faculty from Carbondale were outside the meeting protesting last month's firing of Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, but business went on as usual inside the Meridian Ballroom in the Morris University Center.

The board approved a \$529.2 million that includes \$218 million for operating expenses and \$75.6 million for capital improvements.

The budget includes a 5 percent salary increase, but not all will receive the full amount. The budget calls for 3 percent raises for faculty and the remaining 2 percent to be used to competitively adjust some salaries and retain critical personnel.

SIU President Ted Sanders said the amount of increase will depend on individual experience and collective bargaining.

Kay J. Carr, president of the SIUC Faculty Association, said the salaries at Carbondale were 10 percent behind those at its sister universities. She said

teaching conditions were less than satisfactory there because of unfilled positions and overcrowded classrooms.

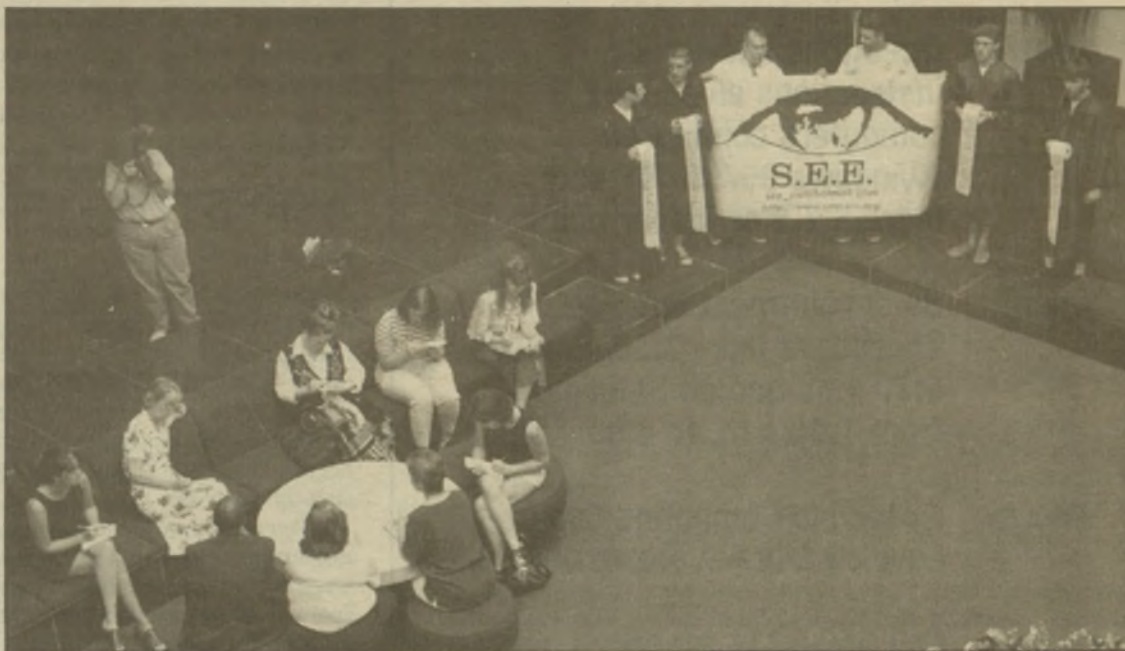
Salaries at the Edwardsville campus are about 4 percent behind those at Carbondale, but SIUE is not in the same category as SIUC, SIUE Chancellor David Werner said.

Sanders noted that about 76 percent of the budget will go for salaries.

The largest capital item approved by the board was \$27 million for a new center in East St. Louis. The university will build a 50,000-square-foot building for social, educational and health programs on the site of the former State Community College, which was closed last year.

The board also approved \$500,000 for the repair of Bluff Road between New Poag Road and South University Drive. Improvements will include a new surface, widening, leveling the roadbed, eight-foot shoulders, drainage and a new intersection. The entire project will cost about \$2 million, but the university is sharing the expense with Edwardsville Township, the city of Edwardsville and Madison County. The Madison County Highway Department will design and finish the project.

The board meeting lasted just under two hours. The board next meeting is scheduled Sept. 9 on the Edwardsville campus.



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(Above) HOPE members meet with the media in the Goshen Lounge as students with SEE take a stand. (Left) SIU President Ted Sanders meets the press at a briefing before the board meeting. (Right) HOPE leaders discuss their views at a press conference.



## Housing tackles asbestos

BY THOMAS OLSEN  
NEWS REPORTER

Campus housing officials want residents and workers to know they will not be in any danger because of asbestos found during renovations.

Housing personnel held an informational meeting Thursday in the Cougar Village Commons to address questions and concerns of Cougar Village residents.

Housing Director Mike Schultz was joined by Ray Calderon of Harding and Lawson Associates, an engineering and environmental consulting firm, to explain the situation in Cougar

Village and answer questions.

The buildings slated for renovation need further testing to determine if materials contain asbestos, which needs special handling for its removal, Schultz said.

Phase one of the renovation, buildings 501 to 516, which began after the spring semester, was halted after demolition uncovered materials that had not been previously tested and were suspected to contain asbestos. Schultz said at that time all suspected materials in phase one were tested and procedures were developed to safely remove them when work resumed.

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## SIUC groups rally before board

BY TINA FOSTER  
NEWS STRINGER

SIU's degrees are worth no more than toilet paper, according to some students.

Activists from the Carbondale campus stood outside the SIU board of trustees meeting here Thursday to protest the firing of SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger as well as \$300,000 President Ted Sanders spent on computers.

"There is a crisis in Carbondale," said Jane Adam, assistant professor of anthropology and history at SIUC for 13 years.

Adam is coordinator of HOPE, a nonprofit corporation formed by faculty and community members after Argersinger was fired last month after less than a year on the job.

HOPE members attended Thursday's board meeting to show their support of Argersinger as did people from Students for Excellence in Education, another

group protesting Argersinger's termination.

The students, dressed in caps and gowns, held rolls of toilet paper with "degree" printed on them and stood outside the board meeting in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

HOPE representatives had wanted to make two statements to the board, but were not permitted to speak because they were not on the agenda.

HOPE members did speak to the media in an impromptu press conference in the Goshen Lounge.

"Number one, we want to state that we adamantly protest the firing of Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger," said the Rev. B.R. Hollins, vice president of the Carbondale Ministerial Alliance and a HOPE member.

"Number two, we want the board of trustees and even the governor to revisit, reconsider and rescind the firing. The larger public wants Jo Ann to return as

chancellor."

"Previously, Sanders said that we need energetic, creative leaders who will rub their leaders the wrong way," Adam said. "We had that in Jo Ann and then he fired her."

Although only three HOPE members were at the board meeting, Adam insisted Argersinger has many supporters. She said that on the day Argersinger was fired, about 350 to 500 students, faculty and community members rallied for Argersinger on the Carbondale campus.

Donna Post, SIUC assistant professor of curriculum and instruction and an officer in the faculty senate, said Argersinger had started to do many good things for the Carbondale campus. Post said Argersinger listened to members of the campus and community and opportunities for individuals in leadership. Argersinger wanted to make some changes for the better, Post said.

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## National competition at LaunchUSA game house

BY DANIELLE STERN  
NEWS STRINGER

LaunchUSA, a computer game and entertainment center in Glen Carbon, will have its first Playground '99 beginning Friday and running until July 25.

Playground '99 is a 10-day festival of computer game contests, demonstrations and prizes. The competition is being held at eight other locations nationwide.

LaunchUSA, 3733 South State Route 159, will spotlight tournament play, demonstrations of the new Pentium III computer models and door prizes such as T-shirts, hats and personal computer games. The ultimate

prize is an all-expenses paid trip to Las Vegas for a shot at \$50,000.

Jeffrey Jappa, president of LaunchUSA, said Playground '99 is unique, cutting-edge entertainment that puts the St. Louis region in the spotlight amongst an emerging entertainment industry. More than 500 spectators and contestants are expected to take part in the event, he said.

Each night will feature a different type of game and a special theme. Sports Night on Monday offers a father and son competition with games such as Madden99 Football, Triple Play 2000 Baseball and Need for Speed. Family Night takes place

from 6 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, July 21. Parents can learn about Internet safety software, while children can play games for free.

Tournament games include Tribes, Starcraft, Half Life, Quake 3 and PGA Golf. Tournament players will first compete against each other, then move on to the national matches on the Internet. Internet finalists will face-off in a grand champion match Sunday, July 25.

There is no charge to watch, but participants must pay a \$19.95 entry fee per tournament or \$59.95 for all four tournaments. For complete details on the computer extravaganza, call 288-1977 or visit [www.launchUSA.com](http://www.launchUSA.com).

## ASBESTOS

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Schultz said it is now necessary to test phase two, buildings 401 to 431, and phase three, buildings 517 to 531, so the contractor can take appropriate action when work begins. Phase two is scheduled to start fall semester.

According to Schultz, when the testing begins sometime this week or next, residents in those apartments will need to clear out for approximately four hours. Housing will be notifying residents at least 24 hours before the testing so they can make arrangements. The testing should be completed in two to three weeks.

When testing was done in buildings 501 to 516, asbestos was found in the floor tiles, the tile adhesive, an insulating liner in light fixtures, adhesive on the bottom of bathtubs and in the drywall compound, Schultz said. "Asbestos was not found in all buildings," he said. "There was none in building 513."

According to Calderon, the tests done on the suspected materials were "to see what activities would release asbestos fibers into the air." One such test is putting a screw into the wall to determine if that would release fibers. Danger is minimized during testing by using core samples and sampling from hard-to-reach areas, then completely

sealing the sample area.

To ensure safety, air testing is carried out before, during and after construction to ensure any asbestos fibers released are properly removed, Calderon said.

Asbestos is a natural mineral fiber that is used as an additive in building materials, such as floor tile, tile adhesive, joint compound and insulation, to help bind them, and in the case of insulation, to retard heat.

Asbestos becomes a health risk when the fibers are released from the materials it's in, become airborne and are inhaled, Calderon said. The fibers then may cause damage to the lungs in the form of lung cancer; asbestosis, lung tissue scarring; and mesothelioma, tumor growth on the lung lining, he added.

Because of the health risks posed by asbestos, the Environmental Protection Agency classifies it as a special waste that needs specific handling requirements for removal, Calderon said.

"Living with asbestos is not an issue," Calderon said. "Working with it and making it friable is when it becomes a hazard." Friable asbestos is when the material containing asbestos breaks down and releases the fibers into the air, Calderon said.

Activity, such as demolition for renovation projects like

Cougar Village, can disturb the fibers and make asbestos friable, Calderon said. That is why the testing is carried out, to determine the quantity and location of asbestos.

Schultz said all the asbestos will not be removed from the buildings. "We don't want to disturb it," he said. "We're only going to disturb it where it needs it to complete the renovations."

Calderon said it is best not to remove the non-friable asbestos because that could create more of a hazard. Only materials recognized by the EPA as friable are required to be removed.

Testing for asbestos and developing protocols for its handling have put the renovations behind schedule, and housing has not determined a completion date, Schultz said.

According to Schultz, "All bed spaces will be up and running, but renovations may not be complete" for the beginning of the fall semester. He added that anyone occupying an unrenovated apartment will be charged at the present rate.

Schultz estimated that eight of the 16 buildings in phase one should be completed by the Aug. 20 move-in date.

Anyone with concerns or questions, should contact University Housing at 650-3931.

## HOPE

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"This smacks of sexism," Hollins said. "Sexism, in this case, is when a man of 55 refuses to relate, listen to and negotiate with a woman of 45 with the same academic credentials."


During the nearly two-hour meeting, SEE members stood in their caps and gowns while

another SEE member sat at a table with a lap-top computer and a sign that read "\$299,999.95 computer bargain, a reference to the \$300,000 Sanders spent on computers for his office and trustees.

SEE members also posted several signs with slogans such

as "No Trust in the Trustees," "I love the school. I fear the board" and "Out with Sanders."

When the meeting was over, the students shouted statements such as "Sanders, you need to resign" and "We need a new board."



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## Letters to the Editor

### SIUC is not the only campus in turmoil

An open letter to the Southern Illinois University community. The news over the last year that Jo Anne Argersinger was making progressive administrative changes in Carbondale was welcomed by the former employees of SIUC's campus in Japan. Of the dozen forced out or fired by SIU just over a year ago, a few of us are still in Japan working for other universities. It was rumored that Dr. Argersinger was scheduled to visit the Nakajo campus and we had intended to request a meeting with her at that time. Unilateral administrative decisions and actions during Jared Dorn's decade-long tenure on the SIUC-N campus may have led to its imminent demise. How SIU exits Japan will have a major effect on how all American university programs here are viewed by the Japanese educational accrediting ministry and the public. We had hoped to ask Argersinger to help insure that SIU's International Programs' Director Jared Dorn acts responsibly prior and subsequent to the SIUC-N campus closure. Argersinger's firing dashed that hope. We are disappointed, but not surprised by her firing. Argersinger's termination due to unilateral administrative decisions closely parallels our own case.

On the Niigata campus, a top-down administrative decision was made to move students through the Intensive English Program faster. Teachers were literally told to "pass everybody."

As this would (and eventually did) result in weak students being passed progressively into classes further and further above their true levels of ability with no hope of understanding university level English, the IEP faculty protested. Then the administration conducted a secret evaluation (sound familiar, Dr. Argersinger?) of some of the IEP faculty and awarded employment contracts, or not, based on the results. For a while, the shock chilled the dissent.

Inquiries were made into the evaluation process. Eventually it was learned that Jared Dorn, then SIUC-N Director, had selected the team of evaluators: two IEP administrators and a trusted IEP faculty member. Faculty protested the process.

We suggest Dr. Argersinger, her attorney, Glen Poshard and the public look with a critical eye at otherwise unsupported statements of fact or date in any

document produced by the president's office or the board of trustees. Be especially careful of documents from notes produced when Argersinger's supervisor (unilaterally) had a third party begin "sitting in on the sessions and taking notes."

Clearly the evaluation/contract renewal process had to be changed, so the faculty began writing an operating paper for the IEP. As these working papers seem to be required by North Central Accrediting Board for all university units, not much opposition was expected from the administration. We were wrong. The administration began putting reprimands into faculty personnel files without informing the individuals who were being reprimanded. Dorn unilaterally appointed Wilma Wilcox, one of the aforementioned "team," as acting director of the IEP, then to the operating paper committee. Wilcox filibustered the meetings by arguing each line of the paper under construction, e.g. taking ten minutes to argue the term "syllabuses" superiority to "syllabi."

Despite this delaying tactic and many more, the committee finished the operating paper. At the faculty meeting at which the paper would be voted on, Wilcox again attempted to filibuster. When the attempt failed, she "canceled" the meeting and walked out. However, a meeting continued and the operating paper got the unanimous approval of the entire IEP faculty. The paper was respectfully submitted for

approval to Dorn who refused to act on it and tabled further discussion of the paper due to the "hostile" environment in the IEP. IEP faculty requested a meeting. For weeks Dorn refused. Argersinger has recently provided memos requesting discussions with Sanders. We have a similar collection requesting meetings with Dorn.

Another grievance was filed, this time with then-Provost John Jackson. The remedy of the grievance demanded an operating

paper for the IEP. Unlike Dorn, Jackson had the respect and trust of the IEP faculty the majority of whom hold master's degrees from SIU. Jackson gave his word that the IEP would have an operating paper.

While I was in Carbondale for the discussion of the grievance with Dr. Jackson, I learned that Dr. Dorn was having a public interview for the position of Director of International Programs. No one on the Nakajo campus had any idea of his candidacy. Faculty and students there were denied access to e-mail and the Internet and all communication between the Carbondale and Niigata campuses went through Jared Dorn. At the time we felt this control of the flow of information was an idiosyncratic aberration peculiar to the SIUC-Niigata administration.

However, Argersinger's statement to the board that Sanders ordered her not to communicate directly with the board demonstrates that these buffers impede information flow between subordinate university levels all the way to the top.

Families to feed, on term contracts, with no operating paper or collective bargaining agreement, but merely "serving at the pleasure" -to quote the mantra of both Dorn and Sanders- of a clearly displeased administration, the future looked dim and some faculty got jobs elsewhere. In March of last year, less than six weeks before the expiration of their term contracts, the four remaining IEP faculty, three whom holding two degrees each from SIU, were told their contracts would not be renewed. Whereas the arrogant timing of Argersinger's firing during intersession displayed Sanders' and the board's lack of ethics and integrity, it met its objective by insuring that, as one Daily Egyptian BBS poster said, "only a little hell broke loose."

The timing of the termination announcement to the IEP faculty was downright malicious. The Japanese school year begins in April and most new hires here had already been made. In addition, the termination announcement was made on the last day of the international conference, part of which acts as a clearinghouse for employment for English as a Second Language educators worldwide. The only individual from the IEP allowed to attend that conference was Wilcox. Today, she remains for the third year as acting (i.e., appointed, no search required) director of the English program at SIUC-Niigata. Jared Dorn got his promotion and now oversees all of SIUC's international programs, including SIUC-N. The IEP operating paper promised by Jackson has yet to materialize.

Are top-down unilaterally administered programs healthy for the institution as a whole? If the Niigata program is any indication, the answer is a resounding no! After the mass canning of alumni M.A.s, last year's SIU's Intensive English Program was staffed with untrained uncertified teachers. In some cases, the teachers didn't even hold bachelor's degrees. A work visa in Japan is given only after certain salary, educational background and work load requirements are met. SIU often isn't meeting those requirements and International Programs has been regularly sending people to teach in Nakajo on tourist visas. From the Japanese standpoint, SIU is employing undocumented illegal aliens at substandard wages. The latest of these scams from International Programs has been a program in which Carbondale area retirees are brought over for six months to teach English for \$350 per month. "Brought over" may be too generous a term since these untrained unqualified senior citizens must pay their own air fare, about four months' salary. Don't assume their workload is slack, it's not.

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**"Personal loyalty ... is valued over ethics, integrity and competence."**

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## In My Mind...

BY SHERI MCWHIRTER  
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

I have a newfound respect for Ozzy Osbourne. That's right! I went to Ozzfest '99 last week and have all the gory details.

As soon as my friends and I entered the gate, we realized that the sun block was left at home. "We must be complete idiots," I thought. It was 10:30 a.m. and it already felt like 104 degrees Fahrenheit with the heat index.

Slipknot was playing on the Side Stage when I arrived. I only caught the last two songs of the set, and I was still impressed. This band definitely knows how to play to the audience. The members were literally mobbed when they entered the autograph area. Unfortunately, I missed all the other bands on the Side Stage except Fear Factory later in the day.

As we wove our way through never-never land, the quasi-market area, we saw sights and sounds beyond belief. You could buy a necklace for \$25 or become the filling in a lesbian sandwich for a mere \$5. The choices were vast and twisted.

I made my way into the drug-saturated lawn crowd to see Hed Pe open up the Main Stage. The physical reaction from the crowd was nothing like what the band received at Pop's in Sauget last time it was in town. My conclusion is it was just too damn hot. Nevertheless, the guys played their hearts out and filled the amphitheater with the unique and intensely charged euphonies. It was a great way to kick off a festival.

The next stand-out performance was from System of a Down. The bass-heavy music enthralled me, but didn't get the whole crowd standing. Again, I think the temperature played into the equation.

Next up was the controversial band called Godsmack. You won't find this band's music at your local Wal-Mart. Apparently the name is entirely too offensive for customers I find it ironic that you can't buy the Godsmack CD or even a "Playboy at Wal-Mart, but you can find things in a variety of shades and sizes conveniently located in the teens' clothing section. Anyway, Wal-Mart is missing out on a huge profit because Godsmack knows what's up. The percussion alone was enough to almost knock me off my feet.

Next was Primus with the infamous front ma, Les Claypool. Not only is he the greatest bass guitar player I've ever heard, he's funny as hell. People were confused as to whether they should head-bang or giggle incessantly. It was a great set and I was overwhelmingly excited to finally get to see Primus play live.

The only comment I have about Slayer is that the band must be doing something right. I couldn't watch any of the show because I spent my time running away from the mosh pit. It literally sucked us in, swallowed us and then spit us back out. And I thought the Nine Inch Nails pit I found myself in once was scary!

Finally the Deftones took the stage. If I hadn't seen Ozzy that night, this set would have been the best. And maybe it actually was. You just have to respect the Ozzy, King of Metal. Not only did the Deftones put on a technically perfect show, they did it with such energy that the crowd was more than entertained; the crowd was enlightened. I hope and pray the Deftones come back to St. Louis soon and play at a smaller venue where I can get a closer look.

More human than human, huh? Well, I'm not so sure about that. Rob Zombie resembled a rabid demon of some sort when he charged onto the stage. After an opening song, he proceeded to apologize for the major inconvenience his previous tour had caused St. Louis. If you don't remember, the "Rock is Dead Tour," which headlined Korn and Rob Zombie, had to cancel the St. Louis date due to an injury sustained by David, the drummer for Korn. St. Louis was promised redemption and so far only Rob Zombie has fulfilled his part of the bargain. Did Korn forget about the unfinished business here?

As for his set, Zombie pulled out all the stops. From beautiful Asian dancing girls to the spectacular fireballs shot into the air, there was something for all to feast their eyes upon. Only briefly did Zombie's voice waver. All in all, it was a colossal set.

And then the moment all had been waiting for — Black Sabbath. Even as a 20-year-old girl who only recently (past five years) was exposed to Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath, I felt I was in the presence of greatness. The band came together and played the music that resides in the hearts and minds of true metal fans everywhere. I was in the presence of the King. How did I get so lucky? Granted, last year I attended Ozzfest '98, but wasn't covering it for the Alestle. I wasn't in any condition to report on the show. All right, I passed out and had to be practically carried to the car so I missed Ozzy entirely. What a fool I was! At least I saw "the man" before he retired. Wait! Isn't this the fifth or sixth time Ozzy retired. Oh well, at least I've seen him once.

# Wifles

## People, Ent

### Everyone should get

"American Pie" isn't just another tee

BY STEPHEN WHITE  
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Hooray for the great American teen-sex comedy!

It's about time Hollywood created a teen-sex comedy that's neither embarrassing nor pretentious, neither exploitative nor preachy. It's been awhile since such classics as "Porky's," "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and "Revenge of the Nerds" reared their obnoxious heads and didn't apologize for making a mockery of everything that's sacred.

The funniest movie of the summer is "American Pie," the no-holds-barred, teen-sex comedy about life, love and getting it on. For any man who can remember sitting in front of a TV trying to watch a scrambled porno channel or hiding Hustlers or Playboys underneath the bed, the characters in "American Pie" will seem both pathetically endearing and playfully optimistic at the same time. It's a breath of fresh air to see real teenagers portray the parts of teen-agers, not baby-faced 20-somethings like Ryan Phillippe or Ethan Hawke strut around like sex gods with attitudes. "American Pie" is funny because it captures at once the tremendous sexual energy and frustration that every not-so-suave young guy must feel.

Our hero is Jim (Jason Biggs), an 18-year-old high school senior whose mission is to get laid by prom night. Jim and his friends, Kevin (Thomas Ian Nicholas), Finch (Eddie Faye Thomas) and Oz (Chris Klein) form a pact with each other the morning after a particularly rowdy beer party where none of them got lucky. All four of the friends wake up in a trashed living room, feeling grouchy, irritable and despondent. All of them eventually admit to the fact that they

didn't score and soon Jim says, "It's hopeless. When we get to college they'll probably have special dorms for us."

So the four of them decide that something must be done, and the rest of the movie is about their sacred quest.

Along the way, they uncover

women make better lovers." They are also humiliated by guys like Stifler (Seann W. Scott), the star of the high school lacrosse who has "scored" more with than on the field, and Sherminator (Chris Owens) — or "The Sherminator," as he prefers to be called — who's actually spe-



several sexual secrets, such as "never have sex with baked goods," "everybody spans the monkey," "semen and beer don't mix," "girls like sensitive guys" and "older

time crowing over girls that spent sleeping with them (though he's really slept with them). Oz, a studly lacrosse player for reasons unknown is still

# style

## entertainment & Comics

### get a piece of this

#### teeny-bopper movie without a plot.

ers." But they joins the high school jazz choir and  
guys like tries to seduce the lovely Heather  
, the cocky (Mena Suvari). Kevin has been  
acrosse team going steady with Vicky for several  
with girls months yet he still can't get her in  
herman the sack, so he consults the "bible," a  
he secret hand-written manuscript of  
fers to be sexual do's and don'ts hidden away  
/ spent more inside the school library. Jim, on the

with boring stories about summer band camp. Finch, a mochachino-drinking philosopher, is not a nerd or an outcast, but just hard to get to know. His reputation has been ruined by an evil prank Stifler pulled on him that caused him to have the longest bowel movement of his life.

One of the funniest scenes in this

movie is when Nadia (Shannon Elizabeth), a beautiful exchange student from France, comes over to study with Jim. She uses his room to change her clothes while every guy at the high school is watching her over the Internet. Suddenly Jim enters the room, pretending not to know what she's doing (double clicking the mouse). The two of them engage in the shortest sex scene in history as Jim gets all excited, starts dancing around in boxer shorts and has not one, but two premature ejaculations before he even touches Nadia. Watching from his computer with a disgusted look on his face, one of Jim's friends asks "What happened?"

"He blew it," another boy says.

"Literally," he adds.

"American Pie" is full of these kinds of blunt sexual puns. It's so overt and predictable, so full of awkward moments, that it doesn't seem very sexy, but it's not supposed to be. It's supposed to be funny.

And "American Pie" is a

very, very funny movie.

"American Pie" is rated R for nudity and crude language and is now playing at theaters throughout the area.



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other hand, has a simpler approach: he'll take just about any girl he can get, including a flute-toting band geek named Michelle (Alyson Hannigan) who is totally obsessed

## Sheri's picks:



If you're looking for enlightenment or at least a good time, check out one of my ace pick concerts. You'll have a hell of a time, but I'm making no promises. If you look hard enough, you'll probably find me there!

A heavy metal show and a "happy, happy, joy, joy" show are on the agenda this week, but after Ozzy Osbourne and Bob Dylan last week, the following bands have tough acts to beat.

### GWAR with REDRUM

Wednesday  
Mississippi Nights  
Laclede's Landing  
St. Louis

\$13 advance/\$15 day of show

Yes, here I am again suggesting a metal show. But come on, it's GWAR! Not only will the stage show be spectacular, the music will be completely encompassing and compelling. You'd never forget this show!

### Dr. Zhivegas and Vargas Swing

Saturday  
Mississippi Nights,  
Laclede's Landing  
St. Louis

\$7 cover charge/21 yrs. and over

Here we go with a hometown favorite, second only in popularity to The Urge. Dr. Zhivegas knows how to put on a show! Plus, Vargas Swing is a bunch of SIUE guys. I'm glad to see local talent doing well in St. Louis.

## Top Ten ways to treat severe sunburns:

By Sheri McWhirter

10. Smother yourself with a gallon of aloe vera gel.
9. Remain in self-induced coma for two weeks.
8. Vanilla extract - are you sure?
7. Buy a new anything, that solves everything.
6. Kisses - lots and lots of kisses.
5. Take two doses of psychedelics - you'll never notice.
4. Become a vampire - no worries ever again.
3. Soak in ice-filled bubble bath for 24 consecutive hours.
2. Two Valiums and a margarita.

and the number 1:

All of the above!

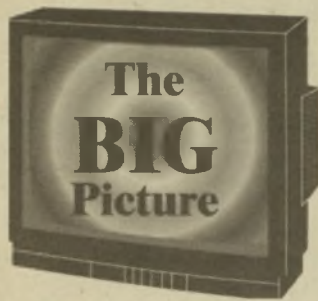
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## Useless Facts

Frank Layden once had a quote for all basketball coaches to remember when recruiting players: "You can't teach height."

# Sports & Cougars



BY TONY AMMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Soccer

Surely you've all heard about the U.S. Women's soccer team by now. If you haven't, then you must somehow get the Alestle delivered to your condominium teepee in the middle of the Kalahari desert or something.

Just to fill you in, the U.S. women won the World Cup Saturday, defeating China on penalty kicks in the final match. Forty million people saw the game, which took place at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

Let's be honest. There wasn't anything that was going to pull us away from the television Saturday, and it was the first women's soccer game we ever watched.

After 120 minutes of scoreless soccer, which included two extended time periods, the U.S. team outslugged the Chinese 5-4 on penalty kicks on the strength of Briana Scurry's saving stop on China's third kick.

Brandi Chastain drove the fifth goal into the net for the United States to secure the victory. She then proceeded run around and take off her jersey in celebration, and fittingly, President Clinton was there to see the whole thing.

What a great format. The only commercial breaks during the telecast were at halftime, and those commercials were mostly creative ads that marketed women's soccer.

As if a World Cup victory isn't enough promotion in itself, the commercials followed a pure genius theme of young childhood versions of real World Cup players humorously revealing their seemingly innate soccer skills to their awestruck parents.

Many people are considering Saturday's dramatic victory to be the greatest triumph in the history of women's sports in America. Some say it was just another soccer game. But those kind of people probably find kicking their wives more useful than kicking soccer balls.

## Multisport athlete will attend SIUE

*Piasa standout Brandy Jones will continue four-sport dominance as a Lady Cougar*

BY TONY AMMANN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Bo Jackson may have excelled in football and baseball, but does Bo know cross country?

Brandy Jones of Piasa Southwestern High School does. She also knows volleyball, basketball and track. The four-sport star has announced that she will attend SIUE next fall.

Jones, 18, excelled in all four sports at Piasa, where she graduated with a hefty 3.65 grade point average.

In the fall, Jones participated in both cross country and volleyball, two very different sports that require a tremendous amount of skill.

Jones said that some days she would have to sprint to her car after a cross country meet so she wouldn't be late for a volleyball match.

Jones must have done a lot of sprinting during her cross country meets as well. She won the South Central Conference and regional titles in the sport. She also placed 42nd of 190 runners at the State Class A cross country meet.

Jones obviously saved some of her energy for volleyball on those two-sport days, too. She was named first team All-South Central Conference in volleyball and was also a part of the first team All-Macoupin County Tournament.

In the winter, Jones had a little more free time, participating in just one sport - basketball. Her success as a hoopster was anything but mediocre. She averaged 13.4 points, 5.1 rebounds and 1.6 assists per game last season.

The Piasa girls' basketball team went on to post an 18-10 record last season, only to lose to Greenville in the regional championship game.

For her efforts, Jones was named first team All-South Central Conference, first team Macoupin County Tournament, first team Carlinville Christmas Tournament, first team Southwestern Thanksgiving Tournament and second team All-Area last season.

As if that wasn't enough, Jones still had the drive left in the

spring to participate in track. Jones put an exclamation point to her high school athletic career by breaking the school record in the 800-meter event, which had stood for 12 years.

Jones not only broke the school record, she set new records for the South Central Conference, Jersey County and the Carlinville Coed Classic for the 800-meter event.

Jones also qualified for the Class A State Track and Field Championships with a second-place finish in the 800-meter at sectionals.

Despite all of her success, Jones was still disappointed that she didn't medal at the State Championships in track.

Jones, who is considered by many to be the best female athlete in the area, will begin a new record-breaking rampage at SIUE this fall.

Jones joins three other players who have recently decided to attend SIUE this fall and be a part of the Lady Cougar volleyball squad.

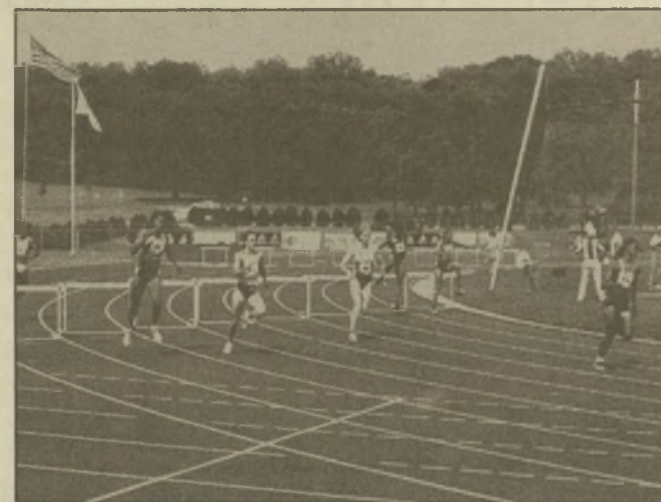
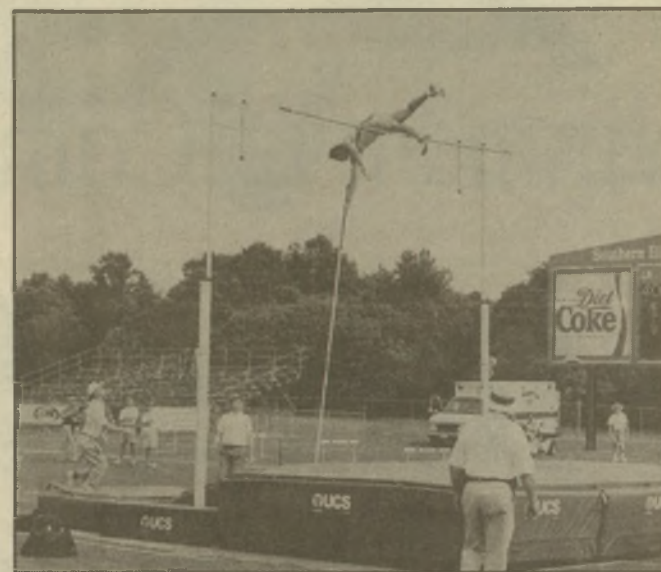
Jenny Franklin, Kelly Schail, and Audrey Husk will accompany Jones as the four newest members of head coach Joe Fisher's team.

Franklin, a graduate of LaSalle-Peru High, will play outside hitter. Franklin was named Co-Player of the Year last season by the LaSalle News Tribune.

Schail, a graduate of Princeton, was named first team All-Conference her senior season, compiling 134 kills, 44 aces and 25 blocks. Schail can play both outside and middle hitter.

Husk is the tallest of the three, measuring an even six feet. A graduate of Salem, Husk was named Conference Player of the Year three times in her high school career. Last season, Husk led Salem with 226 kills and 108 blocks. She will play middle hitter for SIUE.

The Lady Cougars begin the 1999 season with the two-day Cougar Classic Aug. 27 at SIUE. Other teams in the tournament will be Drury, Truman State, Central Missouri State, Missouri-St. Louis and Northern Kentucky.



Corey Deist/Alestle

**The first State Games of America will take place at SIUE Aug. 6-9. Ralph Korte Stadium will be the site for the track and field events. SIUE was also recently the site of the Prairie State Games and the U.S. Open, shown above. SIUE will also be the site for the volleyball, softball and soccer competitions for the State Games.**

LETTER

from page 3

At SIUC-Niigata unqualified untrained teachers no longer have even the framework for an "intensive" English program to work from. There are still no standards for passing students. Teachers who seek to change the system don't get their contracts renewed. While all this business may be news in Carbondale, it certainly isn't news here. Down from 500 plus in 1988, the new student enrollment for this year is about 40. The end is surely near.

The Argersinger canning forces reassessment of the motivation behind the SIUC-Niigata debacle. Apparently the top-down micromanagement approach is endemic throughout the SIU system.

Universities exist for the acquisition and dissemination of ideas. Accordingly, the free flow of information is imperative to this end. Thus, the SIU handbook explicitly gives faculty (and presumably administrators) the "right to criticize and seek revision."

Success in this system is based on being a "team player." Personal loyalty to one's direct supervisor(s) is valued over ethics, integrity and competence. In an undemocratic elitist system, personal loyalty, not competence let alone ethics and integrity are paramount to success.

Competent subordinates threaten the positions of their supervisors and aren't generally hired. When Ted Sanders and then-Gov. Edgar visited the campus a few months prior to the secret evaluations and other procedures which led to the mass canning of IEP faculty, it was almost comical to see Jared Dorn giddily playing the sycophant. It seems obsequious sycophantic behavior is a requirement of subordinate administrators. Those adept at it will gradually move to levels where they demand (or tolerate) the same sort of treatment. Argersinger wasn't willing to join this "management team," and she paid the price. But in the end, everybody - students, faculty, administration, alumni and the Carbondale community all suffer as a result of the system which produces, excludes and liquidates its leaders in this manner.

Although Sanders in his statement to the board gives lip service to his accountability to "the taxpayers of Illinois," in reality the degree of accountability to the public anywhere in the system is so diluted as to be notwithstanding. The governor appoints the board, the board hires the SIU president, who appoints subordinate administrators, and so on down the line. The result is a simple one-way chain of command. Sanders declares, he doesn't know where popular opinion is and "this is no popularity contest." Hard to dispute that, but he just as well have added that in the absence of any popular or democratic input into the system that he can do as he pleases so long of course as he continues to serve "at the pleasure of the board." There is no system of checks and balances on administrative power. Despite what the employee handbook says, there is absolutely no way to successfully "criticize and seek revision" within the system.

Sanders accuses Argersinger

of "cavalierly flouting board policy," but how much SIU funding, which comes from a wide range of sources including students, alumni and Illinois taxpayers, has been paid out in lawsuits because SIU flouts state labor and environmental laws? How much longer until more suits are filed for flouting international immigration laws or copyright laws? What of the administration's flouting of the spirit of collective bargaining agreements and even First Amendment rights?

Much discussion of late has come from students and alumni and deals with the likelihood of these newsworthy administrative actions "cheapening" degrees from SIU. As many of SIU's problems stem from its undemocratic system for choosing administrators, perhaps the best place to start reforming the system would be at the top. Why must SIU's board of trustees be appointed by the governor? The university of Illinois board of trustees are popularly elected, so there is a precedent. This democratic process may even have a positive effect on the value of a degree from that particular university and its overall administrative management system. Popularly electing the SIU board of trustees certainly couldn't make matters any worse.

Argersinger has an advantage the SIUC-Niigata faculty didn't - tenure. The board can move her, but they can't force her off campus. We sincerely hope Dr. Argersinger stays at SIU and continues the fight for reform. It's sure to be long and tedious.

We are alumni who have family, friends and former colleagues in Japan and in Carbondale. Our stake in the success of Southern Illinois University is as great or greater than President Sanders' or any board member. In the absence of any immediate chance of wider reform, we hope this letter serves to stimulate the SIU administration, particularly in International Development, to act in Japan with responsibility and openness with regards to SIUC-Niigata students, faculty, staff and the Nakajo community.

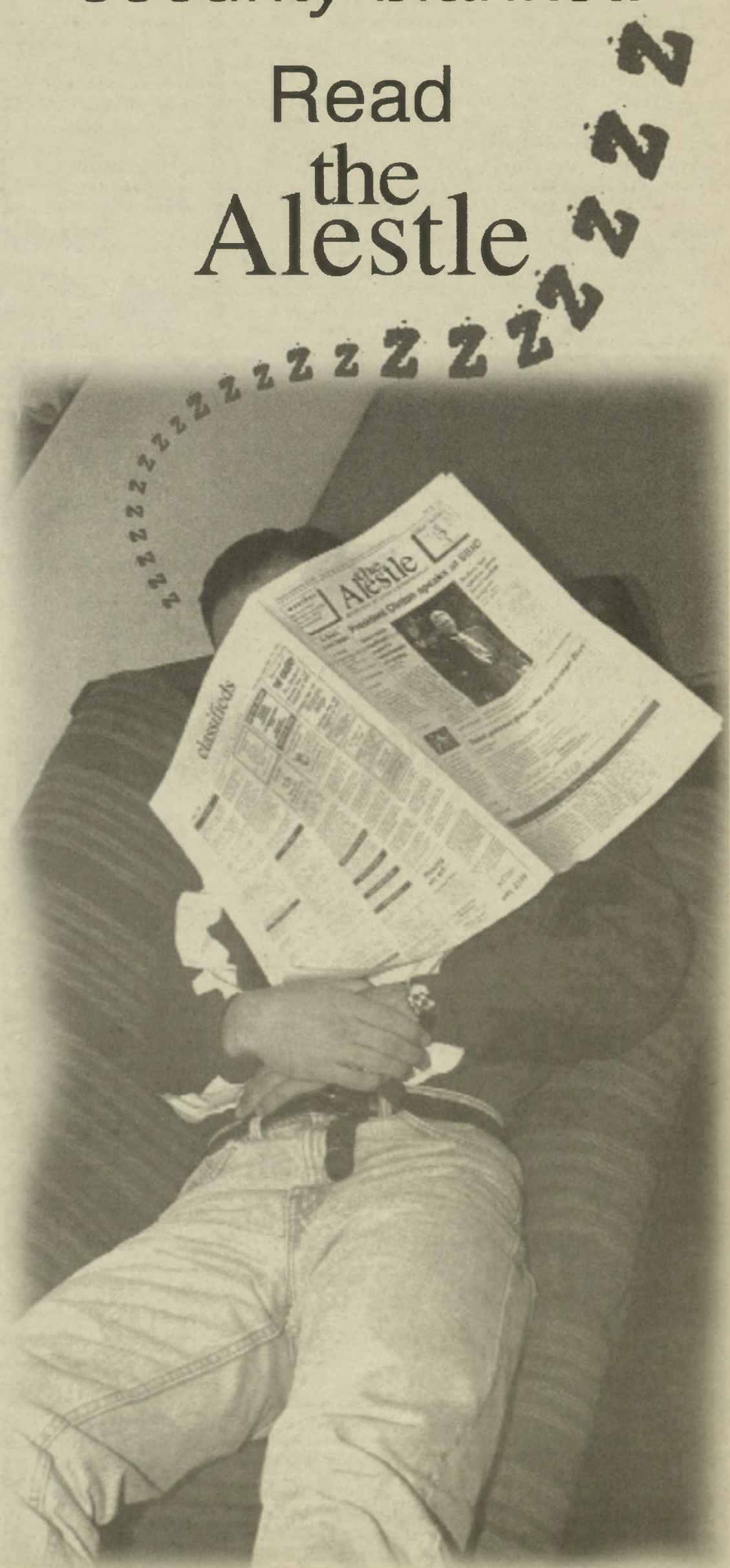
Dr. Argersinger, if you do ultimately prevail, perhaps you would be forgiven if you borrow the "healing" words of Ted Sanders in his official statement, "The remedy is painful, but I sincerely believe the long-term health and viability of this university and particularly the Carbondale campus commands it." But then again, perhaps you wouldn't. That sort of "in your face" administrative hypocrisy should be a primary target of any system reform.

Sincerely,  
Edward Rummel  
With Christopher Hoskins,  
Matt Warwick, John Hessian,  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale in Niigata, Nakajo,  
Niigata, Japan.

(Ed Note: This letter has been edited for length. The unedited version can be found at [http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Housing/9107/argersinger\\_parallel.html](http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Housing/9107/argersinger_parallel.html))

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