

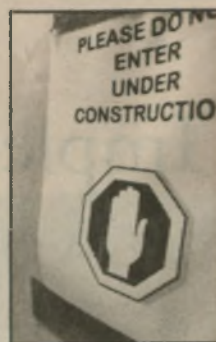
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Glen Carbon Board of Trustees approves variance 5-1

by Steve Berry
Alestle News Reporter

The proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter is a hot topic in Glen Carbon.

On Tuesday, June 12, the Glen Carbon Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to approve Wal-Mart's expansion into a Wal-Mart Supercenter. The board approved a parking variance allowing THF Realty to provide fewer parking spaces for the 80,000 square foot expansion than normally required by village zoning.

Parking space and fence zoning requirements involved with the Wal-Mart expansion have been discussed at recent village board meetings. The June 12 meeting was packed with residence opposed to the expansion, many of whom are members of Concerned Citizens of Glen Carbon and Glen-Ed Citizens for Fair Growth.

Attorney Penni Livingston, who represents Citizens for Fair Growth, says she plans to appeal the granting of a parking variance.

"Our next step is to draft a pleading and file suit in the next 90 days," Livingston said. "We will be appealing the granting of the zoning variance to allow Wal-Mart to have less parking spaces than the ordinance calls for per-square-foot of retail space."

At her office in Fairview Heights, Livingston speaks about why she believes THF and Wal-Mart should not have been granted a variance.

"You have to show a hardship or great practical difficulty to get a variance from an ordinance," she said. "And you should remember, when you hear the word 'variance' what it really equates to is an exemption."

Not everyone in Glen Carbon is opposed to a Wal-Mart Supercenter. Five out of six village trustees voted yes to the

site plan and zoning variance. The sole nay vote was cast by trustee Margaret Moggio.

Glen Carbon resident Nikki Gillen is all for Wal-Mart becoming "super."

"I love it," Gillen said, "I know a lot of people are against it because it is going to put smaller businesses out of business, but I like Super Wal-Mart. It will be easier and more convenient. You can come to one store and get everything."

Gillen says she lives "right across the street," in the Bayhill apartments.

One business north of Wal-Mart, in the same mini-mall, is China Restaurant, which has been open since 1998. Lingyu Jin bought the restaurant last year. She started a petition in her restaurant to stop the Wal-Mart expansion. The petition holds more than 500 signatures.

If Wal-Mart expands, her business and the rest of the two-story Cottonwood Mall may be demolished to make room.

"The small businesses here don't want to close," Jin said. "They don't want to move, but we are just so small," Jin said.

In an email, Glen Carbon Village Trustee Ronald Slemmer said he doesn't like Wal-Mart's business practices but that's not the issue.

"The vote was not on whether I like or dislike Wal-Mart. I do not like Wal-Mart because of their predatory business practices and anti-union bias," Slemmer wrote. "The issue before the board was the site plan with its parking variance ... please note that all the evidence shows that even with the variance, the parking lot has never been full and will never be full, even on the day after Thanksgiving. There was no legal justification to deny the variance."

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(top) Attorney Penni Livingston works in her office Saturday in Fairview Heights. Livingston represents Glen-Ed Citizens for Fair Growth.

(middle) Part of the Cottonwood Plaza may be demolished to make room for the Wal-Mart Supercenter.

(bottom) Lingyu Jin, owner of the China Restaurant, has collected signatures at her business.

Apple store OK'd by board

by Megan McClure
Alestle Editor in Chief

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees approved three items regarding SIUE during its Thursday meeting at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Morris University Center Bookstore is one step closer to becoming an Apple dealer following the board's approval of a ten-year contract between the university and the corporation. According to MUC Director Mary Robinson, the university is now waiting for legal counsel to approve the contract.

"That's something we've been wanting to do for a long time," she said.

Once details are finalized, the bookstore will be able to sell Apple computers, iPods and accessories at a discounted rate for students and faculty. Under the plan, the university will purchase Apple products and resell them at a 4 to 6 percent commission rate.

"The university is spending money on it, but it's going to be made back over time," SIUE student trustee Jesse Phelps said.

According to Robinson, the bookstore will offer "anything you can buy at a regular Apple store."

Robinson also explained that no construction is planned in the immediate future for the Apple store, as a renovation of the bookstore is scheduled for next year.

The board approved the \$800,000 construction of the Secondary Computer Center, which will offer a back-up of SIUE's main computing center and accommodate the Computer Refresh Program.

In case of a catastrophic event, the Secondary Computer Center will be able to keep the university's critical computer systems running.

"What it's designed to do is give us a redundant facility," Director of the Office of

Implementation Committee to work out gen ed logistics

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE's general education reform has a long bridge to cross, but the end is a little nearer with an Implementation Committee in the works.

Biological sciences professor Paul Brunkow has agreed to be the chair of the Implementation Committee for the reform.

"It's interest on my part," Brunkow said.

Brunkow's interest in the general education reform carried over from his involvement in the Levels Task Force

Brunkow said he was asked to chair the Levels Task Force, which is in charge of "defining the differences between the levels of scholarship" – the differences between 100-, 200-, 300-, 400- and 500-level courses.

The goal of the Implementation Committee is to make sure the general education reform is ready for use in all academic areas, Brunkow said.

The reform process began about two years ago with the establishment of the Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education Committee, or BRIDGE, by the Faculty Senate.

Three reformation proposals were compiled by three teams overseen by the BRIDGE committee: the distribution model,

the integrated core model and the learning communities model.

In late March, faculty voted in favor of the distribution model at the first all-faculty meeting in 30 years.

The distribution model allows students to make more personalized decisions and requires fewer credit hours for most majors so students can graduate on time.

A working committee is currently fine-tuning the distribution model. The final proposal will be submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval at the beginning of the fall, Brunkow said.

Brunkow expected the senate to approve the reformation proposal. After its approval, the senate will charge the Implementation Committee to work out the kinks in the process and apply it to all academic areas.

"It will be interesting working across the university," Brunkow said.

Brunkow said he does not foresee any major problems for the implementation process.

"There will always be little kinks in the road," Brunkow said. "But, so much effort has gone into addressing so many concerns already."

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SIUE alum Kathleen Madigan on 'Last Comic Standing' tonight

Alestle Staff Report

Tune in to NBC's "Last Comic Standing" Wednesday to watch SIUE alumna comedian Kathleen Madigan decide which aspiring comedian has to sit down.

Madigan is a judge for season three of the show, along with Alonzo Bodden and Ant as the other two judges. She was a contestant on the show's second season.

Madigan has starred in Comedy Central's

"The World Comedy Tour," and has appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and "The Late Show with David Letterman." She graduated from SIUE in 1987 with a major in mass communications and a minor in philosophy.

The next episode of "Last Comic Standing" will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

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Personnel appointments on agenda for Senate meeting

Alestle Staff Report

The Student Senate will meet at noon on Friday in the Morris University Center's Board Room.

Two presidential appointments will be voted on by the Senate: the Student

Organization Advisory Board Chair and the Internal Affairs Chair.

The senate has one travel request from Delta Lambda Phi to vote on.

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Information Technology Duane Schiffman said.

At this point, no date for construction has been set.

"It's still in the conceptual stage at this point," Schiffman said.

In addition, a small section of the building will house special collections from Lovejoy Library. The controlled environment of the new facility will preserve valuable and historic resources stored there.

"It's much better air quality and temperature than you'd have in the library," Associate Dean of Library and Information

Services Regina McBride said.

The building, which will be paid for by the Information Technology Fee and Library Operating funds, will be built on the south end of campus near Supporting Services.

In the third item, the board approved a \$460,500 project to improve the Environmental Resources Training Center's drinking water training facilities. The cost will be funded by a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

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Police Reports

6-6

Police met with University Housing Facilities Management regarding a report of siding damaged caused by charcoal grilling at Cougar Village building 415.

6-7

Police responded to east side of Vadalabene Center regarding a worker hitting a light post while driving.

Police issued John McDonough a citation for driving without a valid driver's license on New Poag Road.

6-8

Police issued Dustin Bailey a citation for speeding on University Drive.

6-9

Police issued Amy Domescik a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police responded to the parking lot behind Loomis Hall at the SIUE School of Dental Medicine in Alton regarding a minor two-car accident. Police issued Karen Harrison-Gunter a citation for improper backing.

6-10

Police issued Beth Phillips a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Luke Lytle was arrested for driving with a suspended driver's license on Stadium Drive. Police issued Lytle citations for speeding, operating an uninsured motor vehicle and driving on a suspended driver's license. Lytle was issued a notice to appear.

Police issued Jon Hendrickson a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

6-11

Police issued Travis Bailey a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Adam Albers a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

6-12

Police arrested David Hobbs for alleged driving under the influence on New Poag Road. Hobbs was released after posting \$100 bond. Police issued Hobbs citations for improper lane usage and driving under the influence.

Police issued Rhys Fuller a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

6-13

Police issued Jill Winn citations for driving without a valid driver's license, the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and failure to properly restrain a child on New Poag Road.

Police issued Carrie Wagner a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Rachel Bauer a citation for disobeying the stop sign at North Circle Drive.

Police issued Casey Yingling a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Parking Services reported finding a stolen vehicle hang tag on a vehicle on Hairpin Drive. The hang tag had been reported stolen on April 13. Pasquinel Downey was arrested and charged with theft under \$300. Downey was released with a notice to appear.

Police took a report of a car break-in at the East St. Louis Higher Education Center, Lot E3. Nothing was reported missing from the vehicle.

Police issued Robert Kennedy a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

6-14

Police arrested Robert Farmer for driving under the influence on Poag Road. Police issued Farmer citations for speeding, failure to signal, and driving under the influence. Farmer was released after posting \$100 and his driver's license as bond.

Police issued Disa Jones a citation for driving with a suspended driver's license on South University Drive.

Pardon our dust

MUC remodeling projects keeping building abuzz

by Megan McClure
Alestle Editor in Chief

In recent weeks, "Pardon Our Dust" signs have appeared throughout the Morris University Center as a number of remodeling projects take place.

This week, work began on an addition to the Union Station convenience store. A growth in the university's residential population is one reason for the development.

"We have a new res hall, (so) we have to expand," Pam Waterson, Administrator I at Union Station said, referring to Evergreen Hall, a residence hall that will house 511 students when it opens in August.

The back wall of Union Station has been removed so former storage areas can be used to accommodate a larger variety of merchandise.

"Union Station is one of our

busiest venues," Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson said. "Pam (Waterson) is always looking to make the convenience store a better, more comfortable area for students."

The added space will feature four more freezers and one additional refrigeration unit. Among the store's new items will be a selection of organic products, which Waterson said were very popular during a test phase during the past year.

"We had organic freezer products and they ate that up," Waterson said.

Robinson anticipates the construction will be complete in less than two weeks.

"They're making great headway just today," she said Monday.

Robinson explained that since the logistics of the new refrigeration system have not been finalized, the project's



Steve Berry/Alestle

Construction workers prepare space for the new Bank of Edwardsville branch on the first floor of the Morris University Center. The space was previously occupied by Print & Design.

complete cost has not yet been settled.

"It could vary greatly," she said.

A portion of the hallway to the west entrance of the MUC is blocked off as workers prepare space for the building's newest tenant, a satellite branch of the Bank of Edwardsville. Contractors hired by the Bank of Edwardsville are working to renovate the bank's new space, the former Print & Design office on the west side of the first floor of the Morris University Center.

"They're anxious to come in

and we're anxious to have them," Robinson said.

Meanwhile, university employees are working to prepare the area formerly occupied by the Opapi Quiet Study to accommodate Print & Design. The service, in its new location on the second floor of the MUC, will offer amenities such as printing, banner-making and lamination.

According to Robinson, Print & Design will be in its new location by the end of the week and the bank branch will be set to open by the beginning of fall

semester.

"From what it looks like, they'll be right on schedule," she said.

In another MUC project, refurbishment work is planned to give Starbucks an updated look. According to Robinson, new furniture is being assembled to replace the coffee shop's current furnishings. In addition, workers will paint walls. The work is expected to be complete within two weeks.

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The Alestle regrets this error.

Wal-Mart Supercenter not a fit for us

In the face of outspoken opposition, the Glen Carbon village trustees approved the site plan for expansion into a Super Wal-Mart in a 5-1 vote.

Almost 1,000 Glen Carbon and Edwardsville residents signed

petitions opposing a Super Wal-Mart in Glen Carbon. For more than an hour, many of these concerned citizens voiced their opposition at

the meeting of trustees voting on the issue, with each person allowed to address the board for only three minutes.

A recent nonscientific poll of SIUE students conducted by the author of this column showed that the student population is about half and half: 19 out of 42

students, or 45 percent, were against a Super Wal-Mart in Glen Carbon and 23 students, or 55 percent, were in favor.

Student Nicole Dial, 20, was one of 19 opposed to the Supercenter in Glen Carbon.

"The harmful effects of Wal-Mart, and particularly Super Wal-Mart, on small town businesses is not really worth the convenience on saving," Dial said. "It's our duty as citizens not to let Wal-Mart become our 'one-stop shop,' and expanding Wal-Mart makes that duty even more difficult."

On the other hand, junior Elise Mullins, 20, said she was in favor of a Super Wal-Mart in Glen Carbon.

"My hometown has a Super Wal-Mart and it's so nice to be able to go to one store for all of my basic shopping," Mullins said. "As a college student, a Super Wal-Mart would be very handy to have for grocery shopping as well

as other basic household needs."

Despite a large amount of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon citizens vehemently protesting the Super Wal-Mart, the board still voted for it — and I think Mullins stumbled upon one reason why.

"This would definitely be a good move for Edwardsville, considering the number of college students in the area," Mullins said.

The poll showed that 55 percent of SIUE students are for the Super Wal-Mart and would most likely shop there.

I know this poll isn't especially scientific, but hear me out — with around 14,000 students (based on the enrollment of 13,449 students in the fall 2006 semester), that's roughly 7,700 likely customers. Plus, some of the other 45 percent might very well shop there once the center is already in town.

Sure, Wal-Mart would be great for the poor college student's wallet. It would make many of our lives more convenient.

But, is it really fair to some of the citizens and businesses of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon that their opinions be disregarded?

To me, that's just not fair. The board was designed to serve the best interests all of the citizens of Edwardsville and Glen Carbon. If many of them are protesting the Super Wal-Mart in Glen Carbon, then it probably isn't within their best interests to have the Supercenter.

The board needs to listen to the people it is supposed to serve.

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Parking garages a solution for SIUE

I have been a part of the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville community for almost four years; I have watched this establishment basically double in size. Changes are being made in some areas to accommodate for this growth, and in other areas there has been

little motivation. A growing, localized and rural setting university that is open to change, needs to update their facilities to accommodate for the growing student, faculty and visitor population. The facilities that are in desperate need of an update are the over-filled parking lots.

The proposal I am making to resolve the diminishing parking slots in the existing lots would be to build a series of on-campus parking garages.

Investing in parking garages would greatly better visitors' experiences on campus. Many visitors frequently get irritated and confused on where space is allotted to park for short or long periods of time in order not to receive a parking fine that is costly. Many of the students that I had given a short survey to expressed that they are having to allocate more time in their schedules to compensate for the time it takes to find a parking site before their classes, otherwise they will arrive late. Also, vast and poorly-lit parking lots are

unfortunate, opportune places for many forms of crimes to take place. Having a close friend fear the parking lots because of a past rape incident is not something that should be given another chance to happen.

If these parking garages are constructed, they should have more than one attendant to constantly patrol the structure, also install proper lighting, so as not to have any dark places. Surveillance cameras would be necessary to minimize and help in the prosecution of vandals and thieves.

Lastly, in accordance to the information I obtained, Parking Services has \$1.4 million dollars left over, after collecting \$865,000 in purchased decals

and \$600,000 in fines. Despite this excess in its budget, the cost of student parking is still rising, so why has there been nothing done to diminish problems with parking fines due to a lack of parking spaces? With high parking ticket fines to drive off visitors and the crime and theft occurrences happening frequently, SIUE's numbers are quite possibly going to decrease instead of increase because of our neglect in our parking facilities.

Tyler W. Smith
Dance
Senior

**Letter
to the
Editor**

The Fabulous Fox turns "Lion" for award winning Disney production



Photo courtesy of MCT

Samuel Wright, who plays Mufasa in the original cast, prepares his makeup for the first production of the Disney movie-turned musical "The Lion King" in 1997. This first production was nominated for 12 Tony awards and won 7, including "Best musical" in 1998.

by Maggie Willis
Alestle News Reporter

The Lion King is roaring into St. Louis Thursday, June 21 for its second engagement at The Fox Theater.

Julie Lally, Public Relations Coordinator for the Fox Theater, said they were one of the first theaters to host The Lion King, which first hit the Fox in August 2003.

"There are only a couple companies that tour the country and most are there for six to eight weeks, so it takes a while before we can get them back again," Lally said. "But it's still very popular."

With 143 people directly involved with the production, The Lion King is no small-time operation.

There are more than 200 puppets in the show, which took 17,000 hours of work to build. Lighting designer Donald Holder used almost 700 lighting instruments for the show's lighting plot.

The show is filled with extravagant puppets, masks and costumes, which is what makes it so distinctive, according to Lally.

"The puppetry is really what makes this unique," Lally said. "Really, this is the first time a show has this kind of costumes and puppetry where the actors are really portraying the animals. When you compare it to other shows, there really is nothing quite like it."

Another unique aspect of the production is the cast.

"This is one of the few shows that is pretty much an all African-American cast,"

Lally said. "The woman playing Rafiki is almost always native to South Africa."

This production's Rafiki is played by Gugwana Dlamini, a native of Durban, South Africa.

The malicious "Scar" will be played by Kevin Gray, who has starred in various stage productions, including "The King & I," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Titanic."

Bob Amaral will play Pumbaa, Clifton Oliver will portray Simba and Ta'Rea Campbell will be Nala.

The show will also feature Geno Segers as Mufasa, John Gardiner as Timon and Michael Dean Morgan as Zazu, among others.

The production will run for six weeks from Thursday, June 21 through Sunday, July 29 and will play Tuesday through Friday evenings at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. There are also Thursday matinees on June 28, July 5 and July 26 at 1 p.m.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$75, with VIP Ticket Packages with premium seating, a complimentary souvenir program and complimentary parking available for \$127.50.

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Records in Review:



by Kevin Eagan
Alestle News
Reporter

The White Stripes - "Icky Thump"

Warner Bros. Records

rating: **5** out of 5 stars

Meg, and the two have released an album that returns The White Stripes to their "White Blood Cells" days. But they haven't just regurgitated old sounds on "Icky Thump;" instead, White has brought along his varying musical interests and created their freshest, most diverse album yet.

The album begins strong with the title track "Icky Thump." White chugs us along with a detuned guitar riff and a vintage keyboard sound over Meg White's signature drum beats. The oddball sounds reflect The White Stripes varying musical influences, and shows that The White Stripes still

The album continues to show many different musical styles in songs like "Conquest," which mixes horns with distorted guitars in a Spanish style. In "Prickly Thorn, But Sweetly Worn," White uses a mandolin and bagpipes to show a folksy, eastern sound that could have easily been a George Harrison or Led Zeppelin outtake. White mixes his country and rockabilly influences on the catchy "Rag and Bone," where Jack and Meg chat with each other while rummaging through junk: "Hey if you ain't gonna use it just give it to us, we'll give it a home."

Lyrically, "Icky Thump" is very strong. On the title track, White even delves into politics, declaring the truism: "White Americans: What, nothing better to do? / Why don't you kick yourself out, you're an immigrant too." Jack even gets poetic on "Prickly Thorn, But Sweetly Worded" when he sings: "Well the hills are pretty and rollin' / But the dawn is sharp and swollen." It seems that hanging around Bob Dylan has had an effect on White's

One of the strengths of "Icky Thump" is that it preserves the best elements of The White Stripes' past while adding the many country, folk, and rock influences the band has picked up along the way.

have it and haven't allowed their musical style to go stale.

"You Don't Know What Love Is (You Just Do As Your Told)" continues to show off White's many skills, but it does so with a nod in the direction of 2001's "White Blood Cells." One of the strengths of "Icky Thump" is that it preserves the best elements of The White Stripes' past while adding the many country, folk, and rock influences the band has picked up along the way.

lyric writing.

But the true test of a good album is its likeability factor, and "Icky Thump" sure is likeable. If you are anything like me, you'll be convulsing your arms in air guitar motions from the first note. And ultimately, isn't that all that matters? Let your hair down, shut the blinds, and jam to "Icky Thump," one of the best White Stripes albums yet.

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When The White Stripes finally found commercial success in late 2001, the musical landscape was a much different place. A stripped down "garage rock" style was making its way into the mainstream through bands like The Strokes and The Vines. While most bands coming out of this new commercial rock style have fallen by the wayside, The White Stripes have somehow survived and have become one of the most successful rock bands of the decade. In many ways, this is surprising; Jack and Meg White's style and sound is often quirky, experimental and, at times, flat out weird.

After releasing 2005's highly acclaimed "Get Behind Me Satan," The White Stripes seemed to go on hiatus in 2006, doing very little as Jack White meddled with fellow rockers The Raconteurs and his solo projects. Despite "Get Behind Me Satan's" commercial success, The White Stripes had reached a musical peak and were running out of ways to make their sound fresh and relevant. After all, every rock band has a sell-by date, and The White Stripes were destined to fall into obscurity.

With that said, "Icky Thump" turns out to be a resurrection of sorts. Jack White has reunited with

SIUE 11th in Director's Cup

by John Earnhardt
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE recently finished 11th in the U.S. Sports Academy Director's Cup among all NCAA Division II schools. This adds to an already successful year including the Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy, the Commissioner's Cup, and a softball national title.

"We are extremely pleased with the results and the success of student-athletes and coach staff," said SIUE Athletic Director Dr. Brad Hewitt. "It has been another great year."

The men's soccer team made it to the NCAA GLVC Championship game but lost in overtime. They ended their season with a 15-4-3 record. All-American John Matthews was named Defensive Player of the Year for the GLVC. The team also finished second nationally in attendance.

The volleyball team finished with an all-time best 29-6 record and had two All-Americans. The men's soccer team finished their season with a 15-4-3 record and had one recognized All-American, John Matthews, who was also named Defensive Player of the Year for the GLVC.

"Last year we finished fourth in the Directors' Cup but did not with the GLVC's All-Sports Trophy or Commissioner's Cup," said Hewitt. "This year, we won both conference trophies and finished 11th nationally."

Also, the women's track and field team placed sixth

at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships and 10th at the Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Deserea Brown led the way for the team with six All-American certificates.

The men's track and field placed 29th and the Indoor Championships and 25th at the Outdoor Championships. Kyle Rose received All-American honors for both seasons.

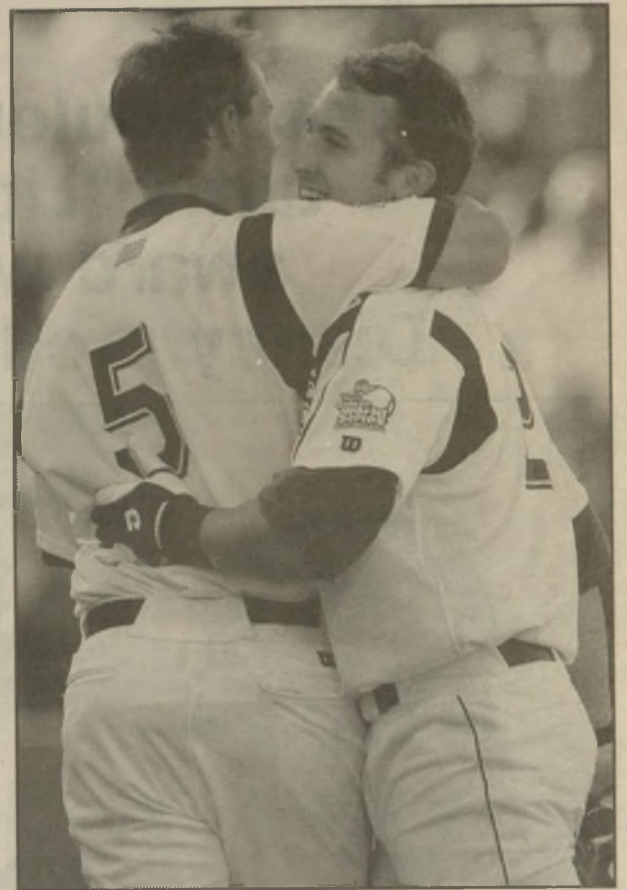
The baseball team made its 22nd appearance in the NCAA Division II Championships and Coach Gary Collins became only the 10th person in Division II baseball to ever get 900 victories.

The women's basketball team finished with a 20-9 record and made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 2001.

SIUE men's golfer Kyle Lickenbrock finished 27th in the NCAA Division II Championships and wrestler John Ficht won a match at the NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships.

All of these victories contributed to the Directors' Cup standing. The Directors' Cup bases its standings on team performances in NCAA Championships. The United States Sports Academy annually presents this award to the best overall athletic programs in each of the NCAA Division I, II and III levels.

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UC-Irvine celebrates after the game winning hit in the longest CWS game in the tournaments history.

UC-Irvine advanced in record game

by Janis Carr
Orange County Register (MCT)

OMAHA, Neb. - After the winning run crossed the plate that ended the 13-inning marathon and the players had shaken hands, the two coaches approached each other. They stopped briefly then embraced.

Coaches hugging? That's about as extraordinary as a 5-hour, 40-minute college baseball game.

The most remarkable sight, however, came moments after Irvine's Bryan Petersen singled in the winning run to defeat Fullerton, 5-4, in front of 16,451 and extend the Anteaters' stay here. That's when Fullerton coach George Horton met with Irvine coach Dave Serrano on the Rosenblatt Stadium field. "And I do. I hope he wins the tournament. Both of them apologized, he and Sergio (Brown, Irvine assistant) because they knew how I am feeling right now. I guess the apology wasn't for beating us, but the fact somebody they care about got thrown out of the game and tricked us a little bit and out-battled us. Think that's what the sorrow was for them.

"But we knew that one of us was going to walk away disappointed."

The on-field moment between the coaches was almost as emotional as the record-long game.

Horton, whose pitchers had plunked five previous batters, stormed out of the dugout to argue the call. After failing to persuade the umpires to reverse the ruling, Horton went back to the dugout but continued to argue and eventually got thrown out of the game.

Holiday (2 for 4, 2 RBIs) went to second on a sacrifice, and that was followed by an intentional walk to Cody Cipriano, which put runners at first and second.

The Anteaters had a chance to win the game on Matt Morris' single to left, but Fullerton left fielder Josh Fellhauer threw out Holiday at the plate.

The putout at home could have deflated the Anteaters. Instead, Irvine, making its World Series debut, won the game with the next at-bat, when Petersen (3 for 6) drove in Cipriano with his single off Dustin Birosak, sending Cal State Fullerton to its earliest exit since they went 0 and 2 in 1990.

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TONY'S TIME OUT Pacman's game over

Dear Pacman Jones,

I just wanted to clarify some things before I decide whether to cry, laugh or beg for you to be forgiven. You have made some major headlines lately, and unfortunately for you, this is not the exposure that you want.

First, I wanted to see what happened to the Adam "Pacman" Jones who was a star defensive player out of West Virginia University. The cornerback who was drafted sixth overall, being the first defensive player selected, by the Tennessee Titans in the 2005 NFL draft? The Pacman who returned kicks and did it so well that you were named 2004's Big East Special Teams Player of the Year? Pacman, where are you?

Now, all we know of you is that you missed the majority of your rookie season training camp due to a contract dispute. But there was a glimmer of hope. Pacman, you donated money to the 100 Club, which helps out the families of struggling firefighters, police, and emergency workers. You visited a high school in Nashville where a member of the football team died in a car accident and other players were injured, and you even came to a few games. That's the Pacman that everyone likes to see.

In your sophomore season in

the NFL, you performed a little better. Your actions on the field improved and you had a pretty significant second year. You played very well defensively and your return skills had improved vastly from your rookie season. You were on your way. And then, you visited Vegas.

Pacman, here is when I lost you: in July of 2005, you went to a nightclub and got into an altercation, you were arrested for assault and vandalism. In August of 2006, you were arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct after you stated a woman stole your wallet. In October of the same year, you were cited for spitting in the face of a woman. Then came your shining moment: the 2007 NBA All-Star Game.

It was February when you and the rapper Nelly entered into a gentlemen's club, where there you started throwing your own money into the air. How much? \$81,000. That alone is something to have your mental stability questioned. But, you then became enraged when workers started picking up the money on the stage. So enraged, you slammed a female employee's head into the stage. To make matters worse, you threatened the life of one of the members of security at the club. You would think that is enough trouble for one evening, right?

Then tell me why one of the members of your entourage returned

to the club and opened fire on one of the bouncers at the club. The bullets also hit two other people, including a former wrestler, paralyzing him from the waist down. You then insisted on saying you did not know the shooter. Pacman, don't play America for fools.

Then came the other numerous accusations. Betting on college football games, numerous drugs being taken and being sold, speeding in a car that was not registered to you, and finally, most recently, being connected in a shooting that happened earlier this month. Pacman, you disappointed us.

So, in closing, I wanted to wish you well. If I was Roger Goodell you would never step foot onto a NFL field again. You would not be welcomed into a stadium of any kind. You would not be allowed to be able to talk to any reporters with about any NFL happenings. You would not be able to say the three letters, N, F or L. Ever. But, then again, it may be hard depending on your actions in the future. You may be playing football again, but you better see if Paul Crewe is looking for a defensive player.

Sincerely,
Tony Patrico

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Wednesday's Answers

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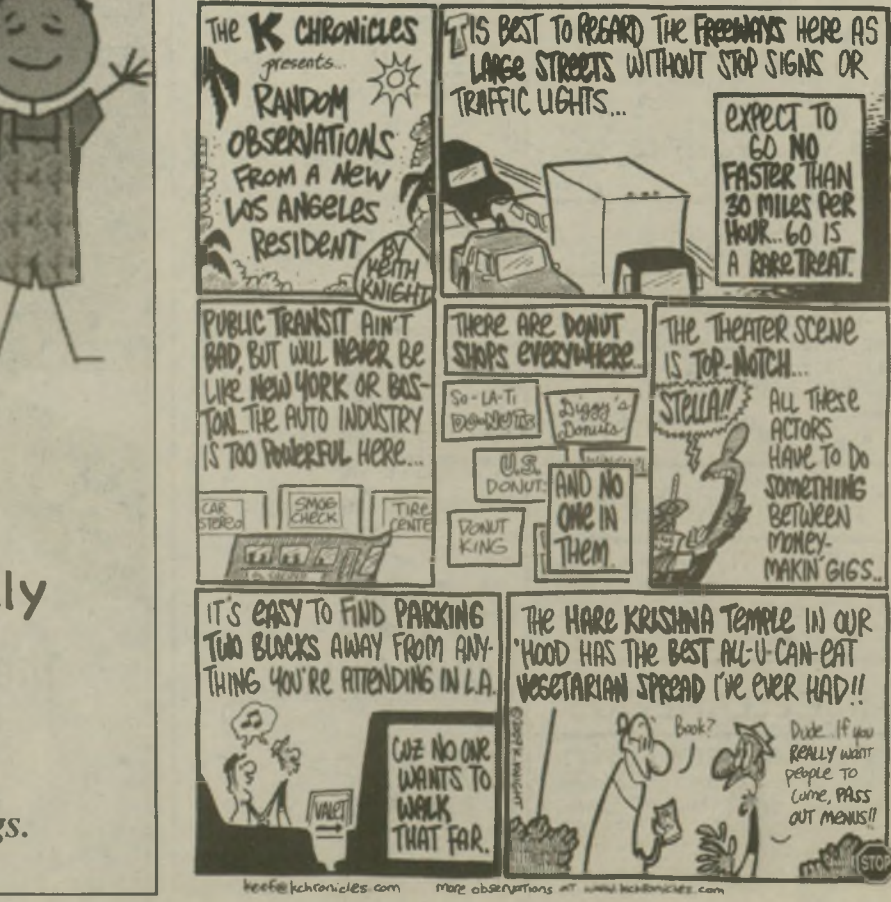
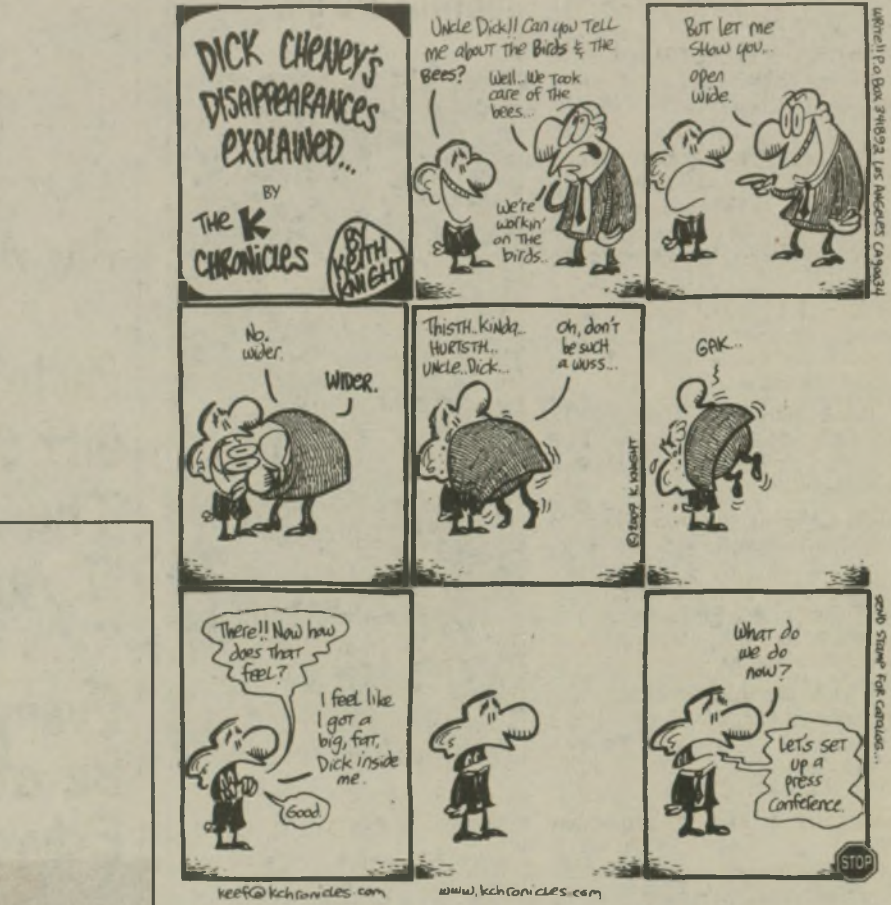
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