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above: courtesy Kyle West, left: June Farley/Alestle  
(above) Junior Kyle West snowboards outside his home in Troy. West created the snow using a machine he built himself. (left) West stands with his snow machine during winter break.

## the snow man

### Junior Kyle West creates own snow machine

by **Matthew Schroyer**  
Alestle Reporter

When junior Kyle West took a trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo., two years ago, he came back with a ton of memories and a fun, new hobby. In the resort town, also known as "Ski Town, USA," the mass communications major took to a snowboard for the first time. From then on, he was hooked, and eventually purchased a snowboard of his own, despite a lack of snow in Illinois.

"I bought my snowboard in October, and I knew it wasn't going to snow for a while," West said.

But West was not content with waiting on the weather to bring him powdery goodness. He concocted a plan. Many ski resorts don't like to wait for snow, either. To remedy the problem, the resorts use large snow cannons to blanket the ground with snow. West planned to purchase a smaller version, known as a snow gun, to satisfy his hunger for the white stuff.

He quickly found out that buying a snow gun was cost prohibitive, so he started looking for an alternative. That's when he stumbled on the Web site Snowguns.com, a message board and haven for snow gun enthusiasts.

"It's basically just a bunch of guys that built their own snowmakers," West said. "It wasn't until I stumbled on Snowguns.com that I knew I could

do it on a small budget."

With information and advice from other do-it-yourself types, West cooked up a prototype. Although it worked, it was not exactly safe to operate.

"All the parts I started with were not rated for pressure," West said. "It could have exploded."

West got serious and invested in parts that could handle the job. One air compressor, one pressure washer, some plumbing fittings and \$100 later, he had a reliable and safe machine to make mounds of snow.

How the machine works is relatively simple. The pressure washer and air compressor supply air and water that mixes inside the gun to make high-pressure mist. The pressurized mixture shoots from a tiny nozzle at the end and quickly freezes as it goes from the high-pressure gun to the low-pressure environment.

With the loud air compressor chugging and snow being sprayed over the front lawn, West sometimes caught glares and stares from neighbors' windows.

"They're just jealous," West said, jokingly.

It took two days for Kyle to fill the front lawn with snow, at which point he set up a ramp to practice jumps on his new snowboard. The "hill" also served as a fun spot for family members over

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## Student Academic Success Center work begins

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

Walker said. "Everything will be under one roof."

A large area south of the Morris University Center has been fenced off as preliminary work begins for a 68,000-square-foot addition to the building.

The Student Academic Success Center, as the addition is named, will house many areas of academic support services that are currently spread across campus, such as Academic Advising, Disability Support Services and essential departments for students. The expected date of completion for the center is May 2009.

The Board of Trustees and Student Government approved the center, which has a projected cost of \$16.6 million, in 2006. Most of the funding for the center will come from the students through Student Academic Success Center fees.

Though the fee is approximately \$30 this semester, Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Walker said it will fluctuate in the future as the development of the center continues.

Currently, crews are moving utilities to accommodate construction of the new building.

"The designs are now complete, and we will go out for bids on the construction of the building part itself in late February," he said.

Once final bids are issued, construction is expected to begin in April.

"(The center) will provide students with one place to meet all their academic needs,"

The center will be the home of Academic Advising and Counseling, Student Opportunities for Academic Results, Career Development and Placement, Instructional Services, Disability Support Services, Health Services, Counseling Services and the Kimmel Leadership Center. By putting all of these departments in the same building, students will be able to take care of any need through the central location on campus.

James Boyle, the learning disabilities specialist at Disability Support Services, said the new building will be an improvement.

"The Student Success Center will help improve communication between departments that are already working together," Boyle said. "We will also have a larger lobby in the new building."

The current locations of these departments are largely spaced out, ranging miles in length. The new center will put all of these departments within walking distance of each other.

"I think this will help improve communication between departments," Walker said. "The departments work well with each other now, but distance can hinder operations between people working together."

Boyle also said the departments will benefit by being in close proximity.

"We'll have more space that will be more efficiently used,"

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The Student Academic Success Center will be an addition to the Morris University Center. Completion is estimated to be in 2009.

# Police Reports

### 12-11-07

Police took a report of three items taken Dec. 5 from the Art & Design Building.

Police took a report of a damaged hood ornament of a red Ford Escort parked in the grass near Lot A. The vehicle is considered a sculpture and is not licensed.

Police met with two roommates reporting their laptops stolen from Woodland Hall.

### 12-12-07

Police took a report of clothing stolen Dec. 9 from a Cougar Village laundry room.

### 12-14-07

Police took a report of office chairs missing from the third floor of Peck Hall.

Police took a report of a bicycle damaged while parked at the bike rack outside 529 Cougar Village.

Police issued Sam B. Jones a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

### 12-15-07

Police responded to a single-vehicle accident on Cougar Lake Drive. Lane blockage was reported, but there were no injuries.

### 12-16-07

Police responded to a noise complaint at 528 Cougar Village. Officers arrested Lauren M. Drahl, Lauren M. Merz, Kyle R. Lincoln and Jessica L. Giddings for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. All subjects were released with a notice to appear and taken back to the apartment.

### 12-20-07

Police canceled a warrant for Tontez L. Brown for failure to appear.

Terrance Robinson was released on his own recognizance from the Madison County Jail.

Police took a report of a Dell laptop stolen between Dec. 13 and 17 from Founders Hall.

### 1-4

Police issued Eric M. Isaacs a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on New Poag Road.

Police issued Tara W. Ameduri a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

### 1-5

Police arrested Anthony L. Venice for driving under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle was towed. Venice was released on \$300 bond. He was also issued a citation for speeding.

### 1-8

Police issued Julie A. Gauch a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident involving a deer, an Edwardsville Police Department vehicle and another vehicle.

Police issued Nicole P. Malvin citations for expired registration and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

### 1-9

Police issued Antony R. Newton a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police returned a set of keys to a Cougar Village resident.

Police took photograph of ruts in the Cougar Lake dam.

Police issued Melissa R. Arnold a citation for expired registration on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Brittany D. Imig for speeding on South University Drive.

Police arrested Anisha M. Lewis after she reported to the police department regarding an outstanding warrant for failure to appear. Lewis was released on \$300 bond.

### 1-11

Police took a report of three rugs being stolen between Jan. 4 and 7 from Building C of the East St. Louis Center.

Police took a report of two rugs being stolen Jan. 10 from Building C of the East St. Louis Center.

Police issued Jihan R. Johnson-Kelley a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Abhilash R. Patimidi a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

### 1-12

Police issued George D. Ladd a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Kyle J. Cunningham a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police canceled an SIUE warrant for failure to appear for Jerry L. Arnold after he was taken into custody by the Collinsville Police Department. Arnold posted \$850 bond.

Police issued Steven T. Schoeber II citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

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# 'Disability doesn't mean inability'

## New DSS director brings personal experience

by **Lindsay Stuart**  
Alestle Reporter

After living with an eye disorder that causes blindness, Phillip Pownall understands how it feels to live with a disability.

This experience will help him in his job as SIUE's new director of Disability Support Services. He feels that his own experiences can help him understand what the students with disabilities on campus are dealing with.

"What I've had to learn is to self advocate throughout my lifetime and have become very efficient at it, while some students haven't learned that skill yet," Pownall said. "So when they can't do it, I can step in and usually I can get the point across very well because I know how they're feeling, and I have experienced the frustration of disability, as well as figured out how to accommodate disability."

Before SIUE, Pownall served as the director of Disability Services at Western Oregon University, and before that he worked for seven years at University of Nevada-Las Vegas where he was the coordinator of Disability Services.

Pownall, who grew up in Illinois, chose to come to SIUE because he wanted to be closer to his family in West Virginia.

"I wanted to be closer to them, but not close enough that they are going to drop in on me," he said.

Pownall said when he was invited for an interview, he was intrigued by the campus and the community.

"There's a good accessibility, it's a good setting, the (Disability Support) office was self-sustaining, and it was offering a good program and good service rendering," Pownall said. "The people were very nice so I thought, 'Why not?'"

Pownall said his favorite part of the job is seeing the growth of students with disabilities.

"Many of them start off not really knowing how their disability impacts them in higher education, then as they move forward they gain more confidence in their skills and their abilities to perform and compete with other students, and they leave that special title behind," Pownall said. "I think that's the best part of the job, when a student with a disability realizes that the disability doesn't mean 'inability,' it just means doing things in a different way."

Pownall said DSS will continue to run the same



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**Phillip Pownall is the new director of Disability Support Services.**

way and changes made will be minimal.

"I don't foresee a lot of changes that most people would notice, just systemic changes," Pownall said.

Pownall said the DSS office will do satisfaction surveys and measure accommodations to see how effective they were.

Learning Disabilities Specialist Jim Boyle is looking forward to improving DSS.

"We are trying to change things to see what we can do to improve things in the office and use his background to further our horizons as far as what kind of things we are trying to accomplish," Boyle said.

DSS secretary Shirley Lodes said she has enjoyed working with Pownall.

"It's always interesting when you work with new people," Lodes said. "You have your experiences and procedures and they have theirs ... you just mesh the best of both worlds."

Pownall hopes to increase awareness of disabilities on campus by starting a Disability Awareness Month.

"We want to try to offer the opportunity for students who don't have disabilities to learn more about disabilities and experience simulations and things," Pownall said. "While you can't try on other people's disability and truly know how they feel as an individual, you can truly have some empathy with the struggles and difficulties that it can be to access the institution. It helps to be able to communicate that to other people."

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# Professor works to secure funding for observatory

By **Maggie Willis**  
Alestle Reporter

Senior accounting major Jordan Settlemoir discovered his passion for astronomy after taking Physics 356, an astronomy class.

He attended all of the class's night sessions last semester, including a 4 a.m. lab at the Shaw Observatory, where physics professor Jeffrey Sabby hosts his astronomy labs.

"Basically, it's just a concrete slab with mounts for telescopes," Settlemoir said.

Soon, however, SIUE will have its own automated

observatory, based on Sabby's previous work with designing and constructing automated observatories.

While the observatory may be used for student labs, research professor Pamela Gay said a big advantage is that it can also be used for students' senior theses.

"This will be a great advancement for students looking for a senior thesis project," Gay said.

Although most of it is still in the design phase, the projected cost for the automated observatory is between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

"We're still trying to secure

internal and external funding, although we do have a portion of the funding right now," Sabby said.

Possible external sources for funding include the National Science Foundation and the Illinois Space Consortium, and possible location sites include an area near Prairie Hall, one of two peninsulas on Cougar Lake and an area by the Shaw Observatory site.

Interim physics chair Abdullatif Hamad said the observatory will be a good tool for student recruitment.

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## OBSERVATORY

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"Once we have this observatory, it will also put SIUE on the map," Hamad said. "SIUE will be one of the few universities to have an automated observatory owned and controlled by the university."

The observatory will be based on Sabby's work at the University of Arkansas during his master's program after he brought the idea of building an automated observatory to his mentor at the university, Dr. Lacy.

Eventually, the two decided they should put a project together to automate a telescope and CCD camera to take pictures.

Sabby tried to secure an NSF grant for the project, but after the first couple tries failed, he decided to build an observatory out of his own pocket, in his own backyard.

He designed and constructed the observatory himself, starting in September 1998, and it took about six months from design to finish.

"But that wasn't what I want to build here. It wasn't a dome," Sabby said.

The observatory he built, which would be used as a prototype for the one built at the University of Arkansas, was an 8 x 8 foot shed with an angled, sliding roof and a 1,500 pound

wench to lower the roof onto a cradle alongside the shed.

The project, which included the computers, telescopes and cameras, had a total cost of about \$30,000 and was designed to achieve what is called high-speed photometry, which takes many images rapidly.

"Then you do what's called stacking them, placing the images on top of each other," Sabby said. "In layman's terms, it results in a better picture."

Once he gathered some data from the observatory, Sabby submitted a grant proposal to the NSF, which granted about \$78,000 for the project in 2000. The project also received matching funds from the University of Arkansas.

Between 2000 and 2003, Sabby and his mentor constructed and perfected a remote observatory on top of one of the buildings at the University of Arkansas.

"Compared to what I want to do here, the project was pretty simple," Sabby said.

The observatory dome is between 4 and 5 feet in diameter and houses a 10-inch Mead Schmidt-Cassgrain telescope, compared to the 16-inch telescope and 16-foot diameter dome Sabby hopes to secure for SIUE.

The CCD camera at the

University of Arkansas has taken over 400,000 images to-date without ever breaking down.

"The automated CCD camera makes it easier for us so that we don't actually have to be there," Sabby said.

Astronomy students at the university write down observing proposals through a Web interface. The telescope then takes that information and prioritizes what images are to be completed in what order, giving students top priority before facilitating professors' research.

After taking an image, the image is emailed to the student for downloading.

Between 11 labs with about 20 students, the telescope was busy, taking between 500 and 600 images each evening.

The automated observatory will allow students to do real research more readily than the current concrete slab of the Shaw Observatory, which is near the model airplane field.

"The main thrust, the main goal is to make it accessible to students even at a freshman or sophomore level," Sabby said. "It would allow students to actually take real data and publish it."

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At junior Kyle West's home in Troy, a section of the front yard is covered in snow created by a machine West built himself.

**SNOW**  
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Thanksgiving, with cousins playing in the snow and even making a miniature snowman. A picture of the snowman, among other photos from the hill, is on Kyle's Facebook profile, and the photo made it into a Christmas card sent out to family members.

Kyle's mother, Laurel, said she was impressed with Kyle's results.

"He comes up with the coolest ideas," Laurel said. "When you drive in to your neighborhood and see a mound of snow, it's enlightening."

Laurel knows the snow gun project was not the first feat of ingenuity Kyle pulled off. She remembered when Kyle and three

of his friends purchased and customized a small school bus. With a remodeled interior including a couch and table, and a fresh coat of blue paint, Kyle and company took the short bus on a road trip to Florida in the summer of 2007.

Kyle said he prefers warm summer over frigid winter, but now with his snowboard and snow gun, the cold months are bearable.

"I don't like it when it's cold," West said. "But at least it's worth it when you have some snow."

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## First 2008 BOT meeting Thursday in Meridian

Alestle Staff Report

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees are set to hold their first of three meetings at SIUE this year at 10 a.m. Thursday in Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

The BOT will be awarding contracts for repairs and renovations to Korte Stadium, utility relocation for the new Student Success Center, roof replacements in Cougar Village

and the renovation of the School of Dental Medicine Clinic's dispensing and sterilization unit.

Expansion of the Student Fitness Center and proposal to name the Student Academic Success Center will be on the agenda as well.

English professor emeritus Eugene Redmond will be recommended for an honorary degree from the university.

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Boyle said. "The students will benefit greatly from the new center."

Walker said while the center will help the departments work together, the main goal of the building is to improve services for students.

Adam Brackman, an undeclared freshman who lives in Prairie Hall, said the building construction has only hindered him so far. The construction of the building has closed off entrances many students use to access the lower level of the Morris University Center.

"Since the construction started, it's really slowed down my walk to the cafeteria and to

class," Brackman said.

Freshman business major Kaitlin Hart said the construction has delayed her when walking to class.

"I've started driving from Prairie to the (Vadalabene Center) to get to class," Hart said. "It's faster than walking now."

Despite the problems, Brackman said he thinks the building is a good idea.

"I just hope it's less of a hindrance and more of a help," Brackman said.

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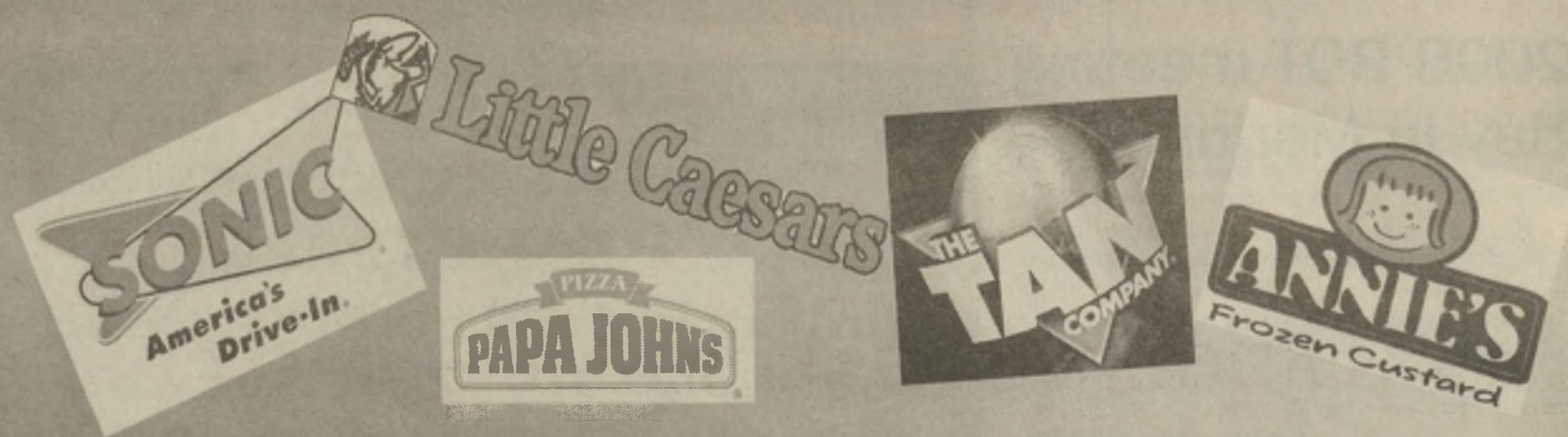

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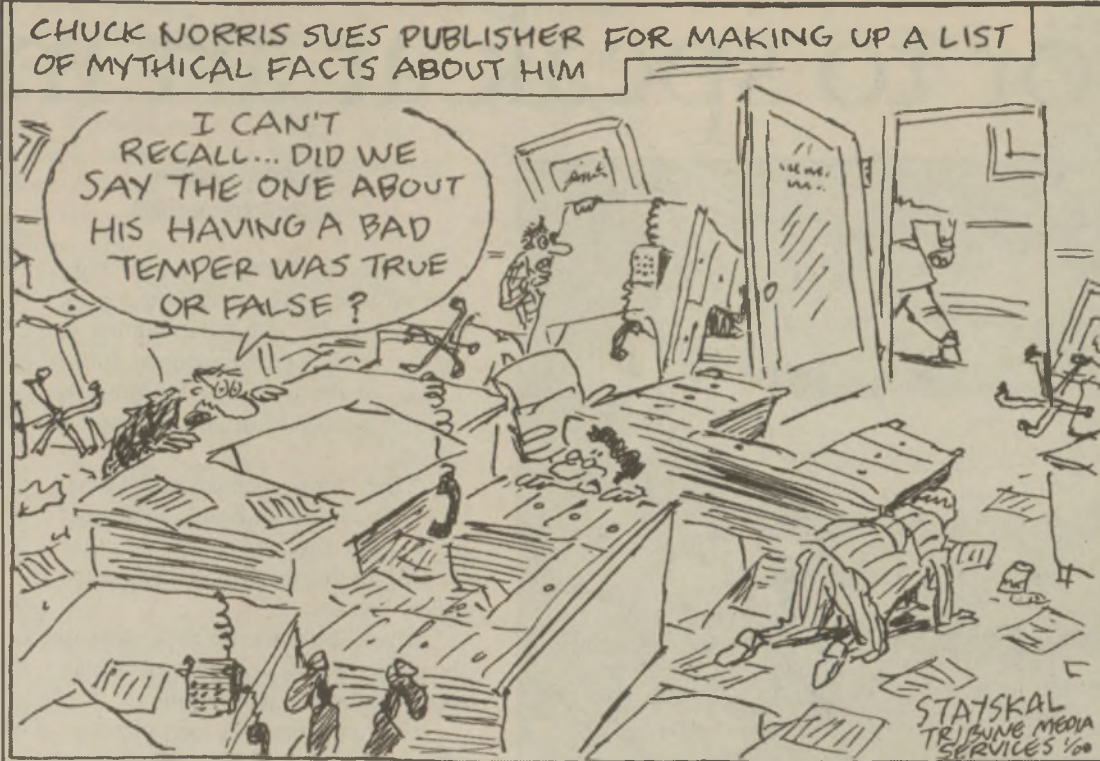
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## Summer grads deserve ceremony

As many seniors graduating at the end of summer are painfully aware, the jig is up. The Alestle recently reported that summer commencement is still canceled.

Contrary to the sources in the article who state that progress has been made, summer commencement is still effectively canceled. You can't lump 400 potential graduates in with the May graduation and call that a summer commencement. You can't paint a horse and call it a zebra.

It's not like our 2,660-acre campus is lacking in the space department. The Katherine Dunham Hall Theater seats 400. When you take the 400 expected graduates and multiply that by the average family of



Matthew Schroyer

five, that makes for five complete presentations to finish off the entire summer class. Is the administration too lazy to conduct five or six presentations? Divvy up the graduating class by school or last name, ration the tickets and get on with it.

If that's too much effort, walk over to Korte Stadium and have it there. With seating for 3,000, a loud PA system and parking for 5,000, it shouldn't be a problem. Administrators say it can't be done, but have any of them looked at the SIUE history book Stephen Kerber and Donna Yates Bardon put together? Back when the campus didn't even have buildings, people made the best of things and had the commencement outdoors. And it didn't kill them.

Heat? Dress light. Rain? It's called an umbrella.

This is not a mudslinging campaign against the administration or an attempt to

belittle the powers at be and make their jobs seem trivial and easy. But at times like these, the administration needs to rise up, plant a firm hand on students' shoulders and confidently tell them, "we've got your back," not, "that's the best we could do." That's what separates a good public administrator from the rest.

Are they saying the students who have slaved four or more years over coursework, spent thousands upon thousands of dollars in tuition and fees and gave the campus a soul aren't worth a ceremony of their own?

Could anyone imagine SIUC canceling a graduation ceremony? The U of I? Can we truly be a "premier metropolitan university" if we can't even manage a simple summer commencement?

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## Student seeks financial aid change

Happy semester to all!

My goodness, SIUE has experienced many changes in the last year. It has announced that it will become a Division I school in 2009. It has experienced the chaos of the new Banner system. Financial aid has gone through a major transformation. The student ID system has been updated. And, I see the new magnificent dorms are up and running. I would imagine the Executive Board is thrilled to see such progress. I, on the other hand, am disappointed. I feel that the changes that have taken place have been presented as benefits to the student; but, have actually been ways to meet the university's financial advancement.

Even still, I have come to appreciate that all these changes were designed to boost the school's image, competitive edge and facilitate efficiency. In conjunction with the theme of efficiency, innovation and competition, I am curious about why the university has not offered something as simple as electronic deposit of student refund checks. Other schools do.

It seems the university's first priority is

financial expansion, followed by educational advancement. And from a financial perspective, it seems that printing, cutting and mailing checks is costly and does not exemplify technological advancement.

From a student's perspective there are several reasons, I believe, offering electronic deposit would/could work and/or be beneficial. Yes, I do realize my reasons are not theoretically, statistically or methodologically based. Nor are there textbooks that one can reference for credence. No. Rather, my reasons are based on experience as a student and what I deem as simply logical:

1. Waiting on snail mail delivery is an antiquated way of receiving scheduled refunds.

2. Some students receive sizeable refunds checks. Individuals who do not have banking accounts are forced to cash their check and handle large amounts of cash, which could pose a safety issue.

3. Many students rely on refunds for housing, book purchases and school supplies. So, expedience is absolutely imperative.

4. Lost checks take at least two weeks to be reissued, and likely another week in the mail.

There are ways of going about electronic

deposits. For example, the university could utilize its own credit union or student accounts could be made available with the bank in which the checks are drawn for individuals who do not have their own banking accounts. I realize that implementing an amenity such as electronic deposit would involve a strategic plan and blessing from individuals whom are not affected by the old school refund system.

My point? SIUE has made many changes in the name of advancement and yet, one of the oldest issues of college life has not been addressed. Rather than devise reasons why not to implement electronic deposit, I would like to challenge the powers that be to compile four reasons why/how electronic deposit would benefit the university. Oh! And student body. I believe electronic deposit would be a step in the direction of efficiency, competitive edge and advancement for students. Or doesn't that matter?

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## Professor to speak at art museum

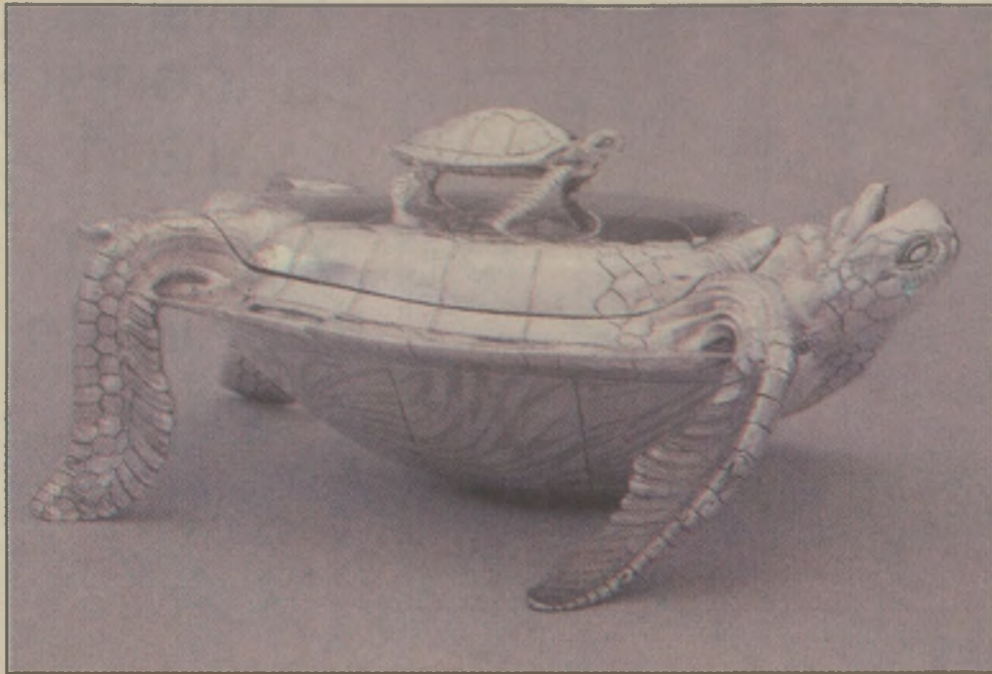


Photo Courtesy of the St. Louis Art Museum

A piece from the exhibit "Beyond the Maker's Mark: Paul de Lamerie Silver in the Cahn Collection," which is now open at the St. Louis Art Museum. Professor Paulette Myers, head of jewelry and metalsmithing at SIUE, will give a gallery talk on the exhibit tomorrow at 6 p.m.

By Sydney Elliot  
Alestle Correspondent

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville professor Paulette Myers, head of jewelry and metalsmithing in the Art and Design Department, spoke Tuesday at the St. Louis Art Museum in conjunction with a silversmith's exhibit.

"They came to me," said Myers. The museum had heard about her work and the university so they decided to recruit her as their guest gallery speaker.

Myers' presentation took place in the gallery, which is a series of smaller rooms, right next to the exhibit.

"The museum likes to hold gallery talks in the site of the exhibitions so that speakers can point out specific pieces," Myers said.

The exhibit, "Beyond the Maker's Mark: Paul de Lamerie Silver in the Cahn Collection," opened Oct. 28, 2007 and is scheduled to stay open

until Sunday

Myers spoke at 11 a.m. Tuesday and will be speaking again Friday at 6 p.m.

Tuesday's presentation drew 40 people, a great turnout for the size of the gallery, according to Myers.

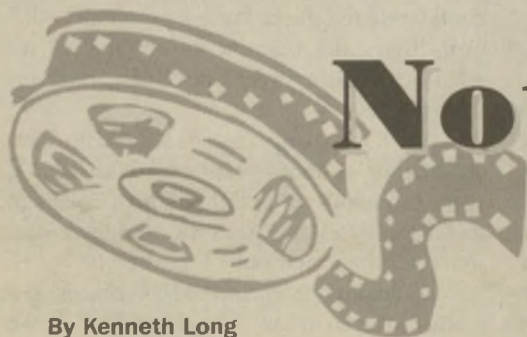
Myers has been teaching as the head of the jewelry and metalsmithing with SIUE for the past 26 years, and before coming to the university she taught at other universities for about 10 years.

Speaking at the St. Louis Art Museum is a close-to-home event for Myers, who received her master's degree from Washington University.

Myers is also a member of the Society of American Silversmiths, and according to the web site, was involved in a showcase where silversmiths were encouraged to break the conformity of functionality and focus on "pure form."

The 1999 event, "Artisans in

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## Now Rating: The Bucket List

By Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

Imagine if "Thelma and Louise" were recast with old men. Oh, and they have cancer. One of them is rich. That's "The Bucket List."

"The Bucket List" is a mediocre attempt to take two brilliant box office giants, hand them a weak script revolving around an extremely basic and overplayed warm, fuzzy feeling of realizing what's important in life and hope that they can make up for the rudimentary plot. Kudos to Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman.

The movie starts off with an unknown man climbing to the top of a large, snow-capped mountain with Morgan Freeman narrating. This is where the movie peaks, pun intended. Freeman, who has had roles ranging from God in "Bruce Almighty" and the president in "Deep Impact," isn't just the voice-over. No, he's in his most important role yet: a mechanic.

We soon learn that Carter Chambers, a witty and brilliant mechanic played by Freeman, has been diagnosed with cancer. Edward Cole, played by Nicholson, is an unruly, wealthy tycoon of a hospital empire who is similarly diagnosed with cancer. How ironic. Who would have guessed that they would soon share the same room?

At first, the mismatched pair have their differences, but after they go through the trials of chemotherapy, family visits and views on death, they become the best of friends. Carter begins to make a list of things to do before he dies, a "bucket" list, and Edward decides to get in on the fun. When you want to travel the world, it helps to have a rich friend. Carter is slightly discouraged by his wife Virginia, played by Beverly Todd ("Ascension Day," "Crash"), but decides he'd rather run around the world with a rich stranger as they waste money on frivolous activities as opposed to spending time with his family and taking care of his illness. Just like real life.

As the two skydive, drag race, visit exotic places like the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China and attempt to complete the list before they die, they start to rub off on each other. Edward softens and begins to see that money



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros.

can't buy happiness, and Carter rekindles his love with his wife. Then the whole Brady Bunch performs a song to win a talent competition to keep their dog and save the house.

Oops, no need for the Brady kids, this movie is already filled to the brim with cheesy life lessons. It seems the act of beating a dead horse is still alive and well. Rob Reiner, director of "Rumor Has It" and "A Few Good Men," shouldn't expect much of a return in the form of awards, and Justin Zackham should stick to writing about frat boys.

I do give high regards to Freeman and Nicholson. Despite the flubs in plot development, they give high-caliber performances. With Freeman's ability to play the cool, collected yes-man and Nicholson's quirky but captivating pessimist-with-a-heart-of-gold accentuated

the individual qualities of both actors. I'd love to see what these two would be able to do with a decent story behind them.

Overall, this movie was predictable. If you have two men from different backgrounds dying of cancer, won't they always become friends and learn essential life lessons before their time is up? Yes, and yes. If you want to see a buddy movie about cancer patients and somehow leave with a warm, fuzzy feeling, this is right up your alley. Any hardcore Morgan Freeman or Jack Nicholson fans would also appreciate it. Even then, it would be worth waiting until the DVD is released before braving this anticlimactic standard.

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Silver: Enduring Traditions Through the Next Millennium," included two of her pieces made from various metals including sterling, fine silver, gold, graphite, titanium, iron and more.

The Society of American Silversmiths put on the showcase to unleash silversmiths to explore new forms of silver besides just the normal teapots, silverware, platters and more, according to the SAS Web site.

According to the St. Louis Art Museum press release, the exhibit showcases over 40 of the most important pieces of de Lamerie held in private collection. The exhibit includes 18th century English silver all marked by de Lamerie.

Although de Lamerie marks the pieces, it does not mean he was the silversmith who created them. It is why the exhibition is "beyond the maker's mark" because de Lamerie had several silversmiths who worked for him anonymously and used his mark to be sold.

One particular piece included with the exhibition is the "Maynard Dish," created by an anonymous silversmith come to be known as the Maynard Master.

The "Maynard Dish" is seen

as the most important piece of de Lamerie held in private collection according to the St. Louis Art Museum Web site. The piece was made for Grey Maynard, who assumed the title of 5th Baron Maynard in 1742. The outer workings of the piece represent earth, air and fire. Water is represented at the bottom of the dish.

Myers describes the "Maynard Dish" as "amazing," saying that, the craftsmanship and three-dimension qualities reflect those of the Rococo era.

The collection is known as the Cahn Collection because a local man and his wife, Paul and Elissa Cahn, have donated the pieces. According to the St. Louis Art Museum Web site, the couple holds a large variety of artifacts that they donate to the museum and some, such as this exhibition, travel the world.

Tickets for the exhibition can be purchased through the Information Center at the St. Louis Art Museum. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, \$4 for children six to 12 and free for children under six and museum members. The exhibit is free for all visitors on Fridays.

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# Comedian to entertain on campus

By Molly Balkenbush  
Alestle Reporter

Jordan Carlos, a comedian who has made TV appearances on Spike TV, VH-1, FOX and numerous national commercials for Pepsi, AOL, Microsoft and Disney will be performing on campus at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Bluff Hall.

Several times a year the Campus Activities Board, a group of about 20 volunteer students that coordinate about 150 events every year for campus life, make arrangements for a comedian to come perform on campus. Carlos, who has been nominated "Best Male Comic" by the Emerging Comics of New York Awards and was a finalist in NBC's "Stand Up for Diversity" showcase, will be just one of several comedians to come to SIUE this semester.

"We go to two conferences a year where they do showcases in which performers like comedians or poets or bands get 15 minutes each to perform in front of thousands of college students around the country," Campus Activities Board adviser Michelle King said. "If the students (in the audience) are not laughing then our students are probably not laughing. Jordan got a huge response from the students that

were at the conference so that's why we decided to bring him on campus."

King says that the performers always stick around and usually have CDs or other kinds of merchandise available after the show.

"The performers are usually pretty laid back," said Kristin Hoover, graduate advisor to the Campus Activities Board. "They will stick around for 15 or 20 minutes and sign autographs and stuff."

Hoover says the last show was set for 70 people and the room was completely full.

"There are usually about 100 to 150 people that come, it depends on how much the residence hall can hold," said Hoover. "We usually fill up."

In August the board will bring a bigger headline performer and the show takes place in the Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom.

"This past August we had Dan Cummins (perform), and he had over 550 guests attend," said Hoover.

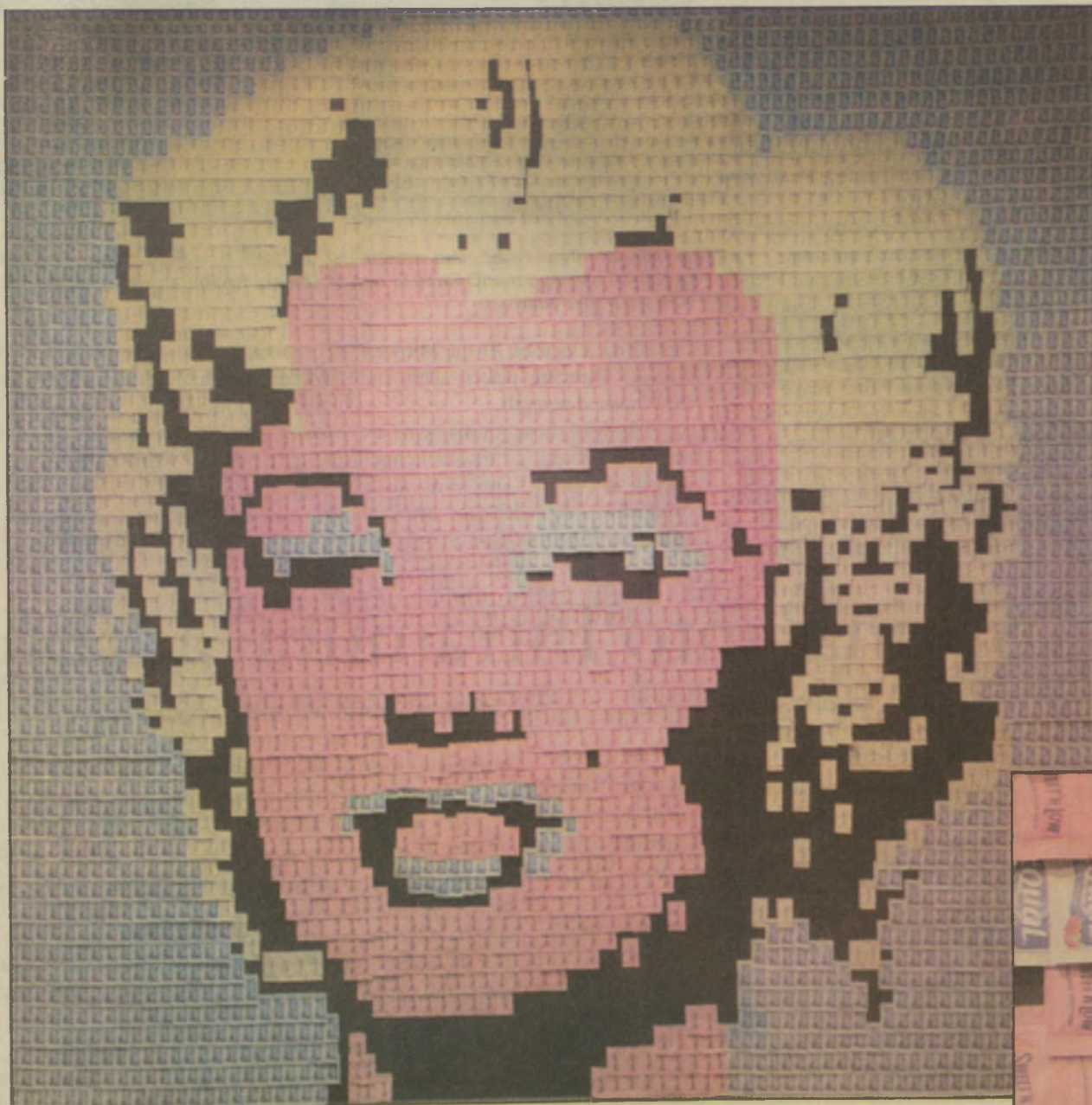
Hoover says that many of the performers have previously



Comedian Jordan Carlos will perform at 7 p.m., Jan. 22 in the Bluff Hall MFR.

performed on TV stations such as Comedy Central before. Future performances this semester include "Retta," in Woodland Hall on February 12, John Mulaney in Prairie Hall on March 26 and Eric Schartz in Evergreen Hall on April 9. All shows take place at 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be served, and there will also be free giveaways.

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# Sweet Art

The Annual Juried Graduate Student Exhibition is now on display in the Wagner Gallery. This year's exhibition is juried by Matthew Strauss.

The exhibition features pieces by graduate students that range from sculptures and textiles to art made from artificial sweetener packets.

Visitors can view the exhibition now through January 31.

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**Left: A piece titled "Artificial Sweetener" by graduate sculpture student Andy Magee is created entirely from artificial sweetener packets. Below: A close up view of Magee's "Artificial Sweetener" displays the individual packets used to create the overall image.**





## Does D-I equal "B-Done?"

By now, everyone is sure to be well aware of SIUE reclassifying to NCAA Division-I athletics. If you haven't heard the news, then you are probably one of the people still trying to figure out which exit will get you on to Highway 40.

The reclassification is going to be a massive change and it will bring Cougar Athletics to a whole new level. With the switch to the big "one," a new era will be ushered in with new athletes, new facilities, and of course, new faces on the bench.

But the odd thing is that so many Cougar coaches are stepping down before they finally get called up to the big show. Imagine if Tom Brady said he was going to retire the day before the Super Bowl. I bet.

Well, think again. Women's basketball coach Wendy Hedberg is stepping down after this season and was quoted in a previous Alestle article as saying, "With the move to Division I, it's a nice break with things and seemed like the right thing to do."

Men's soccer coach Ed Huneke was quoted as saying that the excelling performance of the team has led to his retirement after 34 years of coaching and teaching. Huneke told the Alestle, "Right now, with the program playing at a high level, I think this is the right time to pass the torch."

Whether it's to better the program, pass the torch or even work on a better golf swing, stepping down at this point could be the easiest or the hardest decision a coach could make.

How about an example? Let's take a look at the situation at West Virginia University. Their head coach, Rich Rodriguez, left to take on the position at the University of Michigan. However, there was a problem.

WVU was about to play in the Fiesta Bowl game after one of their most successful seasons ever. So Rodriguez packed his bags, headed for Ann Arbor and left his BCS dreams back in Morgantown.

Funny thing about Rodriguez is that now his actions inside of the office are soon to be overshadowing his actions on the field. If there is one place for controversy, you know it will be exploited in the world of sports.

Here is my question: What is better? Getting the paycheck or getting the championship you've worked so hard for? Getting a Division I victory, or finally going on that elongated vacation to the Bahamas with the family?

Regardless of what happens in the future, you cannot deny the success and the history that both Hedberg and Huneke have created here at SIUE. Huneke has posted over 250 wins in his career including six NCAA tournament bids.

Hedberg began her final season as head coach with 436 victories. She has led the Cougars to Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament play in 11 out of the last 12 seasons. Hedberg has also led five of her teams to the NCAA tournament, the most recent being the 2007 squad.

So, while a replacement for Hedberg has not been found, long-time assistant coach Kevin Kalish, who worked under Huneke for many years, will take over the men's soccer program. The question remains: what would you rather do? Take on the best teams in the nation and reach for the overall goal of being the best in the U.S.? Or, will you be digging your feet into the sand while sipping an umbrella drink? If you ask me, either way, that's getting a victory.

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# Freshman phenoms

## Pretto ranked No. 6 nationally

by Jacob Boone  
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Wrestling team finished 35th at the Midlands Invitational Dec. 29 and 30 in Evanston and 15th at the Midwest Classic Jan. 4 and 5 in Indianapolis, Ind., where freshman Eric Pretto made his mark on the national wrestling scene.

At the Midwest Classic, Pretto finished fourth, defeating the University of Findlay's Antonio Guerra, a two-time Division II national champion. Pretto also defeated the third-ranked wrestler in the nation in Mike Horton of the University of Indianapolis, vaulting Pretto to the No. 6 spot in NCAA Division II.

SIUE Head Coach Patrick McNamara and senior Daniel Midgett said Pretto's success is due in large part to hard work.

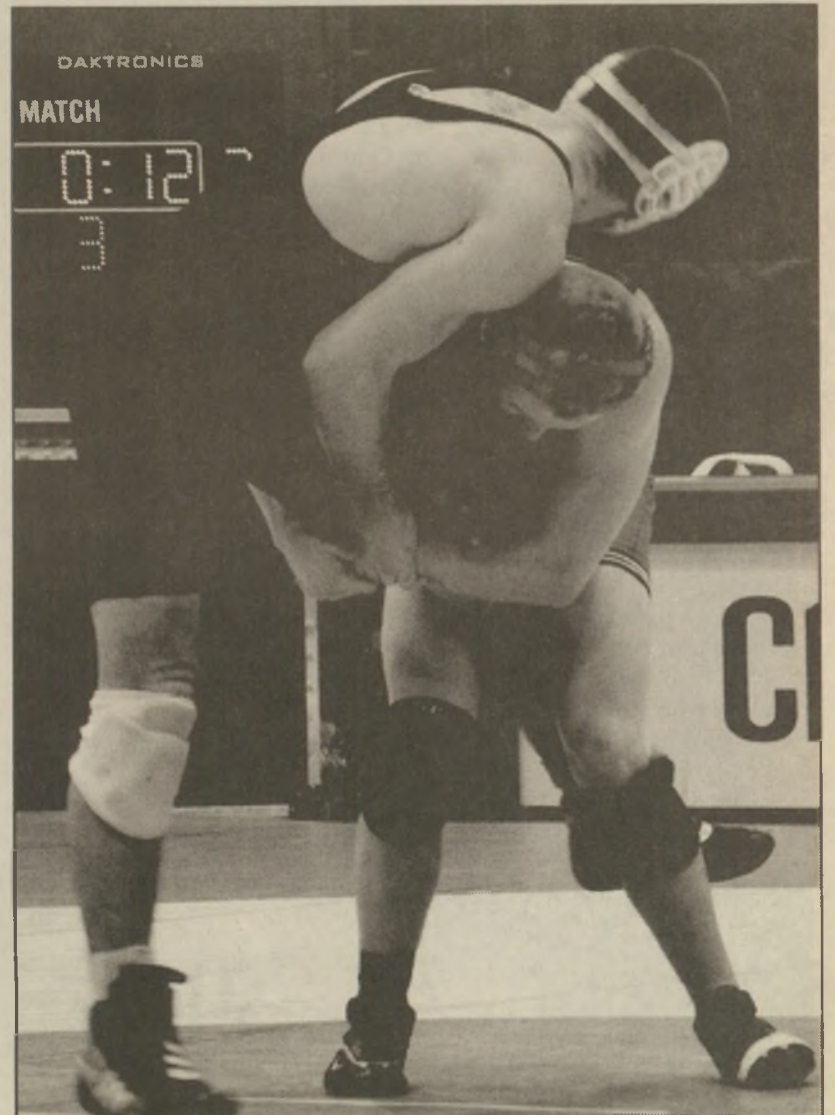
"I'm excited," McNamara said. "Eric's put in a lot of time and a lot of effort. If there's a guy in the room that shows consistency every day coming in the room trying to get better, it's Eric, and that's what it takes to be successful at this level."

"I'm really proud of him," Midgett said. "He's a guy who works really hard in the room, and he pushes the pace."

Pretto said he wants to improve on his high national ranking.

"I'm happy," Pretto said. "I got two big wins last weekend over ranked guys, and it's good because it's really going to help our program and put it on the map," also mentioning that he would like to become a national champion and All-American.

Sophomores Tyrez Ash, Tommy Hill and Nick Shumate picked up victories at the Midlands. Pretto also



Steve Berry/Alestle

**Freshman Blake Reed, who wrestles at the 165-lb. weight class, grapples a Rend Lake opponent. Reed is one of the six freshman wrestlers on the Cougars this year.**

picked up a victory. At the Midwest Classic, Shumate placed sixth and Hill finished seventh.

"Both of those tournaments are very tough tournaments," McNamara said. "The Midlands is especially tough. It's got the best teams in Division I wrestling that

compete. I mean, it's just a loaded bracket, and our guys struggled at the Division I level. There was so many quality wrestlers in each weight, but I think they fought hard."

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## 'Spring' into Intramural action

by Zach Groves  
Alestle Reporter

Whitney Luebben, like many of the 14,000 SIUE students, puts in significant hours of study time with her genetic engineering and biochemistry major and the expected pressure that comes with being a senior.

Luebben said she turns to the school's intramural sports program as a way to not think about class and "spend time with friends," and jokingly said her teams do not win often, but that is fine with her.

"I like the physical activity of it," Luebben said. "We just have a good time."

Luebben is also a longtime intramural sports player and Nate Scott, recreational specialist for intramural sports and special events, hopes to find more students like her during the spring semester. Scott is in his second semester at SIUE after finishing his graduate assistant work with Ohio State

University's intramural sports program.

Scott said the majority of the students in intramural sports live on campus, so he also hopes to reach out to commuters during the coming weeks.

"It's a tough population to cater to," Scott said. "Being a commuter myself for a period of time during my college career, it's challenging. One thing we've done is offered weekend options for a lot of sports on Saturdays and Sundays so it kind of takes out the busyness of the week or the time to find right after class or in between classes or whatever it may be."

Scott said with 19 sports available this semester, including three new ones in broom ball, a punt, pass and kick tournament and a bags tournament, he plans to get the message out through already-published magazines in racks throughout campus and newspaper advertisements. Scott also looks to reach out to students face to face.

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"My supervisors and myself included are going to be all over campus this week, spreading the word, passing out registration cards and talking to as many people as we can," Scott said.

Two sports are nearly under way in basketball and roller hockey. The registration deadline is Friday for both, but Scott said for a \$5 dollar late fee, in addition to a \$20 entry fee and \$20 forfeit fee, students who want to play have until Wednesday to sign up when the captains meet to schedule games. The deadline is the same for the remaining sports when their captain's meetings take place, depending on the event and the charge.

"After the captain's meeting, we'll have the schedules set and that's when that will be really challenging to get in ... because there's a lot of juggling and schedule changing that goes on," Scott said.

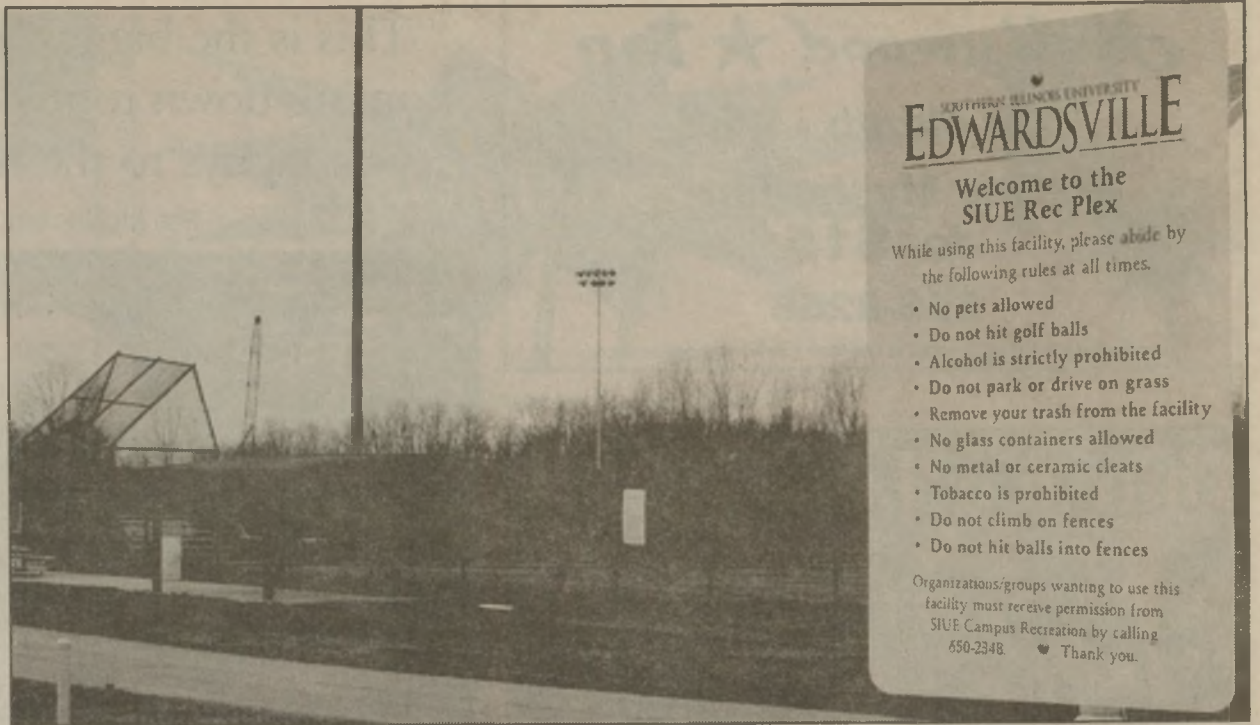
Depending on whether or not a residence hall director signs his or her name to sponsor a residence hall team the entry fee can be waived, according to Scott.

Scott also said he expects a big turnout for basketball and hopes to see between 60-65 teams in the men's, women's and co-ed leagues. At the same time, he hopes to see an increase in roller hockey teams from three last semester.

When February comes, students can sign up to play in the hot shot basketball contest, the free throw contest, the 3-point shootout, the nine-ball tournament, broom ball, outdoor soccer and volleyball.

In March, bowling, softball, the punt, pass and kick contest and four-on-four flag football take place. April offers the softball hitting challenge, disc golf tournament, table tennis, kickball, ultimate Frisbee and the newly-introduced bags tournament.

According to Scott, students can also sign up to be referees. While the number ranged between 30 and 40



The SIUE Rec Plex is home to many of the spring intramural sports. On the Rec Plex baseball diamond, men's, women's and coed softball is played.

participants and most of those who worked in the fall semester are expected to return, he said anybody can train to officiate games.

"We'll hold a hiring meeting for each sport and at the meeting we'll give them the clinic dates, which are usually the following week," Scott said.

The official's clinics for roller hockey and basketball have passed, but outdoor soccer will hold its clinic Monday, Feb. 18.

Sports management graduate student Heather Olsen had a chance to not only play intramural sports during her time at SIUE, but also donned the black and white stripes and a whistle. She said she had more fun playing overall, but will never be seen yelling at a referee over a call.

"I got to know a lot of people," Olsen said. "I got to see a lot of people come and go, so it was a lot of fun."

For those who are interested in the outdoor scene, Campus Recreation offers several opportunities to hike, climb, watch eagles and ice skate. More information can be found on the Web site as well as the magazines.

"We have really worked hard this semester to offer a wide range of programs for the students to explore and get involved with Outdoor Recreation," Campus Recreation Assistant Director Keith Becherer said in an e-mail.

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 Patrick McKeehan, Executive Director  
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 Role Models & Risk Takers  
 Laurie Estilette, Student Body President  
 Student Government, SIUE  
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 Civic Responsibility & Citizenship  
 Lara Granich, Director  
 St. Louis Area Coalition, Jobs for Justice  
 Board Room, MUC

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 Module 12, 6:30 p.m.  
 Goal Setting & Delegating Effectively  
 Anitra Nevels, Dream Developer & Coach  
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 February 16 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL

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“This is the biggest part of the season right here, coming down to the home stretch; we want to get guys to the national tournament.”

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Freshman Brian Brooks, who wrestles in the heavyweight weight class, faces off against an opponent in a match in December. SIUE will take to the mat next against Missouri Baptist Jan. 22.

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“The Midlands is an awesome tournament to wrestle in,” Pretto

said. “It’s had such a great history and to compete in a tournament like that with such great history, it’s kind of an honor.”

McNamara said the Cougars had a little more success in the Midwest Classic.

“At the Midwest Classic, I think the guys wrestled better in that tournament,” McNamara said.

The Cougars now head into the last half of the season, and McNamara said the team’s goal from the start of the season remains the same.

“This is the biggest part of the season right here, coming down the home stretch; we want to get guys to the national tournament,” McNamara said. “That was our goal at the beginning of the

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year and that’s our goal today.”

According to Scott, Campus Recreation also has a five-team faculty basketball league running on Wednesday evenings for the first time at SIUE.

Luebben and Olsen are not the only ones seen on the court or on the field playing with friends or meeting new people. Junior education major Mike Koniak said he plays out of passion for sports and looks to build on his wonderful memories from his freshman and sophomore years.

“Alumni can play still,” Koniak said. “Hopefully I can come back.”

Sports management graduate student Mike Massoglia is finishing his inaugural year as an SIUE student. Like Olsen, Massoglia plays to meet new people and keep himself in shape.

Massoglia also jokes about the glory of his fall semester because he is featured “four times”

on the intramural sports champions page.

“I’m a grad student now, so I’ve gotten away from as much exercise,” Massoglia said. “It’s my first year at the school, so (I can) build up some camaraderie and what not.”

While there are plans in the works to expand the Student Fitness Center, Scott said any action will not affect play on the court. Once the sports go outside, the only notable change will be a new irrigation system that will keep the grass wet and fresh for outdoor soccer and other events.

Students interested can contact Campus Recreation at 650-3242 or visit [siue.edu/crec](http://siue.edu/crec) to find out more about the coming spring intramural events.

The Cougars next compete at 7 p.m., Jan. 22 at Missouri Baptist University.

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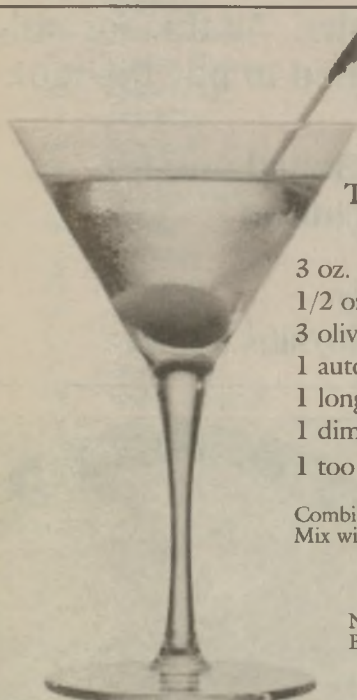
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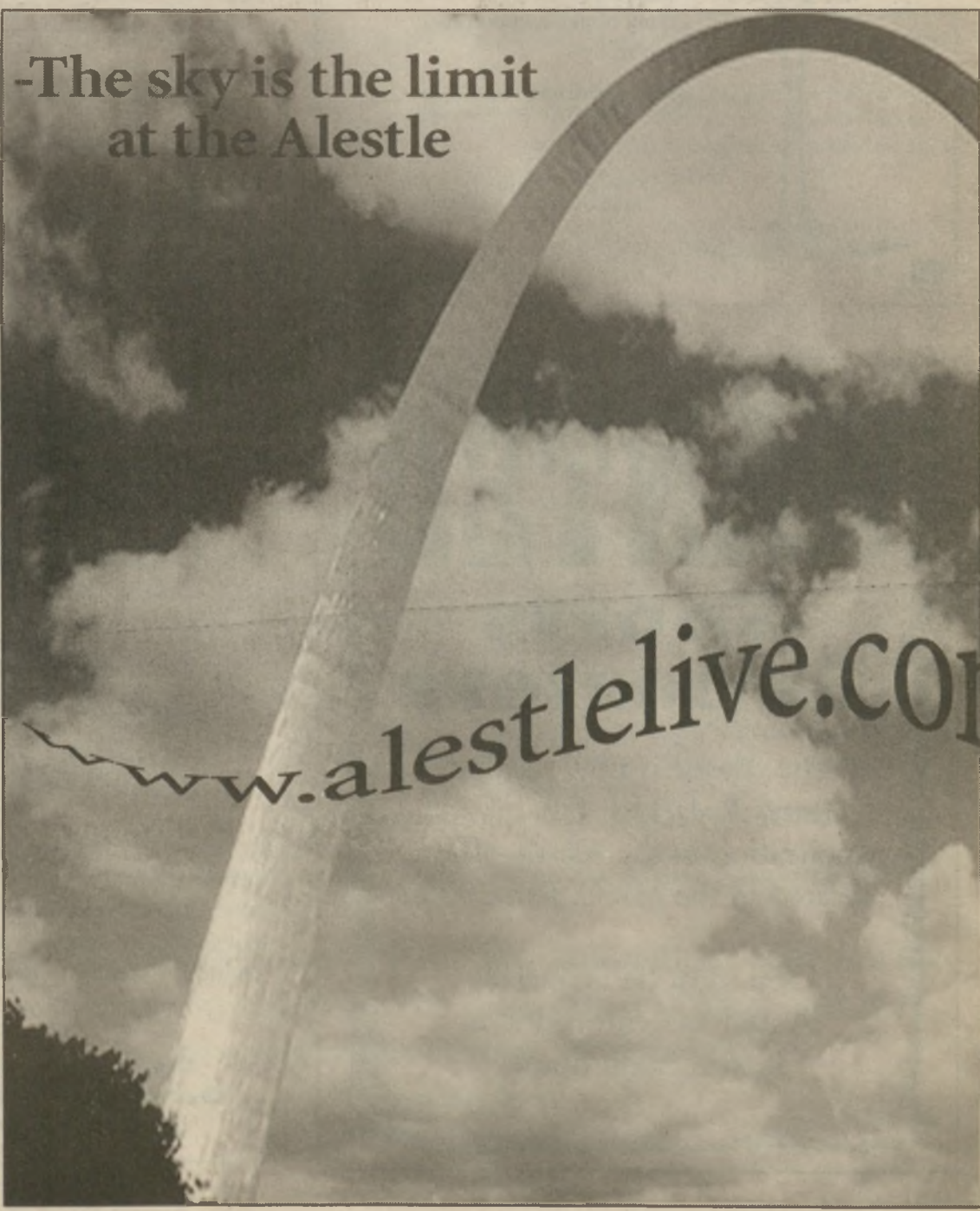
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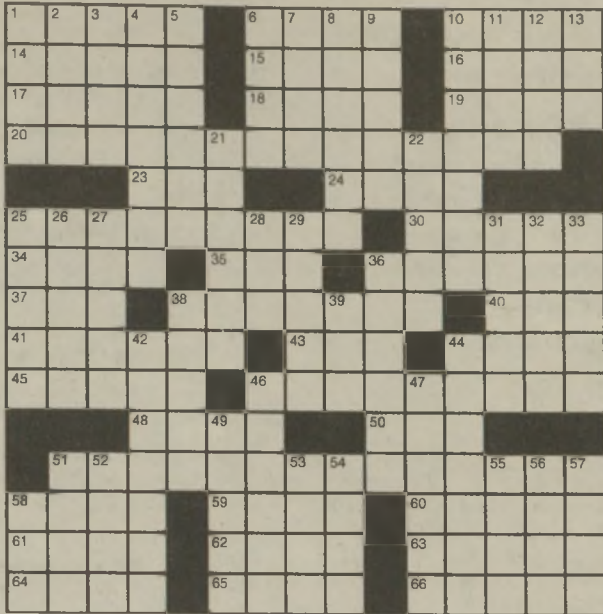


# THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- 1 Split second
- 6 High crags
- 10 Tramp
- 14 Liquid measure
- 15 Aid in a felony
- 16 Building branches
- 17 Close, in poetry
- 18 Crazy
- 19 Dregs
- 20 Financial TV personage
- 23 O.J.'s judge
- 24 Auricular
- 25 Financial TV personage
- 30 Prefix for a hydrate?
- 34 Declare
- 35 Dad's love
- 36 Direct sales
- 37 Bird's beak
- 38 Boat basins
- 40 Rumsfeld's old org.
- 41 Of the ankle
- 43 LIRR destination
- 44 Weighty book
- 45 Texas shrine
- 46 Financial TV personage
- 48 Chef Rombauer
- 50 Inventor Whitney
- 51 Financial TV personage
- 58 Hoodwink
- 59 Where puts and calls trade in IL
- 60 Exclude
- 61 Encourage
- 62 Split apart
- 63 Writer Zola
- 64 Highway
- 65 Keats output
- 66 Heated argument



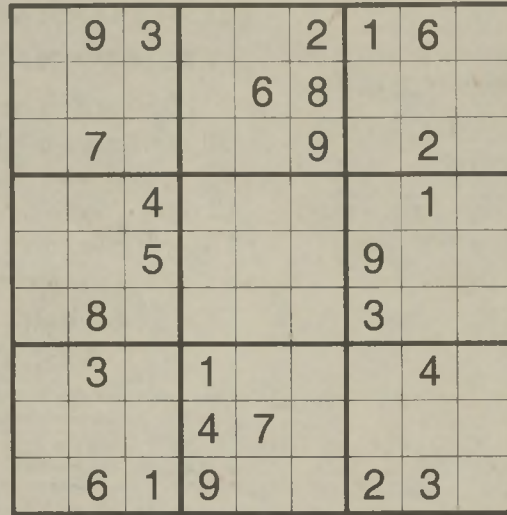
**DOWN**

- 1 Newborn horse
- 2 Moon goddess
- 3 From the top
- 4 More frightening
- 5 Where attachments are attached?
- 6 After-shower powder
- 7 Orchestra member
- 8 Calculate
- 9 Nero Wolfe's creator
- 10 She-devil
- 11 Imitation butter
- 12 Huffed and puffed
- 13 Forerunner of the CIA
- 21 Typical
- 22 Chops up
- 25 December VIP
- 26 Of part of the eye
- 27 Striped equine
- 28 African nat.

- 29 Essential acid
- 31 Heaviest noble gas
- 32 Ecological region
- 33 Of times gone by
- 36 Noise
- 38 New Zealand Polynesian
- 39 "Bill \_\_, the Science Guy"
- 42 Smiled smugly
- 44 Roman galley
- 46 Poked
- 47 Slurs over
- 49 Large: pref.
- 51 Spanish painter Joan
- 52 Pond scum
- 53 Top-drawer
- 54 Cerise and crimson
- 55 Death notice, briefly
- 56 Brewer's grain
- 57 Popular cookie
- 58 Prickly husk

# SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



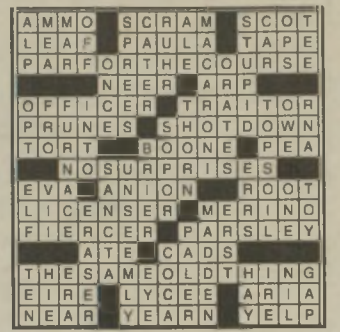
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## Thursday's Answers

### THE Daily Crossword

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## SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



## Girls & Sports

By Andrew Feinstein



## Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of Jan. 21 - Jan. 27, 2008

### Aries (March 21-April 20)

Accumulated debt and private legal paperwork may soon require active discussion. Early this week, family members may be strongly motivated to reveal recent mistakes or setbacks. Group decisions will work to your advantage: Rely on consistent facts and watch for loved ones to offer detailed financial information or obvious pathways to success. After Thursday, a complex social or romantic reversal may trigger subtle group tensions. Remain detached: Passions will be high.

### Taurus (April 21-May 20)

After several weeks of competing egos, co-workers are now helpful with complex procedures or faulty instructions. Accept all new suggestions and present a cheerful public attitude: This is a strong time for revising difficult projects or building added trust between colleagues. Do, however, study financial documents and vital paperwork for errors. Friday through Sunday accents fast home decisions. New financial strategies are key: Remain determined.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Romantic confidence is now due to return. Geminis born prior to 1984 will this week explore controversial relationships or return to past lovers. Both are positive but may remain poorly defined for the next 11 weeks. Carefully consider all long-term promises or time commitments and all will be well. Later this week, a recently disgruntled colleague may relinquish control of an important work project. Don't hesitate to take action: Powerful opportunities are available.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

A close friend will this week offer valuable advice concerning a complex social triangle. Subtle romantic attractions may be an underlying influence. If possible, avoid bold public comments. Discretion and loyalty are now vital to the success of long-term relationships: Stay focused. Late Thursday, some Cancerians may begin an exotic and

highly private love affair. Distant travel, new ideas and financial choices are accented: Trust your first impressions and all will be well.

### Leo (July 23-August 22)

Over the next few days, a quiet flirtation will intensify. Someone close may now wish to set a faster pace in a key relationship. If so, expect dramatic outbursts and minor confrontations. Before midweek, friends and potential lovers may need to resolve lingering issues of isolation or self-doubt. Go slow: Detailed discussions will be necessary. After Thursday, a key official may demand completed documents or finalized records. Stay alert: Accuracy and timing are vital.

### Virgo (August 23-September 22)

After Monday, established home routines may prove scattered and unreliable. At present, loved ones may expect unrealistic progress concerning family disagreements, planned events or long-term property renovations. Take time to explain all limits, daily schedules and expectations: Someone close may need detailed information in order to feel secure. Tuesday through Friday, a minor social dispute may quickly escalate. Remain diplomatic: An optimistic response is best.

### Libra (September 23-October 23)

Subtle romantic comments are now highly meaningful. Over the next few days, some Librans will experience a steady increase in workplace flirtation. New relationships, although briefly delayed, will lead to lasting passion: Expect only minor hesitations from new friends or lovers. After midweek, older colleagues and business partners may reveal unusual social information or offer rare compliments. Private humor and witty remarks are also accented: Respond with new acceptance.

### Scorpio (October 24-November 21)

Work habits, personal style and productivity are now a strong concern for key officials. A recent phase of slow business progress and demanding social politics needs to

end. After Tuesday, expect new workplace guidelines and revised business standards. Wednesday through Friday, financial contracts will require extra documentation: If possible, avoid long-term debt. Late this weekend, rest and discuss subtle family changes with loved ones. New budgets will be accepted.

### Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Planned events and group celebrations will this week create valuable social opportunities. Several days of low confidence and inward thought now need to fade. Remain dedicated to improved fitness and foster new friendships: You won't be disappointed. After Tuesday, a serious phase of romantic expansion arrives. For many Sagittarians, a surprising flirtation will soon offer intriguing possibilities and meaningful promises: Don't hesitate to explore all new invitations.

### Capricorn (December 22-January 20)

New business instructions will this week trigger minor workplace power struggles. Before Thursday, expect bosses or managers to introduce unusual policy revisions. Fresh ideas may seem unrealistic but will eventually prove worthwhile. Diplomacy is important: Remain silent. After Friday, home and family commitments may expand to include long-term property investments, detailed renovations or fast ideas for added financial security. Stay open: All are positive.

### Aquarius (January 21-February 19)

Family members or long-term friends will this week request career advice. Power struggles with authority figures or stalled job promotions may be an underlying concern. If so, advocate creative thinking and fresh beginnings: Loved ones now need to explore unique workplace options, career changes or revised daily assignments. Later this week, some Aquarians may be asked to mediate a social dispute. Encourage private discussion: Your opinions will not be easily welcomed.

### Pisces (February 20-March 20)

Early this week, potential lovers will offer subtle indications of their long-term goals. Distant travel, family expansion or lofty career ambitions may be on the agenda. New relationships will strongly benefit from honest discussion. Meaningful breakthroughs are now available: Use this time to compare thoughts and objectives. Tuesday through Saturday, a close friend may be powerfully seduced by nostalgic ideals or past relationships. Be patient: Much is changing.

If your birthday is this week: Trusted friends and close relatives may soon press for important home improvements. A recent phase of limited decision or delayed action will no longer strain vital relationships: After this week, expect loved ones to ask for sudden family revisions, new financial guidelines or complex social celebrations. Early in February, watch for a passionate overture from a romantic partner or potential lover. Serious relationships will require detailed and honest discussions. New emotional commitments, however, will likely be established by mid-March. After March 28, workplace power struggles become obvious. Over the next four months, job titles and daily duties will be steadily redefined. Wait for key officials to provide obvious clues.

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