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## SIUE searches for a new MUC director

by **Catherine Klene**  
Alestle Editor in Chief

SIUE is looking for a new director for the Morris University Center to take over after the current director Mary Robinson retires on June 30.

Director of Campus Recreation Mick Ostrander was co-chair of the search committee to find a new director of the Morris University Center, and said the committee invited four candidates to

participate in on campus interviews with the university community earlier this month.

One candidate, Leah Barrett, executive director of student development at Boise University, said Tuesday that she recently withdrew from consideration for personal reasons.

Barrett said she had a great experience while visiting SIUE.

"I wish your campus the best of luck," Barrett said.

Ostrander said he could not discuss the candidates' statuses.

"I can't confirm or deny that because the search is still going on," Ostrander said Tuesday afternoon.

However, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lora Flamm did confirm Barrett's withdrawal, although she was unsure of the exact date.

Besides Barrett, the other candidates who came for interviews were Sara L. Quinn, director of the University Student

Union at California State University, Joseph H. Pearson, director of the University Center at Louisiana State University and Julie Ellen North, director of auxiliary enterprises at Portland State University.

"The individuals shared in a full day of interview sessions," Ostrander said.

During these sessions, the candidates met with anyone from students to administration.

**DIRECTOR SEARCH/pg.3**



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Construction worker Bob Prichard works on the new floors in the MUC's Starbucks. The renovations will keep the coffee shop closed until June 13.

## Summer for change

### Starbucks closed for renovations until June 13

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

Caffeine junkies will need to find other places to feed their coffee fixes besides Starbucks until it reopens June 13.

Construction on Starbucks, which began May 12, will continue until June 9. Starbucks will have a trial run, or soft opening, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 13. Regular summer hours will begin June 16, opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m.

Food Service Director Bill Canney said the 6-year-old Starbucks is being renovated to meet company-required upgrades in equipment, furniture, layout and color pallets. The work area size will also be increased.

Every so many years, (Starbucks) is required to upgrade to meet the modern phase Starbucks is in," Canney said.

Sophomore art history major Mollyanna Starratt said she has had to make slight adjustments with the temporary absence of Starbucks from her life.

"It's frustrating when I can't keep myself awake at work now," Starratt said. "I'm also used to taking

my breaks by sitting in Starbucks."

Senior manager of Starbucks Frankie Polich-Burns said the renovations will improve the "awkward" design of the past store, in particular, the issue of a bottleneck at the end of the beverage line.

"We're hoping that the new store layout will take some of the bumps out of the road," Polich-Burns said.

While some of the old equipment will be reused, such as the espresso machines, locations for the machines will be placed in a more ergonomically-minded location.

"The espresso machines will be put at eye level with the customers," Canney said. "Customers will have eye contact with our employees."

Canney said the store would replace the espresso machines within the next year.

According to Canney, the store will also grind more whole bean coffee in the store, producing the traditional aroma of a Starbucks store.

"We're trying to get back to the basics and roots of what Starbucks used to be," Canney said.

**STARBUCKS/pg.2**

## Vadalabene Center, Student Fitness Center expansions begin

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

The Student Fitness Center expansion project and renovation to the Vadalabene Center has begun, closing off certain sections of the SFC and many of the entrances and parking spaces around the buildings.

The south and east building entrances will remain open, but all others will be fenced off because of the construction.

Director of Administrative Services Robert Vanzo said 300 spaces would be available for students parking by the SFC.

"Currently, anyone with a red permit can park across the street," Vanzo said. "It shouldn't be too bad for the summer."

Vanzo said the number of brown permits will decrease for fall because of the loss of 250 parking spaces in the lot.

Assistant Director of Campus Recreation David Hagedorn said parking lot 11 by the Early Childhood Center and parking lot 12 across the street from the VC entrance will still be available for parking.

"There will be a good number of spaces in the brown lot, but immediate entrances will be closed," Hagedorn said.

Renovation on the VC, an estimated \$6 million project, will be mainly focused on the basketball court areas, including raising up side courts and installing new restrooms, referee and visiting team locker rooms and storage rooms.

New bleachers that connect between levels will surround the two-level courts. Hagedorn said the ultimate number of seats, as well as premium fold-down seats, will increase and give the court a more "full-bowl" look.

"(The old) bleachers were at the end of their lifespan," Hagedorn said. "We noticed they were starting to break down during our safety inspections."

Hagedorn said construction on the main gym is expected to continue until mid-October, finishing in time for basketball season.

"We hope to make as little an impact on sports schedules as possible," Hagedorn said.

Hagedorn said despite numerous days of rain in the past couple of weeks, the construction and renovation projects have not been delayed.

"Besides normal day-to-day problems, we're still on schedule," Hagedorn said.

Hagedorn said the VC should be fully renovated by the spring 2009 semester.

Hagedorn said the contractors for the renovations were helpful in keeping the project sustainability-minded, reusing some of the old materials in construction. This included keeping the original wood flooring for some of the locker rooms and offices.

Recycled floor materials for bike tracks and seating for the expansion were added to the plans for the \$10 million SFC expansion, along with a structure designed to allow natural lighting to enter the building.

"The planning for these structures are letting us become more sustainable," Hagedorn said. "We conserve more resources for the university and the planet."

The expansion will feature new restrooms, a display area, more lounge areas and a food service area with a juice bar.

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## Police Reports

### 5-1

Police issued Kortney L. Hogan a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road and a written warning for not having a driver's license.

Police issued Alicia W. Chung a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Jennifer M. Bernal a citation for speeding on North Entrance Road.

Police issued Kathryn M. Gray a citation for speeding on North Entrance Road.

Police took a call from a driver claiming someone had struck her car while parked in Lot 4A.

Police issued Kyle S. Hammond a citation for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk at Evergreen Hall.

Police issued Joshua D. Veath a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Heather D. Moles a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Joseph E. Klug a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive at Whiteside.

Police issued Anthony Parham Jr. a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive at

Police issued Lauren A. Witschie two citations for disobeying two stop signs on Circle Drive.

### 5-2

Police issued Claire D. Gion a state citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report from an SIUE employee about entry and damage to the Greenhouse.

### 5-4

Police arrested Justin Ladendorf for illegal consumption by a minor. Police responded to Prairie Hall lobby with the 18-year-old intoxicated male, and he was transported to Anderson Hospital by ambulance. Ladendorf was processed and released with a notice to appear.

### 5-5

Police issued Breanna D. Branson a citation for speeding on New Poag Road.

Police issued Adrienne Ward a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Brandon C. Crouch a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

## STARBUCKS

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"We want to greet the customers and have them through the line in three minutes."

Starratt said Starbucks is very similar to Italian coffee bars and enjoys the atmosphere.

"(Starbucks) comes really close to getting a good copy of Italian culture with pretty authentic look and taste," Starratt said. "I'm looking forward to the new designs."

Polich-Burns said the soft opening will give the employees a chance to see how the new

renovations have improved efficiency.

"Our employees already do a great job at servicing customers, but they need some time to get re-acclimated to establish a new flow to the store," Polich-Burns said. "It's all about efficiency and speed."

Canney said he was proud of the staff in Starbucks, along with the other food service areas.

"(Working at Starbucks) is a tough job, but it's our most popular area of employment," Canney said.

Talks about an outside kiosk included in the renovations for Starbucks were shot down when the franchise wanted an entirely separate licensing fee, Canney said.

Customers will have new beverages to go along with the new store, Canney said, including a new strawberry lemonade, as well as an expanded cold beverage menu for the summer term.

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## RENOVATIONS

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Hagedorn said a juice bar was chosen after the student body expressed a desire for a dining option in the building.

"We will learn from the student population what they want on the menu," Hagedorn said. "If they want healthy food choices, they'll get it."

Two more basketball courts in the expansion will allow more room for students to participate in activities like volleyball and badminton. The second floor of the expanded area will house a new cardio equipment workout area.

"Cardio has had the highest demand for more equipment and space," Hagedorn said. "The new section will allow us to double our space and add the best equipment."

Sophomore actuarial science major Anthony Steppe said he looks forward to the extra machines.

"The workout rooms are always crowded," Steppe said, "and the cardio machines are really hard to get to when the gym is busy."

Other additions include classrooms with hardwood flooring, storage cubbies and equipment for multimedia presentations. This new addition to

the SFC can be sectioned off and run independently from the current building, allowing student organizations and groups to meet there at very flexible times.

The expansion is expected to be completed by May 2009. After finalizing the expansion, Hagedorn said he anticipates the grand opening of the expansion to coincide with the start of the fall 2009 term.

Steppe said the construction and renovation is a mixed blessing but is glad the construction and renovations are happening.

"It's only a slight inconvenience for me," Steppe said. "I normally walk, so walking a little further or parking isn't that big of a deal."

For more information and photos about the VC renovation and SFC expansion projects, visit [www.siu.edu/crec](http://www.siu.edu/crec).

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# Director of MUC to retire after 13 years

by Catherine Klene  
Alestle Editor in Chief

For 13 years, Mary Robinson watched students come and go in droves through the Morris University Center, some stopping for lunch, others to watch a performance in the Goshen Lounge or maybe to pick up a few items at the Bookstore.

As director of the MUC, Robinson has coordinated this intricate network of student activity, but after June 30, someone else will take the reins.

MUC business manager Jim McDermott worked with Robinson since she began in 1995 as the business manager for the MUC and, at times, Robinson's personal driver.

"Anytime we go anywhere, I have to drive," McDermott said with a laugh. "She goes, I go."

McDermott said he and Robinson have worked closely together over the past 13 years to work with students to make improvements to the MUC and its many programs and services.

"Mary has been able to instill that this is their campus," McDermott said.

Trudy Chapman, secretary to Mary Robinson, said Robinson's main focus has always been the students, making every effort to adapt to students' needs while keeping university policies in mind.

"She's definitely a 'students first' director," Chapman said. "She likes things done in a top notch, classy kind of way."

Robinson said one of the highlights of her career was the opportunity to work with students to make improvements to everything from dining services to textbook services.

"I enjoyed working closely with students on the advisory boards," Robinson said.

During her time as director, Robinson said her most important focus was keeping the MUC up to date with students' needs, including major renovations to the facilities in 2000. Robinson said the goal was to improve dining services, as well as the overall environment for students.

"That was a defining moment," Robinson said.

Another significant moment in her career occurred just this past year with the unveiling of "Taking Stalk," the cougar statue outside the MUC. Robinson said the students recognized its significance and appreciated the tradition behind the statue.

"All of those things are really the beginnings of tradition," Robinson said. "Most (students) love to know that (tradition) is something that's been happening."

McDermott said when Robinson interviewed for her position, he two aspects of her background jumped out at him. One, she had a background in social work, and two, she was a grandmother.

Vice chancellor for student affairs Nobby Emmanuel also said Robinson's role as a matriarch played into her role as the director of the MUC.

"She's the grandmother of all the (Morris) University Center," Emmanuel said. "She's just a very loveable, very caring grandma."

Emmanuel said Robinson took the MUC to a new level during her time at SIUE.

"She came in and energized the place,"



Sean Roberts/Alestle

**Director of the Morris University Center Mary Robinson inspects construction areas for water leaks Tuesday. After 13 years, Robinson will retire June 30.**

Emmanuel said.

The MUC grandmother said she looks forward to spending time with her actual grandchildren and other family during retirement, as well as strolling through St. Louis' central west end, where she recently moved into an apartment.

Robinson said she also hopes to spend her retired days walking the green pathways of Forest Park and the spacious halls of the 'St. Louis Art Museum, as well as doing volunteer work.

Robinson said she will still return to SIUE regularly to visit old friends and students, just not at 7 a.m. as she has done for the past 13 years. "I can sleep in until eight," Robinson said with a laugh.

With only one month left before Robinson can hit the snooze button, the university has interviewed four potential candidates for her position.

Robinson said the new director should stay in tune to students' needs in inventive ways.

"Be as creative as they can, and take some time to enjoy the moment, because things are changing," Robinson said.

Reflecting back on her time at SIUE, Robinson said the university will continue to take strides forward.

"It is a great university that can exceed that greatness," Robinson said. "I look forward to seeing the university grow and prosper."

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## DIRECTOR SEARCH

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Vice Chancellor for Administration Nobby Emmanuel said the university is looking for someone who has solid leadership skills, as well as someone "who can champion the interests and needs of our students."

The director of the MUC is responsible for the all the operations of the MUC, from programs to services to budgets to personnel. According to Emmanuel, the university has not decided if the director will also be responsible for the operations of the Academic Success Center, currently under construction on the east side of the MUC.

The final decision for the next director of the MUC will be up to Emmanuel.

"I suspect the decision will be made probably with in the next two to three weeks," Emmanuel said.

Emmanuel said meeting the candidates during the interviews provided the university community with an opportunity to learn about their personalities.

"On paper they all have the qualifications," Emmanuel said. "They bring very different kinds of experiences to the position."

Emmanuel could not be reached for comment regarding Barrett as of Tuesday afternoon.

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We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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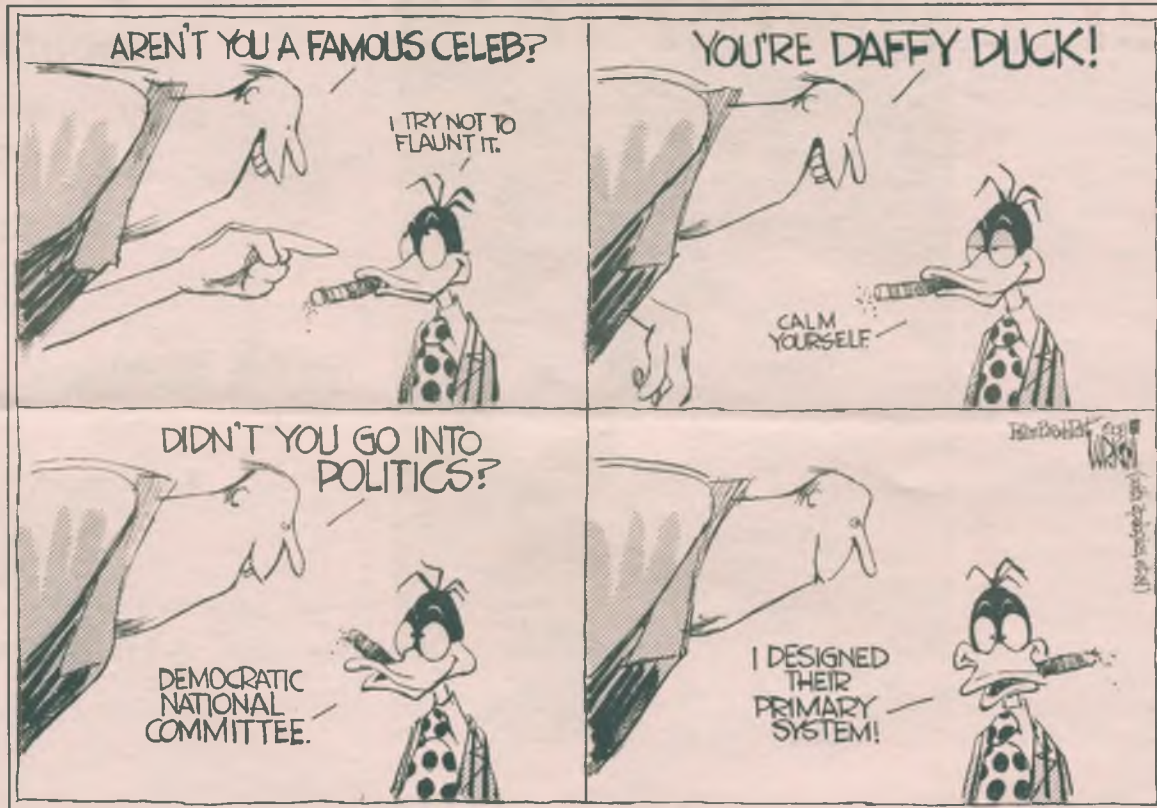
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## Obama loses luster, not support

Just a little under a year ago, Barack Obama officially announced that he would run to be the president of the United States of America. I was excited, somewhat, since he was from Illinois, but primarily because of his beliefs, his charisma and his determination in changing America for the better rather than making things worse.

Now, jump a year into the future, and I ask myself: do I have the same enthusiasm for the man? With all due respect to Mr. Obama, no, I do not.

Over the course of the primary season, there was a peak of excitement over Obama in the Iowa caucuses. The win alone set a fire among all the news stations, college campuses and homes across the nation. His speeches sent fervor among all his supporters, including me. Though he is known for his rhetoric, each word that flowed through his mouth had expressed a hidden dream that existed in a majority of Americans.



Harry  
Zollars

I had high hopes and aspirations for the man who sought bipartisanship, peace across the oceans and stability for our country - the likes one hasn't seen for at least a decade.

After the wins and losses, the criticism of a lack of experience and mentions of Kool-Aid drinking, many people were still enthusiastic about the Illinois senator, but it was waning ever so slowly. Then the controversies, the bantering, the negativity ... everything came onto the Obama phenomenon and chipped away at his supporters' enthusiasm, including mine.

But why would our enthusiasm die down because of such inevitable events that happen to every person who has run for office in the last few decades? In my opinion, it was that Obama became a politician. His focus had changed from doing what was best for the masses into what could help him win the democratic nomination over Hillary. Every single action he took was calculated and deliberate, rather than being sincere and bold. He almost seemed as if he was regressing into the old politics of the '80s and '90s, instead of the new politics he encouraged at the beginning of his campaign.

It's almost as if the entire presidential race is just a popularity contest. Every time I turn on CNN or MSNBC, it's as if I'm watching American Idol, with Hillary as David Archuleta, Obama as David Cook and Wolf Blitzer as Ryan Seacrest. It's all about electability, spin and fanatic loyalties. It's almost sickening. And there is Obama - as well as the other candidates - standing on the sidelines, letting all the hysteria happen.

But beyond the tarnishing of the silver lining, the bases for all of the candidates are still solid. This has been proven in primary after primary. All of those who believed in Obama then still believe in him now. Even with all of the frenzy and lack of enthusiasm, the support stays the same.

So no matter how off-track Obama gets, the platform never changes; yet the shine of Obama's charisma that shone so brilliantly at the beginning of his race has now become just a slight glow.

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## If you build it, they will come

Let's be honest here, the SIUE Web site isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer.

Navigating through the site is about as easy as memorizing the first six chapters of "Moby Dick." The SIUE people search works as well as the lack of instant replay in baseball has in the last week. It looks a step removed from being one of the page layouts found on blogspot.com, not to mention the site sometimes takes long enough to load that visitors can whip themselves up a snack while they wait.

It's brutal, I know, but it's true. I've had classes get derailed in discussions about how

frustrating the Web site can be. In my PR class, one thing we were told to keep in mind is your Web site is the face of your organization, so is this really what the university wants prospective students to see?

Most other schools' Web pages have updates on current events as the first thing you see on the page. SIUE stuffs their news in a cramped box near the middle of the page. Dominating SIUE's Web site is a flash-based collage that cycles through 11 different "ads" detailing individual parts of the school. The site may have been updated recently, but certain parts of it probably haven't been updated since the last time Kanye West released an album.

A lot is changing around the university, including the switch to Division I. It was enough to warrant a logo change, so why not a Web site change?

Since I started my college career in computer science, I know how difficult writing the code and figuring out how to create a visually appealing and easy to navigate Web site can be, but that doesn't mean it can't be done. Most organizations contract out a Web site and then update it in house. Can't SIUE do the same?

All I am asking for is a site that works and doesn't make me feel like Magellan every time I try to find something. Something clean and bright would be nice.

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## Summer showbiz makes a comeback

by Jeff Mason  
Opinion Editor

For the first time in 16 years, the SIUE theater department will present three shows on its stages for the summer season. The first of these being "Tomfoolery."

"Tomfoolery" is a collection of 30 offbeat songs composed by Tom Lehrer, with titles like "Poisoning Pigeons in the Park," "The Masochism Tango" and "We Will All Go Together When We Go."

"You have to listen to the lyrics because that's where the humor is," SIUE 2003 graduate and actress Leah Milton said.

All of the songs are mixed together in a somewhat cohesive package.

"Musical reviews are more about the music than it is about the plot or storyline," said theater and dance professor James Wolfson, who is in charge of the scenery and lighting. "Any lines ... are an excuse to get from one song to another."

According to Wolfson, the production of the show has a similar feel, with many of the set pieces and costumes slapped together from previous shows. The bar used in the show, as well as the arches spread across the stage, come from other sets.



Sean Roberts/Alestle

The set of "Tomfoolery" awaits its cast of five to take the stage starting June 5 and lasting until June 15.

"(We took) what we already had and remade it for the show," technical director Roger Pseidel said.

Café tables sitting in front of the stage will work as special seating for lucky guests, creating a more intimate feel for the show. Also aiding this cause is the small cast of five.

"This was a much more collaborative show (because of its size)," director Peter Cocuzza said. "The actors get to add personality to their characters ... usually you don't get that much freedom."

The cast of "Tomfoolery" comes from all over the Edwardsville area, including SIUE theater students, local residents and

Mark Bacusthe assistant to the provost and vice chancellor. Even so, the actors are not strangers to each other.

"We're so close because we've done these shows before," actor Josh Douglas said. "The cast was so cool and so close ... and we're like family, the way we work."

None of the actors are playing a specific part, per se, but are playing different characters in each new song. Milton said she is working on her baby talk for one song, while summer showbiz veteran Kathy Piercy fine tunes her Irish accent.

"It's fun to do because you get to do all types of characters," Piercy said. "You're not stuck to just one."

All of the music will be performed live, with SIUE graduate and pianist Dolly Hsu pulling most of the weight.

"Tomfoolery" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. June 5 to 8 and June 12 to 15 at the Metcalf Theater. Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m.

The first ticket is free for students registered for summer classes, or they can be purchased for \$15 for adults and \$12 for students, seniors and SIUE faculty and staff from noon to 5 p.m. at the Dunham Hall Theater box office.

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## Now Rating:

### Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

When I heard "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" would be made, a shiver ran up my spine. The name Indiana Jones might as well be synonymous with words like "blockbuster," "award-winning" and "man-that-makes-me-question-myself-in-so-many-ways."

Finally, I thought, with all the crap sequels that squeak through Hollywood, here's something I can sink my teeth into.

The Indiana Jones franchise can breathe a sigh of relief with this movie. It stayed true to its roots, despite the chances of ruining a good movie legend with a sequel.

The movie starts in 1957 with a group of Soviet Agents breaking into Area 51, led by ice queen Irina Spalko (Cate Blanchett). Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) and his sidekick Mac (Ray Winstone) are forced to assist the communist forces in finding a highly magnetized object.

After being fired for having "ties" with the communists, Indy runs into the "rebel without a cause" Mutt (Shia LaBeouf), who points him in the direction of his next quest: the Crystal Skull of Akator. Of course, this is not your basic artifact, and those darn communists just can't keep their grubby, Red hands off it.

Along the way, some familiar faces are brought back from the previous Indiana Jones titles, including Marion Ravenwood

(Karen Allen) and Professor Oxley (John Hurt).

Most of the entertainment value for this film is very superficial; the effects are amazing and unbelievable at the same time. The man-eating ants were probably my favorite, fairly gruesome, but not enough that I had to look away.

Ford keeps true to his previous roles as the fallible, yet dashing action hero. His age doesn't seem to deter Indy from jumping from Jeep to Jeep, bullwhipping along the ceiling and surviving death-defying plunges over waterfalls. The AARP card complements the hat, and this hero improves with age.

Since the Nazis weren't as prevalent in the '50s, their role is filled by Soviet communists. Besides the outfits, they're very similar. References to Eisenhower, Elvis Presley and the Red Scare run rampant, reminding you, "Hey, we're in the '50s!"

As for the rest of the communists, they don't seem to



know more than a few words and the ability to point a gun at Indy's face. Oh, and they're excellent at missing.

LaBeouf does well. I admit, I'm not his biggest fan, but he works well with Ford. But still, I have my doubts if he's good enough to be crowned the next Indiana Jones.

The film does start to break down in terms of plot, making it secondary to the action. There was the usual five minute explanation of the artifact, then back to the action where the meat of the film lies.

No matter what the film was

about, if it had Indiana Jones slapped in the title, I'd see it. The series maintains such credibility.

Before you see it, refresh your memory by having an Indy review night. It helps remind you how well George Lucas and Steven Spielberg work together. The ending even pays homage to one of Spielberg's past works.

If you haven't seen any Indiana Jones movies, just sit tight and let the real fans enjoy it, even if you're a bit confused.

Rating: 3 1/2 of 5 stars

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# Cougars finish season strong

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE men's and women's track and field teams finished their season strongly, with 16 athletes competing in the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships, held May 22 to 24 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, Calif.

The women's team placed fifth overall with 45 points, besting sixth place St. Augustine's with 37 points. The men's team scored their 12th place standing with 17 points, narrowly placing between Harding and North Dakota by one point on each side.

SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said he had hoped both teams would finish in the top 10, but he was pleased with the summation of the season

"(The championship) was an outstanding cap to our division two conference," Astrauskas said.

SIUE junior Deserea Brown finished fifth in the heptathlon, netting 4,645 points in the various events and four points for the team overall, just over 100 points behind fourth place.

"(Brown) had some trouble in the beginning events but finished strongly," Astrauskas said. "I was pleased to get some

points."

SIUE junior Jennie Satterlee said she wasn't surprised at Brown's excellent performance.

"(Brown) is just a very good all-around athlete," Satterlee said.

Brown continued her performance by placing first in the 400-meter hurdles as well as assisting in a fourth place finish in the 4x100 meter relay, with a time of 46.43 seconds.

The women's team placed second in the 4x400, netting eight points with a time of 3:40.13.

SIUE senior Scott Block threw his share of points for the men's team, earning nine points in the discus throw with a toss of 53.55 meters and a fifth place finish in the hammer throw with 58.10 meters.

Block said he had mixed feelings with his performance.

"The hammer throw was a nice surprise, but I could have done better in shot-put," Block said. "I had a bad couple of throws where I fell a few feet short."

Astrauskas said he was impressed with the men's 4x400 meter relay team, with senior Kyle Rose finishing with an individual time of 46:56 seconds.

"Rose led an outstanding



SIUE junior Deserea Brown (center) scales another hurdle during a meet at SIUE last year. Brown finished first in the 400-meter hurdles.

Photo Courtesy of SIUE Sports Information

anchor," Astrauskas said. "He was overtaken at the end, but it was an excellent leg."

Astrauskas said he was looking forward to next season, retaining most athletes while hoping to recruit new members.

"Our immediate goals are to just get better and improve on

this year," Astrauskas said. "The transition into next year should be exciting, and we're looking forward to the upcoming challenges."

Satterlee said she had no idea how she would measure up to the other teams in their future conference, but said she hopes to

improve herself in the hammer throw.

"I'm hoping that my new teammates help push me to make myself better," Satterlee said.

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## Athletic success earns conference recognition for Cougar teams

by Soni Kumar  
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For the second year in a row, SIUE won the 2007-08 Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports trophy. This trophy is awarded to the organization that demonstrates the greatest all-around performance in athletics.

SIUE bested second-place Northern Kentucky by 2.5 points in GLVC all-sports standings. Points are accumulated from the overall finish in the league's standings or finish in the particular sports championship tournament.

"Winning the trophy is testimony to our broad based program here at SIUE," said director of sports information Eric Hess. "We did great, and won five conference championships and did quite well all across the board in every sport."

SIUE earned five conference titles including men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, as well as softball.

"(The softball team) won the GLVC conference and won NCAA by winning 49 out of 60 games," said SIUE's Women's Softball Coach Sandy

Montgomery. "Besides practicing hard, having good teamwork and good team chemistry are the keys to being a successful team."

SIUE women's volleyball also had an outstanding year, finishing 17-2.

"We won our division, made it to the NCAA finals," said SIUE's women's volleyball coach Todd Gober. "Having a motivated team made up with mostly upperclassmen really played into being so successful."

Gober said finishing strongly in Division II shows SIUE is ready to compete at the next level.

"Winning the trophy is a tremendous send to Division II," Gober said. "It's nice that we finished at the top of the conference which signals SIUE is ready for the transition to Division I."

SIUE finished with an overall score of 136, 5.5 points off of their record setting total accumulated last season.

SIUE also received second place in the 2007-08 GLVC Commissioners Cup, which measures the overall performance in the organizations seven core sports.

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## From the editor: Upon further review, Cardinals not so bad

by Josh McCarty  
Alestle Sports Editor

With Memorial Day in the rearview mirror, it's now acceptable to pay attention to the Major League Baseball standings. While we don't have all of the answers, we can certainly reevaluate our pre-season predictions.

The 2008 Cardinals are making a lot of us look foolish as they currently sit a half-game back of the division leading Chicago Cubs.

The primary reason for the team's success is the effectiveness of a pitching staff that seemingly had more questions than answers at the outset. Overall, they have an earned run average of 3.81, which is good enough for fourth overall in the National League. Pitching Coach Dave Duncan has successfully transformed Todd Wellemeyer from a thrower into a pitcher by sacrificing velocity for movement on his fastball. The eight-year veteran has a 5-1 record with a 3.36 E.R.A.

Offensively, the Cardinals are sixth in the league in runs scored, and are batting .278, ranking fifth in all of baseball. Outfielder Ryan Ludwick has stolen the show. He is currently sixth in the league with 38 runs batted in, which is especially impressive considering he is only eight

off the league leader, Houston's Lance Berkman, who has 46 more at-bats on the season than Ludwick.

Albert Pujols has actually been criticized by some media outlets for a slow start, which is incredible considering he is hitting .346, with 11 homeruns.

The Cardinals are one of only five teams in all of baseball to post a winning road record at 13-12. Also, while they have given away too many games late with closer issues, they are still tied for the league lead in one-run game victories at 11.

These are all good signs for a team that had a pitching staff pieced together by bullpen rejects, and a lineup that looked to be full of easy outs.

It's still early, with teams having approximately 110 games left to play, and the standings are sure to change between now and the stretch run. The Cardinals probably don't have enough depth to outlast the Cubs in the National League Central. However, they should be in this race until the end, which is much more than most of us thought coming into the season.

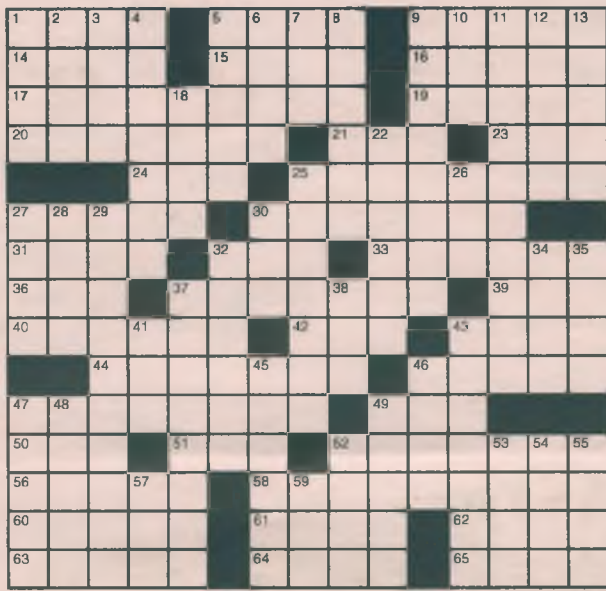
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# THE Daily Crossword

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- 1 Second to none
- 5 Caspian feeder
- 9 Madden
- 14 Burn soother
- 15 One and only
- 16 Pack animal
- 17 Colorful marine mammal
- 19 Best players
- 20 Made of mud
- 21 Furrow
- 23 Psychic letters
- 24 That woman
- 25 Crisp crackers
- 27 "Seascape" playwright
- 30 Tom and Denis of golf
- 31 Tuesday in movies
- 32 Cozy room
- 33 In a can in England
- 36 Actress Gabor
- 37 Colorful ruminant
- 39 Exist
- 40 Become ill
- 42 Tavern
- 43 What we tan
- 44 Pressure unit
- 46 White-sale buy
- 47 Certain New Yorker
- 49 Aberdeen's river
- 50 College cheer
- 51 For each
- 52 Got on
- 56 Fruit of the mind
- 58 Colorful kodiak
- 60 One of the Astaires
- 61 Falls back
- 62 Natural tone
- 63 Promoted to excess
- 64 Float up



- 65 Chinese secret society
- DOWN**
- 1 Mr. Ruth
- 2 Cinder ending?
- 3 Go bad, as milk
- 4 Grew molars
- 5 Lead to seats
- 6 Horse shade
- 7 Entirely
- 8 Ogle
- 9 Slaughterhouse
- 10 Almond or cashew
- 11 Colorful reptile
- 12 Rub out
- 13 Frolics
- 18 Shout of joy
- 22 Irish frieze overcoat
- 25 Harbor hazard
- 26 Wayside stopover
- 27 Fills with reverence
- 28 Dolly of "Hello, Dolly!"
- 29 Colorful farm animal
- 30 Married
- 32 Mean
- 34 Pennsylvania port
- 35 Fender mishap
- 37 Backslid
- 38 Corn serving
- 41 Caboodle's partner?
- 43 Icy dessert
- 45 North African nomad
- 46 Connery or Astin
- 47 Heep of Dickens
- 48 "Marty" writer
- 49 Chayefsky
- Use a divining rod
- 52 Moves up and down
- 53 Art
- 54 Work for
- 55 Narcotic
- 57 Tavern order
- 59 Slugger's stat

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By Michael Mepham



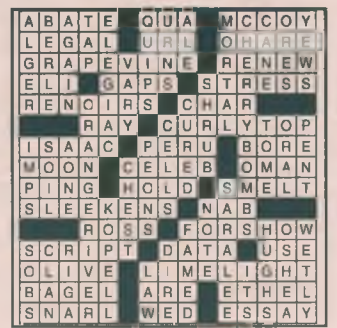
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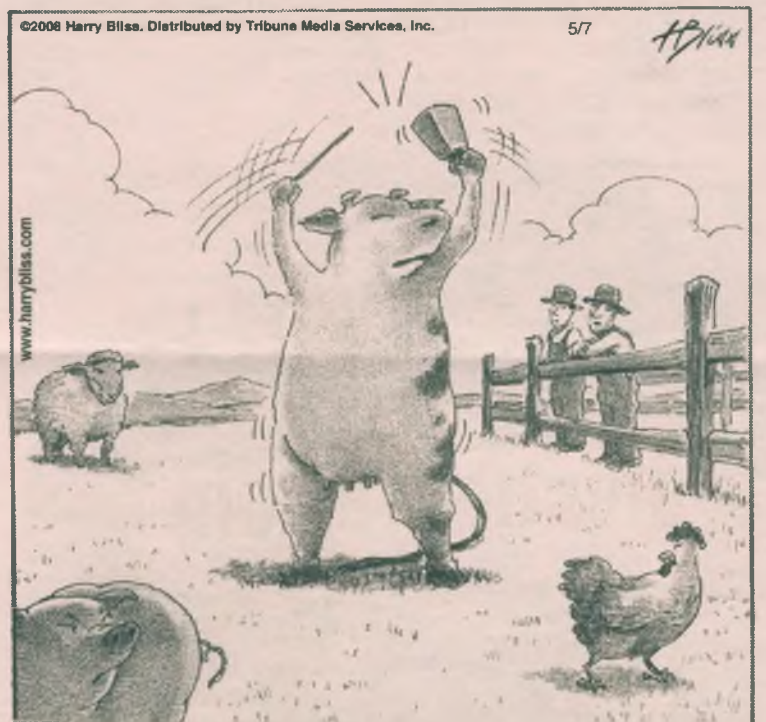
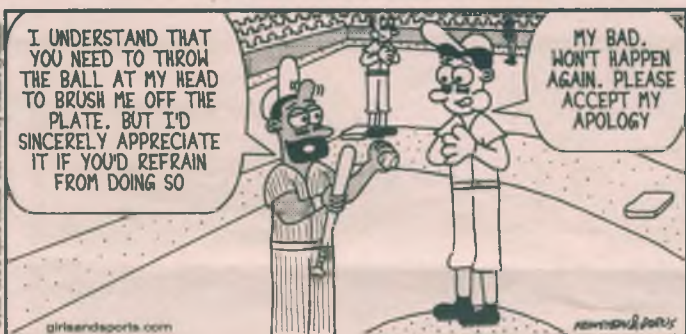
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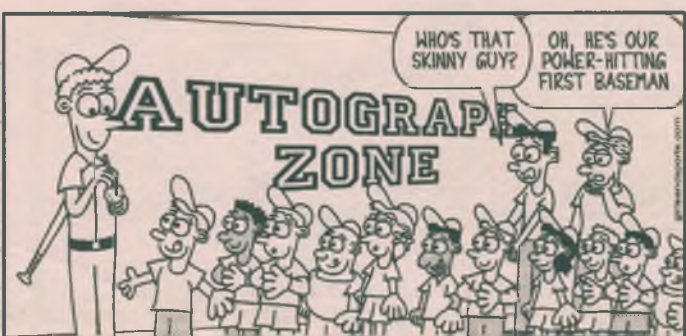
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