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SIUE appoints new Vice Chancellor for University Relations

by Jeff Mason
Opinion Editor

Patrick Hundley was the executive director of the Southeastern Massachusetts University Foundation, he is SIUE's new Vice Chancellor of University Relations, and his favorite album is the Beatles' White Album.

"I love the early years of rock and roll," Hundley said. "If you come into my office anytime I'll have the smoking oldies on."

While students won't be able to catch him listening to the British invasion until he starts on July 1, Hundley is visiting campus this week and searching for his future home in Edwardsville. The move from the frozen plains of Minnesota to the corn-filled plains of Illinois has a host of up sides for Hundley.

"My wife is from Springfield... We were looking both to get away from cold

weather and closer to our children (who live in Georgia and Tennessee)," Hundley said.

As Vice Chancellor of University Relations, Hundley will have plenty to do while working on campus.

"(I) oversee development, which is fundraising for the university, alumni relations and marketing communications," Hundley said. "Basically those are external programs that the university has to improve and maintain its overall relations with the general public."

Hundley said he is excited to start working at SIUE, but he isn't thrilled with one aspect of his job.

"I don't work as closely with students as I'd like," Hundley said. "I don't have a lot of student contact, and that's the part of the job that's kind of difficult at times."

Despite his lack of student

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Construction to ease bumps, connect roads

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

University Park Drive may be rough around the edges now, but a future construction project will add paved shoulders to the road.

Executive Director of University Park James Pennekamp said the serpentine shape of University Park Drive has been problematic for some drivers.

"Every time there's a slight turn in the road, someone seems to run off it," Pennekamp said.

Another project will connect the end of North Research Drive to the road bordering parking lots 8 and 9.

"Connecting the roads will help traffic circulation both off and on campus," Pennekamp said.

With the addition of the Red Cross facility in University Park at the end of next year, the better traffic flow will make the additional projected 500 employees less of an impact, Pennekamp said.

According to Pennekamp, funding for the projects was provided through a federal transportation bill by Illinois Rep. John Shimkus.

"While the engineering and environmental assessments have

been worked on, we're not sure when the actual construction will take place," Pennekamp said.

President of Juneau Associates Charlie Juneau said the addition of shoulders to University Park Drive is a great addition to the road.

"(The shoulders) are something I've wanted for a long time," Juneau said. "Even though the construction may inconvenience slightly, it should help avoid future problems."

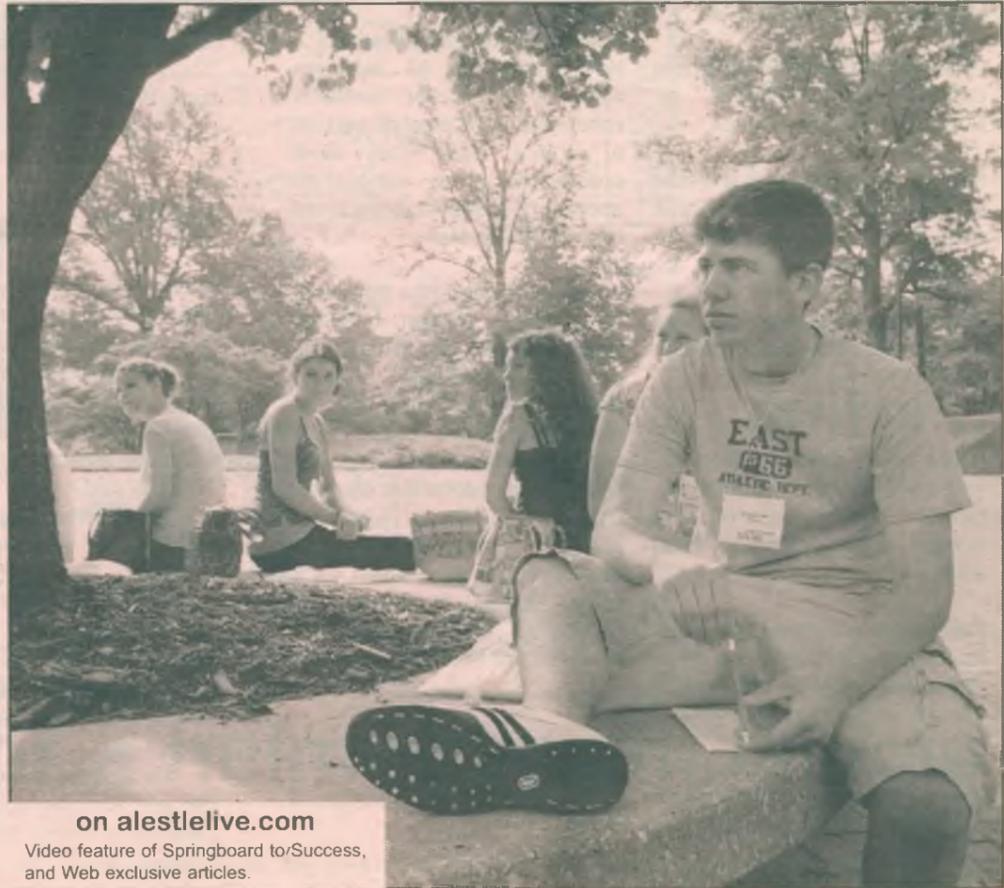
Early Explorations Daycare Director Stacie Triplett said the shoulders on University Park Drive are a start, but she believes there should be a stoplight at the intersection of Research Drive and University Park Drive.

"The Edwardsville Police have jurisdiction there but don't patrol it enough," Triplett said. "Putting a light there would keep students and children safer."

Pennekamp said initial steps have been taken to deal with any closed parts of the roads under construction.

"If blockage occurs, it will be minimal and as non-intrusive as possible," Pennekamp said. "We all want improvements to the roads, but we don't want the inconvenience."

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Video feature of Springboard to Success, and Web exclusive articles.

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Joshua Vogt of Belleville listens to his Student Springboard Leader in the Stratton Quadrangle Tuesday. Vogt and other incoming freshmen are part of the largest admitted freshman class in SIUE's history.

Here they come

Fall 2008 freshman class is largest in SIUE's history

by Catherine Klene
Alestle Editor in Chief

Incoming freshman Michael Sabo sat in the back of the Meridian Ballroom Tuesday morning, nametag around his neck, listening to a speaker run over the agenda for that day's Springboard to Success session.

Sabo is one of nearly 2,000 students to call themselves the largest admitted freshman class in SIUE's history.

Out of 7,731 applicants, 1,850 freshmen will start their fall 2008 semester at SIUE. The amount of applicants is an 11 percent increase from last year and a 60 percent increase from 2004.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Scott Belobrajdic said he attributes the increase partly to the university's marketing efforts, but mostly to students talking about their SIUE experiences to family and friends.

"If they are having a good classroom experience, that's the most important factor. (They) feel compelled to tell someone," Belobrajdic said. "Anything that is done through recruitment or marketing supports those positive experiences."

Director of Admissions Todd Burrell also said word of mouth was the primary reason more students are choosing SIUE, in addition to academics and activities available on campus.

"Overall, when our students have a positive experience and they go out and tell others, that's recruitment right there for us," Burrell said.

Sabo, a Shiloh resident said his mother attended SIUE, and since he grew up in the St. Louis area, he was always aware of the university.

"I don't really remember a time when I didn't know about SIUE," Sabo said.

Sabo said he chose SIUE because he is not sure of his major yet.

"I didn't really know what I wanted to do, so it's a little bit of everything," Sabo said.

Another Springboard attendee, Lindsey Barron of Urbana, said she chose SIUE to play softball for the university next year.

Barron, who plans to major in business, said she enjoyed the campus environment, the close proximity of the buildings and the on campus housing.

"I like how all the campus is right here," Barron said.

Rick Clark of Coal Valley said as a parent, security was an important factor when his daughter Sarah made her college decision.

"We like the way the campus is set up," Clark said.

Clark said he and his daughter liked the university's close location to St. Louis, as well as the psychology program.

SIUE has begun a wait list for incoming freshmen who were not admitted to the university for the fall 2008 semester.

Belobrajdic said enrollment management has kept the amount of incoming freshmen controlled to allow for appropriate classroom space and housing. He also said the Springboard

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Police Reports

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Police issued Mary K. Steible a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Zhen D. Lun citations for suspended registration and no seatbelt on University Drive.

Police issued Paige E. McLeod a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Sean A. Williams was arrested for theft of service. Williams was processed and given a notice to appear.

Police issued Monica A. Schnur a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

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Police took a report from an employee at the Vadalabene Center about four missing bumper plates valued at \$100 each.

Police issued Stacy Reynolds citations for driving an uninsured motor vehicle and expired registration in Lot E-1.

Police issued Christine M. Bacus a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Anthony M. Dee a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police responded to a minor two-vehicle accident at Lot C. No injuries were reported.

Police issued Abiodun Fajolu a state citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Robert M. Millman, Stephen J. Noeth and Alex M. Hoffman were arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol outside of Prairie Hall. They were processed, given notices to appear, released, and escorted back to Prairie Hall.

Police responded to a 911 hang up from Cougar Village apartment 403. When the dispatch called back, a male answered, then hung up the phone. A female called back requesting that officers respond because of a domestic dispute. Officers found no signs of physical injuries. After statements were taken, the male agreed to leave the apartment for the night. No arrests were made.

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Police met with an office worker in Peck Hall who received a threatening phone call from a parent.

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program services more incoming freshmen than anticipated for the fall semester, because some will choose not to enroll between Springboard and the start of fall classes.

Belobrajdic said the incoming freshmen are only one group of SIUE students, "first time, full time freshmen." The university is still actively recruiting for graduate

students, as well as transfer students. Belobrajdic said these groups do not take the same classes as freshmen, and so the university can continue to admit them.

Belobrajdic said he was not sure if the application process would change due to the record admissions numbers but that it was important to maintain the "ideal balance" so the university

would grow at controllable pace.

"My title is called 'enrollment management,' and that's what the university aims to do: manage the enrollment," Belobrajdic said.

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interaction, Hundley said he won't be a ghost to students.

"I try to attend as many of the athletic events as I can, as many of the plays and musical performances as I can and see what the students are doing," Hundley said.

Hundley hasn't had much time to make an impression on campus, but people are enthusiastic about his arrival.

"I'm actually looking forward to it," Director of University Advancement and Foundation Operation Kevin Martin said.

He also fits the profile for the job perfectly, according to Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy.

"He's very, very knowledgeable about fundraising, which is a big

portion of what he'll be doing," Conroy said.

Hundley is an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts and is a district chairman back in Minnesota, and as someone who lived in Tennessee, he picked up a love for William Faulkner and baseball.

"I grew up in west Tennessee, and all we did was listen to the Cardinals (games)," Hundley said. "That was just a given that you grew up as a big time Cardinals fan."

He also watches college basketball and football and is a professed Chicago Bears fan. Hundley also likes to hike, cook with his wife and is looking forward to learning something new after settling in at Edwardsville.

"We hope to take dancing

lessons when we get here," Hundley said. "(We want to) become better dancers so that we don't make fools of ourselves at a few weddings we have coming up."

But all of these extra things on his mind haven't distracted him from his role at SIUE.

"The only reason I work at a university is for the students," Hundley said. "My job is like everybody else's job: to make a better educational experience for you guys."

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Have an opinion?

Write a letter to the editor

It's time for a helmet law in Illinois

I've picked up a new habit over the last few weeks: watching sports. I've watched basketball, baseball and even the end of last night's triple overtime game in hockey's Stanley Cup finals.

So naturally, I've seen a lot of ads lately. There are the standard beer commercials, the endless McDonald's commercials hyping their chicken sandwich like it's the holy grail of food and a handful of commercials telling me to "click it, or ticket." It's nice to know the state wants me to be safe.

But apparently not motorcyclists. Illinois is one of only four

states that currently have no helmet laws for motorcyclists, along with New Hampshire, Iowa and Colorado, according to bikersrights.com.

The Web site goes on to say that helmets actually increase the ratio of deaths from head injury per accident and even cause neck injury. They also point out that helmets, when in a head-on impact at speeds over 15 mph, are not a reliable safety measure.

So why have the law? Because, as the Web site fully admits, the total amount of deaths per year is down. The site blames helmet laws for reducing riding, but offer no evidence except that in California 40 percent fewer bikes are registered today than in 1992 when the state's helmet law was enacted. I also heard that having more police officers in a city causes more crime.

A lot has changed in 16 years: culturally, socially and so on. Motorcycling could be down because it's no longer as cool as it used to be or because people traded in their bike for a cozy SUV. For all we know biking could go in cycles like fashion or trends, and not because of helmet laws.

I have no harsh feelings against bikers. From what I've heard, most motorcyclists are some of the nicest people on the road, so why not keep them safe and make them wear a helmet? It won't save them all, but any measure to keep them safe is worth it.

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Learnin' from the Germans about recycling

Think green. That is what nearly everyone is focused on these days. Recycling is a big deal overseas, but here in the United States it doesn't seem so important. Would people be more inclined to practice what they preach if they were threatened with jail time for not being green?

Admittedly, I do not recycle much either, though I wish I did. Just yesterday I was on my way to campus when I noticed blue recycling bins sitting outside someone's house. I wished I had one at home, and began to wonder where I could get one. I then looked it up and found I could have one delivered to my house, free

of charge.

On my recent visit to Germany to see a friend, I learned that people can actually get thrown in jail for not recycling there. I thought that was a pretty good incentive to do good and go green. But the moment I got off the plane I could tell the differences between there and here. It was much cleaner in Germany, the air was much crisper, and there was little to no trash on the sidewalks.

Everywhere we went it was like this. I couldn't get over how extremely beautiful it was. Even the clouds appeared cleaner. It could have just been me — a stupid young American in a foreign country — but it struck a chord in me, too. I could not help but wish we were more like the Germans in this aspect of our lives. "Be the change you want to see in the world," as Gandhi would say.

So finding ways to recycle at home is a

good start on my part, right? All it takes is a phone call to get a recycling bin delivered to your house, free of charge. I think this is an easy way to get people to recycle, but how do we get people to make the phone call? What will it take to get everyone else in America to start practicing green, instead of just thinking about it?

I am not suggesting we start throwing people in jail if they do not recycle. I just hope before it is too late, we all start practicing what we preach.

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Correction: In the story "Summer showbiz makes a comeback," Mark Bacus was incorrectly identified as Mark Bacusthe in the Wednesday, May 28 issue. The Alestle regrets this error.



Ashley Hinkle/Alestle
SIUE 2003 alumnus Joel King gets in makeup and dress for his character in "Complacency of Silence: Darfur."



Making Darfur Real

Theater group and SIUE alumnus bring awareness of Darfur to the stage

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

Picture a countryside embroiled in a seemingly endless war.

The land is desolate after years of battle, drought and desertification.

Men are executed without question.

Women are raped and subsequently abused.

Even babies are subjected to the slaughter as they are thrown into bonfires without hesitation.

SIUE 2003 graduate Joel P. E. King helps project this grim reality on stage in "Complacency of Silence: Darfur."

The play, based on documented accounts and interviews from relief workers and refugees of Darfur, follows King's character, Kaseem, and his family as they are torn at the seams by the war.

King said he had been contacted about doing the play, but had second thoughts about auditioning because of a class he was taking.

"I was about to walk into class, but I stopped and turned around," King said. "I felt that being in this play would be even more worthwhile."

King said after being cast as Kaseem, he started to research his part by reading news stories and watching videos documenting the situation in Darfur.

"What I found was mind boggling," King said. "The constant struggle to survive in Darfur is shocking."

The show's playwright and director Lee Patton Chiles said the roots for the war began centuries ago, as the different governments of Darfur were overthrown and taken over by many different factions and countries, including sultanates, Anglo-Egyptians and eventually the

British in the early 20th century.

After the British pulled out of Darfur in 1956, the region was divided up in an "arbitrary fashion," Chiles said.

"At this point, anyone with a temper was armed," Chiles said. "Leaders used religion and racism to throw off the balance of power."

As the Sahara Desert destroyed the little farmland in the area, tensions rose between the groups in power, including the Janjaweed, a compilation of nomadic Arabic-speaking Africans and other militant groups funded by the Sudanese government.

Chiles said conflict between the groups has led to the current situation, leaving hundreds of thousands of innocents dead and millions homeless and starving.

"(The militants) bomb the villages, then go in with bayonets and AK-47s, killing the men and raping the women," Chiles said. "It's hard to imagine people being that inhumane to each other."

King's character, Kaseem, is the love interest of Asha, a young woman in his village. Kaseem had left Asha behind for school, returning at the start of the play.

"Kaseem is very happy for himself and Asha at the beginning (of the play)," King said. "He soon learns that fate had a different story for him."

After an attack on their village by the Janjaweed, Kaseem and Asha are separated. Asha is raped by the Janjaweed, leaving her impure and destined to remain unmarried.

King, who had recently starred in a one-man show about the many struggles of a young black man, said getting into his character's mind was a rough journey.

"It was a smooth transition from my previous show,

at first," King said. "Emotionally, it became very exhausting towards the end."

King said it was hard to come to grips with the reality of the play.

"(The character) had a heavy heart," King said. "To love someone you can't have is rough."

Chiles said rehearsals were emotional, leaving the actors crying after only one reading.

"The more information about the tragedy the characters went through, the harder it was to get to the end," Chiles said. "You carry them with you."

King said he received many positive comments from the audience after every show.

"The audience ranges from being shocked, saddened or thankful," King said. "After seeing this show, they are at least informed."

Chiles said her main goal for the play was to motivate action.

"People can write their senator, sign petitions or even spread the word," Chiles said.

King said the war in Darfur won't end well for the Janjaweed and the other militant groups.

"When you finish taking out a group of people, you'll take out yourself," King said. "There will be a reverse genocide, where the last man standing with a gun will end up shooting himself."

"Complacency of Silence: Darfur" is entering its final production weekend at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Louis University's theater in Xavier Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Parental discretion is advised.

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Funny Games
The Protagonist
The Signal

Campus Rec hours to change for summer

by Jeff Mason
Opinion Editor

Summer: the time of year when most students take a break from classes and store up their energy for the fall semester. But not the elite group of summer students who decided to brave the summer months in order to cross the podium sooner than later.

It's not all bad though, because this bravery allows them to take advantage of the many summer offerings at SIUE, free of charge.

Students enrolled in summer classes can enjoy Cougar Lake Pool through August, like senior mass communications major Katie Price of Edwardsville does.

"I come to the pool about three to four times a week," Price said. "(Usually) I'll lay out in the sun and then swim."

The outdoor pool is open from noon to 6 p.m. all week, and attendance often peaks just after opening and later in the afternoon.

Lifeguard and senior Computer Management Information Systems major Michael Pedersen of Pleasant Plains said guests wanting a cozy poolside seat should get to the pool early.

"In mid-summer you have to get here at 12:30 to get a lawn chair," Pedersen said. "Attendance usually peaks near the end of June."

Students make up only half of the pool's guests, with families of alumni making up most of the other half. Jane Clarkston, 1983 graduate and Edwardsville resident, brought her two children, Meredith and Matthew, to the pool.

"Usually I just lay out in the sun. So does my daughter," Clarkson said. "My

son likes to swim."

While the outdoor pool serves as a place to tan and have fun, the Student Fitness Center's indoor pool is used mostly for swimming laps. Not as many students go to the indoor pool, according to senior nursing major and lifeguard Whitney Nimmo.

"There's a lot of faculty, staff and alumni (that come in for the pool)," Nimmo said. "A lot more so than students."

The indoor pool keeps less consistent hours, opening at 6:15 a.m. then closing at 8:15 a.m. Monday through Friday. It reopens at 11:30 only to close at 1:30 p.m., and is open for lap swim one last time at 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

SIUE alumnus Alan Sciranko brought Bryn, his nephew visiting from Chicago, to the pool while he swam a few laps.

"I like the fact you have the bin (with pool toys) and the diving board," Bryn said. "And you have just the right amount of lifeguards."

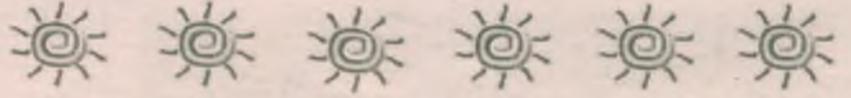
The Cougar Lake Marina is closed for the summer, so anyone looking to rent out a canoe or go fishing on the water will have to find an alternative.

There are many other activities to do around campus, including rock climbing, racquetball and camping. Students can rent basketballs, soccer balls and volleyballs, as well as a variety of camping items ranging from \$1 to \$45.

"We rent out coolers and tents and canopies and all that stuff," junior psychology major and fitness center employee Breanna Branson said.

Those looking to rock climb can do so from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday as long as they have a card proving they have taken the

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introductory class. Those without a card will have to wait until the start of fall semester to take the class.

Cougar Lanes will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Unlike the other facilities, the lanes cost \$1.25 for shoes and another

\$1.25 for every game played. On Fridays, the lanes close at midnight, while Saturdays are open between 6 p.m. and midnight. Cougar Lanes are closed on Sundays through the summer.

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Now Rating: Sex and the City

by Sydney Elliot
A&E Editor

With the amount of publicity for the "Sex and the City" movie, there was concern about how great the movie would actually be. Some, including myself, were concerned that the movie wouldn't possess all the "happy endings" fans of the series were looking for.

There should have been no doubts. With an opening weekend estimated at over \$55 million, it is no surprise that the movie is a success.

The television series ends with questions concerning each one of the girls and their New York love affairs. Do Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Big (Chris Noth) finally last longer than a season? Will Miranda (Cynthia Nixon) be able to stand living in Brooklyn even though she was so opposed to it in the beginning? Do Charlotte (Kristin Davis) and Harry (Evan Handler) adopt the little girl from China, and will they ever be able to have a child of their own? Will Samantha (Kim Cattrall), the ever-single woman of New York, be able to tie herself to one man forever?

The movie answers all of the above questions with some happy endings, tons of great laughs, a few embarrassing moments (don't drink the water in Mexico) and of course, tears of hatred and joy.

Overall, the movie ends with a bang. When

Carrie is asked to be the 40-year-old bride for Vogue's "style with every age" issue, she ends up wanting a much larger wedding than originally expected. One of the women tells Big that he and Carrie are crazy to get married after infidelity finds its way into a seemingly happy relationship causing Big to go off the deep end.

With a fun and flirtatious beginning, a nasty and depressing middle and a happily ever after ending, the movie captures the hearts of all.

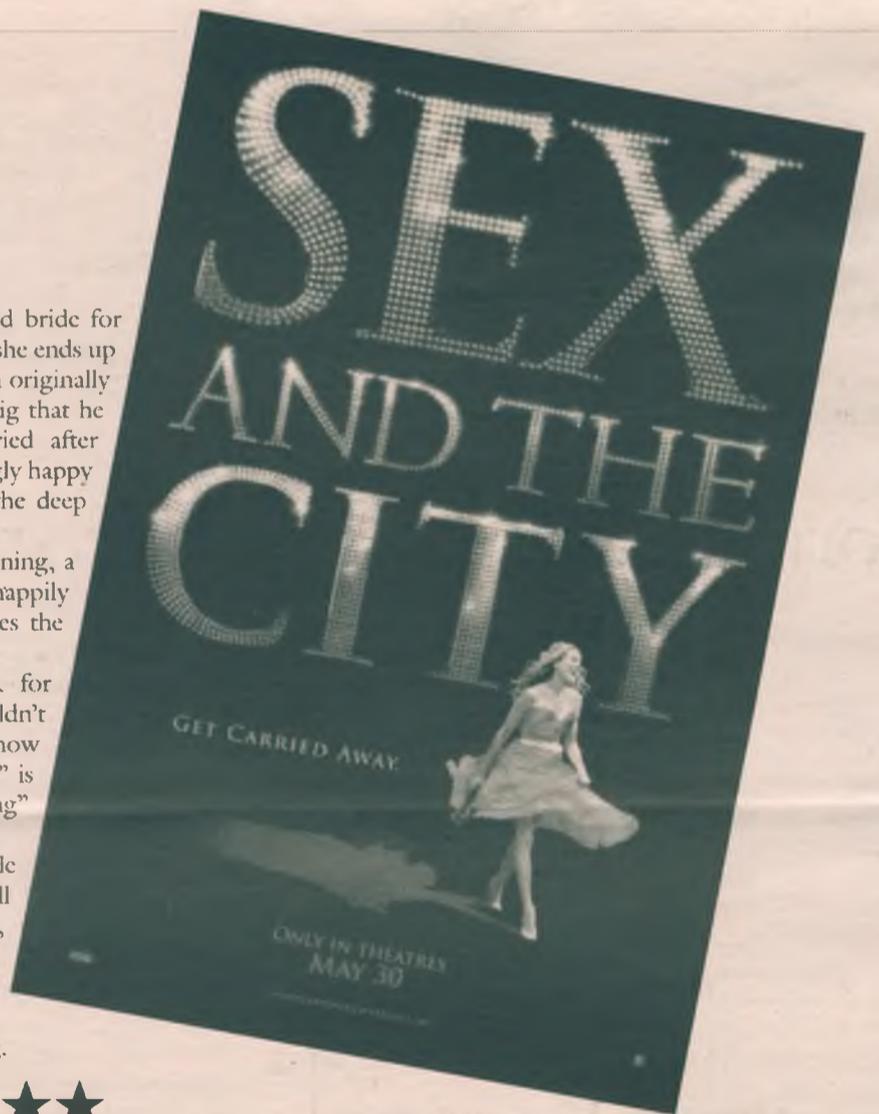
"Sex in the City" is rated R for language and nudity, which shouldn't surprise anyone who has seen the show on HBO. The humor and "girl talk" is the same, only sex is now "coloring" when there is a young child present.

So who is left as the last single woman in New York City? You will have to watch the movie to find out, but fans of the show, without a doubt, will enjoy the movie. Keep an eye out for the sequel that is rumored to already be in the making.

4 out of 5 stars



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From beginner to star overnight

Jordan Faulkenberg learned on the job as he helped the Cougars to a successful 2008 season

by Josh McCarty
Alestle Sports Editor

At the collegiate level, most successful athletes have been working at their craft since childhood -- putting in long hours to their sport of choice. SIUE junior tennis player Jordan Faulkenberg is the exception to that rule, however.

He never even picked up a racket until his senior year at Triad High School in Troy. Having already lettered in basketball and golf at Triad, Faulkenberg was convinced by his best friend, who played on the Triad tennis team, to go to the team's tryout. Faulkenberg ended up lettering in tennis.

His high school success seemed to be the end of his tennis career, as he was not an athlete during his first two years at SIUE. But when the accounting

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-Jordan Faulkenberg

major read that the SIUE tennis team was holding open tryouts, he decided to give it a try.

"I played a couple of guys who were on the team, and I had to beat all of them to have a chance (of making the team)," Faulkenberg said. "Before my last match, (coach Kyler Updyke) told me whoever won would earn the spot." Faulkenberg won the match, and made the team. His new coach walked over to him for what was sure to be a congratulatory speech--or so he thought

"He came up to me and said 'Well Jordan, I'd like to thank you for coming out,'" Faulkenberg said. "He thought I had lost the match." The confusion was cleared up, and Faulkenberg was now a college athlete, which is an accomplishment he had always dreamed of. Having taken two years off from a sport that he had only had one year's experience in, simply making the team would seem to be quite an accomplishment.

But Faulkenberg had much loftier expectations for himself.

"I didn't want to be satisfied in making the team," Faulkenberg said. "I wanted to be able to contribute, and I feel I was a pretty big contributor."

As a first-year player, Faulkenberg settled into the No. 6 spot on the Cougars tennis team and posted a 6-4 record in conference play. The transition from student to student-athlete would require a lot of commitment, especially for a person with limited tennis experience.

"It wasn't easy by any stretch," Faulkenberg said. "I take pride in my work ethic. It was a pretty difficult thing to do."

His work ethic did not go unnoticed by his teammates. Freshman Paulo Gonzales, the Cougar's No. 1 player, even compared him to a legendary movie character for his determination to compete.

"I told him he reminded me of Rocky," Gonzales said. "(He had) that desire and that inner power -- wanting something so bad that you would push your body to the limit. That's what it's all about. He is an example for every person that plays a sport."

Faulkenberg and Gonzales would get together at 5:45 a.m. to make it to tennis practice one hour early, just to get extra workouts in. However, calling Faulkenberg's success story one of a gym-rat would be ignoring his athleticism. Gonzales refers to him as the best athlete on the team.

"I've been playing tennis forever, and he only needed (two) years to get it," Gonzales said. "It's all because of his ability to play sports in general. I believe he can do anything with his body. Tennis was the (sport) he chose, and he will continue to improve."

Faulkenberg heads toward his senior year at SIUE, the tennis team enters Division I play. With expectations even higher for the young, talented team, Faulkenberg is not about to let up now.

"I know I'm going to have to work hard to be in the same position that I was last year," Faulkenberg said. "I'm hoping to be higher up in the lineup if that happens, but it's going to be tough to keep my spot this year."

Given his recent history, it's hard to bet against him.

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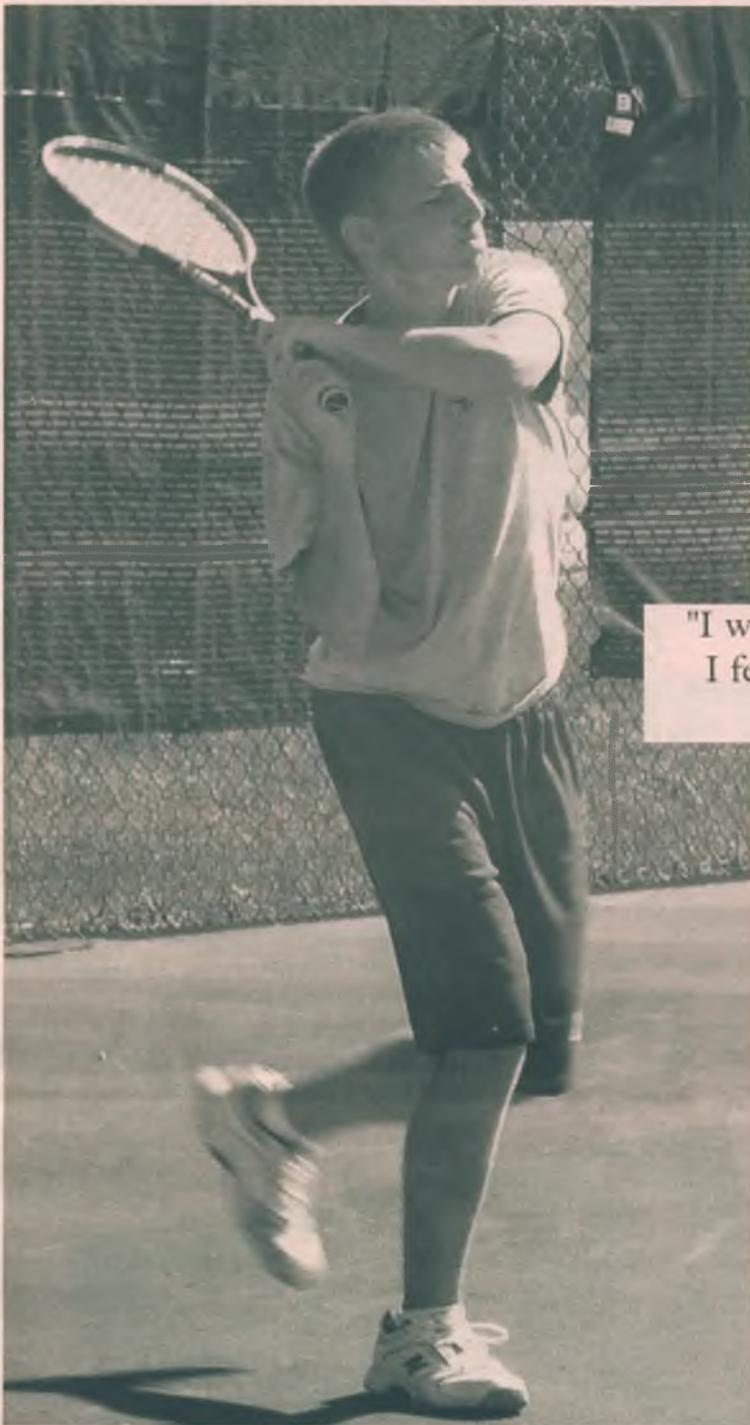


Photo Courtesy of Jordan Faulkenberg

Jordan Faulkenberg chases after a ball during a match this season. Faulkenberg finished the year 6-4 in GLVC play.

Former Cougar to make strong push for Olympic team

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

Alicia DeShasier would make any Spartan warrior jealous.

While the SIUE 2007 graduate hasn't reached the Olympics yet, DeShasier launched the opportunity at grandeur via javelin at the Tucson Elite Throwers Classic on May 24 with a throw of 51.21 meters, ranking her number ten in the nation.

DeShasier said she was visiting a friend in Arizona when she decided to compete in the Thrower's Classic.

"I was extremely nervous with the big names competing there," DeShasier said, "but they were nice and welcomed me."

DeShasier said the meet was a pleasant surprise.

"I got my mark and was able to meet a lot of great people," DeShasier said. "I was lucky to have (Astrauskas) as my coach."

SIUE Head Track and Field Coach David Astrauskas said he expects DeShasier to do very well at the Olympic Team Trials on June 27 on Hayward Field at the University of Oregon, in Eugene, Ore.

"I see her throwing farther than her qualifying throw," Astrauskas said. "Finishing in the top two might be unreal at this point, but 2012 will be her year."

"It'd be great to make it into the finals, but I'll just hope for the best."

-Alicia DeShasier

While DeShasier was excited to move on to the Olympic Trials, she wasn't ready to build herself up to get all the way to the Olympics.

"Not that I have low expectations," DeShasier said. "It'd be great to make it into the finals, but I'll just hope for the best."

While at SIUE, Deshasier only competed in track and field for one season. Her javelin toss of 50.23 meters in 2007 was the longest in the nation, but her season was cut short due to injury.

She was also a standout softball player for the university, earning first-team All-American honors in 2006. She was named twice for first-team Great Lakes Valley Conference honors and earned the 2006 GLVC player of the year award. At the end of her athletic career, she ranked in the top five in eight different stat categories of softball, including home runs, stolen bases, hits and RBIs.

DeShasier said she will train hard for the next month until she reaches Hayward Field and the Olympic Team Trials.

"It's going to be a whirlwind," DeShasier said. "There's so much to prepare for."

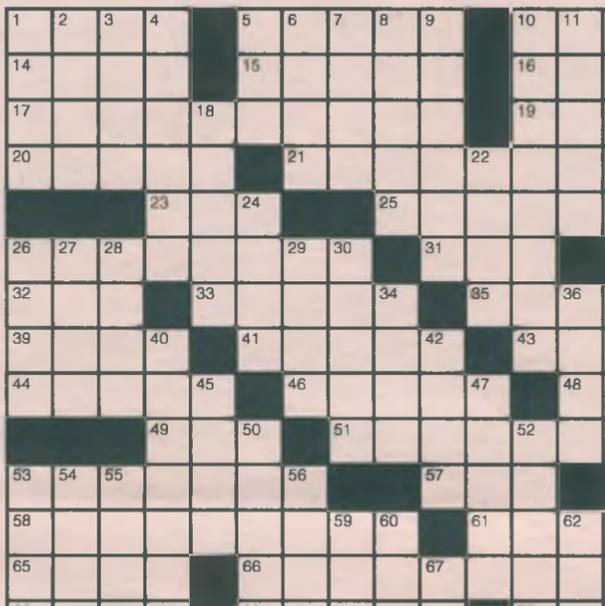
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- 10 Elegantly stylish
- 14 Greek god of war
- 15 Breathing
- 16 Leftover meal
- 17 Lewis & Clark discovery
- 19 Otherwise
- 20 Sturdy fabric
- 21 Dark and gloomy
- 23 Halfway, briefly
- 25 Rockpiles at bases of cliffs
- 26 Sports drink
- 31 Cotillion gal
- 32 "Roses red..."
- 33 Bucks
- 35 Barolo and merlot
- 39 Split apart
- 41 Derived from gold
- 43 Young horse
- 44 Crystal set
- 46 Charming miss
- 48 Bridge expert Culbertson
- 49 12th graders
- 51 Butter-and-eggs
- 53 Pageboys, beehives, etc.
- 57 Pair
- 58 Makes known
- 61 PC info-keeper
- 65 Snooty avoidance
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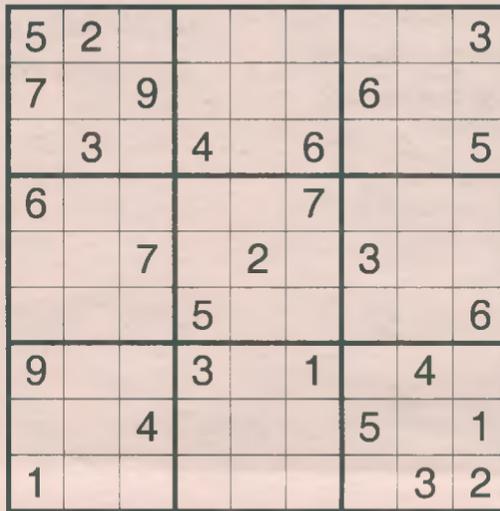


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- 12 Disputed subject
- 13 Bobby Fischer's forte
- 18 Arabian princes
- 22 Gusted
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- 27 Location
- 28 Take care of
- 29 Dilettante's painting
- 30 White heron
- 34 Farm building
- 36 Christmas carol
- 37 First lady of scat
- 38 Hades river
- 40 Sheds duds
- 42 Dressed
- 45 Black Sea port
- 47 Bring out
- 50 "Against Interpretation" author
- 52 Livestock feed
- 53 Undue speed
- 54 Bother
- 55 Habituate
- 56 Stern oar
- 59 Therefore
- 60 Sharp pain
- 62 Jump or tight follower
- 63 Kitchen appliance
- 64 Encounter
- 67 First Shaker

SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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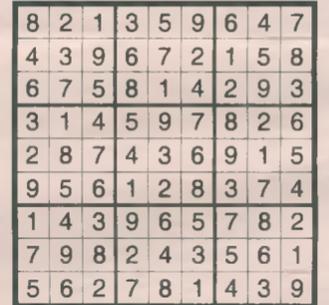
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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of June 2 - June 8, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Family members may this week ask for special understanding and support. Key issues involve financial mismanagement, business setbacks or long-term debt. Offer realistic suggestions but remain open to new creativity: before next week your observations will be seriously evaluated and accepted. Late Saturday some Aries natives may be asked to mediate a family or romantic dispute. Ask for help: this is not the right time to risk social isolation or strained relationships.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Loved ones may now feel mildly threatened by new friendships or workplace alliances. Remain quietly detached, if possible and expect minor disagreements to be easily resolved. Your social choices, romantic wisdom or business timing will soon be proven accurate. Wednesday through Saturday a compelling wave of nostalgia and sentimentality arrives. Pay special attention to insights concerning past romantic triangles or rare financial disputes between friends. All is well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Business announcements may this week provide unique opportunities. Renegotiated contracts and revised workplace roles will now work to your advantage. After Tuesday remain open to newly emerging partnerships and expect older officials to be silent but privately supportive. Some Geminis, especially those born after May 31st, will also experience a dramatic wave of social wisdom. Family relationships and repeated patterns are accentuated: stay open to fast changes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Old memories and past promises are now a strong theme. In the coming weeks many Cancerians will privately evaluate romantic decisions or rekindle forgotten family aspirations. Avoid serious public discussions, however, and

expect ongoing delays: before mid-July loved ones will not easily understand complex ideas or detailed explanations. Late Saturday a close friend or colleague may reveal unexpected romantic information. Remain quiet: an honest reaction may strain relations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Employment relationships will now become predictable. After Tuesday expect previously despondent colleagues to reveal their private feelings or expectations. Listen, offer support and move on: this is not the right time to linger on past events or outdated business tactics. Late Saturday watch for both friends and relatives to openly challenge recent schedule changes or revised home priorities. Be patient: loved ones will soon accept new and necessary changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Group discussion is now important to loved ones. After Tuesday all social promises will be carefully scrutinized: expect close companions and romantic partners to be unusually sensitive to bold public statements. Find positive ways to involve friends or relatives in event planning and all will work to your advantage. Later this week ask detailed business questions. For many Virgos new workplace ideas and detailed discussions with authority figures will now provide direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

For many Librans workplace diplomacy is now essential for lasting success. Over the next six days older colleagues will ask for completed projects, confront new ideas or expose ongoing mistakes. Refuse to be derailed: in the coming weeks your efforts will provide worthwhile results. After mid-week friends, lovers and close relatives will compete for your loyalty and attention. Expect minor tensions but ongoing acceptance: quiet dedication will bring the desired results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Social gatherings may this week present unusual romantic options. A close friend or work mate may soon offer rare compliments or gently seductive proposals. Carefully consider the past emotional patterns of potential lovers. Quiet reflection will bring valuable insight. Wednesday through Saturday is a powerful time for passionate discussions, fast social agreements and meaningful romantic breakthroughs: expect a trusted friend or lover to press for bold promises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Financial management, long-term job planning and family responsibilities will this week demand clarity. Minor home problems or new debts will not escalate, so not to worry. Do, however, remain attentive to ongoing obligations and discuss all future aspirations with loved ones: you won't be disappointed. After Friday some Sagittarians may encounter a bizarre romantic overture or rare social invitation. Surprising flirtations and creative lifestyle choices are accentuated: stay focused.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Over the next 2 days plan new exercise or health regimes. For many Capricorns this week is a strong time for changing energy patterns and improving daily routines. Physical vitality and social interest are now on the rise: expect a compelling wave of new invitations and creativity to arrive before mid-week. After Saturday loved ones may discuss home-operated business ventures or secondary sources of income. Be supportive: your optimism and advice will prove invaluable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Early this week a close friend or trusted colleague may offer unexpected social or romantic comments. Areas most strongly affected are

recent romantic decisions, social changes and a renewed dedication to group projects. Take all as a compliment: at present loved ones may hope to improve the social, family or romantic options in their lives. Accept and consider all creative ideas. Late Friday money luck is extremely high. Plan projects or request special favors: all is well.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Ownership, rental agreements or property investments will now require careful public debate. Before mid-week expect a long-term friend or older relative to present complex ideas for expansion. Daily requirements and deadlines will be a strong concern. Don't ignore small facts. Wednesday through Saturday accents rare announcements or sudden job changes. A friend or lover will soon return to past career goals or revitalize forgotten business ventures: stay alert.

If your birthday is this week: Creativity and social acceptance will play a major role in the coming weeks and months. Before mid-June plan new group events, leisure activities and family expansion. You won't be disappointed. For many Geminis almost 8 months of low self-esteem and lagging confidence are now ending. Early in July expect business negotiations or productivity to briefly stall. By mid-month, however, new job offers will arrive without warning. If so, difficult partnerships or assignments may be on the agenda: carefully consider long-term risk but opt for new challenges. Late this summer watch also for a powerful wave of sensuality, romantic interest and social expansion to arrive. New invitations will require detailed planning: avoid late cancellations, if possible.

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