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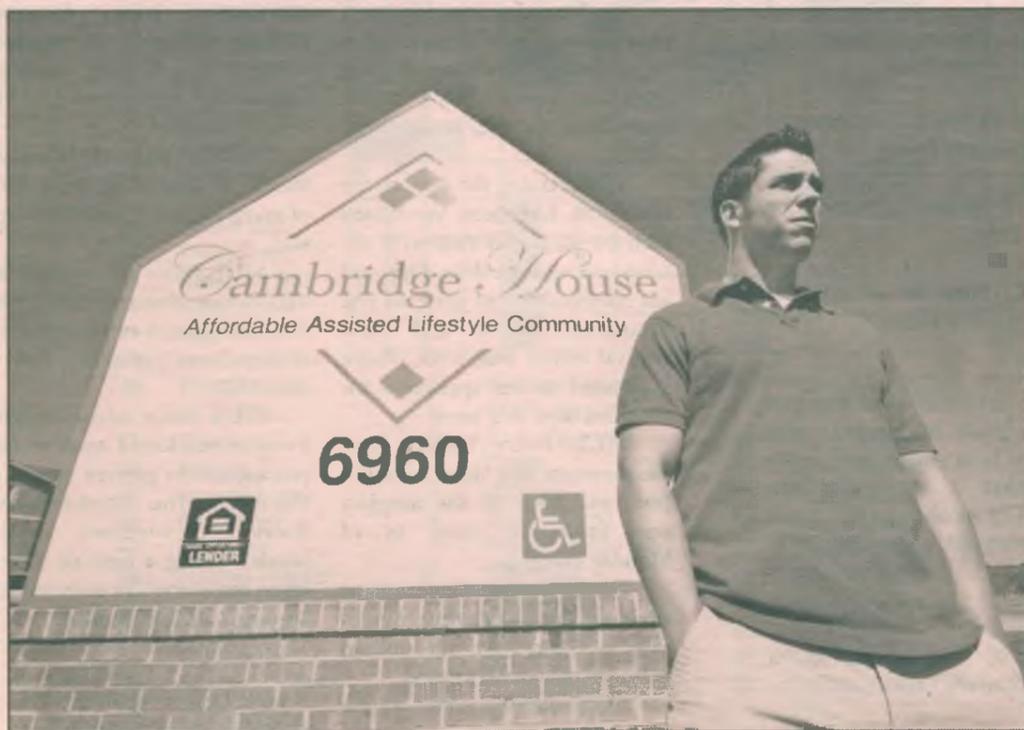
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Graduate student Patrick Marvin stands outside The Cambridge House in Maryville, where he helped rescue a resident of the center and two others when their car ran into a ditch and was flooded.

Flash flood, quick thinking

Graduate student rescues three from flooded car

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle A&E Editor

SIUE graduate student and Troy resident Patrick Marvin chose to leave for work 10 minutes early on a Friday afternoon. This decision ended up saving the lives of two elderly women and an elderly man.

On June 6, Marvin decided to leave for work early due to the heavy rains and tornado warnings the area received all day long. On his way to 54th Street Bar and Grill in Edwardsville, Marvin had to turn around on Route 162 in Maryville near Anderson Hospital because the road was flooded.

When he pulled into the parking lot of The Cambridge House, an assisted living retirement center, he noticed a car in the ditch near the parking lot. In the car were Majorie Drenkhahn, 88, and two of her friends.

"I was going to make a U-turn, and I glanced over and saw this car embedded in the water. I was like 'Wow, that's something you don't see every day,'" Marvin said.

Marvin said he saw the car and a woman, Katie Wright, who turned out to be an employee of The Cambridge House, and knew he had to

help. The man who was in the driver's side back seat was already standing outside the car when Marvin arrived. He then noticed the two older women still sitting in the car.

"I didn't really think about it and just jumped in and started walking in (the water)," Marvin said.

The rescue effort only lasted a few moments before all three people were safe. Drenkhahn, who is a resident of The Cambridge House, said she knew someone from the center had come to help get her and the others out of the car, but she said she couldn't see their faces.

After everyone was out of the car, Drenkhahn said she had to be helped to the building with Marvin on one side of her and Wright on the other side. She said she was met at the front doors with a wheelchair and taken back to her room.

Marvin said Drenkhahn remained calm throughout the ordeal, which made it easier to get her out of the vehicle.

"I felt real bad because I'm kind of manhandling this 80-year-old woman," Marvin said. "It was just one of those split decision

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Cougar Village break-in sparks crime alert

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

A series of burglaries followed by a profane comment scratched into the door of a Cougar Village Apartment last week has left SIUE Police with no leads and the residents of the apartment worried.

Sophomore international business major Evin Opp of Pinckneyville said the initial break in of her apartment happened Tuesday, June 17 while she was at work. After being informed by SIUE police of the break in, she returned to her 500 side apartment to find it in disarray.

"The living room and kitchen areas were torn apart, and everything had been fingerprinted," Opp said.

One of the bedrooms had also been scoured for valuables, Opp said.

"The computer and other electronics were unplugged and wrapped up," Opp said. "It looked like (the burglars) had gotten startled before they got to my room."

According to SIUE Police Chief Regina Hays, the burglar kicked in the front door of the apartment, ransacked the apartment and stole cash, credit cards, jewelry and a camera.

"Usually when there is a theft, it's when people are having parties or when they leave windows open," Hays said. "It's uncommon for an actual breaking and entering."

Opp said her roommate's stolen credit card had been used in Missouri to buy speakers over the Internet.

Students received a crime alert e-mail Wednesday, June 18 informing them of the break-in. Hays said the

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Peck Hall evacuated after gas leak

Gas shut off, building secured, reopened shortly after evacuation

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

An exhaust fan that fell off of the side of Peck Hall Wednesday night struck the gas regulator for the building, causing it to leak and leading to an evacuation of the building.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said the exhaust fan, located above the gas regulator on the south side of the building, was rusted and fell due to deterioration, striking the gas regulator and causing the malfunction.

"We felt that it was prudent to evacuate the building," Washburn said. "There's always danger with gas leaks."

SIUE Police Sgt. Richard Delmore said the gas regulator began malfunctioning at approximately 9:15 p.m., emitting gas and a high-pitched noise.

"The gas began emitting outside of the building rather than inside," Delmore said.

The building was evacuated after the leak was discovered. Police also notified building engineers, the fire department and Ameren IP about the leak.

"The engineers shut off

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Dining Services director leaves behind legacy of innovation

by Soni Kumar
Alestle Correspondent

For the past eight years, students used paper napkins for something besides wiping their mouths with. Instead, students used the napkins to write their comments about Dining Services and posted them on Bill's Napkin Suggestion Board in Center Court.

After June 27, Dining Services Director Bill Canney won't be able to read

those napkins. Canney has decided to leave SIUE for another position at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Canney arrived at SIUE in May of 2000, ready to turn the unorganized food and dining program into a more functional one.

"Under Canney's guidance, the quality of food and service in the university changed dramatically.

"The first project and challenge I had was to convert a hot dog cart in the

Alumni (and) Founders buildings into something more than just a cart," Canney said. "I converted (that) vending and storage room into Skywalk Food Court."

Besides creating the Skywalk Food Court, Canney implemented a host of new options for SIUE to try while completely renovating the menu.

"Before I came here there was no grill area," Canney said. "I implemented the grill and the cook-to-order items. There was a deli area but no panini."

In addition to introducing the panini to students on campus, Canney also created the noodle and pasta area. Canney said he is a big believer in quality and freshness, striving for good food and excellent customer service.

"I believe in improving the ambiance into a retail restaurant type atmosphere and improve the perception of freshness," Canney said. "I created the cook-to-order

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Police Reports

5-25

Police issued Jarvis L. Jackson a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and driving on a suspended license on North University Drive.

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Police issued Benjamin G. Timmons a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Debra K. Kelly a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Marshawn M. Heard was arrested in connection with driving on a suspended drivers license. Heard was processed and released after posting \$100 bond.

5-28

An office responded to an active fire alarm at Evergreen Hall. The Edwardsville Fire Department was dispatched. The officer advised that the alarm was activated because of a water systems problem. There was no fire and no damage.

Police issued Hugh D. Jones a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Levi W. Mahon a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jocelyn W. Damper a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued Stephanie M. Kuropas a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Neil A. Watson a citation for

speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Tawanda D. Bowman a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued David M. Tierney a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Karyn L. Fowler a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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

Police issued Shawn R. Wilson a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Jim L. Inlow a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

6-1

Julie M. Hainaut was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol, zero tolerance and improper lane usage, and Leslie B. Varwig was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol on St. Louis Street. Both were processed, given notices to appear and released.

6-2

Police issued Ashley S. Cole a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Colin L. Kremitzki a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

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

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students were notified of the burglary via e-mail because of the type of crime that occurred.

"The Campus Security Act requires that we provide students warnings of crimes in this category," Hays said.

On Thursday, June 19 one of Opp's roommates noticed that approximately \$130 was missing from her purse. SIUE Police responded to the report that night.

The next day, the door to the apartment had been vandalized with the phrase "Bonnaroo B----" scratched into the door. Opp and her roommates had gone to The Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival earlier that week. Police responded to the apartment for the third time in a week.

SIUE Police Officer Rick Weissenborn said there have not been any leads in the burglary and vandalism cases as of Monday evening.

"We're looking into any and all leads that may come out of this, but we have no one in custody," Weissenborn said.

Opp said all residents of the

apartment stayed up late Friday night discussing the string of crimes at the apartment.

"We have no idea who's been doing this to us, but it's really scary," Opp said.

Opp said she and her roommates have discussed starting a petition for increased security in Cougar Village, suggesting improvements like security cameras.

"This is a state school and we should be able to get some kind of grant for better security," Opp said.

SIUE Police ask anyone with information that may assist with the investigation to contact them at their non-emergency line at 650-3324.

SIUE Police advise students living in residential areas to take precautions to prevent crimes of this nature. This includes locking doors and windows, closing blinds, leaving a light or TV on when the apartment is vacant and keeping valuables hidden.

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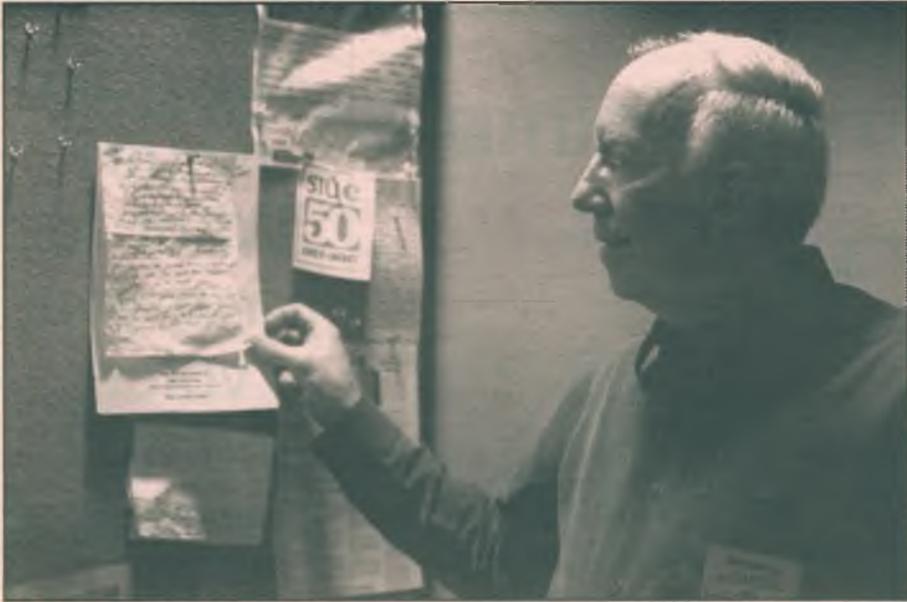
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Dining Services Director Bill Canney reads a napkin tacked to Bill's Napkin Suggestion Board in Center Court. Canney will leave SIUE June 27 after eight years as Dining Services director.

to improve the quality of food, which is one of major changes I implemented when I came here."

Canney also introduced the "healthier lifestyle program" which consisted of sugar free cakes, cookies and ice cream. He also implemented the use of 0 trans fat oils in all cooking done in the university.

"I am an innovator of change, and I go with the flow of what the customer wants as much as possible," Canney said.

Before Canney came to SIUE, the university was ranked in the middle of the pack of about 267 colleges and

universities, based on national benchmarking statistics. Since that time, it is now ranked in the top 7 percent in customer service, ambiance, cleanliness, value, food quality, variety and service hours.

"Bringing SIUE to the top in food service is one of my major accomplishments," Canney said.

Another accomplishment Canney is proud of is the success of Starbucks Coffee at SIUE. Canney refers to SIUE's Starbucks Coffee as the "Energizer bunny" because it has broken records of

producing more than 25,000 drinks.

"We are the premier Starbucks coffee in the metro-east, including St. Louis," Canney said. "We are the first university in the nation to request for a Starbucks on campus."

Canney said he has a strong passion for his job.

"Ever since I have started working here I have felt like I have been on an everlasting honeymoon," Canney said.

Canney credits his staff for being very job oriented.

"Whatever I have accomplished could not have happened without the quality of work ethic my staff and students have," Canney said.

Speech pathology graduate student Zac Medema worked with Canney in Dining Services and said he has enjoyed the experience.

"Mr. Canney is very job-oriented," Medema said. "He has kept every napkin that has been posted and answers everyone's questions."

Dining Services Production Manager Vickie Edsall said Canney brought Dining Services to a new level since he first began working at SIUE.

"I have had a phenomenal experience, and I have learned more in the past eight years working with him than I have learned in my entire career," Edsall said. "I am very proud of what he has done, and I am going to miss him."

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the valve, stopping the gas," Delmore said.

No injuries were reported because of the leak. Peck Hall was reopened later that same night, and police said there is no danger now.

Washburn said the exhaust fan has not been repaired yet.

"The exhaust fan serves the building's boiler system," Washburn said. "This time of year, we can run without it."

Washburn said Facilities Management has a gas "sniffer," a device that can measure small concentrations of gas.

"It's important that gas leaks be reported," Washburn said. "The more common gas leak happens in the gas line itself, which happens infrequently, but freak accidents can happen."

Washburn said in his fifteen years at SIUE, he has only seen one other "freak accident" with gas leaks, which occurred at the Supporting Service Building.

"While workers were removing a door frame, the door fell the wrong way, hitting a gas regulator," Washburn said.

To report a gas leak or other maintenance problems, contact Facilities Management at 650-3711.

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thought processes ... so I turned her back towards me and bear hugged her and just pulled her out (after a few tries)."

Drenkhahn said she was glad it was over and wanted only to get cleaned up.

"I (had) never seen such a mess, everything that's in a ditch, leaves, rotten leaves and all that. I'm just glad it's over," Drenkhahn said.

Marvin said opening the door to get the women out of the car was as easy as opening a car door in normal circumstances, but having a passenger window open would have made the rescue effort a bit easier. Marvin said once he opened the door, water started rushing in, and by the time Drenkhahn was pulled from the car, the water was near her chin.

Although the effort to get everyone out of the car safely only took a few moments, Marvin said it wasn't easy.

"The really horrible thing about the situation ... was a lot of people weren't helping. No one stopped to see if we were okay," Marvin said. "They kept pushing the water into the ditch making matters worse. A couple of us actually had to stop cars, and the cops had to stop people from going past."

Flooding up and down the Mississippi River has been causing strain on those living along the swollen band of water. Some levees all along the Mississippi were unable to hold

out against the strong river.

"I've never seen something like that around here," Patrick Marvin said. "I never thought I would see something like this here. It's record (breaking). It's unbelievable."

According to the St. Louis Army Corps of Engineers Web site, in St. Louis the Mississippi River has reached 37.2 feet, which is about seven feet above flood level. The record high of the Mississippi River in the St. Louis area was 49.58 feet in 1993.

Linda Marvin, Patrick Marvin's mother and a secretary for the department of construction at SIUE said she was concerned about her son still planning on going to work that day.

"There were still tornado warnings, and the sirens had just sounded for Troy," Linda Marvin said. "I just didn't want him to go to work ... as a mother I always voice my opinions and tell (my kids) what I think they should do."

Patrick Marvin said he was glad he chose to leave home a few minutes early.

"I felt like I really needed to go (to work that day), and I didn't think it was for that. I just felt I needed to beat the storm," Marvin said. "It's one of those situations where you are in the right place at the right time."

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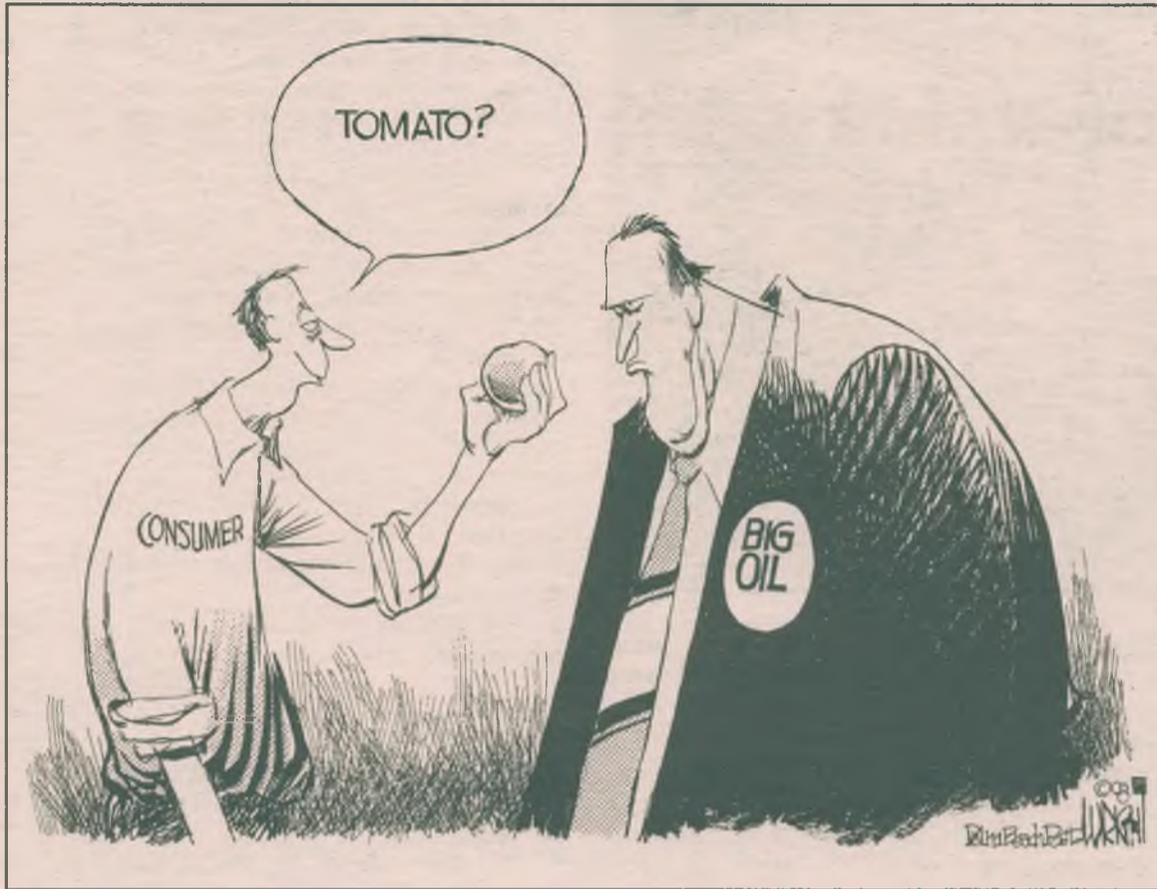
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Slow down or pay the price

When I read the police reports in the Alestle and note all those who were issued a citation for speeding, I can't help but think about just how much gasoline is wasted by them doing so. I've been thinking a lot about this topic, especially now that gas is \$4.09 a gallon!

I first started driving in late 1992, and back then the highway speed limit in Illinois was 45 mph, 55 mph on the interstates. In 1995, Congress passed the National Highway System Designation Act, which repealed the federal speed limit of 55 mph. Later that year President Clinton signed this law, and Illinois quickly raised its limits to

55 mph highway/65 mph interstate. There was a big debate back then as to whether or not this was a wise decision.

At the time I was 18 and in college, so to me this was a very wise decision, especially when gas at the time was about \$1 a gallon.

As I look back now, 13 years later, I wonder just how wise this decision was.

According to the EPA statistics from fuelconomy.gov, increasing your cruising speed from 55 mph to 75 mph with all other factors the same can raise fuel consumption as much as 20 percent. You can improve your gas mileage 10 to 15 percent by driving at 55 mph rather than 65 mph. I have started doing this, and many drivers have passed me, especially in the 55 mph speed zones! I can't help but to just laugh at the fact that they will

fill up their vehicles more often than I will, thus spending more money than me.

I understand that young drivers tend to be more risk takers, and since I've been driving for 16 years, I'm more conservative, so I know they will pass me without a second thought. What I want to pass along to all who read this is to slow down. Not only does driving faster mean you waste extra fuel, which is rather pricey, but you also decrease your reaction time. It doesn't matter if you get to where you are going late, all that matters is that you arrive alive.

Jim Clarida
Senior, Education

Letter to the Editor

Remembering George Carlin

I've always dreamed of being a stand-up comedian.

Stand-up comedians probably have one of the best jobs in the world (besides being a reporter at the Alestle, of course) because they get to make people laugh for a living.

George Carlin was one of the giants of the stand-up world, and he was one of my personal idols. On Sunday, Carlin died at the age of 71.

I miss you already, George.

Napalm and Silly Putty was one of the first books on CD I listened to with my father. Though some of the jokes went over my head back in 2001, I was still able to follow many of his points, and I agreed with most of them.

One of his most famous jokes involved "The 7 Words You Can't Say on TV." Some of

the words are now allowed, but the spirit of the list is still the same today. Not only did I learn some of my favorite words from this joke, I took away an important lesson: never stop challenging authority.

Besides being a legendary stand-up comic, his acting roles come at a close second. Sure, he was no Kevin Spacey, but seeing him as the time-traveling Rufus or the Catholic Cardinal Glick was the icing on the cake for movies. He even made Jersey Girl tolerable.

Carlin almost had a grandfather persona about him. I don't mean the grandfather that would take you fishing, unless he would take you to make fun of the morons waiting on the chance to yank a smelly boot from the bottom of a lake.

But back to *Napalm and Silly Putty*. His two hour rant opens with a comparison of two of man's greatest inventions and how they are brilliant, but differ far in use. Even though he was politically active on and off stage, Carlin was one of the few comedians to take something as simple as a

"gelatinous, flammable substance used for death and destruction" and Silly Putty, used for "pressing the Sunday paper to get a backwards picture of Popeye," put them both together and make them into a joke. Looking at how absurd life seems to be can feel silly in itself, but Carlin did it with charm while making it sting.

Though it seems out of my reach, I always wished that I could be on stage with Carlin in the audience. I might be unfunny enough that Carlin would find a bit of irony in it.

Still, every great person goes eventually. I'm sure Carlin is now on that big plane in the sky.

I mean in the plane.

George always said it was a bit windy out there.

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SIUE ceramics camp teaches art to all ages

by **Soni Kumar**

Alestle Correspondant

Graduate student Evan Wagman taught the ceramics camp held at SIUE in the week of June 16 and taught the elements of ceramics to the children one on one.

Young boys and girls from grades 6 to 12 arrived at SIUE to learn some crafty skills to better make their clay creations. SIUE art education majors and graduate fine art students taught the camp.

"The first day of camp I concentrated on teaching the potter's wheel to the kids," Wagman said. "I then basically helped the kids create whatever they want based around their interests."

Wagman said he wants the students to use their imagination and have fun while they learn the techniques of ceramics.

The ceramics camp is sponsored by SIUE's Art and Design department. Participants came from grade schools, middle schools and high schools from the surrounding Edwardsville region.

Kailynne Cruthis, an 11-year-old eighth grader who is homeschooled in East Alton, decided to take part in the camp because of her appreciation for art and the chance to learn something new.

"I have always loved art, and I have always been interested in pottery," Cruthis said. "This is also the first time I have the chance to use the potter's wheel."

Stephanie Bargiel, a junior at Granite City High School, joined the camp for similar reasons.

"I love art, and I have been participating in this camp since I was younger," Bargiel said. "I also think ceramics is really relaxing."

In ceramics, the campers can create pottery works such as cups, plates, bowls and vases.

SIUE's Art Director Alyssia Ruggiero said the camp is a great way to offer art to the community.

"The camp helps the kids translate two dimensional creations into three dimensional ones," Ruggiero said.

According to Ruggiero, some schools in Edwardsville don't offer art to the students.

"Students grades third to sixth are not introduced to art in Edwardsville," Ruggiero said. "The camp gives the kids a chance to be introduced to ceramics and different types of art."

For three weeks the campers will learn hand building and sculptural techniques. The camp will end on July 3.

"I want to give the kids an



Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

Senior Art Education major Beth Speer teaches (from left to right) Audrey Thompson, Caroline Hunsaker and Gaylem Dimick during an SIUE ceramics camp on June 12.

opportunity to create whatever they want outside the typical school environment," Wagman said. "I want the camp to be more laid back so the kids can concentrate more on creativity, hand-eye coordination and over all have fun."

The camp from June 16 to July 3 is open only for students grades 6 to 12.

From June 23 to July 3 the camp is for children from grades kindergarten to grade 5. All camps will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for each week.

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Archivist shares SIUE history through multimedia

by **Jeff Mason**

Alestle Opinion Editor

In 1969, Neil Armstrong took the first steps on the moon, the iconic Woodstock festival was in full swing and SIUE premiered its first self-produced video, now available for viewing online.

"Back in the 1960s and the 1970s, SIUE had its own motion picture production unit, which was part of University News Services," university archivist Steve Kerber said. "This unit produced several short promotional motion pictures about the university, plus the two Mississippi River Festival documentary films and several television commercials."

Two of these segments, "The Impact of Our Presence" and "Insights," were directed, edited

and photographed by Don Magary, who was the director of motion picture production from 1968 to 1977.

"(Director of Information Services A.R. Howard) wanted to start a film unit, and at the time I was in the Air Force and was just getting out," Magary said.

The group had the convenience of working with some of the best available technology at the time and was able to put out quality videos. Their two videos covering the Mississippi River Festival in 1969 and 1975 received national recognition.

"It was a pretty exciting time," Magary said. "That was during the time that John Rendleman was the chancellor of the university. He was a really

forward-thinking leader, as well as highly sensitive to the importance of promoting the university, so we had a lot of support from the chancellor ... and got what we needed to do a professional job."

Kerber found the videos in the university archives while processing collections of records. He said the videos were intended for showing to high school students, clubs and organizations.

The motion picture production unit, which produced the videos as part of University News Services, stayed active throughout most of the '70s.

"The purpose of the motion picture production unit was to create visual materials that could be used to provide various public audiences with promotional

information about SIUE," Kerber said.

"With the expert assistance of three faculty technology center staff members, Sheryl Lauth, Laura Million and Curt Price, five films have now been digitized and published on the university archives Web site," Kerber said.

Each movie has a distinct feel from the era it comes from. The video "Insights," made in 1969, features swing and retro music and newly planted trees, now fully grown.

"I find it fascinating to catch brief glimpses of the 1950s and 1960s cars, the globe lights in the 'fan' parking lots, the IBM punch cards in the automated library circulation system, and the unpaved bike path out to Tower Lake and Tower Village, now

Cougar Lake and Cougar Village," Kerber said.

"The Impact of Our Presence" features an extended interview with Chancellor Rendleman, while the video titled "SIUE Promotional Video" offers another tour of the university and a Bronze Boot soccer game at Busch Stadium between the Cougars and the St. Louis University Billikins.

All videos are posted on the University archives webpage at <http://www.siue.edu/lovejoylibrary/archives/index.shtml>.

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Wrestling coach resigns

by Josh McCarty
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Less than a week ago, SIUE's wrestling program was set to move forward into Division I play under head coach Pat McNamara. Plans were also in place for a new 3,000 seat facility to house the team.

Now, McNamara announced his resignation Monday, effective June 30, after one season with SIUE. The announcement comes after a major donor canceled his \$2 million contribution to the new \$10 million wrestling and volleyball arena, effectively canceling its construction.

SIUE assistant Athletic Director Sandy Montgomery confirmed that the funding for the arena was no longer available. She added the university's support of the wrestling program would not change.

"We are obviously going to continue to sponsor the wrestling program," Montgomery said. "None of the funding that the university has planned for the program has changed."

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt could not be reached for comment as of Tuesday

afternoon.

McNamara said the loss of funding for the arena did play a part in his decision, but he did not want to go into details. He confirmed that the events leading up to his resignation have been going on for a while.

"I feel bad that I have to move on," McNamara said. "I definitely hope the best for the university moving forward."

The donor, Mark Mestemacher, owner of the Fairmont City firm Ceres Consulting, declined comment on the situation, other than to say McNamara was an "awesome coach."

McNamara will join the Edwardsville Wrestling Club July 1, coaching alongside Mestemacher, who has been with the non-profit club since 1993.

McNamara recruited SIUE freshman wrestler Eric Preto to the university, and Preto said he was sad to see his coach go.

"There are a lot of things going on behind the scenes that I can't really go into," Preto said. "SIUE lost probably the best coach they ever had, not just in wrestling, but in all sports."

Per NCAA regulations, programs moving to Division I are not eligible to compete in post-season play for four years. However, two teams, one men's and one women's, are able to be "fast-tracked", and they can compete in post-season play after two seasons. The wrestling program was not selected, as SIUE elected to fast-track the men's soccer team, as well as women's softball.

The Ohio Valley Conference, which SIUE joined two weeks ago, does not offer wrestling. At the OVC press conference, it was announced that they would continue to look for a conference home for the wrestling program, as well as men's soccer.

During the past season, McNamara led the wrestling team to a 1-11 record. At the time he was hired, his experience as an assistant coach at the Universities of Missouri and Virginia, both Division I schools, was a selling point when projecting the program forward into Division I.

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Photo Courtesy of SIUE Photo services

SIUE Head Wrestling Coach Pat McNamara watches on during a match in 2007. McNamara announced his resignation Monday effective June 1. He coached one season at SIUE.

SIUE volleyball adds three for 2008

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The 2008 SIUE volleyball roster expanded by three players with the signings of Kelley Farrell, Ashlee Brockenbrough and Brittini Birkey to national letters of intent.

Farrell, of Crystal Lake Central High School, comes to SIUE with a polished resume. As a senior, she earned All-American honors and led her team with 1,326 assists and 62 service aces. The Chicago Sun-Times honored her as "Best of the Best."

"I'm excited," Farrell said. "I think it's going to be a great experience, and I'm really looking forward to playing there."

Despite her success, the 5-foot-6-inch Farrell struggled to garner attention from other schools due to her lack of size. According to Gober, that is an oversight that is going to pay big dividends for the Cougars.

"She's a hardworking young lady," said SIUE head volleyball coach Todd Gober. "She is a fiery player with great leadership qualities — the kind of player that makes everyone around her better. I think she is just incredibly underrated."

One player who should benefit from Farrell will be Brockenbrough, who went to Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield, Mo. At 6-feet tall, Brockenbrough is a middle hitter who is athletic enough to play multiple positions, according to Gober.

"She is a really athletic and fast player," Gober said. "She is a hard worker with a tough but confident air about her."

Birkey transfers from Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind. She played two years for the Lancers before deciding to transfer to SIUE.

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SIUE earns national attention in Director's Cup

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After sensational seasons for seemingly every team on campus and a move to Division I in the works, it only makes sense that SIUE's athletics program is considered one of the best in the nation, earning 14th overall in the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Director's Cup.

"Across the board we had an outstanding year in Division II," director of sports information Eric Hess said. "We had the men's soccer team advance to the National Regional finals. The softball team made it to the NCAA tournament. The women's track and field team had its highest ever finish in both the indoor and outdoor championships. The men's track and field team had an outstanding year. The volleyball team advanced to the national tournament."

The NADCA Director's Cup looks only at athletics, focusing strictly on how each team finished in NCAA championships.

"Most all of our sports have been very strong across the board," Hess said. "It helps to be in a strong position when you're moving to the NCAA Division I."

Track and field coach David Astrauskas is looking forward to making things happen again this year, now that they'll be facing tougher opponents.

"We've been successful in multiple sports at

the Division II level," Astrauskas said. "I think the department as a whole is def ready to make this move."

Astrauskas was quick to praise the university in his team's achievements.

"We get a lot of support from this institution," Astrauskas said. "The athletic department has given us the things you need to be successful."

With the men's track team working on rebuilding and a strong returning women's team, things are looking good for next year.

"We can compete against these same schools already," junior track and field athlete Deserea Brown said. "So it's not going to be that big of a change."

Brown, who won two National titles in track and field in 2008 and will be attempting to qualify for the Olympics later this week, said the outlook of SIUE's sports program is looking good in all arenas.

"It seems like all of our sports do well (and) academically we seem to be doing well," Brown said.

SIUE finished fourth in the 2005-2006 season and 11th in 2006-2007. Taking the cup this year was Grand Valley State in Michigan, marking their fifth straight year at the top.

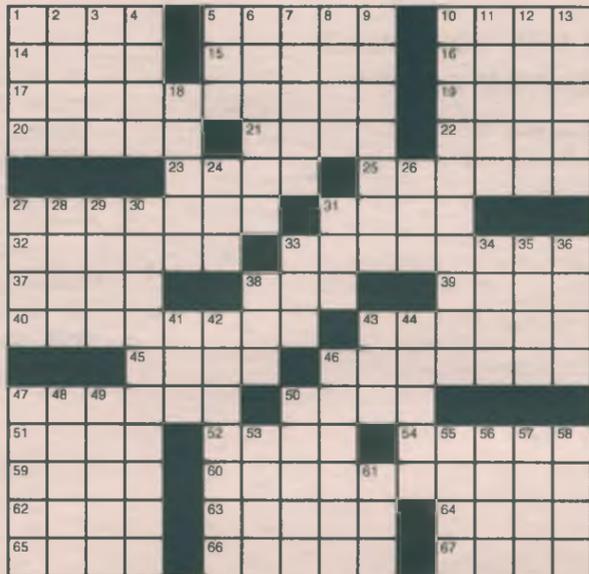
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- 6 Bygone peasant
- 10 Albacore, e.g.
- 14 Trojan War story
- 15 Shelter a fugitive
- 16 Comply
- 17 Extremely dark
- 19 Fly like an eagle
- 20 Body of water
- 21 ___ May Clampett
- 22 Cash-register key
- 24 Ex-QB Aikman
- 25 Contributes
- 26 Some kind of a nut
- 29 Female fox
- 30 Wrapped up
- 31 Trademark DOS
- 33 Highly skilled
- 37 Block brand
- 38 Turning point
- 40 The Supremes, for instance
- 41 Sketches
- 43 Fan mag
- 44 Forearm bone
- 45 Pointed (at)
- 47 Consented
- 49 Fastener attacher
- 52 Abba of Israel
- 53 Union units
- 54 Metric weight
- 55 Scrooge's outburst
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- 67 Surpass others



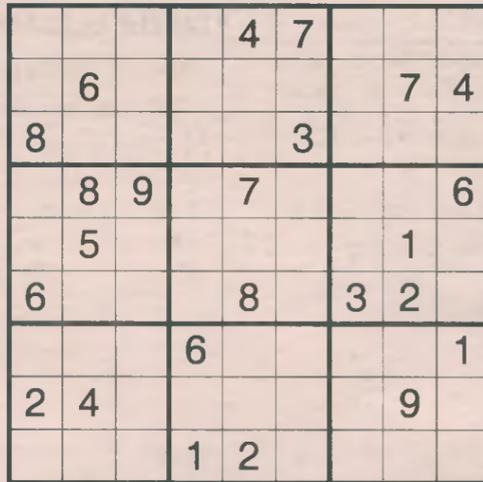
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- 10 Sleep restlessly
- 11 WWII sub
- 12 Zora ___ Hurston
- 13 Co-star in "Dr. Kildare" movies
- 18 Explode
- 23 SSS class.
- 24 Invite some friends over
- 25 Mason-___ Line
- 26 Unfeeling
- 27 Declare as true
- 28 Arcade game name
- 29 Intense, as color
- 32 "My Life in Court" writer
- 34 Perry's creator
- 35 Knotty wood
- 36 Tailless critter
- 39 Sack of leaves
- 42 Window ledge
- 46 Untidy states
- 48 Take a chance
- 49 Dozed off
- 50 Tall structure
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- 52 Surrealist Max
- 54 Monster of the Mojave
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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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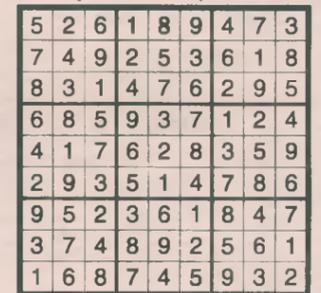
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