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A student rides his bike towards campus Monday afternoon. With gas prices passing \$4 a gallon, some students and faculty are finding alternate means of transportation this summer. (inset) Gas prices outside the Phillips 66 gas station on Route 157 in Edwardsville Monday.

## A different way to move SIUE community finds other ways to get around campus, town as gas prices climb

by **Kenneth Long**  
 Alestle Reporter

Emeritus physics professor P.N. Swamy used to drive to work every morning at SIUE.

A few weeks ago, Swamy said he tried using Madison County Transit's bus system to get to campus.

"I can afford to drive myself, but it's foolish not to use the buses," Swamy said.

Swamy is one of many who have stopped relying solely on cars and have started using alternate modes of transportation like buses, bicycles, scooters and other gasoline-saving vehicles.

MCT Director of Marketing and Planning S.J. Morrison said the number of bus riders has increased 25 percent since last June.

"The numbers are unprecedented," Morrison said. "We haven't seen these kind of increases before."

Swamy said the route he takes from downtown Edwardsville is very crowded.

"I'm sure there will be even more (people) in the future because of fuel prices," Swamy said.

Morrison said MCT had recently been overwhelmed with responses from new riders via e-mail and phone calls about schedules and different routes.

"The Metrolink and St. Louis routes have standees on almost every trip," Morrison said. "We're trying to focus our attention on areas with extreme increased ridership and where we should increase service."

Swamy said he was impressed with the bus service so much that he sent a mass e-mail to many faculty stating how happy he was with the buses.

"I believe there are plenty of buses throughout the cities of Madison County for those who want to curtail fuel consumption, including retired people like me," Swamy said in the letter. "Why didn't I know about this earlier?"

While buses might seem like the most obvious form of alternate transportation to cars, other less conventional options are being used. Senior history major Scot Kerns' foot gets more work on his Razor scooter than on the gas pedal.

"A ten-minute walk through campus has become a two or three minute trip," Kerns said. "Walking is for the birds."

Kerns is attending SIUE for the summer semester and then will transfer back to Concordia University in Chicago. Kerns said public transportation might have advantages there, but he has some qualms with using it.

"Using public transportation can add 15 minutes to my time instead of driving," Kerns said. "Plus, I have to wonder about my safety sometimes."

Because gas has soared to over \$4, gas mileage is crucial for those trying to budget their cost of driving.

Owner of Edwardsville's Motor Italia Vernon Carver said that while current scooters, which get an average of 80 to 100 mpg, seem the peak of

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## No perfect solution for spam e-mails

by **Sydney Elliot**  
 Alestle A&E Editor

Director for the Office of Information Technology, Duane Schiffman, goes to work every morning and spends about 15 minutes deleting spam e-mails, but he isn't complaining.

"The delete key and your finger is a wonderful thing," Schiffman said. "I come in every morning, and the first thing I do is hold down my shift key and hit delete ... if I don't recognize who it is from I don't read it."

Although Schiffman isn't complaining about having to delete massive amounts of spam in his e-mails, some students and faculty have had issues with excessive spam e-mails.

Graduate student Dharmender Chauhan checks his e-mail several times a day, and each time he is hit with a new batch of spam e-mail.

"It isn't so bad, about five or six (spam messages)," Chauhan said. "I tried talking to someone at OIT, but they didn't really help me. They told

me they would try and do something, but then nothing happened."

Schiffman said the university is doing everything they can to prevent spam e-mails from reaching SIUE Web mail users. According to Schiffman, before a recipient's messages reach their inbox, each message goes through a series of four tests.

The first of these tests is to check that the recipient is a valid SIUE e-mail address.

"We get spam that is sent to fred@siue.edu or sally@siue.edu," Schiffman said. "The first thing we do is look at who it is to, and look it up to see if it's valid. If it isn't valid we just toss it out."

After the message is deemed as valid, it goes through a screening process to determine whether or not the message is spam. If the message isn't considered spam, it moves into the newest type of filter. The new filter being used by the university to catch unwanted e-mails is a backscatter spam message.

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## Human Resources director trades travel for family

by **Jeff Mason**  
 Alestle Opinion Editor

Sherrie Senkfor isn't used to sitting in one place for too long.

Bunge North American, a "\$26 billion global company" as she described it, had Senkfor running across the country so much, she still dials the 618 area code when making a local call. That's all about to change though, as she finishes her first week as SIUE's new director of human resources.

"Although I loved what I did ... I was missing too much," Senkfor said. "And the better I got at my job, the more travel I did. So the first decision was absolutely to leave Bunge."

Senkfor brings a lot of experience from her prior job, but she said is still adjusting to the switch from the private sector to the public one.

"The work is very similar, the challenge is getting used to the university," Senkfor said. "(With that switch) comes a

greater tie to the outside community ... so there's much more openness (at SIUE) than my prior organization. I think it's great, but it's certainly a big change from the profit sector."

As the director of human resources, Senkfor won't be working with students often, but said she is thinking about getting more involved in the future.

"I used to be adjunct faculty member at SIUE, and I loved it," Senkfor said. "I had to drop it because I was traveling so much ... and I hope down the road it's possible to begin teaching again."

Senkfor hasn't had a lot of free time in recent years, but in the spare time she had, she enjoyed David McCullough's books "John Adams" and "1776," as well as the recent Ken Burns documentary "The War."

"I like history and historical fiction ... but I

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## Police Reports

### 5-25

Police issued Ann M. Parnell a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Thomas M. Abebe a citation for expired registration on Circle Drive.

Police took a report about a hangtag stolen from a vehicle in Parking Lot F.

### 6-5

Police issued John R. Mayhew a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Juan C. Ramirez a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Ruthanne B. Ritter a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Ryan G. Modesitt a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued David R. Bast a citation for failing to yield to a pedestrian on South University Drive at the Woodland Hall Lot.

### 6-6

Police issued Stacey A. Whitson a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

### 6-7

Police took a call about a break into the dispensing machine in the women's restroom in the Morris University Center.

Police issued Padmanabha N. Swamy a citation for expired registration on Stadium Drive.

### 6-8

Police issued Alexandria R. Benney a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on East University Drive

### 6-9

Police issued Alkisha L. Grady citations for speeding and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Christopher E. Williams a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Christine C. Butler was arrested in connection with speeding and driving with a suspended license. Butler was processed, given a notice to appear and released. The vehicle was towed.

Police issued Jeffery T. Montibeller a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

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usually defer to what the two men in my family want to watch," Senkfor said. "(But) my husband consented to see 'Sex and the City' ... which was very sweet of him."

She also enjoys gardening, a hobby she picked up from a previous job, and is a fan of cycling. Senkfor enjoys watching the Tour de France, but gets the most pleasure out of watching her son, Matthew, race.

"He's a competitive bicycle rider and is on a race team in St. Louis," Senkfor said. "So most of my spare time on the weekends are spent watching him go around and around and around in a circle on a bicycle, but I get a lot of enjoyment out of that."

While her son is eyeing the Air Force Academy, her step-daughter, Meagen, is about to finish her degree in psychology at SIUE.

According to human resources associate Jo Ann Ruyle, working with Senkfor seems to be off to a good start.

"She's very pleasant," Ruyle said. "Everyone in the office did a good job... We've had to change directors before ... (so) it's been pretty smooth."

Greg Conroy, director of public affairs, had nothing but good things to say about Senkfor.

"She seems very nice and comes highly recommended. The search committee did their job," Conroy said.

With her first few weeks in the books, Senkfor said she is looking forward to working at SIUE.

"I'm really thrilled to be working for an organization that's related to where I live and the community I live in," Senkfor said.

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## TRANSPORTATION

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efficiency, a new type of scooter, called Vectrics, has emerged as one of the most efficient scooters. It uses no gas, is fully electric and produces no emissions.

"It only costs half a cent per mile," Carver said. "In the money you save on gas, the scooter pays for itself."

Carver said he has already sold two Vectrics before the scooters had even gotten to the store.

"People are beginning to realize how much the gas crisis is impacting them," Carver said.

Whether it's by bus, electric scooter or by an old-fashioned push scooter, many are becoming aware that the rising fuel prices will change the

way people move. Swamy said he will most likely stick to using the buses for a long time.

"Not only am I saving money, but I'm helping reduce pollution and help pay people's jobs," Swamy said. "Most people don't realize that there are other ways of transportation, but it's easy to see what's available."

For more information about Madison County Transit's bus system, visit [www.MCT.org](http://www.MCT.org). To see Moto Italia's line of scooters, visit [www.vespaedwardsville.com](http://www.vespaedwardsville.com).

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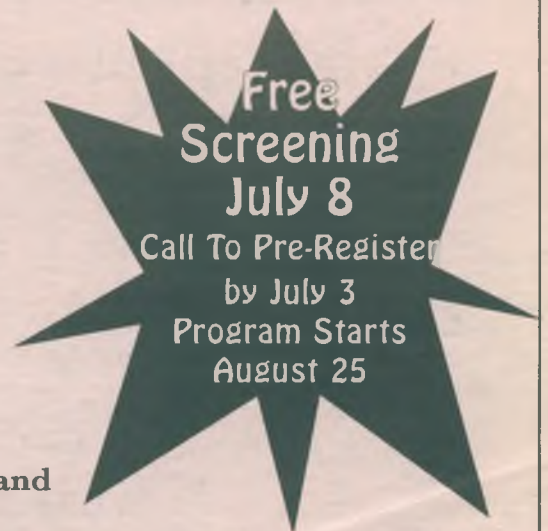


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# Astrophysicist gives public a chance to classify the stars

by Soni Kumar

Alestle Correspondent



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**Astrophysicist Chris Lintott of Oxford University spoke Monday night about his online galaxy classification project, Galaxy Zoo. Users assist Lintott by classifying the various galaxies according to shape through image recognition.**

Traveling in a space rocket is no longer necessary to explore the universe. People can now survey the atmosphere from the comfort of their computer.

Aspiring and amateur astronomers came to Meridian Ballroom Monday night to meet astrophysicist Chris Lintott and to hear about his project, Galaxy Zoo.

"Galaxy Zoo is a project designed to invite the public to help classify the shape and distribution of almost a million galaxies," physics professor Pamela Gay, host of the podcast "Astronomycast," said. "150,000 people across the globe looked at nearly a million galaxies."

Lintott said this project offered an easier way to work with vast amounts of information.

"It's a simple solution that is happening everywhere in science," Lintott said. "That is (to say) that we have way too much data to handle."

When the Galaxy Zoo Web site first went up, containing a multitude of galaxies needing to be classified, the project was greeted by an unexpected response.

"(We) put 900,000 galaxies to be classified (and)...at the end of the day, we ended up with 85,000 classifications," Lintott said.

Lintott said simply dividing the 900,000 galaxies into these classifications is useful because it gives scientists

information about the galaxies' history and how the galaxies started.

Galaxy Zoo Web site participants can help identify the type and shape of the galaxies, including spiral galaxies like the Milky Way and big balls of stars called ellipticals.

"It's a simple thing to do, and it's pattern recognition, something that the human brain is very good at," Lintott said. "(Humans) are trained to spot patterns against complicated backgrounds."

According to Gay, minds working

together produce amazing observations and helps scientists worldwide.

"This is the new direction of science," Gay said. "It is not possible for one scientist to view all their data on their own. Computers are terrible at pattern recognition ... humans are great at it."

Lintott has been interested in astronomy since he was 9 years old. He now conducts astronomical research on how stars form at Oxford University in his hometown. He is also famous for co-hosting BBC's astronomy television

program "The Sky at Night."

Galaxy Zoo is only one of Lintott's projects. He has also been involved with other astronomical research studies in the NASA Mars mission.

Retired electrical engineer Robert Wolff from Clinton, Ark., traveled all the way to SIUE to hear Lintott speak.

Wolff said he has always been interested in astronomy and said Lintott presented a complex topic in a logical way.

"These kind(s) of lectures do a lot to bring the general public up to speed," Wolff said. "(They) inspire us to follow the physical world (of) Galileo and all of our precedents before."

Armchair astronomers from all around the world can get involved in this scientific research at [www.galaxyzoo.org](http://www.galaxyzoo.org). Each member must pass a short tutorial before starting to classify galaxies. There is also a blog and forum posted for questions or comments.

"Students from SIUE and people from any area, they can work on teams from all around the globe and conduct scientific research," Gay said. "This is inspiration for students."

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Backscatter spam is created when a person corresponds with someone whose address book has been compromised. Someone who wants to create spam then takes the address the message was sent from and uses that address to "spam the world," Schiffman said.

For example, a hacker could use anyone's SIUE account to spam other people and have the blame placed on the SIUE e-mail account holder, Schiffman said.

Once the message is cleared of the first three tests, it is sent through another filter to determine if the message contains any viruses. If the message contains a virus and is able to be cleaned, it will be moved on to the recipient. If the message cannot be cleared of the virus or viruses, it will be quarantined and deleted.

Senior history and philosophy major Robert Yost of Abilene uses his Web mail several times a day, but he said he is not bombarded by spam messages on a regular basis.

"Probably only once or twice a week, it doesn't happen to me very often," Yost said. "But it happens to some of my friends more frequently."

Although Yost only receives a few spam messages a week, he said when he does they are normally of pornographic nature.

"Some of them (say) 'click here for a good time' or 'penis enlargement pills,'" Yost said, "I get that stuff all the time."

Even after seven or eight servers search through thousands of e-mail messages, some are still leaking to faculty, staff and students using the Web mail server. Schiffman said the university is "catching as much of it as anybody is," and said Google and Yahoo e-mail accounts do not prevent more spam than the SIUE server.

"We have Gmail accounts and Yahoo accounts, and we take the spam that we get and we send it to them, and then go read our Yahoo account and they go through," Schiffman said. "The facts are the facts. So we tell people that there's nothing we can do, so just go delete it."

In the last week, the university has been able to block 86.7 percent of all received messages, according to Schiffman. Nearly 8,800 messages within five days were considered backscattered spam and were prevented from reaching the recipients.

Schiffman said there is not a perfect solution to catching all spam because it comes around in "waves." Once a new spam threat comes, it takes a few days for it to be caught and a filter to be created.

"Spam is not a precise science," Schiffman said. "Some of this we can't do anything about."

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## A plea for free water once more

I wasn't used to being charged for water. I went to Germany and experienced for the first time being charged for water in a restaurant. In fact, water cost more than the wine and beer. I had heard the rumors, but wasn't sure what to think about it.

All over the Edwardsville area water is free: at Applebee's, 54th Street Bar & Grill, St. Louis Bread Co. and all of the fast food chains. So why then isn't water still free at our very own Starbucks Coffee on campus?



Sydney Elliot

I don't have a lot of money on me all the time, so being able to get free water through Starbucks was a big deal to me and many others that I know. Not only are we now being charged for water, but until yesterday, the price for water was in flux.

I was told one day it was 30 cents. Another day I was charged 34 cents while a friend was charged 32 cents in the same day. Then yesterday, I went into Starbucks with my change in hand, only to be told that a large water was now 37 cents. I couldn't believe it. I asked them what the deal was.

The man at the register told me a button had just been put into the computer system to charge for water. I was still in shock. Sure, I had been charged for water all over Eastern Europe for two weeks, but here at Starbucks,

where I had learned to rely on them for free water?

It is an outrage. Enough people buy coffee and other products from Starbucks that I am sure giving out free water shouldn't be a problem. But I am not the head of the company or anything, so what do I know?

I know this: charging for water is an outrage, especially for those of us who have come to depend on Starbucks for the prevention of dehydration throughout the day.

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## Enough preaching, how about practicing?

I've always been open to new ideas. Whether it be a class, or a something I hear about online or something I see on TV, I like working things out in my head.

Over the past few weeks I've been thinking a lot about taking action. In our articles we are often encouraged to make a call for action, that way after people read an article they can do something about it. But are we really doing anything? And if we are, is it doing any good?

I think it comes down to understanding. Understanding how we are different, so that we can learn from one another. Understanding that the way we treat our planet impacts our own lives and the lives of those yet to be born. Understanding that

taking action first isn't always the best thing to do.

While these thoughts aren't original to me, I still find them interesting. And while these things might seem obvious, in America it seems we are a lot more about the preaching than the practicing.

The media is dominated by an image of white America with minorities sprinkled in for good measure. We continue to spread the message of being green as long as it doesn't infringe on our daily lives and we jumped into a war in Iraq without a clear plan.

These things aren't the result of one man, they are a result of a society that doesn't take the time to deal with issues. We haven't solved racism; we've simply put a mask over the issue. We haven't gone green, but we sure like saying we have. And we certainly haven't stabilized Iraq, but at least we brought democracy there.

Most people, certainly including myself,

are guilty of this same inaction. We just can't seem to pencil in the time to change things. We're too busy with work, school, classes, exercising, sports, the big game, surfing the Internet, updating Facebook, casual "me time" or just having a night to go out with friends.

I'm not saying that everyone should ditch their social lives or free time and start working on solving world hunger, but rather to think about these things from time to time and try to make an impact somehow. Recycle more, ride your bike to class instead of driving or simply learn about something new. It certainly couldn't hurt to understand a little bit more.

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## Lumni tribe member speaks to SIUE

by Jeff Mason  
Alestle Opinion Editor

Fittingly put under the globe of the Religious Center, the two-hour session began with the singing of the Lumni tribe's oldest songs. Using only an American Indian drum and her voice, Pauline Hillaire shared her songs for "all of the children of the universe."

"I'm a teacher of my culture," Hillaire said. "I just need you to know how happy I am to teach this."

Hillaire, whose native name is Scalla, meaning "Of the Killer Whale," is a 79-year-old grandmother and member of the Lumni tribe located in the Pacific Northwest. She grew up in a traditional American Indian village, learning the culture and methods of her people.

"She is an elder that is relied upon throughout the Puget Sound area (for her teachings)," Hillaire's friend Rebecca Chamberlain said.

Hillaire spoke as part of the World Religions Knowledge and Science Group of Edwardsville with a grant from the Metanexus Institute.

Chamberlain, a professor at Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., has worked with native elders like Hillaire since 1977, and has helped pass on the traditions and cultures of the American Indians of the Pacific Northwest.

"We worked on a curriculum on Native American music together, and we've taught a number of college classes on native culture and environmental education," Chamberlain said.

In addition, Hillaire speaks four languages fluently and has earned two degrees in business and education. She

even won Washington state's highest artistic honor in 1996, the Governor's Heritage Award.

After singing the salmon song, Hillaire had Chamberlain demonstrate the dance which accompanied the song. Hillaire continued to sing her native songs for about thirty minutes, and while most of the songs sounded like chanting, they actually have lyrics that accompany them.

"We call it 'repeating' because it's repeating the breath of life God loaned to us," Hillaire said. "And so this repeating, even if it's a grunt or a tune, we're returning to the great spirit what he has loaned us in the breath."

Hillaire also presented the debriefing song, which is usually sung for Lumni tribe members returning from war, including those who served in Vietnam and World War I and II. The ceremony served as a formal way of being discharged from military service and would be attended by the entire village.

Hillaire said she believed there is a close tie between the return rate and the ceremony, which used to be given for all U.S. soldiers returning home.

"In World War II we only lost two ... and I think it's because of the debriefing ceremony," Hillaire said. "(We should make) a call to all elders and teachers: bring back the debriefing ceremony (in the military.)"

Hillaire continued her cultural teachings with ancient stories full of morals, a slideshow of totem poles and even some of her own stories involving one of the region's most famous creatures.

"No one has stories about Sasquatch like Lumni," Chamberlain said.

Hillaire is conflicted when it comes to Sasquatch. While her scientific side

demands proof, there is also a side that believes in the beast.

"I was out with my kids, walking down the road," Hillaire said. "I heard a crashing in the forest, so we walked back to the car... (I kept saying) 'I don't believe in Sasquatch.'"

Philosophy professor and event organizer Greg Fields said while attendance for the event was low, all eight of the two hour long sessions were video recorded and will be sent to a number of places after editing, including possibly, the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., and Cahokia Mounds.

"The video recording has several potential applications," Fields said. "(It is) very important (that this) material be preserved for the Hillaire family, which is a family of culture bearers and historians."

While there isn't yet a timetable on which the videos will be released, Fields hopes to start having the videos distributed some time within the next year. For now, Hillaire's wisdom is passed on orally.

"My main object is God created our diversity," Hillaire said. "I'm a different color than you. He created that. We can't argue with him. And, the confederacy



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Lumni tribe member Pauline Hillaire spoke to members of the SIUE community last week.

changed to democracy in 1776 and that was to abolish away the kill, conquer and occupy, so we just need to strengthen our government with truth and reality."

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## SIUE will teach children to make their own jewelry

by Soni Kumar  
Alestle Correspondent

Instead of spending money at a jewelry store this summer, children can create their own beaded necklaces and bracelets for themselves and family at SIUE's jewelry camp.

Children will be able to learn jewelry making design skills from senior art education major Beth Speer of Hampshire during the camp beginning Monday.

SIUE's Art and Design department will sponsor the camp which is open to children from kindergarten to 12th grade. Participants can keep any jewelry they make.

Speer will provide the children with one-on-one instruction on how to create different types of jewelry, from earrings and necklaces to bracelets, belts and rings.

"Kids all around love art, and it's fun for them," Speer said. "The kids love making stuff they can wear

home to show their parents."

Campers will learn how to weave, make their own jewelry boxes and create origami, the Japanese art of folding paper, to make sculptures such as flowers or birds.

Summer arts coordinator Michael Kathriner from Glen Carbon explained how the camp is beneficial to the children.

"This camp is to introduce the kids to a wide variety of jewelry making using materials they haven't used before," Kathriner said.

Kathriner said the campers will use an assortment of beads to create jewelry, and also learn how to create their own beads out of clay and paper.

According to Speer, the children will participate in learning about art in a group setting and in other activities and games, such as making wire sculptures.

Senior biological sciences major Adaora

Onyemeluke from Springfield participated in a similar camp when she was a child.

"When I was little, we made necklaces out of macaroni," Onyemeluke said. "The jewelry camp (keeps) the kids busy in the summertime and it also gives them something to wear."

Speer said the personal attention children receive offers them more than a traditional classroom setting.

"The kids learn more in this camp than in a class of thirty," Speer said.

The jewelry camp takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in rooms 3200 and 3201 of Alumni Hall. The price for camp is \$65 a person. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome.

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## SIUE tennis camps underway

by Josh McCarty  
Alestle Sports Editor

SIUE's tennis season may still be months away, but the courts were as busy as ever June 23 through 27.

SIUE tennis camps were underway and children of varying ages gained exposure to the sport as well as valuable knowledge of the skills necessary to continue their tennis education.

SIUE head tennis coach Kyler Updyke is in his second year running the camps and sees growth in the popularity of the sport.

"We're going to get bigger and bigger," Updyke said. "It was definitely better than last year. We'll get into the grade schools here in a couple of years, and hopefully get 30 to 40 kids."

The camps were divided into three different age groups, ranging from kindergarten to high school. While different skills were taught to different ages, the overall objective was the

same.

"We want to try to get them out here and experience it," Updyke said. "There are so many choices here in town with these camps, we want to get them interested in tennis."

Jill Burroughs of Glen Carbon, the mother of three participants in the camp, Jacob and Joshua, 8, and Jonathan, 5, was pleased with the way the camps were run.

"I didn't think there was anything that needed to be improved," Burroughs said. "I didn't know how it would be coming into it because it's a college, and they can sometimes be not so kid friendly. The ratios were great, and the instructors were great, and they worked very well with the kids."

The instructors included Updyke and several members of the SIUE tennis teams. Freshman Paulo Gonzalez, sophomores Stephanie Clark and Amanda Niebur and junior Jordan Faulkenberg were among the

players helping out with the camps.

Updyke said this was a good opportunity for the students to experience being the teachers.

"It will help them out a lot," Updyke said. "I'm sure they'll all be in the same position that I am at some point, and some of them are going into education."

While the camps did serve as a teaching tool for tennis, they also provided the children with an opportunity to get out among their peers, be active and have a good time in the process. During laid-back moments, the campers participated in relay races and balanced tennis balls on the end of their rackets.

Burroughs said she hopes she has some future tennis stars on her hands, but for the time being, it's obvious which part of the sport they enjoy the most.

"They love hitting the ball over the fence," Burroughs said.

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SIUE head tennis coach Kyler Updyke instructs during camp.

## Two Cougars finish second at Bud Simpson Open

### Five SIUE tennis players take part in annual summer tournament

by Josh McCarty  
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A strong contingent of Cougars took part in the 26th annual Bud Simpson Open over the weekend at Gordon Moore Park's Simpson Tennis Center in Alton. In total, five SIUE tennis players took part in the event, with each winning their opening round match.

SIUE freshmen Paulo Gonzalez and Carli Connors both made it to the finals of their respective brackets before falling to defeat.

Gonzalez, the No. 1 seed of the men's bracket, won three matches before losing to No. 2 seed and Drury University alum, Jalel Chafai, in straight sets.

"It was good to play (Chafai) and see that I can be there with them at any time," Gonzalez said. "I need to be better fitness wise and get a little bit bigger at the gym. That will make me play with less effort."

Connors was the only unranked player to make it to the finals during the open, as she won four matches en route to the finals before falling to defending champion Lindsay Smith of St. Louis.

"I had never played an adult open before," Connors said. "I kind of ran out of gas. I was really excited to make it to the finals."

SIUE sophomore Kelsay Laird made it to the quarterfinals where she was set to play her SIUE

sophomore teammate Stephanie Clark, but had to default the match to attend a wedding. In the semi-finals, Clark fell to the eventual winner, Smith.

SIUE junior Jordan Faulkenberg and sophomore Amanda Niebur both lost their second matches, which by tournament rules eliminated them from consolation play. Faulkenberg said while it would have been nice to win, his primary goal was to improve.

"That's why we play in the summertime," Faulkenberg said. "We get to play against better competition. We're not so concerned about the results. We just want to get better."

Faulkenberg did team with his brother Devan, a 2008-09 SIUE tennis hopeful, in mixed doubles, and made it to the finals in the consolation bracket.

While this type of tournament is for the individual, Gonzalez said it was advantageous to have SIUE represented so well over the weekend.

"It was great to see the boys and the girls out there," Gonzalez said. "I think I'm having more fun with playing for a team than just playing for myself. You are out there playing for a bigger purpose."

Making it to the finals was not a reason for celebration, according to Gonzalez, who said he knows there is much more work to be done.

"That tournament was what I needed to start training," Gonzalez said. "Knowing that I can hang in there with very good players at any time is really good for my confidence and for my coach's confidence in me. Now, it's on."

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## Baseball camps continue

by Jeff Mason  
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SIUE's Roy E. Lee Field made way for a much shorter, more casual crowd of children hoping to pick up on the finer points of hitting from some of the university's coaches and players.

Children ages 6 through 10 gathered for SIUE's summer youth hitting camp. The camp was led by baseball associate head coach Tony Stoecklin, who sketched out a solid program for the next generation of players.

"The plan is if they can learn one new item a day, the camp is successful," Stoecklin said.

Second-grader Jeffrey Bullard, Jr. from Woodlawn traveled over 70 miles to attend the camp. Bullard said he enjoyed the four-day camp, despite feeling a bit under the weather on Friday.

"I put ice on my forehead to make (my forehead) cool, and (the headache) started," Bullard said. "But I like hitting the (ball)."

Bullard had a league game Saturday in Woodlawn, but plans to come back to SIUE for the fundamentals camp which begins July 7.

Jeff Bullard, Sr., who brought his younger son, Will, along to watch on Friday, found

a lot to like about the camp.

"I like the time they take on their swing," Bullard said. "The individual time really helps, makes the swing better."

Third-grader Andrew Jones of Edwardsville enjoyed the camp's many offerings, even those of hydration.

"We made a double play," Jones said. "(My favorite parts are) the games and practicing hitting in the batting cages and the water breaks."

Noah Eagle, a second-grader from Edwardsville, said he was looking forward to his seventh birthday party, which may have sidetracked him a bit.

"I haven't hit that much with my bat," Eagle said.

Senior sociology major and member of the SIUE baseball team Chilos Norris III explained some of the steps the players took in improving the young student's hitting.

"It starts with your approach at the plate," Norris said. "Stepping into the box, all the basics and stuff you need to know."

Overall, there was a universal feeling of fun at the camp.

"I enjoy this age group," Stoecklin said. "Especially after coaching college. It's fun."

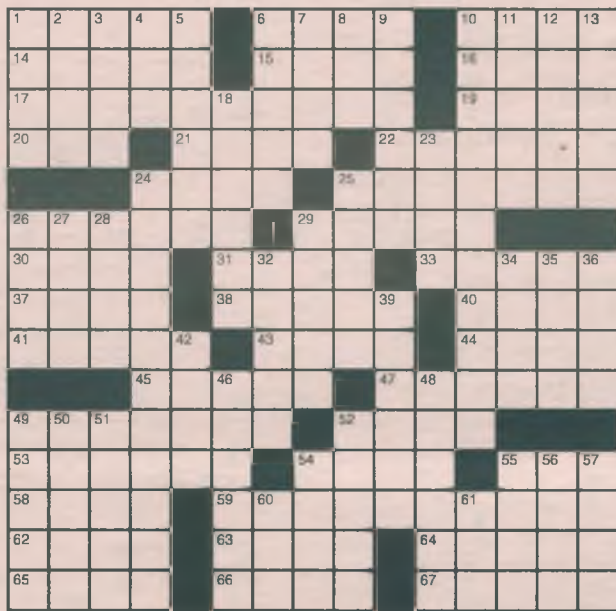
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# THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

## ACROSS

- 1 Japanese warrior
- 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
- 58 Water pitcher
- 59 Billy Bob Thornton film
- 62 Animal hide
- 63 Morays, e.g.
- 64 Tenor Mario
- 65 Cafeteria tote
- 66 Thwack
- 67 Surpass others



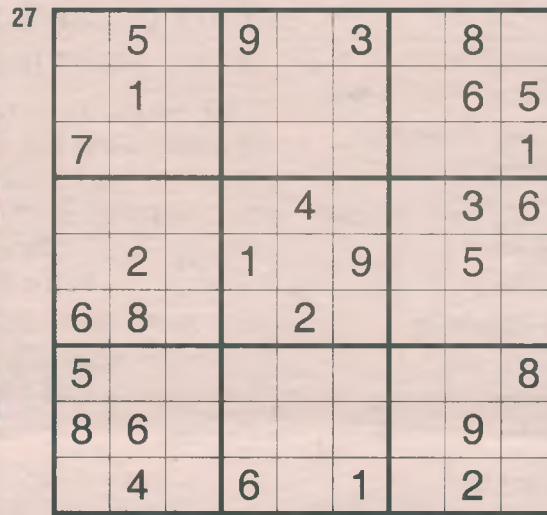
## DOWN

- 1 Little drinks
- 2 Nastase of tennis
- 3 Silents star Naldi
- 4 Bil-\_\_\_ (dog food brand)
- 5 Stick fast
- 6 Astronaut Ride
- 7 Internet auction site
- 8 VCR button
- 9 Kentucky loc.
- 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

- 28 Declare as true
- 29 Arcade game name
- 32 Intense, as color "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
- 51 Amtrak's bullet train
- 52 Surrealist Max
- 54 Monster of the Mojave
- 55 Judge's seat
- 56 Wood-shaping tool
- 57 Make sound
- 60 First name of 13D
- 61 Lenient

# 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](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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## Wednesday's Answers

### THE Daily Crossword

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## SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



## Girls & Sports

By Andrew Feinstein



## Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of June 30 - July 6, 2008

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Early this week a close friend may gently challenge your opinions or romantic choices. Remain philosophic, however, and wait for progress: minor jealousies between friends and group irritations will quickly vanish. Tuesday through Friday accents unexpected financial information and revised debt schedules. Avoid missed payments, if possible, and make sure key officials appreciate your needs. After Saturday rest and pamper the body: emotional vitality may be low.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Romantic invitations are this week seductive and unavoidable: after Tuesday potential lovers may express withheld feelings or ask for added social attention. In the coming weeks new relationships will rapidly expand. Plan carefully and expect passionate overtures for your loyalty. Later this week a trusted friend may reveal complex home problems, revised goals or private family decisions. Offer empathy but avoid emotional advice: at present others need to discover their own answers.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Minor ailments, revised fitness programs and delayed dietary changes will this week demand attention. Areas affected are thighs, large muscle groups, digestive disorders and dental irritations. Some Geminis will also experience vivid dreams, quick social insights or a new awareness of delicate family decisions. If so, expect sudden impressions to reveal a private romantic history. Late Saturday listen to the ideas of a new friend: valuable wisdom is available.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Over the next few days loved ones may ask probing questions or offer unexpected statements. Recent social or family triangles will

now require patience and diplomacy. Stay focused on short-term solutions and expect public debate to soon provide revised home options. Thursday through Saturday some Cancerians may encounter an unusual social or romantic triangle. Ethical decisions, new flirtations and last minute invitations are accented: opt for cautious exploration.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

For many Leos complicated employment duties will soon disrupt daily routines. Early this week pay attention to the private mistakes of younger colleagues. Written documents or financial calculations may need verification. Don't neglect small tasks and expect key officials to silently evaluating your efforts. After Thursday group events or last minute family gatherings may require delicate social timing. Find positive ways to keep all busy and distracted: much is changing.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Improved employment strategies or new educational programs will soon trigger intense discussion. Friends and colleagues will now encourage business creativity and increased skills. Don't hold back: this week is a strong time for career planning, new financial goals and rekindled ambition. After Friday someone close may reveal ongoing family strain or romantic problems. Yesterday's solutions may need to be examined: expect repeated patterns to be bothersome.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Fitness, sensuality and emotional health are highlighted this week. Many Librans will now allow physical ailments and romantic disappointments to fade into the past. Remain dedicated to your own needs and goals and, after Tuesday, expect loved ones to offer group support and fresh options. Wednesday through Friday a trusted friend or colleague may

propose a unique financial or business partnership. Remain open but study all documents for schedules and key regulations.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A surprising romantic invitation may this week arrive without warning. Old lovers, forgotten friends or emotionally distant colleagues will now ask for greater involvement in your private life. New relationships are potentially rewarding. Cautiously explore sincere proposals. After Thursday employment routines may expand or become unusually demanding. Stay focused: this is an excellent time to explore new workplace opportunities or prove your value to authority figures.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Work schedules will this week require careful planning. Before mid-week expect loved ones to ask for family dedication and renewed home commitments. Although socially complicated, increased business obligations are manageable. Stay focused on short-term employment goals but also attend to the needs of friends and relatives: your loyalty will be rewarded. Late Saturday vivid dreams or quick social impressions may highlight new romantic options: expect bold flirtations.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Monday through Thursday romantic passions will be deeply felt and easily expressed. Offer sincere reactions to fast social comments: at present potential lovers will respond positively to group support and a cheerful attitude of acceptance. After mid-week some Capricorns will experience renewed workplace ambition and an increased desire for financial freedom. Business partnerships and new job assignments are strongly favored: stay open to fast improvements.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Encourage shared duties this week and revised

family schedules. Someone close may now feel misunderstood or undervalued: make sure friends, relatives and close colleagues feel involved and appreciated. After Wednesday a rare business inspiration may arrive without warning. In the coming weeks career opportunities will demand consistent research. Find productive ways to nurture growth and ask colleagues for creative ideas or new input: you won't be disappointed.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Delayed job or financial applications will now require your full attention. Before mid-week expect official paperwork, completed documents and legal contracts to work strongly in your favor. Respond quickly to unique permissions and new proposals: colleagues, bosses or managers will soon ask probing questions and accept your suggestions. Late Thursday a new romantic flirtation may trigger private social tensions. Refuse to be emotionally derailed: your instincts are accurate.

If your birthday is this week...over the next 14 weeks new love affairs need to expand, become seriously committed or include family celebrations, short-term travel and revised home schedules. If, however, meaningful progress is stalled or delayed, expect sudden romantic change by mid-August. Passionate decisions and new social invitations will vie for your attention throughout the summer months. Remain cautious and wait for powerful feelings of acceptance to arrive. After September 21st financial speculation will be misleading. If possible, avoid risky investments or large purchase for the next 4 months.

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