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## Fire in Cougar Village causes power outage

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

A malfunctioning cable unit started a fire on the 400 side of Cougar Village and a power outage for the on-campus apartments Friday afternoon, sending the residents to other campus housing for the night.

Spokesman for Ameren Illinois Utilities Leigh Morris said at approximately 1:10 p.m. switchgear

burned out, starting a fire in one of Ameren's pieces of electrical equipment and causing the power outage.

Ameren workers, SIUE Police and engineers and the Edwardsville Fire Department responded to the fire. Firefighters extinguished the blaze shortly after 2 p.m.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said there were no injuries or accidents because of the power outage.

Morris said the cable unit was

underground, making it hard to repair.

"The repairs are major in nature," Morris said Friday. "There is too much work to have power restored by (Friday night)."

Schultz said there were at least 10 to 15 people working on restoring power to Cougar Village all Friday night and Saturday.

Power was restored to Cougar Village at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The outage prompted SIUE Housing

to encourage students to relocate to available rooms in Evergreen and Woodland residence halls. Residents of Cougar Village were notified of the emergency rooms via fliers and e-mails.

Director of Housing Mike Schultz said students began moving from Cougar Village at about 6:45 p.m.

"The relocation was not normal procedure," Schultz said. "With the heat

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Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

Senior anthropology major **Liz O'Malley** (far left), junior history major **Adam Becherer** (left), junior anthropology major **James Powers** (center) and volunteers work at an excavation site at Cahokia Mounds in Cahokia. Originally searching for a tower, the students instead found part of the north wall of the ancient city.

## Playing in the dirt

Anthopology students dig for a tower at Cahokia Mounds, find an ancient wall instead

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

Senior anthropology major Liz O'Malley loves to play in the dirt.

That is what she has been doing for the past eight weeks as part of an SIUE field class that participated in the excavation at Cahokia Mounds historical site in Cahokia, which ended Friday.

"I want to keep doing archaeology, which is what I am going to keep doing once I graduate," O'Malley said. "I just want to keep playing in the dirt."

O'Malley, along with many other SIUE students, has been participating in an archaeological dig under the surveillance and help of professor Mary Vermillion, who is an archeology professor at the University of Missouri St. Louis, Washington University and St. Charles Community College.

Throughout the past eight weeks, students, volunteers and Vermillion have been excavating

what they think was the north wall of the palisade, which ran the perimeter of what once was the original area the people inhabited by the people of the ancient city.

Junior anthropology major James Powers said the last eight weeks have been both exciting and tiring.

"It's exciting because you find stuff that no one has ever known about that can change their perception or idea about the people that were here," Powers said.

Vermillion said the area around Cahokia Mounds has been under exploration for decades, but excavators decided to look for the north wall because of a line they noticed in a photograph of the site.

"A white line was noted in the aerial photograph running diagonally, and whenever you see something like that, some geometric form is in the soil, it is probably man-made," Vermillion said.

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## Contracts awarded for SIUE's Secondary Computing Center

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees awarded more than \$500,000 in contracts towards the construction of SIUE's new Secondary Computing Center at their meeting Thursday.

The meeting was held at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield.

BOT Chair Roger Tedrick said the project, originally approved in June 2007 and given a budget of \$800,000 in June 2008, will produce a 3,200 square foot building to house a new backup computing storage facility.

"The facility will enhance the system and make it work better," Tedrick said.

The center will also

provide workspace for the Computer Research Program and safe storage for the Lovejoy Library's special collections.

Director of the Office of Information Technology Duane Schiffman said the Secondary Computing Center will help make backup copies of the critical parts of SIUE's computer system.

"The center will help SIUE continue functioning, even in case of catastrophic failure," Schiffman said. "If a system becomes damaged, we could switch over to a redundant capacity."

The board also approved an \$8 increase for the School of Pharmacy Student Technology

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## Crime problems continues for apartment's residents

by **Kenneth Long**  
Alestle Reporter

The residents of a 500-side Cougar Village apartment continue to face criminal problems, following a string of crimes including burglary, theft and multiple cases of criminal damage to property.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said because of the extensive list of problems at the apartment, police recommended the residents move into different apartments.

"This might be an internal issue," Schmoll said. "We will be interviewing a few more people this week."

The latest problems occurred on June 28, when SIUE Police received a call at

about 2:45 p.m. from housing to report that the door to the apartment had been tampered with. The residents originally said there was nothing missing.

Later, one of the apartment's residents filed a report with police, saying clothing items were taken from her apartment.

The initial problems started June 17 when the same apartment was broken into, torn apart and valuables such as credit cards, jewelry, cash and electronics were stolen. This prompted an e-mail crime alert to warn students of the burglary.

The crimes continued when one of the residents of the apartment discovered

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## Police Reports

### 6-14

Kale J. Hutchings was arrested in connection with DUI, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and driving on a suspended license. Brandon A. Usrey was arrested in connection with misdemeanor complaints for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of alcohol by passenger and unlawful consumption. Both were processed. Usrey posted \$100 bond, Hutchings was given a notice to appear and both were released. The vehicle was towed and impounded.

Police took a call about a portable toilet that was moved from near the bike trail near Supporting Services Road to the woods south on the trail near the bridge. The officer located the portable toilet and notified the grounds.

Police issued Bradley A. Iberg a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Sharma L. Higgins a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Jason B. Hill a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Mallory J. Adams

a citation for expired registration on North University Drive.

### 6-15

Katie M. Pope was arrested in connection with DUI and improper lane usage on Lewis Road. Pope was processed, posted \$100 bond and was released.

Jeremy E. Belcher was arrested in connection with driving with a suspended driver's license and speeding on North University Drive. Belcher was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

### 6-16

Police responded to an accident in Lot 4D in Cougar Village. There were no injuries.

### 6-17

Police issued Marian J. Halley a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

### 6-18

Police issued Rachael M. Kotlarczyk a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Chelsey Reed a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Scott Meyer a citation for following too closely on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Jason A. Monaco a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

### 6-19

Police issued Janet M. Webb a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued William R. Hedger a citation for failing to yield at an intersection on South University Drive.

Police issued Steven W. Penny a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Megan A. Tosh a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Shannon M. McMahon a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Francesco G. Ziniti a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Sarah C. Buchanan a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Shyra L. Simon a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

### BREAK-IN

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money missing and a profane comment scratched into the apartment's front door.

Director of Housing Mike Schultz said the police were in charge of the case, and it was highly unusual.

"In all my years at SIUE, I've never seen anything like this (situation)," Schultz said.

The residents of the apartment could not be reached as of Monday.

SIUE Police asked anyone

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

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### TRUSTEES

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Fee, raising it from \$208 per semester to \$216.

The increase will help pay for laptops for the students, including insurance and replacement laptops. Batteries and upgrades to Windows Vista are included in the fee.

Tedrick said the increase will go into effect for the fall 2008 semester.

"The fee increase is needed to help get the pharmacy program up and running," Tedrick said.

Other items at the BOT meeting included the first reading of the alternate tuition rate for students participating in a dual

diploma program with Istanbul Technical University in Turkey, set at \$6,150 per semester.

SIUE and ITU are working together to help bring high-achieving students from Turkey to SIUE.

The proposed tuition rate is 66 percent higher than in-state tuition for Illinois residents and 34 percent lower than out of state.

The next BOT meeting will take place at 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at SIUE.

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### System-Wide Internal Search

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President Poshard is initiating a search internal to the Southern Illinois University system for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs to succeed Dr. John Haller, who retires December 31. The Vice President for Academic Affairs reports directly to the President, the chief executive officer for the University.

The Vice President functions as the chief academic officer of the University, providing leadership to the campus academic Vice Chancellors, consultation to campus Chancellors, and support to the President on all academic matters. He or she is the University's spokesperson and representative in discussing academic programs with the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The Vice President also staffs the Academic Matters Committee of the SIU Board of Trustees. For a more detailed job announcement, please visit this web site: <http://www.siu.edu/~affect>.

Qualifications: Required: A successful candidate will have received tenure at the rank of Professor within the University. Preferred: Administrative experience at a campus or central level within a complex university which offers a range of programs through the doctorate; familiarity with current national dialogue on education issues; and, some acquaintance with academic policymaking at the State level.

For fullest consideration, nominations or applications should be received by August 1, 2008. Responsibilities will begin in October 2008. The salary is competitive. Submit a cover letter, resume, and list of at least four references (electronic submittal is encouraged) to:

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**FIRE**  
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**Two members of the Edwardsville Fire Department work to put out the electrical generator that caught fire Friday afternoon after a cable unit malfunctioned. The fire caused Cougar Village to lose power overnight, and residents were moved to Evergreen or Woodland Halls until power was restored.**

and the spare rooms we had available, we felt we could go above and beyond.”

Sophomore elementary education major Zara Graham of Chester said she relocated from Cougar Village to Woodland Hall because of the power outage.

“I had just gotten back from a retreat,” Graham said. “It was inconvenient for me, plus my food went bad.”

Schmoll said a police roadblock was placed at the entrance road to Cougar Village because of the lack of light.

“Residents and workers could come and go,” Schmoll said. “We didn’t want anyone going back there that didn’t belong.”

Graham said while the blockade was a good idea, it inconvenienced her friends that were staying with her.

“They had to wait in the parking lot while I tried to get my stuff,” Graham said.

Schmoll said there were no major problems as a result of the power outage.

“Everything was relatively quiet,” Schmoll said. “It’s normal procedure to step up patrols in areas without power, but Cougar Village was unique because there is only one way in and one way out.”

Schultz said he was pleased with the way the situation was handled.

“Housing staff, police and Ameren employees did an excellent job,” Schultz said. “They put in extra hours to turn a negative situation around.”

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**CAHOKIA**  
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A palisade had been built around the central area of the original site and four bastions, or towers, were supposed to have been built. The four types of bastions the archaeologists were looking for were a circular bastion, a square bastion with a closed back and two square bastions with open backs.

Last season one more bastion was discovered, so the students were in search of the circular bastion not too far from the last one unearthed. While they did not find the bastion, it has been confirmed that the excavated area is a portion of the north wall of the palisade.

Vermilion said they opened up this unit because it lined up perfectly with everything else already discovered. She said they had measured out to the circular bastion, the first building of the palisade, but did not find it.

“We thought if we could catch part of the bastion here ... there would be no question that this is the north wall (of the palisade),” Vermilion said. “We did answer one question: it isn’t here.”

Though the circular bastion was not discovered, it is expected to be close to where the digging stopped for the summer field school. There is a trench running through the excavation area, which Vermilion said is a key factor that shows the area is part of the north wall of the original palisade.

O’Malley said she was excited for the opportunity to work at Cahokia Mounds.

“It’s really neat being able to work at a site this

cool because a lot of people in this area don’t think much of Cahokia Mounds,” O’Malley said. “But after learning about it in school and being able to come here and dig, it’s been a pleasure.”

Despite having not found the circular bastion they were looking for, the students and volunteers seemed content with their findings. Not only did they find that the area was part of the north wall, but they also found various artifacts such as arrowheads, bones from a feast, other stones used for tools and a large pottery piece.

Powers said he was disappointed they weren’t able to unearth the bastion they were in search for, but was happy to have been able to help in the excavation.

“We didn’t find the tower ... but we know where it is not,” Powers said. “It’s kind of sad that we won’t be here on the dig with (Vermilion) to find it, but we know we contributed something to it.”

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# Student Government grants funding for trips, back to school events

by Jeff Mason  
Alestle Opinion Editor

With the summer semester half over, Student Government focused on some of the issues and events for the upcoming fall season Friday.

Alpha Kappa Lambda senior Justin Montgomery requested and was granted funding for the third annual Alpha Kappa Lambda Welcome Back Concert and BBQ.

The cookout attracted approximately 350 guests last year, according to Montgomery.

“It has the fantastic potential to be a ton of people, especially with new students,” Montgomery said. “But the thing I’m most excited about is involving more than just our student population.”

While Montgomery’s presentation of the events went smoothly, the philanthropic part of the Welcome Back BBQ, which would raise money for the Metro East Humane Society, hit a snag.

“You can put material out there, like literature making people aware, but you can’t ask for a donation,” Student Government adviser Steve Sperotto said. “It deals with a guideline: you can’t use university funds, directly or indirectly, for fundraising for a philanthropic event.”

Montgomery said the charitable portion of the event would be saved for later in the year.

The funding for the Welcome Back Concert and BBQ, a cost of \$6,821.92, was approved by Student Government.

Montgomery also represented the Interfraternity Council, which was also granted its

full sum of \$2,300 to bring hypnotist Chris Carter for another event during the first weekend back. The three events will occur on Aug. 22 to 24.

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association was also looking for money in the sum of \$550 for its first trip to the NPhA’s 61st Annual Convention in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

“The primary reasons why we are going (are for) networking, meeting other students (and) finding out about other issues ... so there’s a whole lot of reasons to go over there,” NPhA adviser Walter Siganga said.

Student Government awarded the NPhA with the full sum asked. The group of five students will be making the trip on July 25 to 29 later this summer.

After dealing with the day’s primary business, the Student Government moved on to more internal budget requests, including \$7,500 for USB flash drives promoting Student Government that will be given out after coronation and \$618.50 for SG to co-sponsor the Edwardsville Block Party on Sept. 5. Both requests were approved.

The final topics of discussion involved fine tuning future leadership conferences and the successful appointment of School Spirit and Pride Chair Deanna Bourassa after holding an executive session.

The appointment of sophomore Khayere Erewele to the Student Senate was tabled until the next meeting of the Student Government.

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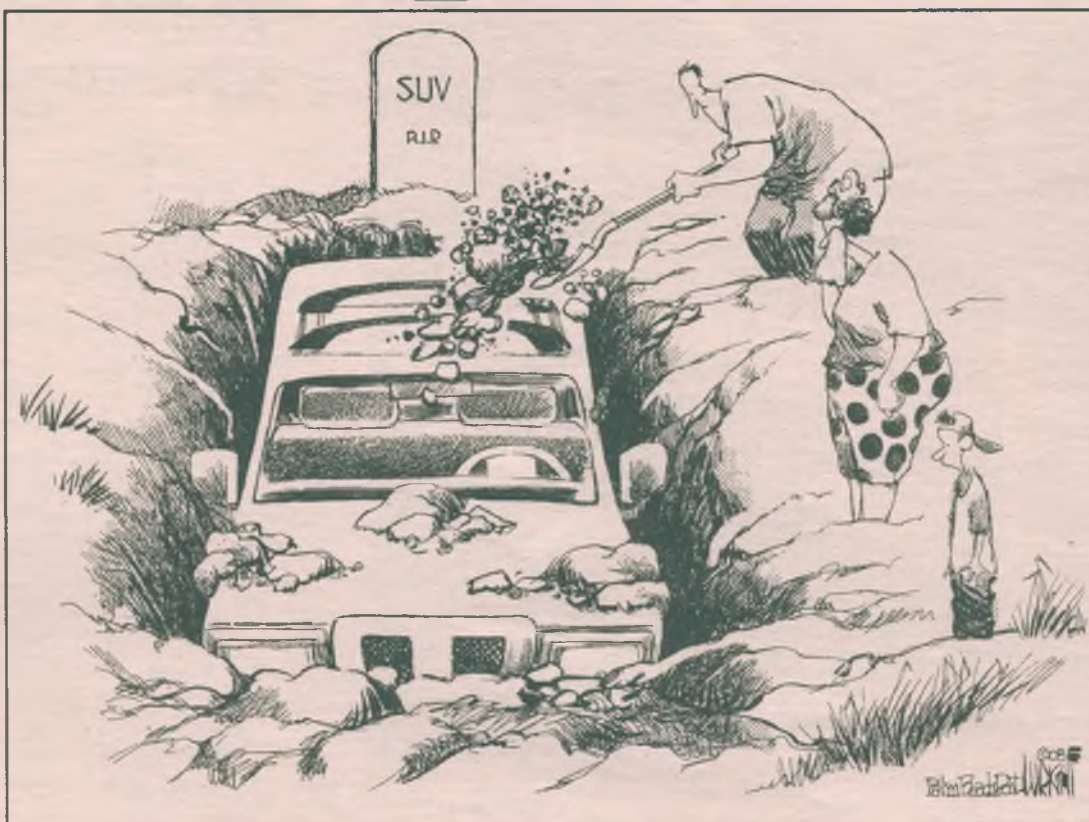
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## Theme parks can only do so much

Several weeks ago, a 17-year-old boy was struck by a roller coaster and killed at the Six Flags theme park in Atlanta. The teenager scaled two 6-foot high fences in a restricted area and passed several warning signs while trying to retrieve a hat he had lost on the Batman ride. While this tragedy is highly unfortunate, placing blame on the amusement park is unreasonable.



Amanda Neudecker

This particular accident is in no way comparable to last summer's cable-snapping incident on the Superman Tower of Power ride in Kentucky, which was clearly a mechanical error. Both of 16-year-old Kaitlyn Lasitter's feet were severed from her body due to the malfunction.

For some reason, many reports found last summer's case worth mentioning alongside the tragedy in Atlanta. The Kentucky accident

shares no obvious connection with the more recent one, aside from them both being terrible accidents.

In the case of the Batman ride, following park rules could have prevented the accident. It is the park's responsibility to make sure every measure is taken to ensure rider and visitor safety, just as it is the park guest's responsibility to adhere to all safety warnings and regulations. While the accident is a great loss, by no means should blame be placed on the amusement park for the tragedy.

Although cases of amusement park accidents vary, this particular one was not of mechanical error or negligence on the part of Six Flags. Park designs and attractions are built on standards and regulations, and there is no evidence that these standards and regulations were neglected.

At what point is the patron or guest responsible for his actions? Climbing over fences is a deliberate action that can cause fatal consequences. Only so many preventative measures can be taken before it is up to the guest to follow instructions and

adhere to park rules in order to ensure safety.

More recent reports suggest the teenager was re-entering the park and decided to take a short cut. However, by climbing two tall fences and passing warning signs which clearly labeled the area as restricted, the guest, through no fault of the amusement park, put himself in a dangerous situation, no matter what the reason for doing so was.

There is no evidence that Six Flags didn't follow safety standards or take necessary precautions. The reality of the matter is the park can only do so much before it is the guest's responsibility to follow posted safety rules and avoid restricted areas, all of which are in place to prevent such accidents.

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## Drilling for answers won't provide solution

Earlier this week President Bush lifted the executive ban on offshore drilling, a ban put on by his father back in 1990. The move came as a way for the president to bring the issue to the forefront and pressure the House and Senate into making a decision.

You have to applaud our president: he's not just sitting on his hands and being a lame duck. He's taking action. But it may not be a step in the right direction.

According to the Boston Globe, offshore drilling won't have a direct impact on gas prices for at least a decade while oil companies acquire the



Jeff Mason

permits and equipment, as well as time spent looking for places to drill. And to top it off, the amount of oil produced may be too small to impact world oil prices.

There are also some environmental risks to offshore drilling, including the risk of oil spills, which can cause an incredible amount of damage to the environment and ecosystems.

On the other hand, advancing technology reduces the risk of a spill, and a report from the Independent Scientific Review indicates that offshore drilling has negligible effects on the environment. Even so, it doesn't completely take the risk of a spill away.

But more than anything, this move seems like a way to superficially patch things up. After all, the effects may not be felt until 10 years from now, and by then the energy

crisis will most likely be in full swing.

So why is our government focusing on finding more fuel, rather than finding a new way to fuel our trains, planes and automobiles? I know there aren't a lot of good options at this point, but America is known for its innovation. Our companies are the largest, most successful in the world. Can't we get behind them and figure something out rather than award thriving oil companies with even more contracts?

Offshore drilling will help, but it's not a solution. We should be focusing on alternative energy, not on more fuel.

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## Summer showbiz ends season with "Honk!"



Derrick Hawkins/ Alestle

Rehearsals for "Honk!," which is based on a child's story, began in June. Productions of the show will begin Thursday.

by **Soni Kumar**

Alestle Correspondant

Summer Showbiz will bring a popular children's fable to life on the SIUE stage with their last show of the summer season, "Honk!," starting Thursday.

"Honk!" is a musical based on the story of "The Ugly Duckling," which is about a duck named Ugly wanting acceptance. The story is set in a pond on a farm in the countryside, where Ugly is known to be different.

"It is a story of not being accepted," director of "Honk!" Lana Hagan said. "It is told through the eyes of animals, but we know anytime you personify an animal (story) it is always a human story."

Ten-year-old Bridget Gittemeier plays a frog, a goose and a fish in the show. This is Gittemeier's first musical performance.

"It's fun learning how to dance and sing," Gittemeier said.

According to Hagan, the characters in the story signify human roles.

"The bullfrog acts as a psychiatrist

who helps Ugly understand that he is different and how it's a good thing," Hagan said.

"It's sad the other ducklings tease Ugly," Gittemeier said.

Rehearsing for the show took a lot of hard work and dedication for the actors and actresses.

"Learning the dances are long and complicated," Gittemeier said.

Keith Wehmeier, a senior vocal and performance major, plays the role of lead fowl, Ugly.

"The hours of practicing, acting rehearsals and exercises are time consuming," Wehmeier said.

Wehmeier said he enjoyed portraying the innocence and naivety of his character.

"It's fun to play someone so young that doesn't know what's going on in the world," Wehmeier said.

Music performance major and international graduate student Anita Len plays three different characters in the show: a goose, a fish and a frog.

"It's hard to memorize the music and script for all three characters," Len said. "I really like the music parts though, they are full of harmony. Every actor has to learn the harmonic parts which is difficult, but since I am a music major, I like the challenge."

Len, an international student from Taiwan, said "Honk!" is her first English-speaking production in the United States. She has performed other musical shows in the Chinese and Taiwanese languages.

"I enjoy playing in music shows," Len said. "I like to sing in the chorus. I like how I can be in any role and trying different costumes is my favorite (thing)."

Hagan wanted the concept of the story to relate to the audience.

"The importance of the story is to show the relationship between a parent and child and how parents help children become adults," Hagan said.

According to Hagan, this show gives directors the opportunity to have "unlimited imagination."

Hagan said the actors are not dressed in particular animal outfits, but instead are costumed in colors with a bit of "fantasy" that notes the animals' attributes.

"Anytime you have a show that allows you to stretch your imagination is really fun," Hagan said. "This is a very important story that the audience can relate to."

Performances of "Honk!" will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. July 24 through 26 in SIUE's Katherine Dunham Hall theater.

Tickets can be purchased through the Dunham Hall Box Office. Adult tickets are \$15, Non-SIUE students, seniors citizens and SIUE faculty and staff member tickets are \$12 and SIUE students registered for summer classes can get one free ticket with a valid I.D.

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## New sculpture 'Bound' to campus outside art building

by **Jeff Mason**

Alestle Opinion Editor

The transformation to the fall semester is already starting with the first pieces from the Sculpture on Campus program popping up around the university.

One of the first to show up is called "Bound," created by senior sculpture major John Eachus of Belleville. Work on the sculpture began at the beginning of June and was just recently placed between the Art & Design Building and Evergreen Hall.

The sculpture depicts a man whose arms, which are made of chains, dig into the ground. The idea for the piece is something of a continuation of Eachus' previous work.

"I do a lot of labor caste type of art," Eachus said. "People that are struggling or working, things like that. The chains become this literal chaining, binding element."

The design for the sculpture changed a bit from its original premise, which was submitted and selected early this year by the Sculpture on Campus board.

"When I went to do the life-sized sculpture on campus it seemed like a natural progression to do the man chained into the ground," Eachus said. "Originally ... his

arms (would) become chains, but instead I used a pierced form and had the chains coming through, piercing the shoulder."

While it may seem simple enough, making the piece requires a solid understanding of sculpture.

"You can't just go in and make it out of cement because you won't have any structure to hold it up," Eachus said. "So I started off with rebar and made a skeleton out of it, and then from there I wrapped that in a standard mesh ... and then I added in a mixture of cement, sand and steel wool."

Graduate student and Sculpture on Campus entrant Katherine Perryman of Edwardsville had to adjust from painting to sculpting for her piece "Put on a New Nature," which has yet to be installed. That's where taking the Research in Sculpture class came in handy.

"There's a real camaraderie in the class," Perryman said. "We all get along, but you also have to rely on each other in the class."

As the summer goes on, the final pieces of Sculpture on Campus will fall into place soon enough.

"There's some ... on site construction and there's some of them that haven't been completed yet," Eachus said. "But they are going to be completed and be up by

(July 31)."

In October, a sculpture walk will be held and one of the new sculptures will be declared the winner.

"(Judges and guests) go from sculpture to sculpture to sculpture and the artists present them," Art and Design secretary Lauren Jansen said.

According to Jansen, no official date for the Sculpture Walk has been announced.

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"Bound" created by senior John Eachus was recently placed on campus outside the Art Building.

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## Decorated track star leaves SIUE

### Decision comes after popular assistant track coach let go by university



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Deserea Brown runs during a meet in 2007. Brown received her release from SIUE and will no longer compete for the Cougars.

by Josh McCarty  
Alestle Sports Editor

During the 2008 track and field season, Deserea Brown earned two National Championships, multiple All-American awards and became a semi-finalist for Olympic qualifying for SIUE.

Now, five weeks before the beginning of fall semester, the decorated athlete has cut all ties with the university.

"I will not be coming back," Brown said. "As far as SIUE is concerned, that bridge is burned."

coach) Dave Astrauskas told me he would definitely have me back."

Astrauskas had no comment on the Beyers situation, and SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt was unavailable for comment as of Tuesday afternoon.

Beyers said Astrauskas was not only dishonest with him but also with the athletes.

"He assured an athlete and her father that I would be here next year so she would sign her scholarship papers," Beyers said. "I thought Dave was more professional than that. He proved me wrong."

Brown was close to Beyers and went so far as to say she "respects him more than any man in the world."

"We're not losing a coach here," Brown said. "We're losing a mentor, a friend and family member. People's grades were not good when we came here. Now we have people on the Dean's List. Coach Beyers inspired all of that."

Astrauskas said that while Brown will be hard to replace on and off the track, he understands she might find more personal success elsewhere.

"Deserea was ranked top-50 in the world in 400-meter hurdles," Astrauskas said. "I can understand her aspirations to compete at the national level again. Obviously she can't do that here."

Brown said her motivation to leave was the situation with Beyers, and that she feels

deceived by Astrauskas.

Sophomore sprinter Amber Triner said she felt Astrauskas was dishonest with her.

"Coach David Astrauskas assured me that (Beyers) would be back, so I turned in my paperwork," Triner said. "I guess they've known about it for a while. I was lied to, and he has my paperwork."

Bob Harold, father of SIUE junior sprinter Nicholas Harold, said he was also under the impression Beyers would be retained.

"I just had a conversation with (Beyers) three weeks ago," Harold said. "He said (he was) not going anywhere. I'm hoping they didn't think all of this through."

Harold said he thought it was possible the university delayed the announcement to prevent an opportunity for athletes to transfer.

"I know that these kids made it clear that if Coach Beyers was not going to be retained that they're moving," Harold said. "I don't want to come to too many conclusions, but to wait until July... I have to believe that the decision was made before this. It doesn't look good."

Triner, who earned first-team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors and set a school record in the 55-meter hurdles in her first season at SIUE, says she doesn't know what the future holds for her.

"At this point I'm definitely looking at my options," Triner said. "I personally don't want to

be on a team with people I can't trust."

Junior standout Jeremy Puckett, who earned first-team all GLVC honors in 2008, said his future with the team is also questionable.

"It's too late to transfer this season, but I am strongly considering sitting out because I don't want to run for a coach that puts himself ahead of his athletes," Puckett said. "I feel like Coach Astrauskas wanted the recognition Coach Beyers was receiving."

Brown said she was not surprised Astrauskas waited until July to make the announcement. She referenced a similar past situation that would indicate the ripple effect of Beyers not returning.

"This happened two years ago where they got rid of Coach Beyers and everybody went crazy," Brown said. "It's no secret that if you let coach Beyers go, the whole team would have walked."

Two weeks ago, Brown represented SIUE as a semi-finalist in the Olympic trials. For her, this situation puts a dark cloud over her success as a Cougar.

"It does tarnish it," Brown said. "I ran at the Olympic trials, and I wore SIUE everyday with pride. Now I wish I was unattached. I'm very hurt by what they did."

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## Burton set to lead women's soccer into new era

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

With the athletic program's switch to the Ohio Valley Conference, all sports, including women's soccer, will be going through a period of inexperience.

New SIUE women's soccer coach Derek Burton brings plenty of experience to the table to help the Cougars through this time of transition.

Burton was a starter for Arkansas-Little Rock, starting in 1997. After four years on the men's soccer team, he stayed on as a student assistant coach for the team. Burton said he enjoyed this position early on.

"From there, I knew that's what I wanted to do," Burton said.

Burton went to graduate school at Morehead State where he was an assistant coach during the school's first and only year of OVC women's soccer.

"The program was cut during the second semester, but it gave me some good experience," Burton said.

Burton left Morehead for Mount Senario College in 2000 for a head coaching position, followed by another head coaching position at Missouri Valley College from 2001 to 2006.

At Missouri Valley, Burton said he made some large strides on and off the court for the women's soccer program. There he coached four All-American players and 14 All-American Scholar-Athletes.

"We only had winning seasons, we raised the team GPA and consistently made playoffs," Burton said. "We changed the environment of the program."

Other systems Burton instituted at Division II Missouri Valley included year-round fitness programs and academic studying programs.

"I ran it like a Division I program," Burton said. Burton's most recent coaching position was at Iowa State University as an assistant coach. A large part of the team

had recently graduated and introduced nine freshmen.

"It was a new time for (the team)," Burton said. "It was satisfying to see them grow."

Burton is married with two children and said he was attracted to SIUE because of head coach position and the chance to move back to his native St. Louis area.

"Moving back here gives my kids a chance to grow up around their family," Burton said.

SIUE senior women's soccer player Jenny Kates said she is confident Burton will fit in well with the team.

"He seems pretty laid back," Kates said. "He knows what he wants and what he wants us to do."

Burton said he hopes to build upon the success of the women's soccer program from before.

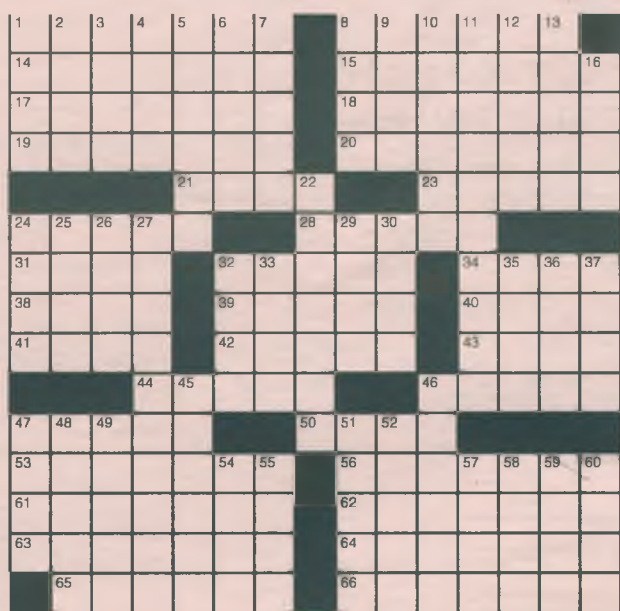
"I know SIUE has a strong tradition of success with the soccer program," Burton said. "We're not starting from scratch."

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- 1 Hold down
8 From the top
14 Trattoria selection
15 Like insulated wires
17 Picked up the check
18 Gangland hitman
19 Endurance
20 More strict
21 Shelter for doves
23 Housing contract
24 Barrel part
28 Dental records
31 Tex-Mex snack
32 Larger part of Iberia
34 Do the breast stroke
38 Company VIP
39 Be inviting
40 Little bit
41 Italian tower city
42 Sign of the ram
43 Hot box
44 Started
46 Foe
47 Madagascar primate
50 Flows out
53 Cry like a mourner
56 Pass to the side
61 Fire opal
62 Most of the time
63 Impolite observers
64 French artist Henri
65 Paris palace
66 Qualified voter



DOWN

- 1 Chooses
2 Opposite of starboard
3 Court entreaty
4 Quantity of paper
5 Lure
6 Shorthand expert
7 Assassinated Egyptian statesman
8 Play parts
9 One end of a table
10 Not often
11 Look on one's face
12 Commune in Tuscany
13 Netherworld
16 Folk wisdom
22 Check out
24 Dance move
25 Metered vehicle
26 Tennis stats
27 Stock of words
29 Ready for picking
30 'A Bug's Life' cast members
32 Bachelor party
33 Neighbor of Brazil
35 Used a loom
36 Bit of news
37 Lots and lots
45 Rubs out
46 Landed property
47 Schleps
48 A-list group
49 Painting on a wall
51 Hold responsible
52 Metabolism
54 Drove like crazy
55 Besides that
57 Writer Ambler
58 Result of oxidation
59 As well
60 Lascivious gander

SUDOKU By Michael Mepham



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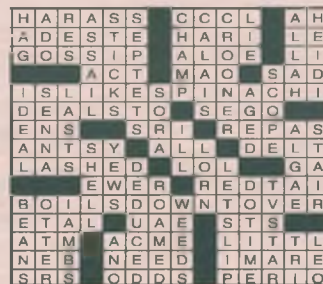
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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope By Lasha Seniuk

Week of July 14 - July 20, 2008

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Workplace progress may be delayed over the next 8 days. Key officials are now motivated to cancel important projects or reverse recent promises.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Long-term lovers will now opt for creative sensuality and new forms of expression. Single Taureans may this week encounter a rare or exotic attraction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) For many Geminis emotional insights will now be quietly translated into wisdom. Recent speculation concerning the motives of a friend or colleague may soon be proven accurate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Social awareness will this week inspire positive lifestyle choices. Some Cancerians, especially those born between 1974 and 1978, may now experience improved physical and emotional health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Younger relatives are this week creative, expressive and mildly annoying. Social banter and excited gossip are highlighted over the next 3 days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Business officials will this week demand completed documents and finalized applications. Carefully study all legal requirements and daily expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Over the next few days subtle romantic compliments should not be ignored. Shy friends or potential lovers may this week gently express their emotional needs or social aspirations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Private disagreements between friends may now be publicly debated. Before mid-week expect minor

moments of tension, mistrust or group confusion. Over the next few days hidden anxieties or misunderstandings will need to be acknowledged and resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Mental energy and emotional vitality will now improve. Early this week many Sagittarians will end almost 4 weeks of low social interest or lagging confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Potential lovers and new friends will no longer avoid public flirtation or bold comments. After Tuesday expect the emotional expectations of others to be obvious and unusually high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Five weeks of emotional power struggles or private tensions will now fade. Early this week romantic relationships are poised for dramatic expansion and redefined roles.

payments may be at issue: stay balanced.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) New friends or work mates may this week issue unrealistic demands. Overly familiar comments or inappropriate family invitations are accented.

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