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Online survey studies SIUE's role in SIU system

by Lindsay Dunham
Alestle Reporter

Members of the SIUE community have the chance to voice their opinions on SIUE's involvement in the Southern Illinois University system and the relationship between Southern Illinois University Carbondale and SIUE in an online survey.

The survey available until Saturday was sent out by the SIUE Faculty Senate Taskforce for Investigating the Relationship Between SIUE and SIU. English professor Joel Hardman, chair of the taskforce, said the survey asks questions such as "How would you rate the quality of the relationship between SIUE and SIUC?" and "Do you believe it would benefit the quality of education at SIUE for it to be independent of the SIU system?"

"At the very least, the survey will show us what we get out of the current relationship and give us some ideas of what we can achieve and what we want to be as a campus," Hardman said.

The suggestion for SIUE to break away from the SIU system was first raised after the SIUC student newspaper, the Daily Egyptian, broke the news of plagiarism in SIU President Glenn Poshard's 1984 doctoral dissertation. After an investigation, the incident was later found to be inadvertent plagiarism, and the reviewing committee

recommended Poshard correct the document and no further action be taken.

Some within the SIUE community were upset by this decision, and the SIUE Faculty Senate officially called for Poshard's resignation in November 2007, but he refused to step down.

Following the call for resignation, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and 14 other SIUE administrators released a letter in November 2007, discouraging separation from the SIU system.

Vandegrift could not be reached for comment about

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The Wellness Center was completed Nov. 6 and has an area curtained off for injury assessments and a separate room for massage therapy.

Light at the end of the The new Wellness Center completed Nov. 6

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

The construction of the new Wellness Center in the Student Fitness Center has been completed, and the intramural sports and Student Fitness Center staff are ready to move into the new offices.

The new center is a part of the \$10.6 million construction project on the Student Fitness Center, which began in May 2008.

The new Wellness Center has an area that can be curtained off for injury assessments, a process that was previously done in an open area of the office. Along with a private assessment area is a separate room for massage therapy, which used to be performed in one of the racquetball courts.

SIUE sports management graduate Bill Miller took a tour of the construction site for the fitness center additions.

"It's very surreal for me. I was here for six years. This place was kind of a home for me," Miller said. "It's nice to see this place grow."

The current lobby of the Student Fitness Center will be expanded to include a snack bar, laptop stations, and a plasma screen television broadcasting news throughout the day.

David Hagedorn, assistant director for Facilities and Informal Recreation, toured the site with Miller and explained the construction process and what is planned for the additions.

"The entire lobby is going to be wall to wall windows and allows for the transfer of energy," Hagedorn said, "It's going to create a contagious feeling for people coming (to the Student Fitness Center.)"

Hagedorn said the lobby is meant to have a very open, natural feeling that welcomes students into the fitness center.

"We're trying to take advantage of the natural light," Hagedorn said, "Sustainability is pretty important to us."

The additions to the Student Fitness Center will allow for more classes to take place as well.

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Time will tell if Obama keeps promises, is able to win Senate support

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle A&E Editor

The White House will have new tenants come January after President-elect Barack Obama earned more than enough electoral votes to snag the presidency from the reaches of Sen. John McCain.

Many were unsurprised when Obama won enough votes to claim victory. Obama received 364 electoral votes compared to McCain's 163 votes, according to cnn.com. Only 270 electoral votes were needed for either candidate to win the election on Nov. 4.

Political science professor Brian Harward was not surprised when Obama was announced as the next president of the United States, mostly because of the economy.

"When the incumbent party faces the kind of situation this incumbent party was facing, you are going to have a really hard time," Harward said. "(The Republicans) were running against the wind the whole way ... I would have predicted the Democrats had an advantage going in."

Harward said another reason it was no surprise the Democrats took claim to the presidency was because of McCain's image throughout the campaign. He showed different sides of himself throughout different stages of the campaign.

"He was a reformer at one stage, he was a maverick at another stage, he was a good solid Republican at another stage and all that lends to (a lack of authenticity) that voters were sensitive to," Harward said.

Obama, on the other hand, had a strong message he was

able to spread to voters early on, and he stuck with his message throughout his campaign, Harward said.

Political science professor Laurie Rice said it was important for Obama to make points in his speech about change taking time because many of the changes he has made will need backing from Congress and other political figures

Rice said it was important for Obama to make those kinds of statements because expectations are so high for him, especially among strong supporters.

"When you have that much support behind you, there is also that big risk that everybody will get disillusioned if they don't get that change overnight," Rice said. "I think it was good for him to prepare people ... because immediate change is almost impossible."

Despite worries of change taking too long for the general public, Rice said Obama should be able to make good on many of the promises he made, but some would be tougher.

"Because on the surface it looks like he has Democratic control of Congress, it should be easy," Rice said. "But they will find policy differences, and sometimes Congress members face pressure from special interest groups ... that Obama doesn't have to face as much as president."

Besides the excitement surrounding the outcome of the presidential election, Harward said the "real story" of this year's election was more about the Senate, the House of Representatives and State

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the survey as of Wednesday evening.

The proposal to split from the SIU system was first raised by SIUE philosophy professor Robert Ware, who created a petition at the time of the initial proposal signed by 32 faculty signatures.

"I am absolutely in favor of a separation," Ware said. "I was very dismayed at the way the plagiarism scandal was handled. It brought disgrace to the university. We were a national laughingstock a year ago. A university is nothing more than its academic standards and if we don't maintain higher standards then we aren't a university."

Ware said the scandal significantly affected the university and the way plagiarism is looked

"Since the Poshard scandal, I am seeing this as an escalating problem," Ware said. "I am seeing more examples of blatant and severe cases of plagiarism that I haven't seen before. It seems to be the new culture of this campus to overlook plagiarism."

Ware said he took the survey and was glad that the Faculty Senate is trying to do something to look into separation. Still, Ware said he felt the survey did not ask enough.

"I thought the survey was a little brief," Ware said. "It asked basic yes and no questions and didn't ask what people felt. I wish I would have had a little more opportunity to express what I felt about the issue."

Hardman said the goal of the survey was to help the committee collect data and financial information to present to the Faculty Senate, in order to help them discern what the outcome of a split from the SIU system would be.

"It will help us answer these questions we have about what the campus will look like, what the campus will think if we split and what it will cost us," Hardman said. "That way we can come up with a clear and accurate set of what would be gained or lost in this

hypothetical separation."

Ware said he hopes people will take advantage of this opportunity to give their opinion, and the Faculty Senate will strongly consider the community opinion.

"I hope if people wish for a separation that there will be real work toward a separation and that this survey won't be just a palliative," Ware said.

Ware said he already had reservations about SIUC before the plagiarism scandal happened.

"(SIUC) has a reputation for being a party school, and I feel that SIUE is going a different way from SIUC," Ware said.

Ware said he sees the separation as vital to the life of the university and the costs it will take to separate will be temporary.

"Ten years from now, we will be looking at the benefits of separating from Carbondale and not even thinking or worrying about the cost," Ware said.

Hardman, who said he does not have a strong opinion one way or the other about the separation, believes separation from SIUC is unlikely, due to political reasons, but hopes students take the opportunity to give their feedback on the matter.

"If students have a strong opinion about SIUE and its relationship with SIUC, it's an opportunity to express that," Hardman said.

Sophomore Kala Neuman of Auburn said she doesn't think a separation will make any difference to SIUE.

"I don't really think much about it," Neuman said. "It doesn't bother me (to remain in the SIU system), and I don't think it will make a difference to the school at all. I don't feel like we are a part of SIUC anyway."

To take the survey, go to http://www.library.siue.edu/ftc/survey/senate/.

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Representatives.

"The down ballot races were the more important issues because most people realized we were going to have a Democratic president a long time ago," Harward said. "The question was how the House and the Senate were going to go."

As the counting and recounting of votes continues, it is increasingly looking as though the House of Representatives and the Senate will both be heavily dominated by the Democratic Party.

Political science professor Ken Moffett said the Alaska and Minnesota contests are not yet over because the races are too close.

Moffett said states usually have a law which requires a recount when the margin of victory, either one way or the other, is within a certain percentage. Because of this, Minnesota is currently doing a recount of votes and is down to a difference of less than 200 votes, Moffett said.

For the Democrats to take control of the Senate they only need 51 out of 100 senators to be Democratic. They currently have 57. For the Democrats to take control of the House they only need 218 of the 435 members of the House to be Democratic, and they currently have 255, according to cnn.com.

Moffett said the importance of political dominance in Congress is dependent on who is president. Since Obama will be the next president, Moffett said a Democratic Congress could only help him.

Obama has several policy

changes he hopes to enact as president and will need the backing of Congress to help make those changes, such as health care reform, pulling out of Iraq, an economic reform package and other changes, Moffett said.

"He'll have fewer problems because Obama is a Democrat, but at the same time that's not to say that having control resting with the same party perfectly predicts what's going to happen," Moffett said.

Because the House members are constantly up for reelection, Moffett said they are "much more sensitive to political changes" than the Senate, but said he doesn't see Obama having many problems dealing with Congress.

Regardless of how Congress moves between the political parties, Obama has many tasks ahead of him as the new president.

Although Obama was attacked by the McCain campaign for being a star and charismatic speaker, Harward said he hoped people would realize there is more to Obama than rhetoric.

"I think there's a real substance there that people were able to attach themselves to and find in that rhetoric something deeply meaningful for them," Harward said. "People don't cry because of empty rhetoric. They cry because of substance and value and meaning in their lives."

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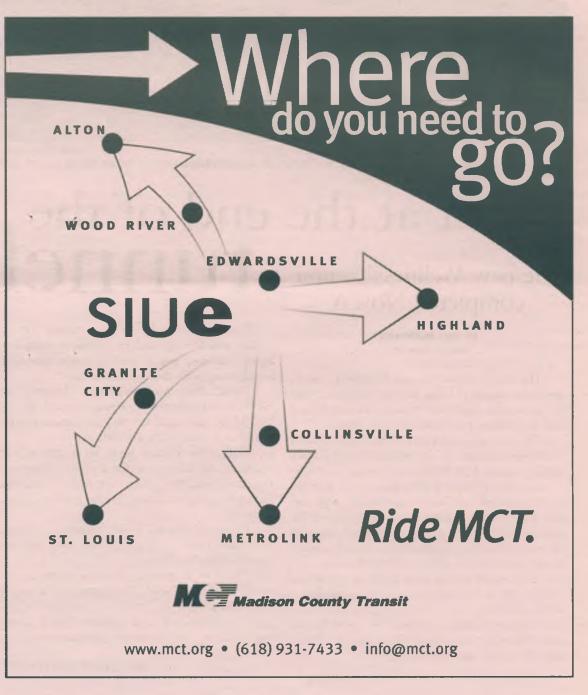
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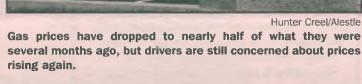
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Motorists wonder how long the oil relief will last, worried if prices to rise



by Leo Brown Alestle Reporter

While the economy continues to experience a historic downturn, the average cost of a tank of gas has declined to nearly half what it was several months

Because supply has outpaced demand for gas, oil companies are sitting on more reserves than they can sell.

FKG President Robert Forsyth said the weak economy is one of the most crucial factors in the prices that consumers pay at the pump.

"The slowing economy is causing consumers to experience fundamental change in spending habits," Forsyth said.

Forsyth's company, which operates a retail chain that sells gasoline, is keeping a close eye on the direction of fuel prices.

Forsyth said contrary to what consumers may believe, higher fuel prices are not desirable for his company.

"Retail stores hate high gas prices. We make less money," Forsyth said.

Junior Tehran Brown of Belleville, who commutes 26 miles to school several times a

week, said she worries the price decrease may be short lived and wonders when the next increase

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"I was in shock when I tallied how much money I was spending for gas," Brown said.

Brown drives an SUV and said it cost her over \$80 per fillup when prices were at their highest. She said although she's happy about spending half that amount today, she keeps a close eye on gas prices.

"It's kind of scary when prices go down, it just makes you wonder when they are going to



by Ben McDonald Alestle Reporter

Students concerned about how to enter the work force after graduation will get a chance to work with someone in the field they are interested with a new Alumni Affairs mentoring

Students Today Alumni Tomorrow, a new student organization introduced this fall, is finalizing plans for the new program that allow students to work first hand with alumni who are already working within the students' field of study.

STAT has been in the planning stages for the past year, Alumni Association President Steve Jankowski said. The mentoring program was thought up at the same time as STAT. "The mentoring program is the cornerstone for organization," Jankowski said.

Jankowski said STAT was formed due to the responses students gave from focus groups last year. The consensus was students craved more interaction between the alumni of SIUE and the student body.

Political science economics major Brandon Rahn, chair of the STAT mentoring program, said STAT is structured in the same way as the Alumni Association.

"We're really trying to the restructure mentoring program and get it rolling," Rahn

Junior psychology major and STAT President Heather Jeffers said the contacts made in the mentoring program to the college

"The best part of the program, I think, is the networking that you gain from the program," Jeffers said. "Obviously the advice and experience the mentor gives is great."

Rahn said the STAT mentoring program is open to any student at SIUE and the sooner students join the better.

"STAT is a good program for any college student, freshman and senior alike," Rahn said.

"Seniors can develop a contact for when you graduate, (and) freshmen can build that relationship with that mentor over the course of four years and get a really great contact in the

According to Rahn, the mentoring program has alumni from almost every field available to the SIUE graduate, and he mentoring program has about 33 alumni and 20 students taking part the program, with 44 members total.

"Hopefully we'll have all of the STAT members in the mentoring program by the end of the semester," Rahn said.

Jankowski said mentoring program allows for students to develop vital networking skills and the contacts that can help make them successful after they graduate.

"It has the potential to be a very successful and effective program for both students and alumni," Jankowski "Students get to benefit from the experience of those already working in the field and alumni

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"Right now we're booked to capacity for all classes from 4 to 6 p.m.," Hagedorn said. "We've had to turn away 20 to 30 people for each class. The new additions should alleviate some of that. We hate turning students away."

The Student Fitness Center will also include a new gymnasium with 500 seat bleachers, and Hagedorn said they hope to work with the Campus Activities Board so the gym can be used to its fullest capacity and can house some of the events that usually take place at the Morris University Center.

"Hopefully, you can see some stuff you aren't used to seeing in a rec center," Hagedorn

Senior elementary education major Andrew Schneider said he was excited for the completion of the expansion.

"I use the gym a lot so it will help out, although, it sucks because I'm graduating this year and won't get to use it while I go to school," Schneider said.

Schneider said he was most

excited about having a snack bar near by.

"Having a snack bar will be nice since the closest thing you have for food right now is a vending machine, and pretty much the worst thing you can get after working out is from a vending machine," Schneider

Sophomore business major Keith Heden said he was more excited about the activities the new equipment will make possible.

"The additions are going to add a lot to the fitness center and make the campus a better place to be," Heden said.

The additions have already created more interest from students.

"This year we've already gotten more people in here," Heden said. "It's really gotten people excited, especially now that we're D-I."

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get to see the type of talent that will be coming into the workforce in the near future."

Jeffers compared the mentoring programs of other organizations around campus.

"It is a really good idea to join because it offers something other organizations don't. The mentor you usually get is within the department at the university. With STAT you get a mentor that is within the field you want to be in," Jeffers said.

Senior political science and speech communications major Nichole Butler, co-vice president and coordinator of special events for STAT, said the mentoring program presents a rare opportunity for students concerned about entering the

work force.

"(The mentoring program) allows for students to bounce ideas off of someone who actually works in the field they want to work in. It gives students a chance to see how to get where they want to be," Butler said.

To enter the STAT Mentor Program, members take a survey and are then paired with a mentor that best suits that student's interests and career aspirations.

For more information about STAT or to join the mentoring program, go to the STAT Web site at www.siue.edu/alumni/stat.

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reverse," Brown said.

Higher crude oil prices have served as the primary reason for the previous spike in prices at the pump. This summer oil prices skyrocketed to \$147 per barrel, but have dropped to under \$80 in recent days.

Petroleum Energy Company's Operations Manager Wayne Maloney said there are other factors that weigh into the current price decrease.

"People drive more in the summer months. Now that the no definitive indicators about the season has ended, the demand has dropped," Maloney said.

Maloney said he credits a slowing global economy as another major factor in decreased demand.

Forsyth said additional seasonal factors have affected the increase in prices.

"Busy hurricane seasons

usually create a disruption of oil production, which is a factor in price increases. Those factors have now been eliminated," Forsyth said.

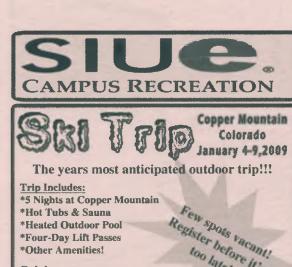
Brown said she's concerned about how the new political climate might change gas prices.

"Although I love the current prices at the pump, I wonder what's going to happen on Jan. 20 when the new president is sworn in," Brown said.

Forsyth said since there are future direction of fuel prices, he has prepared himself for a worse case scenario.

"Since fuel prices are like predicting the weather or the direction of the stock market, my family has invested in a more fuel efficient car," Forsyth said.

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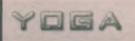
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Alestle View: Thanksgiving break is too late

Tree branches are bare, a new chill fills the air and the once populated Quad now sits empty on most afternoons.

Thanksgiving break is right around the corner and just in time, too. Most students and faculty are exhausted by the long and arduous semester, and even some of the best students are feeling the burnout.

Thanksgiving comes after 13 weeks of unrelenting classes, only to be followed by two week, end-of-semester scramble. An earlier break from fall classes would be more beneficial to students and faculty than the extended Thanksgiving holiday.

Since the beginning of the semester, we have only been allotted one three-day weekend after the first week of classes. There have been no other breaks for students and professors to gather bearings, catch up on assignments or social obligations, or simply take time away from the constant hustle of university life.

At this point in the semester, class sizes

dwindle as many students feel they must devise personal "breaks" from school. If the university allowed for an earlier fall break in exchange for fewer days off for Thanksgiving, students would feel more refreshed and more motivated to attend classes through the fall semester's home stretch.

Even students who drag themselves into every class feel the exhaustion. Homework assignments seem more irritating and less worthy of our time, classes become an hour to rest our heads instead of a time to exchange educated thoughts, and writing papers is more of a chore than a time to explore our insights. These problems could all be solved with the addition of an earlier break into the academic calendar.

Though the majority of Illinois state colleges follow the same schedule as SIUE, some area universities, such as Webster University and Southeast Missouri State University, give an earlier break in October. The ideal time for this respite would fall the

week after midterms, just as it does in the spring semester. Students would come back to school rested and ready to begin the most demanding half of the semester.

A midterm fall break would mean a shorter Thanksgiving break, which could cut into travel time of some students. However, with 89 percent of the student population residing in Illinois according to the SIUE Fact Book, many can still travel home within plenty of time for a leisurely turkey dinner with family.

With one more week of classes left in the semester, students can only lift their spirits with the thought of a blissful three-week break in December, as the upcoming weeklong break this late in the semester will not mean a time to visit family but to finish projects, papers and study for finals.

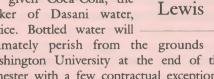
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Bottled water going down the drain in green movement

Throwing trash out of a car window or driving a Hummer is not environmentally friendly. Washington

University in St. Louis administrators feel bottled water is just as bad.

The school has decided to liquidate its remaining supply of H2O in a bottle in an effort to cut costs and be on the cutting edge of the green revolution. WashU has given Coca-Cola, the maker of Dasani water, notice. Bottled water will



ultimately perish from the grounds of Washington University at the end of the semester with a few contractual exceptions. So while high schools are busy banning soda because sugar is Satan, colleges are banning water because it is not "green."

Sure, the bottled water industry is a scam. Behind all of the shiny labels, it's just tap water. If given the option, a majority of students would rather save the cash, re-fill a bottle and move on because water is plentiful and, in many places, free.

Convenience makes the availability of bottled water to some students a near necessity. Water is a necessary component to life, and while by no means is it essential to tote a bottle of water at all times, sometimes you get thirsty and just need to buy some water. It happens.

Banning water, when other drinks come in bottles, however, seems hypocritical.

Soda bottles, Vitamin Water bottles, and even the root of all evil, the water bottle, are made out of recyclable plastic. Each and every bottle sold at Washington University, or

anywhere for that matter, can one day live on and become a new bottle of water. It's magic. If you want to save money, you can buy a single bottle of water and reuse it, too. If everyone pitched in and recycled their bottles, this would be a non-issue.

At SIUE, recycling containers are all over the Quad, cafeteria and the inside of campus buildings. This campus is not perfect when it comes to sustainability, but something is being done without going crazy and banning water. For lazy college students, "It's not easy being green," but think twice, because you could lose your right to purchase water.

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Sometimes you can get what you want

Seasoned performers land desired parts for spring semester shows

by Lori Schueler Alestle Reporter

Thirty minutes were left before sophomore theater performance major Sarah Goins had to audition for her roles Friday, and she was in the dance studio warming up for the big moment.

As she practiced breathing and talking through her diaphragm, Goins repeated sentences such as, "She slit a sheet, a sheet she slit, upon the slitted sheet she sit." Doing tongue twisters helps her pronounce words clearer when she recites her lines.

"The problem when I get nervous is I talk really fast, and my heart beats out of my chest," Goins said.

Goins said she was more confident in her performance this year compared to last year because she took more steps to prepare herself.

"Now that I'm a bit older and more experienced, I did a lot more than I did in the past," Goins said. "Last year I didn't make any of the parts because I made the mistake of memorizing my lines the night before."

The hard work paid off this year because Goins got the roles of T-Anne and Andwyneth in "Anton in Show Business," written by Jane Martin. Goins said T-Anne has the role of the stage manager in the play because the story itself is about a play. Goins referred to Andwyneth as the "ghetto sistah."

"She is a loud mouth and very outspoken," Goins said. "I'm not at all like her."

When she found out she had made the part, she said she was ecstatic.

"I was freaking out," Goins said.

Since sophomore year of high school, Goins has been involved with theater. However, she's danced all her life and is used to being on stage and in the spotlight. When she graduates college, she said she wants to continue performing.

"I definitely want to be a theatrical performer. I love the stage," Goins said. "I would love to make it on

Her ultimate dream, however, is to star in one of director Tyler Perry's films. She said his movies are all based on plays. She would like to tour with Perry and be

Senior theater and dance major Maggie Conroy will have the leading female role in William Shakespeare's "As You Like It," playing Rosalind, who is the heroine of the



Sophomore theater performance major Sarah Goins prepares for her auditions in the dance room Friday afternoon. Goins, along with many others, auditioned for the three main stage shows for the spring semester. Goins landed the roles of T-Anne and Andwyneth for the performances of "Anton in Show Business," which will appear on stage in late February.

"It's a really cool part," Conroy said. "I'm really excited about it.'

Conroy said there are three to four main female roles in the play, and she had competition in the department in winning over the part. She said Rosalind is a strongwilled, independent woman who is witty and clever and ends up falling in love with the character Orlando. Conroy said she was excited when she found out she got

"I was thrilled, and I was really pumped," Conroy said. "I read the play last year, so I was fighting for this

Conroy said her favorite part about theater is getting to know the cast on a different level.

'(I like) the family dynamic of the cast," Conroy said. "It's very different to be in a play with someone rather than just being friends. It's a whole different dynamic."

Junior theater major Sarah McKenney will play Celia,

another main role in "As You Like It," and said she prepared for her auditions by getting a manicure and pedicure with her roommate. She arrived a half an hour before the audition and said she was nervous, but excited at the same time.

"With an audition, it's like a job interview. You have to look nice and professional," McKenney said. "I was pretty confident in how I did."

When she found out she got the role of Celia, McKenne said she was "jumping up and down with excitement."

Having been in theater for the majority of her life, McKenney said she hopes to move to New York City when she graduates.

"Eventually (I would like to) be on Broadway in my perfect world," McKenney said.

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Music, instruments and all that jazz

by Jeremy Clinton Alestle Reporter

The sounds of classic and contemporary jazz will fill the Dunham Hall Theater as the SIUE Concert Jazz Band and Jazz Lab bands take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Jason Swagler professor of music arts and concert jazz band director said this year's performance has more big band music on its sheets.

"This semester we are dealing with more of the big band features," Swagler said. "Some of the feature classics are Duke Ellington, John Coltrane and Count Basie, along with those other classic and contemporary music."

In the past, the jazz band concert has brought many individuals from the former graduate of SIUE. He has traveled was big in the '60s and '70s." musically inclined to the moderately interested, and the reviews have shown they like what they hear.

"Attendance for the concerts has been very good. We usually get a diverse crowd, but we always have the family members, friends of players and students coming to see the show," Swagler said. "I can say from being a teacher that I have seen favorable reviews of the past performances and that they have said they enjoyed it and have had a good time."

Swagler said this semester's concert is sure to impress with the big band feature music and the inclusion of a special guest saxophonist, Hugh Jones of St. Louis.

playing the saxophone and also is a teacher over in St. Louis," Swagler said.

Jazz band director Brett Stamps said other featured artists include students Cody Henry on trombone and Bernett Wood on tenor saxophone.

Stamps said the jazz concert is two parts of a program coming together to make one show for one night.

"I work with the Jazz Lab Band and along with Jason (Swagler) and his band," Stamps said. "Together we are going to be performing music of our levels and some of our own composition. For example, "Cajun Cookin" is an original piece of mine and some big band historical music

"Jones is a saxophone player and as in Horace Silver and Thad Jones, which

Senior music major Donaldson said she is looking forward to the upcoming performance as a former jazz concert musician herself.

"It interests me because I used to be in it," Donaldson said. "I still play trumpet, but I was in the jazz band for a semester. It should be a good show."

The SIUE jazz band concert will take place at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in Dunham Hall Theater.

For more information on the concert or for tickets, contact the SIUE Music Department at 650-3799.

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Fig. 1

Theater workshop seeks performers, writers for show

"Anybody who has

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- Kathryn Bentley, Multi-Cultural

Theater Director

by T.J. Cowell Alestle Reporter

Now is the opportunity for all interested to take off their masks and expose themselves as potential performers and writers for this year's Black Theatre Workshop production.

Tryouts for the Black Theatre Workshop's production, "We Wear the Mask - Theatrical Explanation of Identity" will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 in Dunham Hall, Room 2012.

Multi-Cultural Theater Director Kathryn Bentley said the workshop is

searching for anyone who is interested in contributing to this year's forthcoming show.

"Anybody who has something they want to be expressed that relates to the theme is welcome," Bentley said. "We are asking people to bring in anything they feel will make a positive contribution to this year's show."

This year's theme, "We Wear the Mask," is a poem originally written in 1896 focusing on oppressed black Americans who are forced to hide agony and frustration behind a façade of joy and happiness. The poem's author, Paul Laurence Dunbar, is believed to be the first black man to gain national popularity for his works.

The Black Theatre Workshop pertains to all students who are interested in learning more about the legacy and performance of black theater. This program participates in script analysis, theater workshops and field trips to see black theater performances.

Throughout the year the Black Theatre Workshop has several guest artist seminars, featuring black performers from the St. Louis and Illinois area.

In the Black Theatre Workshop, students are encouraged to write their own scripts, which all have the potential to be produced through the workshop.

Senior theater performance major Gregory Fenner of Hazelwood, Mo., is the artistic director and production coordinator for this year's upcoming production.

"We are looking for anyone who is interested to come to auditions and tell us what they wish to bring to the show," Fenner said. "Those who are interested will have to give us an idea of what they want to do for the production."

Performances do not have to be ready the day of auditions, but those who try out should have a proposal of what they wish to bring to the show. After auditioning, those who try out will get feedback from the judges on

what they thought about their ideas or performances.

Sophomore theater performance major Curtis Lewis of Rock Island will also help in production as assistant director. Lewis said this production will reach out to the community and help people connect better.

"I have something inside of me and other people have something inside of them that they want to be heard," Lewis said.

Lewis will present a few pieces of his own at auditions, which he hopes will make it into the production.

Last year's production, "The Many Faces of Family," saw a diverse set of cultures and views as

part of the show. Bentley stresses the workshop is open to all who feel they can make a positive contribution to this year's show, whether they are writers, directors or choreographers.

"We need people to submit works," Bentley said. "These submissions will make up what the production consists of."

"We Wear the Mask" will take place on Feb. 20 through 22 at the Metcalf Theater. Friday and Saturday's shows are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday's

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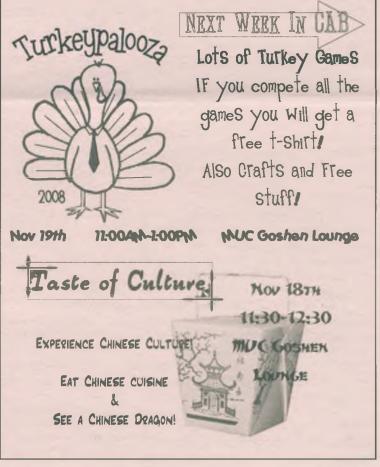


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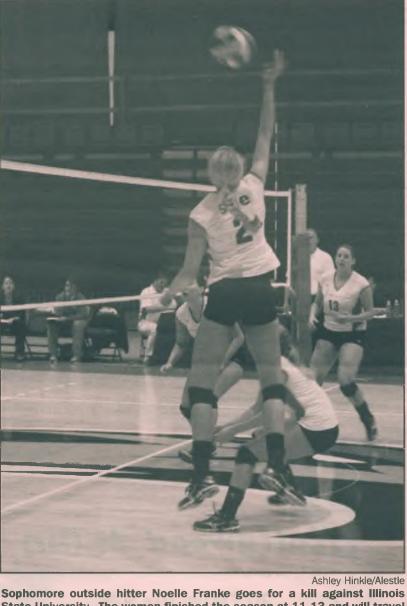
Comedian Mary Mack performs in the Bluff Hall multi purpose room Tuesday. Mack entertained the crowd through not only a traditional stand up routine, but also by using musical instruments such as a recorder and mandolin.







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State University. The women finished the season at 11-13 and will travel to Rhode Island for National Transitional Tournament.

by Allan Lewis Alestle Reporter The regular season came to an end Tuesday for the SIUE volleyball team, dropping a fourset match at the hands of the University of Illinois-Chicago. Senior setter Mallory Clements turned in another quality performance for the Cougars, recording her school record 19th triple double, collecting 12 kills, 33 assists and "We played well for the most part, and there were some big runs that brought us down," Clements said. Three other Cougars compiled double-digit kills as outside hitter Sydney Winslow

Season ends with loss to University of Illinois-Chicago

ended her night with 12, while senior outside hitter Emily Rahn and sophomore outside hitter Noelle Franke of Ballwin, Mo., put down 10 each in the losing

Despite the setback, volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober came out of the match with a positive outlook.

"We were able to pass and let Mallory have a chance to swing," Gober said. "I thought we played a strong efficient match and showed courage out there. I can't disappointed in our performance."

SIUE was efficient in taking the first set, putting up a .357 hitting percentage to compliment 20 total kills. Both teams played virtually mistake free, as the Cougars committed five errors to just two Flame mishaps.

The Cougars led throughout the opening set by as many as six points, taking a 16-10 advantage on a kill, courtesy of Franke. UIC made it close, narrowing the gap to just one at 24-23, before Clements saved SIUE with a game-point kill to prevent the set from slipping away.

"We played a great first set," Gober said. "There were very few errors on our part, and we played great defense.'

The Cougars began to

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Southern Heat Club training young athletes for college play

by Levi Kirby Alestle Reporter

SIUE freshman Haley Rosenkranz is a first-hand example of how the Southern Heat Volleyball Club helps train young athletes and gets them into college.

Rosenkranz is a freshman at SIUE and one of the newest volleyball players to be a Division I Cougar.

Rosenkranz played for the Southern Heat, and being involved with an organization like the Southern Heat is becoming vitally important for an athlete who wants to play at the college leve,l according to O'Fallon High School volleyball Head Coach Erin Legendre.

Legendre is in charge of technical training for the Southern Heat. Legendre coached club volleyball for two years and helps in specialized training on a more individualized basis.

"(Club volleyball) has become much more important to the high school volleyball player," Legendre said. "It has become a staple to go on as far as college."

Legendre said club volleyball offers a good opportunity for college recruiters to see a lot of players from many different places all in the same city at the same time, plus club plays in the off-season so coaches have more time to attend and watch.

"Southern Heat is definitely doing a good job of getting parents, club coaches and high school coaches all helping players get recruited and getting involved," Legendre said. "They help in organizing profiles, also getting game and practice film together to have a package to present

to colleges."

Club Director Kim Forcade and Club assistant Director Lynn Weidenbenner started the Southern Heat five years ago to help young athletes improve their games in-between their regular seasons.

Forcade is also the head coach of the 17-year-old women's team out of Edwardsville, and Weidenbenner is the head coach of the women's 18-year-old

"It is a competitive training program to give more kids a chance in the area to play at a higher level," Forcade said. "It's

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a higher level."

 Kim Forcade, club director

helped all the schools in the area train kids in the off-season."

The club has teams ranging from 11year-old girls to 18-year-old women and also newly formed teams for boys.

The boys' teams and grade school girls' teams have already been selected. Tryouts for girls age 15 to 18 begin at 8 a.m. on Nov. 23 at O'Fallon High School. For more information, visit the Southern Web www.southernheatvbc.com.

Only nine or 10 players make it on each team, and depending on the age bracket, there can be as many as 60 people at tryouts, Forcade said.

Southern Heat is a place to come and have fun, train and make new friends, but it is also a place where the older athletes can get help in moving on to college, Weidenbenner said.

Weidenbenner helps put together profile packets of the athletes' volleyball experience and for ages 17 and 18 she helps get them sent off to colleges.

"We have a questionnaire that really helps them decide between a big college, a small college, or a junior college, Weidenbenner said. "We help match up what they're interested in and if (that college) has a volleyball program and a scholarship program. It's a major part in moving on and getting some of their continued education paid for."

Forcade said it is fun to watch the athletes train in the off-season, then watch them back at their high schools or in college and see how much they have improved.

The older teams play competition from across the Midwest, including many places in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and

"It's fun to see the kids come from all over, basically every high school," Forcade said. "They get to play with other kids that are talented and get outside of their schools and make new friends."

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Hunter Creel/Alestle Junior outside hitter Brittni Birkey tips the ball over the net Oct. 31 against **Chicago State University.**

SPORTS OPINION: Bears underrated NFL team

by T.J. Cowell Alestle Reporter

With about 500 students from Cook County and hundreds more from surrounding areas here at SIUE, I know I am not the only die-hard Bears fan on campus.

When quarterback Rex Grossman and the boys came out on the opening drive of

the game and scored a touchdown on their first possession, it looked like good things were to come on Sunday's game against the unbeaten Tennessee Titans. With all the hype the Titans have been getting this season, I was bound and determined to see Chi-town knock off the league's only undefeated team, but they failed to do that, losing a nail biter 21-14.

Despite getting off to a fast start, the

offense struggled for the rest of the game. drives deep in their own territory and had 45 yards total offense and just one first down on their next seven possessions.

Grossman finished the game throwing for only 173 yards, with one passing touchdown, one rushing TD and an interception. Olin Kruetz and the boys on the offensive line allowed Grossman to be sacked twice.

Although I am not the biggest Grossman fan, he shouldn't take all the blame for Sunday's loss. He had to come off the bench with only a week's worth of snaps and play calling for the first team. The man is never going to be on the same level as a Donovan McNabb or Peyton Manning, so we should not expect him to

Of course what the Bears continue to struggle with is their pass defense. No doubt about it, the Bears need to work on pressuring opposing quarterbacks. However, when you have an offense that only stay on the field for a few seconds, that's not the easiest thing to do.

Titans quarterback Kerry Collins threw for a season high 289 yards and posted a 108.7 passer rating compared to Grossman's 64.4.

Former Bear Brian Griese, the Falcons' Matt Ryan, the Vikings' Gus Frerotte and the Lions' Dan Orlovsky also all threw for season highs against Chicago.

The excuse is used that opposing QBs are taking three steps back and getting rid of the ball in a hurry, so it is hard to get a significant amount of pressure on them, which is true. Throughout the entire game on Sunday, Collins was throwing the ball quick and doing it with success.

If the three-step drop is something The Bears started most of their offensive opponents are going to be doing for the rest of the season, Bear defenders are all going to have to start doing their jobs better. Whether it is the defensive line, the linebackers or the safeties, someone is going to have to step up if somebody else isn't doing their job.

The Bears held the league's thirdranked rushing attack to 20 yards on 29 carries, but it's hard to stop teams from winning when you let them convert first downs through the air when the game is on the line.

A mixture of a poor pass defense, a disappearing offense and a punter who should have taken the day off can all be for Chicago's blamed disappointing loss at home this season.

The Bears are still one of the most underrated teams in the NFL. Sure, they have four losses, but those are by a total of fifteen points, seven of which came from Sunday's game. The Bears must learn to get pressure on the quarterback and stay healthy if they are going to be taken seriously as the playoffs are nearing.

Currently, Chicago holds a 5-4 record and is tied with Minnesota for first place in the NFC North. With a huge division showdown against the Packers at Lambeau Field rolling around on Sunday, the Bears are going to have to work on fixing their poor excuse for a pass defense. If Sunday's game turns out the way Bears fans hope it does, there could be a string of victories following in the upcoming weeks.

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Jim Prisching/Chicago Tribune/MCT Tennessee Titans Tony Brown pressures Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman at Soldier Field on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2008 in Chicago, III. The Titans defeated the Bears

21-14. Cowell says Grossman should not take all the blame for Sunday's loss.

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unravel late in the second set, letting a 17-14 lead get away, and, instead of holding a commanding two set lead heading into the locker room, they were met with a tie match. After the Flames battled back to tie the set, the two squads traded points until reaching a 22-22 standstill. Attack errors by Winslow and senior middle hitter Samantha Schulte doomed the Cougars, as the two mistakes coupled with a UIC kill put the set away.

Momentum from the late second set victory carried into the third set for the Flames, who quickly jumped out to a 4-1 lead.

SIUE clawed back into the set on a 5-0 run to take a 6-4 lead, thanks three Flame attack errors and a Franke kill. After alternating points, UIC and that cost us." reclaimed the lead at 9-8 and never gave it back, taking the set 25-21.

"It was things that we did," Gober said. "Our service broke down a bit, and we missed serves at critical times, and they had some hot hitters we had struggled containing."

Set four did not bode well for the Cougars and, like the third set, was tight early on until the Flames grabbed a two point lead at 16-14. Once again, SIUE could not dig out of the deficit, losing the game and match, while being outhit .237 to .147 for the

"We played well as a team, but not good enough," Rahn

said. "They had a couple of runs, and our confidence was shaken."

Gober said that although his team played well, they were not

"The difference was between playing good and playing great, and that cost us," Gober said.

Although SIUE concluded the season at 11-13 with the 25-23, 22-25, 21-25 and 22-25 loss, the Cougars and their five seniors still have a chance to end the year with a winning record this weekend, when the team travels to Rhode Island to take part in the National Transitional Tournament, along with host Bryant College, South Dakota

University, North Dakota University, "The difference Seattle University and Houston Baptist University. All five other schools are also making the switch to Division I play. "We are excited to see these teams of status that are new to

us," Clements said.

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Head Coach

Gober said he is hopeful heading into the weekend with the way the team has played as of

"We have played well on neutral courts all year, and I like the way we have been playing," Gober said.

The Cougars begin roundrobin play against South Dakota in Rhode Island Friday.

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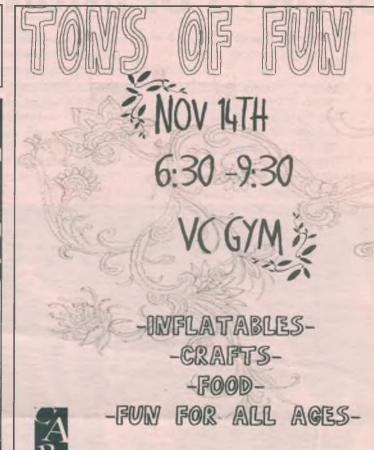
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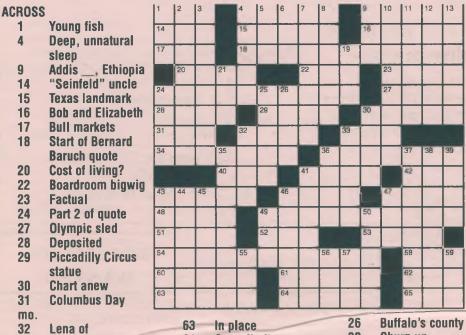








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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope By Lasha Seniuk

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ARIES (March 21-April 20) Loved ones may soon ask probing questions or challenge new ideas. No serious or lasting consequences can be expected, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid disclosing private family information over the next 9 days. After next week social tensions will steadily fade: remain patient and watch for key breakthroughs. Thursday through Sunday both romantic and social relationships will strongly benefit from honest discussions. Stay open: there's much to learn.

TAURÚS (April 21-May 20) Several weeks of vague business instructions and minor workplace tensions will now end. Before midweek expect new projects to slowly but steadily gain momentum and appeal. For many Taureans past mistakes will be easily forgotten. Let lingering doubts and outdated disputes fade. After Friday romance and sensuality are on the rise. Listen closely to the subtle hints of new friends or potential lovers. Late this weekend surprising flirtations may prove highly

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Romantic partners will this week disclose private thoughts and rare observations. A brief but intense phase of emotional distance between loved ones is now easily resolved. Accept all explanations as valid. Private anxieties and subtle memories will not return. After mid-week a complex but potentially rewarding career opportunity may arrive. Carefully study all new documents concerning new management, publishing, media relations and sales or advertising.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Business or financial proposals will this week offer valuable options. Many Cancerians are ending several weeks of sluggish career progress and postponed applications. Workplace security will now steadily increase: after Tuesday find creative ways to express new ideas to key officials. Later this week family or long-term romantic relationships will require added diplomacy. Serious discussions may focus on unresolved debts, large investments or home renovations and repairs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Emotional triangles between friends may now be unavoidable. Areas of sensitivity involve career accomplishment, boasting or romantic confidence. Refuse to be drawn into unnecessary power struggles. Minor disruptions are meaningless and easily resolved. After Wednesday some Leos may be asked to choose between new passion and trusted, long-term commitment. Opt for reliable and time-tested relationships: this is not the right time to explore unpredictable options.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An ongoing attraction may now require clearly defined boundaries. Early this week watch for a friend or co-worker to be emotionally expressive and vulnerable. If so, expect a steady wave of subtle invitations, fast proposals or private compliments. Honestly describe your limits, goals or expectations. All is well. Thursday through Sunday highlights family enjoyment, rest and relaxation. Someone close may need to discuss serious home or financial decisions: be receptive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) New employment opportunities may this week arrive without warning. Many Librans are now ending several weeks of workplace confusion or career evaluation. This is a powerful time to put plans into action. Ask colleagues and key officials for quidance: positive pathways are available. After Thursday a new workplace friendship may briefly become flirtatious. Watch for a colleague or work partner to reveal private thoughts or hidden information. Stay quiet: your reaction is

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Listen closely to the business plans or financial opinions of friends and colleagues this week. Over the next few days employment partnerships will work to your advantage. Revised career ambitions will soon be an ongoing theme: carefully consider all proposals and new options. Late Thursday many Scorpios will experience a powerful wave of social insight and renewed physical vitality. This is a strong time for rekindled romance and/or bold discussions in new relationships: stay focused.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Social speculation may this week briefly strain new friendships. For many Sagittarians privacy is now a vital concern. Before mid-week friends and colleagues may feel vulnerable to public criticism. Romantic insecurity and past family history may be a strong influence. If so, remain diplomatic and avoid asking probing questions. Later this week a previously postponed social or romantic invitation may reappear. Passions will be high: take time to carefully examine all

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) A long-term friend may this week reveal private romantic facts or ask for delicate family advice. Ethical issues and subtle emotional triangles are highlighted. Encourage contemplation and quiet discussions: for many Capricorns calm reflection will provide valuable new insight. After Thursday press authority figures for clear decisions and reliable financial numbers. Several weeks of sluggish workplace progress needs to end: expect bold announcements and revised contracts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Home relationships and minor family disagreements will steadily improve over the next few days. After Wednesday expect recent social or financial differences to be proven irrelevant. If so, encourage loved ones to discuss yesterday's conflicts and disappointments: honest communication will quickly lead to lasting harmony. This weekend spend extra time with close companions: a long-term friend or lover may now feel unusually isolated. Offer encouragement

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Stalled or postponed love affairs will now move rapidly forward. Over the past few weeks vague comments and social confusion may have provided the wrong impression. Allow new attractions to captivate your attention and expect sensuality and romantic intrigue to soon be rekindled. After Wednesday a recent business transaction or financial investment may be exposed as highly unpredictable. Don't hesitate to discuss all details with close relatives: new advice will prove vital.

If your birthday is this week...family advice will provide meaningful insight into business problems. In the coming weeks, older relatives offer strong opinions and accurate descriptions. After November 23rd pay special attention to financial negotiations, delayed promotions or changing workplace policies. Revised job expectations may trigger serious career evaluation. Between December 7th and January 4th long-term romance will become fascinating and highly sensual. New commitments will arrive without warning: expect fast home and romantic discussions. The coming weeks will inspire rapid growth in all vital relationships: watch for loved ones and/or romantic partners to openly discuss long-term promises and expanded family obligations.

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ALPHA SIGMA TAU Sisters of the Week: Leigh Ann Bluhm for being a fantASTic alumn leasion and Kaitlen Quist for being an amazing example of what a sister really is!! Love you both!!

PERSONALS

ALPHA KAPPA LAMBDA Brother of the week: Curtis Haentzler for helping build the A-Phi and AK Halloween float !!! Awesome Job!!

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