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Vandals hit archeology dig site, spark interest in event

COURTNEY HILL
 Alestle Reporter

Police still do not have any leads in finding who damaged the archeology dig site on campus last Friday.

After an act of vandalism left a carefully-crafted archeology dig site on campus damaged, students and professors in the field remain steadfast in their efforts to unearth ancient Native American historical data. They hope to yield compelling clues to Edwardsville's rich past.

The dig site, located near Korte Stadium, was chosen for an eight-week summer Archeology Field School course designed to prepare students for the physical methods of excavation.

Anthropology Department Chair Julie Holt said students and faculty arrived to the site Monday morning, June 13, to find several pieces of equipment, including shovels, filter screens and a \$200 transit used for land surveying, stolen. Additionally, three of four excavated pits were dismantled.

Holt said the diligent nature of the work, student exploration training and information exclusive to each pit were compromised by the criminal act, which took place



Michelle Vogel and Jacquelyn Coleman sift through dirt to find fragments of artifacts Friday morning after vandals took several pieces of equipment including a \$200 transit used for land surveying.

sometime during the weekend of June 10.

"It's like tearing up a book and there is no other copy of that book," Holt said. "You've just removed half

of the pages, tore them up and threw them away. If [the vandals] think they're going to find something here that's worth money, they're wrong."

Anthropology professor Gregory Vogel, who is also the site excavation coordinator, said the

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Cutting edge: How professors balance summer class content

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During the summer semester, students can find themselves in a balancing act, while professors are getting creative with how they structure their curriculum.

Chemistry Department Chair Bob Dixon said he has taught summer courses off and on throughout his 15 years at the university. His only concern with summer school is that it is more difficult for students to retain the information in such a fast paced curriculum.

"There is a population of students who will take summer classes and pass, but they don't get the full knowledge gained that they would in a 16-week semester," Dixon said.

Dixon said this challenge does not apply to all students, but ones with full time jobs could have a harder time.

Senior accounting and management major Rachel Crouch of Staunton said she takes summer classes to keep a constant mindset of learning.

"I like summer classes because it keeps me in the school mode," Crouch said. "If I don't take summer classes, I don't do as well in the fall because it takes me so long to get back into the school mode."

She said, however, that she feels it is more difficult to retain information in the summer

because there are so many other things going on. Crouch said her professors are probably cutting information out of the curriculum due to the shortened semester.

"I feel like you have to [cut curriculum] because a lot of my classes are crammed for time and a lot of teachers want to let you out early," Crouch said. "They're cutting out the fluff that they put in any other classes."

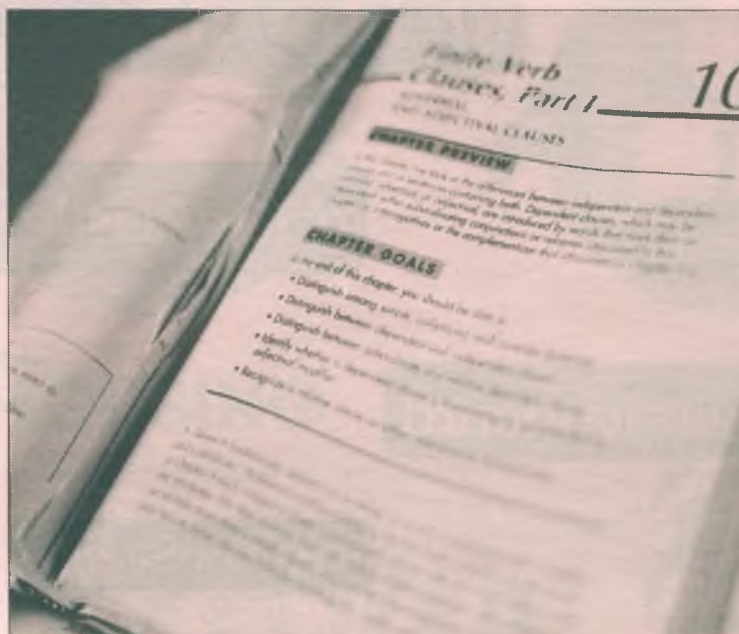
Dixon said he does not cut anything out of his curriculum. Instead, he essentially doubles the speed at which he normally teaches. This means the amount of work he has to grade can pile up, but Dixon said he does not mind the work and enjoys the challenge.

Anthropology instructor Michele Lorenzini, who has been teaching summer classes for more than six years, said she notices grades for students in the summer are higher.

"I find that the students do better. [The information is] not so spread out; they're thinking about it all the time," Lorenzini said.

Lorenzini only cuts a few short films and extra examples from her curriculum if she finds herself crunched for time, the "fluff" as Crouch said.

Many students, like senior English major Logan Mathis of Gillespie, use summer courses as an opportunity to get ahead of



Some professors opt to teach summer classes at a faster pace instead of cutting content from a 16 week course.

the game with the fast-paced summer semester.

Mathis, who is working on his PhD, said in all of his time in college he has "never had a summer off."

He said summer courses are helping him get his degree sooner and the only downside is having "no freedom."

Junior business marketing major David Rogier of Shiloh disagrees with Mathis.

"I don't think summer school limits people as far as being able to do things," Rogier said.

Rogier works late hours at

his job in a bike shop and said he only has to balance his time between studying and working.

Education graduate student Laura Carnevale of Granite City is currently enrolled in two classes that each last two weeks in order to earn another endorsement on her certificate.

Carnevale said the two week classes can be challenging, but has enjoyed the experience because she has met a variety of students in her classes this semester, ranging from a few that have been teaching for many years, to some who are still in school.

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Dining Services' hours leave some hungry

JOHN LAYTON
 Alestle Reporter

Dining Services has extended hours for several dining areas this summer, but Center Court's closing time of 2 p.m. has left some students wanting more.

Senior psychology major Richard Sauls of Hoopston said the early afternoon closing time has left him hungry.

"I pay tuition all summer and I can't even get food later at night when I'm hungry," Sauls said.

Director of Dining Services Dennis Wobbe said there have been no complaints this year about the hours from students to his knowledge.

"We used to close at 1:30 p.m.," Wobbe said. "I think last year we had people getting out of classes in Founders and Alumni around that time and they couldn't make it. We had some requests to stay open until 2 p.m."

Dining Services and University Housing met and discussed the dining area hours. It was decided that keeping Center Court open until 2 p.m. was the best option.

However, Wobbe said keeping Center Court open any later would not be possible from a financial standpoint.

"It definitely would not be worth the while with the labor putting stuff out there that they're not selling," Wobbe said. "You'd have to have a whole new shift come in too. We'll try anything out. It's just not a good business proposition."

Along with that, Starbucks is open until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and Union Station is open until 10 p.m. Monday-Friday. Skywalk, which was not open last summer at all, is now open from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. during the week.

Wobbe said he is confident Dining Services is doing enough to meet the needs of the students.

"We have a lot of different options with Union Station and Starbucks. Skywalk has helped out too," Wobbe said. "There's several different food options at these other places."

Freshman music major Kathryn Gayler of Edwardsville said she is happy Dining Services is keeping Starbucks open.

"I think they're doing a good job," Gayler said.

Other students such as Sauls said Center Court should be an option later in the evening.

"I don't want Starbucks," Sauls said. "When I'm hungry, I don't want pieces of pie or Rice Krispies treats. That's not food. Around 7 p.m. when I'm still on campus, I want something I can

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vandalism is disheartening, but it brings to light the importance of education.

“Ultimately, the only way to keep vandalism like this from happening in the future is to really educate people about why these sites are important,” Vogel said.

“It was a heartbreaker. To see all of our hard work just smashed was hard to take...”

- Kate Jamruk
Senior anthropology major

“There’s nothing here that you could sell at a pawn shop for much money, but to us, it’s really valuable.”

Senior anthropology major Kate Jamruk of Highland said seeing the destruction of the site was unsettling.

“It was a heartbreaker,” Jamruk said. “To see all of our hard work just smashed was hard to take. We had to keep straight walls and straight floors, and those were completely demolished by shovels.”

Despite the physical and emotional toll, the vandalism generated a bittersweet experience for archaeology students and faculty, piquing the interests of local news media and citizens while shedding light on the archaeology program; a field often overlooked, according to Holt.

Senior anthropology major James Sanders of Alton said he recognized the increase in public attention at an open house

showcasing the dig site on June 17.

“Because we had the news coverage for the vandalism, more people heard about [the open house],” Sanders said. “We had a decent turnout.”

Jamruk said the criminal act was an eye-opener for many people in the area.

“The publicity with the looting definitely was a positive thing, because it actually woke a lot of people up to what archaeology is,” Jamruk said. “It’s sad that it happened, but it was beneficial because there was a larger community outreach.”

Physical damage aside, Jamruk said the ancient artifacts found were not of significant monetary value, but of great historical value, revealing interesting ways in which Native Americans utilized the land.

“We’re digging out a house right now,” Jamruk said. “We found some big pottery which is a time diagnostic that tells us how old the people were at the site. That’s pretty exciting.”

Vogel said the artifacts that were unearthed could assist students in future class work.

“We’re finding some of the stone tools that were left behind, the stone pottery and a lot of the remains of the food that [the Native Americans] ate,” Vogel said. “We’re understanding a lot more about their way of life and



Photo by Rebehka Blake/Alestle

Some students believe the local news coverage of the vandalism actually helped their open house have a larger turnout.

their technology. This is kind of a two-fold class, where [students] learn archaeological techniques and methods by doing them, [and] it generates real research data...and students use the data in their senior projects also.”

The students have also found several burned hickory shells in a

1,000-year-old pit used for cooking. These shells will be used for carbon dating and to better understand the food intake during the prehistoric era.

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“I haven’t been in school in four years, so just getting back into the flow of things [has been the hardest part,]” Carnevale said.

Applied psychology professor Joel Nadler said he had to get creative in how he utilized time when teaching his summer classes, working especially hard to make it easy for students to stay on track even if they have an absence.

“If [students] miss a class in the summer it’s the equivalent of missing one week in the regular semester,” Nadler said.

Nadler is teaching summer classes for the first time this semester and said he has tried not to cut much out of his curriculum.

“I try my best to make sure I’m covering the exact same material...I cover two or three topics in one lecture,” Nadler said. “Some students benefit from seeing the bigger picture. Some students feel it is too much information at once and they can’t balance it. But they are also taking fewer classes.”

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grub on.” Incoming freshman Adam Guild of Jerseyville said he feels a couple more hours of food options would be nice.

“Center Court is the best,” Guild said. “Closing it down at 4 p.m. would be good.”

Center Court cashier Shelly Phillips is in a position to see and understand both sides of the issue.

“Sure, it could be open later,” Phillips said, “but after a certain time it would be only students coming in. There’s just not that many on campus that late in the summertime. This is the first summer in a while Auntie Annes has been open. That’s another option.”

Students are able to voice their opinion on issues with Dining Services using the napkin board, located outside the Dining Services offices in Center Court. However, Sauls said he is concerned about the effectiveness of the board.

“Nobody looks at that crap,” Sauls said. “Why would I waste my time?”

There is also a form on Dining Services’ website for submitting suggestions and complaints.

Center Court is open from 7:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters.

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Supreme Court throws out Wal-Mart discrimination suit

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WASHINGTON — Supreme Court ruled Monday that a wide-ranging class-action lawsuit against Wal-Mart goes too far, handing the nation’s largest private employer a major legal victory whose fruits will be enjoyed by the business community at large. Justices unanimously ruled that the sex-discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of 1.5 million past and present female Wal-Mart employees failed to meet certain class-action criteria.

Instead, individual workers must pursue their complaints on their own. Beyond Wal-Mart, the justices, by 5-4, essentially defined rules that would constrain future class-action lawsuits.

“The mere claim by employees of the same company that they have suffered a [discrimination] injury ... gives no cause to believe that all their claims can be productively litigated at once,” Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the court.

The court’s ruling cheers other major corporations including Hewlett-Packard, Del Monte Foods and Bank of America, which had joined legal briefs on Wal-Mart’s behalf. The ruling dismays, but does not necessarily surprise unions and civil rights groups, which had allied with the Wal-Mart employees.

Scalia and other Republican-appointed justices on the court have issued other rulings that have similarly impeded employment discrimination complaints.

“This is not an isolated case,” declared Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, adding that “an activist majority of the Supreme Court is making it more and more difficult for any American to have their day in court.”

All nine justices agreed Monday that the sex-discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart, initially filed in June 2001, failed to meet class-action criteria for cases in which plaintiffs seek back pay. The divided court, though, established a higher bar for determining when an individual’s lawsuit can be elevated to a class action. The court’s majority concluded in part that “dissimilarities” among individuals can undercut a potential class action even if the individuals share common complaints.

“Individual differences should not bar a class,” Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the dissenters, Justices Elena Kagan, Stephen Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor.

It’s this potential impediment to broadening an individual’s lawsuit that helps make the case called Wal-Mart Stores v. Dukes so important.

“It makes it even tougher for employees to band together as a class action,” noted Suzette Malveaux, an associate professor at the Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law.

Betty Dukes, an employee at a Wal-Mart store in Pittsburg, Calif., and Edith Arana, who formerly worked at a Wal-Mart store in Duarte, Calif., had claimed they were denied pay raises and promotions. They argued that the Wal-Mart “corporate culture” permitted systematic bias against women.

Women fill 70 percent of the hourly jobs at Wal-Mart but make up only 33 percent of management.

“The ... evidence, including class members’ tales of their own experiences, suggests that gender bias suffused Wal-Mart’s company culture,” Ginsburg wrote, noting that “senior management often refer to female associates as ‘little Janie Qs.’”

Dukes, Arana and a third Wal-Mart employee sought back pay and damages. Their attorneys succeeded in broadening their individual cases into a class action, covering all females Wal-Mart employed anytime after Dec. 26, 1998.

The Berkeley, Calif.-based Impact Fund, which represents the Wal-Mart workers and describes itself as a “strategic litigation” firm, has similarly used class-action lawsuits against the likes of Taco Bell and Costco.

Class-action lawsuits empower attorneys to press for huge settlements.

“Too often the class-action device is twisted and abused to force businesses to choose between settling meritless lawsuits or potentially facing financial ruin,” Robin Conrad, the executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s National Chamber Litigation Center, declared Monday.

Federal rules require that individuals who seek class-action lawsuits meet certain standards, including the sharing of common questions of law or fact. This means individuals have suffered the same injury and for similar reasons; for instance, if the company has a policy of sex discrimination.

Wal-Mart, Scalia noted by way of contrast, has a written policy prohibiting discrimination. The company also grants managers considerable hiring discretion.

“As the majority made clear, the plaintiffs’ claims were worlds away from showing a companywide discriminatory pay and promotion policy,” Wal-Mart Executive Vice President Gisel Ruiz said, adding that the company “has a long history of providing advancement opportunities for our female associates.”

The decision Monday doesn’t end the individual discrimination complaints. Those may still proceed.



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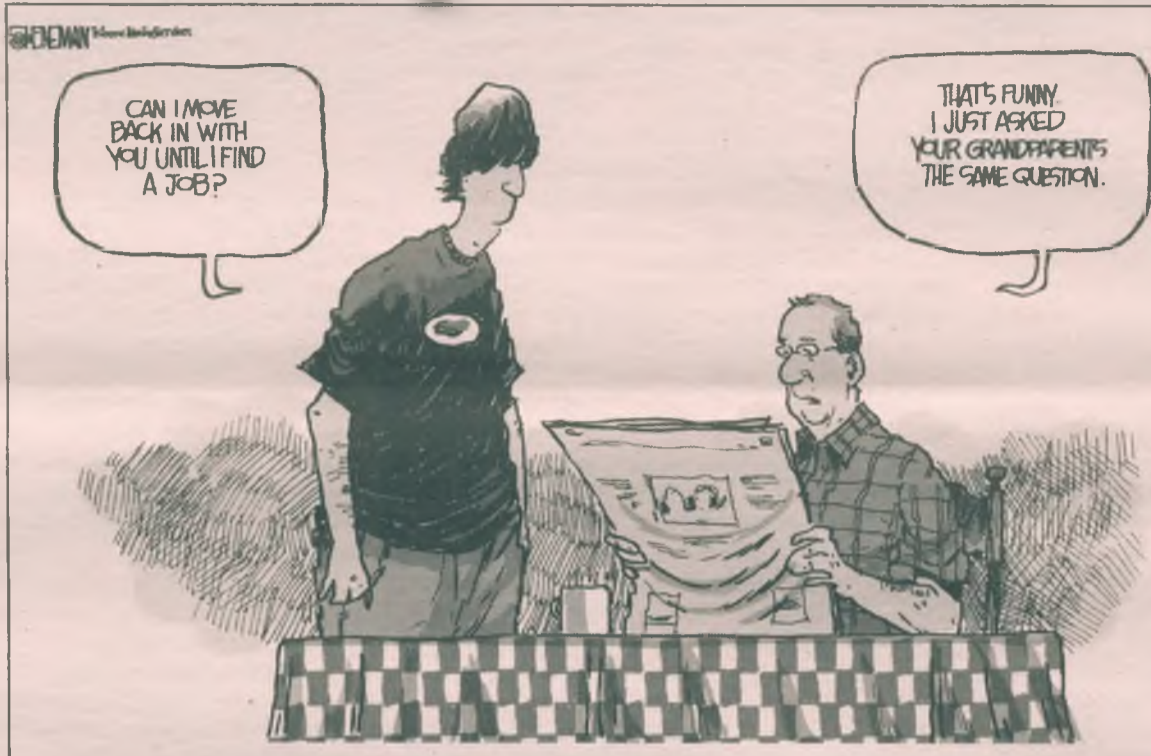
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Weiner scandal leaves the airwaves amidst resignation

The pictures, the puns and the peculiar public predicament of Democratic New York congressman Anthony Weiner has been plastered onto every newspaper and television set in the country. He's everywhere...but not for long. Thank goodness.

I say, "Thank goodness" not because he has finally



Courtney Hill
Reporter

resigned, but because the ludicrous media hype surrounding his scandal will finally simmer down.

For those of you who find solace under a big hunk of granite, Weiner accidentally tweeted a lewd photo of himself to thousands of his Twitter followers after trying to send the photo to only one of his female followers. When the photo took center stage in the mainstream media, he initially said his account was hacked.

Soon after, another more explicit photo was leaked to the public, prompting him to admit to several Internet-based sexual escapades he had taken part in over the span of three years. The political heavy-hitters soon took action. According to the Wall Street Journal, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi summoned the ethics council, investigating

whether or not Weiner had used government resources to participate in the acts. Although it was found that Weiner used his personal media devices, his reputation was already trapped between the merciless vice grips of the mainstream media machine.

Ultimately, the media-induced political coma he was forced to endure, coupled with nearly all frontrunners in the political realm, forced him to resign from public office. He officially resigned June 21.

"I had hoped to be able to continue the work that the citizens of my district elected me to do," Weiner said. "Unfortunately, the distraction that I have created made that impossible."

Before slapping the media on the wrist, based on the given information, I must say that although what he did was undoubtedly shameful and idiotic especially given his credentials, his personal associations should have had absolutely nothing to do with his political duties.

The fact that he would never be respected again in office is a price he would have to live with if he continued his run. As stated in the Huffington Post and the Wall Street Journal, Weiner was no game-changer in office, but he was a good politician with perceived strong moral character in the public sphere. He cared deeply for the citizens of his district, and performed the duties asked of him. The man

should not have been badgered into resignation.

With that being stated, the mainstream media stretched the issue to no avail. With no regard for the larger issues plaguing the country, news outlets leapt to the trending topic without a second thought, like children on Twitter.

Oddly enough, even Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert jumped on the bandwagon of relentless media attacks on Weiner; and although the banter has died down to some extent since his public resignation, a "Weinerism" pops out here and there on occasion during a show.

News outlets should have a social responsibility to the public that highlights the issues of the day that affect the way in which people live, rather than focus on sensationalist content for a quick ratings boost. Considering the lazy journalism that has defined our country as of late, the need for some inkling of integrity is critical. That has been made painfully clear through coverage of the Weiner scandal.

Congratulations, the man is ruined. Now can we please focus on health care?

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Summer classes take pressure off spring, fall semesters

Summer is generally a time where we, as students, get a chance to kick back, relax and enjoy the local pools or take in a Cardinals' game or 20.

But with my expertise in being a professional student, I have found summer is also a great time to accomplish something else.



AJ Sanson
Managing Editor

Knock out some classroom hours.

I know, after a year full with 30 to 36 hours of classes, some people probably do not want to sacrifice their pool and tanning time to jam their skulls with more knowledge. That is understandable.

What I don't get is why would you take 18 hours per semester when you can relax, breathe a bit and take the extra six hours

during the summer.

Maybe some have intricate travel plans for the summer too, but us mass communication majors will tell you vacations become an afterthought once you get into the field due to the long hours we log in addition to working nearly seven days a week. So those who do get to go somewhere nice, I am jealous, but would much rather use my vacation time when Boise State travels to the Georgia Dome to play the Bulldogs Sept. 3.

It is my experience that summer classes are more relaxed and without another 12 or so hours of classes piled on top of you, it gives you an opportunity to focus more on the task at hand. There is no need to stockpile up to 18 hours per semester and bog yourself down with too much class work. I do not see how that can help your grades at all.

College is all about time management anyway and summer classes offer a great chance for us to do just that. This is not a drag race, so there is no need to pile up as many

hours as possible in the spring or fall semesters to the point where you are getting less than six hours of sleep a night.

Sure, maybe summer classes hinder your ability to get a tan or go swimming as much as you would like, but skin cancer really is not intriguing, folks.

And for those who complain about the one week, 40 hour classes, I remind you that the work world is set up on a similar schedule, sorry. The real world may be a bit of a surprise to you.

I, for one, am actually looking forward to my class starting next week. I enjoy the relaxed environment, the opportunity to devote all of my time towards one class and it gets me one step closer to making that walk across the stage in just a shade under a decade.

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Hungarian Homecoming

Local country band performs at Glen Carbon Homecoming for third year

KARI WILLIAMS
Alestle Editor in Chief



Local country band Well Hungarians entertain the audience at the Glen Carbon Homecoming with a variation of tunes. The band has a catalog of over 400 songs from which they can play on any night.

Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

Carnies shout. Bells and whistles holler in sync with children on carnival rides. The sounds of a fiddle fill Main Street, drawing attention to country tunes from a local band, Well Hungarians, at the Glen Carbon Homecoming.

Well Hungarians primary singer Johnny Holzum said the first year the band played at the Glen Carbon Homecoming, people might have been timid as to what they were doing and if it was something to bring family or friends to.

"I think people have realized this is a great family event, or just you and the girls, or you and your boyfriend or girlfriend," Holzum said. "It's great event, enough rides, enough food. Enough music. It has a good blend of everything."

From a business standpoint, Holzum said the Glen Carbon Homecoming fits their target market of country and classic rock listeners perfectly.

"Any band wants to grow and be popular," Holzum said, "and popularity spawns sales and all the things that most musicians wish for. They want that brass ring, and so doing these events, and especially Glen Carbon, this just nails our demographic completely."

Well Hungarians play every Wednesday at the House of Rock and River City Casino in St. Louis and, according to Holzum, there are more than 400 songs they can pull from any given night.

"There are some staples we do every night, that we're either

known for or it gets a great crowd reception ... it's tough enough for a band to draw someone one night of the week," Holzum said, "But to draw four nights a week and kind of in the same region, it is a chore to keep the music different enough that we can draw you out to see [us] two or three or

four times a [week]."

In a setting like the homecoming, Holzum said they have to be aware of what kind of people they are playing to.

"You're never going to make everybody happy, that's just life," Holzum said. "But, playing a good blend of music where you

try to keep the interest of everybody, because we want people to stay here, we want them to spend money at the booths and on food and beverages. That's the point, to raise the money for Glen Carbon."

Holzum said there are certain cover songs they play for events such as the Glen Carbon Homecoming, but playing covers is nothing new for the band. Friday they covered Pure Prairie League's "Amy" and the Zac Brown Band's "As She's Walking Away," among others. According to Holzum, Well Hungarians got their start 18 years ago doing just that.

"It kind of started off as this little three-man acoustic thing taking requests. There was never a rehearsal, never a song list," Holzum said. "Even now we don't use a song list. And people [would say], 'Hey do you know this song? Do you know [this] Marshall Tucker song? And at least one of the guys in the band knew part of it. We'd just jump out there and kind of gimp our way through it."

Ramona Ayres of O'Fallon, Ill., said Well Hungarians made her come to the Glen Carbon Homecoming for the first time this year. Ayres has seen them play at River City Casino and Cutters in Belleville and said she tries to

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'Mr. Popper's Penguins' passably pleases

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Mr. Popper and his personal assistant Pippi play the role of penguin protectors in this pre-teen flick, but not to perfection.

Popper, played by the always-entertaining Jim Carrey, is the typical main character in the comedy. He's a workaholic, divorced father of two who doesn't have a personal life because of his professional life, where he is trying to buy a childhood landmark for his company in order to get promoted.

That is, until Popper's recently deceased father sends him a penguin. And then a few more.

And again, in typical fashion, Popper initially wants nothing to do with the penguins. He wants to focus on his work, but at the same time unintentionally falls for his ex-wife, Amanda (Carla Gugino, "Watchmen") and turns his attention to the penguins and his children. His apartment—that does not allow pets—transforms from a plain, boring bachelor pad to a winter wonderland full

of penguins and happiness.

Of course, there's the obligatory evil boss who tries to stop Popper from keeping the penguins and who has no faith in Popper's ability to buy, and demolish, the memory from his childhood. There is also an evil zoo keeper who tries to steal Popper's penguins.

The plot, though based off the 1930s children's book, is relatively weak and seen in just about every stereotypical family comedy. The ending is about as predictable as every other word that Pippi speaks (as she is accustomed to speaking in words that begin with 'p'). If you've seen one romantic comedy involving some sort of animal, you've seen "Mr. Popper's Penguins."

However, the cuteness of the CGI penguins lures you in and keeps you interested, despite the predictability of the plot. In spite of the extremely bland names for the penguins (i.e. Stinky, Bitey and Loudy), they are the most entertaining part of the flick.

Multiple sub-stories run

through the movie, in addition to the main storyline of Popper and his penguins. There's Popper trying to connect with his children; Popper trying to buy the childhood landmark; Popper trying to win back his ex-wife. Though easy to follow, it seemed like the plot tried going in too many directions and didn't give the subplots enough time to develop.

Some of them could have been expanded, or simply taken out. But what kind of movie do we have if the guy doesn't get the girl?

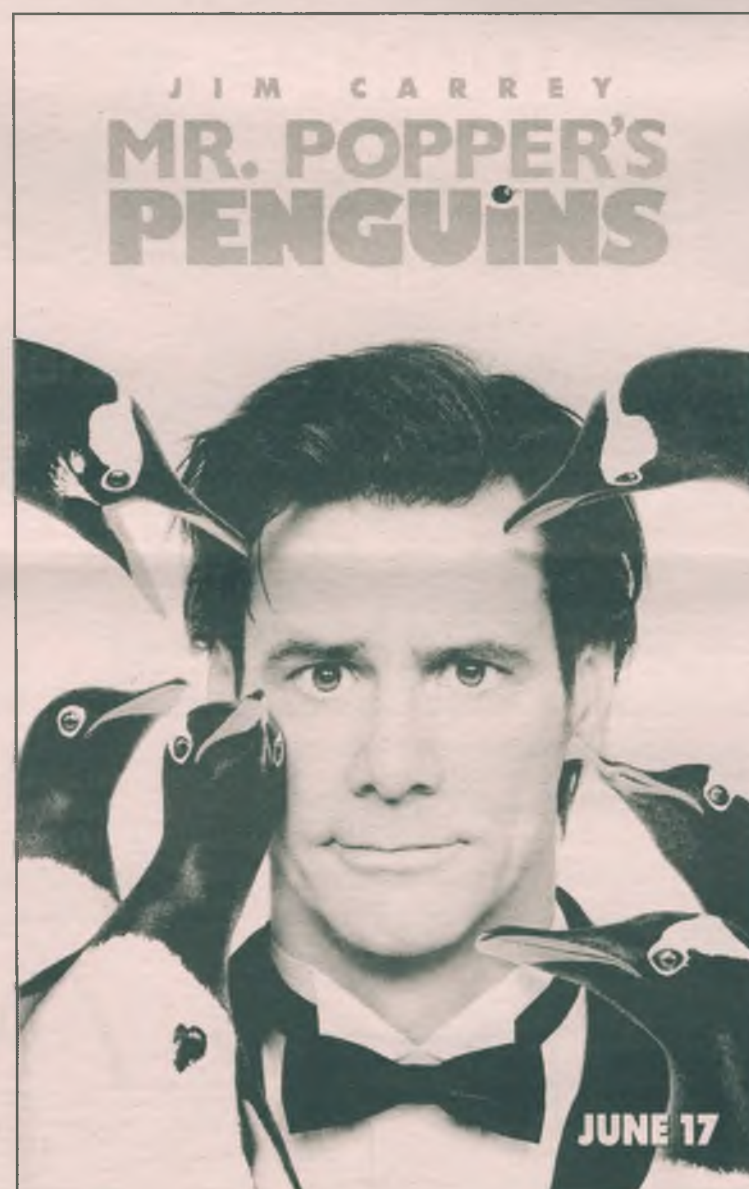
Unless you ignore the cheesy, romantic comedy feel, and focus on the penguins, you'll be perturbed by everything but the precious penguins.

★★★★☆

Alestle Rating Guide

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Pretty bad ★★☆☆☆
Average ★★★☆☆
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Flawless! ★★★★★

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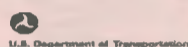
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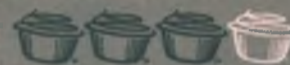
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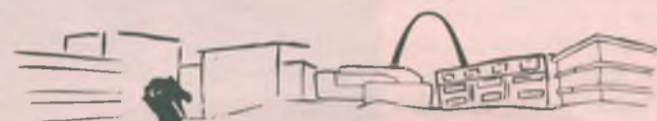
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Jones gets his wings

Former SIUE standout signs with NY Red Bulls

ALESTLE SPORTS REPORT

After being released by Sporting Kansas City, former Cougar Mike Jones has caught on with another Major League Soccer team.

Jones was signed by the New York Red Bulls as a free agent on Saturday.

"We are excited to sign Mike, as we wanted to bring him in to see if he can provide depth to our left back position," Red Bull New York General Manager and Sporting Director Erik Soler said in a press release on the team's website. "We look forward to tracking his progress with us this season."

The left-footed defender was selected by Sporting Kansas City with the 28th overall pick in the 2011 MLS Supplemental Draft in January. Jones did not make an appearance for the MLS club before his release on May 5.

Jones was a second team All-Missouri Valley Conference performer his senior season and played 60 games during his Cougar career with six goals and two assists. The Cougars were runners-up in the Missouri Valley Conference last season, losing the conference championship game to Bradley in penalty kicks.



Mike Jones signed a free agent deal with the New York Red Bulls Saturday.

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Ride like the wind

Students of all abilities participate in Equestrian Club



The SIUE Equestrian Club poses after a ride during the 2010-2011 season.

Courtesy of SIUE Equestrian Club team

KARI WILLIAMS Alestle Editor in Chief

SIUE's Equestrian Club has placed in every competition since they started competing last year, including their first competition in 2008.

Club Sports

Third year pharmacy student Leslie Harmon of Edwardsville said all of the riders placed in the Equestrian Club's first meet, which was held at SIU Carbondale.

"We were the smallest school competing, and both days all of our riders placed, so that was a really awesome accomplishment for us coming from just a year

ago," Leslie said. "We started, and here we are a year later, we're at the meet and all of us place, so that was really good."

Junior pre-medical major, and Equestrian Club president, Jessica Struckhoff from New Baden said they regularly compete against schools like SIUC, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri State University, Black Hawk College, Illinois State University and Kansas State, among others.

The Equestrian Club has members who have never touched a horse before to those who have had horses. Experience level does not affect competitions, which are held through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Competitors do not need to own

a horse to compete.

"All the students travel to shows and then what you do is you draw a number out of a hat and the number corresponds with a horse and you're selected certain horses based on your skill level," Leslie said.

Once selecting a horse, the rider receives information about the horse's characteristics; for example, whether it is fast or lazy.

"Everyone's on the same playing field, so it's not who has the better horse, it's what type of a rider are you? What's your skill level?" Leslie said.

According to Leslie, a rider can have a horse that does not behave in the arena but still have

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View from the sidelines

Paying college athletes is asinine



Allan Lewis
Sports Editor

In May, Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delaney came up with a creative way to use the extra television revenue flowing into the college sports giant.

He wants to use the extra \$20 million a year in revenue created by the Big Ten Network and other television deals to pay Big Ten athletes \$3,000 a year on top of their full-ride scholarships so the players can live their lives without getting a job, because after all, being a college athlete is a full-time job.

Never mind the fact most Division I college athletes are given a full-ride scholarship consisting of tuition, room and board and books.

Athletes do not get transportation, clothing and other living expenses such as food.

Thankfully, NCAA President Mark Emmert does not believe in the model, and has scheduled a two-day retreat with 50 school presidents to discuss the future of Division I sports Aug. 8-9.

The Big Ten is a completely different animal from many college conferences, including SIUE's homes in the Ohio Valley Conference, Southern Conference

Valley Conference does not have the money to pay anyone, let alone those shooting rifles at UT Martin.

SIUE's athletic revenue is somewhere in the \$5 million range, while Ohio State's is somewhere well above the \$100 million mark.

Doing this will absolutely kill college sports and turns the already uneven playing field upside down. There are 347 teams including those reclassifying in Division I, and at least 300 of those schools could not compete under these circumstances.

It has been a small miracle for Butler to make college basketball's National Championship game two consecutive years, and for VCU to make the Final Four this past March.

College athletics are about those stories, not the ones we are hearing in the news. Everyone thinks it is so shocking for Jim Tressel not to tell the NCAA about potential rule violations involving money and Terrell Prior. Cam Newton was taken first overall in the NFL draft this April despite allegations and Reggie Bush was never punished outside of losing his Heisman Trophy while USC suffered postseason bans because he accepted money and gifts while in college.

This has always been a



Former Ohio State coach Jim Tressel advises quarterback Terrelle Pryor (2) during an NCAA football game against Minnesota in 2009.

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and even the Missouri Valley Conference.

Sure, the Big Ten has and insane amount of TV money coming in but isn't the high cost of tuition at an institution like Northwestern more than enough compensation for an athlete? Most of them don't go to class anyways.

It hurts enough to see SIUE lose in men's basketball to Iowa by 61 points on the Big Ten Network, and it would hurt even more knowing the advertisements shown during media timeouts are going straight into the pockets of the players wiping the floor with the Cougars.

The proposal would pay all Big Ten athletes, all the way to the golfers and gymnasts. The Ohio

problem, more so in recent years, yet Delaney wants to make paying athletes acceptable because it will keep his teams out of trouble.

Most of these athletes are not even deserving of a scholarship because they don't stay in school. John Wall was a one-and-done in college at Kentucky and UConn men's basketball team is losing scholarships because of low Academic Progress Rate scores the year before it won the national championship.

As much of a crybaby as LeBron James is, he did it right by skipping college and going straight to the NBA. He didn't waste anyone's time or money.

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Recruits tabbed All-Metro

ALESTLE SPORTS REPORT

SIUE women's soccer recruit Michelle Auer was named the St. Louis Post Dispatch All-Metro Girls soccer player of the year Saturday.

Auer played at Notre Dame High School in St. Louis, where she scored 51 goals and tallied 17 assists in her senior season for the Rebels. She scored 116 goals and had 57 assists during her high school career.

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see them perform two to three times a month.

"They're country rock. They're easy to dance to. They're a blast. They're wonderful," Ayres said. "They always bring out a crowd. And, if I had one other person out there, I'd be dancing."

Ayres said seeing Well Hungarians in a festival setting is fun because of the ability to enjoy the weather and the people around you. According to Ayres, Well Hungarians bring more of a crowd to the homecoming festivities.

"There's so many people that follow them that want to be close to them, and some places you can't even get close," Ayres said. "The festival setting is the opportunity to get to see them in an up close environment."

Glen Carbon Mayor Rob Jackstadt said the homecoming committee, which consists of 11 volunteer citizens, chooses bands for the event. Friday's band, Well Hungarians, have played the Glen Carbon Homecoming for three years.

"They draw a good crowd and so this year [the committee] decided that because they had been successful with the booth

She led the Rebels to a third-place finish at the Missouri State tournament last season, and was held scoreless just three times in 27 games.

Courtney Young, another SIUE recruit from Visitation Academy in St. Louis, was named first team All-Metro by the Post-Dispatch.

Young scored 23 goals and had 15 assists her senior season, but was at her best in the postseason. Young scored six

times and had three game-winning goals during her final six high school games.

New Cougar baseball recruit Nick Lombardo from Alton High School was named to the All-Metro second team, coming off a senior season where he hit .500 with 23 extra-base hits, 41 RBIs, 53 runs scored and 34 steals.

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fees and ticket sales, that this year they were going to get another name band on Saturday nights so that's what they did with the Smash Band," Jackstadt said.

Glen Carbon Homecoming committee chair Mike West, also an SIUE alumnus, contacted Well Hungarians about the Glen Carbon Homecoming after hearing about them on the radio and seeing them play a couple times.

"If you don't have that type of caliber of a band, that street'll be empty. And we noticed right away," West said. "We started out with small bands, but we made an investment to take a bigger band to draw more people here for our vendors, and it's paid off for us."

Jackstadt said when he was elected in 2005, they found out GlenFest was losing \$28,000 to \$35,000 per year. He and the new administration wanted to change that so the worst case scenario would be breaking even.

West said local bands, such as Exit 12 of Edwardsville, have played in the past, but Well Hungarians have more of a following.

"[Well Hungarians have] more of an east side following to

where they've got people that know them, people that have heard of them so they want to come down and listen to them," West said. "So that was the biggest area, we're trying to make our event bigger."

According to Jackstadt, bands playing at the homecoming add to the event's atmosphere.

"Obviously, you're not getting John Mayer to come in, but I think it's a realistic and reasonable approach to try to get kind of the most popular local bands you can and that will draw a good cross section of people of all ages," Jackstadt said.

According to West, when bringing in a band, it is all about the music they play and whether or not the crowd is enjoying it.

"It's not over the top, it's not under. They're great performers," West said, "and I think people want to hear that and I think it's a great atmosphere. You get the right music and the right crowd and people are having a good time. It makes a world of difference."

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a chance to place.

"As long as you're proving to the judge I'm doing what I know. I'm using my horsemanship skills to try and get the horse to perform the best in this arena despite the situation, they could end up first," Leslie said.

Leslie said they did not compete in the club's first year because it was started in the fall, which is when most of the shows are.

Leslie started the equestrian club in 2008. According to Leslie, there are a lot of universities in this area and throughout Illinois with horse programs and equestrian clubs.

"There's a high demand for riding teams and there [are] so many barns and so many students and people around here that have horses and so I thought that it was something to kind of add to the diversity of SIU[E]," Leslie said.

Struckhoff said she thinks having an equestrian club on campus is great and gives people who were involved with horses in high school and back home something to relate to, as well a way to get involved in campus life.

Since it's inception, Leslie said she thinks the group has progressed well and they have added "a lot of different things," such as group riding activities.

Struckhoff said she joined because she was not involved in any campus organizations and saw an advertisement in the Alestle and thought it looked like fun.

Struckhoff does not have her

own horse and she said neither do most members.

According to Struckhoff, being involved in the Equestrian Club has been an awesome experience where she has been able to meet new people, learn a lot and gain leadership skills as president.

Contrary to what Struckhoff thought before joining, owning a horse is not required for competitions. The club has also given her knowledge in horse training, grooming techniques and how to handle horses.

Struckhoff said there are about 30 members, but she has been getting a lot of e-mails lately about more students joining.

Darleen Harmon, equestrian club adviser and campus recreation coordinator, said the group holds meetings at the Student Fitness Center, but take lessons in the metro area at locations such as Phancy Farm, Highland Equestrian Center and Harmon Racing Stables.

Darleen said there is a \$35 membership fee which pays for a t-shirt and allows them to participate in events and competitions. The group also holds fundraisers.

Darleen said the essence of what the Equestrian Club does is to inform and help people appreciate horses in general.

"Some people join a fraternity, sorority or basketball," Darleen said. "I think this is really bringing a different element to the university. It's a way for them to compete in different areas."

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of education.

South Carolina football coach Steve Spurrier offered to give his players \$300 a game from his own fat wallet. Sure, he can afford it, but I don't see Lennox Forrester being able to do the same.

Delaney's Big Ten scheme would trickle down to the rest of the NCAA and only create more inequality. The NCAA cannot allow this to happen. Last time I checked, the Big Ten isn't everything. In fact, they haven't won a national championship in men's basketball since 2000 when Michigan State did it. Their last football title was in 2002 by Ohio State, and who even knows if that will still count in five years.

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