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SANDRA MASON
DIRECTOR OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
MICROGRAPHICS DEPARTMENT
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS
Sculptors recycle trash into artwork

Emily Dixon, a graduate student in sculpture from Detroit, Mich., Shawn Murphy, a senior in sculpture from Laramie, Wy., and Thomas Walsh, a professor of art and design, fill the melted metal into the sculpture models at the Foundry Monday.

Thousands of pounds of iron are compacted into brown paper bags that sit within the SIUC Foundry waiting for meltdown. The material, iron taken from old radiators, has been collected for the 14th annual Iron Pour this weekend.

"We've been collecting [the old radiators] since February from scrap yards," said Thomas Walsh, professor of art and design and organizer of the event. "Then we smash them into little pieces with sledgehammers."

The centuries-old art of metal sculpting, a concentrated process that requires a lot of teamwork, will be celebrated this weekend during SIU's annual Iron Pour.

Months of planning and hard work were required to guarantee the event to be a success, Walsh said. He said enough iron has been collected to pour 8,000 pounds of molten iron during the two-day event.

Participants can smash their own iron for $1.15 a pound, or for $5.50 a pound sculptors can use some of the 2,500 pounds of iron that has already been broken down by Walsh and his students.

Walsh said the process of melting and casting the iron is an arduous one that requires hard work as well as exposure to tremendous heat.

"We are ready to pour 8,000 pounds of iron over the two-day period," Walsh said.
Calendar

TODAY
- "The Foreigner" - A Side Splitting Comedy, 8:00 p.m., July 10, 11, 20, seniors $10, adults $12, Meadox Theatre, Communications Bldg. Call for box office at 435-5001.
- SUIC Museum presents the glass of art, showing until July 3. Free admission.
- SUIC Museum presents the clown and the moronic forest, showing until July 3. Free admission.
- SUIC Museum presents the ART Summer Exhibits. The showing will include summertime fashion and media by students graduating with a Major of Fine Arts degrees. The showing will continue until Aug. 7. Free admission.

UPCOMING
- "The Foreigner" - A Side Splitting Comedy, July 3, 7, 10, 8:00 p.m., July 11, 200 p.m., children & students $8, seniors $10, adults $12, Meadox Theatre, Communications Bldg. Call for box office at 435-5001.
- "The University Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages" - University Library Room 1030, 435-2038.
- "Interplay Christian Fellowship Bible Study," July 4, 7:30 p.m., 137 Madisonbrook in the Mall.
- "Library Affairs Wellness Overview," July 7, 10, 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 15, 435-2038.
- "SOE Selling Gala meeting," Henry Wel, 200 Student Center Rooms. Contact Shelley 528-9991.
- "Library Affairs Digital Imaging for the Web," July 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library Room 19, 435-2038.
- "University Museum presents "Music for the Senses" featuring Loose Grand," July 8, noon to 1 p.m., University Museum, 435-2038.
- "University Affairs New Illinet Courses," July 8, 9 to 12, Morris Library 1020, 435-2038.
- "SUIC and DODD will be offering free motorcycle rider courses," July 9 and 10, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., July 10, 3 to 5 p.m., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 137 Madisonbrook in the Mall.
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- "Meet Me In St. Louis," July 9, 16, 17, 8:00 p.m. "Missouri Theater Communications Bldg. Call for box office at 435-2030 for ticket information.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1973:
- ABC Oscar party was a advertising of a book called "Hotline" for $2.99.
- SUIC officials were seriously considering allowing alcoholic beverages on campus next school year for the first time in the school's history. According to the proposal, SUIC would set up rules regarding serving on campus after the new rules took paying. 10 years- old boys to buy and consume beer and wine takes effect.
- Crazy Horse Billiards was advertising a sub and a title for $9.99.
- A group of homosexuals planned to ask official recognition from SUIC as a student group. The group was looking in order to be permitted to sponsor campus activities and show in student activity fees. Among the activities the group hoped to conduct were a drag queen contest, motion picture showing and counseling for homosexuals.
An outsider looking in 'The Foreigner' breaks a recent trend of musicals with an emotional comedy

Story by KELLY HARTLEIN

Standing before a stage that exhibits an old fishing lodge clad in the waded components of a deer head, a dead duck and an animal skin wall covering, Rebecca Fishel demonstrates the quickness at McLeod Theater. She snaps her skin wall covering, Ruthieca Fishel fingers in a moment of hurry to demonstrate the quickness at which as actor must comply.

"Directing comedy has been a challenge for me," Fishel said, "I am accustomed to Shakespearean plays, so working with moves on punch lines to coordinate with the verbal joke is new and fun experience.

"The Foreigner," the second performance in McLeod: Summer Playhouse series, opens at 8 tonight. A break in the monotony of the traditional three musical performances for the Playhouse series, "The Foreigner" combines the laughter of human emotion with jealously and a sinister, revolving plot.

"The Foreigner," written by Laura Rose, involves the life of a young Englishman by name of Charlie, who appears shy and reserved. Charlie visits a small-town fishing residents. "His mending comes up with moves on performances, there is a demand focus for what my character is going through," Fishel said. "I work with as much detail as I can, and then we just have to give it up to God, hoping it will be turning out the best.

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Nathan Arnett, "Ellie\r, Elise Kauzlaric, "Catherine\\u201d, and Charles Picard, "Rutheca,\r the Foreigner,\r a play about exotic, shy young man who does not speak English. The play opens at 8 tonight in McLeod Theater.

Fishel said the quality of cast members, coupled with the quickly memorable, light-heartedness, has made this production a "hellos," yet entertaining time. "We practice morning, noon and night, non-stop," Fishel said of cast and crew.

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Traveling via the internet

Travel-friendly websites are waiting to send you on your way

Story by SARA BEAN

I n a world of work, school, and finding yourself with no time to visit your travel agent and a limited budged? Don't despair. With Internet access and a major credit card, you can be on your way to destinations worldwide without throwing down your entire loan check.

The Internet offers a plethora of travel-related reservations, many of which offer discounted prices and special deals. Most travel sites offer a booking fee, and credit card numbers. If you still feeling uncertain about sending the information over the Net, many sites offer a toll-free number to call in your credit card number.

Tickets are generally subject to the same taxes as those purchased through a travel agent or directly from the airline. The U.S. government percentage-based taxes, currently eight percent, are included in the price of a domestic ticket, but standard airport taxes, facility charges and federal segment taxes are additional and will depend on the city you will be traveling through.

Priceline www.priceline.com

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--- SEE TRAVEL PAGE 3 ---
Big Daddy loses custody battle for breakthrough comedy status

NATHANIEL PARK
MOVIE CRITIC

LOOKING TO STEAL A PORTION OF THE SUMMER MOVIE HYPE, ADAM SANDLER, FORMER WRITER AND STAR OF "SLIM SHADY," LAUNCHES HIS WEATHER-WARMINIGHTLY FRIEDES WITH THE COLUMBIA PICTURES RELEASE OF "BIG DADDY.

A departure from typical Sandler vehicles such as "Billy Madison" and "The Water Boy," "Big Daddy" has the feel of "The Wedding Singer" that lays thin "SNC" writer-at-large comedic talent with a dose of serious acting.

The jury is still out on Sandler's range as a serious actor, but kudos must be given for the attempt that has been made to integrate his juvenile, slacker form of comedy in a script laced with heavy life issues.

"Big Daddy" tackles the problems of a child forced to cope with the loss of his mother and the introduction to a life spent with a father he has never known.

With the boy's real father Kevin Gerrity (Jon Stewart) on his way to China for business, Gerrity's roommate Sonny Koufax (Adam Sandler), a law school graduate with no ambition to take the bar exam and move on from his unworldly Hollywood formaldehyde-fed, is forced to become Julian's (Cole and Dylan Sprouse) big daddy.

The plot is constructed with a darker, more dead-serious form of Sandler comedy. This departure from the lesser developed slapstick comedy of Sandler's past gives the character of Sonny a normal-guy flavor that caters to a different audience than "Billy Madison" and "The Water Boy" would have.

"Big Daddy" will delight the average Sandler fan and possibly convert some of the "Dude" and "Happy Gilmore" crowd.

Blink manages to carry their playfully unsophisticated tunes that keep you rocking the entire time. Overall, "Big Daddy" will delight the average Sandler fan and possibly convert some of the non-believers.

If you are looking to get away from the normal, summer blockbuster movie hype and see a simple comedy, you may just find what you're looking for in a "Big Daddy.

7 out of 10

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Julian: Cole and Dylan Sprouse
Kevin Gerrity: Jon Stewart

Independent summer video picks

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Run Lola Run A hyper-kinetic freestyle of a film which uses an insinuating technological soundtrack and the clever inventions of the German writer-director Tom Tykwer to tell the story of a country music star has hyper-kinetic firecracker Ricci, Casey Affleck, John Heard and Sara Bean.

The Killing of a Sacred Deer A young boy's real father Kevin Gerrity (Jon Stewart) on his way to China for business, Gerrity's roommate Sonny Koufax (Adam Sandler), a law school graduate with no ambition to take the bar exam and move on from his unworldly Hollywood formaldehyde-fed, is forced to become Julian's (Cole and Dylan Sprouse) big daddy.

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"...I found myself rocking along with the multi-tempo tracks of Blink's newest album. The hyper-speed songs fuel the dance party, while the slower, more soulful tunes fill the energy grade...

The drummers, Joey, is the most notable musician in the band. The beats are steady, heavy and clear, which prove to be the driving force behind the band's direction.

Weinsten Creyt's main duty is to be the Robin Hood of the band; he is the one who takes the focus away from their identity and force listeners to focus on the music. According to the band, they still perform in their masks because the heat and claustrophobia generated while in costume anger them, which results in a tremendously intense live show.

Their intense nature as a band is evident in the music on the new album, but grows difficult to listen to after a few minutes. The album, which is about an hour in length, gives little time for catching your breath, as it is filled with non-stop, hard-hitting death metal.

After about the first six songs, each song begins to sound strikingly similar to the song before it. Blink manages to carry their playfully unsophisticated tunes that keep you rocking the entire time.

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"Big Daddy" introduces a new son for the average Sandler lover feel in. home, a predictable courtroom custody battle for the formalization of an otherwise solid performance.

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Applicant receives bitter beer face by Liquor Advisory Board

**In the News**

**Liquor, Beer, Whine**

New liquor tax pushes port on consumers, retailers

Story by **RUSSELL SCHEIB**

In addition to Thursday's statewide increases in alcohol taxes, Anheuser-Busch announced that it would implement its own penny-per-can increase on sixteen ounce, taking a little more in the form of consumer fees. The Illinois Department of Revenue, which did not implement the state's tax increase, took issue with the producer's move.

"Subsequently, some wholesalers have reported that prices to retailers reflecting these increased costs," she said.

But said he voted again on the tax because he felt there were other means to fund the Governor's UI's Illinois FIST program.

"It is a time where we need money for schools and roads coordination," he said. "That tax has not been increased for more than 40 years. I think there were other ways we could have voted." Tom Hoffman, president of Illinois Liquor Marts, said consumers who were aware of the tax increases purchased additional amounts of alcohol Wednesday to avoid paying a little more money this weekend.

Andrea Jackson, a sophomore in business management from Bethalto, said the increase in prices might make some people buy alcohol.

"You'll make a lot of money off of it," she said. "I don't think it will stop people from drinking. This is Carbondale — what else are people going to do?" He said owners and managers of liquor stores are left to explain the higher prices to disgruntled customers.

"The retailer is the one who has to explain the increased prices to the customer," Hoffman said. "Retailers have to take the blame for this."

He said ale-o-liqueur retailers are not happy with how the implementation of new liquor prices made the box price of wines took place across the state.

"Retailers are very upset on the way this has been handled on all levels," he said.

New interim dean appointed

**Story by ANNA TAYLOR TRADER**

John A. Koropchak was appointed the new interim dean of the Graduate School and acting vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research, Thursday.

The appointment, which was announced by the chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost Thomas Guernsey, is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Koropchak replaced former interim vice chancellor and dean Richard E. Fink.

According to a University press release, during the next few months, University officials will review the position in light of its responsibilities and needs. Following completion of that review, they will conduct a national search for a permanent administrator.

Koropchak will not be a candidate in the national search.

Although Kompchak began as a research chemist for the U.S. Army's Chemical Research and Development Center, he has served as a professor of chemistry and biochemistry and chairman of his department at SIUC.

John Jackson, Tom Guernsey and John Kompchak all were unavailable for comment Thursday.

Guernsey praised Kompchak's extensive research background as a strength for the position.

"Dr. Kompchak is one of the leading researchers," Guernsey said. "And I think he will bring energy and enthusiasm to both the research mission of the University and graduate education."
SET THE NIGHT ON FIRE: Local communities prepare to celebrate last Independence Day of the century with a bang.

STORY BY
NATHANIEL PARK

Carbondale’s Fourth of July celebration is a great time to catch up with old friends and neighbors, have a good time for the young and old alike fill the region over this holiday weekend.

With thunderous booms and streaking tracers of light filling the night sky, Carbondale’s 32nd annual fireworks display, sponsored by the Carbondale Lion’s Club, will entertain locals at 8:30 Sunday evening from the SIUC Abe Martin Field, the men’s baseball field by the SIU Arena.

Spectators at the Carbondale celebration of independence are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs, but leave all alcohol and pets at home, as they are not allowed.

A host of places to park can be found at the Engineering Building, the Student Center and Arena parking lots. Absolutely no parking allowed will be on the highways or streets near campus.

A short drive down Illinois Route 13 west from the Carbondale gals, an eight-team American Legion Baseball Tournament will open the Murphysboro area will be on display just after dusk on Sunday at the Riverside Park on West Commercial Street.

A fireworks tenet that pop up in parking lots around the region to ensure that firework 11iat incites a spark cannot be used. Projectiles, weighing up to 160 pounds, are snake piles, smoke bombs, snake pel­lets and trick noisemakers are still a part of the local holiday tradition.

Fire Inspector Larry Webb of the Carbondale Fire Department said each group a chance at national title. The National Finals’ gives each group a chance at a grand prize of $50,000 cash and a national title.

Bucking its way into the Marion Knights of Columbus celebration is the “The Bull ‘N’ Jake Rodeo” beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday. The buck and bull riders will entice the crowd with the excitement of an authentic cowboy sporting event. Advanced tickets are $6 and are available at Rusty Spur and McKinneys in Marion.

Following the evening’s events, Jackson Junction, with the help of Julie Ingram from 2:00 P.M., takes place at it gives spectators and dancers a taste and brand of country.

For the great day of Independence, the sweet sounds of Gospel Singing featuring “Fondness” concert stage at 7 Sunday evening.

The Marion Knights of Columbus wrap up the weekend at 9 p.m. with the “Huge Fireworks Display”. All events will take place at the Marion Knights of Columbus Hall. Admission is $2 for parking and entertainment is free.

Dear Gus Bodé:

What exactly is beechwood aging, and how does it affect the taste of beer?

Well, my friendly beer connoisseur, beechwood aging is a special technique in the brewing process that ages and naturally carbonates your beer. The tannins in the wood help to extract the flavors of the hops and malt, which gives the beer a unique taste.

According to Budweiser officials, the beechwood aging process can take about a month to complete. The chips provide an extended surface area, allowing for a greater exchange of flavor from the wood to the beer. The chips also act as a natural filter, refining the beer. According to http://www.budweiser.com, the beechwood aging process is in.

Buche wood aging is an expensive and uncommon process. Currently, the only major beer in the world to use such a process is Budweiser.

Well, there you have it. So, go ahead, enjoy your beer. But, as always, enjoy it responsibly.

Send your questions and comments for Pluck Gus to editor@slu.edu.

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Travel

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record to the airline that your ticket has been purchased. The record is stored in the server's database, where airline per-
sonnel can access your ticket record online when you check in for your flight. Most airlines will require a valid government-issued photo ID (a pass-
port) to the airline that your ticket has been purchased.

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The magic happens up there in the head. Wednesday and Thursday are excellent days for learning. Tackle your tough subjects then. Friday and Saturday, you'll win!

July 5: If you can meet the challenge this year, you can turn your life into the one you've always dreamed about.

July 6: Your time has come this year, enough money, the job you've always dreamed about and a leadership position.

July 8: Old friends are the best this year, and they could add your wisdom, as well as your loyalty.

July 9: A group project you take on this year will not only benefit them, but could lead to some very good connections for you.

July 10: Your year is about making new friends and learning about money, not necessarily in that order.

July 11: Finish up old business this year, including a class you missed, if you set up for success.
Summer Events Calendar

**Friday, July 2, 1999**

- **Sculpture Garden**
  - Easy to find the Sculpture Garden, free admission. Call the House of Blues box office at (312) 923-2020.
  - Live DJ at 2 a.m. at Six. No cover.
  - Carterville - Gates open at 3 p.m. to the Marion Knights of Columbia grounds for the True Value Jimmy Dean Country Showdown. The show begins at 3:30 p.m. Country music talents competing for a great prize of tickets.
  - Soul Fly at Mississippi Heights, St. Louis. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission is $16 in advance and $18 the day of the show.
  - Stefan Felix and Bob Cook (acoustic guitar) to play from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at the Manor.
  - Benton - Taste of Freedom Fourth of July Festival located at the Redlands Visitor Center near the dam. Events for the day include a 4K run, food court, and musical entertainment. $2 parking fee.

**Saturday, July 3, 1999**

- **Festival**
  - Live DJ at 2 a.m. at Six. No cover.

**Sunday, July 4, 1999**

- **Carbondale's Fourth of July**
  - Fireworks to begin at dusk on the suck Abe Martin playing fields. Admission is free.
  - Benton - Taste of Freedom Fourth of July Festival located at the Redlands Visitor Center near the dam. Events for the day include a 4K run, food court, and musical entertainment and fireworks. $2 parking fee.
  - West Festworks - Fourth of July celebration (formerly the Clif (Cast Fireworks)). Carnival, parade, entertainment, displays, and food. Concluded with a fireworks celebration. Begins at dusk or about 9 p.m.

**Monday, July 5, 1999**

- Independence Day Long Holiday (closed).
- No admission.
- No cover.

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Fire
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During the weekend events, teams of sculptors will tap out the melted iron into preheated molds and then into molds that particip-
tants have created.
Walsh said the molds must cool for one-and-a-half to two hours after the metal is poured. Once the molds are cooled, open, an excess metal remaining on the sculpture must be chipped away.
Samples range in size from 300 pounds to five or 10 pounds for some of the smaller pieces.
Walsh said the rigorous process of melting and transferring it from the cupolas to molds requires total cooperation.
"Foundry-related sculptors have to work as a team. There's a real sense of camaraderie here," Walsh said in an interview.
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"You can't do it by yourself," Walsh said. "I do it to con-
tinue the tradition. It's for one-and-a-half to two hours.
"This takes a lot of cooperative effort," Walsh said. "You really can't do it by yourself.
Henry said she is taking the metal sculpting class because it was something she had always wanted to do. She said the sense of satis-
faction you get from a finished sculpture is her main reason for sculp-
ting.
"It takes a lot of patience, but it is so much fun," she said. "When something is in your hands, it's all yours.
"You can really work on it or leave it, and it is just there." Walsh said. "If you lean on it, it can be pressed.
"When sculpting you can really push the limits," she said. "It is the only limitation is the form of nature. But when you are done, something is completely yours.
This year's iron pour promises to be the biggest ever, in honor of Walsh's retirement.
After a 33-year career with the School of Art and Design, Walsh will be replaced by Tanya Sayre, a 22-year-old sophomore in English from Berwyn, Illinois. "It's going to be a big party," Walsh said. "This is my last one, because I am retiring. There are so many people coming from everywhere.
"It's going to be a big party," Walsh said. "This is my last one, because I am retiring. There are so many people coming from everywhere.
"I watched Cheers reruns for four hours, 'till I couldn't do it' and I'll say, 'I climbed a mountain today.'"
The Back-to-Campus Edition
The Back-to-Campus edition of the Daily Egyptian is the perfect way to advertise your business!
Approximately 5,000 issues will be mailed on August 2nd to all new freshmen and new transfer students. The rest of the issues will be handed out during Orientation week of (August 16-20) to our distribution points.
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For Info. (618) 536-3311, ext. 255 or (618) 453-3248 (fax)
Shane Tow, a senior in political science from Bloomington/Normal, climbs up to the next grip while rock climbing at Cedar Bluff which is located outside Lick Creek, about 35 miles from Carbondale.

Tow struggles on a 180-degree cliff that is the hardest part of the climbing trip.

Students challenge their endurance while rock climbing at Cedar Bluff

A SCENICALLY JUST ABOVE THE CANOPY OF DECIDUOUS FOREST ON A BLUFF JUST OUTSIDE LICK CREEK, SHANE TOW AND RON TIMMONS ARE REMINDED OF WHY THEY CAME TO SIUC.

Searching for crevices big enough for their fingertips, Tow and his climbing partner Chris Bradford, climb above the tree tops in one of Southern Illinois’ most spectacular areas at Cedar Bluff.

"I wouldn’t be here here at SIUC if it weren’t for the outdoor experiences that Southern Illinois offers," said Tow, a 22-year-old political science major from Bloomington/Normal. "The town of Carbondale is ugly, but all the area surrounding Carbondale is just beautiful."

Tow, who has been climbing just two years, appears to have little trouble climbing the 85-foot bluff. In a spider-like climb, it takes less than 10 minutes for him to reach the summit.

With a desire to vacate the monotonous bar scene, Tow and his climbing partners found the motivation to get out of the city limits. That led to climbing.

"I was just tired of going to the bars," Tow said. "You get above the trees, and you see vultures flying around. While you’re climbing you don’t think about anything else but where the next hold is. And when you get above the tops of the trees, it’s so peaceful and serene.”

For more information about rock climbing, contact the SIUC Recreation Center at 536-5531 or Shawnee Hills Wilderness Outfitters, 222 W. Freeman St. in Carbondale.