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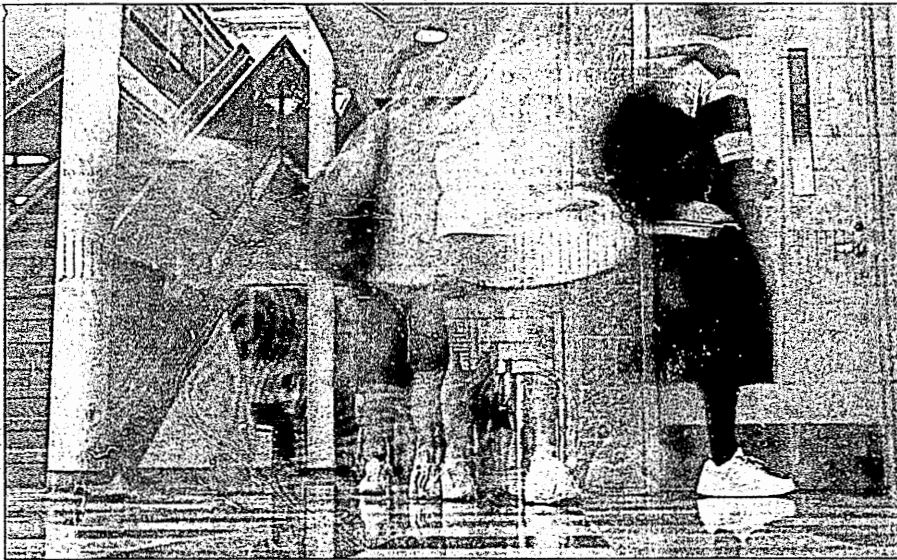
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ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Even seasoned high school students seem lost the first day of school Friday at Carbondale's new high school. The project was completed in ample time for faculty and staff to make an easy move from the old high school.

New high school opens doors

Carbondale's school year begins in new building

Nicole Sack
 Daily Egyptian

Carbondale Community High School students began classes Friday with new clothes, new books and a new building.

A half-day of classes marked the beginning of the school year, easing students from summer vacation to school days as well as orienting them to their new surroundings.

At the east side of the building, near the main entrance, Dr. John Dively, the CCHS principal, sipped his coffee in one hand and directed lost students with another. During the four-minute passing period, everyone seemed to be laughing and asking, "Do you know where you're going?"

"This is the biggest year for the high school," Dively said. "The last year a new high school was built (in Carbondale) was in 1969, and before that, 1923."

Dively said they were fortunate to be able to move to the new location over the summer. The faculty began moving their things last May after the last day of the school year.

One feature of the school that Dively is most impressed with is that everything is on one property. The CCHS is located on the northeast side of the Superblock, on the corner of Walnut

Street and Giant City Road.

The Superblock is a 150-acre facility that encompasses the new middle school, high school and recreation center for sports and athletics. The recreational field includes nine baseball diamonds, 13 soccer fields, two tracks and a football stadium.

Inside the high school building is a multitude of colors, shapes and angles. The hallways are open and flooded with natural light. Windows are everywhere. The architectural features are visible and include exposed vents and suspension cables highlighting the ceiling. The floor is covered with artful multi-colored tiles that flow from shade to shade, making beautiful designs in a chaotic fashion.

Rachel Lewis and Lauren Uffelman, both sophomores at CCHS, walked through the hallways looking a bit lost. They had on new clothes and simultaneously pulled class schedules and school maps from their purses. With the new school comes new rules, the girls said: no eating in class, a closed campus and also a farther commute for the girls who live on the far west side of the city.

"It's way further," Lewis said.

As for their first day of school, Uffelman said it is fun and exciting. Plus, you can get away with being late to classes.

The high school has a new closed campus policy that has put an end to outside lunches. Gone are the days of going to Burger King and

Shnuck's for lunch. Now, students must remain on the school property. The cafeteria's food selection has been expanded to keep students happy, said Dively. Hunan, Papa John's and Subway will cater some lunches in addition to school food.

Students will have an option between eating in the 600-seat cafeteria or in the courtyard.

The students were excited about the new building even though they were not thrilled about the beginning of the school year. Brandon Rogers, a senior, was most impressed with the theater department and the abundance of new technology.

"It feels great to be here," Rogers said. "The school is unbelievable."

The school has eight computer labs and computer connections in every room. Dively said that the old high school could not properly support the technological demands. Now, they have a facility that can support the academic program.

Another technological advancement has been made in the school's security. Besides hall monitors, the school is equipped with 32 digital cameras to monitor activity in and around the school to make sure nothing is out of the ordinary.

"It's a great day for Carbondale and for the Carbondale Community High School," Dively said. "We will take responsibility to take care of the facility that has been given to us."

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U.S. 51 road work to end in October

Grand Avenue intersection to re-open Tuesday evening

Burke Wasson
 Daily Egyptian

Construction engineer Joe Lenzini knows people are irritated by the roadwork at the intersection of U.S. 51 and Grand Avenue, but he knows the good that will come from it.

"With school starting back, this is the worst time for motorists and pedestrians," Lenzini said. "But in just a few weeks, it's going to be tremendously different."

The Illinois Department of Transportation has been working with the Carbondale-based E.T. Simonds Construction Company since the last week of March to make travel more efficient on the stretch of U.S. 51 between the University's Physical Plant and Mill Street. The construction company bid more than \$3 million in January to work on the project.

The most recent and most noticeable phase of the construction has been the closing of U.S. 51's intersection with Grand Avenue. The intersection has been closed for almost two weeks, and E.T. Simonds Operations Manager Brian Dorris said it will probably re-open early Tuesday evening.

Dorris said the intersection's closing was not caused by needed roadwork but by work needed at the railroad crossing just east of Grand Avenue.

"Our work didn't close Grand Avenue," Dorris said. "What closed Grand was Illinois Central Railroad. They're putting a complete new crossing in there and a new set of signals for the widening of Grand."

Once the intersection opens, drivers should be able to take advantage of the extra lanes that will be in place between the railroad tracks and U.S. 51. Lenzini, IDOT's construction engineer for District 9, said the new, widened Grand Avenue will have six lanes and a median to the west of the railroad tracks. He said there will be two left turn lanes, two right turn lanes and two lanes for oncoming eastbound traffic.

Carbondale City Engineer Larry Miles said the added lanes on Grand Avenue are long overdue.

"If you ever drive through there early in the morning, you notice an awful lot of backed up traffic on Grand Avenue," Miles said. "When they're done there, traffic should move through more quickly."

Miles said he is impressed with how quickly the Simonds Company and IDOT have been able to complete construction along U.S. 51.

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42 laid-off SIUC employees return to different positions

Number of layoffs decreases from 82

Valerie N. Donnals
 Daily Egyptian

Friday was supposed to be the final day for 82 laid-off civil service and trade employees to either leave the University or bump to a lower position, but 42 employees simply found themselves relocating to another part of campus.

The University decreased the number of civil service layoffs from 82 to 42 last week due to seasonal job openings across campus.

The announcement came almost a

month after the original 82 received layoff notices caused by a \$15 million shortfall in the University budget.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the University was originally facing hundreds of layoffs because of budget cuts but said he has been working for months to reduce the number and create the least damage possible to the University.

The positions found for the 42 employees were primarily clerical, which began with 43 layoffs and has been reduced to four. The remaining eliminated positions were Physical Plant and trade jobs. The number of employees who were going to "bump" to a lower position also

dropped from 72 to 39.

The positions they filled were already budgeted for but have remained vacant due to retirements and switching jobs.

University spokeswoman Sue Davis said Human Resources has been interviewing employees and trying to match those laid off with the job openings available in other departments.

"There were a lot of positions we would normally fill at the beginning of the school year," Davis said. "Instead of advertising, we looked at ways to make matches within the University."

Wendler said that although they knew of several of the vacancies before the

layoff notices were distributed, statewide civil service regulations mandated the University to serve them notice before alerting them of other available positions. He said the University went through an unofficial hiring freeze for more than a month so they could first find places for those laid off.

"We did not want to advertise until we gave our own employees a chance to be interested in (the positions)," Wendler said. "In addition, we stretched and got up to the edge of breaking many of the rules that we have to operate under because we wanted to save these people's jobs."

Davis said Human Resources

Gus Bode



Gus says: You're fired! No wait... just kidding.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Bush won't endorse a candidate in California election

SAN DIEGO — On the first day of a two-day visit to California, President Bush maintained his role as an interested bystander in the chaotic recall election against Democratic Gov. Gray Davis.

The president is widely assumed to favor actor Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace Davis, but he declined to declare his preference among the 135 candidates who are seeking the job.

The closest Bush came to even mentioning the recall was at his last stop, a \$1 million fund-raiser for his presidential campaign at the San Diego Convention Center. He and his advisers had ruled out the possibility of a presidential endorsement for any of the Republican contenders before his trip.

A presidential endorsement for Schwarzenegger would put Bush at odds with some of the president's conservative supporters. Conservative misgivings about Schwarzenegger go well beyond his marriage to Maria Shriver, a prominent member of the Kennedy clan, although that certainly didn't help.

It's not clear that Bush's endorsement would be much help anyway. He lost California by 11 percentage points in the 2000 presidential election, and polls show that less

than half of Californians approve of his performance in office.

Blackout trail leads to Ohio

(CNN) — Three transmission lines in Ohio apparently started a chain reaction that caused the widespread blackout across parts of the Northeast, Midwest and southern Canada, according to utility officials.

U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham has set up a meeting with his Canadian counterpart and is to tour Sunday talks shows explaining his department's investigation into the cause of the outage.

"We've got to quickly get to the bottom of the question of what happened, how it spread, and what we need to do to make sure it doesn't happen again," he told reporters Saturday.

It takes no responsibility more seriously than that. And it will have the highest possible priority in the Department of Energy, in the administration, the executive branch, and it will receive all of the emphasis it needs to be resolved as quickly as possible.

The blackout began spreading in the Northeast, the upper Midwest and parts of Canada just after 4:10 p.m. Thursday, taking down 21 power plants in the next three minutes, according to GenScope, which monitors power transmissions in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq jail attack kills six

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — At least six Iraqi detainees have been killed in a mortar attack on a jail outside Baghdad, U.S. military officials said Sunday.

A U.S. Army spokesman said 59 Iraqis were wounded in the attack on Abu Ghraib prison, Reuters reported. The Iraqi Governing Council said the death toll was 10.

U.S. officials said two mortar rounds were fired at the prison, about 22 miles west of Baghdad, at 11 p.m. (3 p.m. CT).

Three people died at the scene and three at military hospitals, U.S. officials said. The incident is being investigated.

U.S. forces have patrols near the area because there is a base nearby. Housed at the prison are local criminals and those who have launched attacks on coalition forces.

Meanwhile Sunday, a Danish soldier was reported to have become the first coalition soldier from a country other than the United States or Britain to be killed since the start of the war that toppled Saddam Hussein.

The Danish army said the soldier was killed in a battle after soldiers stopped a truck in a routine patrol near Basra in southern Iraq, The Associated Press reported. But a

British army spokesman told Reuters the Dane had been trying to arrest looters who were stealing copper cables.

Two Iraqis were also killed in an Saturday's shootout. One was wounded and six were arrested, the Danish army command said in Copenhagen, AP reported. The soldier was the first Dane to die in Iraq since this summer.

Liberian rebels promise to leave capital

MONROVIA, Liberia — In a step forward for Liberia's stability, rebel forces laying siege to the capital promised Tuesday to pull out of Monrovia's port, then the city itself, allowing for much-needed humanitarian aid to flow.

The pledge, brokered partly by the United States, arrived a day after Liberian President Charles Taylor resigned and went into exile in Nigeria, ending a reign of terror that killed tens of thousands and left the nation in ruins.

But reports of fresh fighting east of Monrovia doused the optimism felt by many Liberians, who were glad to finally see Taylor go.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

No items to report

POLICE REPORTS

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Carroll G. Turner, 44, of McClure was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device at 2:55 p.m. Wednesday at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Lincoln Drive. Turner posted driver's license as bond.

Neely Anne Carter, 18, of Anna was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident at 1:41 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of South Washington Street and East Grand Avenue. There were no reported injuries.

Eric W. Beck, 18, of Naperville was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol and resisting and obstructing a peace officer at 1:37 a.m. Friday at the Life Science II building.

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They're baaack!

More than 800 volunteers including athletic teams, resident life offices, Greek fraternities and sororities offered their assistance during the first day official move-in day Thursday, Aug. 14.

According to Crystal Bouhl, a publicity promotion's specialist in the office of the director of Housing, said University Housing planned to welcome 4,463 students to the SIUC campus during the weekend prior to classes. Bouhl said 1,660 students were anticipated at Brush Towers, with 1,530 moving into University Park.

Students who arrived early were able to move right in, with those arriving later having to face a number system that indicated when they would be allowed to begin the move-in process. All students faced the hassle of parking in an area that were filled as early as 10:30 a.m. in addition to the humidity and chance of rain. The rain never came, but the humidity remained constant throughout the day.

JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Above) Freshman Clarise Jones takes a break from moving her belongings into her new dorm room in Baldwin Hall Thursday afternoon with the help of her roommate's mother, Bernadine Gayer. Jones is a Chicago-area guard who will be joining the women's Saluki basketball team this year.



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Left) Elizabeth Duffy of Chicago swipes her father's credit card at the checkout counter Thursday afternoon while buying dorm room accessories. The items Elizabeth bought were for her freshman brother, Matt Duffy, who is not pictured.

Welcome back to SIUC



To all of our students from last year, welcome back to Carbondale.
 To all of our new students, welcome to our campus and our classrooms.
 We are the Faculty of SIUC. We are happy to have you with us again and we look forward to a fruitful year of education. We are here for you—to teach you, to do research with you, and to work with you to build a better community and state.
 Good luck this year. Your success is our goal. We will do all we can to help.

Engineering students find success with one another

Students develop skills, relationships in weekend engineering program

Andy Horonzy
Daily Egyptian

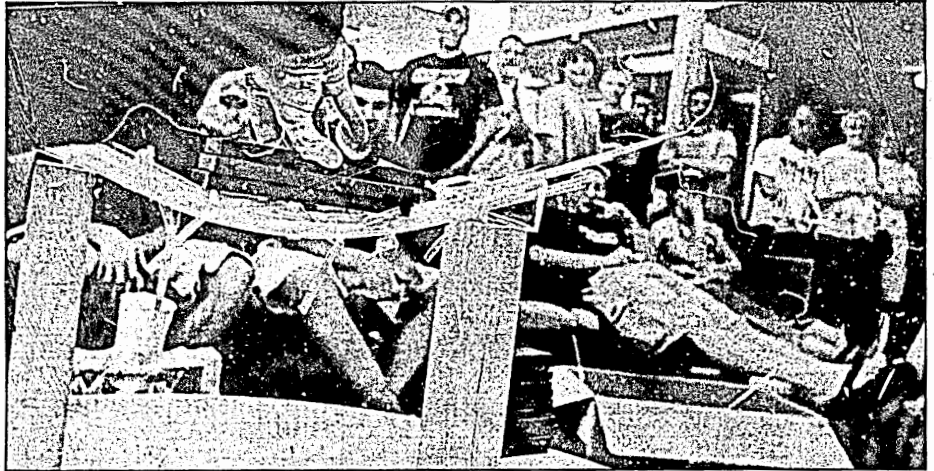
Each year, countless freshmen cringe at the thought of being separated from their families and friends, having to share a room with complete strangers and traversing a campus completely foreign to them in the blistering heat of mid-August.

With all of the uncertainty surrounding their inaugural week on campus, it is no surprise that so many freshmen fall victim to the dreaded fish-out-of-water syndrome.

But, four years ago, the College of Engineering devised a way to help remedy this — they began inviting their incoming students to spend a week in the "fish bowl."

Usually known only for its circular design and abundance of windows, the "fish bowl," located on the first floor of the Engineering Building, became the training ground last week for 139 arriving students as part of the annual Engineering for Success Week.

Designed to help new engineering students successfully make the transition from high school to college, the four-day program helped students become acquainted with both the field of engineering and the SIUC



AMANDA WHITLOCK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

A bridge built entirely out of straws by freshmen Hank Hargas and Justin Kaskadden is tested for its durability during one of the engineering activities Thursday afternoon in the Engineering Building. Students had time to build bridges out of straws, masking tape and Styrofoam cups. Upon completion of their bridge, they were tested using iron weights. In the end, six bridges withstood the maximum number of weights.

campus through games, teamwork exercises and design projects.

But, according to Bruce Chrisman, coordinator of undergraduate recruitment and retention for the College of Engineering, the program did a lot more than that.

As he looked at the crowds of students around him laughing and working together, Chrisman could not help but notice the transformation taking place in front of him.

"The best thing about this week has been about watching kids that had never met one another really become friends and form relationships," Chrisman said.

"It's been a pretty amazing change from the first day, when everyone was so quiet you could hear a pin drop."

One thing clearly audible throughout the week was the students' interest in the variety of activities offered.

Beginning with check-in and "icebreaker" games Monday and Tuesday and culminating with a bridge-building contest on Thursday afternoon, the students spent nearly every waking hour in the company of one another.

"Being with everyone so much kind of allowed us to do a lot of different things and meet a lot of different people," said Phillip Seib, a freshman from St. Louis.

"The whole week was really all about teamwork, and I think that kind of forced us to talk to each other even though none of us knew each other."

Helping to ease the early tension among the new students was an innovative addition to the annual program: the advent of a mousetrap car design workshop.

Lizette Chevalier, chair of civil engineering, said the organizers of Success Week

devised the new activity to help produce a larger turnout than in years past.

"This was the first year we've attempted something like this, and we think it went over really well," Chevalier said.

The mousetrap cars were not the only element of the program that tested the students' hands-on acumen.

They were also involved with robotic cars, temperature indicators and rock mechanics. And, even though some aspects of Success Week were meant to be competitive, Chevalier said nothing was cutthroat because the week's principal emphasis was on teamwork.

The message was apparently received by Bryan Polczynski, a freshman from Dubois who said he was surprised at how well he was able to get to know his fellow classmates by working alongside them.

"I think all the stuff they had us doing where we had to really rely on one another kind of forced us to talk to each other and get to know people," Polczynski said.

"At first, it was kind of hard since there was so many of us, but it didn't take long for us all to become friends."

In addition to the several games and teamwork exercises, the program, which costs \$50 per person, also included many social events throughout the week, ranging from lunch at Giant City Lodge Wednesday to an ice cream at the boat dock Thursday.

And with nearly 70 percent of all incoming engineering students participating in

Success Week, Chrisman said he thinks those students will have an immediate leg up on other freshmen.

"To be able to come in a week before and ask questions, find your way around and meet other freshmen allows you to get all of the hard stuff out of the way and focus on making friends," Chrisman said.

"Which is why even though this is the biggest group we've ever had, I think it's also the closest-knit group we've ever had."

Both Chrisman and Chevalier said the 23 mentors, upperclassmen in the School of Engineering, who helped oversee the progress of the participants, ultimately decided the fate of Success Week.

One of last year's returning mentors, Courtney Allensworth, a senior from Quincy, said he was impressed with the progress the students were able to make in such a short time.

Allensworth and Jodi Kosteki, a sophomore from Nashville and a first-time mentor, said they hoped to be involved with Success Week again next year.

Kosteki said it also revealed "what she had missed during her freshman year."

"My only regret is that I didn't do this when I had the chance," Kosteki said.

"I see all this going on around me and I wish I realized then how much fun it could be."

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AMANDA WHITLOCK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nick Judge, a mechanical engineering transfer student from Olney Central College and Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind., sits on his team's bridge after the completion of the judging. Engineering students paid to come early to school to participate in team-building activities in the College of Engineering that lasted throughout last week.

Repking resigns from Board of Trustees due to commitments

Former trustee leaves seat after resignation of job as bank president

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

The nine-member SIU Board of Trustees is starting the fall semester without a replacement for former trustee Mark Repking, who resigned from his post in mid-June.

His term was set to expire in 2007.

Though Repking has left all community boards, he cited other commitments in his Board resignation letter, saying he felt he no longer had the necessary time to fulfill his duties.

Repking resigned from the SIU Board as well as all other community boards after being asked to step down as president of the Liberty Bank in Alton, a position he has served since the bank opened in 1994.

A news release issued shortly after Repking's departure from Liberty Bank cited

concerns for his performance in the capacity of president, which led to his resignation.

Liberty Bank Interim President Larry Hellrung refrained from comment, citing industry regulations, but said he had known Repking as "a great guy."

Board Chair Molly D'Esposito said she has received no news of a replacement for Repking or of re-appointments for trustees Gene Callahan and John Brewster, whose terms expired Dec. 31, 2002.

Callahan and Brewster continue to operate as full members of the Board even though there has been no word as to whether they will be re-appointed or replaced.

D'Esposito said the Board remains fully functional despite the loss of Repking.

He was heavily involved with a joint board between the Springfield hospitals and the School of Medicine, which is located in Springfield.

The alternate, A.D. VanMeter Jr., will

serve as the substitute.

Repking, of Godfrey, said he was simply spread too thin, having taken active roles in the American Cancer Society in Godfrey, the Marquette High School Board, the St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, the Catholic Children's Home Board, the Hayner Public Library Board and the Community Bankers Association.

"I left the position at the bank to refocus on life," he said. "I have four kids, and it was like I was too busy. My wife and I decided to take a step back and, for lack of a better term, begin slowing down."

Repking said his other commitment is his family.

He has a son entering his senior year of high school and three more children ages 14, 12 and 7.

Though he has spent the latter part of the summer almost exclusively with his children, he is unsure what will happen when his children leave for school next week.

"I left the position at the bank to refocus on life. I was too busy."

— Mark Repking
former member,
Board of Trustees

Repking said he is also looking into a new career, though he has not decided what it will be.

He said he would like to rejoin some community boards in the future, including the SIU Board of Trustees, if they will have him back when the time comes.

Brewster, who is hoping for re-appointment, said he felt Repking was just beginning to take an active role in the Board and was surprised he was leaving.

Brewster is still waiting to hear from the governor's office as to his re-appointment or replacement and expects to know as soon as Gov. Rod Blagojevich has time to decide.

Brewster was re-appointed within a few months while Gov. Jim Edgar was in office but feels delays are expected considering the current political climate.

"We just had a switch in governors," he said. "It's not the middle of the term, like when I was reappointed by Edgar."

Callahan is also seeking another term.

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Bed Bath and Beyond moves beyond housewares

Carbondale's latest store opens, in time for students' return

Jackie Keane
Daily Egyptian

Judy McLaughlin of Mount Vernon traveled more than 50 miles Saturday to shop at Carbondale's latest store and plans on making the same trip each weekend.

McLaughlin said she is really glad to see Bed Bath & Beyond in Carbondale because it saves her a trip to Fairview Heights, 87 miles from Carbondale, which was previously the nearest location in Southern Illinois.

Store manager Richard Hammons said that he believes the store will fit in nicely with the community.

"I think we'll do very well in the community," Hammons said. "It's just a matter of time to see where we'll be."

Bed Bath & Beyond, located on the site of the old Montgomery Ward on the northeast corner of University Mall, opened its doors Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Debra Tindall, general manager of the mall, said the new store will provide a broad set of merchandise for the home, a genre of merchandise that customers could not purchase outside of Famous Barr and J.C. Penney.

"This is really a wonderful enhancement to the community," Tindall said.

The store, which spans 22,500 square feet, opened its doors in enough time for this year's student rush. It brings a new home fashion product line of merchandise to the mall that may have been underrepresented before.

"Obviously, we're a niche market.

I think we're going to fill in a lot of gaps," Hammons said.

He said that in the past week the store has been opened he has seen a cross-section of the whole community come into the store as customers.

"We are very comparable to everybody and anybody," Hammons said. "We have values throughout the whole store."

Andrea Behrends, a junior in photography from Crystal Lake, said she came shopping at Bed Bath & Beyond because the store just opened.

"What they've got going for them is it is a little bit more stylish than Wal-Mart," Behrends said.

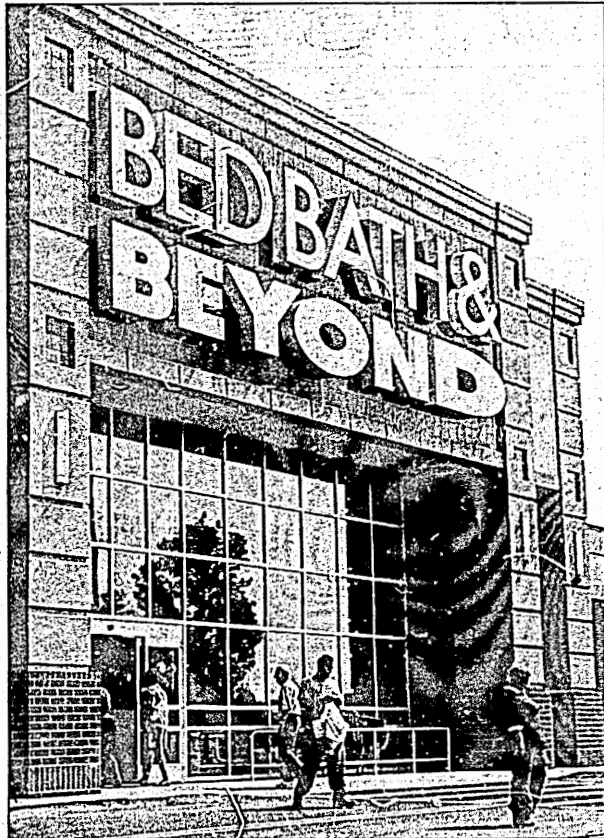
While the household merchandise may be more stylish, Behrends said she also had to pass up items at the store because she knew she could get it for cheaper across the street at Wal-Mart. She said other students will probably do the same for the more economical items.

Bed Bath & Beyond is represented coast to coast with more than 470 stores nationwide and is typically based in metropolitan areas. The new store is a result of the re-development of the mall that came 18 months ago with the opportunity to bring Old Navy, Gap and Gap Kids into the shopping destination. The mall has brought six new stores, including the movie theater, into the mall this year.

"We are elevating the offering of national tenants to consumers in this market place," Tindall said.

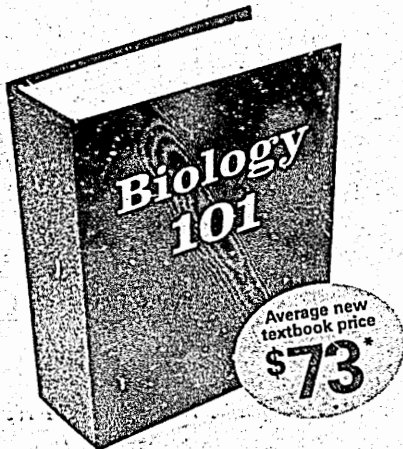
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Bed Bath & Beyond is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.



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Dissecting your opinion page

Thousands of voices come together in Carbondale, each with a different sound in this strange chorus that is SIU. Today, this page clarifies the parts of Voices, our forum for every voice in our community.

OUR WORD

Editorial (n.) A newspaper or periodical article that is given a special or significant place and that intentionally expresses the views of those in control of the publication on a matter of current interest.

At the DAILY EGYPTIAN, editorial topics are chosen by our editorial board, which consists of nine EGYPTIAN editors and two newsroom representatives. Topic ideas come directly from the pages of our newspaper. From international to local issues, we promise to select topics we feel are most important to our world and to the world at large.

Topics are picked and then discussed weekly at editorial board meetings. It is the responsibility of each member to research the topic before coming to the board meeting. Often times, we will come in to the meeting with one opinion on the matter. Sometimes, though, our opinion will change many times over as other members share their opinions. Once everyone on the board has had the opportunity to express his or her thoughts, it is the job of the Voices editor and assistant editor to draft *Our Word*.

At the EGYPTIAN, we believe a good editorial consists of both sides of the story, and we intend to give our readers the facts of each issue and then how we feel about it. We will often point out problems related to the issue and many times even complain. However, our complaining will not come without suggestions on how we believe the issue could be resolved or at least improved.

While this space will often be used to criticize, we are not afraid to editorialize the good news and compliment the good doing of those we are writing about. We desire to make this campus a better place, and sometimes doing so means simply pointing out the obvious.

Reporters who believe a story they are working on deserves to be editorialized have the opportunity to attend editorial board meetings and discuss their stories. In such a case, a reporter would come to a meeting, introduce the topic and explain to the board why he or she believes the topic deserves an editorial.

In addition, guests may be invited into the board meeting for a group interview or update on a topic. This is often the case to political officials and SIUC administrators. Readers can contribute to the editorials and editorial board by contacting board members or the Voices editors.

Public Policy Institute Assistant Director Mike Lawrence and the EGYPTIAN's General Manager Lance Speere serve as the editorial board's mentors. When these two busy people have time to attend our meetings, they point out things we didn't think of and offer their insight.

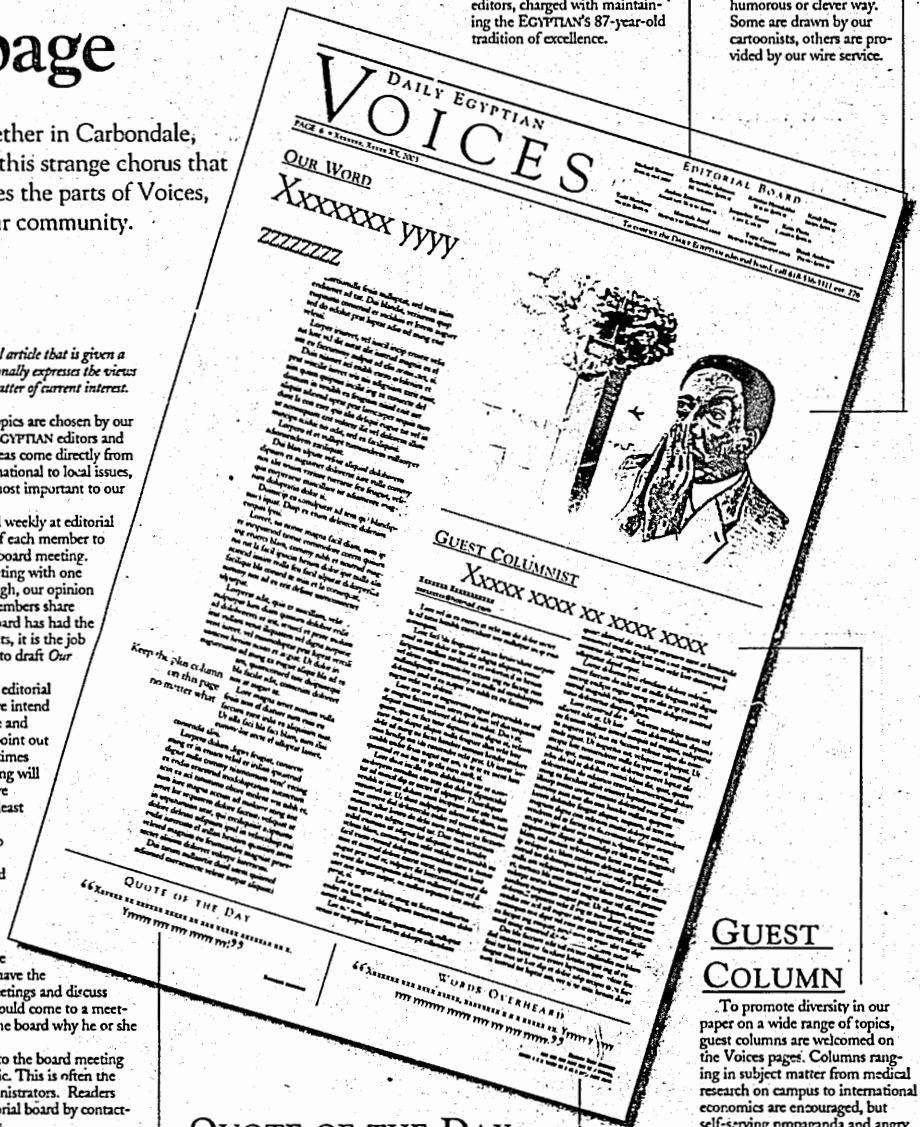
Readers can be guaranteed that *Our Word* is well researched, fully discussed and devoid of sweeping generalizations. It is our duty to serve the Southern Illinois University campus and the surrounding area. We will stand by our decisions, our word, with full confidence.

MASTHEAD

Here you will find the names of the 11 voting members of the DAILY EGYPTIAN Editorial Board. These are the paper's top editors, charged with maintaining the EGYPTIAN's 87-year-old tradition of excellence.

CARTOON

Editorial cartoons are used to illustrate the editorial stance of the paper or other pressing issues in a humorous or clever way. Some are drawn by our cartoonists, others are provided by our wire service.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

This section is reserved for your daily enlightenment. Encounters may include Mark Twain, Albert Einstein and Dr. Seuss.

WORDS OVERHEARD

Not everything sources say gets printed in the newspaper. This is the space we put some of the quotes that didn't make the stories and reiterate some of the ones that did.

GUEST COLUMN

To promote diversity in our paper on a wide range of topics, guest columns are welcomed on the Voices pages. Columns ranging in subject matter from medical research on campus to international economics are encouraged, but self-serving propaganda and angry tirades are unlikely to see print. The best guest columns make a clear point by identifying who the author is and why that person is qualified to write. They avoid technical jargon and strange lingo, and they make a point in about 500 words.

MISSION STATEMENT

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Meet the fall 2003 DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board

Michael Brenner



Age: 23
Hometown: West Chicago
Position at the DE: Editor in Chief

Last year as sports editor I served on the editorial board and learned something interesting about this community — I care

about it. As editor-in-chief, I hope to lead the editorial board in forming opinions that will make Carbondale and Southern Illinois better for all those who live here.

I lean to the left — a lot — but I am not the only person on this board. We have board members from all ends of the political spectrum and together we hope to give educated and balanced editorials on the issues that affect you.

Samantha Robinson



Age: It is a secret!
Hometown: Chicago
Position at the DE: Managing Editor

Words are powerful and hopefully the words that appear in the DAILY EGYPTIAN this semester will inform, teach and inspire someone. Me,

I just hope to keep the newsroom in order and running on time.

Kristina Hermdobler



Age: 20
Hometown: Benton
Position at the DE: Voices Editor

After high school, I got on a plane and flew to Brazil by myself without knowing a single Brazilian or Portuguese. I lived there for a year and during that time, I fell

in love with Brazil — and America. We are so lucky to live in the United States and I feel so blessed to be an American. But the United States is not the only country in the world. The things we do here affect people in other places; sometimes for the better, often though, our actions have a negative impact on the world. I carry that bias with me and I hope I forever will. I love America, but I love humanity more.

Andrea Zimmermann



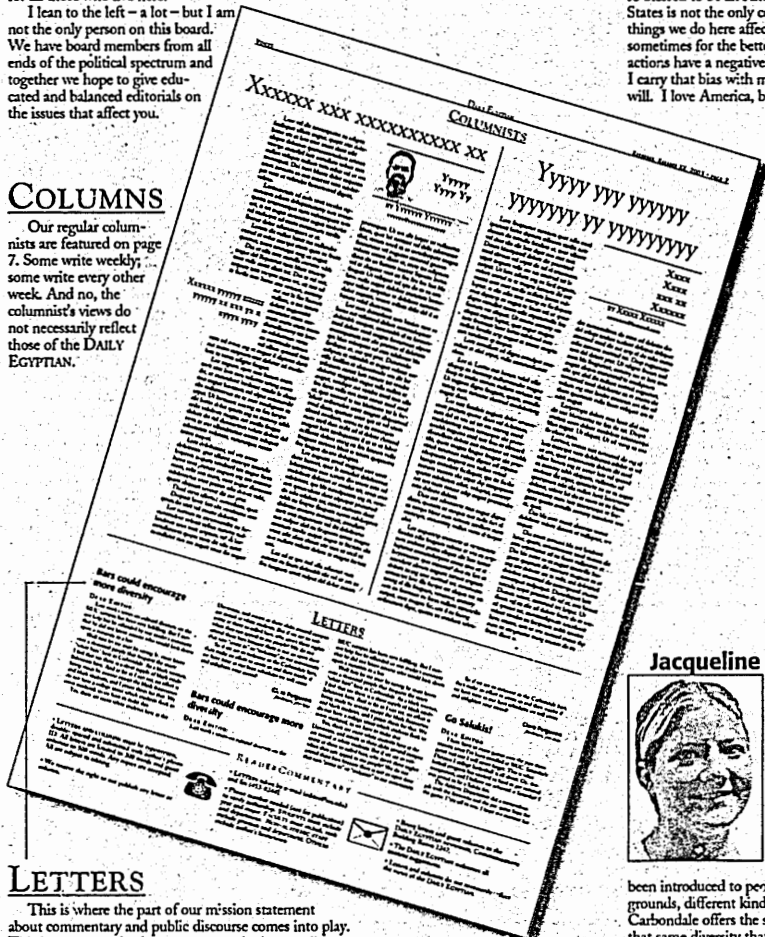
Age: 18
Hometown: Alton
Position at the DE: Assistant Voices Editor

Everyone experiences virtually the same emotions. We all laugh, cry and love. Being the only freshman on the board, my views of SIUC may be novice

but they will also come without bias. My hometown has already shaped many of my views. Alton is a riverfront town of great diversity. It is small in size and wasn't shaped through amazing architecture and industry but through its controversial history. Alton gave me a keen sense of race relations and injustice. This semester I hope my colorful past and my new beginnings here will provide new perspectives to the board.

COLUMNS

Our regular columnists are featured on page 7. Some write weekly; some write every other week. And no, the columnist's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Katie Davis



Age: 20
Hometown: Sullivan
Position at the DE: Campus Editor

Two years ago, I knew what I wanted to do, last year I changed my mind. Now in my junior year, I, like most students, have no idea what I want to do six months from now,

let alone after college. I only know that in my five semesters on the campus and at the Daily Egyptian, I have seen the need for change, and it is the responsibility of Daily Egyptian to bring light to this, and that's what I intend to do.

Moustafa Ayad



Age: 21
Hometown: Urbana/Cairo
Position at the DE: Assistant Student Life Desk

Egyptian by blood and American by choice, I am the changing face of America. An America that opens its eyes to the realities

that the world is comprised of more than shades of brown, but shades of humanity. Journalism and media outlets are at the heart of the network that pumps blood through the rest of the country, and newspapers offer readers in depth looks into the overlooked, distraught and often understated segments of society. My job as a journalist, and a conscious journalist, is to enlighten as well as awaken the people I feel most obliged too — the public. We all must learn to hear with the same set of ears, see with the set of eyes, and bleed from the same artery. The world does not revolve around me, but revolves around you. Stop. Look at the person next to you and ask yourself: do I know you? Or am I constantly positioning your face into a box? Live and see through the eyes of the world, not the lenses of your choosing.

Jacqueline Keane



Age: 22
Hometown: Chicago
Position at the DE: City Desk Editor

I will be working as city desk editor because the sports desk would not allow a Cubs' fan on their desk. That is right, GO CUBBIES! Having grown up in Chicago, I have been introduced to people of all sorts of backgrounds, different kinds of food and languages. Carbondale offers the same diversity. And it is that same diversity that we will provide in our news. National, statewide or local, we will provide you with information. What happens from there is for you to decide.

LETTERS

This is where the part of our mission statement about commentary and public discourse comes into play. This is your space in the newspaper, whether you live on campus and drop off your letter or you write in via e-mail from any corner of the world. Use it. Challenge, compliment or criticize the thing you read in your paper. Write in to explain something important to you or the world around you. If something you've read makes you raise an eyebrow, chances are that thousands of other readers had the same reaction. The most effect letters are typically shorter than 100 words and are logical statements with clear writing. The Reader Commentary section that appears in each publication below the Letters explains the process of submitting a letter or a guest column to the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Kandi Bruce



Age: 21
Hometown: Kinnmundy
Position at the DE: News Editor

I am a senior this year and this is my fifth semester at the D.E. I hope to increase the accuracy of the paper and make it more reader friendly. I also hope

that the Editorial Board will be able to make an impact on SIUC's campus by informing students of important issues and taking a stand for the students.

Tripp Crouse



Age: 25
Hometown: Mattoon
Position at the DE: Assistant News Editor

As a senior in English, I am always searching for new venues to voice my opinion. Over the summer, I served on the Editorial Board and valued the experience.

This fall I look forward to representing the students' ideas, opinions and views.



Todd Merchant

Age: 21
Hometown: Chatham
Position at the DE: Sports Editor

This is my sixth and final semester at the DE. I hope to go out on a high note by diving into some important issues. I also am looking forward to seeing the newspaper continue growing and bringing about change in the community and on campus.

READER COMMENTARY

• LETTERS AND COLUMNS must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted with author's photo ID. All letters are limited to 300 words and guest columns to 500 words. Any topics are accepted. All are subject to editing.



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• Bring letters and guest columns to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications Building Room 1247.

• The DAILY EGYPTIAN welcomes all content suggestions.

• Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

• We reserve the right to not publish any letter or column.

Residents deal with ongoing construction

Students forced to find alternative routes to class

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

When the residents of 106B E. Grand Ave. walk outside of their front door, they are face-to-face with construction that has leveled their sidewalk and denied them access to the street.

The construction projects on East Grand Avenue and Lincoln Drive near the Student Center began in late March and are still in progress.

Drivers have been forced to take alternate routes, which include West Mill and Washington streets.

"One of the main things with me is that we were told it would be done before school started," said Roxie Frank, a sophomore from Evansville, Ind. "Classes start Monday, and it still isn't done."

Julie Weber, a junior from Teutopolis, said she and her roommates have not had to deal with any of the seemingly obvious problems such as traffic, but smaller inconveniences have begun to take their toll.

"I used to brag to my friends about the convenience of our location," Weber said. "But I can't do that anymore because we have to walk even further than everyone else even though we're across the street."

Weber also said that during the summer, one of her previous roommates had her tire blow out as she was hacking out of the driveway. As a result, Weber said her roommate had to have her car towed and pay \$80 for a new tire.

Megan Nolan, a sophomore from Brookfield, said noise has been a problem for her.



SIU sophomore Hilary Matheson unloads the U-Haul in front of her house off of Grand Avenue Friday. After driving seven hours from their hometown of Chadwick, Matheson and her parents had a difficult time moving in among the construction on Grand Avenue and U.S. 51.

"One morning I woke up at about 7:30 to noise coming from the construction site," Nolan said. "Our next door neighbor said that he looked outside of his front door to make sure there wasn't a war going on outside."

Incoming freshmen who are not aware of the shortcut on Grand Avenue may not be concerned with the effect the construction will have on getting to and from classes, but returning students are already dreading the first day.

Nolan said the construction work has made her job as a student life adviser somewhat difficult.

"Part of our job is to give the new students directions to get to class," Nolan said. "But it's been a lot harder because we're not able to tell the students to take Grand for their classes in Quigley or Wham."

Paul Wright, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio, said he takes either the bridge or Grand Avenue, depending on where his classes are.

"I don't want to take the bridge everyday," Wright said. "I'll be tired and sweaty before I even get to class."

Starting this week, Carbondale residents will

no longer have to find alternative routes to East Grand Avenue. Construction crews should begin wrapping up their work Tuesday night, according to Brian Dorris, operating manager of E.T. Simonds Construction Company.

"In the end, I suppose it's not that bad," said Tracy Meyer, a graduate student from Teutopolis. "It'll be worth it to have the extra turning lane."

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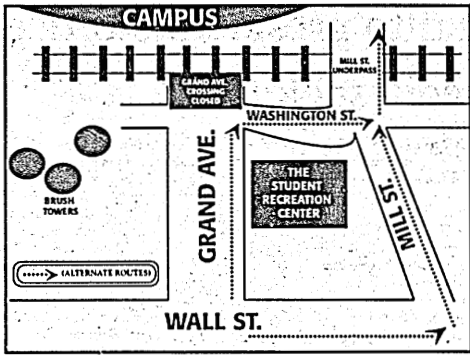
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CONSTRUCTION

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That quick pace is part of the reason why U.S. 51's intersection with Grand Avenue is closed the first day of the fall semester.

SIUC former Vice Chancellor Glenn Poshard, who worked with IDOT in the planning and funding of U.S. 51's improvements near the University, said construction on the highway was so far ahead of schedule that the crew's next logical step was to work on Grand Avenue.

The work on that intersection, which ordinarily might have been done later in the fall after move-in, was actually pushed forward because Mr. Simonds was a month ahead of the anticipated work on the rest of 51 south from there," Poshard said. "Even though it's more of a traffic problem at a critical time with the move-in, it's going to be finished far ahead of schedule, which is a good thing."

Lenzini said the Simonds Company's contract with IDOT to work on U.S. 51 runs through September 2004. He said he anticipates construction on the highway will be completed by October this year.

Prior construction on U.S. 51 at the intersection of Lincoln Drive has been completed since the last week of July. Poshard said the University's administration took about \$300,000 out of the school's traffic and parking funds to help pay for that intersection's construction.

Poshard said the improvements at the intersection of U.S. 51 and Lincoln Drive, which include a southbound free-flow right turn lane into the campus, will allow the University to carry out its new land use plan.

This is part of the land use plan to facilitate changes in turning lanes, a new entryway to the campus, an easier and more efficient pattern of traffic and to make additional

space available for the anticipated building of the new multipurpose stadium," Poshard said.

Poshard said that if the University is able to stick to its land use plan, the planning and design phase of the new stadium would be carried out in 2003 and 2004, and construction would begin in 2005.

Lenzini said the University has been very cooperative in the construction plans on U.S. 51. He said that IDOT originally showed the administration how it could improve the highway in its existing space, but the University had bigger ideas.

"The University got busy and said, here's an opportunity to really improve and do some things that we couldn't do by ourselves," Lenzini said. "So we both teamed up together and we got quite a bit accomplished. They contributed more money, and we ended up with a very major improvement to the entrance to the campus."

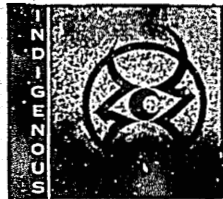
Lenzini said SIUC students should plan to leave earlier than they normally would to get to class.

"It usually takes about a week for the town to stabilize at the start of the semester, and we've thrown a \$3 million project right into it," Lenzini said. "Lots of people are going to be going to classes for the first time in a new building, so they should leave a little bit earlier than they normally would."

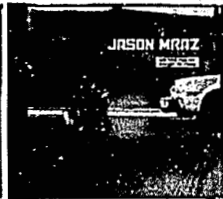
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People driving west on Grand Avenue can follow the marked detour at the intersection of Washington Street to travel west. People driving north on U.S. 51 south of Grand Avenue can follow the marked detour at the intersection of Mill Street to travel east. The Grand Avenue-U.S. 51 intersection is closed to all motorists and pedestrians.

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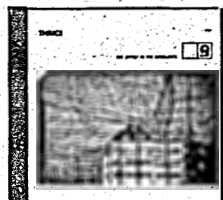
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LAYOFFS

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re-evaluated positions and looked for employees with specialties that could carry over to other areas. They will continue to examine departments for positions to which employees can be reappointed.

"We can always hope it will get better, but looking at the budget realities, they have done a phenomenal job," Davis said. Wendler said Human Resources and other managers and department heads across campus exceeded his expectations, saving more jobs than he anticipated.

"They have demonstrated an agility in this process that is nearly remarkable," Wendler said. "The system is usually clogged up with bureaucracy, but it was a very, very good effort by people all across the campus. I sure am pleased for their progress, and I

guarantees you a lot of employees are pleased for it as well."

For the remaining 42 positions that were laid off, a Rapid Response team, a free service provided through Man-Tra-Con for employees affected by layoffs, was on campus Aug. 8 to provide displaced workers with counseling on job searching, resume writing, education and training opportunities.

Wendler said the University will continue to look for positions for those who have lost their jobs.

Though he did not want to speculate on the budget for the next six months, he said if it stabilizes, they might eventually be able to bring some workers back.

Reporter Valerie N. Donnals can be reached at vdonnals@dailyegyptian.com

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— Sue Davis spokeswoman, University

Layoffs extend to president's office eliminates media spokesman

Binder removed from office, duties distributed among all president's staff

Valerie N. Donnals Daily Egyptian

The office of the president of SIU also felt the statewide budget crunch last week when President James Walker eliminated the position of media spokesman for SIU.

Steve Binder, who was hired to the position in January, was informed early last week that he would not be reappointed. Friday was his last day with the University.

"Dr. Walker has had to make some tough choices in light of the budget situation and is making the move to eliminate this position in the name of saving money," Binder said.

Binder's annual salary was about \$69,800.

Scott Kaiser, SIU's legislative liaison in Springfield and former

SIU spokesman, said, the position will remain vacant for the time being and Binder's duties will be distributed among existing staff in the president's office.

The president's office is one of many that will be stretching its resources due to budget constraints. Friday was also the last day for 42 civil service and trade employees who received layoff notices July 15 and are now being forced to search the job market in search of new employment.

Kaiser said that although Binder is the only employee in the president's office to be laid off this year, the office has reduced its budget by 16 percent over the past two years through retirement and attrition.

"Given the state of the state's fiscal condition and what was going on both campuses, the thinking of cut-backs and cost savings was on top of everybody's minds," Binder said.

"So, in that regard, this is not a

complete surprise by any means."

Binder, who worked for newspapers for 19 years, served as prosecutor Joe Birkett's campaign manager during his run for Illinois attorney general last year.



Binder

After Birkett lost the election, Binder was hired as Walker's spokesman.

Although he has no definite plans for the future, Binder said newspaper reporting has always been his first love, and he is considering several options in the areas of public relations and marketing.

However, he plans to stay close to his Southern Illinois roots.

"My wife and I have lived in Carbondale for going on eight years now, and we certainly would love to continue to call this area our home," he said.

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Job Fair offers opportunities to students

SIUC students search for employment at annual job fair
Jessica Yorama
 Daily Egyptian

The students who shuffled in the line outside of the Student Center Friday, waiting for their turn to enter the Job Fair, varied in their ultimate goals as far as their job search is concerned.

However, standing in the constantly growing line guided by student life assistants and various Student Center employees, they shared in their desire to hear two simple words:

"Next five."

These words, which boomed from the voice of the man who directed students into the Job Fair, meant students could progress not only in their quest into the ballroom but also in the competitive quest for employment at SIUC.

Freshman Robin Callister was searching for office and clerical work. Freshman Brian Smith was looking for a janitorial position.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors were also in attendance at the fair, all sharing at least one common thought and offering one common statement in spite of their varying job aspirations:

"I need a job."

Smith, an incoming student in administration of justice from Calumet City, was one of the hundreds of students who stood patiently as well as impatiently in the long line that wrapped around the area outside of the job fair, waiting for his chance to enter.

"I'm just looking for a janitorial job," Smith said as he shifted anxiously while occasionally glancing to the front of the line. "With the volume of students right now, the prospects don't look too good, though."

The annual Job Fair was a major part of the Week of Welcome, which began Aug. 14. The Week of Welcome, an event that spans from Aug. 14 through Aug. 22, is designed to not only help new and returning students settle socially into the college community but also introduces them to the opportunities available at SIUC.

A large portion of the opportunities available to students exist in the possibilities available in the student job market, a fact made obvious by the number of employers who set up areas against the ballroom walls, hoping to be approached by students.

Although a few sat idly from time to time, most were constantly occupied by both the inquiries of prospective employees and the great deal of applications that sat before them.

The Job Fair took place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday and offered possible employment for both spring and fall semesters for all students approved by Financial Aid and registered for at least six credit hours.

The annual job fair was sponsored by Financial Aid and required the combined space of all of the ballroom areas in the Student Center and provided hope for students searching for the perfect campus job, or, in some students' case, any campus job.

Although Craig Schwabauer, a supervisor in audiovisual technology, was still taking applications for his area, he said many departments had exceeded their prospective hiring numbers shortly after the fair began.



Teek Singh of Aurora looks over an application for on-campus employment given to him by SIUC professor Gary Kolb of the College of Mass Communication. Singh's No. 1 priority was finding a job offering evening hours.

"This is more [students] than I've seen in a while," Schwabauer said while looking through the applications he had spread out before him. "It's been overwhelming. A lot of people hired so quickly they're not taking applications anymore."

He said that while some jobs had required prospective employees to have past experience in his field, which handles everything from film projections and sound in the Student Center, others did not have prerequisites for students looking for work.

"I was a microbiology major when I came here [to audio-technology]," said Schwabauer. "Everybody's trainable."

Sponsors of the event contacted students through word-of-mouth and signs around campus. Students were also contacted at their hometown addresses through mail. While some departments were hiring on the spot, most told students that they would not be making the official hiring call for at least another week.

Many students appeared some-

what anxious as they gripped the applications in their hands while pacing the ballroom area and searching for their next target.

At the same time, many knew to be grateful for the fact that, although they had not yet been hired, they were further in the process than many students outside of the door, waiting to hear the words "Next five."

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Man charged in sexual assault

Incident unrelated to three similar summer attacks

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

The 25-year-old Chicago man charged with the sexual assault of a 21-year-old Carbondale woman Aug. 7 is not a suspect in similar cases that occurred during the summer, police said.

Paul L. Robinson is charged in Jackson County with sexual assault, aggravated sexual abuse and unlawful for allegedly overpowering and sexually assaulting a woman at 1:15 a.m. on the 800 block of East College Street.

Robinson was unarmed at the time. Dan Reed, community resource officer for the Carbondale Police Department, said the location of the attack was only a couple blocks away from the police department.

"She was heading home," Reed said. "This was one of those cases where it's not like she was walking through a shortcut through the woods or something that you would think would be a dangerous place. She was walking down a street and walking right by the police station."

The woman, who lived in the area, immediately contacted the police department following the

attack, Reed said.

"That's what really helped this case out so much is she was able to give such a detailed description," he said. "And when it was so quick that they put it out and officers started looking."

Robinson, who gave his address as the homeless shelter and soup kitchen Good Samaritan House, 701 S. Maion St., was found near the location of the attack on the 400 block of East College Street, Reed said. Police could not indicate whether there was alcohol in his system.

Susan Metcalf, executive director of the Good Samaritan House, said Robinson stayed from July 21 through July 24 but would not work at the house to earn a train ticket home.

"We didn't have to ask him to leave. He was demanding to leave all the time," she said. "We just broke down and bought him a ticket and put him on the train."

Metcalf said Robinson returned a few days later but was not allowed to stay because of his earlier behavior. Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec said Robinson was being held at \$2,500 but, because there is a hold on his name, would not be released.

Robinson was on parole until Sept. 9 for prior convictions. The preliminary hearing is for 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

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Back-to-school program teaches importance of parent involvement

Bethany Krajelis
 Daily Egyptian

It's not only kids who are going back to school this year, but parents, too.

The first Parent Academy took place Saturday at the Lakeland Baptist Church with the goal of informing parents and getting them involved.

The program was sponsored by the Connecting All Parents with Schools organization and consisted of guest speakers, classroom exhibits, a fashion show and four workshops to help students succeed within Carbondale District 95 elementary schools.

"I think it's great to get the parents involved to learn more about the school and how they can get involved," said Jill Jackson, a sixth grade teacher at Carbondale Middle School. "I think it's a real good idea, and I am excited."

Any Erickson, the initiator of the group, has been working for the past three years to build a strong foundation for the program. The organization started out as a volunteer program and then teamed up with Winkler School for a pilot parent involvement program.

A partnership with local businesses, churches and the community of Carbondale was formed to build parent involvement outside of schools and successfully form the C.A.P.S. organization.

Among committee members and volunteers from the eight churches involved, teachers from Parish, Thomas, Lewis and Carbondale Middle School were available to discuss kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum. They were also available to answer questions from the more than 30 parents that attended.

Teaching the parent teacher conferences and homework workshop, seventh and eighth grade teacher Rev. Alfred McGowan agreed that parent involvement is key to student success. He encourages all parents, not just the parents of A and B students, to attend the next Parent Academy.

Along with parent involvement, Linda Flowers said that a team effort within the community is also needed. Flowers, principal of Thomas School, believes that the C.A.P.S. organization will help create involvement because an "informed parent is an involved parent."

Not only were District 95 parents and teachers involved, but Father Joseph Brown, professor and director of Black American Studies at SIU, was the keynote speaker of the event.

"There's a triad for success: the church, community and schools," Brown said.



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Father Joseph Brown explains to parents that reinforcing the relationship between the church, community and schools is crucial to life, especially the lives of learning children. Father Brown attended the Connecting All Parents with Students presentation as a guest speaker.

Teaming up with the community is how the C.A.P.S. organization is gaining parent involvement.

Local businesses donated school supplies, backpacks, gift certificates, and free hair cuts to the Parent Academy's raffle give-away. Ken Mathis donated a grand prize of a family scholarship to the Carbondale Soccer, Inc., which will be raffled off at the fourth and final Parent Academy of the school year.

"Grasping What Unity Can Do" is the C.A.P.S. motto to gain support from the community.

"I really believe this is the answer bringing the entire community, churches, businesses, and schools together," said Deanna Boozer, liaison of the Zion Temple Church and mother of five, "This is the answer."

The program also held a fashion show to model appropriate clothing for school.

Erickson discussed the large number of SIU students who are also parents of children within District 95.

"They have a lot on their plate, and we want to be their support system," Erickson said.

She also mentioned the importance of SIU students who volunteer within the C.A.P.S. organization and at District 95 schools. She encourages the entire community, not just parents, to take part in the parent involvement and student success program.

The Parent Academy had a successful turnout, according to the C.A.P.S. organization. Father Joseph Brown agreed and is confident in the future success of the program.

"It is working. People showed up; it worked."

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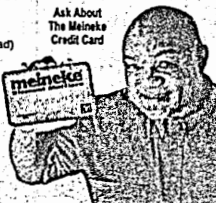
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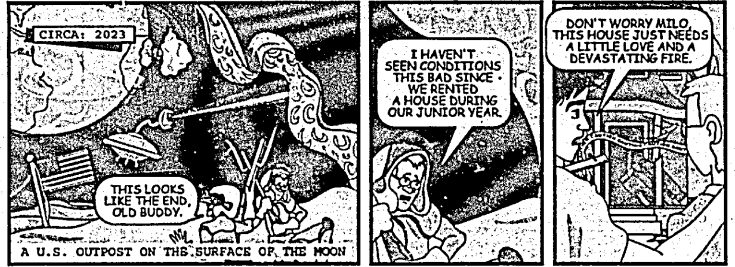
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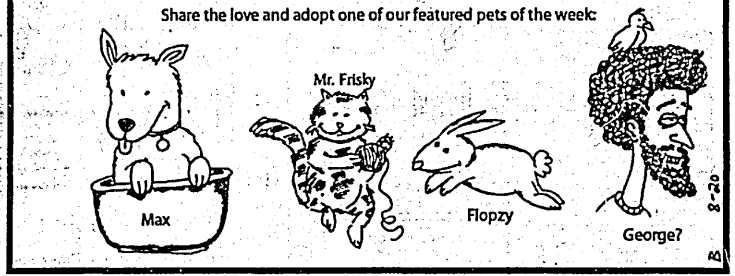
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Forego expensive entertainment in favor of a romantic evening at home. Get back in touch with the realization that the best things in life are free.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're not as easy to push around as somebody thought you'd be. Your mild-mannered exterior hides a solid determination. Hold out for what you want.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Put off traveling if you can, and postpone important decisions. You'll do better if you take some time to explore different courses of action.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It now seems that everything's coming your way because of what you've already done. There will be shortages ahead, however. Prepare for them by being thrifty.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You may have put yourself into a difficult situation. You may have to start looking around for another source of revenue. Quickly.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Make wonderful plans, but don't expect to launch your adventure right now. There'll be a few little details that will have to be handled first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Others want to know what you've done, but even more important, they want to know that you can be counted on to keep your word.

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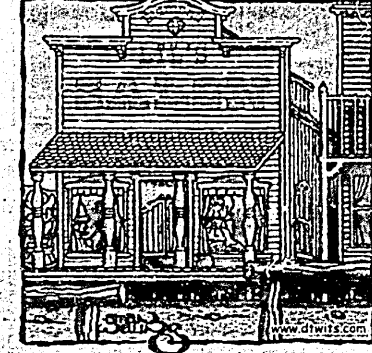
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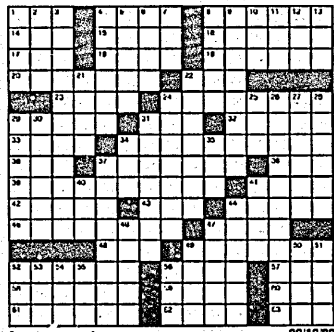
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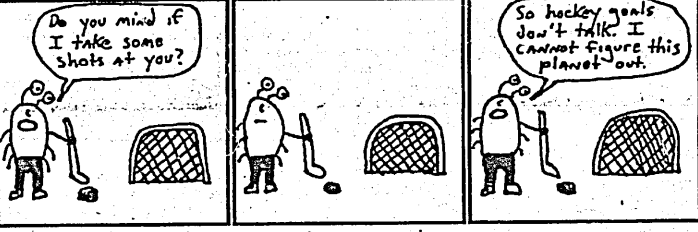
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Dearman signs on with German team

Williams trying out with Turkish team

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

While their former teammates are returning from Europe, Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman are just beginning their jaunts across the pond.

Dearman signed Aug. 10 with German team EnBW Ludwigsburg, and Williams is leaving Tuesday for Turkey.

Dearman's new coach, Bruno Socé of Croatia, said in a press release that he had been scouting the Indianapolis native for some time and said he did not hesitate to sign Dearman when the opportunity arose. Socé said Dearman's offense, defense and rebounding will greatly aid the team, which finished 12th of 14 teams in the German Premier League last season with an 18-34 record.

Dearman, who signed a one-year deal with an option for a second year, is expected to fill Ludwigsburg's vacant center position.

"Hopefully he can establish himself and this can be a stepping stone for him to get up to a higher level in Italy or one of the better countries, but Germany's a good league," SIU head coach Matt Painter said.

"I'm happy for him and hope-

fully he can have a long career over there."

While the ink has already dried on Dearman's contract, Williams is set to begin a week-long tryout with Darussafaka in Istanbul, Turkey.

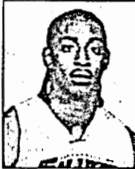
"As of right now, I'm probably playing there," Williams said. "I could either change my mind or they could cut me. While I'm there, if I think something better pops up, then I'll take that."

Playing overseas is not a new experience for Williams, who toured Poland during the summer of 2002 as a member of the Athletes in Action squad. While Williams isn't overly excited at the prospect of living in Turkey, he's willing to try it.

"It doesn't sound too appealing when you're talking about Turkey, but I probably won't know what it's like until I get over there," Williams said.

"I've never been in that area, so I have no idea what the coaches are like, what the team's like, so it's basically just getting over there, feeling it out for a week and seeing if that's the right spot for me."

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Dearman

2003 MEN'S BASKETBALL EUROPEAN TOUR SCORES

OPPONENT	SCORE	TOP SCORER/TOP REBOUNDER
Pussihukat	W 94-72	Bryan Turner (24)/ Josh Warren (9)
Namika Lahti	W 87-65	Darren Brooks (33)/ Josh Warren (8)
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Tarmo	L 66-71	Darren Brooks (18)/ Willis & Warren (6)
Fodertalge	W 74-56	Darren Brooks (23), Darren Brooks (10)
Swedish National Team	W 84-67	Darren Brooks (28)/ Josh Warren (14)

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SIU basketball team takes Finland, Sweden by storm

Dawgs post 5-1 mark in European tour

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Head coach Matt Painter and the SIU men's basketball team finished their intercession trip to Finland and Sweden with a 5-1 record and a clearer understanding of the challenges they'll face this fall.

Darren Brooks paced the Salukis with a nearly 24-points-per-game average and helped the Salukis defeat the Swedish National Team 84-67 in the final game of the trip.

Bruce Weber's Illinois squad squeaked past the same team in overtime a night before.

Painter attributed his team's performance against the Swedish Nationals to an understanding of European basketball gleaned during the previous five games and to the fact that he was able to scout the team on an off day.

"Illinois beat them by one point, and then when we see how good that national team was that they played, our guys came to the game, so it was a challenge for us to be able to compete at that level and then be able to beat them by 17 points," Painter said.

Brooks led the Salukis in scoring every game with the exception of the trip's opener, a 22-point win over Finnish club team Pussihukat.

Senior guard Bryan Turner was the high man in that game with 24 points, one of his two double-figure scoring games of the trip.

Turner's prowess at the point guard position, along with redshirt freshman Tony Young's defensive ability, highlights what is expected to be a fierce battle once the team begins practice in earnest in mid-October.

Highly touted freshman Jamaal Tatum is expected to fight for playing time with Turner and Young.

Only seven scholarship players traveled with the team since newcomers aren't allowed and junior guard Stetson Hairston was suspended from the trip for violating team rules.

The dearth of players had its benefits, though.

"In real games with a full team

some guys wouldn't be able to play through their mistakes," Painter said. "I think that was very beneficial for all of our players to only have eight guys there and seven scholarship players just to be able to continue to play through their mistakes and gain some experience in that particular phase of the game."

With the extended playing time afforded, Painter was able to nail down some players' weaknesses. Josh Warren, who will be one of two returning Saluki post players with the bulk to battle underneath the boards, was one of the players Painter singled out:

"He's someone that can score on the block, and he can score facing up," Painter said. "He just has to work on his stamina. If he ever wants to play major minutes, he has to get his stamina to the point where he can be productive in all 25-30 minutes, but at this point he is not there."

Redshirt freshman Ryan Walker, who scored 17 and 20 points in two of the games, also has room to improve.

"Ryan Walker had two games where he shot the ball very well... then the other four games, when his shot wasn't falling as much, he didn't do the other things," Painter said. "When your shot's not falling, you've gotta be able to do other things to help the team win."

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probably accrue most of those yards in the team's first four games.

Besides, the Salukis' chances of winning a Gateway title this season are slim, and as the season comes to a close, everyone will want to see Tommy break the record.

• Will the Salukis finish in the top half of the Gateway? Signs point to yes.

They were picked to finish sixth in the preseason coaches poll, but

they were only six points behind Northern Iowa, which was picked fourth, so it is not unfathomable to think that the Dawgs could crack the upper echelon.

SIU has a good shot at winning at least three of their non-conference games, which would give some much-needed momentum heading into the Gateway season.

Opening against Indiana State, which was picked to finish last in the preseason poll, won't hurt either.

• Will the SIU volleyball team return to the conference tourna-

ment? Very doubtful.

The Salukis lost seven key players from last year's squad that won 23 games and made it all the way to the tournament championship contest. Among those losses were all-conference selections Kristie Kemner and Lindsey Schultz.

Trying to fill the huge void, head coach Sonya Locke has brought in 12 recruits, including 11 freshmen. She has said that this group is one of the most athletic squads she has ever had, but they will need at least a year or two to gel as a team.

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the room broke into laughter.

"I said OK, I think I can handle that."

The next four teams in the poll were separated by just 41 votes. Youngstown State came in third in the poll with 171 votes and was followed by Northern Iowa (139), Illinois State (131) and SIU (130).

Youngstown State head coach Jon Heacock said the closeness between the teams in the conference is part of the reason the Gateway is arguably the hardest in all of Division I-AA. He added that if your team is not ready, any team in the conference can knock you off.

"We put an asterisk beside every Gateway team," Heacock said. "There's an asterisk beside Western Kentucky and Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois."

"There's great players and great coaches, and so every game is a rivalry."

Rounding out the poll were Southwest Missouri State, which received 74 votes, and Indiana State with 42.

While most coaches commented on having young teams for the upcoming season, probably none will be more inexperienced than the

last-place Sycamores.

"On our football team on reporting day, probably 45 players will have four years of eligibility ahead of them," Indiana State head coach Tim McGuire said.

As for the Gateway preseason team, the roster was loaded with Leathemocks and Hilltoppers as the two teams combined for 13 of the 27 all-conference picks.

Western Illinois led the way with seven selections (Russ Michna, Fred Layne, Justin Langan, Mike O'Brien, Lee Russell, Victor Campbell and Reggie Gray) and Western Kentucky had six players (Buster Ashley, Daniel Withrow, Erik Dandy, Jeremy Chandler, Antonio Veal and Brian Clayburn).

SIU was the next most represented team with four players, including both running backs — Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koussos — which is a first in the Gateway. Courtney Abbott and Alexis Moreland were the other Salukis on the team.

Other key players on the squad included Northern Iowa's Marcius Mays and Illinois State's Bomber Grigsby and Ray Robinson.

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SPORTS FLASH

GPA of 3.38.

SIU is one of 35 Division I schools and four Missouri Valley Conference schools (Indiana State, Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri State).

SIU's Britten Follett graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA and was named to the Verizon Academic All-America First Team. Recent graduates Kristie Kemner and Lindsey Schultz were both named to the Verizon Academic District V First Team. Kemner (First Team), Schultz (First Team) and Follett (Second Team) were also named all-MVC on the court.

SPC organizes road trip to Busch Stadium

SPC Travel is organizing a trip to St. Louis to watch the Cubs and Cardinals face off in Busch Stadium on Aug. 27.

Tickets are \$27 per person and can be purchased at Student Center Check Cashing. The cost covers a ticket to the game and roundtrip bus fare.

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Also in the works is a Sept. 6 trip to Cape Girardeau, Mo., to watch the Saluki football team take on Southeast Missouri State. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest and Fox Sports Chicago.

Tickets can be purchased at Student Center Check Cashing and include game ticket and roundtrip bus fare. For more information, contact SPC Travel at 536-3393.

Volleyball Salukis honored in classroom

Following a memorable season highlighted by numerous awards, the 2002-2003 SIU volleyball team recently received an honor.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association selected the Salukis squad as recipient of the prestigious AVCA Team Academic Award. The award recognizes excellence in the classroom displayed by both high school and college volleyball teams.

To be considered for the award, a team must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale and at least a 4.1 on a 5.0 scale.

The Salukis, which finished last season with its best record in 17 years, 23-10, finished the year with a team

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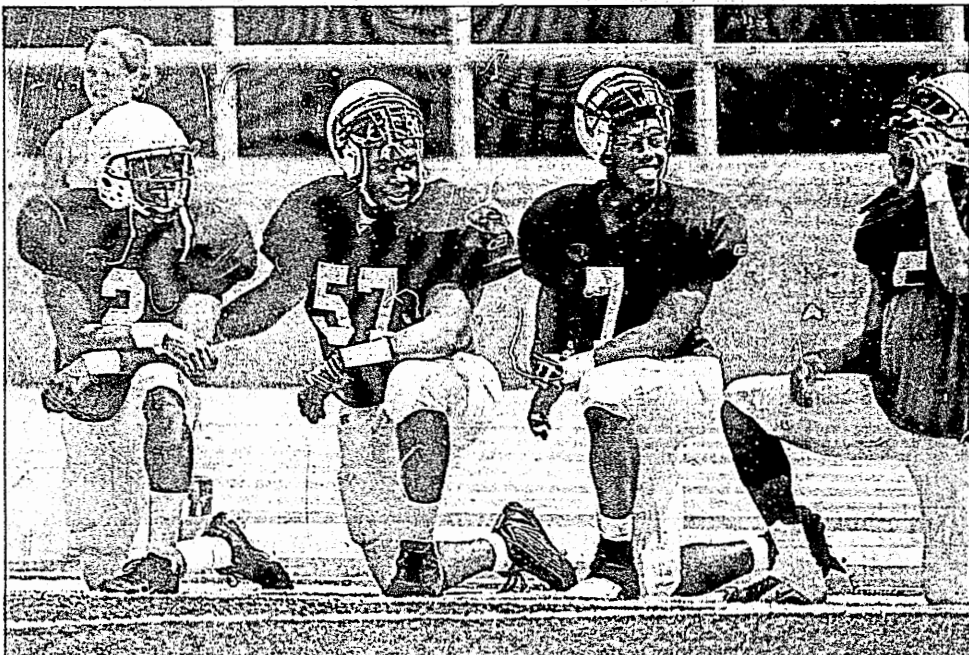
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SIU football players Cortez McBerry (left), Chris Sutherlin and Alexis Moreland take a knee during a scrimmage Thursday morning at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis were picked to finish sixth in the Gateway Conference preseason coaches poll, while Western Illinois was picked to win the league. Moreland was one of four SIU players to earn preseason all-conference honors.

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COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

BY TODD MERCHANT
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Some SIU predictions

Everybody remembers those classic Magic 8-Balls from their childhood. The little toy has foretold the futures of millions of people since being invented in 1946.

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But it can also be used for more practical purposes — such as attempting to predict what will happen with SIU sports this fall. Let's give it a shake.

• Will Muhammad Abdulqadir have a second-year slump? Ask again later.

Last year's rushing totals of 1,331 yards and 20 touchdowns weren't a fluke, but they will also be hard to repeat. With senior Tom Koutsos coming back for another year after his injury last season, Mo should expect to have fewer carries per game this season.

Of course, the fact that Abdulqadir only saw notable action in six of the Salukis' 12 games has people wondering just what he can do if he stays healthy for all 11 games this year.

• Will Abdulqadir win the Payton Award? Outlook good.

Once again, this will have a lot to do with how long he can stay healthy. There are plenty of people who will challenge him for the award this year, including Grambling quarterback Bruce Eugene and Georgia Southern quarterback Chaz Williams.

But the consensus last year was that Abdulqadir would have won the award had he not been injured. So, this year, it looks like the Payton Award is his to lose.

• Will Koutsos have an all-conference season? Don't count on it.

He's healthy and ready to contribute to the team, but his role has been diminished with the ascension of Abdulqadir. He will probably be used more as a third-down back or short-yardage guy.

There's no doubt that he still has the talent and skills to be the top back, but after the season that Abdulqadir had last year, Tommy will just have to take a backseat and become more of a role player.

• Will Koutsos break the conference rushing record? It is decidedly so.

He was shelved last year with a career total of 3,747 yards, only 485 shy of breaking the record set by Eastern Illinois' Willie High in 1995.

Koutsos would only have to average 45 yards a game this season to eclipse the mark, and with the non-conference schedule that the Salukis have this year,

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WU favorite to win Gateway

Defending national champ W. Kentucky picked second

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

ST. LOUIS — Last year, Western Illinois went 11-2 with its lone losses being a wild 54-52 loss to SIU and a narrow 31-28 defeat at the hands of eventual national champion Western Kentucky in the second round of the playoffs.

A year later that success, coupled with 15 returning starters, made the

Leathernecks the preseason pick to win the Gateway Conference after receiving 247 overall votes and 24 of a possible 32 first-place votes in the 2003 Gateway Preseason Poll that was announced at the conference media day July 31.

The preseason No. 1 slot marks the first time the Leathernecks have ever been picked to take the title, despite wearing four of the last six Gateway crowns.

Western Illinois head coach Don Patterson has said in the past he was happy to not have to carry the pressure of being the preseason favorite, but now that the pressure is on his team, he is not worried about it.

"The thing I will emphasize to my players is we've been able to meet or exceed the preseason ranking 13 out of the 17 years that the Gateway has had a poll," Patterson said.

He added that the coaching staff feels they have the talent to go undefeated in conference play, but it will all depend on the character his team displays in close games.

Second in the poll was defending champion Western Kentucky, which lost 11 starters as well as head coach Jack Harbaugh, with 218 votes.

The new head coach, David Elson, is the second-youngest coach in Division I at 31 years old, but has eight years of experience at the level.

Elson joked that the only adjustment he was having trouble with was figuring out exactly what the head coach does during practice. Elson joked that he picked up the secretary's phone one day and on the other side was Harbaugh, who would let him in on the secret.

"He said, 'You got a whistle?' and I said yeah. He said, 'Does it have a string on it?' and I said yeah it does. He said, 'Here is what you do, you get out there you stand there. Twirl it to the right, twirl it to the left and then back to the right,'" Elson said as the coaches, players and media in

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Salukis picked to finish sixth in conference

Adam Soebbing
Daily Egyptian

ST. LOUIS — The SIU football team isn't necessarily thrilled with its preseason Gateway Conference prediction, but it will take it.

Chosen to finish in sixth place at the annual Gateway football conference media day July 31, the Salukis now have a dangerous weapon heading into the 2003 campaign.

"Motivation," said senior running back Muhammad Abdulqadir, who was selected to the preseason All-Gateway team along with teammate and fellow senior running back Tom Koutsos.

Not that they weren't motivated already. Coming off a 4-8 campaign in 2002 plagued by inexperience and injury, a majority of the Salukis stayed in Carbondale to commit themselves to improving for the 2003 season.

With four Salukis joining Abdulqadir and Koutsos as preseason honorees, including wide receiver

Courtney Abbott and safety Alexis Moreland along with honorable mention picks Brandon Robinson and Royal Whitaker, the Salukis have the core to be a potential sleeper in the Gateway in 2003.

Moreland, who believes this to be the season the Salukis turn it around, boldly stated his expectations.

"I think we are going to have a turnaround from worst to first," Moreland said.

The expectations are high in Carbondale, and rightfully so.

Coming into head coach Jerry Kill's third season, the Salukis are way ahead of his original five-year plan for success.

"In my tenure at Southern Illinois, this is the best group of athletes we've had," Kill said. "I think we have the skill players to match up with the teams in our conference."

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GATEWAY/SIU PLAYERS

(RB) muhammad ABULQADIR
(RB) tom KOUTSOS
(QB) courtney ABBOTT
(DE) alexis MORELAND

CONFERENCE MEMBER (RB) brandon ROBINSON, (DE) royal WHITAKER

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