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AWANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Karen Zambetta and Brian Waldvogel, employees of the Spears Animal Hospital, bathe Thundercloud during a charity dog wash outside of Spears Saturday afternoon. The wash began at 11:30 a.m. and throughout the afternoon about 60 dogs received baths. With suggested donations of \$2 per wash, the event netted \$310 in donation profit. Half of the proceeds went to the Jackson County Humane Shelter, and the other half went to Free Again: Wildlife Rehabilitation in Carterville. See story, page 6.

Governor expands hunting season

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

In an attempt to save the deer population from Chronic Wasting Disease, Gov. Rod Blagojevich last week signed into law a bill that will expand the current deer-hunting season.

CWD is a fatal, neurological disease affecting deer and elk. It is spread from one animal to another through close contact. The incurable disease causes infected animals to become emaciated, show abnormal behavior and eventually die.

In the past, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was only able to permit deer harvesting during the set deer hunting seasons, which ran between October and January, depending on the weapon being used to hunt.

"Under the previous legislation, if you

found a herd in June, you would have to wait until the fall when the hunting season begins to go in and get the contaminated herd," said Kevin Semlow, associate director of State Legislation for the Illinois Farm Bureau. "One of the things that we are conscious about is livestock being ruined by contaminated deer. This law will help reduce the chance of that happening."

The new law will control chronic wasting and other wildlife diseases affecting wild deer herds in Illinois.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, a co-sponsor of the legislation, said he thinks that expanded hunting seasons are appropriate considering the overpopulation of deer and the threat of CWD.

"This bill has been a long-time coming,"

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Aliens invade region in upcoming Sega game

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale community will soon have the opportunity to see a new phenomenon — what the town looks like in June in the midst of a blizzard.

A team from Sega of Japan has been visiting this sleepy college town this week to use it as a basis for a new game, expected to be released November 2004. Though the team is shooting the town in 100-degree heat, the game puts players in the middle of a blizzard that seduces them from surrounding towns while they fight off alien invasion.

Cord Smith, a marketing representative for Sega of America and SIUC alum, said the corporation was looking for a middle-American town that fit certain criteria, like having a mall, a school and other small-town features. Having been raised in Du Quoin, Smith immediately thought of Carbondale.

He said the team, which includes eight for Sega of Japan and two from Sega of America, will leave Carbondale Thursday after spending nine days photographing about 17 sites in the city, including a storm sewer, the new and old high schools, and the police station.

"The way American homes and buildings are designed are very different from Japan, and all of this team works out of Tokyo," he said. "To them the difference of any of these houses is great to what they see in Japan, from the doorways to the structure, anything."

Smith said the team took the trip to make the game, which hasn't been titled yet, as realistic as possible. They have been photographing aspects of buildings, including the textures of the walls, to incorporate into a 3-D composite.

"Any specific detail or item that will make something look more real, they're interested

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Fiscal year 2004 begins with budget cuts, possible layoffs

New budget sees 8.25-percent cut in University budget

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Long before stands popped up to sell fireworks for the July 4 holiday, looming discussion of possible layoffs, taking effect July 1 sparked concern across the SIUC campus.

The 2004 fiscal year began for the University today, with it igniting apprehension of possible layoffs, enrollment and other repercussions the school may face as a result of budget cuts.

The 8.25-percent proposed cut will translate into roughly \$20 million, and certainly some changes in the University. However, SIUC is still waiting for Gov. Rod Blagojevich to place his final signature on the budget before making any definite statements concerning

any repercussions resulting from the cuts. Provost John Dunn said he expects this to occur within the next couple of days.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said although he has some idea of changes that will have to be made, he prefers to wait until a final decision has been made on the budget.

"We're so close to having accurate data, the best advice I've gotten is to just wait until we know," Wendler said. "We're going to have to tighten our belts even more if things go anywhere near the way we expect."

There will be some significant changes and the cuts will not pass by unnoticed. There will be an impact.

"The 8.25-percent cut in the University budget, may have been common knowledge for some time, but uncertainty remained as to whether this decrease would result in a loss of staff as well.

Ruth Pommier, president of the association of civil service employees, said concern has been

great from members of her union, who fear their positions to be in the greatest danger with pending layoffs.

"SIUC has always been abominably top heavy," said Pommier, who said she consistently receives anonymous calls from employees concerned about the layoffs, but frightened that expressing these concerns will jeopardize their positions. "The University begins by cutting the most vulnerable, least paid employees."

Despite these concerns, Wendler said he feels the administrative costs at SIUC to be reasonable.

"My sense is that, through planning, we have held the academic mission of the University as the highest priority," Wendler said. "Any careful, rational analysis would show that our administrative costs are below average for the state."

Pommier said layoffs have already brought the number of members in her union from 534 to 509 within the past year. This does not include the 29 employees that may possibly

be laid off within the next month. This would bring the total of members to less than 500, a number she feels to be disproportionate as far as the student-to-employee-ratio is concerned.

The University says the cuts stand to change certain things on campus but continues to emphasize the fact that any changes in the University will not affect the quality of education at SIUC. Although there was a drop in enrollment this summer, with around 500 less students attending the University this year than summer 2002, Dunn is confident numbers will pick up in the fall.

"We're encouraged by what we see," Dunn said. "We have a very strong enrollment of new students in the fall once we've worked through these budget reductions."

Despite lower attendance, however, figures concerning a decrease in staff, not the slight decreases in enrollment, remain the primary concern at SIUC.

Pommier said these layoffs could

occur anywhere on campus, but in all probability, will have the largest effect in places such as the physical plant. She said she does not anticipate notification until the July 4 holiday has passed.

Although stress concerning the possible layoffs will cause anxiety for some employees, she said she does not blame one particular person and does not see Wendler as responsible for the current situation.

"It's not Chancellor Wendler, many of his problems were inherited," Pommier said. "I blame bad timing and insensitivity."

Wendler added that he shares the concerns of Pommier in regard to possible dismissal of employees. He said the University has taken into account the disposition of these staff members, and feels SIUC is doing its best to handle these cuts.

"Are we perfect? No," he said. "But I feel we are still very much efficient."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Katharine Hepburn dies at 96

CHICAGO — Katharine Hepburn, the vibrant and indomitable rebel who became one of the American cinema's greatest actresses and most inspiring personalities as well as a central figure in one of Hollywood's most moving love stories, with frequent co-star Spencer Tracy died Sunday at her home in Old Saybrook, Conn.

Hepburn was 96 and, despite a remarkable constitution and a lifelong lifestyle of Spartan discipline and athleticism, had been in ill health in recent years. She died of old age, a representative said.

Her personality was incandescent, her latent immense, her discipline extraordinary, her spirit apparently unconquerable and her pre-eminence, by the end, almost universally acknowledged. Through some critics in early years dismissed her acting as mannered or shallow focusing on her tart New England accent, allegedly hoarse features and the patrician manner she often manipulated to comic effect Hepburn was one of the most versatile and brave actresses in the history of movies, taking on and mastering one fresh challenge after another.

With her death, she breaks our hearts one last time. But it's safe to say that Hepburn's name will remain a touchstone for cinematic and dramatic excellence. Even among her few movie acting peers Bette Davis, Meryl Streep, Liv Ullmann or Vanessa Redgrave she stands supreme: the century's generally acknowledged champion female performer. Hepburn's four Best Actress Oscars and eight near-misses remain all-time records. In addition, she won three British Academy

Awards, an Emmy, Lifetime Achievement honors from the Screen Actors' Guild, and the Best Actress prizes of both the Cannes and Venice Films Festivals.

Task force: U.S. dangerously unprepared for attacks

WASHINGTON — Only 10 percent of the nation's fire departments could respond adequately to a building collapse. Police officers lack the essential biohazard gear they would need to survive a chemical, biological or nuclear attack. State public health labs are poorly equipped; for instance, only two have technology to test for cyanide.

Those are some of the findings scheduled to be made public Monday by a blue-ribbon panel convened by the Council on Foreign Relations, a respected think tank.

The report concludes that despite the intensive homeland security efforts already undertaken, the nation's first responders remain significantly underfunded and "dangerously unprepared" for terrorist attacks.

The Department of Homeland Security took exception to the findings.

A department official said critics could just as easily have focused on what has been accomplished in the less than two years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Search for Saddam growing more urgent

AL QWIJA, Iraq — Sheik Mahmoud al Neda knew that the U.S. Army soldiers outside his front door a few weeks ago were looking for more than guns and grenades.

"I was very direct with them," recounted the leader of Saddam Hussein's Abu Nasser tribe. "I said, 'I don't know where Saddam is. I haven't seen him since 1995.'"

A week later and a few miles away, U.S. soldiers stormed Ahmed Rajab Badawi's home in Tikrit, the fallen Iraqi leader's adopted hometown. They left with Abid Hamid Mahmud al Tikriti, one of Saddam's top advisers and the highest-ranking Baath Party official captured so far.

The Americans thought they had an even bigger catch.

"One soldier, he was speaking Arabic, he told me I was Saddam Hussein," said Badawi, whose only resemblance to Saddam is his thick, black mustache. "He insisted on it. I said, 'I am not Saddam Hussein. I am shorter than him. I don't even look like him.' Finally, I think, he believed me."

The search for Saddam is growing more urgent as the dictator's myth grows. His supporters use his name to rally support against the American invaders, and U.S. officials concede that as long as he's at large, or believed to be, many Iraqis will remain too fearful to cooperate with American authorities.

The United States tried to kill Saddam twice, with airstrikes on a compound and a restaurant. Both times, CIA Director George Tenet and other top intelligence officials maintained for several weeks that they'd succeeded, but for six weeks now, the consensus in the intelligence community and the Bush administration has been that Saddam and his sons probably survived both bombings.

There's no shortage of rumors about his whereabouts, although some of them probably are deliberate disinformation. Iraqi exiles backed by the Pentagon said he was holed up in Saqubiya, north of Baghdad. No, he was back home in Tikrit, or maybe in Fallujah or Ramadi to the west. No, he was making a run for the Syrian border.

American troops have continued to roud up his cronies, most recently Mahmud, who in the past seldom left the dictator's side, and U.S. high-tech eavesdropping equipment has picked up some diehard supporters talking about Saddam and the need to protect him. But so far, intelligence officials said, they haven't overheard Saddam himself or pinpointed his location, contrary to a report in the British press.

Coalition officials won't reveal where or how they're looking for Saddam, but they concede they're making the hunt for him a higher priority. Coalition spokesman Capt. John Morgan said Saddam seemed like a lesser threat after the war at first, because he no longer controlled the military.

"As we've gone on, we've realized there is a certain amount of speculation by Iraqi people that he's going to come back," Morgan said.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

There are no items to report.

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• Christopher Michael Maeser, 22, Herrin, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and a seatbelt violation at 1:53 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of East Grand Avenue. Maeser posted driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• James W. Easton, 26, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding at 1:40 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and Saluki Drive. Easton posted driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• Christopher Russell Peterson, 22, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 2:15 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of South University Avenue and West Mill Street. Peterson posted driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• Anelisha Maria Pickett, 34, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 1:55 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Wall Street. Pickett posted driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

CARBONDALE

• An armed robbery occurred at 12:55 a.m. Thursday at Old National Bank, 509 S. University Avenue. An employee of a local business was making a night deposit when someone approached the employee's vehicle, displayed a knife and demanded the deposit bag. The employee gave the suspect the bag and drove away. The suspect is described as a white male, 17 to 22 years old, 5-foot-10 to 6 feet tall and 135 pounds to 150 pounds. He was wearing a camouflage hat with a dark bandana under it, a green T-shirt and green or camouflage pants.

CORRECTIONS

In the June 19 article "New Highway 51 cripples business" Unity Point School was incorrectly identified as Union Point School. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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Check out in **Friday** for the entertainment schedule.

Small numbers do not disrupt successful weekend forum

Community members work toward common ground on world issues

Jacey Cain
Daily Egyptian

On a Saturday that many people spent basking in the warm rays of the sun, 19 focused citizens sat in the dimly lit Renaissance Room of the SIUC Student Center, deliberating several issues facing America.

Participating in "America's Role in the World," a forum presented by the Jackson County Issues Forums and planned in collaboration with the International Student Council, the group discussed international issues and America's place in them.

Frank Schnert of Carbondale, who coordinated the event, said he was pleased with the way things turned out. Schnert said he was expecting higher attendance but figured that many people were probably busy with Fourth of July preparations.

"I was a little disappointed with the crowd," Schnert said. "But the participants we had communicated very well with each other."

Those who attended the forum, 15 participants and four moderators, had a wide range of age, from college students to retired SIUC professors.

Split into two groups, the participants openly discussed four issues, which were termed approaches.

Each of the approaches was deliberated for about 45 minutes to an hour, depending on how much talk the issue created.

The approaches consisted of using our military power to secure peace around the world, promoting democracy around the world to ensure people's rights, raising the standard of living around the world by promoting free trade and working through international organizations to face worldwide problems such as AIDS, dwindling water supplies and environmental pollution.

Schnert said the forum differed a lot from events like debates because it was based on good listening.

Every member listened to what everyone else had to say and responded respectfully instead of on the topic in general, so that the discussion could move forward.

While discussing America's military power, some members of the group seemed to think that emphasis on military power is a mistake and the United States should focus on other ways the county could use its power.

Barbara Statler of Carbondale was one of the members that agreed with this idea.

"Military should not be our first course of action," Statler said.

Marvin Kleinau, former head of the speech department at SIUC, agreed that it may not be right to use the military first,



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Jackson County Issues Forums shares ideas on how to make issues in America better at the Forums on the Fourth Saturday in the Renaissance Room in the Student Center. The forum, titled "America's Role in the World," was a discussion among students, teachers and local residents.

but he also looked at it from a different view.

"America should prevent war if possible," Kleinau said. "But some people think having military strength can prevent war."

For about an hour, the participants exchanged many views about the selected issues that America is facing.

By the end of the session of deliberation, all members had expressed their point of views, and they all worked together to find a common ground among them.

The same process was taken with the other three approaches, leaving each group to look past their differences and focus on what is in the best interests of America as a whole.

Will Major of Carbondale, who was participating in his first forum, said that even though everything went smoothly, it was sometimes hard to hold back feelings about issues.

"Sometimes people would say things that I just wanted to yell about," Major said.

Major said that because the forum stressed listening, it made him think more about what other people were saying.

He said that after being able to think about what was said, one can usually give it a better chance.

"This forum expanded my appreciation of other viewpoints," Major said.

Ana Velitchkova, president of the International Student Council, who was a moderator at the forum, said she believes people should be encouraged to talk and relate to each other.

She fulfilled this goal by acting as a neutral party in the discussion, asking questions to the whole group to facilitate deeper thinking.

"It's important for people to communicate to find out what others think and to work together to solve the problems they have identified," Velitchkova said.

Eric Moniger, a senior in cinema at Joliet Junior College, attended the afternoon forum and said he was impressed with his group's discussion.

"Our group was pretty much in agreement about what was problematic," Moniger said. "We came to the consensus that we do need to take action that calls for a lot of attention."

Forums are not a new thing to Moniger, who started a group for free discussion at his college in Joliet called "The Bards' Guild." His group met twice a week for a semester and talked about many different issues that faced America. Moniger said he created the group because he wanted people to realize that there are options available right here in our own community.

"It's the ideal atmosphere for learning," Moniger said. "I think classrooms should be set on the same principles."

Schnert said that there will definitely be more forums to come, but he does not know when.

He said he believes that they may try having the event at a different time of year. A good time would be during the school year when more students will be around to attend.

"It's too bad there weren't more students here," Schnert said. "Their perception is very important for our future."

Schnert invites anybody, whether they went to the actual forum or not, to attend a follow-up analysis of the forum at 3:30 p.m. July 15 at the Center for Independent Living located at 100 Glenview Drive.

The follow-up is to evaluate the remarks made throughout the forum to find out what was accomplished.

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Price trial date set for Aug. 25

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A man suspected in the March 2001 shooting death of a SIUC student will go to trial at 9 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro.

Terron Chantre Price, 23, Tamms, is accused of fatally shooting Marcus S. Thomas, 21, at Thomas' Carbondale home. Price has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted armed robbery in connection with Thomas' death. If convicted, Price faces 20 to 60 years in prison.

Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wepsiec said that under Illinois law, anyone taken into custody has to be tried within 120 days. Wepsiec said because Price's 120th day in custody of the Jackson County Jail is in late August, Price must be tried by that time.

Price has been in custody since he was arrested without incident April 22 in Gary, Ind. He had been wanted in connection with Thomas' death since August 2002. Price remains in the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro. His bond is set at \$50,000.

Thomas, a junior in psychology from Matteson, was shot once in the lower back March 17, 2001, at his home at 300 E. College St. Police found his body that morning on the living room floor of an apartment in the 300 block of South Marion Street after he allegedly ran from the shooter.

Residents living between Thomas' home and the apartment where he was found dead reported hearing gunshots around 3 a.m. and seeing someone run down the road yelling for help. A blood trail stretched 100 feet from Thomas' house.

Carbondale Police Lt. John Sysma testified at a May 20 preliminary hearing that Price and two of his friends, Jeremy Clark and Maurice DeShay Carter, went to Thomas' home to rob him. Both Clark and Carter told Sysma that Price and Clark knocked on Thomas' door and asked to buy marijuana. Carter stayed behind as a lookout.

Sysma testified that according to a conversation he had with Clark's brother, Maglin Clark, a fight started and Thomas tried to close the door. Thomas allegedly ran out of the house, and Price pulled out a gun to fire a shot at Thomas. Thomas climbed a fence, and Price ran after him and continued to shoot.

Sysma said Price told police he was the lookout while Clark and Carter went to Thomas' door. Price said Clark fired the first shot when Thomas ran. Price told Sysma he ran after Thomas and wrestled with Clark over the gun, which accidentally fired.

Carter was arrested August 2, 2001, and was sentenced to four years in prison Jan. 30 for armed robbery in connection with Thomas' death.

Wepsiec previously said in court that Carter would testify against Price.

Clark is in custody on federal drug charges at an unknown location.

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Varsity committee to lay down guidelines for theater

Geoffrey Ritter
Daily Egyptian

They now have unity. They now have a plan. They even have a catchy name.

The only things missing from the equation for the Ad Hoc Citizens Committee to Save the Varsity — or Save Arts and the Varsity for Everyone (S.A.V.E.), as their new proposed moniker goes — are the old problems they've been facing since the start. Time and money.

But they're working on it, and at their meeting June 25 at the Interfaith Center, the committee made progress by specifying several strategies they could follow in trying to preserve

the historic movie theater for community use, from encouraging the theater's owner, the Springfield-based Kerasotes Theaters, to donate the building to a community organization to subleasing the building until a further plan can be developed.

According to Hugh Muldoon, the director of the Interfaith Center who has convened the committee's four meetings so far, whatever plan that is put into effect needs to consider all the elements of the community and all the special interests that may become involved.

"This does need to be a collective effort with the whole community involved," Muldoon told the meeting of about 25 citizens. "This is very political. We have to be aware of that.

We need to let people find their space and not be competitive. We need to think very inclusively."

In addition, the committee heard a report from Jessica Becker, the owner of Rosetta News, who had chaired a two-hour meeting the previous night to draw up a group constitution

The Ad Hoc Citizens Committee to Save the Varsity will meet again at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the basement of the Interfaith Center. The public is invited to attend.

and establish a mission statement for the entire committee to follow. After reading copies of the proposed constitution this week on a listerv established by Becker, members will vote at their next meeting Wednesday night on whether or not to approve the document.

"Basically, this is a very formula, very structured, two-third votes kind of organization," Becker said of the proposed constitution, which establishes several executive positions to deal with future negotiations for the theater's use. "This is just the bare bones, just to get us started. It's very open to change."

However, with money short right now and concerns being raised on what an extended desertion of the

building could have on its physical condition, many questions remain unanswered as to the theater's future. City councilmen Chris Wissman and Lance Jack, who both attended the meeting, said they hope to see the Council become more involved in the committee's actions and that all facets of the community will eventually rally around the committee's cause.

"What it comes down to is at the end of this, will we have a successful reclamation of the Varsity Theater," Wissman said. "There are people in the community who love the arts and have a lot of in."

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COLUMNIST



Getting to the Heart of the Issue

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"Real" Americans please stand up

I love America. Although I may not always see eye to eye with the federal government on the issues of war and preserving social service programs, I do love my country and would not choose to make any other country my home.

Keeping that in mind, I also think it is just fine to have pride in being American. My impression has been, however, since Sept. 11, that middle class Americans are more vocal in their country pride with "God Bless America" bumper stickers. Honestly, it seems to me that a lot of these people who declare their pride in this country would be just as happy if all the other, non-whites left and were never heard from again.

This country, by its very nature, is a country dependent on immigration. My great grandparents on my mother's side came here on a boat from Czechoslovakia around 1910. They came to Ellis Island, and after that, they went to Chicago where they had five children.

They returned to Europe once during my grandmother's childhood for about a year, but came back. My great grandparents were proud to call themselves Americans, just as the native born people of this country are.

While we are on the subject of native-born people, you must remember that the true natives are the American Indians. Remember, this land is not the property of the government because we got it fair and square.

The founding fathers did steal, persecute, rape and murder to get what we got. I am not trying to bash anyone right now by stating how we got our land. The fact is that we cannot change the past. The reason I mention the American Indians is because we, as a country, must get past the mindset of white Americanism.

This year, during the celebration of our nation's 227th birthday, I wish to honor the people of the world who have chosen America as their home. I am blessed to call people from many nations my friends. So, during the Independence Day celebration, I thank those who left everything they had in another country to come here to be part of America.

I am thankful to have known my dear neighbors from Pakistan 10 years ago. They came here so they would be able to practice medicine in this country. From them I learned about Islam, had many wonderful cups of hot tea with milk and had the wonderful opportunity one summer to visit with the matriarchal grandmother and hear many wonderful stories about her homeland.

I pay respect to the pastor and his wife at our church who came from Malaysia so they could reach out to other international people on this campus. Pastor Juan and his wife have had four beautiful children in this country. You cannot look at them and tell me they do not belong in this country.

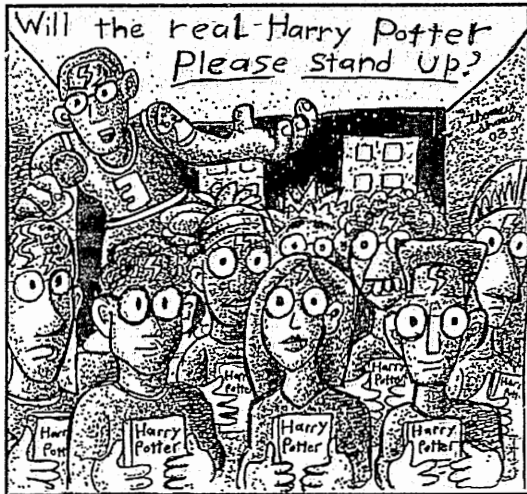
I tip my hat to the Kenyans I know who have decided to stay here and work after completing their education. I salute my friend, Suma, whose parents came here from India when she was 5 years old. All these people who have chosen to come to this country and take the oath to become citizens in good faith deserve our applause. If there were no immigrants coming here, you can be pretty sure our standing as the No. 1 country in the world would disappear.

Don't let a few bad foreigners, who caused the social conscience to wake up, ruin the chances other international people, with good consciences and hearts, have.

I have noticed something. If a fabric is one shade of pure white without any darkness woven into the fabric, the fabric is more likely to show its stains and blemishes. We need all shades to be woven into the fabric to keep from showing the dirt. If we get rid of non-white Americans, this country will show incredible weakness and blemishes to the world.

God bless America. More importantly, God bless the people who have chosen to make America their home.

Getting to the Heart of the Issue appears every other Tuesday. Carrie is a senior in psychology. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



OUR WORD

Canada has the right idea; America should follow

Living the rest of one's life with the one they love is not uncommon; and, most of the time, is recognized by the courts when the two decide to get married.

It is a great thing when two people commit their love to one another before a minister and God.

Love between a man and a woman is accepted without any question, but when the couple is of the same sex it is against the law for them to pledge their love for one another.

Not anymore in Canada. Canada now allows same-sex marriages, legally.

This change in Canadian law should serve as a wake-up call for America. We are supposed to be a country based on liberty and freedom for all, yet we restrict rights of citizens every chance we get.

The United States has begun issuing "certificates" to homosexual couples, but what good does that do? It does nothing more than "pacify" couples to have a piece of paper to hold on to. It does not give them any legal rights as a marriage certificate would a heterosexual couple.

In Cook County, one such certificate is offered, but that is not enough. First, if the certificate is going to be offered, it needs to have some legal authority for the couple in the entire state, and from there the U.S. needs to change laws to make it legal for homosexual couples to love and live the same way heterosexual couples do.

Speakers have made comments about gay couples being immoral and sinners against God, but that is the exact reason sexual orientation should not be intertwined with government.

Religious beliefs belong to individuals, and the

law should not dictate someone's lifestyle based on religious views.

America needs to come around and acknowledge that same-sex couples should have the same rights as any other couple. Until that day, at least one positive thing in the fight for gay rights has occurred in recent weeks.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down Texas sodomy laws making it not against the law to have consensual sex with a person of the same sex.

Responding to a call of a possible intruder, police officers barged in on a gay couple having sex in their home, behind closed, locked doors. The two men were arrested and ordered to pay a fine. They decided to fight the issue and, after five years, won their battle.

In a vote of 6-3, the law was said to be discriminatory. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority: "The petitioners are entitled to respect for their private lives."

They have never been more accurate. What is conducted behind closed doors between two adults is their business. If it were an adult and a minor then the law should step in and handle the case accordingly; but to tell a grown person they are committing a crime for doing the same thing a heterosexual couple does is ridiculous and unfair.

No matter if a couple wants to get married or simply engage in sexual intercourse, it is not the state's right and responsibility to tell them they cannot do it based on a religious belief.

Striking down sodomy laws was just a short step in a long walk. Let's follow Canada's lead and allow homosexuals to marry and let them decide their own fate, not the government.

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Bush policies slammed at Iowa Democrat rally

Ann'e Shuppy
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — The wife of a 2004 presidential hopeful told local Democratic activists Sunday morning that their party needs a candidate who can reach out to voters in what she called one of the most important elections in recent years.

Elizabeth Edwards, who is married to Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., criticized President Bush's tax plan, adding that the country's tax burden will be carried by working people. In order to reverse what has happened under Bush's presidency, she said, the Democratic Party needs to win back seats in Congress as well as the White House.

"Bush is honoring wealth; we're trying to honor the hard work that brings wealth," she said to a crowd of 55, many of whom said they believe John Edwards has a shot at the White House. "The most selfish among us seem to be running our government."

The 53-year-old, who met her husband in law school at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, said that when their family decided whether he should run, there were a number of candidates they could have supported -- including Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. -- but realized that her husband has the potential to connect with a wide voter constituency. The distinction between her husband and President Bush, she said, is comparable to the difference between a real dollar bill and a counterfeit one.

"You don't realize it's counterfeit until you lay it down next to a real dollar bill," she said during the event at the Larew Law Office,

part of her third visit to Iowa. "That's what we need to do in this election."

Education reform was one of the most prominent themes of Elizabeth Edwards' speech. In addition to retooling resources to failing schools and after-school programs, she said, good teachers should receive incentives for going to poorer schools where they are needed most. Her husband has also proposed a plan to offer free tuition for the first year of college to students who pass college-prep classes and work or volunteer at least 10 hours a week.

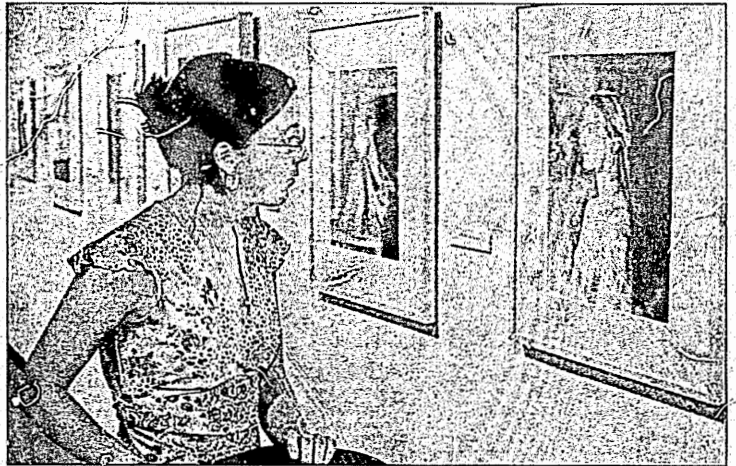
Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil, who attended the event, said he believes that John Edwards is one of the top three Democratic candidates who can beat Bush, the others being former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Gephardt. He speculated that if Edwards could do well in Iowa and New Hampshire and take South Carolina, he could win the nomination.

"Whoever wins in New Hampshire will get a bump," Neuzil said. "South Carolina will be the real test for John."

Iowa City resident Charles Major, who is eyeing a run for the Iowa City City Council, said he believes the race in Iowa is down to Gephardt and John Edwards. He said he is attracted to Gephardt's health-care policy and Edward's education agenda.

"Edwards could finish third in Iowa, second or third in New Hampshire, then could win in South Carolina," Major speculated.

Two members of the University Democrats, Megan Hencke and Nicole Nowacki, said they believe John Edwards is the best candidate to beat Bush.



ANTHONYETTE DENTAMARO-DAILY EGYPTIAN
Sarah Shoot of Carbondale walks through Mary Pachikara's display at the University Museum. The museum had a reception Friday evening for its displays of local artwork entitled "A Community Creates and a Community Collects."

Porch collapses killing 12, injuring 57 during party in Chicago

Joshua S. Howes and Brett McNeil
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — One moment, they were sipping beer and cocktails on a Lincoln Park porch on a summer night — dozens of people in their 20s shining with promise. The next moment, the floor was falling away, plunging them toward the ground in a rush of bodies and splintered lumber.

"It felt like an avalanche," said Tommy O'Connell, 23, one of the partygoers.

As the three-story porch pancaked early Sunday, it crushed people on the lower levels and tossed others into a heap. Twelve people were killed — 10 of them asphyxiated beneath the mass of wood and people — and another 57 were injured in the porch collapse at a party attended largely by New Trier High School graduates and University of Chicago Law School students.

City building officials spent Sunday picking through rubble to find a cause for the collapse and digging through city records to assess the owner's compliance with building codes.

The party was hosted, in part, to welcome new tenants to a three-flat at 713 W. Wrightwood Ave., some guests said.

One of the party's hosts, Ben Bradford, was a 1996 New Trier graduate and a U. of C. law student.

Bradford survived, but his fiance, Julie Sorokin, 25, of Glenview, did not.

Claire Sufin, another 1996 New Trier graduate, said many at the party had known each other all their lives.

"It was definitely a New Trier crowd. It was a large, tight group of guys and girls — friends since they were kids, in grammar school," she said.

She and others said the party never became rowdy.

"It was really calm, people were drinking but nobody was really drunk," Sufin said. "There were only a handful of people smoking cigarettes. It was shocking how grown-up a party it was."

Sufin, who left the party shortly before the collapse, also said the porch seemed strong.

"It felt sturdy, it felt like the porch had a sense of permanency," she said.

Party guests said the upper two levels of the porch were very crowded, with 35 to 40 people on each floor.

A former tenant of the second-floor apartment, Eric Clarke, had just arrived at the party and was inside when the porch collapsed. He said that in the two years he lived in the building, he had seen crowds of similar size on the porches.

"I wouldn't say I was alarmed," he said. "It had had capacities like that before."

Nevertheless, porches are not designed to support large crowds, no matter how well they are built.



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Charity event goes to the dogs

Dog wash raises \$310 for Jackson County Humane Shelter and Free Again: Wildlife Rehabilitation

Linsay Maughan
Daily Egyptian

Sixty of man's best friends occupied the yard of Spears Animal Hospital Saturday afternoon as they waited in line in the summer heat for a cool drenching in water.

Granted, they probably wouldn't have been there had they been given a choice, but in the end, the whole ordeal must have felt nice for those who live in a fur coat year round.

But they were all there for one reason — to get a bath, courtesy of the Spears Animal Hospital's first dog wash fundraiser.

There was a little bit of everyone there — a poodle, a Dalmatian, lots of golden retrievers and countless other sizes, shapes, colors and breeds of dogs.

For a very reasonable donation of \$2, dogs were bathed by staff and veterinarians at Spears Animal Hospital, with half of the proceeds going to the Jackson County Humane Shelter, while the other half went to Free Again: Wildlife Rehabilitation in Cartersville.

Spears Animal Hospital's first Charity Dog Wash proved to be a great success, bringing in \$310 in profits.

At 1:30 p.m., cars were pulling in; two or three dogs turned to 10 or 15 in what seemed like no time at all, and the numbers continued to multiply throughout the afternoon.

Hospital employees Brian Waldvogel

and Karen Zambetta occupied the first of four dog-washing stations, welcoming each dog to go "under the hose" with friendly enthusiasm.

Waldvogel has worked at the hospital for about a year and is a veterinary assistant.

Zambetta has worked at the hospital for more than three years and covers a variety of jobs including receptionist, kennel tasks and veterinary assistant. She is also going to be a grad student in anthropology at SIUC this fall.

"This is really neat," said Yvonne Harris, who brought two dogs to be washed.

"It's a donation of \$2 and that's terrific. Otherwise they'd be in my bathtub and it would just be messy. Two dogs, getting it all done at one time — terrific!"

Cecilia Pick, an SIUC German professor, was also among those who brought dogs to be washed on Saturday.

Though most seemed somewhat hesitant, the dogs cooperated when guided upon a wooden palette where the hosing and shampooing took place. The final result was a bunch of dripping and smiling, squeaky-clean dogs.

With a big shake or two, they seemed themselves again, tails held high as they pranced around in the warm afternoon sun, their owners trailing behind hanging onto the other end of their leashes.

Zambetta said that the hospital received donations for the event.

Vet Solutions, through which the hospital purchases shampoo and other products, donated the shampoo, and Merial, makers of Front-line Flea and Tick products and Heart Guard, donated

red bandannas as gifts to the participating dogs.

Waldvogel explained that the idea for the Charity Dog Wash came from a group meeting.

He said they were throwing out ideas for ways to promote the hospital, and someone suggested the Dog Wash.

"They all went for it," he said.

That someone was Associate Veterinarian LeeAnn Greenwell, who couldn't attend the Dog Wash due to other obligations.

But as hospital owner Mark Tichacek explained, Greenwell deserves the credit for coming up with the great idea.

Tichacek has owned the Spears Animal Hospital since September 1996.

It has been opened since the 1970s and was previously owned by Charlie Spears.

Tichacek takes care of management responsibilities in addition to being a veterinarian and was very pleased with the final result of their planning.

"We're really excited by the number of dogs that have turned out," he said.

"I didn't expect this many people; I think it's great," he said.

"We even had some clients say that they weren't going to come, but donated instead."

It's fantastic," he said.

"As successful as it looks today, we'll probably do this again later in the summer," Tichacek said.

"It's pretty amazing."

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SEGA

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in," Smith said. "It could be a doorknob or the wall or the ceiling."

Smith said that though the town will look similar to Carbondale, it would not be exact. The team may combine composites or modify them slightly so that the buildings better fit the game.

"We're using these locations as a reference to build something unique from them. For example, [the old Carbondale High School] is enormous," Smith said. "We may not need a building this size in the game — exploring it would just be mind numbing. But it can be scaled in size; maybe it will be two stories instead of three."

"But if you look to the subtle nuances and details, I think you'll be able to tell what it was before — you'll catch the subtle nods."

Steve Payne, owner of Quatro's Deep Pan Pizza, 218 W. Freeman, said the group seemed very interested in the little details of his locally owned restaurant, digitally videotaping and photographing the establishment.

"Their interest in realism and scale was phenomenal," he said. "They had rulers and tape measures all over the place. They measured the distance between booths and even the heights of the table."

Payne also said the team seemed very interested in Quatro's pizza.

"They were in an extreme situation; they were serious workers — they were also serious eaters," he said. "I don't know that any of them had ever seen pizza before."

The City of Carbondale granted the Sega team access to sights all over the city, including the old and new high schools, a storm sewer, city hall and the police station. Smith said he was blown away by the amount of access the crew received into city buildings.

"We got into a lot more places than we expected; we were really happy," Smith said. "But they are just so overwhelmed with detail at this point, it's hard to tell exactly what it's going to look like."

Smith said the team also digitally photographed a few community members to get the feel of small-town people. Though, Smith admitted they would probably be used as victims rather than characters.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said he was more than happy to accommodate the team, few of whom speak English, with what they needed from Carbondale.

Doherty said he is accustomed to international visitors, many of whom are drawn to the area because of the University, but was intrigued by the way they intended to use the city.

"We helped them get what they were looking for," he said. "They seemed really impressed by the community."

Yosuke Moriya, a localization producer for the Sega of America office in California, said the team was really impressed by the town, and the friendliness they encountered in the community.

"I noticed everything is larger than I would have expected," he said.

Smith added Moriya was also befuddled by the large number of one-way streets in such a small town.

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HUNTING

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Best said. "It will help out the state of Illinois by giving hunters more time to hunt and increasing local tourism."

Illinois' concern with testing CWD increased after the disease was found in southern Wisconsin. Since last year, 14 cases have been confirmed within a cluster of counties in northern Illinois.

"This will give more people an opportunity to go hunting with the firearm of their choice," said Richard Pearson, president of the Illinois State Rifle Association. "Also, there are many areas in Illinois and around the nation that are overpopulated with deer. White-tailed deer kill more people than any other animal, so this can be used as a means to increase safety."

Several other bills were passed into law last week. The Illinois Prevailing Wages Act

will require enforcement and accountability of the prevailing wages law for contractors and subcontractors for all state projects.

Blagojevich also signed a law that will reduce prescription drug costs for the elderly and the disabled by up to 30 percent starting in January 2004.

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Two associate vice chancellor candidates present their platforms

Rice, Nielsen share plans to improve research opportunities at University

Bertie Taylor
Daily Egyptian

On Thursday and Monday, the atmosphere inside the small research conference room in Woody Hall evolved the way most open meetings do.

A small group of administrators and faculty gathered; ongoing concerns about the school's budget situation clouded the air; and the scheduled candidates soon appeared to make friendly introductions. Then everybody got down to business.

On Thursday and Monday respectively, Prudence Rice and Donald Nielsen had their turn to speak to a small audience about their background and concerns for the state of research opportunities at SIUC.

Both Rice and Nielsen are vying for the position of associate vice chancellor for research and the director of office research development and administration.

The appointed person would be instrumental in developing and implementing the research goals of the University.

The main thrust of Rice's presentation was to share her plans to improve department relations and increase the number of SIUC researchers willing to take advantage of federal funding.

She also shared her plans for fostering a better balance between quality teaching and valuable research.

Nielsen's platform revolved around the idea that the main purpose of the position would be to connect researchers with funding.

"This office's main job is to find you and connect you with the people and institutions that can help you get funding," he said.

Nielsen advocates researchers going straight to the funding source with questions instead of having information filtered through an administrative body.

He said such relationships become incredibly valuable over time and should be encouraged by administration.

"A consistent message needs to be sent out that research is important," he said. "Those who submit for funding should be rewarded by the school even if they don't get the funding."

"The only researcher that should go unrewarded is one who does nothing."

Rice said that as the acting associate dean for research and development, coming into the position meant a lot of housekeeping.

"The web page was messed up and some of the policies were here and there," she said. "It was chaotic, but I actually like coming into a situation where I get to whip things into shape."

After more than a year in the position, Rice said there were

important goals she had accomplished in conjunction with the Office of Research Development and Administration.

"I've worked to make things easier for principal investigators here at SIU," she said. "I've also added more opportunities for recognition for researchers on campus. I've encouraged colleges to have outstanding research awards to help recognize the valuable contributions research represents."

Two of Rice's main goals are to increase the visibility of research at SIUC and to

establish a culture and environment where researchers feel encouraged to submit proposals.

"I've also worked to increase the visibility of research on campus by contributing columns in research publications and including color pages in Perspectives magazine," Rice said.

In addition to wanting to make research more visible, Nielsen said research must become a part of everyday life here at the campus.

"People have to make research an integral part of what they do here and realize that funding is not always the ultimate goal," he said. "It's peer review and recognition."

Rice said she feels there are a lot of opportunities out there and wants see SIUC take advantage of them.

"We need to take advantage of the fact that there's so much federal money for research out there," she said. "Grant money can pay salaries and research assistants and even fund travel. The more people we have getting grants the more we can help all of our units, students and faculty."

A sticking point with those present at both meetings is the way many departments on campus operate as independent entities, unaware and uninterested in what happens in departments outside their own.

Rice has made efforts to improve communication between colleges.

"I've been working hard to let the faculty know that there's an enormous amount of great stuff going on in all of our departments, to include efforts made by undergraduates," Rice said.

Both candidates are advocates for building different kinds of professional, beneficial relationships.

"Communication is key," Nielsen said. "Faculty needs to feel like they can ask administration questions about where funding is and why certain departments are getting it, and administration should be willing to offer honest answers."

Rice said, "Collaborative arrangements within and outside of the University are key. There is a real need for interdisciplinary research because that's where the jobs are."

Rice has worked to establish consortium partnerships between SIUC research efforts, the University of Illinois and the University of Missouri.

Both Rice and Nielsen see one of the biggest obstacles as what Rice calls "the culture of negativism" at the University.

"We have a really entrenched mentality here that makes research not as important as teaching," she said. "I believe cultures can change, but trying to get them to change in the direction you want is always the challenge."

Rice has not lost hope in the idea that she can get independent colleges to work together for the good of the University.

"I'm determined to start persuading people that a new culture would be nothing but a win-win situation for all involved," Rice said.

Nielsen said a culture change within the campus community is unavoidable. He also said if research could begin to be recognized for what it does for departments, the school and community, the culture surrounding the research will change.

"If you are successful in your research efforts, the money will follow," Nielsen said. "While we must be responsible to the bottom line, we do not have to be governed by it."

"An institution only becomes more viable as the quality of its research improves."

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— Prudence Rice candidate, vice chancellor



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Brother Willie Sheary helps cook pancakes for his Tuscan Lodge #44 P.H.A. for the All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning at the Eurma Hayes Center on Willow Street. The buffet style breakfast was served to the community with tickets costing \$3 per person and was organized by Brother Larue Love (not pictured) who is the master of lodge.

Iraqi university graduates fear their futures aren't so bright

Fall of regime leaves many unanswered questions, restless minds

Vincent J. Schodolski
Chicago Tribune

BAGHDAD (KRT) — The world that awaits Baghdad University's Class of 2003 has changed in ways few could have predicted when school opened last fall.

With graduation just weeks away, the seniors must contemplate life in a post-Saddam Hussein Iraq.

The changes go far beyond such things as the Army checkpoints that students pass through as they walk to classes.

Among other things they have found new voices, and they are showing themselves to be outspoken in campus debates about the future.

Under Saddam they would have been hushed.

While opinions on Iraq's destiny might vary, a common bond among students is uncertainty.

"I want to be optimistic, and I want to help my country, but I wonder how people will accept us outside Iraq," said Ahmed Khadim, 23, a senior set to graduate with a degree in information technology.

"We don't have any experience with the latest new technology, and we fear that may be a problem," he said. "We want to work,

but we have been isolated. We need real world training."

A common complaint among college students and Iraqi professionals is that the regime's prohibition on travel has kept them from being exposed to developments in Europe, the United States and elsewhere in Asia.

"Our books are from 1989," said Qussey Kahram, 24, also a senior in information technology.

He said that sometimes students chipped in to buy a newly published book and have it brought clandestinely to Iraq.

"We photocopy it," he said. Abbas Hassan, 39, who is getting a master's degree in chemical engineering, felt that despite his hard work, he was far behind the rest of the world in his field.

"I need to get out of the country and find out what has happened in the last 12 years in the civilized world," he said, alluding to the period of U.N.-imposed sanctions that followed the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Limited access to the Internet and strict laws prohibiting satellite television chafe educated young Iraqis.

"I don't even have e-mail," said Ahmed Kamil, 24, who is about to graduate from the university's medical college.

Like others, Kamil said he worries whether his medical degree would be accepted elsewhere.

"What is most important for us is if other countries will accept us as doctors," Kamil said.

"I want to be optimistic, and I want to help my country, but I wonder how people will accept us outside Iraq."

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509 S. Ash #1 - 24	310 W. College #1	507 S. Beveridge #1	305 Crestview
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612 1/2 S. Logan	405 E. Mill	509 S. Hays	
202 N. Poplar #2	501 W. Oak	511 S. Hays	
301 N. Springer #2	505 N. Oakland	513 S. Hays	
414 W. Sycamore #E	511 N. Oakland	402 E. Hester	
414 W. Sycamore #W	1305 E. Park	614 S. Logan	
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Back-2-Campus 2003

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by Shane Pangburn

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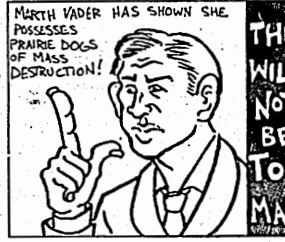
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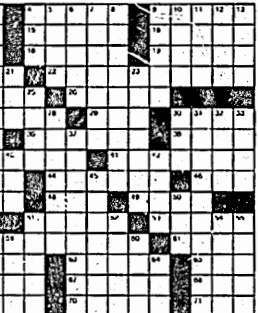
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 - 19 Gunpowder ingredient
 - 20 Cleansing agent
 - 22 Veracious
 - 24 Binge
 - 26 Enthusiastic city
 - 27 Bath powder
 - 29 Gangster's gun
 - 30 Program choices
 - 34 Schuss
 - 36 Least decorated
 - 38 Bard's river
 - 39 Treg
 - 41 Violent storm
 - 43 Regan's father
 - 44 Curf unit
 - 46 Antiquo auto
 - 47 Singer Horne
 - 48 By way of
 - 49 Sackracker
 - 51 Tits to one side
 - 53 Fortune deck
 - 56 Easily accessible
 - 61 Kelly or Tierney
 - 62 Shun
 - 63 Slander
 - 65 Double curve
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On this Date In

- 1983 - Star Wars: Return of the Jedi in theaters
- 1993 - Saluki Basketball great Ashraf Amaya net drafted by an NBA team.

Today's Birthday (July 1). Your intuition is good this year. If you find all the facts and do the homework, you'll be well rewarded. To maximize your profits, learn from a past hunt that involved a partnership.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (Mar 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You'll do best if you show respect to a sensitive person's wishes. It won't kill you to go along with someone else's agenda for a while. It could turn out to be fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You're very interested, and interesting, now. So don't worry if you're stuck in the company of somebody who thinks differently. Teach them a thing or two.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Although you really like to indulge your whims, especially when shopping, that's not a great idea now. Stick to the budget you've set, or set one.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Look for new ways to bring in money, possibly in a slightly different manner. If you haven't been doing what you love, try that. The money should follow.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't let your friends talk you into goofing off all day. Take care of practical matters or there will be a huge debt to pay.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Something you discover close to home could turn out to be fun.

Better take great-grandma's old jewelry down to the broker and have it appraised.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - Don't argue when an older person emphasizes rules. He or she is doing it for your own good. Relax tonight with friends.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Overseas connections can give you an edge. Well, if they're not overseas, they at least came from someplace far away. Consult them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - An unexpected development will work out in your favor. This isn't your year, so don't gamble. Leave your money where it is. This is more likely a status thing, or the passing of a test that you'd been sweating.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You generally handle your own negotiations, but it's not a bad idea to have somebody who can speak for you now. You might get a better deal.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't try to bypass workplace rules and regulations. They're there for your own good. You can find ways to make them more effective, though, and that might earn you a promotion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Although you know you can say anything to the ones you love, it's still a good idea to speak carefully. You have a knack for empowering people. Try it and watch them blossom.

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SIU softball to host MVC's

Pete Spittler
Daily Egyptian

After just one season in its new home, the SIU softball team will welcome its first conference tournament since 1990 to Carbondale next spring. That year, SIU was still in the Gateway Conference making this the first ever Missouri Valley Conference tournament played at SIU since the Salukis joined the league in 1993.

As the host institution, SIU will receive one of the six spots in the three-day event to be played at Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field. The championship tournament, which was awarded on a bid basis, will take place from May 13-15, with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The completion of the new softball stadium went a long way to SIU being named the site for the 2004 championships.

"We wouldn't be hosting it if it wasn't for the new stadium," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "We hope our home field advantage and our fan support will help us win."

The SIU softball team finished a record-setting season in May. The Salukis were among the final 16 teams in the NCAA tournament and finished the season ranked No. 22 in the nation, the first such postseason ranking in the program's history.

The ranking marks a record 13 weeks in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) poll and is the first time since they



TEAM	DATES
Women's Golf	April 18-20
Softball	May 13-15
Women's Swimming & Diving	February 19-21

were listed in the lower 30s during the latter half of the 1990s.

"We deserve the tournament," SIU softball senior Haley Viehhaus said. "After a season that we've had, there's no way that we shouldn't do even better in our conference."

SIU women's swimming and diving will also welcome the 2004 MVC tournament, after playing host to the tournament last season. The women's team has won five of the last six MVC titles, with Southwest Missouri State taking home the championship this season.

Not to be left out is the SIU women's golf team, which will welcome the MVC's best to Carbondale's Hickory Ridge Golf Course in April. The tournament may be played at Stone Creek Golf Course in Malanda if Hickory Ridge cannot complete its clubhouse in time.

SIU's team led this year's MVC tournament after day one, but fell to a fourth-place finish in the final round. Next year's tournament will take place April 18-20.

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6-foot-8 Massac Patriot center Gerren Rogers outreaches a Forrester player for a rebound in their game at the Recreation Center. Rogers is being recruited by a bevy of schools, including SIUC, Illinois, Wyoming and SIUE. Massac and Forrester were in Carbondale as part of the SIU Summer Super-Sectional Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena and the Recreation Center.

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the MVC to a level that would make the NCAA selection committee take notice and result in the league earning two at-large bids to the national tournament.

Of course, naysayers have also mentioned that 12 teams effectively do away with the traditional round-robin format of the regular season. Increasing the level of play in the league may also invariably cause conference records to take a hit for most teams, thus making it harder for teams to earn a bid to the Big Dance.

The best argument against expansion may also be the most obvious — if it ain't broke, don't fix it. However, Valley teams have complained seemingly forever of not getting the respect or funding they deserve.

By expanding to Butler and possibly Saint Louis, which has also been discussed, the Valley would effectively gain two of the largest markets in the Midwest in Indianapolis and St. Louis, respectively.

Everyone knows, as is the case in the ACC, money will always win out over tradition, and it is no different in the Valley.

However, there are other, less fiscally related reasons why the conference might consider expanding.

All three of the aforementioned schools have men's and women's swimming programs. Adding two of them would mean that only one

current league member would have to reinstate its men's swimming program for the conference to meet the required participation level.

Currently, only three of the 10 Valley schools have a men's swimming program — SIU, Southwest Missouri State and Evansville. If any of the schools that recently dropped their men's programs do bring them back, coupled with the possible expansion, the league would have 50 percent participation rate needed to have a conference tournament in the Valley.

Expansion would also improve competition in all other sports in the Valley such as baseball, softball and golf.

Some people have tried to figure out how an expanded MVC would be realigned in terms of geography. Some scenarios have included an East-West split or a North-South split.

However, this is a less important detail that could be worked out later.

The biggest concern for the Valley right now should be the continued progress it has made in the last decade. Whether that means expanding to 12 teams or adding a couple teams to combat possible departures, that doesn't matter.

The ACC has finally got its way, and it will likely have a bigger stake in the world of college football. Hopefully, it won't be to the detriment of smaller conferences like the Valley.

Todd is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Leaders as of June 16, 2003

NL League Leaders

HOME RUNS		
Player	Team	HR
M. Lowell	FLA.	25
J. Edmonds	STL	24
J. Lopez	MIL	23
A. Pujols	STL	23
A. Dunn	CIN	23

BATTING AVERAGE		
Player	Team	AVG
A. Pujols	STL	.386
E. Renteria	STL	.339
T. Helton	COL	.334
M. Lieberthal	PHI	.329
S. Podsednik	MIL	.329

RBI		
Player	Team	RBI
A. Pujols	STL	72
P. Wilson	COL	70
M. Lowell	FLA	68
G. Sheffield	ATL	64
T. Helton	COL	63

National League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	43	38	.531	-
Chicago	42	38	.525	.5
Houston	42	39	.519	1.0
Cincinnati	38	42	.475	4.5
Pittsburgh	34	44	.436	7.5
Milwaukee	33	47	.413	9.5

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	51	29	.638	-
Philadelphia	44	34	.564	6.0
Montreal	45	37	.549	7.0
Florida	42	42	.500	11.0
New York	35	46	.432	16.5

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	49	32	.605	-
Los Angeles	45	35	.563	3.5
Arizona	44	36	.502	4.5
Colorado	42	41	.469	8.0
San Diego	28	55	.288	22.0

Standings as of press time



MLB

American League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	43	37	.538	-
Kansas City	42	37	.532	0.5
Chicago	39	42	.481	4.5
Cleveland	33	47	.413	10.0
Detroit	19	61	.238	24.0

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	52	30	.634	-
Boston	47	33	.588	4.0
Toronto	46	37	.554	6.5
Baltimore	35	45	.438	16.0
Tampa Bay	26	54	.325	25.0

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	52	28	.650	-
Oakland	46	34	.575	6.0
Anaheim	40	39	.506	11.5
Texas	31	49	.388	21.0

Leaders as of June 16, 2003

AL League Leaders

HOME RUNS		
Player	Team	HR
C. Delgado	TOR	26
R. Boon	SEA	22
J. Giambi	NYG	22
A. Soriano	NYG	21
V. Wells	TOR	20

BATTING AVERAGE		
Player	Team	AVG
M. Mora	BAL	.352
Suzuki	BOS	.343
M. Bradley	CLE	.339
N. Garciaparra	BOS	.338
E. Bynes	OAK	.335

RBI		
Player	Team	RBI
C. Delgado	TOR	89
V. Wells	TOR	76
B. Boone	SEA	66
G. Anderson	ANA	64
J. Giambi	NYG	63

TRIVIA ANSWER: Karl "Tuffy" Rhodes hit three home runs in his first three at-bats off of Dwight Gooden on Opening Day in 1994 for the Chicago Cubs.

MLB Trivia
 Who was the first Major Leaguer to hit three home runs in his first three at-bats? See answer, page 11

Top recruits compete at Saluki camp

Centralia's Shaw still considering SIU

Ethan Erickson
 Daily Egyptian

After spending much of his recruiting time on the road tracking down players, SIU men's basketball head coach Matt Painter has watched as several of his recruiting targets came to him this past weekend during the SIU Summer Super-Sectional.

Multiple players being recruited by the first-year Saluki coach were on hand, including Centralia's Matt Shaw. Shaw, a 6-foot-6 forward who was falsely reported to have given SIU a verbal commitment last spring, said SIU is still on his list.

Shaw, who visited SIU with his parents and met with Painter earlier this summer, said he is being recruited by many Missouri Valley Conference schools and several Big 12 schools.

"It was pretty positive," the soft-spoken Shaw said of his visit. "I'm really considering down here."

Shaw played sparingly in his team's opening game against Columbia Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena, but displayed flashes of brilliance when he converted three-point plays on consecutive Centralia possessions, the second of which was a dunk.

The next trip down the floor, Shaw knocked down a three-pointer, then narrowly missed finishing an alley-oop dunk on Centralia's next possession. He finished the game by blocking a Columbia shot at the buzzer.

The versatile, well-built big man said there are no frontrunners in the race for his services and that he hopes to make a decision during the fall signing period, which begins in November.

Another player on Painter's wish list, 6-foot-1 Carbondale Community High School point guard Justin Dentmon, didn't have to make an official visit to SIU to get acquainted. He already plays pick-up games with SIU players and has known Painter for several years.

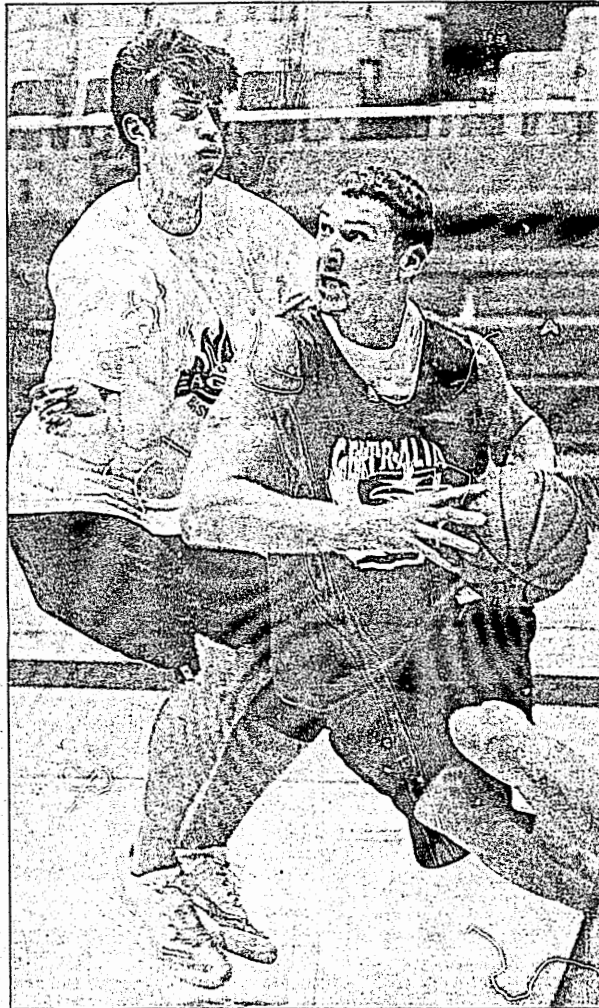
Dentmon, who can shoot from outside as well as penetrate with his superb quickness, is being recruited heavily by Painter, Carbondale assistant head coach Michael Butler said, adding that Dentmon's recent exposure may hurt SIU's chances.

Dentmon, rated the eighth best prospect in the class of 2004 in Illinois by ChicagoHoops.com, has been getting notice of late from Xavier, Dayton and Marquette.

"Justin loves Coach Painter," Butler said. "He knows the young guys who Coach Painter's brought in on the staff. I think it's a great fit for him. It's just going to amount to what kind of exposure Justin gets, and who comes aboard."

Massac County's Gerren Rogers, a lanky 6-foot-8 center with an abundance of raw talent, was also present at the camp.

Painter looked on as Rogers scored two late baskets while being fouled late in his team's close loss to Effingham at the Recreation Center.



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 Centralia senior Matt Shaw drives past a Columbia defender in the SIU Summer Super-Sectional Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena. The 6-foot-6 forward is being recruited by SIU and has taken an official visit to the campus.

Rogers, who averaged 13 points, eight rebounds and four blocks per game last season, said that in addition to SIU, Illinois, Wyoming and SIU-Edwardsville are also recruiting him.

Another deep Southern Illinois high school player being recruited by Illinois and rumored to be on SIU's radar, Josh Tabb of Century High School in Ullin, did not participate in the event.

Tabb is a 6-foot-4 shooting guard who is

ranked the No. 2 prospect in the Illinois class of 2005 by ChicagoHoops.com.

Teams from more than 30 high schools attended, most from the Southern Illinois and St. Louis areas, and the only college coaches permitted to attend were those from SIU.

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COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

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Room to grow in the Valley

So it's official. Representatives from Miami and Virginia Tech are set to announce today in a press conference that the two schools have accepted invitations to join the Atlantic Coast Conference, effectively ending months of speculation.

Now, as the Big East attempts to figure out what to do with two fewer teams, a domino effect may occur, and the rest of the nation could feel the repercussions of this shift of power.

There has been talk for some time that the Big East would try to fill the void created by these departures by yanking some teams from smaller conferences such as Conference USA. This led to discussions of several different scenarios that would lead to a possible overhaul of C-USA.

In the event of such a travesty, it has been rumored that some higher-level schools in the conference would band together and form their own league. And in the process, they would possibly snatch a couple teams from the Missouri Valley Conference to flesh out the new league.

Adding two quality programs could bring the MVC to a level that would make the NCAA take notice and result in the league earning two at-large bids to the Big Dance.

To combat a hit of that magnitude, MVC officials may be considering adding two more teams to the conference. It has been rumored that the league is seriously looking at Butler and Western Kentucky to become members of the Valley.

These rumors set off a flurry of discussion on Internet message boards a couple weeks ago as to the logistics of expansion and the possible implications it could have on the league.

While the ACC's expansion is clearly to improve its status as a premier football conference, the Valley's main concern for expansion would revolve around basketball. Both Butler and WKU have had plenty of success on the hardwood recently, and these two teams could bolster what is already considered perhaps the top mid-major conference in the nation.

Adding two quality programs could bring

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Anna-Jonesboro girls basketball star Drew picks Mizzou

Playing time, familiarity cited as major reasons

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Anna-Jonesboro high school basketball phenom Kassie Drew announced her verbal commitment to Missouri Friday, effectively ending SIU's chances of gaining her services.

Drew averaged 30 points per game last season, her junior campaign, and led the Wildcats to a 27-4 record.

"I chose them because I just feel really

comfortable with their coaches, and they've been recruiting me really long," Drew said. "They came to a game when I scored my 2,000th point and when we lost to Benton [a season-ending loss in the sectional semifinals]. They've been there and I think I can make an impact there."

She visited the Columbia, Mo., campus twice and said she fell in love with it.

Mizzou head coach Cindy Stein, recognized as one of the nation's top young coaches, has turned the Tiger program around in her five seasons, sending her team to WNIT the last two seasons and a Sweet Sixteen appearance in 2001.

Drew, who was named Chicago Sun-

Times all-state since her freshman season, said she had received between 75 and 100 phone calls from college coaches in the week prior to her commitment, the first week coaches were allowed to call.

Drew's father, Jim, said playing time was another reason for her commitment.

"They have two shooting guards and both are graduating next year," Jim said. "If she

verbally committed, they said they wouldn't recruit another shooting guard."

Drew has two siblings at SIU, and her brother Chris played for the Saluki men's basketball team, but she said neither tried to convince her SIU was the best place for her.

"They were just behind me to pick the best place for me and whatever that would be, they would support me," Drew said. "They weren't really pushing for me for any way, there were just standing behind whatever decision I would make."

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