Weber officially named coach at Illinois

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**Student Advisory Board favors Ford in Student Trustee election**

**Valerie N. Donnals**

Daily Egyptian

The pack of grievances has been reviewed, and the debate and controversy over the Student Trustee Election has finally ended, leaving Ed Ford the official winner of the SIUC trustee seat. Ellie Sheid, representative of the Graduate and Professional Students Council on the Student Advisory Board, announced at the final GPSC meeting Tuesday that the committee unanimously voted to appoint the Student Trustee Election, according to the Student Trustee Election vote of the committee is final. However, she added that the chancellor can always override the committee's decision. If the committee had found a violation, they would have had the option to validate or invalidate the election results, depending on the gravity of the violation and the potential adverse effect such a finding may have on the students. A special election would have been held to select the trustee.

Because of the outcome of the committee and his new trustee position, Ford stepped down from running for the GPSC Vice President of Administration for the next year. The council elected their officers for next year, including two new board members as president, Eric Wilmot. He was elected vice president of Administration Affairs and Carey Denton was elected vice president of Student Affairs.

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Mosque defacing sparks debate

**FBI investigates possible hate crime**

**Moustafa Ayad**

Daily Egyptian

The recent vandalism at the Islamic Center has sparked a series of debate and questions from within the Carbondale international community. After vandals spray painted political and religious statements across the sides of the building last Monday or early Tuesday morning, international students and Muslim members have had questions and concerns referring to the motives and meaning behind similar attacks across the nation.

The occurrence involved the painting of political symbols and statements referring to Hindus, who are large bodies of people in the country, implying a political motive behind the incident. "Free Kashmir," etched across the rear of the mosque, brought an international concern home to Carbondale.

The Islamic Center of Carbondale is offering a $1,000 reward in connection with potential information that would lead to the apprehension of the culprits. But across the Mississippi in St. Louis, home to the Hindu Temple in West St. Louis County, groups of people have reported to more than 25 statements written across temple walls and chalked onto buildings. Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, there have been 414 hate crime investigations involving Muslim, Sikh and Arab-American victims, according to the FBI, with 37 people charged federally and an additional 129 people charged with state and local crimes in connection with those investigations. Several mosques and temples across the country have been vandalized since the attack on the World Trade Center.

The Hindu Temple, near Quarry Park in St. Louis, was burned twice in a two-week period. The latest attack took place in the summer or early fall, causing some of the windows, causing some of the appearing to be burned. According to a March 24 St. Louis Post-Dispatch article, two teen-agers from Baldwin, Mo., were arrested and charged with the fire bombing of the Hindu Temple in St. Louis.

Rick Stonecipher, supervisor, senior agent at the FBI office in Carbondale, said the FBI is currently investigating the mosque defacement in conjunction with the Carbondale Police Department. Stonecipher said the crime is being investigated as a hate crime, though he could not comment on potential leads or suspects.

According to FBI statistics, the number of reported "anti-Islamic" crimes nationwide increased from 28 in 2000 to 481 in 2001, which represents an increase of more than 1,600 percent. In addition, the number of hate
NATIONAL NEWS

Bush: Major combat over

WASHINGTON—From the deck of a homebound aircraft carrier off the California coast, President Bush will declare on Thursday that major combat in Iraq is finished.

In his speech aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln, the president will step short of declaring victory on saying the war is over, spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday. Such a declaration could trigger international provisions requiring the speedy release of prisoners of war and limit efforts to go after defeated Iraqi leaders.

But the setting will allow Bush to showcase the rapid end to a military campaign that led to the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, and say what lies ahead.

While House aides portrayed the speech, set for 9 p.m. ET as a backdrop to the one he gave from the Oval Office on March 19 to announce the start of combat.

It will come as the Lincoln is several hundred miles off the California coast, soaring toward San Diego. The carrier's eventual destination is its home port of Everett, Wash. The Lincoln has been at sea for about nine months.

Bush's advisors and GOP leaders see the speech as part of a process of turning the country's attention to Bush's domestic agenda after the military successes in Iraq.

Bush signs Amber Alert package of safety laws

WASHINGTON—Summarized by rescue Elizabeth Smart and the families of other kidnapped children, President Bush on Wednesday signed a wide-ranging package of child safety measures into law.

The legislation's centerpiece would expand nationwide a voluntary rapid-response network to help find kidnapped children.

"No family should ever have to endure the nightmare of losing a child," Bush said, according to the Associated Press. "Our nation will fight threats against our children."

At the insistence of Republicans in Congress, the measure also strengthens federal criminal penalties for child pornographers, sexual abusers and kidnappers.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

N. Korea warns that seeking sanctions could mean war

SEOUL, South Korea—North Korea said Wednesday that it would regard any U.S. move to seek U.N. sanctions against the communist country as "the green light to a war," according to the Associated Press.

The warning came after South and North Korea agreed to try to peacefully resolve the nuclear crisis, though Pyongyang has said further talks with the United States are useless unless it drops its demand that the North first scrap suspected atomic weapons programs.

North Korea says abandoning such programs would leave it defenseless and has in the past said sanctions would be seen as a step toward war.

Pyongyang "will take self-defensive measures, regarding it as the green light to a war," if Washington sanctions against the communist state agreed to similar communiques at previous cabinet-level talks.

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Let's talk about

Students talk about sex every Friday on weekly radio show

Jessica Yoroma
Daily Egyptian

When members of the Student Programming Council approached Nathan Dyer and Jamie Estes about hosting a radio show, it was not for casual conversation, to discuss the weather, academics, or any other topic typically brought up by strangers. They wanted them to discuss one of the most taboo subjects in existence—sex.

This would be no small talk among recent acquaintances either. It would be broadcast over the airwaves of the campus radio station, WIDB, during the new show, "Let's Talk About Sex."

"We were just eating and they grabbed us," said Estes, a freshman in radio-television from Alton. "We never even heard of the show until they came up and asked if we were dating and if we wanted to be on the show. I'm sure it will be fun, but I'm not quite sure what to expect."

What the couple expected was two rounds of questions posed by host Steve Krutsch, who began the show with the help of former co-host, Christine Surgeon. The program started at the beginning of the semester with Krutsch and Surgeon, a sophomore in art, giving advice to listeners who called in to the show.

"It's not like Love Line or anything," said Krutsch, a sophomore in psychology from Rosemont. "We've just two college kids who don't give a damn, giving advice."

In addition to giving advice, the show also has guests, anyone from a tattoo artist at Golgotha to the 'sex-toy lady' have sat down in the studio to be interviewed on air.

"We've had some wacky off-the-wall shows," said Krutsch. "The mood of the show really depends on the guest and the questions people ask."

This show is a caller-based show, as if someone calls in and has a question about pregnancy, it's going to be more serious.

Although Surgeon left the show last month, the sex talk continues with Krutsch providing WIDB with the new segment they have used for the past few years. During this Newlywed-style format, one member of a couple is sent into seclusion while the other answers a set of questions, responding with the answer they think their partner would most likely give.

The show has used the Newlywed-style format for the past two shows. Valerie Torrado and her boyfriend, Steve "Slimb" Landgraf, have come out victorious each time. Torrado is confident in her knowledge about her boyfriend of eight months and their ability to obtain the title of defending champions.

"Dyer and Estes are not quite as confident in their ability," said Torrado.

"We'll do fine," said Dyer. "I think he's been hanging around every night with girls."

During the first round of questions, Dyer and Estes answered about pregnancy. It's going to be more serious and appropriate enough, played mildly enough, with ulterior motives.

"The idealization that builds up is great for your physical ability, but your mind goes blank," said Dyer.

"Nothing, he just makes a face," Torrado said, laughing.

After a little more reinforcement from her boyfriend, Dyer and Estes headed into the studio and prepare to talk about sex with Krutsch and the other four contestants.

The mood of the Newlywed-style classics is "Let's talk about sex," appropriately enough, played with the nearest radio station. Then the couples that competed in the show answered questions from host Steve Krutsch in order to wincoupons to local restaurants.

"Sorry, I didn't mean to say guys," Landgraf said. "Dyer and Nangle were both correct in their answers to the first question, of "what does your partner sleep with?" This was a question provided points for both: Dyer and Landgraf, who responded correctly to the query of what sex toy their partner "would introduce. Nagle hit that one out of the park with "nothing, he just makes a face," said Krutsch. "In the perfect time slot because of the fact that we lose, she said.

"I won't hurt my feelings. I may wonder why you got something wrong, but I won't hate you. Radio makes you nervous."

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Along with Dyer and Estes and Landgraf and Torrado, the questions were posed to Sissy Nagle and Amy Brody, the third couple playing for coupons to Garfield's, Brody's and Papa John's.

"This is the most progressive show," Landgraf said. "It's only been three shows and we already have a lesbian couple. The Newlywed Show probably never had one."

Landgraf, Sissy and Estes were sent into seclusion while their significant others attempted to demonstrate their knowledge of their partners, and Krutsch expressed his hopes for the outcome of the game.

"I hope one of you guys wins," he tells Estes and Amy. "Cause I'm tired of seeing Slimb sitting here."

The show began mildly enough, with the question of, "What does your partner sleep with?" A sexual talk ended and the vendetta came. Krutsch will have to look at Slimb again. The couple remained champions. But there is always next week and next year when "Let's Talk About Sex," returns.

Even though there is no way of knowing exactly how many viewers tune in because the station has no rating S)-Stern, the show has enough of a following to air on the station next year as both an advice and game show.

"It's entertaining and you can actually get something educational out of it," said Krutsch. "It's the perfect time slot because everybody's getting ready to go out. Also, the college audience is more open about things like this. With the same show run by a corporation, stuff like this wouldn't fly."

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Artists donate work in support of Iraqi relief fund

Kristina Herrndobler
Daily Egyptian

After months of worldwide protests against a United States-led war in Iraq, some people are changing their focus to the Iraqi relief effort.

In an effort to raise funds for Voices in the Wilderness, a joint United Methodist/Episcopal organization to end the economic sanctions and military warfare in Iraq, a collaboration of organizations including the Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois has organized “Pieces for Peace” to occur Friday at Longbranch Coffee House at 7 p.m.

More than 40 artists have donated their works, including pottery and photographs, to be sold during a silent auction during the event.

Live music and poetry readings will accompany the auction, as well as Voices in the Wilderness guest speaker Ceylon Nooney, who has been to Iraq twice.

Shannon Petrello, a graduate student studying photography and organizer of “Pieces for Peace,” said despite military action in Iraq, she feels her efforts to protest the war did not fail.

“But she said she is worried Americans will be quick to forget the innocent lives that were changed in Iraq.

“Now that it is out of the main-stream, my concern is that people’s focus will shift,” Petrello said.

“But it is important that we realize this issue is not resolved yet.

“The war is not over. The bombing might have stopped, but nothing has been resolved.”

Petrello said Voices in the Wilderness will use the donated money to send medicine, food and other supplies to the people.

Dread Scott, a political activist and artist from New York City, who visited SIUC in April as a visiting artist, donated one of the artworks.

Scott’s work, a signed print of a political poster that he designed, comes with a suggested minimum bid of $60.

Carla Cioffi, also a graduate student in the photography, donated a graphic — two photos that work together to form one piece — that’s opening bid price is $100.

Although Cioffi said she is not affiliated with any of the local peace organizations, she does support their efforts.

“I know a little about Voices in the Wilderness and I personally am against what happened in Iraq and what we are currently doing there,” Cioffi said.

“So this is a way for me to do a small part in supporting their efforts.”

Chad Wanzer, a graduate student studying photography, donated three pieces including one he calls “One on One,” which he said shows the “tragedy” of the war against individuals.

“We hope his donation will help improve America’s rapport overseas.

“Any help we can give to Iraqi individuals will help to improve this country.”

“Come on, One” will start with a $40 suggested minimum bid.

Although some of the artworks come with at least a $100 price tag, Petrello said most of the pieces will have a suggested minimum bid of $10.

Prior to the Pieces for Peace fund-raisers, “Hidden War of Desert Storm” will be shown at the Forestdale Center starting at 2 p.m. Friday.

Following the film, there will be a press conference and a potluck dinner with Nooney.

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SIU-EDWARDSVILLE FACES $5.6 MILLION IN CUTS

SIUC, SIUE deal with expected cuts in different ways

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

The SIU system is facing $19.3 million in state cuts next year.

SIUC can expect $13.4 million less, Edwardsville is preparing for a $5.6 million loss, and the system administration is cutting about $200,000 in cuts if the governor’s proposal is passed by the General Assembly.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler created a budget task force to weed through stacks of proposals to formulate plans for long-term and short-term budget cuts.

SIUE Chancellor David Werner has been working on models with different outcomes to find the most effective way of running the campus with less money.

Each campus may be facing the same situation, an 8.2 percent budget reduction, but they’re being dealt with in different ways, which brings advantages to both campuses, Wendler said.

“The combined campuses work in their own ways,” Wendler said.

“They’re not separate, but they have their own process to analyze various activities because the campuses work very differently.”

Sometimes it’ll (Wendler) think of something that has relevance to our campus, or vice versa. That’s the advantage of having two campuses.”

Keith Nichols, spokesman for the Edwardsville campus, said they are still working through the 2.7 percent cuts for the fourth quarter, and are using information for this year to help determine cuts for next fiscal year, however, he would not specify what the cuts would be implemented.

“As we go through the 2.7 percent cuts, we’re working through a similar process regarding numbers made public in terms of possible cuts for next year,” he said.

The SIU system had to cut $6.4 million from its fourth-quarter budget for this fiscal year, with $4.4 million of that at the Edwardsville campus.

Nichols said the university compensated for the cuts with extra funds from tuition and the Interfaith Center starting at 2 p.m. Friday.

Stucky also said the president’s office was also told to expect 10-per-cent cuts of its little more than $1 million budget.

He expects the majority of that money to come from open positions that have not yet been filled.

“Illinois is going through the same kind of pressure states are facing nationwide,” Stucky said.

“People don’t believe the state of the economy will stay the same. There will be better days.”

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Carbondale

Comparison — SIU system

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Carbondale Public Library to sponsor book sale

Spring Thing scheduled for Saturday at SIU Arena

A book sale is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Carbondale Public Library. The sale is sponsored by the friends of the Carbondale Public Library. For more information, contact Lee Huland at 452-4351.

Spring Thing 2003 scheduled for Saturday at SIU Arena

Spring Thing 2003 is scheduled for 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena Parking Lot 18. The live outdoor concert features WOOL, Gates open at 1 p.m. and the concert starts at 3 p.m. No alcohol is allowed.

A Said in Wednesday’s paper incorrectly stated that Spring Thing would take place Friday. The Daily Egyptian regrets that error.
City buys additional land for superblock
City spends $295,000 for five acres behind Sports Center

Subpoena power, legal authority still issues for council, HRC
New council likely to address issue after first meeting May 6

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

It was heavily debated by the City Council and just as understood as the first order of business by the new City Council, which met for the first time Tuesday night, at precisely 6:00 p.m.

"The new council will think a little differently than the old council," said Doherty, who represents the student population on the HRC as the Undergraduate Student Government president. "We know that [legal] authority sooner or later. Hopefully sooner before I get out here."

Doherty said the purchase, 5,023 acres to be exact, actually secured 10.3 acres of land for the city to control. The land is currently a storm-water detention area or a dry detention pond.

"He said it could be used for anything that won't disrupt the water detention area, such as recreation." Doherty said heavy rains would be the only set back of other uses, but 98 percent of the time it would be an asset.

The matter could have waited until the next meeting, Doherty said, but the speed with which to approve the purchase was needed because the current council wanted to push it through.

"They've been working on the project for a long time and wanted to be involved in concluding it," Doherty said.

The new council takes over Tuesday following the inauguration ceremony at 7 p.m.

Janet Vaught, city clerk, said the property purchase was originally on the April 20 agenda with the purchase of the Sports Center.

Doherty said after a third party became interested in purchasing the Sports Center, the land purchase was delayed to focus the project from the city's point of view and the council's interest.

Doherty, who was interested in purchasing the Sports Center, shook up the land purchase was delayed to focus the project from the city's point of view and the council's interest.

"I think it is a huge step forward, as far as the city's attitude toward the College, and what the College can all be paid for with federal legislation is to ensure to voters that everyone's vote counts.

"If they have misused in the system then there is a problem and it needs to be corrected," Felth said.

"It is something that is uncharted in this region in terms of educational recreational facilities," Doherty said.

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Jackson County switches ballot systems
County hopes to make process easier for voters
Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

Voting just got easier for registered voters in Jackson County.

The 2003 presidential election signaled the Federal Election Commission to the fact that punch-card ballots cause unnecessary legal and political issues. Illinois will participate in a voluntary program to do away with punch-card ballots and instead use paper ballots similar to standardized tests in their size and format.

The new ballots consist of 5½ by 8½ page. A voter fills in a oval that depicts for whom they will vote. Upon completion of the ballot, the ballot is entered into an optical scanner, which is similar to a scanner machine used to score tests.

"It is huge, it is a huge step forward, as far as the voting process goes," said Larry Reinhardt, Jackson County Clerk and Recorder.

The optical scanner will not only rally voter has an over-vote, then the ballot will be recounted into an optical scanner, which is similar to a scanner machine used to score tests.

"It is a lot easier to deal with," Reinhardt said.

The 2003 presidential primary's was the first use of the new ballot system and optical scanner.

"We should be fully converted by then, unless something happens at the federal level, as far as what they want and we have to hold off," Reinhardt said.

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Our Word

Vandals are cowards

Hate crimes against Muslims have skyrocketed since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In most of those cases, the attackers were ignorant goons who perceived their victims as anti-American al-Qaeda supporters, oftentimes mistakenly attacking non-Muslims.

But on Monday Carbondale witnessed a different sort of disgusting hate crime when the Islamic Center on South Poplar Street was defaced with anti-Muslim rhetoric written in Hindi.

The individual or individuals who committed this act are cowards. If they wanted to express their opinions they have a Free Forum Area on campus to do just that. We all have freedom of speech, but attacking a religious building with spray paint in the middle of the night gives new definition to the term gutter. Using religion, especially your own, and tying it to political goals is a slap in the face to Hindus everywhere.

You belong in the same bag with the fools who spray painted gay slurs on the Pride Rocks. Carbondale is a peaceful community that is rich with diversity. Acts such as these should not be tolerated and the offender or offenders should be punished to the fullest extent. It’s a shame when someone uses religion as a backdrop for his crime.

In no way does the act of one fanatic represent the religion of Hinduism, or the millions that practice it and we expect Hindus in this community to still be treated with the same respect and honor that everyone else deserves.

We hope that this single act of stupidity does not perpetuate more vandalism or violence in Carbondale. Let’s put this stupid act behind us and move on.

The city is too great and wise to fall prey to a senseless act committed by a fanatic.

May the Islamic Center continue their mission in peace and the individual or individuals responsible be brought to justice.

Quote of the Day

"The truth is more important than the facts."

Frank Lloyd Wright

Words Overheard

"I took the job. I've got to get up and leave at 5:30 in the morning."

Bruce Weber

former SIU men's basketball coach in Carbondale

reporter at 11 p.m. Sunday in front of his house
Time to leave school: not time enough

The time has come for the work end, and while everyone does their last-minute week on projects and looks ahead to next year, I find myself rethinking a priority of mine for the past school year and how they may have been let fall.

Making new friends, typing out the many less-amounts of papers, going to Copper Dragons on the weekends, going to the basketball games, and having dinner in class the dead of winter have made me realize something. I don’t want to leave.

I really don’t have anything going home for the summer; I will at least have the chance to earn more money (something that I have been without up until the last two weeks of school). I’ll also have a chance to spend some time with my family and girlfriend, yes, I saw in and decided to go it another shot, something of which I have missed. Add it to these three things there isn’t anything quite as I can for the all. I can see all are the negative.

I think the main reason for me wanting to stay is to stay home. Carthage is all the drama that awaits back home. I’m sure you all know what I mean.

The kind of stuff that happens is I am in high school, I am as a girl, like a girl, but not as a Mary because she heard from Peter Mary said that she wasn’t doing the stuff with it and have been dragged into it unwittingly by friends. What an opportunity to take their sides because “they’re in the right.”

Sure we have our fair share of drama in college, but it doesn’t seem worse at home.

Here’s my reasoning: it’s simple, as follow along. Most drama here can happen while one is at school, new houses being built, old houses torn down, and friends not being so friendly to each other. These things usually happen

Letters

Good-bye Weber; SIU should hire Collins

DEAR EDITOR:

All I have heard down here the last 10 days is, “what a shame it would be to lose Jeff Weber. Let’s for the truth though Weber was never going to make SIU anything more than a respectable mid major college. Many people would agree that SIU can never really be a big school, but a respectable mid major, but there is one man out there who could run SIU into a national powerhouse. That man, the person the Illini should have in the first place.

Dick assistant Chris Collins’ father, Doug Collins, has been a long-time coach in the NBA with the Bulls, Pistons and Wizards (with a brief year off in between in the Pistons and Wizards). As we all know, the biggest fan of Doug Collins throughout his coaching career, me has become his business partner. He also has the help of his father, Duke Collins, and would SIU retire some of the best high school players in the nation. SIU could deliver a huge blow to the Big Ten by sending its top recruit. Charlie Villanueva Villanueva has already said yes he is in the NMU and Chris Collins’ team could help persuade him to come to SIU and illustrating in leading the NBA. I am sure that Nat Frazier would be a nice replacement for John A. student feeling

Archer defends selections as trustee candidate

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading the recent opinion about my need to have gracefully, I felt the need to say a few more important ideas. I want to start by saying that no student should ever settle for being treated differently than anyone. When I think that you feel someone who feels wrong should shut up and disappear, then I am glad the Luther King Jr., George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Rosa Parks share your opinion. If someone has a conscience then they should have the ability to fight. This opportunity to try and right the wrong, I never limited anyone’s upset, try fight in his life and I would never wish him for that did. Living a large and happy life is a goal that all people share and should not be unheard by living that god.

I say that this is an issue that students need to know about the former ineligible candidate for Student Trustee. I do believe that the majority of students feel axe student faced from stem by 30 percent of the students and should adequately reflect their concerns and satisfies.

Letters

For the idea that I like to explain about the flawed election system, I say it is everyone’s right to do as he please. The US said that I should try for the system in the future. I have done exactly that. I have fought for better elections since I have been involved in student government. Our simple rule is all the day of the voting day, I completely agree that every student should have the opportunity to vote.

The reason that is not enough to vote is the time that is not enough to vote. I urge for all of you that go home for the summer ro be careful of the things that of might wait for you. Because the last thing you want to be out of something without anything regarding these.

The Wild Card appears every other Thursday. Brian a nonlinear in cinema and is available to have at your leisure. But you cannot reflect show the of Daily Egyptian.

John A. student feeling reluctant about transfer

DEAR EDITOR:

I am actually responding to a few things that have disturbed me as a perspective student. I live in Carbondale and work for John A. Logan Village, our school newspaper. But I am a SIUY campus a lot. I study at the Students Center four or five times a day and spend a lot of time in the library. The tables just find a clean one. Not everyone can find a nice table, but half of the tables can be clean. I don’t know what the dining college feels.

The freedom to vote in an unencrypted election is one of the many ideals behind the great country and SIU’s not different. Just some of my complaints include: Tampering with votes, tampering with polls, tampering with, and don’t have certain polls operators they should be here.

Just a few of the 16, it would be hard to read this way thatuish thing that could not affect at least 35 seconds, which is all it would have taken to change the outcome of the election.

Bill Archer

Managing editor of Information system

Letters

Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.
(Above) Two models hit the runway for SIU designer Chandra Jamil Ewell (not pictured) to show off fashionable wear that was designed for a Latin dance competition.

(Right) The 2003 Fashion Design and Merchandising Programs Annual Student Showcase and Fashion Show took place Thursday night in Ballroom D of the Student Center. Designer Cathy O'Connor (not pictured) designed Elvis Presley suits for the male models to display.

(Below right) SIU fashion student and designer Chandra Jamil Ewell passes out gifts to her models that ran the walkway for her Thursday night at the 2003 Fashion Design and Merchandising Show. Chandra showed a line of dancewear for a Latin dance competition because her designs are inspired by her love of dancing.

Rockin' the runway

photos by JESSICA EDMONDS

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Ready to blow out of town

Judy Heydziej Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — For more than a decade, meteorology professor Paul Sirvatka has been teaching classes in weather forecasting at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Ill. He also teaches storm chasing. Before that, he produced the weather called super cells. So if we don't always get a tornado, we can still get a strong gust or a tornado and that's pretty exciting.

Now, in his office, he tracks their "quarry." He prints out a whole bunch of maps... and figures out what's going on with the storms. He works with his students to pull the information together and come up with an understanding of where the storms are going to be.

Before he heard off on a chase, Sirvatka, 39, who lives with his wife, Cathy, in Glen Ellyn, talked about how he chases storms.

You have a class room chase stated for May 3. Do you know where your class is going to go?

"I will know (early, late), when I go anywhere with the students. We may go even on Canada. We have the entire U.S. as our class chase. And students with the movie different form really. There's a lot of driving."

In that 1996 movie "Twister" wasn't exactly on target.

"Not even close."

Stanford's plan to crack down on underage drinking sparks outcry

Kim Vo Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT) — If you're under 21, you can't drink that's Stanford. University is lax about underage drinking. If you're under 21, you can't drink. Students rely on their resident assistants to nurse them through hangovers and while already on alcohol.

More than 2,200 students and alumni have signed an online petition supporting the move. "There is not a lot of double standards," said Jeff Cooper, an alumni who posted the online petition.

The policy doesn't include freshmen dorm-room boys, which the university considers "personal resident problems." It also adds dorms with all four classes — freshman through seniors — even though most of the students who live there are undergraduates.

"There is no way we can say specifically what the new policy, other than that it is coming up at some later date," said Dan Sheehan, director of student relations.

There are more than 30 freshmen, Julie Lyttle-Lampkin said, freshmen dorms were targeted because there were more problems there. "There is a great deal more alcohol abuse in all-freshmen dorms than in dorms with upperclassmen," she said.

Historically, Stanford has stood out on a unique position on underage drinking. While technically bailing the practice, it has been loose on the campus, and that's really tough. We try to swim in the hotels as much as possible, which is just a good opportunity, and a lot of softball. That's our outdoor activity. It's vital.

"I've taken up basketball recently, and I work out at the gym here several times a week just to stay athletic — something other than sitting at a computer."

"Speaking of computers, what's the most high-tech item you have at home?"

"My stereo. I've got a Denon. I've got a Martin Logan, I've got a VCR- DVD combo, and I've got a couple video cameras. I do some video editing."

"Are there any special clothes you wear for storm chasing?"

"Cold ones — what sweatshirt tied around the backs of the seats because when you're in the middle of the outflow of a thunderstorm, temperatures can drop 20, 30 degrees real quick."

"And snacks?"

"It's real simple: Keep along with the weather, (or with local TV) or radio. I think the easiest way is we've had with people who have houses damaged and stuff, the No. 1 thing that you should have is a lot of water and a lot of what's happening outside. Then if you're going to be close, it looks really bad, seek shelter. Most people who are hurt kind of taken completely by surprise."

"OK, do people have to play "Twister" at your house?"

"(Laughter.) No, we don't play "Twister.""

The big things that are different? "The storms that produce tornadoes, and the students' ability to stay in the same dorm room even through the storms."

"We've continued to afford students the freedom to make responsible choices," said Christopher Armitage, assistant provost for student affairs. "This is what we're about Stanford apart from its peers, our trust in students' ability to do the right thing."

But Stanford hasn't been immune from the trends of college drinking, a national problem that causes half a million injuries and 1,400 deaths annually, according to a study published last year. In the 1980s, a study found the number decreased in Stanford's Lake Lagunita; in 1998, a Stanford senior died from a two- story fall in an alcohol-related accident.

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We want our privacy back

Internet users plead for their rights

Michael Bazely
Chicago Tribune

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crimes directed at individuals on the basis of their national origin/ethnicity doubled — from 911 in 2000 to 2,098 in 2001.

Kamal Masoud, a doctoral student who was reviewing the scene with friends on Monday, said a group of people of various religions joined in going around a portion of Monday night discussing the decision.

It was a very simple act of solidarity, said Masoud.

Robert Krylo, president of the Indian

Student Association, said Indian students who practice religions generally practice in their own homes, since the university is full of Hindus.

He added that there have been no problems between Pakistani students and Indian students.

"There are very few Pakistani students on campus, but relations with those few are very warm," said Krylo. "There are no instances where Pakistani students, with whom Indians do not study, have had problems."

One day as we were entering some Pakistani students showed up and all played cricket.

Krylo said that the Indian Student Association deeply sympathizes with the recent events occurring within the vandalizing of the Cambodian American Cultural Center, a place of worship for Muslims who reside in the University community.

"We condemn the attack on the Hindu temple in Massachusetts after the bombing and said the Muslim and Hindu communities have a long, good rela-

tionship of communication. He also said that no blood flowed between the

members of both religions.

"There is a terrible right next to a terrible left, said Masoud. "I think there would be no good problem, you wouldn’t see a mosque right next to a temple."

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A quadriplegic SIU student takes his disability in stride, using his mouth stick as his weapon against adversity.

A 14-lb. bowling ball is placed on a pair of parallel metal bars that line up to Tom Poteet's power wheelchair. Tom carefully examines the angle and position of the ball and determines the desired position to get a strike. After he is confident with his choice, Tom uses a metal mouth stick to send the ball down the lane. Disabled Student Recreation, organized through the Student Recreation Center, hosts a night of bowling every Thursday.

"Tom cares religiously," said Kim Holley, graduate assistant for Disabled Student Recreation. "Tom has never been able to walk, run or even brush his teeth, but he has found a way to enjoy and partake in the pleasures of life just as anyone else would. Tom was born with spastic cerebral palsy (CP) and quadriplegia, which occurs when all four limbs are affected by CP. While he was encouraged by some specialists, others offered no hope for Tom's future. One doctor suggested to Tom's parents that he have all four limbs amputated. Despite what the doctors said, he was always given every opportunity and positive outlook from his family.

"I consider myself a hybrid because I had every opportunity, and if it wasn't there, we made it available," Tom said. "My mom fought for my right to be autonomous." Tom said he was never limited as a child. He swam, hiked, traveled and even took a drawing class when he was a teenager. One item that Tom always keeps in his white cane bag that hangs on the back of his wheelchair is weights to attach to the Velcro bands that are wrapped around his arms.
Using the mouth stick, Tom chats on line and writes e-mails when he has time to spare. He can type up to 12 words per minute with the mouth stick.

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is his drawing book. He carries around some samples of his work along with clean pages to create new images. Tom sometimes makes extra money by drawing portraits of people at the bars while he listens to music. He uses his way into the large crowds, gets his pen attachment for the mouth stick and begins to draw. Tom created his first mouth stick after discovering that it was easier to use his mouth to write than resting a pencil between his palm and his finger. He taped one and a half shish-kebab skewers together and used his imagination to type and push objects. A couple of years later, at rehabilitation center in upstate Wisconsin, Tom received a mouth stick designed by an engineer.

Tom the only one I've seen with a mouth stick," Tom said. "They are not marketed wide enough for people to have one or even know where to get it." The top of the mouth stick is a V-shape that rests in the mouth, and from there it is attached to a long metal stick. It converts to a pen, eraser, paintbrush and a device to push or pull objects. The smooth stick in Tom's soul to move, steer and cruise around town in his power wheelchair.

"I'm very capable of getting to places that some people with disabilities haven't even tried," Tom said.

On or off campus, Tom has a busy social life and stays occupied with many activities. Monday and Wednesday evenings Tom spends off to the Student Recreation Center, where he lifts weights to reduce some of the bending in his body by strengthening his weak areas. An assistant meets him there to hook him up to different weight machines. When his reps are completed, Tom will sometimes stick around the recreation center to hang out with friends. Thursday evenings Tom can be found at the Student Center bowling alley where he joins other people with disabilities. Each Friday afternoon Tom spends an hour with assistant physical therapist Holly Bass in the campus physical therapy room in the Wilson Education Building.

"That's what made me outgoing and able to take chances. Without positive feedback, you become dependent and timid." "Tom Poteet

Tom has fallen asleep on me during therapy once before," Bass said. "Tom's positive outlook on life comes from the encouragement his family constantly gave to him. His mother took away his barriers and always said he could do whatever he wanted to do. "I took that positive opportunity to succeed with me everywhere," Tom said. "That's what made me outgoing and able to take chances. Without positive feedback, you become dependent and timid." Throughout his school years, his mother fought for him to have every freedom other students were given. His mother even managed to get Tom into a middle school that didn't have a disability program.

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Bush to declare combat over

Diego Ibaraguian
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — From the deck of a U.S. aircraft carrier steaming into port, President Bush will tell the nation Thursday night that the war in Iraq is over, according to the White House said.

White House sources described the declaration as a surprise for many Americans, the prime-time televised address — complete with enthusiastic troops streaming home from Iraq — will provide a powerful backdrop of war glory that could vault political dividends for Bush.

Even though victory continues to elude Iraq, Bush will also define the war as effectively ended and a U.S. victory, freeing him to shift his focus, and the public’s, to re-election next year.

In fact, Bush began that shift two weeks ago. He has told his military to begin to wrap operations to Iraq, said the Bush administration, and he is shifting his focus from a carrier named for the president.
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- Writing and editing exam required of all applicants.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday: (May 1). Your assignment this year is to come on strong, even against great odds. You know that what you believe is right. state it loud and clear. To get the advantage, check the day's rating; 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) • Today is a 6 • An idea that comes from far away could be lucrative. Look for a different way of doing a difficult job, and a different place to sell a particular product.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is 6 • Patiently explain your position again and again to a person who thinks he's smarter than you are. Eventually, he'll figure it out.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) • Today is a 5 • You may feel as if the weight of the world is on your shoulders. Luckily, you have good friends who won't let you take it too seriously. Listen to them.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) • Today is an 8 • There's no doubt that you love your friends. For money, though, consult the one whose name is on your paycheck.

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Girls and Sports

I THINK THIS RELATIONSHIP IS OVER

"I SUPPOSE..."

"HOW DOES THIS GUY COMPARE TO PAST BOYFRIENDS?"

"WOULDN'T YOU RECOMMEND THIS GUY TO A FRIEND?"

Adam

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Physical therapist assistant Holly Bass works on passive range of motion with Tom, which provokes his contractures from getting worse. Tom spends one hour each Friday afternoon in the therapy unit, located in the Wham Education Building.

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brothers and sisters for the first time. The foster family gave Tom his first power wheelchair and trained him in his social ability and attitude.

“When my mom came to visit me at my foster family, she freaked out at how far along I had come,” Tom said. “She didn’t think it was me when I sped off on my wheelchair and went over to talk to a woman and her child.”

At 33 years old, Tom is specialize around in his wheelchair more than ever. Whether it’s a trip to the bank, grocery store or mass, Tom manages to get from one place to the other. Tom has lived on his own for many years now and attends school by himself to help him out.

An attendant greets Tom at his bedside each morning at 9:30. Medical procedures are taken care of at the start of the day, such as giving him medications and cleaning bandages on sores he gets from being confined to his wheelchair. After a shower, a change of clothes, brushing his teeth and a Coco Puffs breakfast, Tom heads off to class.

When he’s done with his classes for the day, Tom logs on to the computer. If he’s not chatting online with his mother or other friends, Tom is creating a website for a local band and a logo for their new album. One of the band members was an attendant of Tom’s. There has been more than one attendant who’s left him with memorable experiences.

One attendant brought him out to Giant City State Park and taught Tom to his hips so he could walk with him.

“I felt the movement,” Tom said. “I felt what it’s like to walk.”

With a constant smile on his face, unless he just bowled a bad game, Tom indulges in life analysis of ways for people with disabilities to do the undoable. He has many ideas to help disabled people lead more functional and independent lifestyles. He plans to create a website called Degree of Success, which would provide adaptive equipment along with modified clothing for the disabled to purchase.

He also wants to provide information for the disabled on issues such as disabilities, rehabilitation services, where and how to move from house to house, how to supplement income, Social Security information, disability laws, dating services, chat rooms and the list goes on.

After Tom graduates from SIU in May with a major in psychology, he plans to spend the summer working on his ideas. One such idea is an independently removable tray. The center of a desk would be cut out and a removable tray would take up the open space. A person in a wheelchair would be able to go over and click the tray into their chair, and when they are done with it, put it back.

“I want to show them that there is a more efficient way,” Tom said. “People with disabilities adapt to their lifestyles; all my adaptations I’ve put together myself.”

Photographer Amber Arnold can be reached at ajarnold82@hotmail.com

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SPORTS

The possible effects the coaching change will have on recruiting is a worry.

On Tuesday night Tatum, who is the prized recruit of the 2003-2004 class, said he was not sure whether he would honor his letter of intent.

Kowalczyk said he would also have to sign off on any requests to be released from any letters of intent.

"This is real big for recruiting," Syborter Willis said. "I hope the incoming recruits won't be greatly affected by this, I hope they just realize this is a business. This does happen.

"There is no secret as to who the consensus No. 1 choice among players is to succeed Weber as head coach.

"He said he wasn't going to play Illinois unless Roy Williams becomes the new head coach, which he's his decision. I think I can speak for everyone on the team."

"I don't think the apps should fall far from the tree. Coach Painter was always right there assisting us along the way.

"He's my first choice and only choice. I think I can speak for everybody on the team.

"Weber's last words to his football squad were that he has enough respect to not... take his new Illini job far from the tree. Coach Painter would also

Coach Weber's former west region director for the NCAA, Ken Turner said.

"This is real big for recruiting, "Kowalczyk said he would also have to sign off on any requests to be released from any letters of intent.

"I just don't want to recruit to Illinois because of him. He's still our coach. He's got a great opportunity and I think it's one he couldn't pass up.""
We waited past Weber's three-car garage to his door and softly knocked. He had one look at us through the window, shook his head, turned out the lights and walked away.

We began to walk away as well. But in a move of journalistic self-interest, Brian Oechsle, another sports editor, pulled a JRO and walked back to the door and knocked again.

Weber, who had every right to pull out an AK-47 under the circumstances, politely pointed out that we woke up his kids. We knew he was telling the truth because his wife was yelling rather loudly in the background.

But we stuck to our guns and eventually got a very few brief comments out of him, as well as a confirmation. Checkmate. It was 11:30.

The Athletic Department had failed in its attempt to give Wurm's donation prominence in the newspapers by less than an hour, and we had a beautiful Weber quote to use as a headline.

Close, but no glory nowadays. Wurm was determined to play second-fiddle, and had his story's picture pushed back to page 14 next to the classifieds.

That goes to show just how huge of a force Weber was at SIU, that his departure is more important than any amount of money anyone can throw around.

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One of us — myself, our editor-in-chief, another reporter and a photographer — found his place in about 12 p.m. It was right at deadline, but still we were able to hold the press for a while.

Wibur would later mention the following incident at his press conference in Champaign to illustrate the insanity of the last few days.

“It doesn’t continue to hang over the players’ heads. He said it should not take long.

Weber turned SIU into an attractive job and groomed the man. Korn said should be the new coach — assistant Matt Paine.

Turner and Willis agree with the endorsement for Paine and noted they would like to see the new coach come from within the program so that change would be minimal for next season.

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Sylvester Willis
A Dawg without the leader of the pack

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Sylvester Willis will be a senior forward on next season’s SIU men’s basketball team. He sat in the team meeting at Bruce Weber informed the former players that he was leaving for the Illinois job. He seemed quieter, but there were other times Jermaine Williams was the franchise. I guess when the right thing to go somewhere he knew he'd be around for that long just with things changing. Nobody wants to go through an adjustment period.

DE: Is your choice (assistant coach) Matt Painter?

SW: Yeah. We want as little change as possible. Nobody wanted to go through an adjustment period.

DE: Could Painter end up being a better coach?

SW: I can’t really compare them. They are two good coaches. It would be good if Painter was proved himself as a head coach.

DE: What qualities does he have that makes him worthy?

SW: He is competitive. He played himself. I think that is another thing. A person who played himself really knows what it is about.

DE: I heard he knows every basketball stat known to man.

SW: Yeah. We call him “Stat” Painter.

DE: Always picking on dinky white guys.

SW: We tease ‘em all: white, black, Filipinos.

DE: What are you going to miss the most about coach Weber?

SW: That is hard to say. He was a good coach and we had a close relationship. I can’t really put a finger on it.

DE: What about the times he tries to be funny, but really isn’t?

SW: Yeah, he be doing that a lot. Maybe I’ll miss him throwing balls in practice, because he could never hit them. He couldn’t throw a rock in the ocean.

DE: Speaking of shooting, what did he think of you trying to extend your shot out beyond the arc?

SW: I am going to miss that he was like that. From the left, then he had to make it. I can go without hearing that voice. He was like that. From the left, when he had to make it. I can go without hearing that voice.

DE: That team meeting wasn’t the last time you’d see coach, is it?

SW: No, he said he’d still be around. He isn’t moving until after summer. He said we will still see him.

DE: Do you think Weber can take Illinois to a national championship?

SW: I don’t know about that.

DE: That team meeting wasn’t the last time you’d see coach, is it?

SW: He just seemed like he was telling me that you weren’t mad at the meeting?

DE: How awesome would that be to play Illinois, say in the NCAAs?

SW: We are going to go as far as we can. It will win. I am going to post up Dee [Brown].

DE: Wouldn’t Dee Brown muscle you around?

SW: I don’t know about that.

DE: What do you think Weber did in his time at SIU?

SW: He just seemed like he was telling me that you weren’t mad at the meeting?

DE: He has been doing good things. He chose coach [Jerry] Kill and he is turning the football team around. He has been making good moves. He needs it to find a person for me to play for.

DE: What will be your lasting memory of coach Weber?

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The search begins for a new coach

Players designate Painter as their top choice

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk will begin his one-man coaching search committee to find Bruce Weber's replacement right away.

According to the state of Illinois hiring policy, there is supposed to be a 3-day waiting period before a replacement can be made, but SIU can apply for an exemption to break that.

At the moment, Kowalczyk is doing background checks on the potential candidates and said he wants to get the replacement hired as soon as possible.

"We are focused on the future," Kowalczyk said. "As I look at the list of potential candidates, I am comfortable we will be able to hire someone who will continue to build on our recent success.

He could not indicate whether the new coach would be paid the same salary as Weber, who received $250,000 last season.

The trend for successful mid-major colleges in recent years is to take coaches away.

"Right now, the doors are wide-open for anyone," said Kowalczyk when asked whether he preferred youth or experience. "I would like to have someone who has some coaching experience, though.

Kowalczyk said he is looking for a coach who has some connection to the Midwest and has high moral character.

The name being mentioned most frequently is SIU assistant coach Matt Painter, who was known as the main strategist for Weber.

SIU recruited Jamal Tarun said Weber told him when he called to tell him about his departure that he was lobbying for Painter to be his replacement.

"[Weber] has talked to me about [Painter]," Kowalczyk said. "But he understands that this is my decision."

 Painter, 32, met with Kowalczyk for nearly an hour and half late Tuesday night and the two were seen shaking hands as Painter left. This was just hours after Weber decided to take the Illinois post.

When Painter left Lingle Hall at 11:42 p.m., he insisted that he and Kowalczyk were "just discussing some things". He did say that he would definitely be interested in the vacant spot.

Kowalczyk said the meeting was not about the head coaching job, but about how to deal with keeping a local player in the Illinois post.

The meeting was what was supposed to be a routine coaching interview, but because of Weber's departure, Kowalczyk and company can't push the meeting any further and now they must begin their search for a new coach.

Former SIU men's basketball coach Bruce Weber (left) yells at his team during March's Missouri Valley Conference tournament in St. Louis. Sitting next to him is assistant coach Matt Painter, who was rumored to be the frontrunner for the vacancy that opened when Weber left for the head position at Illinois.

Students, employees react to Weber's departure

Majority supports coach's decision

Andy Horontz
Daily Egyptian

Bruce Weber was so popular on campus that a handful of students decided their tent "Weberville" as they camped in frigid temperatures outside the SIU Arena in early March to secure tickets to watch Weber's team in a nail-biting finish.

Weber may be sadly responsible for making SIU a household name in places across the country it had been uttered for years as well as in the minds of the NCAA Selection Committee.

And in Carbondale, he may be credited for making SIU pride popular again after faculty contract negotiations nearly tore the campus apart.

"It's no wonder then that Weber's "Yeah Weber's departurelard! at the helm"

"If I weren't so heartbroken, I'd like to praise 'well,'" said Jim Crowl, a junior in accounting from Charleston. "He got offered a great opportunity and I think it's one he couldn't pass up.

Several students and employees shared Crowl's sentiments Wednesday as Weber was officially announced as the University of Illinois' new men's basketball coach after spending five years at the helm for SIU.

"[Weber] is a great coach, but I think it was only a matter of time until he left," said Joe Simmons, a junior in computer science.

"I wish he could have made me an offer," said one other small school would have eventually: Still, I'm still grateful for what he's done for our basketball program and our school.

The announcement left many around the University speculating, how Weber's seat would impact the basketball program.

It also provided closure for those who had been riding a roller coaster of uncertainty for the last week and a half.

"I guess it's good that we finally know for sure now," said Ben Blacker, a senior in architecture from Mahomet.

Blacker was one of the many students who had mixed feelings about Weber's departure. As someone who grew up less than 10 miles from Illinois' campus, he said he knew better than anyone what the move could do for Weber's career.

"I'm disappointed that he's leaving, but at the same time I'm glad he's getting a chance at a higher profile school," Blacker said.

"I mean he's going from the Missouri Valley to the Big Ten; who wouldn't take that job?"

Weber moves to the Illini

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