Unions protest contracts

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

I instructors sat outside Morris Library in lawn chairs, wearing sun hats and blowing bubbles as students came by to discuss the state of the university, on what was supposed to be a closure day for some university faculty.

Furloughs, which ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, was organized to express resentment at the unpaid closure days set by the administration in March with tenure, best and final one-year contract, said Natalia Zaretsky, a history professor and organizer of the event.

Zaretsky said the protest was geared to be a succinotent response to the administration’s stance on unpaid closure days.

Hundreds of Furlough Friday ... is to kind of poke fun of the idea of furloughs because furloughs are simply another word for a pay cut, she said, "there has to be absolute transparency about whether or not the furloughs, or pay cuts, were necessary for the fiscal health of the university."

Zaretsky said students approached faculty members throughout the event to ask about the bargaining teams, the unpaid closure days and how it may affect them. She said faculty, civil service and graduate assistant bargaining teams want to negotiate job security and fair wages, but their focus is on how to best provide for students.

"We fight the things we’re fighting for on this campus. In the event of providing quality education, job security and decent wages all go together," she said. "We see what we’re doing on behalf of the students."

Zachary Shaw, a junior from Morris City studying history, said he attended the event in support of the union. He said it doesn’t sound fair to ask faculty to do the same amount of work after implementing a pay reduction.

"If the administration and union can’t come to a compromise, Shaw said he’s uncertain about the university’s future well-being.

A few faculty members were present outside the university, asking students what they thought of the protest.

"I am proud of the students who participated in this peaceful demonstration, and I am impressed at their commitment to fighting for better working conditions, he said.

Fraternity coordinates cardboard boat race

SARAH SCHNEIDER
Daily Egyptian

Wearing a suit and dress shoes, Nic Skogward walked out of Campus Lake carrying his cardboard boat.

"We are with 13 Pro, a young professionals organization in Southern Illinois, so we figured if we were going down we were going in style," said Skogward’s 2007 SIUC alumna.

Skogward and his race partner, 2005 SIUC alumna Logan Hixson, won second place out of 18 boats in the main powered boat class as part of the 37th annual Carbondale Cardboard Boat Race Saturday.

The Great Cardboard Boat Race started at SIUC in 1974 as part of a design class project. Students were told to make boats out of corrugated cardboard and race around a course on Campus Lake.

It didn’t take long for the event to gain worldwide popularity and, according to a press release for the regatta, it inspired 2,000 other schools and organizations to copy the event.

"This was the first year that the professional chemistry fraternity, Alpha Chi Sigma, took over the event entirely by themselves. Last year they helped coordinate the event with the two design professors, Larry Bush and Larry Friggs, who have run the event for many years," said Derek Burnet, a senior from Macomb studying Chemistry and member of the fraternity.

"When both professors retired last year the future of the race was unknown," Burnet said his fraternity took over because they didn’t want to see the popular event end.

"It is an IU original," he said.

Stephanie Geiser, a sophomore from Wheaton studying Chemistry and current president of the fraternity, said because the race originated at SIUC, she plans to keep it going.

"So many people love mimicked it and it is such a great race and a good time," she said. "People love it, actually come back for it, and it is good for the community."

(From left to right) Tavaris Macklin, Ray Lee and Asem Kishan try to keep their boat afloat Saturday during the 37th annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Campus Boat Dock. The "Crazy Carrot" was one of two boats entered by the Boys and Girls Club.

Boat Regatta at the Campus Boat Dock. The "Crazy Carrot" was one of two boats entered by the Boys and Girls Club.

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Students showcase work at Design Day

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Design Day is not just a showcase of work created by students during the semester, it is also a tool used to recruit new students into the school of art and design, Jane Workman said. Workman, program director for fashion design and merchandising, said students have put many hours of work into the designs since fall.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their work and for people in the community, on campus and elsewhere, to really get a glimpse of the extent of the work," she said.

Students studying interior design, fashion design and merchandising and architectural Ryan Michel, a junior from Taylor Park studyiing ceramics, looks at dresses designed from trash Saturday in Quigley Hall. The dresses were a part of the College of Architecture’s Design Day, studies gathered Saturday at which included a fashion show and a gallery of student work. "It’s still going to be a different setting" Michel said, "it’s nice that they have fashion and architecture at the same time."

Quigley Hall to reveal their work to the public. Their work was presented through exhibits including interior floor plans, plans for architecture projects, original garments and live models who displayed the students’ fashion designs.

"Laura Northland, assistant professor of interior design in the school of architecture, said the galleries display an overview of work students have done from freshman year until graduation.

Two fashion shows concluded Design Day. Undergraduates displayed their red and black dresses, and senior design students showcased their own line of garments with a minimum of eight dresses created by each individual.

"Theresa Sparks, a sophomore from Effingham studying fashion design and merchandising, said students look forward to Design Day because a lot of people don’t get to see their work until then. Sparks said she created five dresses for the fashion show that were displayed on the runway and three were shown on live models. She said it took her an entire semester to develop her collection and every garment took about a month to make.

"Erin Jones, a junior from Fairfield studying fashion design and merchandising, said, ‘her love for animals inspired her to use a lot of animal print on her garments.

"‘Every designer has their own niche, and each design is different,’ Jones said!

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Cairo levee likely to remain intact until Tuesday

KAYLA KEARNS  
Daily Egyptian

A more to blow up a levee in order to protect Cairo from overtopping. The levee would be held until Tuesday.

Flood levels in Cairo, located between the swelling Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, are expected to crest at 65.5 feet Tuesday and stay there through at least Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

Meanwhile, Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to block the Army Corps of Engineers’ plan to protect Cairo by blowing a two-mile-wide hole in Birds Point levee, located in southeast Missouri’s Mississippi County, according to the Associated Press. The state’s attempts to block the plan was rejected by a federal district judge and an appellate court. Challenges from fervent levee watchers have cost legislators to join with local and state government officials to aid residents.

Missouri officials said if the levee is destroyed, floodwaters would damage 100 homes, 130,000 acres of land and create a slurry that would take years to clear. If the Supreme Court blocks the corps’ plan, Cairo, a town of 2,300 people, would be completely underwater.

Lt. Gov. Sheila Simon said if the water comes into Cairo the effects will be devastating. "It wouldn’t just be wet in Cairo," Simon said. "The first floor of every house in Cairo would be completely filled with water."

Cairo Mayor Jadon Childs issued a mandatory evacuation Saturday. A flood wall protects Cairo up to 46 feet. However, the corps fears water pressure could compromise the wall and the levees that protect other parts of the city.

Childs said he was relieved the appeals court decided Saturday to allow the corps to breach the levee if necessary. "I’ve been saying all along that we can’t take land over levees," Childs said. Kuster said he wants to exhaust all legal remedies.

The 330 people who live in the southeast Missouri flood plain behind the levee have already been evacuated from their homes, a spokesman for Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said. Some of the farmers whose roughly 130,000 acres of land would be inundated moved out what they could Saturday, assuming the corps would have no choice but to blow the hole.

Bob Anderson, a spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, said they are still weighing options and the final decision would be based on the river’s height so much rain falls, and as water backs up in reservoirs upstream.

The corps started to move a pair of barges topped with explosive charge Saturday to Wickliffe, Ky., located across from the Birds Point levee.

The corps has received orders to load the pipes on the barges with the explosive material, he said. The process will take at least 20 hours to complete and the materials in the mix are not dangerous until they are ignited. The corps have been ordered not to ignite the mixture until further notice, he said.

State officials in Missouri are now focused on protecting homes from flooding, and other property left behind in the heavily farmed flood plain below the levee. In addition to people evacuated from the floodway, as many as 800 were asked to leave surrounding areas and more than 600 Missouri National Guard troops are on standby to help local law enforcement at checkpoints in the area.

Saturday, before the National Weather Service report was released, Cairo police Chief Gary Hankins said estimated 1,000 residents remained within city limits. Police said after the evacuation notice was issued there was no indication that anyone had refused to leave.

"The corps and the final decision would be said an estimated 1,000 residents Jerry Costello, Daily Egyptian, spent time Saturday in Cairo with city officials and volunteers to clear away flood debris and talking to the community.

"We had positive and negative aspects from the devastation is seeing community members and local and state government officials coming together to help with the need.

Hesselrode said volunteers are not necessary in Cairo because the National Guard is already there. She said, "We have a lot of people who want to help and need to focus on surrounding areas.

About 80 miles northeast in Old Shawneetown, residents need help to fill sandbags to try and contain leaks at the town’s levee. Saline County Lt. Sheriff Tracy Fett said. With the Ohio River at just under 50 feet, residents are expected to reach above 50 feet when it creases Tuesday. The 60-foot levee should not be topped, he said.

"They’re above flood stage for Illinois, Missouri and anyone who lives on the border of the Mississippi, and Ohio Rivers because the floods have already caused so much damage to crop lands.

When you see what a levee breaking in southern Illinois you have then a lot of flooded crop lands without any of these levees breaking? Simon said. Simon and U.S. Congressman Jerry Falwell, R-Tenn., spoke Thursday in Cairo with city officials and volunteers to clear away flood debris.

"We had sand bags before but nothing like this," Hesselrode told the Daily Egyptian. "It’s under control but other bols have popped up everywhere.

Hesselrode said the boil area appeared to hold throughout the night. "The water is coming down" for Illinois, Missouri and anyone who lives on the border of the Mississippi, and Ohio Rivers because the floods have already caused so much damage to crop lands.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Silent majority' does not agree with Cheng or the abolition of tenure

Dear Editor:

On April 13 a group of approximately 30 professors published a letter in the Daily Egyptian stating they do not support the Faculty Union. They called upon the university community to trust Chancellor Risa J. Cheng to make whatever decisions she feels are in the best interest of the University. In doing so they effectively asked the faculty to abandon the idea of shared governance, which is the heart of the academic experience.

I know some of the professors who signed this statement. They have been opposed to the idea that the faculty should form a union, since its inception. If I understand correctly, their opposition is philosophically principled, even if wrong. They do not believe that faculty are workers, in the ordinary sense of that term, and so (in their view) faculty should not be entitled to collective bargaining at all. Their agenda is to decertify the faculty union and put an end to collective bargaining by campus teachers.

They have a right to their opinion, of course.

But they crossed the line when they claimed that their views represent the silent majority of faculty. In the first place, they themselves have never been silent, but rather have vocally opposed the union from the start. Secondly, they do not saw and never have, constituted the majority. To the contrary, a majority of the faculty voted to form the union and to engage in collective bargaining some 15 years ago. The letter writers offer no evidence that the real majority of the faculty has changed its view since.

Furthermore, the phrase 'silent majority' was coined by President Nixon as a rhetorical trick to assert his claim that the majority of Americans really supported the war in Vietnam, even though a million people marched on Washington in opposition. The phrase cleverly implied that every (real) American who did not march, agreed with President Nixon.

Does this group of 30 faculty members who signed the letter to the DE, wish to invoke President Nixon's phony defense of the University War to justify their argument that the faculty does not want, or need, a union? If so, their argument is as phony now as it was then.

Moreover, they write as if their view represents a spontaneous upwelling from faculty. Do not be fooled: this letter was written more than four months ago and circulated to faculty back then for support. Apparently, in all the time since, only 20 faculty members signed up. Almost all of them are full professors. They represent only themselves.

By contrast, at least 50 members of the faculty turned out, less than a week's notice, to protest the inauguration of Cheng.

In substance the letter writers argue that the Faculty should just suck it up and accept furloughs, but for the benefit of the University, the larger underlying issue is tenure.

Under the new contract which Cheng just imposed unilaterally on the faculty, the university administration reserves the right to fire tenured faculty, even when there is no financial necessity. Tenure is one of the pillars of an academic community. If a professor knows that he or she can be fired at the mere whim of an administrator, he or she will not be free to teach or research with independence-or-passion. The most talented professors would never even come to Southern Illinois University.

Does the majority of faculty on this campus support Cheng's back door attempt to abolish tenure? I believe the answer is resounding No.

Richard Feddler

Carbondale resident

GUEST COLUMN

Conn. to help inmates pare child-support bills

PAT EATON-ROBB

Attorney

ENFIELD, Conn. — Deloris Minniffeld was sitting in her prison cell last summer when she received a notice from the state of Connecticut that she owed more than $13,000 in back child-support for his 8-year-old son. Minniffeld went to prison knowing he must pay $55 a week in child support under an order obtained by his former girlfriend, but said he had no idea the debt was accruing while he was behind bars. He expects to owe more than $15,000 by the time he is released next year.

"What chance do I have to pay if I'm incarcerated? The longer I sit here, the higher the debt goes," Minniffeld, a 31-year-old Waterbury man, said in an interview at the Carol Robinson Correctional Institution in Enfield, where he is serving a 2-year sentence for drug possession.

It's a challenge faced by incarcerated parents across the country, the vast majority of them fathers, just because they are in prison does not mean they won't have to pay child support, or repay the state for welfare paid to their families in lieu of child support. Experts say the debt can be overwhelming parents less likely to pay when they are released, and potentially damage relationships with their children.

Jessica Pearson, director of the Center for Policy Research in Denver, said her studies of state programs for the federal government show that more than half the lawsuits in both state and federal courts are parents with children under 18, and half of those have active child-support cases.

In general, inmates seem to go in owing about $10,000 in child support and come out owing about $20,000," she said.

In several states, such as Tennessee, incarceration is considered "voluntary unemployment" and inmates cannot get child support obligation end of life, parents with crimes, and child center don't get penalized, Pearson said.

While there are "no state or national statistics, Sheryl See, a caseworker for Families in Crisis Inc., a private social services agency in Bridgeport that assists families of inmates said parents on the outside are often forced into welfare, take on two or three additional jobs, or move in with relatives to make ends meet once a caregiver goes to prison and the child support stops.

"It's a hardship," she said. "I think some are harder than it, but it's more of a struggle about what we are going to do to cope with this and help their children.'"

Roland Warren, president of the Maryland-based National Fatherhood Initiative, which works to get dads more involved in their children's lives, said it would be great if the government could get the money from the inmates to support their children, but he said laws that force their child birth actually have the opposite effect.

"There you also have a structure setup with an incentive for the father to pay when he comes out," he said. "The whole looks too big."
"This is going to feel so good, getting this thing off my chest."

"I was there, so I knew that I had been born."

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**Quotes of the Day**

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**Fast Five' revs up series**

**BRENDA SMITH**

**Daily Egyptian**

**Fast Five**

★★★★★

After raking in the sales of 2009's "Tokyo Drift" and 2009's "Fast & Furious" was the most successful installment in the street racing series. This is the mindset of director Justin Lin, who decided to keep a good thing going with "Fast Five". Set against the backdrop of stunning Rio-de-Janeiro, the film is a construction of characters from each direction the series has sent itself. Originators Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster team up with popular stars Tyrese, Ludacris, and Sung Kang, for the film in the series.

The franchise has established itself as the nirvana of chase scenes, muscle cars, and beautiful women. Here is no exception.

As usual, levels of physics are non-existent in the film. "Fast Five" has some of the most beautifully captured destruction sequences in cinema. With its endless amount of digital effects, cheesy dialogue and backdrops all the film comes off as a live-action cartoon. However, it saves itself with a solid storyline. The film is less of a street racing saga but rather a high-octane heist movie.

While elaborately stealing a Ford GT40 from a moving train, Dom (Diesel) and Brian (Walker) are captured by owner and corrupt businessman Herman Reyes (Joaquin de Almeida). After some serious gunplay, the two escape with the title where Dom discovers a computer chip complete with Reyes' resume of wrong doing, mostly $100 million in laundered money. This plan is set into motion: assemble the team, get the cash.

"Things become complicated when the Diplomatic Security Service gets word and takes out the gang. Fresh out of his family-filmmaking purgatory, Dwanye "The Rock" Johnson leads the show to a showdown at what he plays best: the action star hero."

"Fast Five" plays out like a juvenile delinquents "Ocean's Eleven", the goal of getting the money is hindered by love, family, and loyal friends in the gang. Nothing is set up but the gangster movie "Fast Five."

**Dog' disappoints on all levels**

**AUSTIN FLYNN**

**Daily Egyptian**

**Dylan Dog**

★★★★★

Zombies, vampires and werewolves have been popular movie themes lately, but "Dylan Dog" fails in its attempt to bring these dead ends together in one film.

The movie is based on an Italian comic book about a paranormal investigator who lives in London, and picks up cases involving classic Halloween creatures. In this action-packed story, the setting from London, New Orleans. The title character, Dylan Dog (Brandon Routh) is a private investigator assisted by his friend Maron Arden (Sam Huntington). Dylan goes back to his roots job as a paranormal investigator in order to get to the bottom of a new mystery.

Though tries too hard at a Dark Knight-esque grizzled voice for the character, and his annoying quips hurt every aspect of the film. The dialogue, and Dog's delivery of it, is the worst of the film's major problems. However, it wasn't last Dog. The majority of the film's characters overact in their own uniquely annoying way, and it's clear from the start that they didn't care for any serious storyline the movie tries to have. Every time the plot begins to develop or something interesting happens, there's a cheap gag or poorly rendered special effect to overshadow it.

These constant annoyances were not only attributes that remained steady throughout the film. The movie paces unevenly, and the story implied Dylan was getting close to solving the mystery and finding the villain, a sex change is tacked on in the end. None of the entire feel of the movie. When there is a twist in the plot, it seems half thought out and terribly executed.

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Former SIU corner drafted, prepares for NFL

NICK JOHNSON

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The 6-foot, 183-pound standout corner was taken by Cincinnati in the third round and final round of the 2011 NFL Draft.

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TEAM WINS SEVEN TITLES IN TWO PLACES

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis spent the weekend fine-tuning their techniques for conference and national events in two different states.

Coach Connie Prisheim said the team had positive results from both Memphis, Texas, and Des Moines, Iowa, as it brought back a total of seven event titles.

"It was an extremely good weekend," Prisheim said. "A lot of them really came out and competed really hard and I'm happy with where we are at right now."

The athletes' events determined what city they competed in. Senior thrower Gwen Berry defended her title and left her mark on the hammer throw at the Drake Relays in Des Moines.

Berry threw for a mark of 70.52 meters, which was both a personal best and the best collegiate mark in the nation. She said she's happy but she doesn't want to make a big deal out of her outstanding throw.

"I'm trying not to get too excited because I know I can do better," Berry said.

Price said it's a big moment for Berry and it's nice to see big results from her and the rest of the team.

"It's nice to see her reach that throw," Price said. "I've been waiting to come out."

As Berry controlled the hammer throw, SIU women also controlled the triple jump in Memphis with three jumpers finishing in the top five. Junior jumper Malakeika Moulton led SIU by finishing second in the event with a distance of 12.50 meters.

Love also won the long jump with a distance of 5.93 meters, which was a new meet record.

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SIU drops series to Shockers

CORY DOWNER
Daily Egyptian

Senior starter Cody Forysthe pitched his third complete game for his fourth conference win Saturday, but the Salukis couldn't pull out Wichita State in the second game of a doubleheader and dropped into a tie for second place in the conference.

"Forysthe was outstanding," interim head coach Kim Henderson said. "He was great again, and that's a huge win for us."

The Salukis (16-27, 7-5 Missouri Valley Conference) lost game one of the series 9-6 to Wichita State (18-19, 7-5 MVC) Friday at Abe Martin Field. Forysthe gave the Salukis a chance to win the series after the first game Saturday, but sophomore starting pitcher Brad Drust struggles in the final game of the doubleheader left the team with an uphill battle.

Forysthe said the Saluki defense was the key to his win, and his only focus in the game was to challenge the WSU batters and rely on his teammates to make the plays in the field.

"It just got tight, they put some balls in play and we made some questionable decisions in the infield, but it's not that big of a deal," Forysthe said. "As long as we win it doesn't matter how it happens to me."

Forysthe (6-3) allowed three runs on five hits, only one run earned and lowered his ERA to 1.85, the lowest in the Valley.

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SOFTBALL

Salukis lose weekend series to Redbirds in final inning

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

It came down to the last game in the weekend series as the SIU softball team lost two games to the first-place Illinois State Redbirds Sunday at Normal in a 3-5 defeat.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said the Salukis (33-15,15-5 Missouri Valley Conference) looked determined as they took the field in the third game, but the Redbirds (33-15,19-4 MVC) hitting took over in the end. Illinois State now has a four-game lead, and second place is the best available for SIU.

"I thought we had all the momentum in the world today," Blaylock said. "We just couldn't close it out, and they did a great job defensively in the last innings."

In the first game of the series ISU rallied early but came back to win 7-4 after the sixth and seven innings. ISU had seven runs in the last two innings, including freshman second baseman Jayna Spivey's three-run home run. The home run was her 11th this season and tied her for the seventh-most runs in a season, a record first set by outfielder Katie Jordan in 2001.

In the seventh inning, senior center fielder Chelsea Holt hit an RBI double that brought in two runs, and freshman catcher Allie Vodouchek hit an RBI single and scored one run.

In the second game of the series, the Salukis struggled to produce any hits.

Spivey had a few more hits in the second game, but the team couldn't string together the hits it did have to make some runs.

The last game of the series was not only the closest of all three, but it also determined which team gained ground by the end of the meeting.

The Salukis started off the third game with hot bats when junior center fielder Mallory Duran and German both hit singles in the first inning. German freshman left baseman Taylor Crumwell came to the plate, she hit both in with a three-run home run.

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