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Faculty union pickets; strike still uncertain

Emotions run high as faculty speaks out for a new contract

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Members of the Faculty Association have yet to vote on a possible strike, but their desire for a new contract was heard nonetheless on SIUC's campus Thursday.

The Faculty Association — joined by family members, students and staff — voiced their concerns in an informational picket Thursday in the Free Forum Area in front of Anthony Hall — the building with the offices of administrators.

Picketeers held signs bearing titles such as "What about the students?" and "Quality Contract = Quality Education," while marching in a circle.

And the signs were reflective of the heated negotiations between the faculty union and SIUC administration, which ended Tuesday without a future meeting date scheduled.

The Faculty Association announced Wednesday it may strike if the administration does not take additional steps toward developing a new contract. A vote is still needed by union members for that decision to be made, which is yet to take place or be scheduled, Daneshdoost said. Meetings with union members will take place early next week.

Many of the informational picket's attendees were faculty, but students and staff participated as well. Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, addressed the crowd of about 280 people with a megaphone. "Make no mistake, the future of



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government senator Zuri Thurman (far right) leads the crowd of teachers, students and community members in a closing chant Thursday afternoon outside Anthony Hall in the Free Forum Area. The participants showed their support for the Faculty Association, which wants a new contract.

this proud university will be decided by the struggle we engage today," he said in a speech that was interrupted by frequent cheers.

Daneshdoost commended the students and recognized the service of staff outside the faculty.

"I cannot imagine SIUC without our students," Daneshdoost said. "The University needs a staff and it needs its students, but without faculty, SIUC is not a university."

"Let's get a contract that makes the heart of this University the top priority."

The negotiations between the faculty and SIUC administration ended Tuesday with no future meeting date set between the two parties. Members of the Faculty Association turned

down a five-year offer made by the University that called for a wage freeze this year and raises during the next four years that are proportional with state appropriations for salary increases. The faculty is working under the terms of a contract that expired in June.

And the administration rejected a proposal from the union for a 21 percent increase in salaries and benefits during the next three years.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said Wednesday that the state's current economic situation does not allow the funds necessary for raises this year. He said this year's funding from Illinois was reduced by about \$10.5 million, with an additional \$5 million required from SIUC to pro-

vide group health insurance.

Although Wendler didn't promise there won't be a strike, he did make one guarantee: Classes won't stop if the faculty go on strike. He said a committee was formed to make plans that will keep classes going if a strike breaks out.

"We're going to do everything we can," he said. "There are not going to be people held up from graduation."

While a strike remains possible, professors view it as a last option — one that may be necessary to address issues.

John Magney, an assistant professor who teaches a course in labor relations, said the recent concerns of faculty members have prompted questions from concerned students in his class.

"It's a very scary thing," he said. "I don't think there's anyone here who wants a strike. It's the ultimate power any union has."

Randy Hughes, an associate professor of mathematics, said faculty members don't want to strike, but remain open to the possibility.

"I'm rather tired of this continuing problem — having to do all this — it's not fun for me but I think we're going to do what's necessary," he said.

Students' views about the conflict were mixed. Neal Young, vice president of Undergraduate Student Government, said he was happy to see scores of students join with the faculty.

"I'm really happy there's so many [students]," he said. "But I wish more would join in."

Tim Wills, a sophomore in radio-television from St. Louis, said he disagreed with the union's request for a 21 percent increase in salaries and benefits.

"If faculty are about students and education, then looking out for students should be the first priority," he said.

And others believe faculty salaries should be a top priority. Katie Laux, a senior in history from Brees, said faculty deserve better pay, adding that many professors have encouraged her to pursue graduate school and scholarships.

Lenore Langsdorf, a professor of speech communication, said faculty hope the situation is resolved without a strike.

"We don't want to do it," she said. "Let's hope somebody's listening and we can get a contract."

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SIUC students express mixed concerns about threat of war

USG resolution against U.S. going to war with Iraq fails

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government voted down the resolution concerning war in Iraq Wednesday evening.

The resolution failed with a vote of 17-8 with three abstentions.

"I am convinced the Senate would have voted in favor of the resolution," said Rob Taylor, a USG representative of the East Side. "It was just poorly written and too long, which is unfortunate."

The bill called for an end to bombings over the no-fly zone in Iraq, a dissolution of the Joint Resolutions to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq and the end to United Nations and United States sanctions concerning bombing in Iraq.

The resolution also called for the use of diplomacy instead of military force and for USG to send it on to elected officials once it is passed.

Several students attended the

meeting to voice their opinions concerning the resolution. Eight people showed up in support of the resolution, only one in dissent.

"War is fought for many reasons, but loss of life is the only guarantee," said one speaker.

The potential loss of life, as well as concern for the lives already lost, was the main concern listed by the many who spoke.

"We need to stand up for people's lives, even if they are on the other side of the world," said Valerie Sieth, an SIUC student and self-proclaimed humanitarian.

Several of the students mentioned a lack of proof from the government to show any pertinent reason for invading Iraq, as their reason for wanting USG to pass the bill. There was applause from members of the senate when Cassandra Folder asked, "Where is the evidence?"

The last student to speak was Jennifer Killham from the College of Education, who presented USG with 200 signatures of SIU students who were firmly opposed to a preemptive strike on Iraq.

Danyse Robinson, a senior at SIUC, was the only student to speak against the resolution. Coming from a military family, she clarified that she



LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cassandra Folder, a psychology major, speaks out Wednesday night against the threat of war on Iraq. Students gathered at the Undergraduate Student Government meeting to voice their views on the U.S. going to war against Iraq.

did not support war. However, she said she did not believe a bill of that magnitude had any business in USG.

"USG has no authority to represent the opinions of 18,000 students without finding out 18,000 students'

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Ten students traveled to Washington, D.C., to protest threat of war with Iraq

Kristina Hermdobler
Daily Egyptian

A 28-hour car drive, peanut butter sandwiches, warm bottled water and many armed-police officers — that is what 10 SIUC students endured, all in the name of peace.

Last weekend these students were among 200,000 protesters who made their mark on Washington during a march against the United States going to war against Iraq.

Cassandra Folder, a sophomore in psychology from Virden, described the march as massive protest with a large array of diversity.

"There were people as far as you could see and signs everywhere," Folder said. "It was really very beautiful."

The protesters gathered in the national Mall, were they listened to speakers such as Susan Sarandon,

Jesse Jackson, and even Ben from Ben and Jerry's, who then lead them on a ten-block march through the city that ended at the Washington Monument.

After enduring the long drive that started after classes on Friday and ended just in time for the march and the march itself, the group crowded into a single room at the Comfort Inn in Washington, D.C. They allowed a little sleeping-in time on Sunday morning before they turned around and made the long journey back to Carbondale.

Valerie Sieth, a sophomore studying political science from Chicago, said the trip was a little easier on the way back.

During the trip to D.C., somewhere in Kentucky, one of the cars in their group hit a deer and had to turn back. Not too big of a surprise, according to Sieth, who said the same thing happened in Indiana when the group made the same voyage last April to protest the war against terrorism.

"It's pretty ridiculous," she said. "Next time, we will just have to take a bus."

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66 USG has no authority to represent the opinions of 18,000 students without finding out 18,000 students' opinions.99

Danyse Robinson senior, against USG's anti-war resolution.

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Kristina Hermdobler, sophomore, traveled to Washington, D.C. to protest possible war.

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NATIONAL NEWS

NRA goes ahead with Tucson rally

TUCSON, Ariz. — The National Rifle Association and its high-profile leader, advo. Charlon Heston, went ahead with a rally two days after a falling student who collected guns shot three professors to death before killing himself.

An estimated 700 people attended Wednesday's rally at the Tucson Convention Center, about four miles from the University of Arizona's nursing school, where Monday's shootings took place.

NRA Chief Executive Officer Wayne LaPierre defended the event to help Arizona Republican candidates in next week's midterm elections, saying that it had long been planned and that there was no connection between the gunman's actions and what the NRA stands for.

"I honestly think that if a madman had driven a car into a crowd and if there was a car convention scheduled, they wouldn't cancel the convention," LaPierre said.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Matt Salmon was scheduled to appear at the event but did not attend. NRA officials said Salmon, who is in a close race with Democrat Janet Napolitano, canceled all Tucson appearances out of respect for the shooting victims.

Republican attorney general candidate Andrew Thomas said he believed the event could deliver a positive message.

"This rally is about self-defense against violent predators such as the murderer who killed three innocent professors," Thomas said.

Supreme Court to consider California 3-strikes law

FRANCISCO, Calif. — Leandro Andrade got 50 years in prison for stealing nine children's videotapes from Kmart. Gary Ewing is serving 25-to-life after stuffing three clubs down his pants at a golf course.

Now the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether these repeat offenders received cruel and unusual punishments under California's three-strikes-or-you're-out law.

Most states have sentencing rules that require steeper terms for revolving-door criminals, but California has the nation's toughest, providing for life terms for petty offenses such as shoplifting.

On Tuesday, the high court will hear arguments on the Andrade and Ewing cases and consider how far states can go in sentencing repeat offenders for crimes that would normally bring minimal prison terms.

Andrade, now 45, had at least three prior felony burglary convictions when he was caught stealing five children's videotapes from a Kmart in 1995. Two weeks later, while out on bail, he was caught stealing four more tapes from another Kmart. He was convicted of petty theft and sentenced to two consecutive terms of 25 years to life.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court found his sentence so "grossly disproportionate" to his crimes that it violated the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Children killed in Italy quake

ROME, Italy — Rescuers have pulled the bodies of at least four children from the rubble of a school in southern Italy where a strong earthquake sent a roof collapsing onto a Halloween party.

In the same village, a woman was killed when her home collapsed.

Twenty people have pulled alive from the rubble of the nursery school in the village of San Giuliano di Puglia, in the Molise region. Eight of those were seriously injured.

Officials said 62 people were at the school when the quake struck, 56 students, four teachers and two janitors. People are said to be alive in two classrooms stuck under the rubble, 13 in one room and 12 in another. Thirteen people are unaccounted for, officials said.

"They were all together in the school because they were having a Halloween party," Tonino Scarfelli, an official in the Molise regional president's office said.

"Many buildings have collapsed throughout the village, we fear there might be other victims outside of the school."

The quake, centered in the Campobasso area, about 70 miles northeast of Naples and 40 miles west of Foggia, caused structural damage and widespread panic.

Russia scolds N. Korea over nukes

MOSCOW, Russia — In a sharp change of course, Russia has accused North Korea of being "ambiguous" about its alleged nuclear weapons program.

The comments came as Pyongyang's ambassador to Moscow defended North Korea's right to develop nuclear weapons.


The U.S. said earlier this month that North Korea officials acknowledged they had a nuclear weapons program during talks with visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly in Pyongyang.

U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton then traveled to Russia to present Russian officials with evidence of the alleged uranium enrichment program.

Moscow reacted with caution, saying it would like to independently check the information before making any definite conclusions.


And on Thursday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov said Moscow had received an explanation from the North Koreans, Interfax reported, but he said it was insufficient.

"There is some ambiguity in the statements by North Korean representatives," Losyukov was quoted as saying.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

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CORRECTIONS

The website address listed in the Oct. 28 story "Grappling tournament sends participants into submission" was incorrect. The website address for the SIU Martial Arts Club is www.go.to/siuamc. The outline of the same article should have read Shinji Ogita was the winner over Atsushi Watanabe.

The jump was omitted for Wednesday's article "Faculty Union salary negotiations stall after University's offer." The complete article is available at www.dailyegyptian.com.

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POLICE REPORTS

The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

University
 -Daniel T. Podiaz, 23, Buffalo, N.Y., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 2:02 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Lewis Lane. He posted \$300 bond and was released.

-Cudney R. Elder, 20, Cedarville, was arrested and charged with domestic battery at 2:40 a.m. in Neely Hall. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

-A pool cue was stolen from the Student Center Bowling and Billiards between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Friday. The loss is estimated at \$100.

Carbondale
 -A man robbed Jeffrey Laundromat, 311 W. Main St., at gunpoint at about 11:05 p.m. Wednesday. A man walked out of the bathroom and put a large-framed silver handgun to the head of an employee and demanded money. The employee was forced to lie on the floor and the man fled in an unknown direction. Police described the man as a black man, about 6 feet tall, stocky build. He was wearing a black hooded Fubu sweatshirt with the letters "FB" on the front, baggy blue jeans, a dark-colored cloth over his face and dark gloves.

University graduates race for sheriff

Republican challenger Sytsma says he can improve communication, funding

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

He said you could technically call him a farmer, but that might offend the real farmers in the world.

John Sytsma, republican candidate for Jackson County Sheriff, said he is relatively new on the farm. He is a Chicago native but calls Southern Illinois his home. He lives on a farm south of Murphysboro with his wife, Bobbie, their two children and their beef cattle.

His farm is a family operation, but his full time job is the Investigations Section Commander, the administrator in charge of investigative section, for the Carbondale Police Department.

Sytsma has lived in Jackson County since he moved here as a student at SIUC in August 1974.

As an undergraduate, he was a member of the Saluki Patrol and attained the rank of captain, which was the highest-ranking student administrator. In May 1977 he completed his associate's degree in law enforcement and began working for the Carbondale Police Department. He finished his bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice while working full time for the department.

Sytsma said the biggest challenge facing the sheriff's office is a twofold problem. He said the first part of the problem is the budget crisis that is affecting the county, and the second part is what he believes is an increase in violent crime, specifically gunshot related incidents.

"Most of those are related to the drug trade, either crack cocaine or methamphetamine," Sytsma said. "The challenge is to attack this drug problem that results in this increase in violent crime without increasing the budget."

Sytsma said he plans to increase funds by aggressively attacking the drug dealers, seizing their assets and using that influx of income to support the department without increasing the budget.

He said he also intends to increase funds through state and federal grant

money. He said obtaining the grants requires constantly looking for whatever grants are available at a given time and actively pursuing them.

Sytsma said he is experienced in the process of obtaining grants. He said he did the research and helped develop the application for a domestic violence grant of over \$500,000 for the Carbondale Police Department in the mid-nineties. He said the project led to computer and network upgrades, and the project helped bring about a shared records management system among the SIUC Police department, the Jackson County Sheriff's office, and the Carbondale Police Department.

Sytsma said he also wants to increase training for deputies in collection of physical evidence because it is one of the simplest ways to stay within budget constraints. He said an increase makes crimes easier to solve, takes very little training, has a low materials expense, and takes little time. He said the training also increases the number of those crimes solved.

Sytsma said liability is a key issue because it is a financial risk to the county. He said he plans to combat it by research, staying up on current cases, doing his homework and training personnel.

"I believe the right thing to do is to provide a detailed line item budget that gives the taxpayer the opportunity to research how their money is being spent and also gives the county board a better knowledge base in making budget decisions," Sytsma said.

Sytsma said he is very proud of his career, training and education, graduating from the FBI academy in 1995 and continuing his education with a master's degree in public administration in 1996.

Sytsma admitted he did have a disadvantage.

"The biggest challenge of me going into this race is that I am not a politician, and I really have no idea what I was doing or how to run a political race," Sytsma said.

He said he ran for sheriff because he is a county resident and a county

20-year incumbent says he has proven his performance as county's police leader

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Sheriff William Kilquist said he has an advantage in his race for reelection because he has shown people that he's been there for them.

From his mother, he learned that government is supposed to make the quality of life better for the people it serves. From his father, he learned to always, always leave more than you take.

Kilquist said he has reduced crime in Jackson County, taken nasty criminals off the street, been there for people in the floods, been at the train derailments and made

the quality of life better for people.

"It's a long way from being a cop on the street," Kilquist said. "I've worked at it and I've learned it for 20 years."

Kilquist lives with his wife in Murphysboro and they have four children. Originally from Kingston, in upstate New York, he has been a resident of Jackson County since he became a student in administration of justice at SIUC in 1968. He started his law enforcement career on the Saluki Patrol, which led him to a major in administration of justice. He completed an associate's in corrections and law enforcement in 1974.

Kilquist started with the

Jackson County Sheriff's Department in 1971 and was soon hired by the city of Carbondale, where he served for over ten years as a patrolman, crime prevention specialist and detective.

He was a special investigator for the Jackson County State's Attorney's office in 1981 and 1982. In 1982 he was elected as sheriff for the first time. He graduated from the FBI academy in 1987 and received his bachelor's in administration of justice at SIUC in 1990.

Kilquist has been sheriff of Jackson County for the past 20 years. There has been no other candidate who has served more terms as sheriff in the county.

Kilquist said figures in "Crime in Illinois," an annual book of crime statistics, show reduction in crime since he took office. The crime index for Jackson County has dropped by more than half since Kilquist took office. The index is a standardized measure of crimes related to the population. Carbondale's index was about four times higher than Jackson County's.

Kilquist said he has reduced crime in Jackson County by hard work and doing his homework. He said he has dedicated people whom he has trained, sent to school and kept close tabs on.

Kilquist said his opponent, John Sytsma, has not had his record of attending county meetings, despite his campaign goal of working closely with the Jackson County board.

Kilquist also said he has been providing line-item budgets for the last 20 years, another of Sytsma's platforms.

Kilquist said a big challenge as sheriff is providing more services with less funds. He said he is always looking for ways to offset costs, such as taking in extra prisoners from other counties and the federal government and raising criminal processing fees. He said he is probably going to increase fees by about \$450,000 this year.

Kilquist said there is not money in the methamphetamine business,


C A R B O N D A L E

VOTES


Election 2002

REAL PEOPLE • REAL ISSUES

Sheriff candidates



John Sytsma
Republican



William Kilquist
Democrat

SHERIFF'S RACE

SYTSMA:

- Educational experience
- Provide line-item budgets with multi-year projections
- Seek grant funding for improvements
- Increase training

KILQUIST:

- Lowered crime since in office
- High solution rate of crimes
- Demonstrated ability over 20 years
- Convictions for every homicide since he has been in office

taxpayer and is concerned about the current budget crisis and bickering over that budget in the last year and a half.

Sytsma said he thinks the race will be close.

"I think we're going to give him a real good run for his money," Sytsma said.

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STU

Dunn becomes new SIUC provost and vice chancellor

Jane Hulh
Daily Egyptian

Beginning today, John Dunn will take over SIUC's provost and vice chancellor position.

The former dean and professor of the College of Health at the University of Utah made his trip to Carbondale just this week. Dunn accepted the administrative job offer August 15.

Gus Bode



Gus says: So, it's finally a Dunn deal.

region for almost four decades.

After his high school graduation, Dunn attended Northern Illinois University to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education. He also earned his doctoral degree in physical education from Brigham Young University.

Dunn has served as the dean of the College of Health at the University of Utah since 1995. Prior to that he was on the faculty at Oregon State University for 20 years.

Other than his administrative career, Dunn is active in promoting research for improving the lives of those with disabilities and health education.

He is the president of the Research Consortium of the American Alliance for Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and an editor of *Quest*, a scholarly health publication.

Dunn also serves on the committee of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said he looks forward to Dunn's leadership and is confident that Dunn will meet the challenges that come with the

upper-administrative position.

"I'm very excited," Wendler said.

"He has an excellent record and he is a fine man, a person of his word."

Since mid-March John Perkins served as the interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research.

Dunn said he has spoken with Wendler and other administrators about current University concerns.

"I need to seek counsel and input to make sure I understand [the issues of the University]," Dunn said.



Dunn

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Founding member of rap group Run-DMC killed

Tamer El-Ghobashy, Martin Mbugua and Dave Goldiner
New York Daily News

NEW YORK (KRT) — Jam Master Jay, a legendary figure from the early days of rap music, was shot in the head and killed Wednesday night inside his recording studio in Queens, police said.

The founding member of the platinum-selling group Run-DMC was gunned down by two men, who were buzzed into the second-floor studio on Merrick Blvd. around 7:30 p.m. EST, cops said.

A 25-year-old man, whose name was not released, was shot and wounded by the attackers, who fled. Two women who were making a recording in the studio were not hurt, cops said.

Police said they had no motive for the slaying, which took place near the Jamaica bus terminal, a mile from the 37-year-old rapper's childhood stomping grounds in Hollis.

"I can't believe this," said life-long friend Garfield McDonald, 35. "Everybody loved Jay. He didn't bother anybody."

Dozens of rap promoters, musicians and friends exchanged hugs in the rain outside the studio where Jay, whose real name was Jason Mizell, was killed.

His 15-year-old son, Jason, arrived in tears along with his mother, who took comfort in the arms of Lyor Cohen, a rap executive who gave Run-DMC one of its first big breaks.

"I'm trying to tell myself this isn't true," Cohen said.

The killing was just the latest blow to the hip hop community, which has seen some of its biggest stars, such as Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls, die violently.

Community celebrates 'Día de los Muertos'

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

During "Día de los Muertos," burning incense and the light of candles are intended to help the deceased find their way home.

The Mexican holiday, translated as "The Day of the Dead," is a chance for people to honor their loved ones who have passed away.

Several local community organizations are giving people the chance to honor their loved ones this weekend.

The Delta Phi Mu Sorority Inc., along with the Hispanic Student Council, is having a "Celebrating Life" presentation from 6 to 10 p.m. today in the Student Center Video Lounge. There will be a discussion on

what the Day of the Dead means and its symbolism.

"Really, it is an explanation of the observance and an explanation of culture," said Carmen Starec, the faculty adviser for the Hispanic Student Council.

There will also be a presentation of artifacts used during the holiday and students will be given an opportunity to honor their deceased loved ones.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church will also have special masses and an All Souls Liturgy at noon on Saturday.

All Saints Day, Nov. 1, and All Souls Day, Nov. 2, are celebrated by many different customs that vary according to ethnic roots of different regions. Most common are lively reunions at family burial plots and

offerings laid out for the departed on commemorative altars and religious rites.

Usually remembrance of deceased infants and children is on Nov. 1 and those who have died as adults are honored on Nov. 2.

The Halfway Home organization is also having an event inspired by the holiday. There will be workshops from 8:45 a.m. to midnight at the Church of the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ on Nov. 2.

"We were inspired by the way in which they live with death," said Siriya Din, coordinator of the event. "In our culture, we push death aside."

The Halfway House is an organization that provides a homelike setting to people who are dying. The

support group is comprised of friends, family, coworkers, hospice workers, social workers, and health care, psychological and spiritual practitioners.

The event, "Reflections on Living, Dying, and the Passage Between" offers workshops on dealing with grief, mourning, preparation for dying and helping children deal with death.

There will also be music from different cultures, a labyrinth walk, meditation, video presentations and a candlelit walk to the cemetery.

"This will be an educational experience and a celebration for the transition of death," Din said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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Annual book campaign kicks off today

The annual "Book in Every Home" campaign starts at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Morris Library Browsing Room. The campaign encourages University faculty and staff to donate new and used books that will go to homes of hundreds of preschool children enrolled in SIUC's Headstart Program. Megan Weber is heading this year's drive.

Flying Salukis take second place

SIUC's precision flying team, the Flying Salukis,

took second place at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's regional competition Oct. 16-19 at the Southern Illinois Airport.

The second place finish, only five points shy of first, qualifies the team for the national championship at the University of North Dakota in May.

The University of Illinois placed first in the competition, followed by SIUC in second, Purdue University in third and Lewis University in fourth.

Columbia University's Jack Snyder gives lecture Monday

Jack Snyder from the Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University will give a lecture titled "Myths of Empire: Then and Now" at 8 p.m. Monday in Student Center Ballroom A. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

CARBONDALE

Party at the Glove Factory, diagonal from Sidetracks

There will be a party at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Glove Factory. There will be an art show, live music and beer. Music will be provided by DJ Echoz, Fozzee Dillon and the Plus. The Glove Factory is located over the railroad tracks and across the road from Sidetracks. Cost is \$5 at the door and \$3 in a costume.

Candidates for governor documentary airs on Sunday

WSIU-TV 8 and WUSHTV 16 have added a new election program to their broadcast schedule for 3 p.m. Sunday. "Chicago Tonight: The Choice for

Governor" is a one-hour documentary that features biographical backgrounds on republican Jim Ryan and democrat Rod Blagojevich, as well as interviews with family members and colleagues.

Women's Center honoring 30th anniversary

In honor of their 30th anniversary, the Carbondale Women's Center will hold a reception followed by a dinner Saturday, Nov. 2.

During the reception, which will be held in the International Lounge in the Student Center from 6 to 7 p.m., speakers will discuss the past, present and future of the Women's Center.

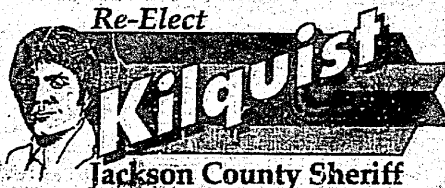
The reception will be immediately followed by a dinner in Ballroom D of the Student Center. Tickets may be reserved for the celebration by calling 549-4807 ext 250.

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Student Recreation Center celebrates silver anniversary

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

Seventies and '80s music, pet rocks, leg warmers and disco dancing will be found at SIU's Recreation Center next week to mark its 25th Anniversary.

In honor of the occasion, the Student Recreation staff has planned a week of events for students, faculty and community members can celebrate the event.

Bill McMinn, director of the Student Recreation Center, and his staff are excited about the event that they have been planning for about two years.

"It's a pretty special occasion, and for us, it's of particular importance because this is a very important facility to the students," McMinn said.

The staff members of the Recreation Center have all been given specific events that they have been planning for the week of celebration.

Kathy Guilfoyle, the assistant director for Intramural Recreational Sports, said many of the events planned for the week are also a way for students who do not come to the Recreation Center to come and participate in the events and see the facilities.

"That's one of the goals of the programming committee here," Kathy said. "We would like to get other people to come over. Maybe they're good at trivia, or maybe they want some chili, things that normally don't happen here."

The kickoff celebration begins at 5 p.m. Monday and all students are invited to come and eat chili at the equipment desk on the lower level of the facility.

Events also include a volleyball tournament for Student Affairs and

Recreation Center 25th Anniversary

List of Events:

Monday Nov. 4th
5-8 p.m. Kickoff Celebration: Free chili at the Student Recreation Center
6-9 p.m. Student Affairs and Enrollment Management team.

Tuesday Nov. 5th
7-9 p.m. Disco Dance Workshop (first 30 participants)

Wednesday Nov. 6th
5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Every 25th person to enter the lower level of the Recreation Center will be entered into a drawing to receive prizes.
5 p.m. Anniversary Cake Cutting Ceremony
6-8 p.m. Parents Night In

Thursday Nov. 7th
5-7 p.m. T-shirt night - wear a shirt with Student Recreation Center logo to get entered into a drawing to win prizes.

Friday Nov. 8th
4-7 p.m. Start of Alumni Weekend

JOSH MISKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Enrollment Management offices, a disco dance workshop, a cake cutting ceremony, T-shirt night and giveaways.

The Recreation Center bought some of the prizes, but vendors and other local businesses donated others. The prizes include two Trek mountain bikes, a kayak, SIU apparel, a DVD player, golf equipment, a small refrigerator and microwave, a Sony Playstation 2, an Xbox and more.

There will also be a Sports Trivia Contest for SIU students. The questions will be in the Daily Egyptian Nov. 4, and students can turn in the answers for a chance to win prizes.

There will also be an alumni weekend for all the alumni who have worked in the Recreation Center since it opened.

Nearly 2,000 invitations were sent to SIU alumni all over the United States.

The staff the Recreation Center worked with the Alumni Office and the Office for Special Events to locate and mail out invitations to the alumni.

"I'm extremely excited, especially for the reunion," McMinn said. "There are going to be people coming here who haven't been here in 25 years and it is going to be exciting for them."

Alumni weekend will involve a welcome session and group photo, an alcohol-free tailgate and a barbecue after the SIU football game and pet rock painting for the kids.

"This is really directed toward acknowledging all the students that have played a role in this office over the past 25 years," McMinn said.

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November brings Native American Heritage Month Celebration opens with free lecture tonight

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

A Native American sun dancer and pipe keeper will open the month-long celebration of Native American Heritage Month with a free lecture at 7 p.m. tonight in Student Center Ballroom D.

Quentin Young is a member of the Lakota Sicangu tribe and will speak on Native Americans and ceremonial rites. The event is the first of 13 that will take place throughout November in celebration and discussion of all things great about Native American culture.

Nichole Boyd, a junior in university studies from Bolingbrook, set up this month's events in hopes of not only celebrating her culture but also raising awareness of it on campus.

Boyd said there are 95 Native American students on campus who checked that box when applying to SIU. She also said there are others who are part Native American and some who do not know they are.

"There is a high amount of African Americans on campus who also have native blood," Boyd said. "And there's a few on the committee who claim to be Native American as well."

Boyd said she has contacts with speakers and other guests

from meeting them up north. She asked groups, such as Milwaukee Bucks, to come down and celebrate the culture.

Milwaukee Bucks play at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Free Forum area and at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballrooms. They are a drum band that has opened for Lenny Kravitz and should be one of the more popular events of the month, according to Carl Erwin, coordinator of student development and the multi-cultural program.

"I'm really looking forward to the drum group and the Black Indians," he said. "They're sort of a fusion between African Americans and Native Americans, and I'm very curious about that."

Erwin said November started being formally celebrated as American Indian Heritage Month in 2000 at SIU and since has raised awareness of native cultures.

"Sometimes people and cultures are overlooked, and one group that seems to be forgotten is Native Americans," Erwin said. "Learning about different cultures and different people is part of the education process. It breeds awareness."

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For more information on
scheduled events, contact
Nichole Boyd at 201-9854.

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Rafael Resendez Ramirez - Murder (2)
Donald Forcum - Murder
John Paul Phillips - Murder (3)
Labron Neal - Murder (2)
Gary Lee - Murder
Jake Bramlett - Murder (2)
Brian Gillen - Murder
Alan Azevedo - Murder
L.C. Richardson - Murder
Carlos Branch - Murder
Ed Stroud - Murder
Ed Caldwell - Murder



J.W. Williams - Murder
Andrew Azevedo - Murder
Richard Nitz - Murder
Rita Nitz - Murder
Larry Parker - Murder
Robert Owens - Murder
John Moro - Child Abduction
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Travis Barnes - Bank Robbery
Richard McCue - Bank Robbery
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THEIR WORD

Politics we should admire

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

Twice in two years, a popular politician has died seeking the votes of the people he chose to serve.

U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, a maverick Democrat, died with his wife and daughter just 11 days before the Nov. 5 election — an eerie echo of the 2000 plane crash that killed Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan 18 days before Election Day.

Wellstone's death Friday heightens the fight for Senate power, where one person can tip the Democratic majority; Republicans had targeted his Minnesota seat as vulnerable. Behind the scenes, scrambling may already have begun, but publicly, at least, all either party focused on Friday was the nation's great loss.

At 5-foot-5, the former college wrestler never stopped fighting for the little guy. He campaigned passionately for mental health care, human rights, workplace protections, veterans and the environment.

Considered too liberal by many — the left-leaning Mother Jones magazine labeled him the "first '60s radical elected to the U.S. Senate" —

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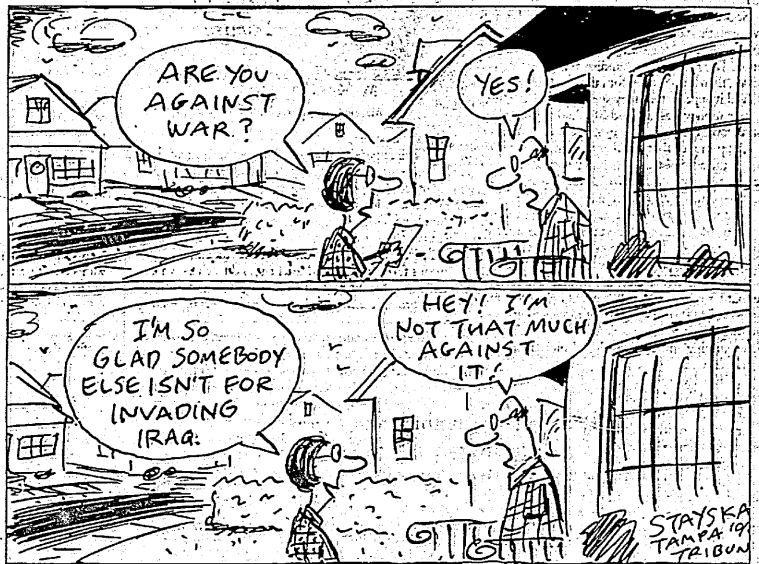
the vibrant populist was universally respected. Self-deprecating and genuinely likable, Wellstone worked to build relationships while sticking to his heartfelt beliefs and fighting good

fighters. He was the only Democrat in a competitive race to vote against war in Iraq.

"Wellstone is one of those senators who cares more about advancing principles that he hopes will some day triumph than in winning easy victories in the short run," the Almanac of American Politics said.

This time of year, as election politics grow so ugly, it's easy to become cynical and lose sight of the hours and miles politicians log. Paul Wellstone made those sacrifices tirelessly because he believed in the service part of being a public servant. It shouldn't have taken his death to remember what champions of the people politicians can be.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

The kind of campus we want to have

Seymour Bryson
associate chancellor for Diversity

I was both concerned and disappointed after I read recently about the senseless defacement of the Saluki Pride Rocks. I am concerned that in this day such a misguided mindset can still exist on a campus that prides itself on being inclusive and disappointed that we have to publicly discourage such actions as those by the individuals who painted the hateful slur on the rocks.

Most of us here at Southern Illinois University Carbondale are committed to the goal of having a University at which all students, employees and visitors feel welcome, wanted and appreciated. That is the kind of campus we want to develop and maintain.

Unfortunately, there sometimes appears to be a few who feel it is OK to exclude some others from the privileges and protections that all of us should enjoy. These individuals carry exclusivity as their banner. Bigotry, prejudice and discrimination are their catchwords. If you are different from them, you are not equal to them in their eyes. Different means "less" to them; different means fair game for attack.

Those people are wrong. The actions they took against the Saluki Rainbow Network were actions against all of us who believe in inclusiveness, fairness and equal opportunity and protection under the law. Their behavior was unacceptable and inappropriate. It is inconsistent with and contrary to the stated values and beliefs of this University, where our nondiscrimination policy includes sexual orientation among its protected categories.

Their behavior also is repugnant, distasteful and offensive. What it is not is representative of the majority here at SIUC. Members of the Saluki Rainbow Network should be reassured that whoever painted the slur on the rocks represents only something very small — small minds that make up only a tiny portion of our community.

I want to encourage members of the SIUC community to take this behavior seriously and to take steps to ensure that all students and staff are made to feel that SIUC is a safe and secure environment and is committed to helping them achieve and reach their full potential and to pursue and accomplish their personal and professional goals.

Thank you.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

By Michael Collins
Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE) — When I was young, like Ralphie from "A Christmas Story," I became something of a connoisseur of soap. My mouth often got me into trouble (I like to think that I inherited this trait from my mother, and she agrees). In our society, we have words that we have decided are "bad." Comedian George Carlin often talks about the "Seven words you can't say on TV." But yours aren't good or bad by themselves. They only hold the meaning we ascribe to them.

All through our school years, we were admonished for using the "F-word," the "S-word" and the whole range of profanity. When we asked why we shouldn't use those words, we

were usually given some vague answer resembling "because I said so." Yet, we all learn these words early, either from our parents or our friends, or sometimes from television. These words are an integral part of our language, no matter how taboo they may be.

It is completely illogical to try to block words from the English language. Who has the authority to designate which words are bad and which ones are good? Out of the millions of words in the English language, the words that comprise the group we call profanity are among the few that nearly everyone knows and understands.

Few other words convey the same level of emotion as yelling the "F-word" when you smash your thumb with a hammer. "Damn" just doesn't have the same effect. We have developed all sorts of euphemisms for these words that, while we know what words they are replacing, just sound

silly. If you don't believe me, well damn you to heck.

The idea that someone else has the authority to tell me what words I can use and what words I cannot is completely preposterous. No words should ever be banned. To ban words is to attempt to censor thought. But that attempt is doomed to failure. If we stop using these words, others will develop in their place.

I propose we create a new swear word. This word will be "Flevar" and will be a multi-purpose word that will fill in for any of the words we are now not allowed to use. Flevar will be a versatile word. It can be used as a noun, adjective, verb, preposition or any other part of speech. It can even be used as a complete sentence all by itself. Now who is going to prevent my use of such a versatile word?

But if we must choose some words as "bad,"

why don't we choose words that actually hurt people? After all, who ever got hurt by being called an a? When people call us names, we like to pretend that they can't hurt. But when these words are repeatedly used to put down an entire class of people, they become bullets that can slowly destroy a person's psyche.

Words by themselves are neither good nor bad. It is the intent a person places on these words that makes them harmful. No matter how many words we try to keep our censors from saying, they will continue to use them. If by some bizarre chance we could eliminate these words from our language, new ones would rise to replace them. So use them, as often as you like, and don't let anyone tell you they are wrong.

Michael's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

COLUMNIST

SIU's priorities

As the old saying goes, "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach."

Those who can't do either become administrators at SIU.

Negotiations between administrators and faculty have recently stalled. Actually, this is not entirely accurate — they have been derailed by the administration. The faculty is demanding far too much, and besides, there's no money for raises.

And it appears that they speak the truth. After all, state money was cut, and SIU had to raise tuition just to cover the costs. The greedy teachers want to snatch up money that just doesn't exist.

But the administration is not exactly standing on the corner, pockets turned inside out, asking, "Brother, can you spare a dime?"

On the contrary, they've managed to find the financial wherewithal to hire three new administrators... at a combined \$67,000 above the national average for those positions.

Meanwhile, SIU faculty is compensated (and I use that term loosely) at 28 percent below national norms. \$67,000 is a large sum of money to waste on three administrators, but it pales in comparison to the astounding amount that the administration squanders yearly.

The Faculty Association calculates that SIU's cost of central administration exceeds that of peer universities by nearly \$40 million dollars. Administration is, of course, essential to the functions of the University. After all, without all the vice chancellors, the college would be... wait, what does a vice chancellor do anyway?

A University is not a set of buildings or a group of bureaucrats. It is shared knowledge; a university is the give and take of ideas between teachers and students. Without teachers, the University cannot exist.

Without administrators, let's face it: No one would notice for at least a couple of months.

It is an outrageous injustice to the students of this University to spend lavishly on the administration and to shortchange the faculty. The Faculty Association calls it a matter of priorities. Some might call it a crime against the students of SIU and the taxpayers of Illinois.

The \$40 million being wasted on excessive administrative costs are dollars that come from our pockets. Don't students and taxpayers have a right to demand that this money be used for its intended purpose, education?

Undergraduate Student Government seems to think so. USG passed a resolution supporting the faculty's attempt to secure economic justice. The administration has refused to listen, so a mediator has been called in to iron out the differences and hopefully prevent a strike. No one wants a strike, and none of all the students. A strike will disrupt many students' graduation plans, and students will be justifiably angry if and

There is nothing an administration fears more than democracy



Free Thought Forum

BY MARC TORNEY
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when one occurs.

Their anger should not be directed at those with picket signs, however, but at those who left the faculty no other choice but to strike.

Faculty demands are not purely financial. The trend at SIU has been toward fewer and fewer full (tenured) professors. This means, along with substantially less pay, less job security. For the student, this means fewer experienced teachers, and teachers who, out of fear for their job, are less likely to be innovative or to broach controversial topics or methods of teaching.

The faculty also wishes to have a hand in choosing new hires. This seems to be a logical request.

After all, who better to choose a new professor than that professor's future peers? The administration doesn't approve of this method, however. Faculty hiring — new faculty smacks of — gasp — democracy.

There is nothing an administrator fears more than democracy. Next thing you know, someone might suggest that the students

should have a hand in making "administrative" decisions, too. Well, why not? Why shouldn't the students who attend the school and the teachers who teach there have a say in the workings of the University?

Central administration would be obsolete, which is precisely what they fear. The administration is afraid that students and taxpayers will wake up and realize that administrators, with their huge six figure salaries, are not needed — that they might realize that a University could be run democratically, without the waste of a central administration.

If the bulging and bloated top is cut from SIU, there are plenty of funds left to be used for education and fair salaries.

Administrators are, of course, not going anywhere. They are entrenched in their positions of power and are loathe to give them up. Change is possible, however, but it needs public support; the faculty cannot stand alone. The administration needs to learn that money should go to education first.

As the Faculty Association says, it's simply a matter of priorities.

Marc is a junior in history. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Clarity for rep race

DEAR EDITOR:

While I certainly don't begrudge you your right to endorse Mike Bost for state representative, your readers deserve a bit more clarity about my own positions so they can exercise their own judgment. Your Oct. 28 editorial commended me for having innovative thinking but criticized some of my ideas as requiring "an unhealthy tax increase."

Your readers should know, however, that some of my ideas are intended to address situations that are even more "unhealthy" than my tax increase — and would benefit the taxpayer public overall. Your use of the word "unhealthy" is particularly ironic when we consider the health-care issue. My proposal for a single-payer, government-funded health care program to make access to quality health care a right for all Illinoisans would indeed require a substantial tax increase.

But overall, it would be less costly to society to enact such a program when we consider the hefty social costs of leaving 1.7 million Illinoisans without health-care coverage at all, hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans with inadequate or grossly expensive health insurance and a system in which roughly 30 percent of every health-care dollar goes to fund CEO salaries, shareholder profits, advertising and administration.

So yes, you would pay higher taxes, but most Illinoisans, employers and employees alike, would save more than the amount of the tax increase in lower health-care costs. Although no one has yet "crunched the numbers" for Illinois, a fiscal analysis of a single-payer plan in Vermont found that, overall, it would save residents \$118 million a year while providing quality health care to all. With a larger population base, there is every reason to suppose that the savings would be much higher for Illinois.

Moreover, while your editorial seems to cast me as tax-happy, the fact is that the present tax system in Illinois is manifestly unfair to lower- and middle-income taxpayers and especially to farmers and other land-owners with its over-reliance on property taxes.

Your readers deserve to know that I support a plan to enact a progressive income tax in Illinois with three tiers at 2.75 percent, 3.25 percent and 4.25 percent. Under this proposal, 60 percent of the taxpayers at the lower and middle income levels would actually pay lower taxes, while the state would have \$1 billion more per year with which to meet its obligations to the people. If you choose to label such ideas "unhealthy" or "unrealistic," that is your right. But I'm betting that most of your readers would disagree with that assessment.

Rich Whitney
Green Party candidate

Think of students

DEAR EDITOR:

As first year SIUC students, there is a general feeling of disappointment in regards to the faculty association's intent to strike. Choosing this University had a great deal to do with the good reputation of SIUC's staff.

We would like to first point out that aren't teachers/professors generally in this field to educate the next generation to be running this country, not to make over 60,000 dollars a year? We would hope that your first priority would be the students. You've clearly shown with your ad taken out in the Daily Egyptian on Oct. 30, 2002, that is not the case. Your main point is that you as teachers/professors get paid significantly less than other Illinois universities.

The counter to that is that it costs significantly less to live here in Southern Illinois, rather than in the northern parts of the state. With the recent budget crisis, it almost seems ludicrous to ask for a 21 percent increase in pay. The University is about the students, and it is us who are feeling the stress of these recent cuts. If worse comes to worst, we ask you to think about us, the students, who simply come here for an education.

*freshman
Kelli Kemper, journalism
Janice Haggie, undeclared
Marquitta Tison, political science
Ashana Willington, child psychology
Juana Serrano, early childhood education*

Students concerned for pending strike

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing on behalf of a group of students concerned about the pending strike. Throughout the past few weeks we have been informed of the situations with the faculty and staff and the consequences this strike may cause. This not only puts the students' education in jeopardy, but also the University's reputation as a whole.

What we are most worried about is the loss of our money, the making up of our credit hours and how this issue would be resolved. If it is a mild strike, that means we will have to make up the hours over our winter break. That's bull, because some people actually have plans and can't fit that into their holiday schedule. We didn't plan for this, so why should we sacrifice our time that we planned to spend with our family and friends?

So let's pretend that the worst-case scenario has happened. Our classes could be canceled for the semester and all of our hard work, countless essays and assignments and endless hours of studying would mean nothing. That would also mean that our money would be gone.

I personally have to pay my own way. I have no help through mommy and daddy, just through loans. If the semester gets canceled, I will have wasted my hard-earned savings, and I'd be in debt from the loans that were taken out for nothing.

They say that professors are extraordinarily smart and care about the students over anything else. Yeah, right; if they really cared for us, they would have resolved this whole fiasco during the summer so 25,000 students' educations wouldn't be at stake. This shows that these professors really care about money!

Michelle O'Reilly
freshman, radio-television

COLUMNIST

Let's set aside anger and make peace

My neighbors have these dogs, these German Shepherds, these great big things. My father-in-law was almost attacked by them the first week we moved into our house. Luckily, he was mowing the lawn and was able to defend himself with the lawnmower. Since then, police have been called, arguments have occurred, fences have been priced and children (ours) have been kept inside all summer. My husband and I have tried to talk to the owner, and he will not budge. He won't build his own fence and will not use a leash. We are outside city limits, and there is no law requiring any effort from him where we live. It is maddening, very maddening.

I am a woman, I don't believe in cruelty to animals, I am a bleeding heart liberal (and I would like to know when having compassion for others became such a negative thing) and I would like to live in peace with all people and things. The truth is, right now, I don't want to invite these people over to my house, serve them

dinner and politely request a reasonable solution to our shared problem. I don't care about diplomacy at all. Every night when I come home, I make sure that my headlights are shining in their windows, and then I jack it up to the brights and leave it on as long as I can. I have searched the Internet for cruel and embarrassing ways to keep the dogs off my property (motion detecting water sprayers are the current favorite), and on my worst days I want to go out and buy a handgun and shoot both of those dogs dead in front of their owners.

This is the nature of the human mind, and I can accept that. I can accept George W. Bush and his bloodlist. Saddam is the bad guy, we are the good guys, and he's not playing fair. We have



Fearless Ponderings

BY ABIGAIL WHEATLEY
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dogs and the neighbor is standing and looking at me in Hollywood villain "foiled again" disbelief and I am feeling totally cool, I have to remember that these dogs have done nothing to me. They have acted the way that their nature mandates, and besides that they are innocent, as innocent as my children and the children of mothers just like me living in Iraq. They will be the ones to die, the ones who have to make the sacrifices,

the ones who will have to live in fear.

I hope that our president is able to set aside his anger and his bloodlust long enough to think of the children wanting to grow up and go to school, of the teen-agers thinking only of love and graduation, and of the parents just trying to do right by their country and make a life for their family. I cannot support this war, and I plead with our president to put himself in check, as hard as it is, and try to find another solution, however hard that might be; it's worth the frustration and the loss of dignity if the innocent life of one child is spared, and maybe we could all live with our God given right to feel safe.

And if my neighbor is reading this, you know who you are — email me and we'll do lunch and get this thing figured out.

Abigail is a sophomore in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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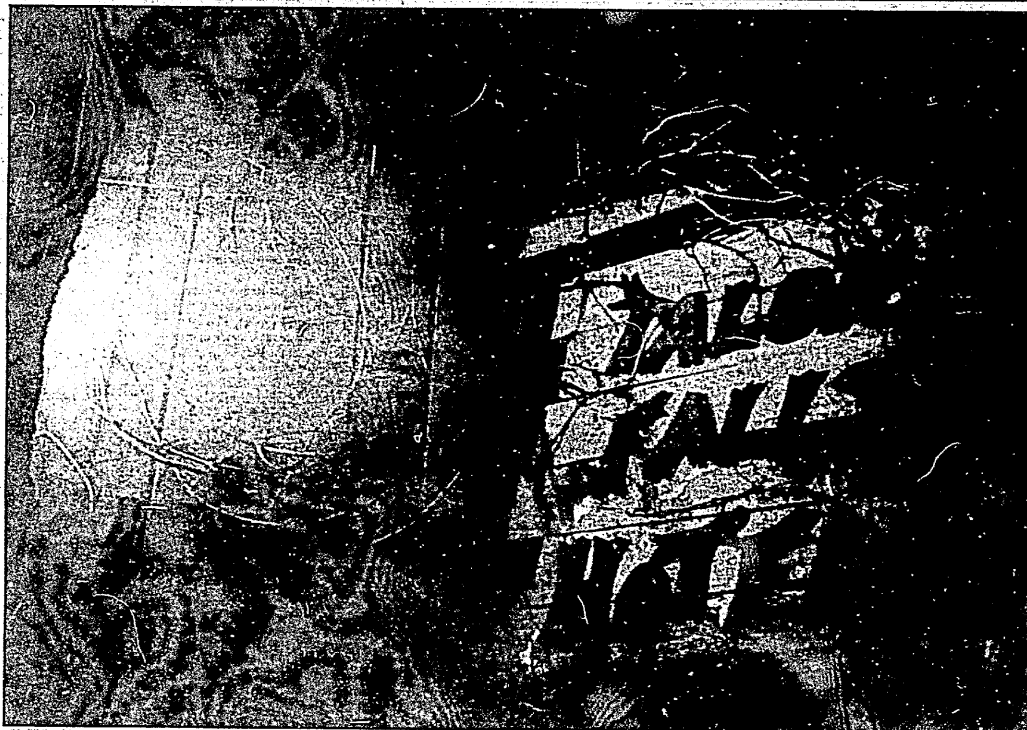


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TERROR in TALON FALLS

Halloween has passed, but Ellie May Stonewall still lingers, scaring visitors in the forested woods of Talon Falls Screampark.

STORY BY SAMANTHA EDMONDSON • PHOTOS BY RONDA YEAGER

PADUCAH, Ky.—I hope I don't pee my pants.

That thought rushed into my mind as I pressed my face against the rain spotted window of my friend's blue '88 Oldsmobile Royal, gazing at the sign that read: "Haunted Screampark."

Car tires squealed slightly as we made a sharp left-hand turn into the West Kentucky Tech College parking lot in Paducah, Ky., Friday night.

Anticipation bubbled in my stomach as we found a place to park. Although the urge to pee had increased, I now heard a little girl's voice

sing in my head, "Ellie May, go away."

The song was part of a radio advertisement that told of Ellie May Stonewall, once believed to have killed people missing from the small forest town of Talon Falls back in 1939—not too far away.

The short, two-minute plug encouraged me to invite my friends not just to visit the screampark, but also to discover the mystery behind Talon Falls.

Curiosity struck all five of us as well as many others waiting in line for the next bus to take us



Jasmine Tinsley, 13, waits patiently for fellow vampire Alexandra Bornt, both of Paducah, Ky., to apply her oozing blood.

to our doom: We heard there was an hour wait from others standing by.

This wouldn't have surprised me, since the fourth-annual event has grown from its original 5,000 to an expected 11,000 to 12,000 guests this year, according to Gage, the Talon Falls director and scriptwriter.

The crowd of about 60 looked past the ticket booth and saw a large, metro-style bus approach. A blue light guided the vehicle as it stopped quickly before the jittery group.

The door hissed open, and out marched a drill sergeant who immediately put a bullhorn to his blackened face.

Yelling in true military fashion, he hustled 50 of us tightly onto the bus, pushing the five of us clear to the back. I sat down in the corner next to fellow SIUC students and alumni who had been to the screampark last year.

We left the parking lot and the blue light dimmed, but laughter erupted from those representing Carbondale when the sergeant reminded everyone not to run over the small children.

One of the male students said he was scared last year and was eager to see what the theme was for this year.

Before the four themes of the screampark were ever released to the public, Gage and his friend Todd Ferren had thought the numerous theme park structures within Ferren's outdoor photography studio would be ideal for a haunted attraction.

About five years ago, Ferren contacted his pal Gage in Orlando, Fla., to use his creativity in

creating the script and backdrop for the haunted site.

"I checked the place out and got some thoughts together," Gage said. "There was a little village, the butcher shop, courthouse, seamstress, and I thought it could have a history—that kind of feel."

The bouncing from the bus finally stopped in front of Ferren's home and outdoor photography studio. My bladder was holding on, but there was not time to duck behind one of many trees.

I followed my friends out in front of a large wooden structure with televisions in front. There were quite a few people about 200 yards ahead waiting in line.

But another screampark screamed at us to line up in three single file lines. I quickly grabbed the back of my friend's shirt and did not let go.

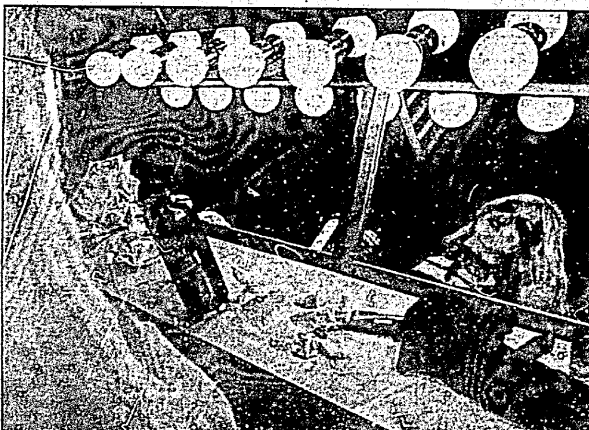
The headlights faded as it took another group of visitors back to the lot and we were left—the 50 of us abandoned outside Talon Falls.

After a few quick scares, we got in line and my friend Jessica yelled to wait for them as we proceeded in front of the three large televisions.

Local news celebrities told the story of Ellie May Stonewall and how they have tried to

If you dare

Talon Falls Haunted Screampark is located in Paducah, Ky., and will run both tonight and Saturday. The first bus leaves at dusk. See www.toddfarren.com



Talon Falls Hotel greeter Brooke Brookling of Kevil, Ky., adjusts her wig in the actor's studio prior to the guests' arrival on Wednesday evening.



An oversized thorny troll, played by Brandon Walter, 18, of Paducah, Ky., waits among fellow monsters in the break area outside of Talon Falls Haunted Screampark prior to scaring guests Wednesday night.

TERROR

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investigate the mysterious deaths, particularly what happened to the people of Talon Falls. As the newscast continued, screams erupted every minute from the outdoor park. The 90 volunteer monsters must have been out in full force that night.

Then a different sound came from behind a jeep parked near the entrance: a chainsaw revving. Soon after, I saw a helpless girl run right into a fence as a Talon Falls citizen chased her out of town.

We laughed, but not for long. It was our turn.

I handed the lady my ticket, one that will help contribute about \$10,000 toward Childwatch, an advocacy group to protect abused children, and the local Crimestoppers.

Luckily, all the Salukis stuck together, and the 10 of us gathered in a small wooden shed, where an older man smiled at our arrival.

My friend Krisy didn't want to look at him as he told the tale of Ellie May and what could have happened to the town. One girl was geared up with a "scream cam" and we were on our way.

I pushed Jen ahead of me as we all linked arms and entered the outskirts of Talon Falls.

The beaten path curved out to a mainstreet area, which seemed to be haunted with the darkest of demons.

Pants check No. 1 am OK, but not for long.

A troll-looking creature jumped out from behind a tree and I nearly fell down. My

friends laughed, but soon random monsters and townspeople, who growled in their ears, also scared them.

We walked by houses, through hotels in dark mazes and vampire's lairs. As I approached a butcher shop and entered, dead bodies hung from the ceiling.

I nearly lost it when one bag began to move.

I endured about 30 minutes of pure torture on my ego, my body and my bladder.

I had touched foul things on the walls. I had almost hurled as a man, whose head was sitting in a cauldron, talked to us. I could not breathe once Ellie May lured us into her backyard.

But the end finally came, and we were back where we started. The mystery of this year's character, Ellie May, who was made a hit last year by volunteer Donna Turner, was not solved.

Next year's theme is unknown, but the television news crew will be there, the elite tree-men monsters will remain to frighten the daylight out of visitors and children will still sing about the chilling Ellie May Stonewall.

The next bus approached the screampark and flashed its headlights toward our group. The five of us talked and listened to others about scary moments and when the next time they would return would be.

We lined up for the bus, eager to get back to our car. Jen turned to me and asked if I peed my pants.

I felt like I had to double check, but I was OK.

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RESOLUTION

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opinions," said Robinson.

Once the matter was opened up for senatorial debate, Senator Mary Wallace spoke in support of the resolution, citing the history of the United States to "oppress what we don't like."

"It's pathetic how many times politicians shy away from issues such as war in this country," said Wallace. "It's time for us to take a stand."

Speakers urged USG to look at the facts and represent what their constituency wants without getting emotional about the issue.

Senator David Campbell and George Robinson, the Chairperson Pro-Temp of the Internal Affairs Committee, spoke out against the resolution.

Campbell said he thinks the U.S. needs to get rid of Sadaam Hussein's

regime. "His kids make Sadaam look like Gandhi," he said.

Robinson felt the bill had an anti-military tone and did not focus on the issue. He said the U.S. is not raging a war against the people of Iraq, but against the dictator and his regime.

He supported the goal of the document, but felt it was too far off the mark. He urged USG to revise the bill and create a "meaningful document."

Jennifer Killham, who spoke at the meeting, was very disappointed in the outcome. She also stated on behalf of the students who came to speak, "We were all very disappointed in the lack of consideration shown to us by the Senators."

She stated her disapproval of Senators walking around during the meeting, leaving early, and a few who appeared to be sleeping.

Two new senators were elected during the meeting. David Campbell, a junior in management, was elected to the

College of Business Administration. Summer Edmonson, a sophomore majoring in political science, was elected to the College of Liberal Arts.

Morteza Daneshdoost, the President of the Faculty Association, addressed the senators to alert them to the picketing and possible strike that will occur if salary negotiations are not successful. He urged the senators, as student leaders, to take an active role to show their support.

The following bills to fund RSO events were also passed during the meeting:

• God's Love Banquet hosted by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

• Comedy Show hosted by the Urban Congress.

• Halloween Bowling hosted by the International Student Council and the Saluki Rainbow Network.

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and his opponent's proposal of using forfeitures for funds would not work.

"These guys are living cook to cook," Kilquist said. "Whatever they're making, they're eating, and whatever they're not eating, they're selling to make more product for more cook."

Kilquist said there is no free lunch in terms of grant money. He said free grants are few and far between, and the ones the department gets can end up costing more than what was given. He said a grant will often require either some matching funds or

department will have to continue the funds after the grant runs out.

Kilquist said he has been giving back to the county by holding blood drives at court houses, serving on mental health boards, working for cancer, heart association and Alzheimer's disease fundraisers, and "providing D.A.R.E. classes for schools. He said there is a lot more to the job than solving crime or sitting behind a desk.

"I'm trying to leave more than I've taken," Kilquist said. "There's a whole lot more than a paycheck in this job for me."

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GDP indicates trouble ahead for economy

Ken Moritsugu Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Every time the U.S. economy seems to be picking up, it loses momentum.

It grew at a respectable 3.1 percent annual rate this summer, the federal government reported Thursday, but other indicators say the recovery is petering out again this fall.

The problem? Persistently weak business spending on new equipment and facilities. Strong consumer spending has kept the economy afloat, but it's not enough to sustain a healthy growth rate over time.

For that, business also has to spend. Companies are reluctant to invest for several reasons.

Many overbuilt during the 1990s boom, so they already have too much production capacity. Their profits remain weak, so they are focused on cutting costs. Stock market uncertainty and a possible war with Iraq cloud the economic outlook, so many have adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

The Federal Reserve is virtually powerless to deal with this situation. The central bank promotes growth by lowering interest rates, which encourages businesses and consumers to spend by reducing their borrowing costs. The Fed may cut its benchmark short-term interest rate next Wednesday. But lower rates will do little to address the causes of flat business spending.

PROTEST

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Sieth said that although she is a pretty cheap traveler, she spent her entire \$80 paycheck on the trip. Still, she said it was well worth the money.

Folder agrees. "I would have spent way more — as much as it cost to be there," Folder said. "It was totally worth it. In fact, it was priceless."

They said that although there were protests closer, such as one in Chicago, they had to go to Washington D.C.

"This was an international thing," said Will Bowling, a sophomore from Libertyville studying speech communication. "On Saturday, Oct. 26, people protested all over the world. But we went to D.C., because D.C. was 'the protest.'"

place in Washington D.C., but the president didn't attend. In fact, he wasn't even on Capitol Hill. President George Bush was in Mexico last Saturday, but Bowling is still convinced Bush got the message.

"He had to have heard us," Bowling said. "There were 200,000 people yelling, so how could he not have heard our voices? He heard them, all the way to Mexico."

The group said they couldn't help but talk about politics during most of the trip.

All claiming third party preferences, they said they are disappointed in the American government and its position on world affairs.

"We [Americans] say we want to liberate people, but once we liberate them, we leave them worse than they were when they started," said Folder. "And the American people think that is liberating."

Folder said she knows that protesting against the war doesn't guarantee that it will not happen, but she said she has changed at least one person's mind by educating them on the issues.

And that is enough, the protesters said.

"We are all level-headed people," said Bowling. "We know it might change the world, but even the smallest headline in the news might get some attention."

They said if the demonstrations that took place last Saturday don't prove to be successful, it doesn't mean they have lost the battle. It only means they have more work to do.

"If we do go to war with Iraq, we will go back," Bowling said. "And we will yell three times as loud."

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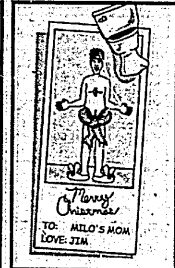


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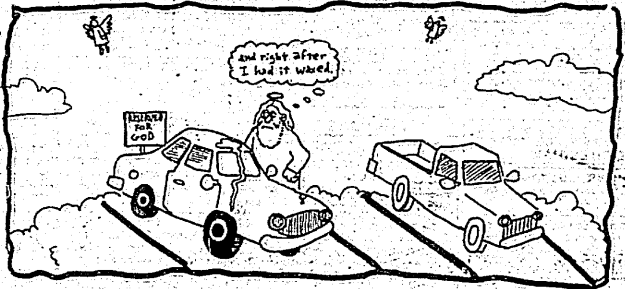
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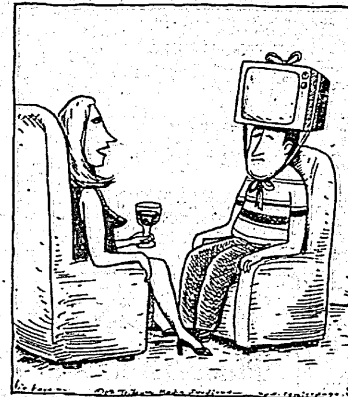
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 1). You're even smarter than usual this year, and especially cute, too. You'll have plenty of friends who want to help with whatever you have in mind. Don't rely on them too heavily, though, that could turn out to be too expensive.

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 5 - You can get through the tough parts of today by scheming out tomorrow's fun. If you don't have a date, ask friends to set you up. It'll work out well.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Don't make any major decisions now. Too many things are changing. Go with the flow or just stay out of the way until things settle down on around Monday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 4 - Proceed with caution in a changing environment. Don't assume things will go as they always have - the odds are against it. And watch out for somebody who isn't playing by the rules.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You're pretty good at getting around regulations. You're also good at obeying them when there's no alternative. The latter is most likely the case now, so don't waste a lot of time arguing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is a 5 - A long conversation leads to surprises and helps you both understand what changes need to be made. If you know something was wrong but didn't know what, now is the time to find out.

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SIU cross country hopes for turnaround in Terre Haute

Giat leads Salukis at MVC cross country championships

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

It is not as bad as covering the walls in bats and bulls wallpaper and going way overboard with the sports theme in an anticipated baby boy's nursery and then having a gut, but the season so far is not what the SIU cross country team expected.

The Salukis thought they had a realistic shot to place in the top three in

conference entering the season, but when the coaches made predictions last week for the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which will take place Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind., SIU was projected to finish seventh. Illinois State is picked to take first with Drake coming in at second.

"There is a bad taste in my mouth," said sophomore Eli Baker. "We haven't put together one good race where everyone has run well. So if we could do that, we could leave the season feeling much better about ourselves."

The biggest problem SIU has is its deficiency in number, with just six run-

ners on the squad. Head coach Matt McClelland said the low numbers haven't hurt the Salukis in races because only the top five finishers are scored, but it has deprived them in practice where they'd prefer to have more than 10 runners.

Junior Doron Giat's performance this season has helped carry SIU, and he has himself set up for a high placing at the championships.

"Every day I am thinking about the race," said Giat, who was named MVC Male Cross Country Runner of Week three times this season. "This is one of the last races and is the most important."

Giat recorded his top time of 25 minutes, 14 seconds in the eight-kilometer run on the same course where he will be running Saturday.

The Israeli native placed fifth at last year's conference meet, three places behind Goy, who took second. While Goy is the clear favorite, McClelland thinks his star runner has a legitimate shot at the title.

"He can do what he wants with this meet," McClelland said. "If he wants to go win this race and run hard enough, then he could win it. And I know he does."

The Salukis' original plan of a top-three finish would be more than satisfactory for McClelland.

"Man, I tell you what, if we could finish top three in this conference, we would be ecstatic,"

"If we look in the mirror and run our best, we will be okay."

Matt McClelland, head coach, SIU men's cross country. McClelland said, "If we look in the mirror and run our best, we will be okay."

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The Missouri Valley Conference Championships will take place Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind.

Week 8

Daily Egyptian Sports staff predictions



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Minnesota at Ohio State	Minnesota	Ohio State	Minnesota	Ohio State	Ohio State
Florida at Georgia	Georgia	Florida	Georgia	Florida	Georgia
Miami at Green Bay	Green Bay	Miami	Miami	Green Bay	Green Bay
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
Cincinnati at Houston	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Houston
Last week's record:	(4-2)	(2-4)	(2-4)	(4-2)	(3-3)
Season record:	(25-23)	(22-26)	(31-17)	(27-21)	(22-26)

FOOTBALL

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Jones said that while everyone needs to step up to keep the Salukis moving along, a lot of that weight is going to land on Sambursky's shoulders.

Kill said after the loss that this week would be a sign of whether or not the coaching staff could coach and it was crucial to get the players ready to play the final three weeks of the season.


"We've had a pretty consistent attitude, the coaching staff, since we've been here, and we haven't

changed anything," Kill said. "We came out to practice clapping our hands, coaching, teaching, and we haven't changed anything."

Like his coaches, Kill said his players have also acted as if nothing was out of the ordinary and worked hard to get the job done on Saturday.

"We've just come out with the working man's attitude and just going to work and just keep trucking along," Kill said. "That's all we can do."

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CREGLOW

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Claret and knock him out with the ether. If that doesn't work, he will be really euphoric and will laugh a lot and say and see funny things, but ignore him when that happens. Dangit, we have a mission at hand here people.

And I hope those with me bring a hammer or mallet to knock him out cold. Mind you that he is rather large and his legs are the size of keys, and all I will be able to do is bite his ankles a bit, and my halitosis won't be any use since his ankles don't have an olfactory nerve.

But keep in mind to be gentle; this man-child is our season here. Once he is out, we will bring in "spooks" to brainwash him to think that he has always played for SIU, we will dye his hair blonde and give him another name, like Pete. Pete is the least suspicious name possible — trust me.

Now, if this doesn't work, and I get the inauspicious feeling that I am the only one here who would be prepared to go through with this, then we have to buy a player.

This won't be cheap, I warn you, so we need to come up with a quick fund-raiser to get the Benjamins. Car washes, walk-a-thons and auctions won't work; therefore, we must go for the gold — Krispy Kremes. But these will cause our campus to fatten up, so finding another campus is a must.

Illinois State is my choice. They are always so proud of having some amazing male-to-female ratio, and they have it way too easy, so it is very well deserved. While that goes on, I will pimp my body off to the highest bidder, which will come in handy for an eighth of a tank of gas or a pack of Wrigley's gum, the large pack — I have some self-esteem.

Once enough cash is in hand, we will purchase some mercenary running back to make our option run again like a four-legged dog racing in a special Olympic race for dogs. It won't be fair.

And the perfect running back to do this deed is former Bears standout Curtis Enis.

Joke. But one runner I have in mind is former Olympian Maurice Green.

Now, he doesn't have the world record anymore, but still, he is as fast as a man running to the bathroom after eating six plates at a Chinese buffet. And he is cut like a dehydrated lioness.

He has nothing better to do anyway, since he lost his record. It would be wrong of us not to offer this deal to him and let him wallow in self-pity.

If these both fall through, then there is one last option: Line up four receivers and run and gun.

The option is a fun thing to watch, but these are wins we need and Joel Sambursky has been efficient, to say the least, when he has had the opportunity to throw.

SPORTSFLASH

Women's golf places 16th in last event of fall

The SIU women's golf team finished 16th at the Rainbow Wahine Classic Wednesday. The Salukis posted a three-round score of 943 to wrap up the fall golf season.

California won the event with a score of 870. The Bears were joined in the top four by UCLA (888), Stanford (893) and New Mexico (898).

Junior Megan Taroly shot a 231 and tied for 37th place. Amy Rankin shot a 238 and finished tied for 61st.

Stefanie Pate (240), Abigail Johnson (240) and Tiffany Fritsche (242) rounded out the Salukis' top five.

Also, the defense will have to spread out to cover the massive amount of receivers, which will allow Sambursky, who was clocked at 4.5 in the 40-meter dash, to show some moves.

He has the ability to run and also has the advantage of having long hair, which swings to the opposite direction of where he is cutting. This would easily throw off defenders and make them look foolish after being juked by his brown locks.

If none of these ideas work, then, well, crap. But let's hope they do.

The sport season for football fans was looking awesome at one point when the Bears were 2-0 and SIU was turning a 180 from the previous, um ... 15 seasons. This is beginning to get depressing and head coach Jerry Kill will have to act like Anna Nicole Smith and take massive amounts of Prozac and other happy pills.

If all these "radical" ideas don't pan out, then as students and supporters of the football team for three weeks — don't be fair weather like Rams fans — we must do whatever it takes to get this turned around so at least the team will have a good taste in its mouth for next year. Give them a hug and tell them how much you care, write a card, send a video (clean) showing your support. The other video goes to me.

Yes, basketball is right around the corner, and one could easily give up on the boys on the gridiron, but spring is a lot more boring when one can't look forward to football.

Zack Creglow is a freshman in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

SIU volleyball hits the road for final road swing of season

With a victory or an Indiana State loss, the Salukis clinch first MVC tournament berth since 1998

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

This weekend could have several milestones in store for the SIU volleyball team.

With an SIU win over either Bradley or Northern Iowa or an Indiana State loss to Illinois State, the Salukis will clinch their first berth to the Missouri Valley Conference tournament since 1998.

None of the players currently on the Salukis' roster has ever been to the tournament, but as far as they are concerned, they are already in.

"I feel like it's already sealed, to be honest with you," said senior middle blocker Lindsey Schultz. "I know one more win would really seal it, but it seems like it's already sealed. We've just got to keep doing what we're doing and get our job done."

Another milestone within striking distance is senior outside hitter Kristie Kemner needing just 24 more kills to own the SIU all-time kills record.

Kemner knows the team needs to play well for her to have a shot at the mark, and while she preferred to break the mark in front of the fans at Davies Gymnasium, she just wants to get it out of the way so that there are no more distractions for the Salukis' stretch run. "I'd like to do it at home, but I'm not

waiting it out any longer," Kemner said. "I'm going to break it, and let's get it over with."

For the Salukis (18-7, 9-4 MVC) to clinch a postseason berth, they will need to go through two of the top teams in the conference — Northern Iowa and Bradley.

In the final road trip of the season for SIU, the team travels to Peoria to face the Braves Friday night before turning north and going to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take on the cream of the MVC crop in the Panthers.

Northern Iowa, the No. 8-ranked team in the nation, has lost just twice this season and stands tied with Southwest Missouri State atop the MVC standings with an 11-1 conference record.

The lone team to beat the Panthers (22-2) is SIU's Friday night opponent, Bradley (16-6, 9-3 MVC).

"It is the toughest back-to-back weekend that we face in the conference," said SIU head coach Sonya Locke. "We just know that it's going to be a tough weekend ... our job is to put forth our best effort when we're at their places and that could result in a win."

"If we do anything less than that, it won't result in a win."

When SIU went up against the two teams earlier in the season, the Panthers swept the Salukis, but SIU gutted out a five-match win over the Braves.

Bradley currently sits just above SIU in the conference standings, with the two teams ranked No. 3 and No. 4 in the MVC, making Friday's match an important one in terms of conference seeding.

Kemner said that in the last meeting

between the two teams, the Salukis won because they played better defense than the Braves and that is what they'll have to do again on Friday.

"We were watching film downstairs and the biggest key to that game, why they lost, is they didn't come up with the big digs," Kemner said. "I think defense is going to have to be the biggest key to winning that game."

It is imperative that the Salukis jump out to a quick start against both the Braves and Panthers.

For the season, SIU is 17-1 in matches where it wins game one and just 1-6 when it falls in the first game.

"When we play a team like Northern Iowa and we have the opportunity to get them down, it's fun," Schultz said. "It's an ego boost for you. Put a damper on their fire and especially when they have such a strong winning streak at home."

For seniors Kemner, Schultz, Qiana Nelson, Tara Cains, Yoko Hattori and Amber Britton and fourth-year juniors Britten Follett and Kelly Harman, the chance to go to the MVC tournament is something they have worked toward for the past four years.

Kemner said it might have been a long time coming, but she'll happily take it.

"Maybe just the first three years it wasn't our turn to get into the tournament," Kemner said. "I'd rather have it now than never, so who cares about the past three years. It's now that we have to worry about and [the feeling] is great."

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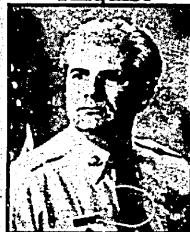
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SIU heads to Ohio without Mo

Salukis take on Youngstown State for final road tilt of season

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

When SIU football head coach Jerry Kill planned out this season's schedule in February, he had one team in mind — Youngstown State.

He set out to mimic the success of the Penguins by forming a schedule similar to the one they have used for years. So far the approach seems to be paying off for the Salukis.

SIU (4-5, 2-2 Gateway) has already quadrupled its win total from a year ago and has begun a turnaround that is still a work in progress.

Now the Dawgs will have the chance to gauge their development when they travel to Youngstown, Ohio, to take on the Penguins at 3 p.m. Saturday in Stambaugh Stadium.

Kill said he was looking forward to facing off

against Youngstown (4-4, 2-3), a team with plenty of tradition. The Penguins made it to the Division I-AA national championship game six times between 1991 to 1999 and won the title four times.

Youngstown also has had the top attendance in the Gateway since joining the conference in 1997. The Penguins have averaged 16,755 fans at Stambaugh during the past six years.

"I think we're a lot better football team than we were a year ago, and we're improving," Kill said. "It's good to go up to Youngstown State. I've never played up there. I've practiced up there in front of 15,000 to 20,000 people in a big-time stadium. You get around that aura and the national championships and all the things that they've done."

Making it even tougher for the Salukis this week, and the rest of the year for that matter, is the loss of superstar running back Muhammad Abdulqadir. The junior broke his thumb on SIU's first drive last week at Southwest Missouri State and is out for the remainder of the season.

Abdulqadir is the second starting back to go down this season for the Dawgs. All-time leading rusher Tom Koutsos sustained a season-ending wrist injury in the third game of the year.

Before his injury, Abdulqadir had been leading all of Division I in rushing, scoring, touchdowns and "points responsible for." In his stead, Kill will be starting tailback Curtis Jones.

Jones, a 5-foot-11, 200-pound senior from Annapolis, Md., has played sparingly since transferring to SIU before last season. He has carried the ball 36 times for 192 yards and two touchdowns this season.

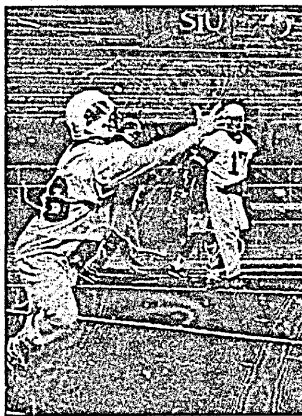
Jones, who fumbled twice against SMS, said he was nervous against the Bears after hardly playing for a year and a half. He realizes he is now the go-to-guy and will not be deterred by people comparing him to Koutsos and Abdulqadir.

"I really don't worry about the surroundings or what people think about me," Jones said. "I just play ball. I play my style and that's a grinding style of play. It's not going to be the kind of back that breaks for an 85-yard run every game."

"I'm just going to run hard every snap, and that's all I can do."

Youngstown counters with its own talented running back in senior PJ. Mays. He has rushed for 2,983 yards in nearly three years with the Penguins and will likely eclipse the 3,000-yard plateau against the Salukis — if he plays, that is.

Mays has been hampered by a knee injury and carried the ball only twice for minus-4 yards last week in a 19-0 loss at Western Illinois. It is still unclear as to whether or not Mays will play this weekend and if so, how much.



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Senior fullback Walter Buck attempts to catch a pass from redshirt freshman Stanley Bryant during practice Thursday afternoon at McAndrew Stadium.

Kill said Youngstown has made several alterations to its offense, which has made it tough to prepare for the Penguins.

"It's difficult because you don't know exactly what you're going to get," Kill said. "Youngstown's run every offensive formation in football right now. They've done a ton of things, different formations, different sets. It's not the typical Youngstown team you've seen."

Mays' injury is just one reason the Penguins are struggling this year. Youngstown has already lost three conference games this year, something it had never done during its first five seasons in the Gateway. The team is also on pace to have its worst season since 1998 when it finished the year 6-5.

Kill, however, is not taking for granted the Penguins' less-than-stellar record. He said Youngstown is still a team to be reckoned with, even if it isn't challenging for a national championship this year.

"They're playing as good as they ever have on defense," Kill said. "Offensively they've struggled, but they've had injuries very similar to us. They're still a good football team and a good football program."

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COMMENTARY



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Whatever it takes

If there is an injury bug, then someone needs to take a hammer and beat it until its guts explode.

No, better yet. We should make it suffer and take its six or whatever amount of legs the pest has and pull them off one by one and pour salt on the wounds until it begs for mercy, and then we smile at the merciless arthropod and kill it.

I am not trying to be sadistic, but the bug has practically killed the SIU football team's season. Why shouldn't we get payback?

Losing "Touchdown Tommy" Koutsos was bad enough to stomach, but then Muhammad Abdulqadir arose from the sidelines to squirt his 5-foot-7 body around the field to possibly record the best six games in NCAA I-AA history, and the Dawgs played some amazing football.

BUIT.

This past weekend against Southwest Missouri State, Mo went down with a broken thumb and is lost for the season and the Salukis have fallen in two straight.

But have no fear — especially after losing two Payton Award candidates in the same year — because I have conjured up some ideas on how to turn the season back around, again.

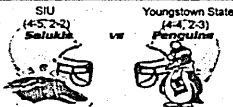
The first idea is risky and would take some ether and brave students to pull off.

I have a car, and those who are willing can ride with me to Columbus, Ohio.

When we get there, we will put on camouflage and sneak behind Ohio State freshman phenom Maurice

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Football Preview



Game time: Saturday, 3 p.m.
Location: Stambaugh Stadium
Radio: Magic 88.1 FM
Last meeting: Youngstown won 31-7 last year in Carbondale.
All-time series: Youngstown leads 8-4-1.

The Word on the Salukis: The big concern for the Salukis is how they are going to rebound after losing a star running back for the second time this season. Junior Muhammad Abdulqadir is out for the season with a broken thumb and senior Curtis Jones will be counted upon to carry the load on the ground.

The Word on the Penguins: The Penguins have their own health issues going into Saturday's game. Senior running back P.J. Mays has been hampered by a knee injury as of late and his status for the game is unknown.

Game-day tidbits: Mays, who rushed for minus-4 yards last week on two carries, has 2,983 yards for his career and could crack the 3,000-yard plateau against the Salukis. He would become the third current Gateway Conference player to crack that milestone, joining SIU's Tom Koutsos and Northern Iowa's Adam Bettman.

Bottom line: After two big wins to start the Gateway season, SIU has faded and so have its visions of the playoffs. If the Salukis want to earn a berth to the postseason, they will need to win the conference title, which means they must win their final three games to have a chance.

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Salukis moving on without their star running back

SIU football team does not stay down long, prepares to finish strong

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Following the loss of starters Tom Koutsos and Derrick Corker to season-ending injuries during the Murray State game in the third week of the season, SIU head coach Jerry Kill said that would be the most adversity the team would ever face.

He could not have possibly foreseen what the future held for his young football team, which heads to Youngstown, Ohio, this Saturday to face Gateway Conference opponent Youngstown State.

Koutsos' replacement, Muhammad Abdulqadir, burst onto the national scene and ran for over a thousand yards in just six games and was named the Gateway offensive player of the

week a record four times and national offensive player of the week four times.

Abdulqadir was leading all of Division I in rushing yards and scoring and was the front-runner for the Walter Payton Award, the Division I-AA version of the Heisman Trophy.

However, in last weekend's 38-28 loss to Southwest Missouri State, SIU's second in a row after upsetting two top-15 teams in consecutive weeks, Abdulqadir broke his thumb and joins Koutsos and Corker on the sidelines for the remainder of the season.

If Koutsos' injury took the wind out of the Salukis' sails, Abdulqadir's knocked everything else out of them.

Everything except maybe their pride.

Senior running back Curtis Jones, the Salukis' new starter, said the team realizes injuries are a part of the game and it does no good for them to sit and feel sorry about themselves.

"Everybody's upset that we had to lose two good backs, but

at the same time, the next man has to step up," Jones said.

Jones stepped into Abdulqadir's spot and racked up 88 yards rushing in his first significant action of the season. However, he had two costly fumbles, which resulted in 14 points for the Bears.

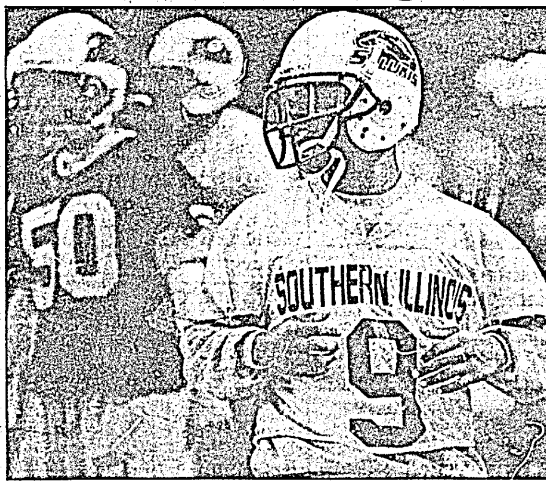
Following the game, Kill said he was worried about how his team would respond and said it was an "emotionally down team" and that the injury just blindsided the Salukis.

"Saturday we all went in shock, there's no question about that," Kill said.

"It took a little bit, but then once we got going, shoot, we got back in the ballgame and had a chance."

The main reason they stayed in the game was the play of freshman quarterback Joel Sambursky, who had one of his finer games of the season, throwing for 177 yards and two touchdowns and running for another.

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Senior running back Curtis Jones has recently moved up into the starting position for the Salukis' game against Youngstown State Saturday. Jones took over for Muhammad Abdulqadir after he broke his thumb last week.