City: Bars may get fee reduction for Halloween

By Brian T. Burton Daily Egyptian Reporter

Downtown businesses may receive a reduction in liquor license fees and could be forced to close an additional day during the 1996 Halloween weekend, city officials say.

The Carbondale City Council will vote tonight on a Liquor Advisory Board recommendation to include Halloween day in the existing liquor code for the Halloween weeks of 1996 through 1999. Halloween day was excluded in 1995 from an ordinance calling for liquor sale restrictions on South Illinois Avenue. The Liquor Advisory Board members said during the 1995 SIUC fall break, South Illinois Avenue was free of trouble, with the exception of Halloween night, because alcohol establishments on the strip were closed.

The street was closed by police on Halloween night because of parties and some crime, too. The Liquor Advisory Board recommended to ensure the ordinance is written to include Halloween day and nights for each year through 1999. If adopted, the ordinance would restrict the sale of alcohol in two gal- lion containers or larger and would close liquor establishments on South Illinois Avenue from 2 a.m. on Oct. 31 to 3 a.m. on Nov. 3, 1996.

Downtown merchants who would be affected by the restrictions wrote a letter to city officials asking that they not be required to pay liquor license fees for the next four years because of a loss of revenue during the restric-
tions. The city responded to the recommendation from the merchants by offering a 50 percent reduction of liquor license fees for the next four years.

Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIUC’s loan default rate below average

By Donita Polly DE Politics Editor

SIUC graduates are following the national and state trend of paying back student loans and keeping the University’s default rate below the national average, state and University officials say. The U.S. Department of Education reported last week that the number of college graduates who default on repaying their student loans has dropped from about 13 percent in 1992 to 11.6 percent in 1993.

Pam Britton, SIUC financial aid director, said SIUC had a 9.3 percent default rate in 1991, but that number dropped to 8.9 percent in 1993. She said the University is pleased with the rating but would like to see it drop even lower.

The Chronicle of Higher Education cited several examples of graduates who have not repaid their student loans in its March 22 issue. In the following issue, it was reported that 40 private and public colleges are now ineligible for federal student aid money because of high default rates.

Britton said new initiatives that help students manage their debt are some ways SIUC is improving its default rating. She said students who are graduating or leaving SIUC should visit the Financial Aid Office to see loans, page 6.
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World

U.N. PROPOSES CUTBACK OF 1,000 EMPLOYEES—UNITED NATIONS—Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali proposed Monday to take part in the U.N.'s plan to the U.S.-led United Nations back from the brink of financial insolvency by cutting 1,000 people from the world body's 35,000-person staff. In a budget proposal for 1996 and 1997, Boutros-Ghali said that these personnel cuts, combined with other belt-tightening measures, would save the United Nations $140 million. If the General Assembly, which meets next month, approves the U.N. fall between what the U.N. secretariat originally proposed to send to the Security Council for approval in the second year, and the $2.6 billion annual budget approved by the General Assembly. U.N. officials said earlier that the staff eventually might have to be reduced by up to 1,150 positions because of the budget crunch. But until now, Boutros-Ghali had been publicly committed to target only 200 posts for elimination.

BRITISH OFFICIALS PLANNING COW SLAUGHTER—LONDON—British agricultural officials proposed Monday a planned destruction of up to 4.5 million cattle—three-quarters of a million annually—a step to assure consumers that diseased beef is off the world's markets. They presented the plan to the European Union in a meeting in Luxembourg Monday, according to Ian Gill, vice president of Britain's National Farmers Union. An effort to obtain financial aid for the "selective slaughter" and a lifting of the EU's worldwide ban on British beef exports, EU agriculture officials said, however, that a quick end to the ban is highly unlikely. Government officials would not comment on the proposal, but it has been anticipated since March 20, when researchers sparked the "mad cow disease" scare by revealing new findings suggesting a link between it and a fatal human ailment, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease.

Nation

U.S. UNION STUGGLES WITH ORGANIZATION, IMPORTS—DETROIT—There is only one real issue on the table for the 1.6 million United Auto Worker delegates meeting here Monday to shape their union's fortunes for upcoming round of industry negotiations: labor's role in the import war. UAW membership today is approximately 800,000, just half of what it was at the start of the 1980s. Half of the current membership is employed by General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler. Much of the UAW's declining membership problems stem from its failure to organize the growing majority of the nation's auto parts suppliers and most of the "transplants," foreign automakers such as Toyota and BMW that now assemble millions of cars and trucks a year in non-union plants in the United States.

TEXAS SUFFERING FROM PROLONGED DROUGHT— AUSTIN, Texas—After nine months without substantial rain, beyond a brief, torrential deluge here and there, the farmers and ranchers of West Texas have retreated into a still-limping efficiency. Somehow, surely, it will rain again, even if only tomorrow. But the days of the once-great West Texas ranchers can longer need the cattle, and turning around this continuing nightmare that old-timers are beginning to liken to the Dust Bowl disasters of the 1930s—with bankers calling in notes and news and family farms and ranches begin to collapse. Because of the drought, the constant winds carry away the grass, clearing the land of the tender young grass plants, sweeping away $25,000 in a single field in a single afternoon blust. Stunted cattle pastures have forced ranchers to buy expensive, supplemental food for their stock, and auctioneers predict the growing, soon will have to sell off their cattle at rock-bottom prices.

Correction/Clarification

An article in the Friday, March 29 issue, "USG planning referendum on fee increases" should have read, "The budget for 1997 already has approval and will raise student fees by $5.50 for a total of $972.30." The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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Letters to the Editor

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We need to find some alternatives to traditional marriage. The nuclear family system is obviously not working for all of us. We need a more productive and nurturing alternative. Even if most of us don't outright admit to the shortcomings of our present family system, the 50 percent divorce rate indicates at least half of the persons involved in marriage have found it wanting.

Beyond the high divorce rate, our rigid family system has led to dramatic amounts of single parenting, which has been proven to be detrimental to childhood development and parent-child cohesion.

Nuclear families also seem to suffer from high rates of child abuse and family violence, and people everywhere can be heard discussing alternatives which would bring more love into our families. A broader definition of the American family certainly couldn't make things much worse than they already are.

From gay couples to polyamorous marriages, other loving and nurturing alternatives have not only been proposed but have been developed and researched, and they should be legally recognized as soon as certain special interest groups get over their moral myopia. Our failure in the tentativeness of the nuclear family is too rigid for a society of individuals who want to define their existence in their own images.

Now check out Andy Gilliespie's March 28 Letter to the Editor, titled "High school prayer." I see the same facts to support an opposite opinion. Not only is morality relative Mr. Gilliespie, but your faith is also overdefined. Nothing is true or ideal, certainly not how people love and support one another.

Spike Perkins
Graduate student, health education

Suggestion for avoiding technology

I am writing in response to Mr. Umar Rashid Jahi's letter in the March 29 Daily Egyptian. I found this letter to be unequivocally hypocritical.

After reading the letter, I looked to see what the requirements were to submit a letter to the editor. As it turns out, the letter should be typewritten, isn't using a computer or typewriter using technology?

For that matter, the letter shouldn't be written in the first place since writing is human technology. However, I was pleased to see that Mr. Jahi's field of study, cinema and photography, does not require the use of technology.

I propose that if you happen to be one of the anti-technology nays, you should:

- Leave off your technology production
- Take off your technology produced die-dyed clothes
- Drop out of school and forget how to read, write, and talk
- Give all of your technology laced money, credit cards, television, radios, computers and books to me.

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Banquet prayer upsets Atheist

One of the more nifty aspects of the United States Constitution is the separation of church and state. As a "devout" Atheist living in the Bible Belt I feel it is most aligned with. I also feel it is inappropriate to ask me to pray at a school function.

Last weekend the Department of Radio and Television decided to include a prayer at their banquet. It was simple, and seemed innocuous. It was a silent prayer beginning and ending with, "Let's pray." The prayer went:

- I can understand why many would feel this was too limited for their beliefs, even for those born in a religious household. Our entire nation has been bombarded by the majority's religion, namely Christianity. In elementary school I was taught to sing Christmas carols and dye Easter eggs. In little league and high school tennis matches the coach would or should lead a prayer. Even a good natural "Merry Christmas!" during the winter season becomes another crutch that we live in a predominantly Christian country, where it is assumed that I, like most everyone else, believe Jesus was the Messiah, or at least believe in god or higher power. I do not.

In my opinion, a university, like the constitution, should favor a specific set of religious beliefs. A state university like SIUC should not include prayer as part of a college sponsored activity. In the future I hope that school officials will remember forcing their religion on me and others like me.

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By Erik Bush
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Britton said another way the University is trying to prevent students from defaulting on their loans is by counseling students on the hazards of defaulting.

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Britton said the committee’s past experience has shown that 80 percent of those graduates eventually repay their loans.

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Scientists learn how lizards walk on water

The Washington Post

Have you ever seen one of those films of a Central American building that has lizards walking on water, their webbed legs across the surface of water and said to yourself: "Dang, how do they do that?"

In last week's issue of the journal Nature, two scientists at the Department of Integrative Biology at the University of Texas at Austin explained it is relatively simple, despite what most people think. These lizards, which weigh about three ounces, are capable of walking on water in the region of the Rio Grande and to Cambridge, Mass.

They were put through their paces in a tank of water, but the lizards were博re to simply walk on the water. It's called the "slippery walk," in which the lizard walks backwards through the water, much like a swimmer does with his hands.

The test is the "protraction," in which the foot is withdrawn into the body. The lizards contribute to the lizard's ability to move across water. The lizards were able to move across the surface of water like a swimmer.

The liquid surface offers resistance, although obviously not as much as a swimmer would feel. Instead, most of the upward force comes from the stroke phase of the lizard's leg to push it forward.

Stop-action photographs reveal that, as the lizard moves, its body, its head, its front foot, its front leg, and its back leg, all move in a series of coordinated motions, allowing it to walk on the surface of water.

The action, which occurs at a rate of about 700 per second, produces a "caviary" of air that rises over the forefoot, and a "caviary" of air that rises behind the foot, and the foot is angled forward about 30 to 50 degrees to the water's surface. The body is surrounded mostly by air, not water, so the animal can pull itself along on its webbed legs.

The sum of the forces allows lizards to move across the surface of water while keeping most of their bodies above, but their tail and hind legs just barely touch the surface. The hind legs are "downward" and the liquid would otherwise exert.

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Yeltsin's Chechnya peace plan has little effect so far

Los Angeles Times

5 MOSCOW—Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin's much-trumpeted peace plan for Chechnya failed to reap any immediate sating of the conflict Monday, when federal authorities reported a huge increase in casualties and signs that rebel fighters were poised for new attacks.

A day after Yeltsin ordered a unilateral cease-fire and partial troop withdrawal, 28 deaths and 75 injuries from overnight air attacks were reported by the Federal Army Command in the Chechen capital, Grozny.

Russian media also claimed that guerrillas loyal to fugitive Chechen leader Dzhokhar D. M. Dudaev were being mustered by the hundreds in the rebel-held villages of Grozny and Vladikavkaz and that they had attacked federal troops in at least two other districts.

Political pressure continued to mount against Yeltsin over the Chechen crisis, with his former human rights commission, the court of the Chechen military court, and the heads of Chechen's military and political leadership in Yeltsin's recognition of the Chechen military court's role in the conflict.

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After six decades, snail mystery ends

The Washington Post

A few years ago, marine biologist James Carlton began to wonder what had become of the coral limpet.

A small snail that once flourished along the Atlantic Coast, it had not been spotted for years. After countless research missions, Carlton discovered the species was still alive but had vanished from its historic habitats.

The object was to give students to produce material that they have never written before," he said. "We want students to write plays that have to do with the black experience."

He said once the two winners have their work produced, he will guide the writers in the production of the play.

He said in addition to a $25 cash reward, the winning entries will be performed at a workshop sponsored by the non-profit National Alliance for Musical Theater in June.

"The winners will get to see their work mature in Southern Illinois," he said.

Gordon said the workshop will focus for family-oriented material that has a message and does not contain any adult language or sexual content.

"We're trying to go back to traditional theater where families go. Don't let us down family," he said. "But at the same time, we're going to produce a contemporary play such as "Raisin" in the Sun."

He said the writing contest will help the workshop by giving it more substance than a sampler before final before "It will allow people to know that we are the African-American work."

Robert Taylor, chairman of the English Department of Corban Community High School, said the writing contest is a wonderful idea for high school students. "It gives kids a chance to write for outside audiences," he said. "It forces students to think about how someone else might view their work. If they knew they were writing to a stranger, they would write differently from what they hand in to a high school English teacher. It changes the educational situation."

Taylor said the CCS English department encourages all of its students to submit their writings to as many contests as they can.

Gordon said the deadline for the writing contest is April 20.
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**Gillick says O's are birds of a different feather**

Orioles GM says building this team is much different than starting Blue Jays in 1977

The Baltimore Sun

Baltimore — Pat Gillick established his reputation as one of the best executives in baseball by building the Toronto Blue Jays, an expansion team in 1977, into world champions. But the challenge he faced when he became general manager of the Orioles little more than four months ago was different from any he encountered in Toronto.

The Blue Jays were built from the bottom up; a deep farm system became the foundation for those championship teams.

As the Orioles begin their 1996 season, the O’s organization is a polar opposite of those Blue Jays prototypes.

The Orioles, as Gillick acknowledged, are a team depending on an aging nucleus of players.

Shortstop Cal Ripken turns 36 this summer, designated hitter Bobby Bonilla is 33, outfielder Brady Anderson is 32, first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and catcher Chris Haake are 31.

When he was hired last November, Gillick knew, too, that behind those older players is a farm system lacking in prospects. The farm system is one of the things the O’s organization is “looking to improve the major-league team from 1994 to 1996,” said first-year manager Davey Johnson.

“The other area—we are concentrating on is taking our packaging offensively and defensively, to the next step.”

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The Washington Post

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin was indicted by a Dallas County grand jury Monday on two charges of possession of cocaine and marijuana in connection with a raid six months ago, according to the Dallas Morning News.

Irvin, 30, was charged with possession of at least four grams of cocaine, which is a third-degree felony. If convicted on the cocaine charge, Irvin could face up to ten years in jail and/or a $20,000 fine. The marijuana charge is a misdemeanor, carrying a maximum penalty of 180 days in jail and/or a $2,000 fine if he is convicted, officials said.

Irvin, who was out of jail on bond, was.apprehended by Richard Tucker, running back Emmitt Smith and cornerback Deion Sanders, according to the news report. Irvin is the most prominent star on a team that won its fifth Super Bowl title last month. Known for drama, Irvin is a vivacious presence on and off the field. But the Dallas Cowboys and the star of a local Dallas television show.

Irvin was indicted on the same charges and facing the same punishment was Angeliq Nabwangu, 21. According to a police statement, Nabwangu, from Phoenix, Ariz., was indicted for possession of cocaine, a lesser offense, and a marijuana possession charge. She faces fines and a maximum of one year in jail on the cocaine charge.

According to the Dallas County sheriff’s office, Irvin was booked at the jail shortly after the indictment and released on his own recognizance on a $5,500 bond.

Irvin could not be reached for comment. His lawyer, Kevin Clancy, said through his secretary that he had no statement. Smith, who was charged with a second offense because of his conviction in 1995 regular season, said he was charged with possession of cocaine, which is a second-degree felony.

Smith was not present during the raid on the Residence Inn by Marriott in Irving last April, according to officials.

Irvin has been charged with a variety of offenses in recent years, including a drunk-driving charge in 1988 that resulted in a suspended sentence. He was also charged with cocaine possession and two other drug-related charges in 1995.

Irvin faces a potential $10,000 fine on the cocaine charge and a possible prison term for the marijuana charge.

The raid on the hotel was part of a nationwide sweep targeting drug trafficking and distribution. The sweep involved more than 1,000 agents and resulted in the arrest of more than 500 people.

Irvin, who is well-known for his off-field antics, has been involved in a number of controversies in recent years, including a domestic violence case and a suspended sentence for a drunk-driving conviction.

Irvin, who has been a star receiver for the Cowboys since 1989, has been a role model for younger players and has been known to wear a number of different jerseys on the field. He is a five-time Pro Bowl selection and a two-time Super Bowl champion.

Irvin is the fourth Cowboy to be indicted on drug charges in recent years, following Irvin’s first indictment in 1995.

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The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—The NFL has officially notified Los Angeles that it has to pay $116.2 million to the city to bid for the Super Bowl to be played Jan. 31, 1999, and Jan. 30, 2000.

The NFL, impressed with the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission’s willingness to work with Rose Bowl officials in nearby Pasadena, notified the city in a letter that Los Angeles will be bidding against Tampa, Florida, Arizona, San Diego and Orlando.

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Coach says it is time for squad to dominate

**Saluki Softball**

**SIUC to play a pair against Evansville today**

**By Michael DeFord**

**Daily Egyptian Sports Editor**

As SIUC softball coach Kay Brechtel-Brecek has said, only time will tell if her squad is mentally tough enough to become a dominant force in the Missouri Valley Conference.

That time has arrived as Southern (8-7) collides with the University of Evansville (11-10) today in a doubleheader to begin conference action.

"The time is here and we're going to see if we are mentally ready to take on Evansville," Brechtel-Brecek said. "They're going to come out ready to play, so we'd better be ready, too."

Picked to finish fifth in the Valley's nine-team coaches poll, Brechtel-Brecek said Southern is eager to get the conference schedule underway. She said producing a winning season is not about proving wrong the poll wrong, it is about being on top at the end of the season.

"It's not a question of proving anybody wrong or winning a question of pride," she said. "We want to be there at the end and dominate. It would have been a shame to go out without a winning percentage."

In last meeting with the Aces March 23, Southern was ready for the Aces, as its pitching proved to be as relentless as its bats. Senior pitcher Jodie Abraham tallied a one-hit, 8-0 shutout as Saluki bats collected 13 hits off three Evansville pitchers.

Brechtel-Brecek said she does not know exactly how the Aces will respond to that loss, but she does expect Evansville to come out ready to play.

"I don't know what kind of team they are mentally at this point," she said. "Some teams see it as a challenge and others see it as a little intimidating. We're hoping that the intimidation factor is there."

If the Aces have anything to be intimidated about, it would have to be Southern's bats.

As a team, Southern is batting a solid .308 through 15 games, and 11 players have gone over .250 this season.

Senior outfielder Christine Knott has proven to be Saluki's best hitter thus far. Knott is batting .404 and has collected 19 hits in 47 at-bats.

Knott said Southern has been blessed by an entire team effort this season, and in its last outing against the Aces, SIUC demonstrated that team effort as the players as eight Salukis collected hits.

"It's very important that several players are contributing, at one time," she said. "We've been very fortunate so far, and we do have to stay focused."

The first game today is due to begin at 1:00 p.m. and the second game will begin at 3:00 p.m. at AlWays Field.

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Senior second baseman Jami Kers comes into contact with the ball during batting practice Monday at the IAW softball field. The softball team was preparing for today's doubleheader against Evansville.

**Spring Football**

**Watson happy with first practice**

Head coach sees first session as 'spirited' and 'successful'

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The "long awaited" time has come as the SIUC football team held its first spring practice Monday, and according to Saluki football coach Shawn Watson, the talent and hard work put forth during the week was a successful one.

"It was a real spirited practice," Watson said. "It was a practice where we got a lot accomplished in terms of evaluating our team and knowing what we need to work on."

Watson was pleased with the effort put forth by these guys ever since last season ended," Watson said. Watson added that both he and the coaching staff thinks the team did a "nice job coming out of the blocks for the first day of practice."

"They've proven to us that they are everything we thought they were," he said.

Having a successful first day of practice, according to Watson does not rule out the need for improvement.

"We've got a lot of improving to do," Watson said. "But it was a strong first day because the feeling there's that we could be a good football team."

As far as who will fill the vacant quarterback position, Watson said he is pleased with the choices they have.

"I was pleased with them (the quarterbacks) today," Watson said.

"They all threw well. (Senior) Jeff Brune knows the system as well as any coach does. (Senior) Phil Shelley, coming back, was really sharp, and that was a pleasant surprise to see."

"(Senior) Marcus Capone, I was really pleased with him because he walked out there and really ripped some. He knew more than I thought he knew, so that was good to see," he said.

Competition in the quarterback spot, according to Watson will heat up when junior Chris Schullian, who is currently plugging for the baseball Salukis, checks in.

"There will be competition this spring when Schullian checks in," Watson said.

"He's got a very competi-
tive situation at quarterback."

There are several areas Watson said he and his coaching staff will be looking closely for.

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**Senior running back Cee Bonner (44), of Franklin, Ga., buries through two contact pads during spring football drills Monday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.**

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