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Giovanni
Famous poet spoke about her life this past Sunday at Lesar Law Auditorium.

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Assault Awareness
April activities promotes Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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Correction
Monday's story titled "New vice chancellor takes office," should have read that Dietz will oversee the dean of students position.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

FORECAST

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DEVIN MILLER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

OVER THE RAINBOW: Rainbow's End employee Bilee Whitaker, a junior in math education from Cabot, Ark., reads a book to 16-month-old Destinii-Heaven Monday afternoon at the Rainbow's End daycare facility on the SIUC campus. The daycare center recently received a federal grant, totaling \$456,000 from the Department of Education to increase the number of infants and toddlers they can accept into the facility. See related story, page 5

To the victor go the spoils

Winners announced for the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Awards

TRAVIS MORSE
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Finding out what to do with \$2,000 is a problem a lot of people wish they had. For Paul Siebenthal, the money will go to furthering his career in the art field.

"I'll probably spend it on equipment to help produce my art," said Siebenthal, a metalsmithing/blacksmithing major from Santa Maria, Calif.

Siebenthal and nine other students were presented with the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Awards at a presentation outside Allyn Hall Monday. The other winners were Jason Adams, Douglas Aver, Julie Bickler, Ryan Brunk, Vaughnda Johnson, Jolene Kosma, Richard Ryan, Sarah Smith and Meghan Tippy.

The award, in its 26th year in existence, honors graduating seniors in the School of Art and Design for artistic work they submit to be judged.

It is named after Joseph Rickert, a lawyer who established the trust award to focus more attention on SIUC's Art Department.

"He developed a close relationship with Mr. Shryock and President [Delyte] Morris and they all wanted to encourage more growth in the arts," said Mike Geno, a graduate assistant in the School of Art and Design.

Geno, who is also co-coordinating the contest, said the award serves as a great motivational tool for students.

"It encourages these students to start presenting themselves and their work in a professional way," Geno said. "It creates a motivation to better themselves."

Siebenthal said the sense of competition created by the annual contest is beneficial to all the artists involved.

"The RZ competition makes undergraduates think about being more competitive," Siebenthal said. "In some ways, that motivates the students to produce better work."

There were 29 participants this year in the categories of painting/drawing, visual communication/product design, metals/jewelry, glassblowing and ceramics.

Aside from the \$20,000 prize allocated to the ten recipients, the winners are also honored with an exhibition of their work in the University Museum. That honor is a positive experience in its own right, Siebenthal said.

"It's a nice museum and it's good to have a show like this as an undergraduate," Siebenthal said.

Campaigning begins for USG Senate and president

Guidelines have been set for this year's election

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The next few weeks promise to be filled with controversy, debate and grievances as campaigning begins today for Undergraduate Student Government elections.

With the April 19 elections around the corner, the campus will soon be filled with numerous colorful fliers in an attempt for candidates to gain winning votes.

The presidential candidates are Student Affairs Commissioner Bill Archer and Evergreen Terrace

Sen. Chuck Miller. Two other candidates submitted their petitions to run for president, but have been denied because they did not meet grade point average requirements.

Twenty-one students have submitted their petitions to run as senators in the upcoming elections. There are 42 senate seats available from 10 academic and eight geographic regions.

Of the 21 senators running, four of them have elected to the USG Senate in the past.

A senator has the option of running for a Senate seat on their own or affiliating themselves with a presidential party. By being affiliated with a party, a senator can combine campaign funds to offer a better promotion, not only for themselves, but also for other party members.

USG President Sean Henry said he hoped that

this year's campaign would not involve any mudslinging and that candidates would concentrate on the issues they want to present.

"[Candidates] are supposed to have a real clean campaign, talk to their constituents and stick to the issues," Henry said. "They pass out fliers, talk to voters and try to get the votes."

Because some students were unaware of petition deadlines, students who are interested in becoming a senator or presidential candidate may do so by becoming a write-in candidate.

Write-in candidates must complete several forms and turn them in to the USG office on the third floor of the Student Center by 4 p.m.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Let the games begin.

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Taylor denied ability to run for USG president based on GPA

Despite present inability, two weeks ago Taylor was granted eligible to be senator

GINNY SKALSKI AND KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Rob Taylor was denied the ability to run for Undergraduate Student Government president after University Administration verified his cumulative grade point average.

But the GPA that Student Affairs is producing is different from the type of GPA USG requires to hold office.

The cumulative GPA that Student Affairs produced was based on both Taylor's SIUC and community college GPA. According to USG President Sean Henry, in the past, only SIUC GPA was used, not a cumulative GPA from all transferred grades.

"This is not consistent with what student government has done in the past," Henry said. "What's right is right and what is wrong is wrong."

Article 2, Section 1 of the USG Constitution states that USG president and vice president candidates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for

election and must maintain a 2.25 while in office. But that is contradicted by Article 6, Section 5 of the USG Constitution stating that the president and vice president must have a cumulative GPA of 2.25 to run for office.

Henry said that USG knows of the contradictions and goes by the 2.25 GPA for running for office.

Taylor's transcripts, given to the DAILY EGYPTIAN by Taylor, state his SIUC grades are at the 2.25 minimum. However, when Student Affairs averaged in with his community college grades, Student Affairs

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TODAY

- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forrest St., July 457-2898. Japanese Table, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380. SPC Films meeting to select films for student entertainment, every Tues., 5 p.m., basement of Student Center, Amanda 536-3393. College Democrats meeting, 5:30 p.m., Activity Room A, Heather 351-9382. Ballroom Dance Club meeting, dance lessons and practice session, every Tues., 8 to 9:30 p.m., Davies Gym second floor small gym, S15 student members, Bryan 351-8855. Unity Point School needs assistance with age appropriate activities for children, Apr. 4 and 18, 7 p.m., Unity Point School, Maryon 453-4341. Blacks in Communication Alliance meeting, every Tues., 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Erika 536-6799.

UPCOMING

- Apostolic Life Campus Ministry prayer meeting, every Wed., 8 to 9 a.m., Sagamon Room Student Center, Abbie 529-6164. Library Affairs digital imaging for the Web, Apr. 5, noon to 1 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818. Association of Childhood International meeting, Apr. 5, 4 p.m., Quigley 128. College Republicans meeting, Apr. 5,

- 5 p.m., Corinth/Troy Rooms Student Center, Ryan 549-7891. Saluki Rainbow Network meeting, Apr. 5, 5:30 p.m., Longbranch, Prideline 453-5151. AnimeKaj presents Japanese animation films with English subtitles, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Faner 1125, Language Media Center, Jason 536-6365. Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Amanda 351-8198. Adolescent Health Center/ Shawnee Healthy Families Candlelight Vigil in support of child abuse and neglect prevention month, Apr. 5, 6 to 8 p.m., Carbondale Town Pavilion, Holly 529-2621. Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840. SIU Cycling Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Quatro's. Women's Services workshop on recognizing abuse in relationships, Apr. 5, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pulliam Room 37, 453-3655. Cornerstone Christian Fellowship bible study in the books of Hebrews, Apr. 5, Iroquois Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043. Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed. and Thurs., 7 p.m., Ohio River Room Student Center, Karleton 549-8496. Residence Hall Association meeting, Apr. 5, 7 p.m., Basement of Grinnell, Julie 536-7463. Library Affairs introduction to constructing Web pages, Apr. 6, 10 a.m. to noon, Morris Library 103D, Power Point, 1 to 2:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, Intermediate Web page construction, 4 to 6 p.m., 453-2818. Philosophy Club meeting, Apr. 6, 4

- p.m., Faner 3059, Chris 536-6641. University Career Services resume/cover letter workshop, Apr. 6, 5 p.m., Lawson 121, Vickie 453-2391. Student Programming Council marketing committee meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Asha 536-3393. College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, now through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Faner 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466. SIUC Kendo Club weekly practice, Apr. 6, 5 to 8 p.m., Pulliam Gym, Todd 529-0100. SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002. Golden Key National Honor Society general assembly meeting, Apr. 6, 6:30 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Kim 549-0232. SIU Veterans Association elections for 2000-01, Apr. 6, 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, MaryAnn 985-9937. ACLU Zero Tolerance in Our Schools, Apr. 6, 7:30 p.m., Carbondale Community High School, Leonard 453-8770. SIUC Swing Club for dancers of all levels, every Thurs., 8 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies Gym, S15 students \$20 non-students, Kerl 536-7627. SIU Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room contact Shelley 529-0993. Saluki Renegades' SIUC Paintball Club informational meeting, Apr. 6, 8 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Matt 351-6632. Library Affairs finding books using Illinet online, Apr. 7, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, E-mail using Eudora, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

POLICE-BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- Matthew G. Willis, 21, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with public possession of alcohol after University police saw him on campus at 1:32 a.m. Saturday. James B. McIntyre, 21, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and driving on the sidewalk at 1:59 a.m. Saturday. Stephen Dixon, 21, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with public possession of alcohol at 3:05 a.m. Sunday. University police said they saw him at Mae Smith Hall with alcohol. Emily G. Clark, 21, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after University police said she disobeyed a stop sign at the corner of Lincoln and Normal drives.

CARBONDALE

A Carbondale man told police his business in the 100 block of South Washington Street was broken into between Saturday and Sunday. He said burglars entered the business by forcing open a garage door and stole a cash register and an unknown amount of cash. There are no suspects in this incident.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1989:

- Students marched to show support for the Black Americans Studies program and in memory of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Richard M. Daley won the Chicago mayoral race and got the job that his father, Mayor J. Daley, held for two decades. Michigan won the 1989 NCAA Tournament with a 80-79 victory over Seton Hall.

CORRECTIONS

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The gospel according to Giovanni



MINSOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nikki Giovanni, famed black poet and author, gives a speech on the issues affecting black Americans Sunday night at Lesar Law School Auditorium. The 56-year-old poet spoke to a nearly packed auditorium and spoke often on the theme of self-improvement for all Americans.

Poet shares a lifetime of thoughts with SIUC community

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Nikki Giovanni, famed black poet and author, used her appearance at SIUC Sunday to zero in on the issues affecting black America through her poetry and remarkable life.

A nearly packed Lesar Law School Auditorium clung to every word from Giovanni, often applauding and cheering on the 56-year-old as she spoke.

For a little more than an hour, Giovanni did more than just deliver some of her works, which span more than 20 years. She delighted the audience with her wit and insight.

"There is an honor and a dignity in being the people's poet," said Black American Studies Program Director Joseph Brown in his introduction.

Brown referred to Giovanni as "the collector of treasures" and "the mother of attitude artists" for her poems, books and essays chronicling black culture. Brown also compared Giovanni to another well-known black poet, the late Langston Hughes.

Nikki Giovanni spoke with passion and authority. Throughout her speech, she often returned to the theme of continued self-improvement for all Americans.

"We can do better, and we have to do better," Giovanni said. "You've got to give up a lot of things that are keeping you from taking this experience and making something out of it."

Kevin Choice, a graduate student in music from Oakland, Calif., witnessed Giovanni speak for the first time and said her talk was "very moving and uplifting for black people."

"This is one of the most memorable things in my life right now," he said after the speech. "Just to watch her and see her actually do her thing was very inspirational to me. I don't think I'll ever forget it."

Giovanni is also a five-year cancer survivor, having lost a lung and two ribs as a result of the illness. She encouraged everyone to "find the spices in life," something she does now more than ever, she said.

"You're life is a good idea, and you should try to enjoy it," she said.

Many of Giovanni's poems, filled with humor and irony, come from her own life experiences, while some are inspired by other events, such as a poem she recited in tribute of the late Dr. Betty Shabazz.

"And How Could I Live On," was written in honor of Shabazz, the widow of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X. The poem, written shortly after Shabazz's death in 1997, contributed to one of the night's more emotional moments.

"Everything she said is right on," said Suzanne Daughton, professor of speech communication, who was moved to tears by Giovanni's words. "I wish I had seen her talk a million times before. She speaks the truth."

Giovanni also presented a poem in tribute to significant black women who died in the 20th century. "What we

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

SIUC students place sixth at national conference

A team of SIUC students placed sixth among about 100 colleges in a systems analysis and design competition in Tampa, Fla., last week.

Four members of the SIUC chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals attended the organization's fifth-annual National Collegiate Conference in Tampa. Representing SIUC were Hussain Alyousef, Alexis DeWees, Sarah Kussart and Sarah Franklin. The group is advised by Larry Jeralds.

Spitfire comes to SIUC

The Spitfire Tour 2000, a group of musicians, actors and activists who educate students about free speech, is scheduled to appear tonight at 7 in the SIUC Meridian Ballroom.

The free speech tour was created in part by human-rights activist and Rage Against the Machine vocalist Zack De La Rocha.

This year's festival features such presenters as radio-television personality Kennedy, musician Michael Franzi and journalist Jonah Goldberg.

STATE COLLEGE, PA.

North Carolina's safety reputation a model

A 1996 fraternity fire that killed five University of North Carolina students on graduation day also left a legacy of change in safety measures for student housing.

New fire-prevention policies — including mandated sprinkler systems in fraternity houses — have given North Carolina a safety reputation that has become a model for other college campuses.

Pennsylvania's legislators and fire officials are investigating ways to lessen the financial impact of installing sprinkler systems in student residences, an issue brought to the forefront by recent fatal fires at New Jersey's Seton Hall University and at Bloomsburg University.

Rep. Michael McGeehan, D-Philadelphia, said last week that he plans to propose legislation to put sprinklers in university residence halls. An early draft of the bill calls for a \$75 million loan program to help universities install sprinkler systems in all dorms within five years.

"We're cognizant of the fact that it will cost an enormous amount of money," McGeehan said, adding that the bill could grow in scope — perhaps to include off-campus housing like fraternities — as he gathers more information.

—FROM DAILY EGYPTIAN NEWS SERVICES

April events promote sexual assault awareness

SIUC's report numbers are average

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

One in three women will be sexually assaulted during her lifetime.

April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month to help lower these statistics.

"It's to make society aware that this is going on," said Carol Sommer, campus safety representative of Women's Services. "We tend to look at it with closed eyes and as long as we continue to do, we're not going to realize there's a problem and not going to take any steps to fix it."

SIUC's statistics for campus sexual assaults are average compared to other campuses



according to Lt. Todd Sigler of campus police, who says that even "one is too many." Since 1973, there have been as many as nine sexual assaults each year on campus. So far this year, none have been reported to campus police.

Sigler is optimistic that this is a reduction in the number of occurrences, not a reduction in the number of those who report assault.

"We can't get too excited about the good because the bad is just around the corner," Sigler said.

Sigler estimates that about 95 percent of SIUC's sexual assaults are acquaintance rape, in

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which the victim and the perpetrator know each other. The number of incidents involving alcohol is "significant" with both parties.

The University, including campus police and Women's Services, has been utilizing a \$30,000 grant received last September from "Illinois

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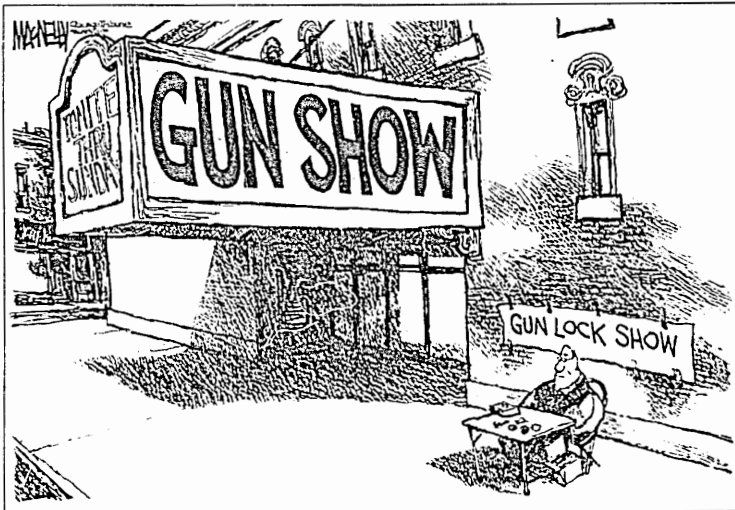
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OUR WORD

Core curriculum needs teachers with training, not trapped professors

Nobody relishes the opportunity to sit through core curriculum classes. This phenomenon is not new, nor is it unique to SIUC. For some art majors, the very idea of joining 200 students in an auditorium to find the ins and outs of linear equations is enough to send them into a blue period, just as many engineering majors would rather go to truck driving school than regularly attend a class called "Foundations of Human Health." While some problems with the core curriculum are inherent to the system, many can be modified to create a program students and instructors can learn not to hate.

Several committees spent the last six months finding specific reasons for the utter revulsion most students share for the core curriculum and finding ways to improve it. The discoveries were insightful and the solutions were creative and somewhat realistic. The plan, called "Keeping Faith," proposes improvements to ensure SIUC remains "student-centered" and is able to recruit and retain students in part because of, not despite of, the core curriculum.

One major issue explored in the plan is the quality of the instructors in core classes. It's no secret tenured professors reap about as much pleasure from the required, low-level classes as their students do. This fact, combined with shortages of professors in some departments, leaves graduate teaching assistants in the front of about half of core curriculum classrooms. The plan suggests circulating "Core Faculty Fellowships" to provide monetary incentives for faculty members. Further down the page, the plan gets to what the DAILY EGYPTIAN thinks is a more efficient solution: train the teaching assistants.

Most graduate teaching assistants are sent into the classroom with as little as one day of training. In these

rushed sessions, most of the time is monopolized by legal concerns and University policy. After these minimally trained graduate students receive complaints from their students, the easy answer is to try to replace them. But, in truth, graduate teaching assistants have something vital to contribute to low-level classes. Imagine the struggle for a professor with 30 years of research into plant biology to enjoy explaining what chlorophyll is to four sections of labs. Do we really want to waste those expertise on such mundane work? But for a graduate teaching assistant, the opportunity to teach may inspire the creativity necessary to engage students and stimulate interest in the class. Graduate teaching assistants are more likely to want to teach core classes, and when dealing with such basic subject matter, that can be more valuable than research or published materials.

If colleges and departments would provide voluntary training sessions, they may be surprised how many teaching assistants, and possibly even professors, show up. Many teaching assistants openly admit they would be more comfortable teaching if they had been better prepared by their departments. Those who are comfortable are often fabulous instructors, possessing that magic combination of a fresh perspective and the communication and presentation skills to pass it onto their students.

Before the University invests the money to buy more carrots to dangle in front of professors in hopes of luring them behind the podiums of core curriculum classes, they should re-examine the resources they have now. The classes cannot be improved by forcing faculty to teach them and it is impossible for the students to warm up to required classes as long as instructors dread teaching them.

Guns and politics.com: the issues behind the rhetoric

For The Rest Of Us

RUDY SAN MIGUEL



For The Rest Of Us appears Tuesday. Rudy is a sophomore in cinema production. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

As I was traveling in central Illinois recently, I noticed a series of signs along Interstate 74. They were plain white signs with bold black lettering. Each sign had a few words that when combined with the rest created an interesting slogan. It said something to the effect of "If guns cause murder, matches cause arson." The last sign gave a website for the particular group that sponsored the signs. The slogan seemed somewhat strange in that it was comparing arson, the crime of purposely setting fire to another's property, to murder, the unlawful and malicious or premeditated killing of one human being by another. The two crimes are like apples and oranges.

I decided to visit the aforementioned website, www.gunssavlife.com. The website is a pro-firearm site created by several Illinois residents, including a lawyer and a professor at the University of Illinois. On the site, there are facts and figures about firearm violence. There is also a page relating to a government proposal called the "Safe Neighbors Act." The act, in addition to endorsing gun control, creates harsher

penalties for those found in illegal possession of a firearm. However, the creators of the site say that this act would penalize innocent gun owners instead of violent criminals. The site also has an "Illinois Death Clock" listing the rapes, murders and assaults that occurred because, according to the site managers, these people didn't have guns. The creators think the act would be better if it included the ability for Illinois residents to carry, after a rigorous screening process, a concealed firearm. In addition, gunssavlife.com has links for adult and

child gun safety. There are even names and phone numbers of people willing to give their time to teach safe handling and use of firearms.

I decided to check a gun control website. I visited www.gunfree.org and found various facts and figures. This site has much more detailed figures on gun-related violence. Here, I found that in 1995, 35,957 people were killed in the United States. The pro-gun site doesn't list this fact, opting instead to list the number of children killed by guns in the United States the same year: 200. This is apparently an all-time low. They also state that there were 1,400 adult deaths, another all-time low. It is important to remember in the case of both sites, that statistics are relative and can be skewed to fit the needs of the particular person using them.

Both sites have their share of propaganda and both sites also have their share of important information. They both state some absurd facts. For instance, at gunfree.com, it tells us that "since the turn of the century, 211 million guns have been manufactured in the

MAILBOX

Primary coverage left out the truly 'hot' race

DEAR EDITOR,

I was reading the DAILY EGYPTIAN March 22 to find out about the Illinois primary election results, which were well covered for the local area — Great Job! I also turned the page and found an article about a Chicago primary result for Bobby Rush. Hello? Who really cares about the congressional primary in Chicago unless you are from that area? It's not like it's the hottest seat up for grabs. If you wanted to cover an out-of-area primary, why didn't you think about choosing a very "hot" race. The biggest talked-about race in Illinois, and perhaps Washington D.C., is the race for 17th Congressional District. Republican Mark Baker is trying for a third time to beat Democratic incumbent Lane Evans. In 1998, and now in 2000, this race has been of national interest. In 1998, it was the highest money spending congressional race. Between the two candidates, they spent \$2.5 million. Vice President Al Gore even visited the district to help Lane Evans D-Illinois. I don't know, maybe it's just me, but I think the race for 17th Congressional District would have been a better story. There is more to the state of Illinois than Chicago.

Beth Dobbels
Sophomore in radio-television

Calling blackmail a model is wrong

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a 26-year-old junior outraged about the new construction agreement between SIUC and the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council. Let me get one thing out from the start: I am not against keeping jobs local.

Before I came to SIUC, I spent almost six years in the Army. After which I worked as a Mechanic for Caterpillar (union) and later as an Industrial Mechanic for Cooper Cameron Industries of Denver (non-union). Having worked for both unions and non-unions I have seen some problems that unions can cause.

In the story that appeared March 27, "Construction agreement improves work relationships," there is a quote from Thomas Calliper, secretary treasurer for the Egyptian Building and Construction Trades Council that reads, "It also guarantees that labor and management will work together to monitor the job progress and make sure the quality is there." Is that not your job already? Management is supposed to watch over their workers to ensure that they are doing their job, and ensure it is completed in a timely fashion and up to the standards of the company that hired them. What did they do before this agreement?

Also mentioned in the story was that, in exchange for the agreement, labor unions will proceed with work and complete jobs in a timely fashion. Oh I see, if this agreement wasn't made, you wouldn't do this? Where I came from, this is considered blackmail. It is sad when SIUC succumbs to this type of strong-arming or blackmail. It is even worse when you have Glenn Polhard make a remark that "We're pretty proud of the fact the University is taking part in what is almost a model for the rest of the region." A model? Calling blackmail a model is wrong.

Vern Alan Wagner
Junior in exercise science

Rainbow's End puts grant to good use

Federal grant allows for expanded infant program

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Infant daycare this semester at SIUC has become slightly easier to find thanks to a grant from the federal government.

Rainbow's End, SIUC's daycare facility, received a federal grant totaling \$456,000 from the Department of Education in September 1999. The program specifically targeted daycare facilities at institutions of higher learning.

The money was used by Rainbow's End to more than double the infant's program, increasing the capacity of the program from eight to 20 children. Historically, the infant program has had the longest waiting list at Rainbow's End.

Eva Murray, director of Rainbow's End, said the grant was used to hire additional staff, purchase more cribs, highchairs, mats, strollers and toys.

While cribs proved to be the biggest equipment expense, staff costs take up the biggest part of the grant. Infant programs require a staff member for every four children, compared with preschool programs that requires one staff member for every 10 children.

"That can run into quite a bit of money when you're looking at fringe benefits for permanent staff," Murray said.

The grant will fund the increased program through 2003. At that time, Murray said the facility hopes to get another grant. Barring another grant, it plans to continue to fund the expanded

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EVA MURRAY
director of Rainbow's End

program out of the its operating budget.

"By that time we should have all the equipment, so all we'll have to do is maintain the program," Murray said. "The tuition and fees that we obtain should be sufficient to maintain the program."

Murray said while further expansion was a possibility, room would be a limiting factor. The grant will not fund construction, so one room previously used for preschool was reallocated to the infant program.

Murray said most students qualify for income-based and at-risk programs offered for free, such as Headstart and the Southern Seven Preschool Project.

"There wasn't as much of a need for preschool care as there was for the infant/toddler care," Murray said.

The children already in the program are big winners with the additional funding. In addition to the additional equipment needed for the expanded program, the money has brought in more material for the existing programs.

Georgia Heller, a child-care assistant who has been with the program for five years, ran through a long list of items the grant has brought in, including new beds, more toys and books, and more computer games.

"We also bought infant seats for the strollers, so we can take the younger infants on walks," she said.

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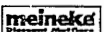


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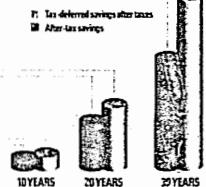
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GIOVANNI

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missed: a Eulogy," will appear in Essence Magazine this May for its 30th year anniversary.

Giovanni was born in 1943 in Knoxville, Tenn. Her family moved to Cincinnati shortly after her birth that same year. She enrolled as an early entrant to Fisk University at Nashville in 1960, and received a bachelor of arts in 1967.

Her first book, "Black Judgment," was released in 1969. She has written 24 other books, in addition to producing works that include essays and audio recordings.

Giovanni currently teaches at Virginia Tech University. Giovanni said she did not intend to speak in depth on racism. She did admit that

This is one of the most memorable things in my life right now.

Just to watch her and see her actually do her thing was very inspirational to me. I don't think I'll ever forget it.

KEVIN CHOICE
graduate student in music

for many blacks, racism is still one of the greatest obstacles that they face.

"We've been artificially held down, and we continue to struggle with the system that has artificially restricted us," she said.

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Two strikes and GPA is out

Senate passes resolution that only allows a student to repeat a course twice to count toward GPA

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Students who repeat undergraduate courses multiple times until getting the grade they desire may soon have to think of a new strategy.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution March 21, presented by the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee, to modify the current policy on repeats of undergraduate coursework.

The resolution changes the policy so that the second grade obtained, regardless of what it is, will be added into the grade point average. Additional repeats will not affect GPA, but the grades will appear on transcripts.

The current policy does not limit the number of times a course can be repeated. Regardless of how many times the course it taken, only the last grade obtained affects GPA.

Both the current and modified policies are limited to courses taken during and after summer 1996. The policy prior to 1996 averaged all grades obtained for a course into the GPA.

Donna Post, chairwoman of the

Undergraduate Education Policy Committee, said the change would only affect a small number of students who have taken advantage of the repeat policy.

Students who fail a course more than twice should not repeat the course, but present their case to the Graduate Appeals Committee, Post said. The Committee could offer an alternative course or assistance to a student, to prevent them from failing the course again.

"We don't want students to continue to fail a class and then not be able to get into something they want to get into," she said.

It is important to understand that the Senate is not limiting the number of times the course can be repeated, only how it is calculated into GPA, Post said.

"You should be able take the course until you can show competence at A level, but it should not be something that continually averages into your GPA," Post said.

The Senate wants students to find out why they are failing the course and then find a solution to the problem. Repeating the course is not the answer, Post said.

"After a while, they are delaying their time here at the University, which is not something their parents would approve of, and they're really not representing themselves truthfully in a GPA," Post said.

Jim Allen, member of the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee, said the policy was changed in 1996 because the averaging of subse-

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DONNA POST
Chairwoman of the Undergraduate Education Policy Committee

quent course grades caused problems for some students.

Allen said part of the reason the policy changed was to prevent the punishment of non-traditional students who repeat a course they took 20 years ago, but the change left a loophole.

"Now it's giving students an opportunity to swindle the system in order to sweeten their GPA."

The purpose of the modification is to fix the loophole, not prevent students from having a second chance, Allen said.

"We're not trying to penalize anyone," Allen said. "We're trying to discourage students from fooling with the system."

The resolution will now be considered by interim Provost Margaret Winters and interim Chancellor John Jackson. If approved, the modification will be effective fall 2001.

ELECTIONS

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April 17. The candidate may then be elected by having voters write their names, spelled correctly, on the ballots.

Although this year's polling places have not been approved by the Senate, locations are planned to be in Lentz Hall, Trueblood Hall, Grinnell Hall and the Student Center and will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The USG election commission, composed of four members and a commissioner, sets forth the guidelines prior to the election.

The commission establishes guidelines regarding all aspects of the elections, including posters, canvassing and finance restrictions.

The commission also handles all grievances filed during the weeks leading up to the election. Grievances are any complaints filed against a candidate regarding misconduct within their campaign.

When a candidate is found in violation of a grievance, then the commission determines how many "strikes" to file against them. An accumulation of three strikes against an individual disqualifies the candidate.

"If a candidate is affiliated with a party, then upon seven accumulated strikes, the entire party is disqualified."

Election Commissioner Mandy Jewell said she hopes everyone will run a clean campaign so she won't have to be too harsh.

"I'd love to say I'm going to be strict and hard, but it all depends on the candidates," she said.

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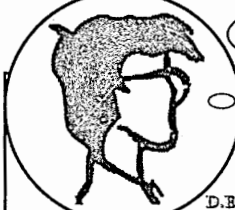
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6:30 PM - 8 PM
"Recognizing Abuse in Relationships," Pulliam Room 37

Tuesday, April 11
4 PM - 5 PM
"No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story," video/discussion, Woody Hall B244

Monday, April 17
8 AM - 3 PM
Clothesline Project, Faner Breezeway, SIUC

Tuesday, April 18
7 PM
"Pornography and the Media: Images of Violence Against Women," in the Law School Auditorium, by Dr. Gail Dines, international authority on pornography. UNDER 18 NOT ADMITTED.

Wednesday, April 19
10 AM - 11 AM
"Keeping Yourself Safe from Sexual Assault," presented by Terry Lilley, John A. Logan College, Room F-118

Thursday, April 20
7 PM - 9 PM
Open Mic Poetry Reading on Topics related to Women's Safety and Crimes Against Women, Melange Coffee House meeting room, 611 S. Illinois Ave.

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by Mike Peters

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GPA

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says his GPA dips below the requirement.

The USG Constitution also states that first-semester transfer students running for Senate are exempt from the GPA requirement. However, in Taylor's case, he is long since a transfer student, but Student Affairs still looked at his grades from before he transferred.

After discovering his cumulative GPA on Monday, Taylor was also removed as USG Internal Affairs Committee chairman and College of Liberal Arts senator.

On March 20, when Taylor completed a petition to run for USG Senate, Sharon Leonard, Student Affairs Office Assistant, said Taylor was eligible.

Leonard, who admits Student Affairs has not always looked at the cumulative GPA in the past, said she made a mistake when she veri-

fied Taylor's GPA two weeks ago because she only looked at his GPA from SIUC and not his cumulative GPA from both SIUC and community college.

Two verifications that Henry produced showed that Student Development stated Taylor's GPA was 2.25 and the Student Information System, or SalukiNet, showed Taylor's GPA as 2.25.

Taylor is taking his case to the Student Judicial Board to have the situation reviewed.

Because Taylor is ineligible to run as president, his vice-president running mate Eric Waltmire is also ineligible to run.

In 1998, Taylor ran for USG president, but his party was defeated in the election. Taylor also ran for Carbondale mayor as a write-in candidate in 1999.

Last year, USG President Kristie Ayres resigned from her position based on Student Affairs discovering her GPA dipped below the 2.25 minimum.

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This is not consistent with what student government has done in the past. What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong.

SEAN HENRY
USG President

CORRECTION

The two following U-Card Events are scheduled for April 5th, 2000

• Recognizing Abuse in Relationships
Lecture Series Gateway
Pulliam Hall, Room 37
from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
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• Tai Chi For Women
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- About 85 percent of sexual assaults involved alcohol
- The majority of sexual assaults occur in either the perpetrator's or victim's home
- For every 10 women assaulted, only one reports the crime

Tips for Preventing Sexual Assault

- Listen to your intuition. Pay attention to the people you are with and look for warning signs.
- Go out as a group and watch out for your friends.
- Be responsible and be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep an eye on your drink at all times. Never leave drinks unattended. Accept drinks from strangers, or drink open drinks.

SOURCE: WOMEN'S SERVICES
JEN YOUNG-DALEY EDITOR

AWARENESS

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Violence Prevention Authority" to promote sexual assault awareness. Sigler said because the grant has been so beneficial in impacting awareness, he will apply again this year.

Women's Services and the Women's Center are using some of the money to sponsor several events for the month, including Tai Chi, a form of martial arts. Sommer describes Tai Chi as "moving meditation."

Sommer, who will teach the class, explained that while Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art for defense, it focuses on simple movements.

"It creates a sense of confidence and strength in the way a woman moves," Sommer said. "Perpetrators look for those who

look like victims. If she moves with confidence and strength, she doesn't appear vulnerable."

Women's Services will also be offering a mask-making retreat for sexual assault survivors. At the retreat, those who have been sexually assaulted will create plaster masks of their faces. The mask allows victims to creatively express the hidden part of themselves.

When finished, each will tell the story of her mask to the group. Sommer said telling the story is part of the healing process for victims.

Anna Paddon, coordinator at Rape Crises Services at the Women's Center reminds students that the key to prevention is knowledge.

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the field, give the Salukis a pair of nice hitters to team with Andy Cenkush, Luke Nelson and Scott Boyd. SIU is capable of putting up more runs than they've showed, and the Saluki bullpen is likewise better than it has demonstrated of late.

If the Salukis can get those two sore spots straightened out, then it'll be up to the defense to tighten up. Starting Wednesday against Southeast Missouri State University, the Salukis will have their chance to back up their claim

that they are a better team than they are showing.

Until then, it's debatable.

When the Salukis are playing well, SIU baseball can provide a nice dose of springtime fun to the campus. Anybody who's sat out on the Hill at Abe Martin Field on a sunny afternoon, chowing down some barbecue and washing it down with a cold beverage, can testify to the fun there is to be had rooting on Saluki baseball.

But unless the Salukis get their heads screwed on straight and stop playing defense like Little Leaguers, even George might find another place to soak up the sunshine this spring.

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Tomorrow

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Baltimore 1

Dawgs entering danger zone

One sight said it all about the SIU baseball team this weekend.

George, an elderly gentleman who happens to be a longtime die-hard Saluki baseball fan, gathered his scorecard and disgustedly walked out of Abe Martin Field in the seventh inning of Sunday's 14-9 loss to the University of Evansville.

Keep in mind, George is not the type to leave a game early. Watching him painstakingly jot down notes on his scorecard and periodically bark encouragement to the Salukis, you get the feeling he'd sit through a hurricane if the Diamond Dawgs were playing rold ball.

But not Sunday. The Salukis, who made five errors and surrendered 16 hits, didn't give him much of a reason to stick around.

The eight-run Evansville seventh inning barrage that drove George and several other Saluki fans to their cars sealed SIU's third loss of the weekend series against the Aces, making SIU 12-15 on the season and 4-8 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

After getting off to a quick 7-3 start, the Salukis have lost 12 of their last 17 games, and are entering a crucial point in their season. If SIU can't find a way to slow its descent soon, head coach Dan Callahan's team will find itself buried at the bottom of the MVC standings for the second-straight year.

SIU baseball, which used to be one of the elite programs in the Midwest, hasn't had a winning season since 1996. Frighteningly, the Salukis are exhibiting sure-fire symptoms of being a mediocre-at-best team again this year.

When their pitching has been good, their bats have gone cold, as evidenced by Saturday's close losses to Evansville. Sunday the hitting was much improved, but the pitching and defense were awful.

Not being able to do more than one thing well at once is a guaranteed recipe for failure. Save a heroic pitching performance by rising star Jake Alley in Friday's 1-0 win, and the Salukis would have went 0-4 against Evansville.

True, the lackluster play this weekend was just one series, and SIU had a chance to win every game in the last inning except Sunday's. And Callahan says it's too early to panic, realizing the baseball season is a long one.

But it won't be too long before the season spirals out of control if the Salukis stay their current course.

There are a few available excuses out there for the Salukis' poor play, namely injuries, of which SIU has had more than its share.

Losing starting pitcher Jason Westemeir to a shoulder injury was a devastating blow. Westemeir was being heavily counted on to supplement Alley as a quality starter, and the Salukis are struggling to patch a functional starting rotation together behind Alley.

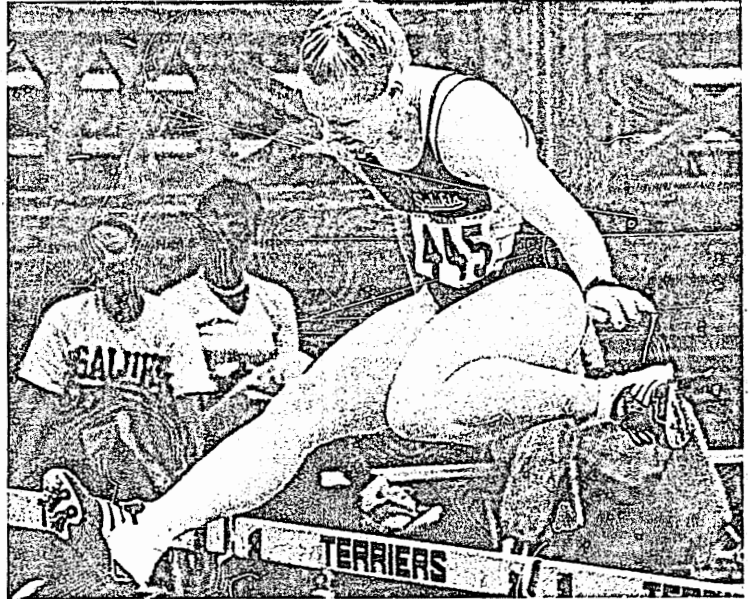
Having a healthy Dustin Downs or Steve Ruggieri in the lineup would be nice, too. But the Salukis have to play with the hand they've been dealt. And injuries don't explain why third baseman Jeff Stanek is finding it difficult to make a routine throw across the infield or outfielder Roman Schooley seems confounded by lazy fly balls to left.

Callahan is understandably exasperated with his ballclub's current state of affairs, especially the lousy defense.

"I'm very discouraged at what I see on defense sometimes," Callahan said. "If you can't catch the ball, chances are you aren't going to win."

As it stands, you have to head across campus to watch Saluki softball if you want to see a contender. It's a shame, because there is enough ability on SIU's roster to be competitive against most every team on the schedule.

Stanek and Schooley, although shaky in



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore Carrie Fleming clears a hurdle Saturday at the 2000 Saluki April Fast Start Meet at McAndrew Stadium. The Saluki women placed second in the meet.

One week, better team

More high-place finishes help transform Saluki women into challengers

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

After placing last in the previous home meet, the SIU women's track and field team made quite the improvement Saturday at the 2000 Saluki April Fast Start Meet, where they placed second of four teams.

Conference foe Southwest Missouri State University placed first with 185 points, while the Salukis (153) edged the University of Northern Iowa by 10 points. Vanderbilt (86) rounded out the four teams and settled for fourth place.

"We definitely did better this week than last week," SIU head coach Don DeNoon said. "We had a rather representative number of first-place finishes and second-place finishes as well. I thought we had a lot of people step up for us."

Leading the Salukis was junior Caryn Poliquin who placed in three events, including the hammer throw, in which she placed first with a toss of 162-2, the shot put, where she placed second (44-2 1/2) and a third-place finish in the discus (139-3).

Freshman Rimma Turevsky won first in both the long jump (17-8 1/4) and triple jump (40-0 3/4).

Senior Jenny Monaco and freshman Latrice Gray both finished first in their respected events — Monaco (10:11.46) in the 3,000-meter run and Gray (5-4 1/4) in the high jump.

Gray would like to see herself jump 5-7, which she said she has cleared in practice. This was the first time she placed first all season.

"I think it was all luck because some of those same girls I jumped against beat me in Florida [during spring break]," Gray said. "But it was a good jumping day for me, and it was

better than last week, so I am making progress."

The four Saluki seniors — Erin Leahy, Joy Cutrano, Drosia Lavithi and Fanda Fallah, along with Monaco placed in the top three in their respected events in their final home meet of their careers.

Leahy (4:46.49) finished second in the 1,500-meter run, Cutrano (10:23.71) earned second in the 3,000-meter run, Lavithi (15:23) came in third in the 100-meter low hurdles, and Fallah (17-2 1/4) placed third place in the long jump.

Other primary SIU contributors included sophomore Hilla Medalia (39-8 1/2), who placed second in the triple jump, freshman Danielle

TRACK AND FIELD

* THE SALUKIS TRAVEL TO CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO., SATURDAY FOR THE ALL-SPORT INVITATIONAL AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Lawary, who took third place (41-1 1/2) in the shot put, and sophomore Marian Appiah-Kubi, who finished in second place (56.53) in the 400-meter dash.

Appiah-Kubi's time in the 400-meter dash was the fastest time she has ever ran in that event, although it was not looking that way when she began the race.

"I felt really tired [before the race], but I guess I underestimated myself," Appiah-Kubi said. "I felt good that I placed second. I am excited I am finally putting my part in."

Although the Salukis appear to be improving, the injury bug has taken its toll on the team. SIU recently lost two key sprinters to injury, juniors Tanya Dolzovic and Shaneka Williams.

In addition, freshman thrower Jamie Waters is recovering from knee surgery and freshman distance runner Erin Simone, who had a strong cross country season, has yet to compete in either the indoor or outdoor seasons.

"If we could ever put everyone healthy on a team together, we would have a great team," DeNoon said. "Hopefully we will get better and continue to see a lot of productive performances from a lot of different people. It just that everyone has to come together on the same page on the same day."

SALUKI SCOREBOARD

Baseball Valley Standings

Team	Conference		Overall			
	W	L	Pct.	Pct.		
Evansville	6	2	.750	21	5	.808
Wichita State	8	4	.667	15	8	.652
Illinois State	7	4	.636	14	11	.560
Creighton	5	3	.625	23	6	.793
Northern Iowa	5	6	.455	14	13	.519
Southwest MO	5	7	.417	11	17	.393
Bradley	3	5	.375	10	13	.435
SIU	4	8	.333	12	15	.444
Indiana State	4	8	.333	12	16	.431

Women's tennis match canceled

The SIU women's tennis team's match against the University of Tennessee-Martin was canceled because of rain Sunday.

The team will kick off a three-day road trip when it travels to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind., Friday. The Salukis are 7-3 on the season.

Softball Valley Standings

Team	Conference		Overall			
	W	L	Pct.	Pct.		
Indiana State	2	0	1.000	11	20	.355
Creighton	3	0	.750	14	15	.483
Bradley	3	1	.750	14	15	.483
Northern Iowa	3	1	.750	17	21	.457
Southwest MO	2	2	.500	11	19	.367
Evansville	1	3	.250	26	14	.646
Wichita State	2	2	.500	11	19	.367
SIU	1	3	.250	26	12	.684
Drake	1	3	.250	14	16	.467
Illinois State	0	2	.000	9	21	.300