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Cole takes election



Students swing election; Cole slides in by 21 votes over Flanagan

Sara Hooker
 Daily Egyptian

In the closest mayoral race in recent Carbondale history, Brad Cole slid by Maggie Flanagan by 21 votes in an election that ultimately was decided by the student-dominated precincts.

Cole addressed a crowd of supporters at Copper Dragon at about 9:30 Tuesday evening to announce his victory.

"Something happened on the way here today. I got elected mayor of Carbondale," he said, as the crowd of about 100 let out a collective cheer. "Every vote counts."

Crowd members joked about his shaky hands, which held the paper with the final tally.

"Somebody either needs to hold this paper or hold my hand," Cole said, laughing.

Because of the closeness of the vote, Flanagan can choose to contest the count. She has the option of choosing up to 10 precincts to analyze for discovery, Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Larry Reinhardt said. He said the votes would be recounted

and if enough discrepancy is found, Flanagan can petition a court to seek a full recount.

After the results were announced, Flanagan said she was unsure if she will seek a recount. She told a crowd of about 100 supporters at Mugsy McGuire's Bar & Grill that she was proud of her run for mayor and, more importantly, proud of Carbondale.

"We did a good race," Flanagan said to the crowd. "It was a huge, wonderful run. We defined what we wanted. We have a great new City Council. We'll just take the new Council and move on."

As the lead bounced back and forth, Cole supporters gathered around a large screen that updated the latest counts. Cheers and clapping were heard as Cole took the lead 785 to 772 at about 8:30 p.m.

Cole led by 57 votes with three precincts left. Of the final three precincts, one included Flanagan's street and another included Cole's street.

The election rested on precincts Reinhardt previously identified as

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Council: four in one out

Brian Peach
 Daily Egyptian

The City Council election may have been overshadowed by a nail-biting mayoral race, but it still had its share of drama as one council member was voted out of office and four new ones were voted in.

Mike Neill lost his chair on the council by 78 votes. Edging him out was Lance Jack, while Sheila Simon and Steven Haynes dominated the race. Simon came in first by 310 votes, but Haynes was right on her tail for most of the race until she pulled away. Haynes secured his second place by 297 more votes than Jack.

"Sheila kicked butt" said Gail Thomas, a friend of Simon's who helped with her campaign.

Simon said she was thrilled to come out as one of the top-three candidates for the four-year seat, and said it was what she was hoping for since the council voted to expand the council seats in November 2002.

Commenting after the results came in at about 9:30 p.m., Neill said he wished he could have felt worse about losing, but he just did not care as much about winning this election. He said he spent about \$1,000 campaigning for this race, compared to the \$3,000 he spent in the last election.

Neill said after 15 1/2 years working for the city while a member of the council and the park district, it was time he stepped down and let someone take his place.

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Results: Carbondale City Council



Simon Haynes Jack

✓ Sheila Simon 2195

✓ Steven Haynes 1885

✓ Lance Jack 1588

Michael Neill 1510

Dan David 1162

M Stalls 896

Results:
 2-year term



✓ Chris Wissmann 1661

□ Joel Fritzier 1361



• Results are from the final report.
 • Source: Jackson Co. Courthouse

Wissmann

Results:
 4-year term

Mayor-elect Brad Cole waves to an ecstatic crowd of family, friends and supporters while holding the final results from the polls after learning he had defeated Maggie Flanagan by a margin of 21 votes Tuesday evening at the Copper Dragon Brewing Company in Carbondale. Cole is the first new mayor elected in Carbondale in 16 years.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WAR UPDATE

Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Tuesday

- Coalition forces have not found any evidence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said at Tuesday's Central Command briefing in Qatar. (cnn.com)

- Four journalists missing from Iraq turned up safe Tuesday in Jordan. The four were arrested at their Baghdad hotel March 25 and taken to prison. They were interrogated and accused of being American spies, but say they were not physically mistreated, though the conditions of their confinement were harsh. The four were Molly Bingham, a photographer on assignment for Esquire magazine, Newsday journalists Matthew McAllester and Moises Saman, and a Danish photographer. (cnn.com)

- U.S. forces found an American POW late Tuesday. Pfc. Jessica Lynch, a U.S. soldier reported missing after an ambush on the 507th maintenance Company March 23 in Nasiriya. Lynch is from Palestine, W. Va. (abcnews.com)

- A major battle occurred in the Shiite holy city Karbala, about 50 miles south of Baghdad. U.S. Army troops reportedly fought the Medina Division of the Republican Guard. (abcnews.com)

- U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers, on those who publicly question the U.S. military campaign in Iraq: "It is not helpful to have those kind of comments come out when we've got troops in combat, because, first of all, they're false, they're absolutely

wrong, they bear no resemblance to the truth, and it's just harmful to our troops that are out there fighting very bravely, very courageously." (cnn.com)

- A pipeline began flowing Monday from Kuwait to the Iraqi port city of Umm Qasr to deliver fresh water, U.S. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said Monday. (abcnews.com)

- Four ships carrying weapons of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division docked Tuesday at Kuwait City's Shuaibah port, and maintenance crews began unloading Apache helicopters, Abrams battle tanks, Bradley fighting vehicles, and Humvee armored vehicles. (cnn.com)

- In Kurd-dominated northern Iraq, Iraq opposition forces took a town that was a suspected stronghold of the Islamic militia Ansar al-Islam. (cnn.com)

- Coalition bombing of Baghdad on Tuesday morning killed five Iraqi civilians and wounded 25 others, said Iraqi information minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf. He said the five are among 24 civilians killed since late Monday. (cnn.com)

- Iraqi information minister: "The Iraqi troops and the Iraqi fighters are in control of all the places, as we have witnessed. No big change in that." (cnn.com)

- The World Food Program Monday said it received \$115 million in cash and assistance three days after launching its \$1.3 billion emergency food aid appeal for Iraq. (abcnews.com)



Attack on Iraq

Today

High 75
Low 55

Bright sunshine with a warm southwest breeze at 15 to 20 mph.



Five-day Forecast

Thursday	Some Clouds	76/57
Friday	Thunderous	66/46.
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	60/38
Sunday	Cloudy & Wet	59/51
Monday	Gusty	60/40

Almanac

Average high:	60
Average low:	39
Tuesday's precip:	0.00"
Tuesday's hi/low:	74/53

CORRECTIONS

In Tuesday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 4 article, "April brings national awareness to sexual assault," Jennifer Hiebert's name was misspelled.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

Readers who spot an error should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

CALENDAR

Today

Justice Thomas L. Kilbride
Hiram H. Lesar Distinguished Lecture
Lesar Law Building Auditorium
5 p.m.

Conflict Management
lecture, sponsored by Student Health Programs
Student Center, Missouri Room
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital
Jeanine Wagner, soprano and Margaret Simmons, piano
Old Baptist Foundation Recital hall
6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Eric Reed
"The Tour de France: business, sport and culture in 20th-century France" — lecture
University Museum Auditorium
4 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS
University

- A Sony Playstation 2 and games were reported stolen between 8:50 a.m. and 8:10 p.m. Monday at Schneider Hall. The residence was entered without force and the loss is estimated at \$850. Police have no suspects.

Carbondale

- Jessica L. Easton, 20, from Steelville, was cited for driving the wrong way on a one-way street at 2:11 a.m. Tuesday. She was released on a personal recognizance bond.

- Jennifer Lynn Lobos, 20, was charged with underage possession of alcohol and disobeying a traffic control device at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday. She posted her driver's license and a recognizance bond.

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Voter turnout up from primaries

Community members, SIUC students vote to elect new mayor

Kristina Dailing & Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Peter Chametzky of Carbondale showed up at the Carbondale Civic Center at about 5:20 p.m. His daughter, Haley, 5, and his son Ben, 9, were with him as he stood in line to cast his vote.

"Can I vote?" Haley asked.
"You're not old enough," Ben said.

But many other Carbondale community members, who were old enough to vote, elected a new mayor for the first time in 16 years and to elect four new City Council members.

Tuesday's voter turnout of 3,640 was up from the February primary turnout of 1,674.

And once again election judges were awake and at the polling places at about 6 a.m. ready to hand out ballots to voters. Polling judges said that community members and students trickled in to vote throughout the day.

At precinct 9 polling place in the Carbondale Civic Center, election judges

said turnout was heavier than the primaries but not by much. And the snowy weather that many attributed to low voter turnout in the primaries could not be attributed to low turnout yesterday.

At about 5:15 p.m., 152 out of the 758 registered voters at Precinct 9 had turned out to vote in the election.

Reatha Crow of DeSoto said that she did not think there were enough issues to get voters motivated. But she said people should take more interest in their lives and realize that issues do affect them.

"If you vote you can gripe guilt-free," Crow said: "If you don't vote, you can't gripe."

Deve Ficher of Carbondale said that he has voted in as many elections as he could as a way to get qualified officials in office. He said the people should get out and vote as long as they vote for the right people.

Victor Harris, an election judge from Murphysboro who has been working at polling places for the past seven years, was stationed at precinct 26. He said he noticed a younger turnout of people voting in this election. He said he was excited that several participants voted for the first time. And he was not surprised that there was more voter participation in this election compared to the primaries.

"Anytime there is a general election people turn out to vote," Harris said. "There just seems to be more interest."

Valerie Sieth, a sophomore in political science from Chicago, said she voted because it is one of the only rights people have that makes a difference in their life.

"I believe everyone has the obligation to vote," Sieth said. "If people don't vote it means they don't care and I can't see how people don't care about what happens to them."

She said she was disappointed that many of her friends and fellow students said they did not vote or feel the need to.

"I tried to get a lot of people to vote but they just kept telling me they didn't register," Sieth said.

Charles Wyatt, an election judge in Grinnell Dining Hall, said participation was twice as high as the primary elections at their precinct, but still low.

At about 5:45 p.m., 133 people had voted out of the 767 registered for the precinct. He said many students seemed unaware that it was Election Day.

Some students said they did not vote because they were not registered or did not know enough about the issues.

Dana Kalinsky, a freshman in English from Chicago, said she did not vote because



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ben Chametzky won't be old enough to vote for 9 years but he joined his father Peter at Carbondale Civic Center Tuesday to observe the voting process. Ben is one of many children who accompanied their parents to the polling place.

she was not informed enough about the candidates.

Ben 'Ioffman, a freshman in radio and television from Deerfield, said he voted because it was the first chance he had to vote.

"I thought I should contribute toward the candidate I thought was the best," Ioffman said. "The young people of the world can make a difference."

"And if everyone comes out and votes for the person they think is right then we are all doing the right thing."



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Carl Mitchell, polling place official, explains to Jordan Johnson exactly how to fill out the ballot by using a sample. Many people who wanted to vote were turned away because of inconsistencies with their registration.



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Ben Hoffman, a freshman in radio television, looks over the technicalities of voting with Carl Mitchell who works at the polls. Hoffman chooses to vote so he can take advantage of his chance to make a small difference.

Self-defense workshop empowers participants

Sexual Assault Awareness Month starts off with class

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The amount of space inside room B142 in Woody Hall is small, but Tuesday afternoon those walking past noticed the energy level was not.

A woman stopped briefly and placed her ear to the door, trying to understand the bits of conversation that occasionally surfaced in between screams of "No," and a muffled punching sound. After hearing a short chuckle and realizing that no one is in danger, she shrugged and made her way down the hall.

The occupants of the room were in no current danger, but, instead were preparing for a scenario in case they ever are.

"I want to be safe," Chuck Hunt of Du Quoin declared as he pounded on the small green punching sack sitting

on his lap.

With the aid of role-playing, punching sacks and strategies taught to them by a self-defense instructor, individuals on campus and in the local area were learning defense tactics geared toward a population for which such classes are not often available — people with disabilities.

"I want to make these classes more accessible for special populations like the elderly, women, children and people with disabilities," said instructor Jennifer Hiebert. "The purpose of this workshop is to put the stress on what you can do, not what you can't. I want people to remember that you can use your arms, use your voice and whatever you can if an assault takes place. You may not have the same strength as someone else, but there are plenty of techniques you can use."

From noon to 2 p.m., 10 individuals attended a workshop available for people with disabilities looking to learn self-defense class. While self-defense workshops geared toward people with disabilities exist all over

the country, classes such as this one sponsored by Women's Services and the Disabled Support Services are not common in the area.

"I'm on campus a lot at night and I need to know how to defend myself," said Teri Stangle, a student in psychology from St. Francisville who uses the assistance of a cane. "I know there are self-defense classes available, but I live in a small town and I would have to drive far to get to them."

Stangle said she felt empowered by the techniques taught to her in the workshop, but had to pose an important question.

"What if someone takes my cane?" she asked. "If I fall on the ground, then what can I do?"

Instructor Jennifer Hiebert began to list some possible solutions to the young woman sitting before her, then, was reminded of the fact that showing is better than telling.

"Do you mind getting on the floor?" she said.

Stangle lied down on the floor and she and Hiebert began to role-

play a scenario under which she was being attacked. Although she has little power in her legs to kick, Stangle did have the ability to hit, punch and even twist the arm of her "attacker."

"You may not be able to use your legs too much, but you can use your hands," Hiebert reminds Stangle. "Basically, you're going to make them really, really sorry they ever took your cane."

While the workshop was predominantly a physical experience, Hiebert did take time to address issues concerning the availability of self-defense classes for people with disabilities.

During the brief discussion, attendees agreed they would be interested in further participation in a class of this nature.

"I wanted to take the class so I could take care of myself and no one would hurt me," said Smith, who attended the workshop with several other residents of Five Star Services, a home for people with development disabilities in Du Quoin. "It was

a good class and I learned how to defend myself if someone attacks me."

Hiebert said that, although she was certified and accustomed to teaching Wentido, a self-defense class for women and children, she would not mind teaching males, people with disabilities and anyone else interested in self-defense.

In light of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, she noted the importance of self-defense skills for all individuals both male and female, as well as the importance of realizing that an attack is never the fault of the victim.

"I always liked the analogy about driving a car," Hiebert said. "When you're driving and someone drives into you it isn't your fault. It's important to have on a seat belt to reduce the risk. People tend to feel better when they feel they have done everything they can to protect themselves."

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Candidates scrape up last-minute votes

City Council, mayoral candidates participate in WIDB voting rally

Andy Horonzy
Daily Egyptian

EDITOR'S NOTE: Election returns were not in by this story's deadline.

With the sounds of White Zombie, Eminem and Twisted Sister emanating from the massive speakers set up in the SIUC Free Forum Area, candidates spent the day at a WIDB sponsored voting rally attempting to meet and greet as many students as possible in the waning hours of the election.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the venue was never bare, and often filled by crowds of 20 to 30 students stopping by the event to listen to the candidates and sample the free food provided by WIDB.

Although mayoral candidate Brad Cole spent the majority of Tuesday meeting Carbondale residents and generating voting interest, he said he was glad to make time to speak to students.

Cole said he thought it was important for him to take advantage of an opportunity to interact with students and show them how much he values their opinions.

"I think I represent the best opportunity for students and I want them to know that I plan to make sure they have their say in city government," Cole said. "I plan to be a representative who takes notice of the issues facing students."

Cole said he was pleased with the student turnout and, if elected, would like to further his involvement with the rally in the future.

"This is definitely something I would like to be associated with in the future, absolutely, without a doubt," Cole said.

Cole's opponent, Maggie Flanagan, also made a brief visit to the rally, but she was there long enough to leave a lasting impact on SIUC student Jake Howze, a freshman in architecture



STEVE JAHNKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mayoral candidate Brad Cole is greeted by WIDB news director Christina Kullberg after arriving in the SIUC Free Forum area Tuesday afternoon during WIDB's voting rally. Cole was one of several candidates running for office who stopped by the Free Forum Area to talk with students and gather some last-minute votes.

from Buffalo Grove.

"I thought it was really cool the way she tried to make an effort to talk to all of us, even though I'm sure she was really busy today," Howze said. "It's nice that the candidates try and get students involved with their campaigns."

While the mayoral candidates could only devote a small portion of their day to the rally because of other commitments, City Council candidates Chris Wissmann and Joel Fritzler could be spotted pacing the side-

walks in front of Parkinson Hall the entire day.

Wissmann, a two-year candidate, said he participated in the rally because he thinks the students define Carbondale, and it would be an injustice to not show their appreciation for the many things students provide.

He said many small-business owners, like himself and four-year candidate Lance Jack, depend on the students and could not survive without them.

"I'm here today because if it weren't for the students we'd all be unemployed," Wissmann said. "Without the students a lot of things would be missing around

here, like concerts, sporting events, and several fund raisers."

Fritzler, a two-year candidate, said he had to juggle his work schedule with the SIUC Center for Rural Health & Social Service Development to be involved with the rally, but said he spent every free minute available talking with students.

He said his main goal at the event was to inform students of the importance of voting, no matter where they choose to do it.

About half of the students Fritzler said he talked to were registered to vote in Carbondale.

"When I was a student I voted absentee and that's where my loyalties were, but I think it's great that some students take the time to register in Carbondale," Fritzler said.

"I was also glad to see that many of the students who weren't already registered expressed interest in doing so in the future."

Several students who were not registered to vote for the election expressed regret after taking part in Tuesday's festivities. Tom Mlikan, a junior in marketing from Danville, said he enjoyed the rally and meeting the candidates, but wished he would have considered registering.

Mlikan said he was previously unaware that candidates took students into consideration, but after spending a few minutes talking with them his view had been altered.

"I guess I never knew we figured into the minds of city government, but maybe I was wrong," Mlikan said.

Celina Romeco, a sophomore in education from St. Louis, said she was pleased with what the candidates had to say and would consider voting in the future.

Romeco cited time constraints as the reason she failed to register for this year's elections.

"Sometimes it can be hard to find the time to go register to vote, but I guess that's why the student turnout is always so low," Romeco said.

"But it's really nice to see that the candidates still care about us even though not a lot of us actually vote."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Single-family home rehabilitation funds available

The City of Carbondale has Single-Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program funds available to assist owner-occupied properties in parts of the city. Pre-applications are now available and will be accepted through May 5. Rehabilitation assistance up to \$30,000 is available.

Work can include structural, plumbing, electrical, weatherization, heating, roofing and general upgrades to meet current city codes. Annual household incomes must not exceed limits such as: \$27,000 per one-person household and \$41,650 per 5-person household. For further information or to obtain a pre-application, contact Development Services at City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Ave., second floor or by phone at 457-3248.

Free tax clinic to take place Thursday

For anyone who needs help with income tax returns, there will be a free tax clinic from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Carbondale Public Library. People from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance organization, an accounting fraternity at Southern, will prepare your 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040-V or 1040-ES forms.

They can also fill out various tax credit forms for child/dependent care or educational credit. Participants will need to bring this year's tax package and/or all W-2 and 1099 forms; information for any other income; information for all deductions or credits; and a copy of last year's tax return.

Anyone may pick up a reservation number at the main Circulation Desk at the library on the day of the clinic. For more information, call Mike Colborn at 529-5379.

24-year-old murder case trial delayed

The preliminary hearing of a Kentucky man on trial for a 1978 murder was delayed Tuesday morning for evaluation of his mental fitness for trial.

William Anthony Sisk, 46, is on trial for the murder of John Danny Sharp, also of Kentucky. Sharp's body was found north of the former Kroger store, which was located at 1270 E. Main St.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said Sharp died of gunshot wounds to the head and a .38 caliber bullet was found in the skull. The weapon has not been recovered.

The body had no identification, but an examination by the SIUC Department of Anthropology provided a description that matched one given by Sharp's family a month after the body's discovery. His family identified the man's clothes and an autopsy confirmed the identification.

Sisk's arrest comes 24 years after investigators began researching the case.

Actor shares lessons learned as an activist

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

For someone who has received numerous hate mail, death threats, lost a job and had a bomb threat, actor and activist Ed Asner has a sense of humor unlike most.

"He is a person who has used his platform as a citizen and as someone in show business to take a stand on issues he believes are important," said Paul Simon, former senator and director of the Public Policy Institute. "Whether you agree or disagree, he'd like you to disagree with something."

The seven-time Emmy award winner, who is famous for playing Lou Grant in the Mary Tyler Moore Show, spoke at the Student Center about the lessons he learned from his past and about taking a stand on issues.

Asner recalled his initial opposition to the local coal miners' strike during his high school days in Kansas City, Mo. until his football coach said, "You can't take away a man's right to strike." At the time, the mainstream press were criticized the strike.

"For the first time, I realized that when all the papers were screaming one thing," Asner said. "It didn't mean it had to be true. That was the best lesson I had in questioning the media."

While trying to make a living as a "small- potatoes actor" during the McCarthy era,

Asner said he failed to speak out on issues and dealt with a personal sense of guilt.

"If I caused waves, my career might be threatened by my big enemies, so I was silent. I managed to stay uninvolved for many years," he said.

By 1980, Asner was involved with the Screen Actors Guild's strike for a new contract. During that time, he found himself alone debating with the chief negotiator for management for an interview with ABC broadcast journalist Ted Koppel. It was after the show aired that Asner received threats that ranged from a swastika spray painted on his front door to a bomb, bearing his name, sitting outside the CBS studios.

Nonetheless, Asner said he realized for the first time that he had the power to affect people's lives when fellow actors expressed their gratitude to Asner for representing their issues.

For the next four years, Asner served as president of the union. However, his leadership was met with troubles.

"There were union leaders such as Charlton Heston who lied about me, who stoked fires against me to the point that coupled with my position on Central America boycotts ... it contributed to the cancellation of 'Lou Grant' [a television show] in 1982," he said.

Despite the setbacks, Asner said he took more issues and has not toned his voice since.

Asner did not fail to make his opposition to the current war in Iraq clear nor about his disapproval of President George Bush.

Asner also addressed the influence actor's carry when they voice their personal beliefs on politics and the war to the public. Asner said he understands why some Americans tend to overlook political opinions from celebrities with skepticism, especially in a time when the famous role models of "today's younger generation have been arrested for murder, molesting children, drugs [and] beating their wives."

"I think that's unfortunate because entertainment is a marvelous conduit to reach people," Asner said. "The biggest newspaper in the United States is read by a couple million people. But one prime time television show can reach 30 to 40 million people in one night."

Peppered with quotes from individuals including former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, philosopher Thomas Aquinas and the Bible, Asner's address encouraged the attendees to take a stand and hold government leaders accountable for the decisions they make.

His personal motto resonated with the audience with laughter and applause.

"I'd rather be pissed off than pissed on," he said.

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LESTER E. MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ed Asner and former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon leave the SIU Public Policy Institute after Asner's press conference. Asner, former actor and now activist gave a lecture at the Student Center and made a guest appearance at the Illinois Symphony Orchestra's season finale at Shryock Auditorium Tuesday.

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student-dominated. In precincts 21 through 26 and 29, the unofficial tally was 337 Cole to 246 Flanagan. In the non-student dominated precincts, the unofficial total was 1,500 Flanagan to 1,419 Cole. These totals calculated by the DAILY EGYPTIAN are 10 votes off the official final tally.

Cole said his first order of business is going to be gathering the new council and setting a focus. Four new council members, Sheila Simon, Lance Jack, Steven Haynes and Chris Wissmann, were also elected Tuesday. The new mayor and council will take office May 6.

He said he doesn't foresee any conflicts between himself and opponent Flanagan, who will continue to serve the remaining two years of her term.

"We've worked well on the council together and I'm looking forward to being an active mayor and leading this council, and I'm sure that Ms. Flanagan will continue to serve as she has in the past," Cole said.

As Cole made his way around Copper Dragon accepting congratulations, he stopped to thank a friend for the lucky buckeye he was carrying in his pocket. Mike Henry, a long-time friend of Cole's, found the buckeye in the woods and brought it to give good luck to his friend.

"I've carried it with me for a little over 20 years," Henry said. "I knew it was going to be a close race."

Cole worked for Henry's unsuccessful City Council campaign in 1993. Henry was defeated by Flanagan, who was elected to her first term. Members of the Delta Chi fraternity attended the election party to support Cole who is a Delta Chi alumnus and serves as the alumnus advisor for the fraternity.

"I'm glad to see that alumni like Brad Cole can achieve this kind of success — it really motivates all of us," said Gary Gangi, a junior in journalism.

Erin Castro, Cole's girlfriend who is a senior in business administration, said this election meant everything to Cole. "He deserves it. I'm so happy — so happy for him. This is what he wanted," Castro said.



Mayoral candidate Maggie Flanagan receives condolences from her husband Ray Lenzi as she gets word of the 21-vote shortcoming that determined her opponent Brad Cole as Carbondale's new mayor. Flanagan, who awaited results with supporters at Mugsy McGuire's Bar and Grill Tuesday evening, said, 'We still have Carbondale — we played it fair.'

Reporters Brian Poach and Burke Wasson contributed to this story.
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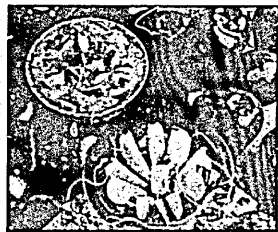
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OUR WORD

Fees aren't what we ordered

It's our money. But these days, it's hard to notice because it slips so quickly out of our pocket. Such is the case with student fees. Last week the University proposed six fee increases totaling \$30.90. The increases will go toward the Athletic Fee, the Student Health Fee for Primary Care, the Student Center, Student and Campus Recreation and the Student Activity Fee.

Last year, USG approved a \$30.75 fee increase. That money went toward Student Health Services, the Student Center, student attorney, mass transit and Campus Recreation. Sound familiar?

And to top it all off, administrators are examining the possibility of cutting 8 percent from this fiscal year's remaining student fee money.

We paid these fees for specific purposes. We want to see that money go where it's supposed to go. A good education is going to cost money. But it seems that it costs more and more each year. The state's financial crisis has led to tuition increases, mirrored across the country. We supported and still support the tuition increase that was passed last year.

And student fees are necessary. Projects such as the Recreation Center were paid for almost solely with student fees. In general, student fees are the only way to provide such programs, according to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. However, raising student fees each year on top of tuition increases when we don't see the results lends us to wonder if it is truly necessary. Are we going to turn around and do this all over again next year?

These fees will go toward good causes, things students use. Maintenance, operating costs, improving housing, giving students more options for recreation on campus and paying people better salaries are just a few of the good causes this fee increase would benefit.

But these little dollars add up. Each part of the proposed \$31.90 increase is small, a few dollars going to this organization, a few going to that one. Right now a student pays about \$630 each year in student fees. Add on that extra \$31 and we're looking at \$660. This is on top of the extra tuition we will be paying. Oh, and don't forget the housing fee increase if you're planning to stay in residence halls — that's \$146.

Students are not just an unlimited bank account that the University can withdraw from any time. We feel as if that's been the case lately. And we worry that these student fees are making up for lost state dollars. Especially when we hear of the possible 8-percent cut from this year's money.

Student fee money is our money. Examine how we're spending it and keep an eye on how often you're increasing fees. It's a tough call: everyone wants the benefits without having to pay for them. But there must be a way to balance it without raising fees each year.

At a restaurant, if we don't like what we order, we send it back to the kitchen. This is a public university, and we have that option. If we don't see the results of fee increases, we can take our money elsewhere.

Students are not just an unlimited bank account that the University can withdraw from any time.



GUEST EDITORIAL

Undermining Roe v. Wade

Harvard Gimson
Harvard University

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — Earlier this month, the Senate approved the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003. In the coming weeks, the House of Representatives will vote on the most severe legislative assault to the abortion rights granted by Roe v. Wade thirty years ago. If signed into law, the bill will be the first time Congress has ever specifically banned a medical procedure. The legislation would prohibit doctors from performing what is technically known as a "dilation and extraction" procedure. Physicians who knowingly defy the ban could be subject to jail terms as long as two years.

The bill makes no exception for preserving the health of the pregnant woman and thereby undermines doctors' professional integrity — denying them the freedom to determine the safest procedure for a patient. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has called the legislation "inappropriate, ill-advised, and dangerous." While abortion remains a touchy issue for many people, the pending legislation is troublesome because it neglects concerns for the mother's health and prosecutes doctors who act in the best health interest of their patients.

While approximately 90 percent of all abortions take place in the first trimester, before the fetus is 12 weeks old, second-trimester abortions remain rare and are most often performed in cases of extreme fetal deformities, or when the health or life of the mother is at risk.

"Partial-birth" abortion, a non-medical term actu-

ally coined by abortion rights opponents, refers to an abortion procedure usually performed in the second trimester due to fetal abnormalities or medical conditions threatening the mother. The procedure accounts for fewer than 1 percent of all abortions, or approximately 2,200 abortions a year. While the actual procedure is rarely used, it is sometimes critical in saving a pregnant woman's life.

There are two other second-trimester abortion options, but the dilation and extraction method is often the safest for the pregnant woman. A 1998 Journal of the American Medical Association article concluded that the death rate connected with other second trimester abortion methods were nearly double the rate for the dilation and extraction method. The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology confirms that the dilation and extraction method "may be the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance and only the doctor, in consultation with the patient, can make this decision."

The legislation leaving Congress is the product of political banter, not sound medical judgment. This ban is particularly troublesome because it criminalizes the reliable method when a woman's health is of greatest concern. Women seeking abortions deserve access to the safest medical procedure available — the appropriate choice of treatment should be a decision that rests with a woman and her doctor, not with Congress.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It's impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one's hat keeps blowing off.”

Woody Allen

WORDS OVERHEARD

“The United States is the only country in the history of the world that has had the dominant military power and not used it for imperialistic purposes.”

William J. Perry
former U.S. secretary of defense
quoting former prime minister and defense minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin

COLUMNISTS

I don't want to grow up, I'm an SIU kid

Spring is in the air, and with the change of seasons comes the senioritis that inevitably spreads like the Clap throughout the campus scene. Of course, since I won't be graduating any time this decade, I take this month to reflect on exactly why that is.

More now than ever before, non-traditional student numbers are growing. The four-year-plan is as much a part of the past as Michael Dukakis or Members Only jackets. The reason? We aren't ready to graduate. We've taken the classes, completed our internships, and finally, we have that burden off our shoulders. The problem is, we spent so much time and effort getting that pressure out of the way, we didn't focus on the real reason we were here: to act our age.

The four-year plan is as much a part of the past as Michael Dukakis or Members Only jackets.

That, after all, is the essence of the college experience. A diploma doesn't mean anything in terms of becoming an educated, well-rounded individual. Employers don't even care about degrees, but rather what they stand for. Your masters' thesis could have been on keg-stands, with a major in software piracy, and you'd still have that stamp on your forehead. And that's what it's all about.

Employers just need to know that you have gotten through your necessary "discovering yourself" phase, and that it's out of your system. It doesn't mean you have to act like a total grown-up. You don't have to have perfect credit or a real plan. You don't have to know which perfumes are winter or summer scents. You can be young and stupid. You can drive down the highway with your heater on and the sunroof open. The point is that you're learning little stuff every day, like the concept of fabric softener and the importance of not using certain phrases such as "DUI" or



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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"post-coital cigarette" in front of your mother.

So once you're down to the 15 credit-hour mark, you'd better start making sure you've lived it up. Enter senioritis. This is that nasty little stage when you start pouring Keystone on your Fruity Pebbles to make up for lost time. Cause it's almost gone, baby. That last glimmer of party life before you trade in the free blood-drive T-shirts for dry-clean-only tags.

Oh, you can be like me, and never actually graduate. I look ahead to my 20-year high school reunion, surrounded by 30-some-things with suits and minivans. "What is it you do now, Gracey?"

"Oh, I can't complain. Got a job offer just last week. Yep, Taco Bell knows I'm a hot ticket. They saw so much of me every Taco Tuesday, they just handed me a uniform. Oh, and I don't want to brag, but they finally wrote my name on the wall at Doc's Tavern. Not too shabby, eh?"

Okay, maybe it's not that bad, but I still have to wonder when my real "self" will finally show up so I can give up this game and finally take those last three classes. Who knows? It may be sooner than I think. In the meantime, I've got a date with a bottle of fabric softener and some Fruity Pebbles.

Not just Another Priddy Face appears Wednesdays. Grace is a senior in architecture. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

America is turning into Stepford wives

How many people remember the film The Stepford Wives? For the younger crowd I will give you a brief narrative. The Stepford Wives was a film in which husbands in a small community conspired and decided they wanted perfect wives. Therefore, they killed their real wives and created robots that looked and felt like their real wives. However, the primary feature of the movie was that the new robot wives NEVER disagreed or complained.

I would assert that here in America today we are seeing the beginning of the Stepfordization of American. Americans who complain and disagree adamantly are castigated, beleaguered and called anti-American. The Dixie Chicks made a glib comment about being ashamed of President Bush being from Texas. They are now pariahs in the country music community. If they do not cross over into a full pop music genre, their career may very well be in the proverbial toilet.

It was perfectly acceptable for people to criticize Bill Clinton when he was president. This was their right, and I did not feel that they were unpatriotic for their views. Senator Daschle may be in trouble politically, because, he stated diplomacy was a failure because of Bush.

The Stepfordization is seen everywhere. I was listening to a popular radio station on FM, and a caller called in to state how she just hated these protestors and how she sometimes wishes we were in Iraq and we could cut their tongues out. Moreover, I was eating in a local restaurant, I overheard a group of people talking about the war, and those who are protesting the comments were that "The police should throw all of them in jail." Bill O'Reilly of Fox News stated, "During the war protesting should not be allowed."

Recently, in a New York newspaper a list was published naming the celebrities who have been active in the anti-war movement. This sounds a lot like the 1950s blacklist. It is apparent that the motivation for printing this list is to hurt these individual's career. Essentially, they are being Stepfordized.



Having my Say

BY LENIE ADOLPHSON
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What I find especially ironic is that we want to spread democracy to other countries but when it is actually practiced in America, there are those who want to squash it like a bug. This, my friends is a critical period in our history. We must not throw away the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. It is sad; there is a large segment of people who appear to want Stepford Americans, who all agree with Bush and the war. It is as if we are all supposed to walk in lockstep. Moreover, support must be total or as some say "100 percent behind Bush," anything less is akin to Anti-Americanism. I suppose Bush's edict that "you're with us or the terrorist" was the impetus for this virulent attack on protesters or dissenters. Any questioning or protest of policies requires immediate reprogramming or disposal.

Despite the fact that I am a vocal critic of many of our current and past policies, I do love America. I am happy to live here since this is my country. It is because I love America that I am so passionate. Regardless of the fact that some are uncomfortable with talking about our past, we cannot seek to minimize past horrors by calling major injustices "flaws." We cannot shield ourselves from the truth. However, we can learn, change, and as Robert Kennedy stated, "Seek to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world." In the end, loving America is not blind allegiance. Loving America is challenging your country to be its best.

Having my Say appears Wednesdays. Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Thanks to USG for efforts in designating Veterans Day holiday

DEAR EDITOR:

I want to thank USG for their efforts to get Veterans Day designated as an official holiday at SIU.

For many years, attempts have been made to achieve this goal. Petitions with hundreds of signatures requesting Veterans Day off were given to John Jackson. He ignored our pleas and assigned the Monday of spring break as a designated holiday that year.

So let's work together again this year, along with USG, to let administration know how important this issue is to us.

Let's honor our veterans, past and present, for their sacrifice and service to keep this nation free!

Sheryl Furlow
Health Service staff

USG does not serve the students

DEAR EDITOR:

During the past year, I have become increasingly concerned about USG and its service to the student. Now, USG is the official voice for the undergraduate student population but I haven't seen any of the Executive Staff talking to students, RSOs or other groups on this campus. How can USG be the voice for the students if they aren't talking to students?

The answer to that question is that the current USG Senate and Executive Staff don't really care about the student's concerns or issues, but rather their own personal ambitions.

USG has strayed from its purpose of advancing student life and the student voice here on campus to obsessing over issues such as war in Iraq or eliminating the USG advisor. The USG has NO power to change the reality of either of these situations. They do have considerably more power to help improve the quality of off-campus housing through a Tenant Union but that was cut when the current administration took office last May.

USG also has a voice in what type of Human Relations Commission the city of Carbondale adopts, but they're too busy with the war to care about what happens to the students or citizens of Carbondale if they become a victim of police brutality or discrimination.

Let's not forget the strike protests that USG lead this semester. These were protests that would have led only about 100 professors out of over 600 professors to a strike. This situation would have only prolonged the negotiations and hurt the education of students here at SIUC. The tangible results from this year's USG do not exist. The state of relations with the city of Carbondale and the administration of SIUC are almost non-existent.

Instead of taking a step forward, we have taken two steps backward. I believe that a change in USG leadership is needed to turn this organization around and improve the life of students at SIUC. USG has turned its back to the students for years but now is not the time for the students to turn their backs on USG.

Paul Ray
Sophomore, political science

U.S. military does not protect freedom, just forcibly controls raw material routes

DEAR EDITOR:

I keep hearing that our military machine protects our freedom. It's a comforting thought, but so are the stories we tell of Easter Bunnies and chubby guys in red pajamas coming down chimneys bearing gifts. The truth, if we are brave enough to admit it, is that militaries like ours have nothing to do with freedom. Their job is to forcibly control raw materials and the routes used to ship them. Free freedom merely gets in the way of such things. Freedom starts between the ears. It ends when a whole nation of people swallows the lies their government tells them.

Jim Glover
Carbondale resident

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COUNCIL

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"I wish the new council well and I'm happy for Brad," Neill said.

The rest of the four-year race played out with Dan David earning 348 fewer votes than Neill, and M Stalls earning 266 fewer than David.

Unlike the four-year election, the two-year race was not nearly as contested. Chris Wissmann dominated most of the election, winning 22 of 27 precincts and garnering 300 more votes than Joel Fritzlter. He attributed his win to having more support than Fritzlter in his campaigning and not because one candidate was better than the other.

"I had a lot more help than Joel did; and I put a lot more work into it," said Wissmann, who was joined by only Jack as the only two candidates at the Jackson County Courthouse Tuesday night.

Wissmann said he cannot wait to get into office and see if he's an effective councilman. He said he hopes to enjoy the job enough to want to run again in two years.

Jack said his next goal is to perform well as a member of the council. He said he earned his spot by knocking on doors and taking a strong interest in the community, both of which helped him compete against the name recognition of Simon, who is the daughter of former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon.

"Now it's time to go to work," he said. "It's time to put all that hard work and money where the mouth is."

All the new City Council members will officially take office on May 6.

Reporters Greg Cima and Jackie Keane contributed to this story.

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City Council candidate Sheila Simon looks over the shoulder of her husband Perry Knop who is receiving precinct vote totals from his colleague at the Jackson County Courthouse during Tuesday's election.

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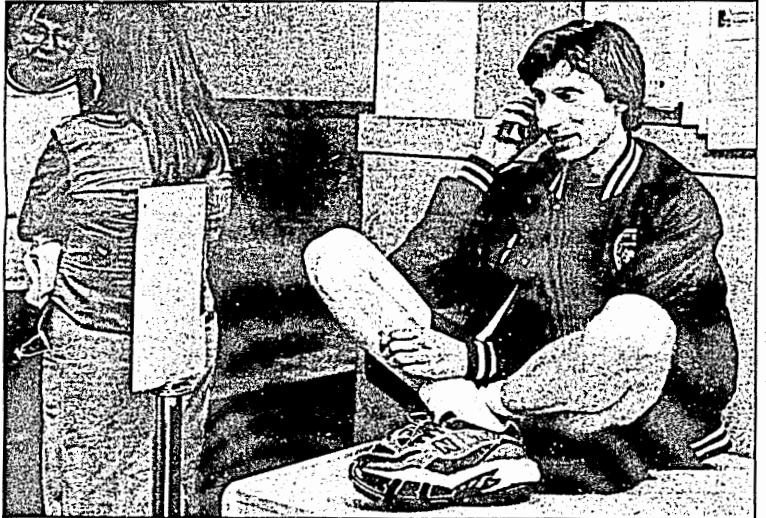
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Opposition to war remains strong in France

Bridget Brown
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

LYON, France (U-Wire)—Even as final exams approach, Romain L'Hullier, a fourth-year business management student at the Universite Jean Moulin Lyon III, skips studying and sometimes classes to organize and participate in anti-war protests, rallying others to do the same.

L'Hullier is the president of Lyon III's division of the Union Nationale des Etudiants de France, a student association of 20,000 members nationally and 1,000 locally here in Lyon, which has been at the forefront of French opposition to the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

"America made a big mistake and the future will show it," L'Hullier said, capturing a sentiment shared by the majority of French people.

As the U.S.-led war in Iraq toughens, opposition in France, and throughout Europe, remains strong.

In France, 87 percent opposed the use of force in Iraq, according to a recent poll in Le Figaro.

Many here said in interviews they believe the U.S.-led war is being waged purely for economic reasons and fear it will further destabilize the volatile Middle East.

Whatever the outcome, the war has already splintered old alliances with implications that many here say could resonate across the Atlantic long after the war in Iraq is over.

At home, French President Jacques Chirac is enjoying unprecedented popularity.

His approval rating is higher than that of any other post-World War II president, including Charles de Gaulle.

At the European Summit in Brussels, the day after the first strike in Iraq, Chirac said he would reject any U.N. resolution that would justify military action in Iraq.

"France will not accept any resolution that tries to legitimize the military intervention or gives the belligerent Americans and British the administrative power of Iraq," he said. It is a popular view in France that the United States is not abiding by the rules of international law.

Demonstrators here shout:

"USA is everywhere! Justice is nowhere!"

Many disagree with "Captain Bush," who they say "does not respect democracy or even the United Nations."

They fear "American imperialism" will not stop with Iraq and will later spread to other Middle Eastern countries, setting the region aflame.

"This war is a gift for the terrorists," L'Hullier said. "They just are looking for a reason (to fight)."

In a similar vein, Le Point magazine concluded in a recent article, "The war in Iraq is, after the traumatism of Sept. 11, an expression of a strategic will power of the United States to elaborate on their imperial conquest."

Another popular view is that oil is the driving force behind the war.

Le Figaro reported in the days following the start of the war that 49 percent of the French population "believe the war in Iraq's sole purpose is to take control of the oil in Iraq."

Jean-Michel Dubernard, the Deputy Union Majorite Presidentielle of Lyon, shares this view: "I don't understand ... the military action. I do see, however, the issue of oil which will preserve American autonomy for decades," he said.

Although a quiet minority, there are some in France who support the war and oppose Chirac's position. Gilles Oubuih, a fourth-year accounting and auditing student at the Universite Jean Moulin Lyon III, said he would support sending French troops to help fight Saddam Hussein.

"France is an ally of the U.S. If your ally goes to war, you must go with him. France is scared because it's losing its power and influence," he said.

"Its relation with the U.S. is just like a couple — together it's hell, but at the same time, you can't live separated."

On March 22, the third day of war, 120,000 people mobilized throughout France, protesting the war in Iraq with cries of "USA assassin!" and "Boycottez Americans!" or "Halte a la Busherie!"

Demonstrators gathered in front of McDonald's restaurants, in some cases smashing windows.

Throughout French cities and suburbs protesters called to

boycott American brands, including McDonald's, Coca-Cola and Nike.

The war in Iraq has not just divided the United States from France, but also France from Europe.

"It is not an ordinary crisis. The Euro-American split is deep. Also, the intra-European split," said Pierre Lellouche, Deputy Union Majorite Presidentielle and former co-director of the Institut francais des relations internationales.

L'Hullier "insists that "The French are not against Americans, they are against the Bush administration."

"Bush ... is not the voice of the people or a defender of democracy," he said. "The war is not justified by the U.N. and it seems to be for economic reasons ... If it was for humanitarian reasons, I could understand, but Iraq is not in a state of emergency. Saddam Hussein is not killing his people, George Bush is killing his people."

Le Point magazine echoes this view.

"From September 11, 2001 George W. Bush chose war. It was the precise instant when George Bush stopped being the president of a country in peace and became Chef de la guerre," an article said.

As the war continues, many in France are now looking to the reconstruction of Iraq.

France has already delegated 10 million euros to humanitarian relief efforts in Iraq and is supplying food for Iraqi refugees.

Last week, it sent 32,000 tons of food to Iraq's neighbors, enough to feed the entire Iraqi population for one month.

Some here say that Iraq's eventual reconstruction could be an occasion for reconciliation between France and the United States or the occasion to start a new battle.

Whatever the case, Chirac now looks to the United Nations to play a key role in the future, as the "only legitimate framework for installing peace in Iraq."

In a recent television interview Chirac expounded on French opposition.

"The French understand that they can be for peace without being pacifist and against the war without being anti-American," he said. Chirac maintains that he doesn't foresee "any break in the friendship between France and the United States."

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Supreme Court hears affirmative action case against U. Michigan

First case since 1978 to investigate use of race in college admissions

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WASHINGTON (KRT)

— The Supreme Court heard its first challenge in a generation to use race in the college admission process Tuesday as two of its centrist justices emerged as the most conflicted members of the high court.

Justices Anthony M. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor expressed consternation about the role affirmative action should play in American life.

In a courtroom filled with cultural icons and political dignitaries who came to witness the historic arguments, both justices expressed strong doubts about the merits — made by white students who were rejected by the University of Michigan — that race is an impermissible factor for colleges to consider.

But Kennedy and O'Connor also asked pointed questions of the university's attorneys about whether Michigan's programs go beyond legality and how long they might need to be in place.

O'Connor's varying points of view on the issue have been discussed almost since the suits were filed, and many have considered her to be the key vote in the court's decision. Kennedy's past opinions suggest that he might be less on the fence about these issues but open to changing his mind.

Many think the court's opinion might unfold around the pair's middle-ground positions because the other justices are so firmly divided. And some court watchers said Tuesday that Kennedy and O'Connor's struggle reflects a deeper tension on the court in its desire to deal with race discrimination and to practice judicial restraint.

"They've got to look at all of those principles and try to balance them in this decision," said Victor Bolden, a New Haven, Conn., lawyer who filed a brief supporting the university on behalf of several black mayors. "They need a way to be able to look at these policies without getting too entangled in the educational process or to be

second-guessing decisions made by educators.

Kennedy also seemed to be searching for a way to balance those interests late in the arguments. If the justices struck down Michigan's policies, he asked, would the responsibility for devising a better plan fall to the courts or the university?

The cases, which separately challenge Michigan's use of race in its undergraduate and law school admissions, mark the first time since 1978 that the high court has considered such an important affirmative action case. The justices will make their decision by July.

Kirk Kolbo, an attorney for plaintiffs Barbara Grutter and Jennifer Gratz, didn't get through more than a few paragraphs in his argument before O'Connor jumped in with several crucial questions. O'Connor first challenged Kolbo to establish how he could prove that race — and not some other factor — prevented his clients from being accepted to the university, and then moved to his claim that race can never be used in admissions.

"You have some precedents out there that you have to come to grips with, because the court obviously has upheld the use of race," in certain contexts, O'Connor said. "You're speaking in absolutes, and it isn't quite that."

Kennedy then broke in with several inquiries that questioned whether the small number of minorities on campus was a legitimate concern for universities to try to correct.

"So if year after year after year there's an under-representation, there is no cause for the state or the government or its educational experts to be concerned?" Kennedy asked incredulously. "I should think that's a very legitimate concern on the part of the state."

Kennedy was equally hard on Maureen Mahoney and John Payton, the attorneys for the university.

Kennedy suggested several times that there was a reasonable debate over whether Michigan's desire to produce a "critical mass" of minority students on its campus is a thinly disguised quota system, which would be illegal. Kennedy asked Mahoney if that were true, "you lose, correct?"

Mahoney said no, but Kennedy kept hammering the point, doubting whether the university's focus was anything beyond a quota, because its

staff during admissions considerations is constantly checking "to see what the numbers are based on race."

O'Connor was less relenting with the university's attorneys, but she expressed reservations about how long the university might have to consider race.

"In all the programs which this court has upheld, you could see an end to it," O'Connor said.

Kolbo and U.S. Solicitor General Ted Olson — who filed a brief in support of the plaintiffs — hammered away at the university's policies during their presentations.

Olson said Michigan's use of race "fails every test this court has articulated for the use of race." He called it a quota several times and said it employed "stigmatizing and divisive racial stereotypes. Michigan has created a separate path for minorities to enter the university, and 'their door is always open,'" he said.

Kolbo said the university's goal of achieving a "critical mass" of minority students was "too amorphous, too undefined," to support the use of race in admissions.

The university's attorneys were equally forceful in their defense of the policies, saying they were necessary to produce a diverse educational setting that would expose students to people they had not encountered while growing up in America's segregated communities.

They also said their admission policy wasn't a disguised quota, because it entailed no fixed minimums.

Mahoney said the university might want 10 percent to 17 percent of its students to be minority, but that was an "aspiration" rather than a hard guideline.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who rarely speaks during arguments, chimed in Tuesday, focusing on the idea that the university might solve its problem by easing its sky-high academic standards.

"If Michigan really cares enough about that racial imbalance, why doesn't it do as many other state law schools do, lower standards, and not have a flagship school?" Scalia asked.

Mahoney said that was a false choice for the school.

"Your honor, I don't think there's anything in this court's cases that suggests the school has to make an election between academic excellence and racial diversity," she replied.

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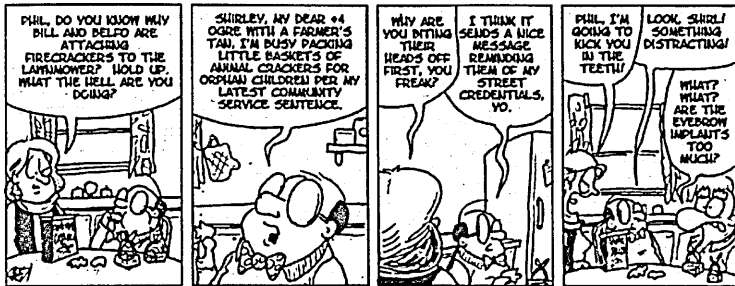
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Daily Horoscope



By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (April 2). You're a strong leader and can develop excellent managerial skills. Practice on an older person who seems to be blocking your progress this year. This is a test.

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 10 - It's hard to be humble when you're so fabulous, but that would make you even more irresistible. You're in the groove. Enjoy the applause.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - Don't wait any longer to get your message across. It'll go through more quickly and forcefully now than it will later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Your job as a messenger has never been more important. Make sure everyone understands what's expected of them. Hold them accountable for their actions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - A distant friend understands the hassle you're going through. Seek compassion, but not on company time.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - A person far away can provide the information you've been seeking. Holler if you need anything.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - People who like to push the limits like to have you around. You keep them out of trouble. That's your assignment again.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - You may be attracted to a military type, and with good reason. Although you're more of a pacifist, it's nice to know somebody who'll defend you.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You don't like to be the first one charging over the hill. Let somebody else do that. Hang back and watch so that you'll know which way to go next.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 10 - You've undergone some profound transformations over the past few years, and you're not done yet. You're at a very attractive point in your development. Relax and enjoy it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - If you can manage to listen to a person with whom you disagree, you'll learn a lot. Most important, you'll discover his or her vulnerabilities.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - In an argument, you'll undoubtedly get the best of everybody. You have the facts at your fingertips, the right words on the tip of your tongue.

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JUMBLE

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DAHYN
CABEEM
BOEDUL

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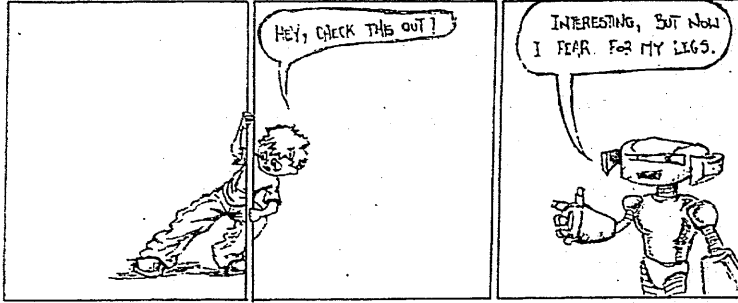
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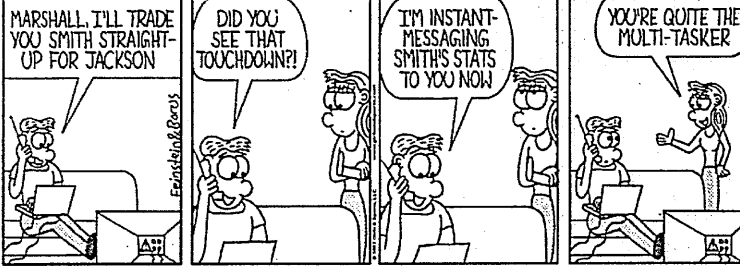
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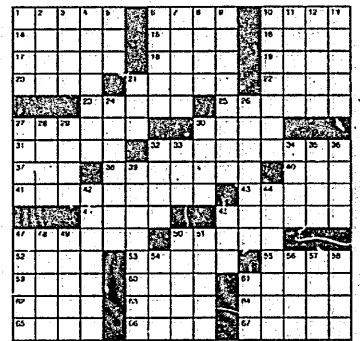


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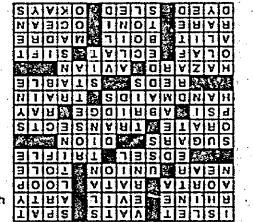
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- ACROSS
- 1 Archipelago
 - 6 Big barrel
 - 10 Altercation
 - 14 River of Cologne
 - 15 Wicked
 - 16 Bohemian
 - 17 Principal artery
 - 18 Pro- (in proportion)
 - 19 Programming repetition
 - 20 Just about
 - 21 Labor group
 - 22 Enamelled metal ware
 - 23 Ford flop
 - 25 Unimportant thing
 - 27 Sweeteners
 - 30 Singer Celine
 - 31 Sarmorize
 - 32 Cuts across
 - 37 Trident-shaped letter
 - 38 Condense
 - 40 Beam
 - 41 Female attendant
 - 43 Prepare for the heat
 - 45 Cincinnati nine
 - 46 Mare's mieu
 - 47 Penit
 - 50 Relating to birds
 - 52 Norwegian saint
 - 53 Great brilliance
 - 55 Use a sieve
 - 59 Landed
 - 60 Seethe
 - 61 Mother in Madrid
 - 62 Unusual
 - 63 Singer Tennille
 - 64 Maine expense
 - 65 Timed
 - 66 Rosebud, e.g.
 - 67 Give the go-ahead
- DOWN
- 1 Tehran's place
 - 2 MacNelly strip
 - 3 Old money in Milan
 - 4 Plead
 - 5 Earl Grey or hyson
 - 6 Scotch writer Jules
 - 7 Benefit
 - 8 Yugoslavian dialect
 - 9 On a diagonal
 - 10 Kind of cracker
 - 11 Validation
 - 12 Ring in the ocean
 - 13 Melville book
 - 21 Ship letters
 - 24 Visionary
 - 26 Deciphering stone
 - 27 Last year's fresh Major or Minor constellation
 - 29 Increase
 - 30 June celebrants
 - 32 Speaker of baseball
 - 44 Pirage
 - 33 Duesmumber
 - 34 Hermit or fiddler
 - 35 Follow
 - 36 "Auld Lang"
 - 39 Write-otis
 - 42 Composed
 - 51 Legume
 - 54 Unluffed
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 - 57 Noisy fight
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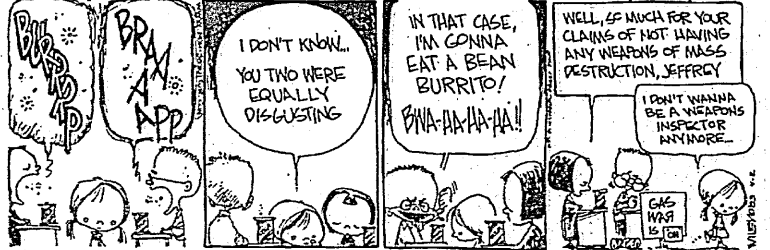
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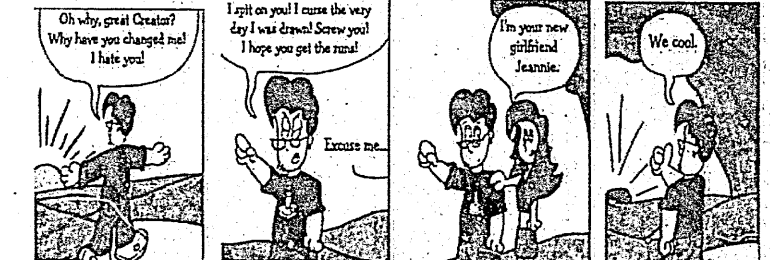
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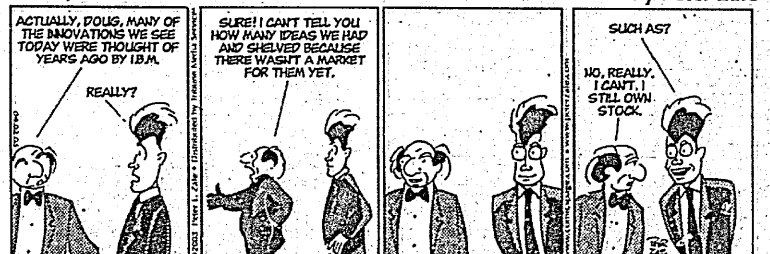
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COMMENTARY

Happy days are here again, at least for women's tennis

The women's tennis season, for the past year and a half, has been an awkward one to describe. I can only think of my bipolar cousin who screams, "I will rule the world!" and then in the short duration of five minutes jams his toe on a piano and cries until his hot mom (by marriage) comforts him — the sneaky little bastard. What does this have to do with the Salukis?

Well, at the beginning of the season, all the players were riled and geared up for the season. They were so hopped up and excited they seemed like tweakers, but not full-blown tweaker — that is my other cousin. They had a solid core of young talent that had the potency to produce a high placing in the conference.

Head coach Judy Auld said she thought the team had that ability and it had some substance behind it, unlike France's voice in the world of politics at the moment.

But the whole season has been a blunder: like every one of France's military strategies after Napoleon was whipped at Waterloo, and the tennis players are going down like his men.

But this weekend was a little different as the Salukis swept their competition at the Tennessee-Martin.

The team hoped Tana Trapani, a former freshman phenom, would return and display the skills that enabled her to be named Missouri Valley co-Freshman of the Year way back in 2001. How the years have flown by ... She made it back to just one meet and has been reclaimed by injuries.

Kari Stark teamed up with Zoya Honarmand during the fall season and won the No. 3 doubles in the Memphis Invitational back on Oct. 19. And then over Thanksgiving break and too many turkey enzymes, she re-aggravated a back injury she has not had to deal with since high school. She's out.

And SIU's top freshman, Zuzana Palovic, has also played sporadically so far this young spring season because of a leg injury. The only thing more depressing than this was being a sports journalist under a Nazi editor, or to be doomed as a Cubs fan.

At the matches, fans and players were searching for that yuppie bastard with the voodoo doll and doing a helluva job at it too. He or she must have been a wonderkind at it. But this weekend she was back. And so



Fear and loathing at SIU

BY ZACK CREGLOW
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were the results the Salukis had hoped for all spring.

Gosh, if I were able to swear, it would actually punctuate how important those wins were.

They snuck by Tennessee-Martin, which sounds like a pharmaceutical company or terrible law firm instead of a college, 4-3 in the bottom half of their twinbill.

But what made it even a sweeter than equipping yourself with a platinum grill is that the Salukis absolutely destroyed Evansville 6-1. Starving kids in third-world countries came over and ate the remains of the mauled Aces' squad.

That gave the Salukis a 1-0 jumpstart on the MVC conference season and could bide them some time until the whole squad is healthy. Auld has begged and pardoned countless times just to have the best squad she can assemble to be the one she puts out on the field. It has not happened yet and she should be given a present from 1-800-FLOWERS for her effort and resolve as coach. That number again is 1-800-FLOWERS.

Palovic was back at Tennessee-Martin, but the others weren't. The other two poor souls are healing. Palovic played well also, displaying the skills that she had over the fall season have not diminished. Being the world's worst friggin' hypochondriac, I must advocate the idea that the mind is the greatest healing tool.

The only other bigger tools on Planet Earth are boy bands. Talk about an epidemic. Forget that SARS that is hiding on stowaway luggage on flights from Asia.

It is about time. Honestly, it is. Now getting that Nazi bastard editor a date is the only thing more overdue in this hectic world.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Australia vs. America

If any of you know me, you'll know that I'm from Australia. I live in the suburbs of Melbourne, Blackburn South.

"Melbourne?" you say? It's located in the state of Victoria, which is on the Southeast corner of Australia.

"Australia?" you say? OK, if you don't know where Australia is, you are the dumbest schmuck there is.

What can I tell ya about Australia? Well, I reckon it's a much better place to live in than America or anywhere else in the world. Don't get me wrong though, I love America, and I love being here. I've always wanted to come here, but Australia is way more laid back than America.

America seems always busy and fast. The standard of living is easier in Oz, but I reckon if you want a job and want earn a lot of money, being in America is the best place to be.

There were a few things I had to adjust to when I came here. First, it was the jet lag. Australia is around 15 hours ahead of the states. The flight is around 21 hours. I still haven't caught up with my sleep yet, but my eating schedule is fine.

The next thing I had to get used to was repeating some of my words when I spoke and explaining what a word I said meant. For example, I asked my mate if I could use his dunny.

He said "what?"

I said "dunny."

"What's a dunny?"

I said "Toilet!"

I've had to repeat my name I don't know how many times.

"Hi, my names Peter."

"What?"

"Peter!"

(Confusion on persons face) "Pedro?"

"Pee-ter."

"Pada?"

(I put on American accent) "Peter"

"Ahhh, Peter"

Then I had to get used to taxes. In Australia, prices include the tax in them already, so whatever is on the price tag is what you pay. So when I went to Burger King (called Hungry Jacks in Australia) I had a little dispute with the cashier. I go up to the guy and ask for a #1, the whopper meal, which cost something like \$4.15.

The guy calls out the order and then says, "that'll be \$4.47 please"

I was about to give him the money but stopped. I looked up at the price and then at him. I was thinking "this guy is trying to rip 30 cents off me, what a dodgy fella!" So I tell him "but it says \$4.15 up there", and he says "Yeah, but its \$4.47 including tax" and I was like "Oh". So ya, had to adjust to that.

I have been getting a few stereotypical comments about Australia, and no, we don't ride kangaroos to school, we don't all live in the bush, we don't wrestle crocodiles in our backyards and yes, we do have airports. How the heck do you think I ended up here?

And no, we don't always see kangaroos



Deep thoughts from ...

BY PETER BONG

No. 1 singles player, men's tennis

like Americans see squirrels. If you want to see a kangaroo, a koala bear, platypus, wombat, emu or an echidna, you'd need to go out to either the zoo or the bush.

Yes, Aborigines are the native Australians, but like the Indians in America, they are almost extinct! Haha, just joking. No seriously, they are around, you just need to go to the zoo or the bush to find 'em. Haha, just joking again. Oh gawd I crack myself up.

Oh, that's another thing. Aussie humor is way different than American humor. We are more sarcastic.

OK, but really, back to the abo's, they are around, and I think most of them are located in the Northern Territory. I don't think I've seen an Aborigine in Melbourne, nor Sydney, nor Queensland. I saw a lot in the Northern Territory, though. Woop, wait, I did have an aborigine friend in high school, but he's the only exception.

Oh! Another thing I had to adjust to was the different hand shakes. Oh man! I was absolutely baffled by what you Americans could do with a handshake. One of my American mates goes to shake my hand as we were saying goodbye, and he shook my hand in a way I had not seen before.

Australians just do the normal hand shake, and if we feel adventurous, we'll go for the fist hand shake, "oOoOo". But anyway, when my friend shook my hand, I was like "whoa, what did you just do? Whoa, whoa, wait, show me again?" He just laughed, said "simple" and showed me.

Oh, and lastly, the biggest thing I had to adjust to was girls falling to my feet asking me for a date just for the one night because they just loved my accent. I'm still trying to adjust because I'm not used to saying "no" more than 10 times a day.

Sure, Australians are known for their one-night stands, but I can only do so many one-night stands a week. I gotta study, I gotta play tennis, socialize, play XBOX... haha, just kiddin!

No, but America isn't that much more different than Australia. We all basically live the same way. Just minor differences. If any of you ever do go to Australia, I recommend going to Queensland. Queensland is basically the California of Australia with nice warm weather, beaches, hot girls — oh, ya mama! And to finish off, I want to make one last statement — you guys drive on the wrong side of the road!

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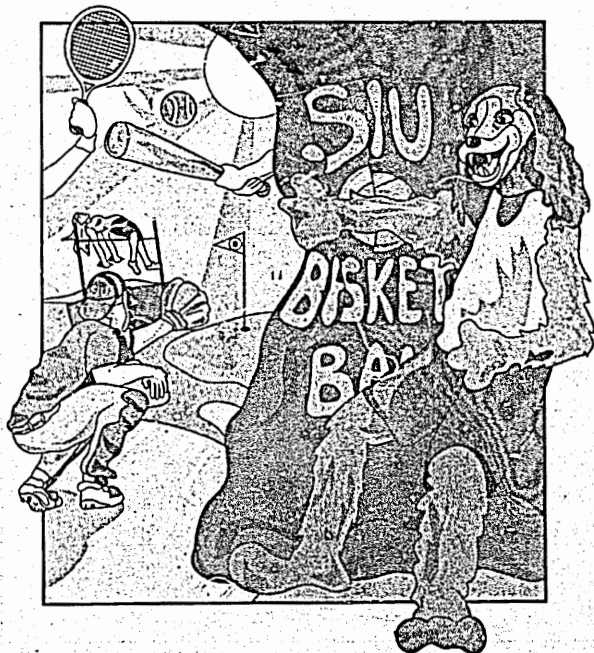
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Abigail Waldron, a graduate assistant in English and an Athletic Department tutor, helps Tomas Gonzalez, a freshman on the SIU men's tennis team, with an English paper Monday evening. The tutoring program is just one way that SIU is attempting to combat low graduation rates among student-athletes, a problem that continues to perplex schools across the country. SIU's efforts have paid off as its 54-percent graduation rate is above the average of the entire student body.

a flawed system

Low graduation rates among student-athletes across the nation are prompting officials to consider some drastic changes

story by MICHAEL BRENNER

Oklahoma came under fire from the NCAA last week for its 0-percent graduation rate among men's basketball players, as did the other three No. 1 seeds in the NCAA tournament — Texas, Kentucky and Arizona.

In a rare comparison to basketball powerhouses such as the ones mentioned above, if SIU had earned a return trip in the Sweet 16, it would have been scrutinized for the very same statistic.

But as the NCAA threatens to tighten the noose on schools that do not graduate their players, threatening them with forfeited scholarships and even post-season banishment, the SIU Athletic Department remains unconcerned about possible sanctions.

In fact, it welcomes them. SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he favors a system proposed last week by NCAA President Myles Brand of rewarding and taking away scholarships from schools based on their academic performance — mainly because he thinks SIU would receive a lot of those rewards.

"I'm all in favor of that," Kowalczyk said. "I think you need to try to reward those who try to do some of the right things."

And SIU maintains it is doing the right things, saying the men's basketball graduation rate is misleading — a common criticism of the current system.

"If I looked at this 2002 rate right now, it reads 0 percent," said Kristina Theriault, director of student services for intercollegiate athletics and the school's college statistics guru. "I know how many student-athletes that refers to and to base it on that, it doesn't show what we're doing right now."

She makes a convincing argument. SIU currently exceeds the NCAA minimums for graduating athletes and is hovering around the national average for overall graduation rates. Though Kowalczyk was cautious not to declare the program a complete success, he said the Salukis are thriving academically.

SIU as a whole graduated 54 percent of its student-athletes from the 1995-96 freshman

class and averaged 56 percent for that year and the three years preceding it. Both numbers were significantly higher than the student body as a whole, as were the grade point averages of Saluki athletes.

Since 1986, SIU has graduated 87 percent of its athletes who played four years at the school.

"Sometimes I feel I always have to justify our existence to the student body, and to the academia sometimes," Kowalczyk said. "People need to know that our athletes are actually doing better than the student body."

But some numbers do not reflect that, which is why Kowalczyk also acknowledged the need for a system more accurate than the NCAA's current one to measure academic compliance — the same system that gave SIU men's basketball a zero percent graduation rate.

Under current rules, a school is given six

years after a player's freshman year to graduate him, and if that player does not graduate from that specific university after the allotted six years, it counts as a non-graduate.

If a player transfers and graduates from another university, he is counted as a non-graduate for the school he transferred from and is not accounted for in his new school's graduation rates. That is something Theriault said needs to be accounted for in any new formula to judge a school's academics.

"You can't just base your rate on freshmen," Theriault said. "They need to look at transfers that graduate, and I don't think it should count as a non-graduate when someone else goes to another institution and graduates from that school."

She used the example of Rolan Roberts to illustrate the flaws in the system. Roberts

transferred to SIU last year as a senior and graduated, but as far as graduation rates go, he never attended school in Carbondale.

And though Roberts possesses a degree, the records at Virginia Tech, where he transferred from, will indicate he never graduated.

"In the 20 years I've been in college basketball they've talked about changing it," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said of what he considers a flawed system. "But it never happens and they keep publishing reports that make everyone look bad."

"It's almost like propaganda with the war."

Since Weber took over SIU's program five years ago, only one player failed to graduate. Monte Jenkins, a member of the 1995-96 freshman class that received the 0-percent graduation

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Graduation Rates	
95-96 Freshmen beginning college career in 1995	
Bradley	79%
Drake	60%
Northern Iowa	57%
Evansville	56%
Indiana State	56%
Illinois State	55%
SIU	54%
Creighton	47%
Wichita State	39%
SMS	38%

Graduation Rates	
% of athletes who played four years and graduated	
Bradley	94%
Drake	97%
Northern Iowa	96%
Evansville	93%
Indiana State	77%
Illinois State	86%
SIU	87%
Creighton	93%
Wichita State	88%
SMS	81%

Graduation Rates	
Average graduation for four-year class for 92-93 through 95-96 season	
Bradley	78%
Drake	71%
Northern Iowa	67%
Evansville	64%
Indiana State	54%
Illinois State	57%
SIU	56%
Creighton	64%
Wichita State	58%
SMS	46%

Break in the action

SIU takes a one-game hiatus from the Valley to face rival SEMO

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

Following the best start to a Missouri Valley Conference season in the history of SIU, the baseball team will take a one-game hiatus from the Valley schedule that so far, has been very good to it.

The Salukis will face Southeast Missouri State, a team SIU head coach Dan Callahan said has manhandled his team over the last four years, this afternoon at 3 p.m. at Abe Martin Field.

SIU has dropped four of its past seven games to the Indians, and Callahan is only 4-7 against them during his eight-year tenure as coach of the Salukis. There is no better time than the present for SIU to snap its two-game losing streak.

As motivation for his team to take SEMO seriously, something that can be difficult when the game does not count in the conference standings, Callahan has told them if nothing else, they will come out of this afternoon's affair with a positive streak.

"I always say if you're going to play a midweek game you may as well do your best to try and win," Callahan said. "Because if nothing else, you got a one-game winning streak going into the weekend."

Though he cautioned his team about viewing the game as a glorified practice, Callahan said it is an opportunity to resurrect the offense that has gone limp the last few games.

The Salukis have stepped up their practice time in the batting cage, but players cautioned that time spent in practice does not necessarily mean results.

Senior captain Sal Frisella said there is no real solution to hitting, otherwise it would be easy. But he said the kinks in the offense will eventually work themselves out as long as the team recognizes that the problems exist.

"As long as we know we got to get better and our work ethic's the same and we work to get better, it'll all come together," said Frisella, who is

batting .349 this year. "Hopefully tomorrow we can come out with some intensity and start doing the small things, and it'll be a win."

Newman will seek medical redshirt

It will be all or nothing for senior center-fielder Cory Newman.

The team has officially dropped any notions of using the MVC honorable mention as a pinch-hitter and will squeeze another year out of him by seeking a medical redshirt, which he is likely to receive.

Newman recorded only 18 at-bats in five games before being sidelined with a shoulder injury.

The unscheduled year off is particularly disappointing because Newman had what he said may have been his best fall season ever and had bulked up his 5-foot-9 frame to 180 pounds before injuring his shoulder.

He has had to watch SIU's stunning start to the season from the sideline and though he said it kills him to stand by and watch its success, he is happy for his team.

"It's hard it's been the longest half of spring in my life," Newman said. "I've seen them really taking off and it sucks."

I just really want to be a part of it."

The team wants him to be a part of it too. Callahan said his opinion may be a bit biased, but he always considered Newton the best center-fielder in the Valley.

He said losing Newton is a hit, but the Salukis have already adjusted to filling the gap his injury leaves.

"We've gotten to the point now where we're used to playing without him," Callahan said. "We miss him, but we're used to playing without him. We're over the fact that he's not with us anymore."

When asked about what to expect from him next year, Newton replied, "I'll be back and I'll be ready."

Clayton returns

Pitcher Bill Clayton, who transferred from SIU to SEMO last summer, will make his first return to Abe Martin since departing.

Clayton has been less than impressive since leaving Carbondale, watching his ERA soar to 8.25 and posting a 0-2 record. He was 2-2 with a



The SIU baseball team got in plenty of batting practice Tuesday afternoon in preparation for its game against rival Southeast Missouri State Wednesday.

6.18 ERA last season for the Salukis.

Alley climbing the charts

Senior Jake Alley moved to fifth place on SIU's all-time strikeout list during his four-hit complete game shutout at Indiana State Friday.

He is tied with Skip Pitlock and is now only 44 behind Jason Frasor for the all-time record.

Barnett still streaking

Senior catcher Toby Barnett, who was named

to the Johnny Bench Award Watch list earlier this season, has hit safely in 12 straight games, which is a new career record.

His previous best was set last year, where he compiled an 11-game streak from mid-February to mid-March.

Barnett is now hitting .316 on the season with four home runs and 17 RBIs.

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rate, stands as the only Saluki player to exhaust his eligibility under Weber.

Jenkins was recruited and coached for three years by ex-Saluki head coach Rich Herin. Every player recruited under Weber has either graduated or is on track to graduate, meaning a zero percent graduation rate is not likely to surface again at SIU.

SIU will show 0 percent for its men's basketball program next year because it had no freshman in the 1996-1997 campaign. But the next class includes Kent Williams, Jermaine Dearman, Brad Korn and Sylvester Willis, all of whom are expected to receive a diploma.

"From the day I got here we tried to make the kids understand [school] was the No.1 priority," Weber said. "I know our guys aren't going to be perfect and go to every class but at the same time, it's still got to be something they take pride in. Their No. 1 goal should be to get a degree."

Weber has forced players to run extra laps for not attending class and even went as far as to bench players when it became a problem. In SIU's other big program, football, head coach Jerry Kill cut a huge chunk of the team when he took over two years ago, in part, for the same reason.

Because of what he feels is a legitimate effort on behalf of his department to curb academic wrongdoing, citing specifically Weber and Kill, Kowalczyk said he is in favor of

punishing athletic departments that show apathy toward academics.

He does not support banning programs from the NCAA tournament, but at the same time wonders if the NCAA will eventually have to go that far.

"That may be a bit harsh," Kowalczyk said of the possibility. "But I think perhaps we need to take harsh measures for some schools to get the message."

But in all likelihood, SIU's future obstacles to the NCAA tournament will be the teams in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, not the teachers in a classroom.

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SPORTS FLASH

Men's tennis match canceled

SIU's tennis match with Murray State rescheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. The match was cancelled March 5 due to inclement weather.

Currently, the coaches are trying to reschedule the match.

SIU holds a 3-2 season record and will host Missouri Valley Conference foes this weekend with matches against Drake and Creighton.

Blanco named MVC player of the week

The Missouri Valley Conference recognized SIU's Alejandra Blanco

as the Women's Tennis Player of the Week Tuesday afternoon. Blanco, a junior, helped the Salukis (4-10) snap a six-match losing streak as she went 2-0 this week at No. 1 singles.

Blanco defeated Evansville's Jessica Jetton, 6-3, 6-3, and Eleanor Sheaman of Tennessee-Martin, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, to help SIU to wins over both squads.

With the victories, Blanco extended her spring singles record to 3-11.

Blanco also joined up with teammate and sister, freshman Maria Blanco, to win at No. 1 doubles against UTM. The Blanco sisters are 3-9 in doubles this season.

Blanco, who earned this honor for the first time in her career, is the second consecutive Saluki to take home player of the week honors, joining junior Jessica Knitter who earned the award last week.

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Built for success

SIU men's tennis player *Lucasz Soswa* has one huge oddity for a tennis player — a ripped body

Zack Creglow
 Daily Egyptian

The body has always been an interesting aspect to SIU men's tennis player *Lucasz Soswa*.

That is why he is built more like a linebacker than tennis player with definition on every muscle, which he has benefited from numerous lifting sessions. He actually lifts at a staggering five days a week.

His fascination of lifting and building his body should make it make it easy to realize why he is planning on going into the medical field and aspires to be an orthopedic surgeon.

But his real reason for venturing into that field is much deeper than that.

"When I was a sophomore in high school, me and some friends were going to a party," Soswa said. "We had a green light and someone ran it and hit my friend. Just before that in high school, they taught us CPR [Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation]."

"I knew he was badly hurt, so I tried not to move him, but I knew I had to get him out of the car. When I was performing CPR, the ambulance came and basically pronounced him dead."

"I was supposed to be in the same car as him. I was driving right behind him and saw him get hit. He basically died right there in my arms. From there on, I have developed a fascination with medicine."

Soswa, who now competes at No. 3 singles for the Salukis, stands at an imposing 6-foot-3 and tips the scales at a fat-free 210 pounds. He said he has always been big, even though his par-

ents are relatively small with his mom at 5-foot-6 and his father being 5-foot-10. But his work ethic in the weight room is the reason for his ripped physique.

His tireless effort came in the summer of 2001, prior to his arrival at SIU, when Soswa was out of service because of an injury and what seemed like bad luck turned into a Godsend.

"I was actually a little heavier when I came down here," said Soswa, a sophomore on the squad. "I couldn't not play because I tore some ligaments in my back, but it didn't hurt me to lift. And then I couldn't stop lifting. I just wanted to lift more and more."

"It is just such an adrenaline rush." The effort has diminished since then.

"I lift about five times a week," said Soswa, who actually had to miss a match last spring season after dropping a barbell on his face. "Right now, I am currently maxing out on my bench press at 300 pounds. I've been lifting since my junior year in high school."

But his workout seeped outside the weight room has made its way into the everyday working world — thanks to his dad's connections.

Soswa's father, who owned a painting company, hooked him up with some construction companies to work for over his summers and that only aided him in his development.

SIU head coach *Missy Jeffrey* said she heard she was getting a tireless worker when she recruited Soswa.

She now appreciates the effort from Soswa in the weight room and thinks it provides an excellent example to the other men's tennis players on how they

should approach lifting. But to Soswa, lifting and being a built individual is something he has to have.

"I think tennis is all mental," Soswa said. "If I feel like I am stronger than every single guy I face, then it gives me that mental edge over that guy. If I have to be out on the court all day to beat some guy, I know I can do it."

"For me, it is just something that I need."

As for being larger than his competitors, Soswa said he does not typically use it as an intimidation technique. He said he has not verbally threatened or flexed his arms at another individual, and insisted he tries to follow by tennis' gentlemen's rule. But then there are times when tempers flare up.

"Tennis is not a contact sport," Soswa said. "We are not supposed to threaten another player. Our etiquette is supposed to be professional. But like any sport, tempers do flare and some stuff is said."

Jeffrey, though, said his height enables him to have advantages beyond any intimidation factors.

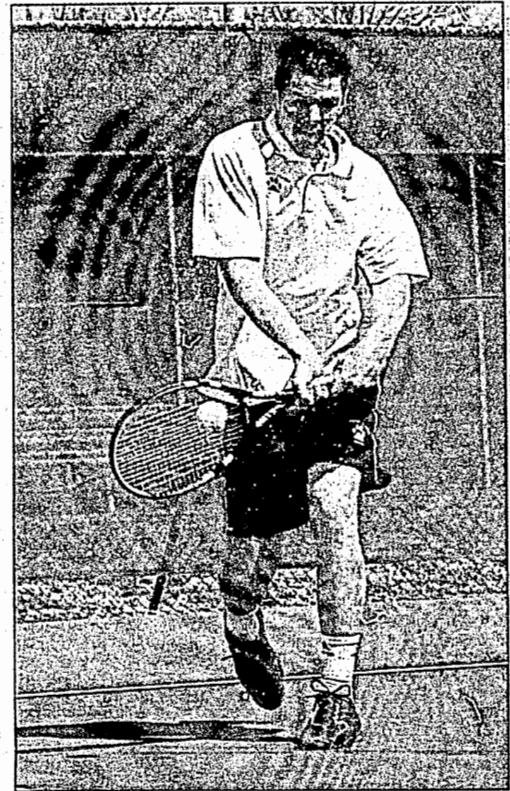
"Height is a huge advantage on the court," Jeffrey said. "It is big on the serve and helps him a lot of his return."

And his leadership is not taken for granted either.

"I am certainly looking at making him a captain when he is a senior," Jeffrey said.

And Soswa, who has always had a keen interest in health care, will keep his life-altering moment in his mind every moment he is in the weight room and out of it.

"I've always had dreams of what I



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SIU sophomore tennis player *Lucasz Soswa* returns the ball during a match against Evansville. At 6 feet three inches tall and 210 pounds, Soswa has an unusually large build for a tennis player.

wanted to be and mine have always been in health care," he said. "I've always known that, but as I've gotten older, I've just narrowed it down. That incident definitely helped me realize that is what I positively wanted to go into."

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Saluki men's golf tallies sixth-place finish at SEMO

Ethan Erickson
 Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team finished sixth at the Southeast Missouri State Four Ball Tournament after a disappointing second day.

The tournament was played in a match-play format, and SIU fell to the Kangaroos of Missouri-Kansas City Monday before defeating conference foe Bradley.

The Salukis fell to Saint Louis Tuesday to wrap up the event, the team's second of the spring semester.

"I think we're moving along this spring," Saluki head coach *Leroy Newton* said. "That was our second tournament. We shot some good numbers as a team, now we just gotta put it all together."

Newton also added that his team played well until the final nine holes of the event.

Freshman *Andrew Gwinup* showed signs of excellence, shooting 74s in each of his first two rounds before shooting an 84 in the final round.

"The second day, I couldn't seem to get the ball close enough to the hole to make a par," Gwinup said. "It was only my second tournament. Hopefully I can take it as a learning experience."

Sophomore *Roger Welch*, who finished with a 228 for his three rounds of play, said his performance was less than stellar to close out the event.

"It's disappointing after New Orleans last week," Welch said. "This week, I played pretty solid the first day, but it still wasn't the greatest. The last two days, I just didn't play well at all. That's the way golf is."

He also said luck has not been with his team as of yet.

"We don't get the breaks and we haven't gotten the breaks," Welch said. "Seeing other teams get breaks that you're playing against, it wears on you after a while."

"People making 30-40 footers three a round and we don't make any. Those putts are not percentage putts. You get a couple of those against you from the other team and that kind of wears on you, especially when you're making a comeback."

The wind also played a part in the team's performance, both physically and mentally.

"Mentally, it affects you because you have to concentrate just that much harder thinking about what shots you need to hit, what clubs you need to hit," Welch said.

Grant Goltz led the Salukis with a 222, good for nine over par and just beyond the tournament's top 10. *Rob Laegler* called a 225.

Newton said the team's showing at SEMO will have an impact on practices later this week, when he will decide which golfers to take to Branson, Mo., for the Branson Creek Invitational.

"It's gonna make some seniors as well as some underclassmen play hard for the qualifying round," Newton said. "They'll want to go because this is a great trip and every one of them will want to go. I just think they'll bear down and play a little harder."

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