Students react to smoke-free ordinance

Brandon Augsburg
Alicia Wade
Daily Egyptian

Even though the City Council imposed a smoking ban on Carbondale’s bars and restaurants at Tuesday’s meeting, grumblers about the issue have not been silenced out.

Some SIUC students believe a smoking ban is not the government’s prerogative.

The ban requires all restaurants with Class A liquor licenses to prohibit smoking after Jan. 1, 2008. All other liquor-licensed establishments, such as bars, have to ban smoking after July 1, 2008. Fraternal organizations, beer gardens, tobacco shops and other businesses that don’t have liquor licenses are exempt from the regulation.

Smokers must also be 15 feet away from the entrance of a building before they light their cigarettes.

Adam Michels, a junior from Germantown studying law enforcement, is a smoker and said he usually smokes when he goes to bars and restaurants.

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New commercial to promote SIUC life

Sarah Lohman
Daily Egyptian

Terry Clark is on a mission to replace one of SIUC’s front doors — the one seen off campus.

Clark, chairman of SIUC’s marketing department, and several students have just put the finishing touches on a promotional video and several 30-second commercials to display the uniqueness of the university to the outside world.

Clark said the commercials — produced under moniker Bending Dang Productions — attempt to craft the way outsiders see the campus, as opposed to previous ads comparing SIUC to other universities.

“We’re telling our unique story,” he said.

The commercial starts out with a fast-paced slideshow of students around campus.

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The university will begin airing the ad in the immediate area partly because they don’t have the money to run it in Chicago, Clark said. He said they still plan to send it to high schools with recruitment officers and place it on new Web sites.

The audience the ad will reach is one that does not typically make up a large part of SIUC’s population.

Of 2,117 in-state freshmen from fall 2006, only 239 — approximately 11.3 percent — come from the WSIL viewing region in Illinois.

Clark said the main focus of this commercial is Illinois.

“Our (geography) is rather unique. For example, (the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) couldn’t tell this story. It’s pretty flat and dismal up there,” Clark said. “Nobody in Illinois can tell a similar story.”

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Do you think students on campus are plaintiffs?

Yes 84%
No 16%

Don’t Care

Up next: How do you feel about parking on campus?
A. Parking on campus is terrible
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C. I don’t care, I walk to class

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Daylong training and immersion into practice of nonviolent communication

- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Unioni Center, 505 North Main Lane
- A follow-up training session is those with previous experience with NVC.
- Tickets are $50 for Saturday only, $100 for Friday and Saturday

Navy Day 2007

- 4:30 p.m. Sunday at Carbondale Civic Center
- An evening celebrating the culture of India, organized by the Indian Students
- Tickets are $14 for students and $25 for community members

Guest Pianist: Hans Boeppe

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Baptist Church, free admission

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Tommy Holder, a truck driver for the SIUC grounds department, demonstrates a mechanism that automatically dumps recyclable contents into the recycling truck Thursday afternoon at the Physical Plant.

“Deschot and then he missed so I just picked it up and yelled ‘Ben Wallace’ and then I shot,” he said. “Normally I recycle things in my dorm but that was just a spur of the moment thing because I wanted to shoot a basket.”

Stephen Kraft, chairman of agribusiness economics at SIUC, said he has recycled for 20 years.

“I’m an economist and I’m interested in natural resources and environmental economy,” he said. “I wish we could recycle more of the plastics. We recycle compost. Our waste stream is minimal.”

As Nick Cincotti, a sophomore from Willow Springs studying music education, walked down the Student Center hallways, he threw a recyclable McDonald’s cup in a trashcan. He said he didn’t know the cup was recyclable.

“I think there’s more emphasis on recycling cans than plastic bottles because they’re easier to spot. I think people tend to miss out recycling paper cups a little more.”

Cincotti said he heard about RecycleMania, but it did not alter his disposal habits.

“I’m somewhat conscious about what I throw away,” he said. “I know what goes in a trash and what goes in a recycling bin, so for me it really didn’t change much.”

Cincotti said he endorses recycling and he sees the problem with lack of participation.

“I think people should do it more often,” he said. “It’s just a matter of being a little more conscience about it.”

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Intercollegiate Athletics would like to recognize all of our student-athletes for their academic and athletic excellence

2005-2006
ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 3 First-team Academic All-Americans
- 17 Academic All-District V Selections
- 1 Missouri Valley Conference Championship (Men’s Basketball)
- 1 Gateway Conference Football Championship
- 39 Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athletes
- 2 MVC President’s Council Academic Excellence Honorees
- 5 Gateway Conference Scholar-Athletes
- 3 All-American Team Honorees
- 16 All-Gateway Conference Selections
- 7 & 6 MVC Selections
- 10 Other teams finished among top-three in the MVC (Baseball, Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Men’s and Women’s Track and Field, Softball)
Betty Ford recovering from surgery

BANCO MIRAGE, CAPI (AP) — Former First lady Betty Ford was recovering Thursday from unspecified surgery, the office of the late President Gerald Ford said.

The surgery occurred earlier in the week and she was “recovering well” at Essentia Medical Center, the statement said.

No other information will be released for now, today, the statement said.

Mrs. Ford is 88. Her birthday is Sunday. After her husband’s death on Dec. 26 at age 93, she went on an arduous cross-country trip accompanying his body for services in California, Washington, D.C., and his final resting place in Michigan.

Ford’s body was cremated. She came to earn wide respect through her frankness as she battled breast cancer, arthritis and addictions to drugs and alcohol.

## New York

Billionaire makes cash offer for Chrysler

NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who lost out in Chrysler’s 1998 merger with Daimler-Benz, wants to buy the troubled automaker back from its now-unhappy German parent.

Kerkorian’s wholly-owned investment company, Tracinda Corp., on Thursday offered $4.5 billion in cash offer for DaimlerChrysler AG’s U.S.-based Chrysler Group.

A deal would put Kerkorian in charge of Chrysler decades after he claims he was tricked out of potentially billions of dollars in the late 1990s in deals that German company’s Daimler AG bought Chrysler in the so-called “merger of equals.”

Long an active investor in automakers, the 89-year-old former movie mogul once offered $22.8 billion for Chrysler in an unsuccessful 1995 takeover bid.

## Ohio

Man in wig, bikini charged with drunken romp

MASON, Ohio (AP) — A man wearing a fake wig and a strip bikini was charged with taking a drunken afternoon romp through a park, officials said.

Steven S. Cole, a 46-year-old volunteer firefighter, told an officer he was on his way to a Dayton bar to perform as a Father’s Day dancer, police said.

But Cole was arrested Tuesday after police received a report that an intoxicated man wearing a red-black-and-white striped bikini with his way to a Dayton bar to perform as a Father’s Day dancer, police said.

The computer detected 1.74, more than twice Ohio’s legal driving limit of 0.08, the arrest report said.

## Solomon Islands

Tsunami victims sift through rubble

READINGTON, N.J. (AP) — Villagers buried their dead where they found them — including two young boys discovered Thursday in one shattered community — as frustration mounted over the government’s failures.

Sixteen people have died and 17 are still missing, officials said Thursday, six more than the U.N. death toll, which the Pacific Islands nation listed as 11 on Thursday.

The U.N. and the Solomon Islands’ government on Thursday published immediate needs of the capital.

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## Just as we rejoice at the return of our 15 service personnel, so today we are also grieving and mourning for the loss of our soldiers in Basra, who were killed as the result of a terrorist act.

— Tony Blair

Former British Prime Minister

## Britons return to homeland

The 15 freed British sailors and marines wait at the republinc pavilion of Meaharab airport before leaving Iran on Thursday. The 15 British sailors freed by Iran were flying home to London today, in a dramatic end to a two-week ordeal in captivity that had triggered a tense international standoff.

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Five crew members of the Royal Navy frigate HMS Shropshire were among the British personnel released by Iran.

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Two suspects were captured and one was being sought in nearby woods, officials said. State and local authorities were searching for the suspects and helicopters and dogs.

State police were coordinat- ing the search for the third sus- pect, Capt. Al Della Fave said. Close to 100 officers fanned out in the area near a golf course.

Della Fave said state police helicopters and K-9 units were assisting in the search.

8 soldiers killed in three days

Baghdad — Four U.S. soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion in southern Baghdad, the military said.

Four others died Wednesday in two roadside bomb explosions in southern Baghdad and north of the capital, while another was killed by small-arms fire in the eastern part of the city. Two other soldiers were killed by small-arms fire on Tuesday — one in eastern Baghdad and another on foot patrol in the southern outskirts of the capital.

The U.S. military said the downing of the helicopter carrying nine people was under investigation.

An Iraqi army official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, said the heli- copter went down after it came under fire from anti-aircraft guns near the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, 40 miles south of Baghdad. The U.S. military did not confirm that account.

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First Amendment flexible, panelists say

Chris Klarer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

British actor Sacha Baron Cohen has duped everyone from high-ranking government officials to drunken frat boys with his host of alter egos, most notably the fictional Kazakhstani journalist Borat.

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Law professor Paul McGreal had similar advice. “Dude, shut up,” he said.

Illinois teenager from maternity-home attack arrested

The Associated Press

AMERICAN FORK, Utah — Chicago police arrested the second of three teens who fled from a maternity home after the caretaker was attacked with a frying pan.

A 17-year-old Illinois girl was arrested in Chicago after a tipster saw her at her grandmother’s house, police said. She was returned to Utah last week.

It is unknown if she was staying with her grandmother or who else may have assisted her while she was on the run for over two months,” American Fork police Sgt. Shauna Greening said in a statement Wednesday.

A 15-year-old from California was turned in by her mother Jan. 29.

Jana Moody, caretaker of New Maternity Home, was hit with a frying pan and restrained with a power cord and duct tape Jan. 16, police said.

The two girls and another teen from Texas then fled in Moody’s van, police said.

The privately owned maternity home, 30 miles south of Salt Lake City, is a place for struggling teens to learn about prenatal care, adoption and parenting skills. They are sent by their families to get them away from drugs or bad relationships.

The Illinois girl wanted extradition and was returned to Utah, where she is in a youth-detention center while her case moves through Juvenile Court, Greening said.

“We are still actively looking for the third teen,” she said. “If I’m carrying around a sign at a protest that says Donald Rumsfeld is a murderer.”

“It allows groups like the Klan to have nonviolent rallies and say disgusting things,” he said.

McGreal said advocates of free speech and civil liberties deem this a necessary trade-off to keep those using the video or image from being censored.

“We believe in a free, open marketplace of ideas. Let everybody say their piece and the truth will prevail,” he said.

Many issues go into whether media or individuals are secured from under the umbrella of free speech, including whether the media source is commercial or non-commercial, or if the expression is meant to portray facts or ideas, McGreal said.

“If I stand up and accuse my neighbor of murder, it’s different than if I’m carrying around a sign at a protest that says Donald Rumsfeld is a murderer.”

— Paul McGreal
law professor

The forum was sponsored by the Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts and the SIU School of Law.

Two of the multitude of Cohen’s mocking documentaries include ‘Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan.’

Cohen has duped everyone from high-ranking government officials to drunken frat boys with his host of alter egos, most notably the fictional Kazakhstani journalist Borat.

Frisco Felizvogel, interim director of the School of Journalism, had two suggestions for anyone in a similar situation as the fraternity members.

“Do not sign a release. And if you do, don’t engage in boorish or racist comments,” he said.

Once a release has been signed, there is little that can be done to keep those using the video or image from being censored.

“Even if you think the First Amendment guarantees you absolute coverage, it doesn’t always work that way,” she said. “The First Amendment protects Borat. Maybe not.”

Donald Rumsfeld is a protest that says Donald Rumsfeld is a murderer.

Litigation filed against Sacha Baron Cohen

• Fraternity members who made racist and sexist comments in the film filed a complaint, claiming fraud and negligent infliction of emotional distress, among other charges. Judge denied a restraining order that would have removed them from the film in Dec. 2006.

• An etiquette trainer at a dinner party in the film claimed mistreatment and fraud to the California attorney general, asking for restitution, including a percentage of the film’s profits. Claims were denied upon viewing the release form she signed.

• Israeli comedian Dowale Glidman has said he plans to sue for copyright infringement of Borat’s use of the phrase ‘wa wa wee wa’ in the film, claiming he coined the phrase 16 years before the film’s release.

Source: The Associated Press

JASON JOHNSON – DAILY EGYPTIAN
**SMOKING BAN PREVAILS OVER SNAGS**

A smoke-free Carbondale is a good thing. An organization that tries to play the race card in advocating the law is not.

Before the City Council approved a widely debated ordinance to ban smoking in local bars and restaurants Tuesday, Councilman Steven Haynes went on the record about why he's abstained from voting on smoke-free resolutions for five months.

He said the Smoke Free Carbondale Coalition, a group that staunchly supports the banning of cigarette use in local establishments, sent him a letter that said he should vote to eradicate smoking because he, as a black man, is among a group disproportionately affected by second-hand smoke.

Racial profiling? Trying to influence a government official?

Well'd like to take the coalition over our knee for this. It's a shame that not even a positive regulation such as banning lung-infesting, cancer-causing second-hand cigarette smoke can go free of political mumbo jumbo.

The coalition has mired its reputation, which up until Haynes' impassioned comments Tuesday was relatively respectful.

We wonder how much more behind-the-scenes trickery the Smoke Free Carbondale crew pulled.

Research shows that black people are more susceptible to the harms of second-hand smoke. But in this case, who cares?

At issue were the lungs of thousands of all creeds and colors, not just those of Carbondale's black populace.

What's ironic is that the Smoke Free Carbondale Coalition set its mission back five months. When the ordinance was brought to the table in November, it didn't go through because the vote was deadlocked at 3-3.

Haynes abstained.

If the coalition hadn't offended the councilman with its tactless ploy, Carbondale could have gone smoke-free a lot sooner.

Isn't that a kick in the hind end?

We admire Councilman Haynes for speaking up and outing the coalition for its dastardly doing. He's taken heat for abstaining without explanation, and he's done it all in stride.

We respect the council for its approval of making Carbondale restaurants and bars smoke free by 2008.

Workers constantly in those smoky atmospheres will be able to take a breath of fresh air. The thousands of patrons will go home without having to jump in the shower, unless of course they spilled a pint of Jaegermeister on themselves.

Many owners in the bar community are worried constant customers will stop showing up because they can't have a smoke with their Jim Beam.

We implore them to look at businesses in Springfield, New York, Chicago and California who are still kicking successfully — and in many cases even more successfully — with a smoke free policy.

Visit visitDE.com to see the coalition's letter to Haynes.

**IMPROVE YOUR BODY ESTEEM**

In today's society, loving your body can be a challenge. Thin, beautiful and co being raved models grin at us from magazine covers and billboards. Advertisements for diet products are everywhere you look. Perhaps in part because of these pressures, children — especially girls — are beginning to diet at a younger age.

Indeed, research in the British Journal of Developmental Psychology shows that some girls as young as six years old are unhappy with their bodies and desire to diet.

Messages from the media, from parents, from peers and even from ourselves can strongly affect our body image, or the way we see, feel and think about our bodies. If we have a positive body image, we are able to see our body for what it uniquely is, and appreciate and enjoy it. We are able to enjoy the natural shape of our bodies and do not worry if we gain or lose a couple of pounds. However, if we have a negative body image, we may feel ashamed of our bodies and may see them as ugly or distorted.

Dissolving our appearance can have serious consequences. It may lead to dangerous yo-yo dieting, low self-esteem, depression, anxiety or eating disorders. People with a negative body image might also find themselves avoiding situations they might otherwise enjoy; such as going to the beach, for fear of being judged about their bodies.

The good news is that you can improve the way you feel about your shape. One great place to start is to stop weighing yourself. Many of us use the numbers on the scale to decide whether we are "good" or "bad," but these numbers have nothing to do with who we truly are.

Another step to good body esteem is to learn to appreciate all the things your body can do. Every day, it enables you to move, learn and enjoy the world around you. Along with this, try only wearing clothes that fit you well. It is difficult to enjoy being in your body if your jeans are cutting off your circulation. Making a list of all the things you like about yourself can also be helpful. Learn to appreciate your own unique, fabulous qualities.

You can be a positive influence to yourself and those around you by not making negative comments about your body. This may feel weird at first. It is amazing how commonplace these comments are. Along with this, become a critical viewer of social and media messages. Notice messages that leave you feeling bad about your body.

Form a support group of folks with whom you can discuss the negative messages you receive and your struggles with body image.

With all of that extra energy you will have when you are not worrying about your body, you can do something nice for yourself, write a letter of complaint to the diet and fashion industries, or, better yet, serve as a role model to younger kids who may be struggling with their own body image.

If you would like to learn more about positive body image, two good books are "When Women Stop Hating Their Bodies" by J. Hirschmann and C. Munster, and "Big Fat Lies" by Dr. G. Ganser. The Counseling Centre is offering a group on improving how you feel about your body, called "Loving the Body You're In" which still has a few openings. The group will run on Wednesdays from 5 to 6:30pm. For more info, give us a call at 453-5371, or drop us an e-mail at cuçet@siu.edu. You may also visit our Web site at www.siu.edu/offices/counsel.

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**WORDS OVERHEARD**

“It can represent Genesis from the Bible. It can represent love between a man and a woman. It can represent anything.”

Krithika Rajagopal

choreographer and leader of the Natya Dance Theatre, on traditional Indian dance

**COUNSELING CENTER**

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Letters to the Editor

Piccietti disrespectful, arrogant in debate

Dear Editor:

As a student, I must say that I was appalled at the low attendance to the Undergraduate Student Government debate Tuesday night. However, I can’t help but be glad that there were not more people there to see the disgusting act that was put on by Sen. Matt Piccietti.

After hearing Sen. Piccietti’s speech I was willing to forgive his name-dropping and consider the issues he brought up. There is more to a debate than just a discussion of names and the issues of the moment. There is also the truth. Although the article stated that I “aspire to without my degree. In the big picture, I’m only sacrificing something. To those people, that struggle is just as hard for them. Remember that.

For me, college is a sacrifice. This is a personal photo I took of my daughter Kamille. She is three years and eight months old. I sacrifice a lot of time I could be spending with her to finish my education. Ironically, she is also my motivation to succeed. I’m following my passion, pursuing a dream, in the hope to provide for her better than I would otherwise be able to without my degree. In this picture, I’m only sacrificing two and a half years of my time now to give her the world. Being that she is nearly four, she understands that daddy is at school through the week. She may not like it all the time, but she understands. It’s hard on her, and as with any child, it’s hard to explain the idea of college, degrees and how my successes pave her future.

One day, she will finally see my “big picture” idea. One day, I’ll work only one job and we’ll have that time together that is crucial in the development of a child. Until then, staying up late to finish papers, I keep reminding myself of one thing: If I fail, we fail.

DE coverage inaccurate

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The front page article of yesterday’s Daily Egyptian entitled “Reasons to Run,” in my opinion, is crucial in the development of a child. Until then, staying up late to finish papers, I keep reminding myself of one thing: ‘The Daily Egyptian is published by the students of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with fall and spring circulations of 20,000. Free copies are distributed on campus and in the Carbondale, Murphysboro, and Carterville communities. Daily Egyptian is the result of a day’s work, and not of some workman without business or without thought. The Daily Egyptian is a student-owned, student-produced, student-managed newspaper. The views expressed in columns and letters to the editor are the views of the writers and do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.'
First aid for your PlayStation 2

Wayne Utterback

For many gamers who own the older version of the PlayStation 2, they more than likely have struggled with not being able to get games to load. There is an easy fix to this if you are willing to take the time and exert the caution to properly repair your system.

Before explaining the steps to fix this problem, a few warnings must be issued. First, opening your PlayStation 2 will void your warranty, although many systems that suffer from this affliction are long past their warranties. Secondly, you will plug the machine in while the case is opened, so extreme caution is required.

The first thing to do is open the case. Flip the PlayStation 2 over and look at the bottom. There should be about 8 to 10 black squares. Pop those screws from the case. Flip the PlayStation 2 over and look at the bottom. There should be about 8 to 10 black squares. Pop those screws from the case. Flip the PlayStation 2 over and look at the bottom. There should be about 8 to 10 black squares. Pop those screws from the case. Flip the PlayStation 2 over and look at the bottom. There should be about 8 to 10 black squares. Pop those screws from the case.

Next, remove the four screws on the loading tray. Some PlayStation 2s require the system to be on for the next step, so, cautiously plug the system in and press the eject button so the tray slides out. You can then remove the loading tray cover. Now you have a clear view of the lens. Take the cotton swab and dip it lightly in rubbing alcohol and apply it to the lens, then use the other side of the cotton swab to dry it off, making sure no cotton is in the lens. Now look near the lens and you will see a white dial. This is where the black felt tip marker comes into play. Mark the area where the dial touches the silver plate beside it. This allows you to go back to where you started if you cannot get the system to perform better. With that said, slowly turn the dial until the lens drops all down. Trust me, you’ll know when it does.

This step will be the biggest test of patience. Plug in the PS2 and TV. Go directly to the browser and wait for the disc to load up. If you get a successful load, try out a PlayStation 1 game and a DVD to make sure all formats are loading properly. If you get a failure, you will have to unplug the PS2 and the TV. Open the tray cover back up, turn the dial four more clicks and repeat the process.

When you finally get the PlayStation 2 loading all formats properly, screw the tray cover back in, put the top back on and put the screws back in. Make sure to turn your PlayStation 2 on and listen for the disc going on with them.

If everything sounds good, enjoy your gaming once again.

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My secret addiction

I heard some really great news last week. No, I haven’t received a call about a post-graduation job. It was revealed that we would soon know who the father of Anna Nicole Smith’s daughter is.

I just need to know who will hear the famous words, “You are the father!”

Yes, that was the highlight of my week.

Like many of you out there reading this, I am happy to admit that I love to hear and read some good, juicy celebrity gossip.

That crazy Britney Spears, Brad and Angelina, I must know what’s going on with them.

When I’m shopping at Wal-Mart, I grab an issue of one of the most inaccurate, sleaziest magazines on the shelf to read while I shop. I won’t buy the magazine, but I will read the entire issue before I leave the store.

Tabloids magazines aren’t the only ones to blame for this fetish. E! Entertainment television is also guilty. It’s a 24-hour tabloid channel full of gossip, true Hollywood stories and tales of fallen stars.

I don’t know why, but there’s something intriguing about reading into the lives of the rich and famous. We love to know that famous people have the same problems we do, or that their problems seem 10 times worse than ours.

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Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

"EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW HOW WE HUMAN BEINGS SPENT THE LAST WEEKEND."

"OK, GUYS, IT'S NOT WHAT WE HAVE TO TRY ACTING LIKE HUMAN PEOPLE."

"AUTOGRAPH? I CAN'T JUST GET IT RIGHT?"

"I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM."

Collage and Cats

by nikki proctor

"I'VE BEEN GETTING THE IDEA OF ROLL UP MY SLEEVES AND TIE UP TROUBLE."

"OH, THAT'S OK. I KNEW WE'D HIRE YOU JUST TO DEAL WITH GIRLS."

Sudoku

By Michael Mepham

Level: 1 2 3 4

8 9 4 1

5 3 8

4 1

Solution to Thursday's puzzle:

5 6 1 2 3 4 8 7 9

4 5 9 6

7 1 6 9 5 4 2 3 8

2 4 3 1 6 8 7 5 9

9 8 5 2 3 7 6 4 1

6 3 8 9

5 3 7 6 8 9 4 1 2

8 2 4 5 7 1 3 9 6

6 1 9 3 4 2 5 8 7

5 4 3

8 9 1 5

3 9 6 8 2 1 7 5 4

1 4 7

5 9 2 1 4 6 8 7 3

6 3 8 7 9 5 1 2 4

4 1 6 3 2 9 8 6 5

Sudoku on your cell phone. Enter 76509.com in your mobile Web browser. Get a free game!

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SMOKE
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Michaels said the decision to go smoke-free should fall on the restaurateur and bar owner and the government should not tell them to do with their own establishments.

"It's not really that bad of an idea," he said. "I smoke and I can't stand the smoke from somebody else's clothing, and when you go home and your clothes smell like it." He said the ban wouldn't deter him from going to local bars and restaurants because he can go outside to smoke. Adrianna Perfecto, a junior from Chicago studying psychology, is a non-smoker and said she goes to bars even though she can often smell smoke when she enters.

"That's the whole fun part about being in the game for a while," I think I realized that I probably wouldn't even put in enough to move up the ladder or to eventually play in the big leagues. I had another team I knew I wanted to go to and I knew in time I was going to get to absorb everything I could."

De: "You had 22 players get drafted by the major leagues, and how often do you keep in touch with them and what kind of advice do you give?"

DC: "I still talk to a lot of our guys, and not just the guys that are in the big leagues. I talk to (former Saluki) Jerry Hairston…he and I exchanged voicemail messages. Jason Frasor just made a pretty substantial donation to (SB) qugars. I tried to call him and didn't get in touch with him, but he didn't have to. I still like to talk to those guys."

Just being able to communicate with them as proud as (for- mer players) Erik Alvarado and Matt Brewer, who just got accepted into law school here at SIU as I am to have coached Jason Frasor or Jerry Hairston, who play in the big leagues. That's a lot of satisfaction that comes with coaching and it doesn't have to be on the field. It's just a lot of encouragement and it's a lot of positive effect.

DC: "What is something that you think makes all the external things a little bit more attractive."

I think it makes all the things that you want to happen happen because of what we're made of, at least within the organization. I played with a guy who eventually ended up playing in the big leagues or end up playing profes- sionally."

DC: "What is something that you can do that pleases you the most?"

"I understand the restaurants where you go sit down and eat, but it's kind of hard if you're in the middle of playing baseball or going to smoke because that's a family environment, " she continued. "I'm grateful that I got an opportunity to see what it's like to be a professional athlete for some people or for some players."

DC: "What skill do you think the players have that can do that pleases you the most?"

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**Tennis**

**Weekend packed with MVC matches**

Saluki to face five conference rivals

Josh Johnston  
**Daily Egyptian**

The tennis teams have hit a crucial portion of their schedule with each team facing conference opponents this weekend.

"The Salukis' women's tennis team hopes to improve on its five-match winning streak and their 1-0 record in conference play. Their first two conference opponents are Bradley and Illinois State. The Redbirds have lost six of their seven matches against Illinois State. The Salukis, with a team ERA of 4.12, are working on their first conference match of the season. Bradley, howev-

**Softball**

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"Last weekend wasn't Saluki softball at all," coach Rene Vidal said. "Boston got lucky. Why would they throw me into the fire at the moment's notice? Then again, the Red Sox did pay $51 million just to negotiate with Matsuzaka, so they proved they're a viable organization then. But that hit against the Royals? Terri Francona must be laughing.

"It can count on freshman closer Bryant Sabine for a long time and we com-
SIU fights for first

Jeff Engelhardt

The SIU women’s softball team has a chance to reclaim first place in the Missouri Valley Conference this weekend.

SIU will try to rebound from a tough weekend, as they take on Drake in a three-game series starting Friday at 4 p.m. and concluding with a doubleheader Saturday starting at 12:00 p.m. The No. 20 Salukis dropped two games to Creighton and had a rain out just as they were about to secure a win over Southeast Missouri State.

A high point for the Salukis this week was the announcement of Senior pitcher Cassidy Scoggins as one of 20 finalists for the first ever Lowe’s Senior Class award, one of 20 finalists for the first ever Lowe’s Senior Class award finalist, which recognizes senior softball players who excel on and off the field.

SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said it’s a great accomplishment for Scoggins. “We have a lot of good students on this team and she is one of them,” Blaylock said. “She does community service projects with the team and is great with the kids at camp. She is a really well-rounded individual and I’m really pleased they recognized her.”

The Salukis (28-8, 9-2) main struggles last weekend were pitching and defense, a rarity for a team that is 2-1 record. However, they have a 3.50 ERA along with a .239 batting average. Both are ranked in the top 10 in the MVC.

Salukis to take on nonconference foe

Matt Hartwig

After a 1-2 showing at Evansville and a rain-filled week, the SIU baseball team is back home for a two-game set with Valparaiso.

In their series with the Crusaders at Abe Martin Field, the Salukis will have a few extra pitchers at their disposal.

After Tuesday’s game against Missouri was rained out, freshman pitcher Tyler Chooze’s spot in the rotation was skipped. He could be available if SIU (21-8, 4-2) needs him out of the bullpen.

Although Chooze will start at first base this weekend, he hasn’t pitched since March 31 and has a 3.50 ERA along with a 2-1 record.

Junior Shawn Joy will also miss his start because senior Jordan Powell and sophomore Cody Adams are bumped back a day. Joy could be available out of the bullpen as well.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said Joy might be one of the first guys out of the bullpen this weekend.

If a situation warrants that we need him, that’s fine, but if not, he’ll probably pitch Tuesday,” Callahan said.

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15 minutes with — Dan Callahan

Editor’s note: 15 Minutes is a feature in which the Daily Egyptian sits down with an SIU athlete or coach for a brief interview that touches on sports and lifestyle.

In this edition of “15 Minutes” we catch up with Dan Callahan, the head coach of the SIU baseball team who is in his 13th year at the helm.

Callahan’s 343 wins at SIU are the second most all-time most in school history and he has guided the Salukis to a 21-8 record so far this season.

He tells us about his start in coaching, superstitions and the Hill at Abe Martin Field.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: So how did you first get into coaching?

DAN CALLAHAN: Well, I think it was something where I just I love being around athletics, I was an all-around athlete, I guess, growing up. I played football, baseball, hockey, so I got used to just going out from one season to the other and sports were a big part of my life and I think it was just something that I thought to be on college that I wanted to remain a part of.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: How did you end up at SIU?

DAN CALLAHAN: I was fortunate enough in the fall of 1985 (former Saluki baseball coach Richard “Itchy” Jones, who was the head coach here at the time, gave me an opportunity to come in here as a graduate assistant so I spent two years getting my master’s degree and then the next year I stayed on as a full-time assistant and an academic coordinator here at SIU.

DAILY EGYPTIAN: So was being an assistant coach under Jones your foot in the door to coming on as the head coach in 1997?

DAN CALLAHAN: No. What do you like the most about Carbondale and southern Illinois?

DAILY EGYPTIAN: As much as anything, I love my job. I love what I do and if you love what you do I think it makes all the external things a little bit more attractive. I’m originally from central Illinois and I never spent any considerable amount of time here and when I came down here as a graduate assistant. After being down here for three years I realize how great of a part of this state it was. It’s a scenic part of Illinois and as far as things to do, it’s almost unmatched. As much as Springfield is my hometown, I consider this my home now.

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