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## Restaurant:

Lick Creek to organize concert to help pay legal fees.



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## Vacation:

Today is the last edition of the summer semester. THE EGYPTIAN will resume publication on Aug. 24.



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## Democrat hopeful still wants debate

**BATTLE?** Bost's disinterest does not faze Strom's desire for heated rivalry.

JAYTIE BOLINSKI &  
KATIE KLEMAIER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Democratic candidate for state representative Don Strom said Tuesday his invitation to incumbent Republican Rep. Mike Bost to engage in a series of issue-oriented debates still stands despite Bost's disinterest.

"I'm very sincere about these debates," Strom said during a press conference at his campaign headquarters. "I have no intention of turning them into a partisan dog and pony show."

Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he does not want to participate in additional debates with Strom for fear of decreasing public interest in the issues. He said debates are sponsored by civic and news organizations during elections.

"Personally organized debates lead to his supporters showing up and my supporters showing up to every debate," Bost said. "There is not a variety of spectators."

Bost was first elected to the 115th district seat in 1994 after defeating incumbent Gerald Hawkins, D-Du Quoin. He retained the seat in the 1996 election defeating John Rendleman, a

Carbondale resident. Strom is taking a leave of absence from his position as Carbondale's chief of police. This is his first run for a seat in the state legislature.

Strom said he initially sent Bost a registered letter inviting him to join in a serious of Lincoln-Douglas style debates throughout the 115th Illinois legislative district, which consists of Jackson, Perry and Randolph counties.

Strom said he has received no direct response from Bost about the debate and that everything he has learned about Bost's response has been through the media.

Both candidates have haggled with one another over the debates through a series of press releases to various Southern Illinois media during the last two weeks.

Instead of agreeing to Strom's debate invitation, Bost has challenged Strom to limit campaign spending to \$125,000 and to create a three-member oversight committee made up of respected community leaders to monitor campaign rules. Bost suggested retired U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, SIU President Ted Sanders and SIU Athletic Director Jim Hart as potential monitors.

Strom said Bost's challenge is a hollow request.

"I will fund my campaign the

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## Students to continue participating in Pig Out

**BARBECUE:** SIUC to allow help despite earlier concerns.

SARA BEAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Students groups likely will play a role in the second annual Main Street Pig Out this year despite earlier concerns that their involvement would be discouraged.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Harvey Welch announced to the Student Programming Council Thursday morning that student organizations will be allowed to participate in the organization and operation of the Sept. 18 Main Street Pig Out.

The Main Street Pig Out is an annual Carbondale festival with a barbecue competition, live music and entertainment for children of all ages.

Undergraduate Student Government President Kristie Ayres said Welch and Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger decided to exempt SPC from the SIUC's alcohol policy, which states that University organizations may not

participate in events where alcohol is served.

"I can't tell you how exciting this is," Ayres said. "This shows that the Chancellor is willing to listen to the students' concerns and act on them."

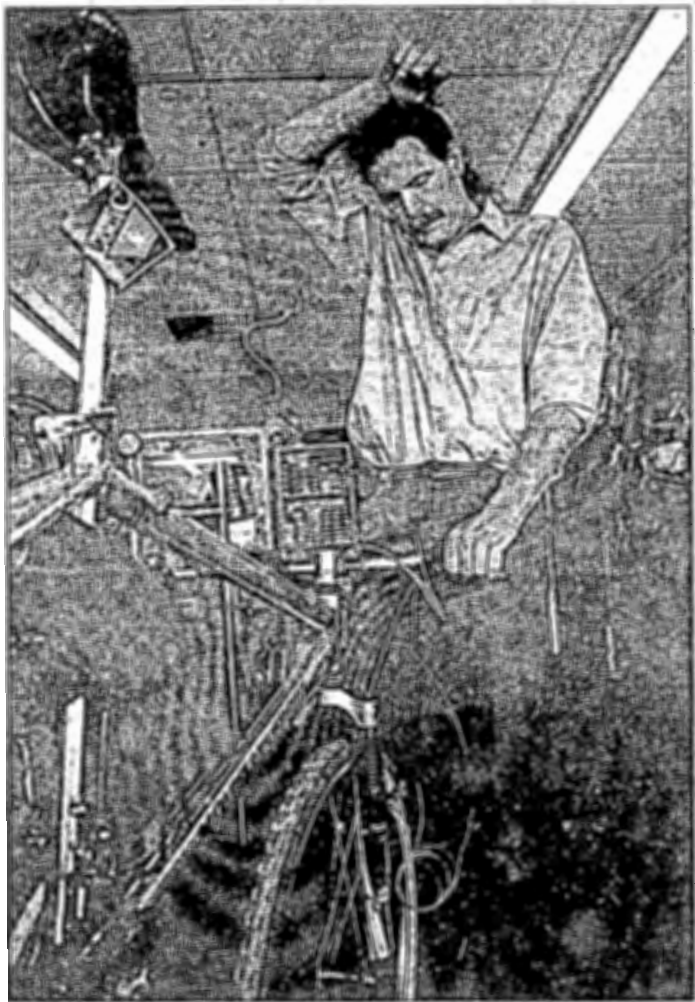
Last year the University did not allow student organizations to participate in the Pig Out for liability reasons. Some RSOs helped with organization of children's games, and many students volunteered to help at the event.

SPC acting student director Makela Clay said SPC will be allowed to help with the remaining organization of the Pig Out and is allowed to use SPC's name in advertising. The SIU logo also will appear on advertisements promoting the event.

"The University feels that the Pig Out is a real asset to Carbondale and that it would be beneficial to the community," Clay said. "They feel that positive support from the University could help make this event a strong tradition."

SPC will also organize on-campus marketing and volunteer

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**HANDY MAN:** Working in humid conditions, Mark Robinson, owner of the Bike Surgeon, 404 S. Illinois Ave., carefully repairs a bike in his shop.

## Repairing the wounded Bike Surgeon in business for last 24 years in Carbondale

THORRIE RAINEY  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

In the dimly lit, humid bike shop, Mark Robinson puts the finishing touches on a bike for one of his faithful customers.

Robinson, owner of the Bike Surgeon, 404 S. Illinois Ave., has been working on bikes for 24 years.

"Bikes are my pals," he said. "When I'm 80, I will still be here fixing bikes."

Jerry Gates has been a customer of Robinson for 10 years and recently had taken a bike to Robinson to be fixed.

When Robinson is done, he asks Gates to take his bike out for a spin.

"I've been real happy with his work," Gates said.

"He is fair and always does an excellent job."

Robinson fixes bikes for more than his customers. He takes old unwanted bicycles, fixes them and gives them to children in women's shelters.

Customers or friends who want to throw away their bikes donate them to Robinson.

Last year he received 25 bikes from donors.

Robinson said all children deserve a bike and if he has one available he will give it to them.

"If any kid needs a bike, I will be more than happy to give them one," Robinson said. "All my donations do not have to be to shelters."

Workers at the Women's Center, 408 W. Freeman, admire and appreciate Robinson's good

SEE BIKE, PAGE 7

# Almanac

## THIS WEEK IN 1994:

- SIUC and Deadheads were getting lost in each other at the Grateful Dead concert at the Riverport Theater in Maryland Heights, Mo. This was the first performance in this area in 12 years.
- USA Gymnast, Kristy Henrich died in the intensive care unit at Research Medical Center in Kansas, Mo. The cause of her death was multiple organ failure due to Henrich's fight with anorexia and bulimia. Henrich died at 22 weighing only 52 pounds.
- McGruff the crime dog, along with the Carbondale police, made an appearance at Turkey Park in efforts to heighten crime prevention and awareness. Hot dogs and soda were sold for 50¢ with the proceeds going to help expand Carbondale DARE. The Murdole True Value featured a display of locks for home, patio, cars and bikes.
- Some Peace Coalition of Southern Illinois members were planning an event to "stimulate thought about the current use of violence in locations such as Rwanda." Organizers hoped the event would trigger discussions and reflections about all forms of violence.
- The religion of Islam made its mark in growing numbers on SIUC's campus and became the United States' second largest religion. One-third of the 29 nations recognized by SIUC's International Student Council are Muslim countries.
- The football Salukis were picked to finish dead last in the 1994 Gateway Conference Preseason Poll. Northern Iowa was selected as the team to beat, with Illinois State and Southwest Missouri State following in second and third places.

# Corrections

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 229 or 228.

# Saluki Calendar

## TODAY

- Carbondale Main Street, The C<sup>3</sup> Fishkins live concert, Aug. 5, noon, Town Square Pavilion, downtown Carbondale, contact Joel 529-8040.
- University Museum, "Music in the Garden," presents Christopher Allen, classical guitar, Aug. 5, noon to 1 p.m., Faneer Museum Sculpture Garden, contact 453-5388.

## UPCOMING

- Iota Phi Theta Fraternity presents Iota Comedy Jam VII, September 12, 8 p.m., Shryock Auditorium \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door, tickets go on sale August 5, second floor of the Student Center at check cashing window, call John 529-8392.
- Egyptian Dive Club leading meeting, every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, contact Amy 529-2840.
- Olive Free Will Baptist Church Vacation Bible school, August 10 through August 14, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 409 N. Marion Rd., call 618-549-3374.
- Undergraduate Student Government is looking for a Financial Aid, Tuition & Fees Commissioner, anyone interested should contact the USG office, 3rd floor Student Center, 536-3361.
- SIUC Motorcycle Rider Program offers FREE motorcycle rider courses, August 21 to August 23, register early, for more information, please call 1-800-642-9589 or go to [www.siu.edu/~cyle/](http://www.siu.edu/~cyle/).
- SIUC Radio/Television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio." Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to please contact Professor Johnson at work, 453-6901, or at home 985-6209.
- Shawnee National Forest "Wetlands Restoration" by Alicia Admiral, dinner and lecture, August 7, 7 p.m., Harrisburg office, for more information, please call 1-800-MY WOODS.
- Shawnee National Forest Geology, History and Folk Lore in the wilderness hike, August 8, 10 a.m., Panthers Den, for more information, please call 1-800-MY WOODS.
- Experiment Aircraft Association EAA 227 meeting, Aug. 10, 7 p.m., Autech Carbondale Airport, for more information please contact Wayman 684-6838.

• Governor's Commission presents A Public Hearing of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois, August 12, 10 a.m., Student Center, Ballroom B, for more information contact Vi at 453-1366.

• Shawnee National Forest "Native American Rock Art" by Mark Wagner, dinner and lecture, August 12, 7 p.m., Harrisburg office, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.

• Shawnee National Forest Woodland Indian Village tours, August 15, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Millstone Bluff, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.

• Shawnee National Forest Geology, Plants and Springs hike, August 22, 10 a.m., Bell Smith Springs, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.

• Student Environmental Center First fall meeting, everyone is welcome, August 27, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Interfaith Center, contact Justin 549-2465.

• Shawnee National Forest "Threatened and Endangered Bats" by Joyce Hoffman, dinner and lecture, August 28, 7 p.m., Harrisburg office, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.

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## Southern Illinois Forecast

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High: 92  
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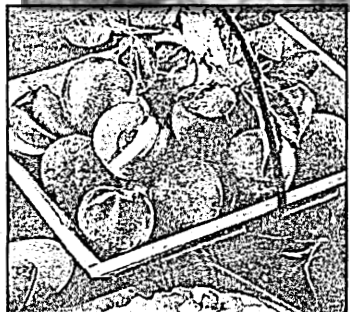
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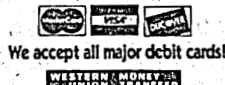
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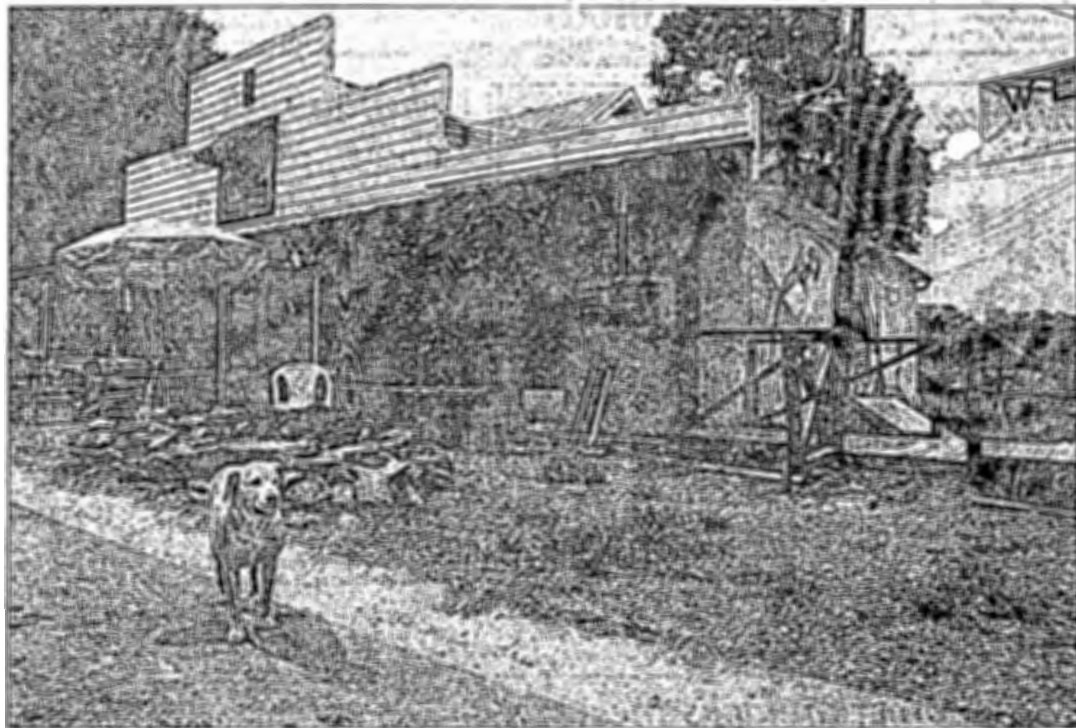
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**SECRET HIDEAWAY:** The owners of the Lick Creek General Store, located in Lick Creek, are planning a benefit concert to take place Friday in Carbondale.

JESSICA ZAMORA  
Daily Egyptian

## Taking a stand for goodness

### Lick Creek General Store raises money for legal defenses

DANA DUBRIWNY  
A&E Editor

A benefit concert will take place in Carbondale Friday night to raise money for legal expenses incurred by owners of the Lick Creek General Store, who are preparing to take legal action against the Union County Sheriff's Department.

The benefit concert, supported by local sponsors, will be at the Hangar 9, 511 S. Illinois Ave.

Lick Creek General Store, near Interstate 57 exit 36, is nestled in the town of Lick Creek and stands in the center of a residential district. It is known for its unique dining experience with nine to 11 course meals and live entertainment.

The business does not serve alcohol but allows patrons of legal drinking age to bring alcohol. They also regularly feature Carbondale bands like the Jim Skinner Blues Band.

Nick Rion, owner of Lick Creek General Store, said money raised from the concert will go into a fund that would allow the store to pay for legal action against what they say is harassment by local police.

"I personally feel like some of my civil rights have been violated," he said. "I'm not trying to suggest that we're special, but at the same time, there have been more road blocks here than around any other business."

According to Rion, police entered the property because of anonymous phone calls complaining of noise disturbances. Because there was no written proof of the complaints, Rion refused to comply.

Rion said a written agreement between him and Union County Sheriff Harlan Coffman, stated that Rion would change business hours provided a written complaint by these anonymous callers could be produced.

"I told them 'if you can get someone on record, I'll work with you on this,'" he said. "But it could be a competitor or someone we just kicked out for being underage."

"This place has been open since 1938, and it isn't until now that we are having problems with the police. Now the police have been coming in every weekend for a month."

Coffman could not be reached for comment.

Rion went to Chris Wells, Union County States Attorney, seeking advice for legal matters falling under Wells' jurisdiction.

According to Wells, Rion had been subject to health code infringements two years ago and was working with him to refine his business practices.

Wells said although Rion had been working diligently to adhere to health codes, he lacked respect for his neighbors.

"I don't think the police are singling out Nick," Wells said. "Nick is a free spirit in many ways and looks at the law with some degree of disdain. He has tried to side step the law."

"My attitude is that I provide Nick with some advice to succeed, and as with any business concern, he has to try to get along with his neighbors as much as he can and must keep from stepping on their toes."

Jeff Armentrout, manager of the Lick Creek General Store, said local law enforcement entered the facility on a number of occasions without solid cause.

"We agreed with the sheriff that if our neighbors called because of noise, we would change our hours," he said. "The next thing we know, there were road blocks set up



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Cody Heap, a cook at the Lick Creek General Store, begins to prepare dinner, usually consisting of nine to 11 courses.

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## New dean to promote creative thinking in department

**FREE FLOW:** Keith Hillkirk hopes to try to connect school, parents with their students.

ANGIE ROYER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Keith Hillkirk, the new dean of the College of Education, said he has a strong belief in building on to already strong programs to make them better for the students.

Hillkirk, whose first day on the job was Monday, said he wants the atmosphere of the college to be a place where people should be able to speak their minds freely and originate some ideas. Hillkirk said he believes that kind of atmosphere exists at SIUC and would like to foster that atmosphere.

"To me, a university is a place where the spirit of the university should be centered around experimentation, trying out new ideas and a willingness to be open to different possibilities," he said.

Hillkirk said he accepted the dean position because of the positive experiences he had encountered while in Carbondale applying for the job in March.

"I was very impressed by the students, faculty, and administrators that I had met," he said.

Hillkirk said he feels there is an interest in him, primarily the work he has been doing and an interest in trying to do some things new and creative. He said he is very impressed by the people he is working with, such as the three associate deans that are in the department.

"They are really a creative and talented group of people and I'm

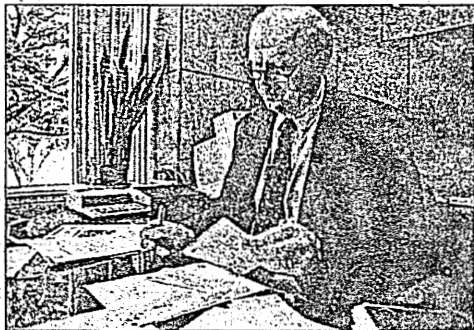
looking forward to working with them very much," Hillkirk said.

Hillkirk got his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. Then he got his masters degree in Shippensburg University and his teaching certificate.

With his teaching certificate, he taught high school English for 12 years. He then went to Pennsylvania State University to get his Doctrine degree.

For two years, he was an assistant professor at Pennsylvania State University and then he worked as an assistant dean at Ohio University until he came to SIUC.

Hillkirk said he believes that the involvement of parents makes students want to learn more. He wants








JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

**PAPERWORK:** Hard at work on his first day, Keith Hillkirk, the new dean of education, finishes grade change cards for students Monday.

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The FIVE DAY Forecast...

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Our Word

GRADTRAC program lacks incentive

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A program like GRADTRAC seems golden at first glance. It is becoming increasingly difficult and rare for students to graduate in the traditional four-year time frame. At the same time, the rising cost of a college education means students need some assurance that they can get a degree in the least amount of time.

SIUC is considering a similar program, but in its version, SIUC may not pay for the extra year. This gives students no incentive to follow the guidelines they should already know they have to follow to get a four-year degree in four years. If the University does not have the means to guarantee a fifth year of tuition for students who have done everything they've been told they need to do to graduate on time, it should consider a grievance system for students who feel the University should be faulted for their late graduation. Situations where the University would be at fault could include when an advisor convinces a student that an unnecessary course is required or when offering too few course sections causes a student to miss a course in a sequence of prerequisites.

Western Illinois hopes GRADTRAC will increase retention rates. Its version provides incentive for students to graduate on time, but SIUC's version would not. All SIUC's version would do is

show students things they should already know. A student should want to graduate within four years. If they come to school and do what they are supposed to do then that will happen. It seems that GRADTRAC is more of an attempt to better the image of a school than actually help students.

John Jackson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, says that SIUC may not incorporate the program because it could create conflict between University students when determining fault. He's right. The University will naturally put the blame on students for not graduating on time, and the students will accuse the University for providing bad advisement or not having the right sequence of classes. Both the students and the University would have legitimate claims. Students, for the most part, can be delinquent in their attempts to go through the University system. Some like to take their precious time and do not work as hard as they could. The graduation rate, last reported in 1993, showed that only 15.7 percent of students graduated within four years.

If a student believes that they should have graduated on time but did not because of the University, they should be able to submit a grievance requesting that the University pay for the extra time needed to graduate. At present, there is no such system in place.

Universities should give students an incentive to graduate on time, not just a list of guidelines explaining to them things they should already know they need to do.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Their Word

The following editorial appeared in the University of Illinois' Daily Illini July 27, 1998:

To hear George Ryan tell it, he's the most liberal politician the state of Illinois has ever produced.

He tries to tell African Americans he's an old buddy of Harold Washington.

He tries to tell gun control proponents that he feels their pain and that if they only vote for him he will take all the guns away. He claims that nasty Glenn Poshard wants a gun in every crib.

He tells his friends the feminists he will fight for things which affect women.

There's only one thing wrong with George Ryan's barnstorming, take-no-prisoners campaign.

George Ryan is a conservative. Ryan has always been proud to be a conservative and a Republican in his decades of statewide office. At least until

this year.

As speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, he unabashedly was the No. 1 force that defeated the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois, the holy grail for feminists.

As speaker, he helped shepherd through a bill allowing machine guns in homes.

Washington's allies in the House of Representatives like Jesse White and Carol Moseley-Braun claim Ryan was anything but a bosom buddy of the late mayor. They even claim one down state senator named Poshard often rounded up down state support for the mayor back in the 1980s.

Hillary Clinton doesn't think the anti-abortion Ryan is too friendly to her cause, either. She plans to do quite a bit of campaigning here this fall to make that point.

It doesn't appear too likely that Democrats, who smell blood and lining up behind Poshard, will defect to Ryan.

However, since Ryan is making Poshard sound appealing to conservatives, those conservatives might all defect to Poshard and the democrats.

Through all the hurt, one finds poetry in life

The sky opened up before me as I raced through Montana on I-90. You would have thought that I was trying to get away from something when in all actuality I was trying to get to something.

The blue sky mesmerized me and held me in awe, and just for an instant I wanted to join it and disappear forever. Its like when you get lost in the enormity of the universe or the ocean.

As the landscape passed me my mind began to wander, drifting back to old memories and new desires, and reminding me exactly what it was I was trying to get to.

I had this conversation with myself a million times. A purpose in my life has eluded me for a while.

Perhaps this is because of my age, being young in an old world often brings about confusion and lack of reality.

Time is a foreign concept to me, yet I realize its existence as well as I realize my own.

Regardless of the reasons, I feel that if I keep talking to myself, rolling over things in my head, that one day an answer will just show itself to me. I understand now that an answer will never be found, at least not until death. The only answer that has made sense to me is that, once you figure out life, that's it.

So, I sat still in my seat and just watched the endless miles of road unfold before me. I tried to reach a sense of complacency but it never came. I chatted with my brother, who sat next to me. We talked about music, school and a million other topics until we were too tired to talk anymore, so we just stared ahead.

Since I left home, I have tried to find myself. I searched books and magazines, contemplated God, and found love. I tried to forget and abandon my search. I said I didn't care and thought complacency was just fine.

What I ended up reaching was that life should not be figured out. It should just be lived. But it should be lived with passion and heart. We don't have to figure everything out before we die, that will be explained to us afterward. We have to embrace life and realize its poetry.

As I passed through town after town, I saw faces in restaurants and passing cars, looking numb and oblivious, acting as if each breath was utter pain.

I once heard that when you grow up your heart dies. I don't know if that is true or not, for when do we know when we are grown up?

Does age dictate wisdom, does it dictate experience?

I've seen the eyes of children that held more answers about life than any elderly person could ever know. These faces I saw did lack a passion for life — they had given up on life because life did not hand them what they wanted. Or perhaps life had handed them more than it should have. My stepfather once said that "life is the worst kind of pain." I think he's right, but it is a beautiful pain.

Everything is painful if you think about it. Love hurts. Loss hurts. Happiness, when it leaves, hurts. Longing hurts. So on and so on. In the long run it all hurts, how you interpret that hurt means everything.

In my search for the meaning of life I've experienced a lot. I lost my life at 13, in the midst of my father's disease. I fought off hands that shouldn't have been there, played with knives, tried suicide, loved beautiful people, shoved drugs down my throat until I couldn't say my own name, felt freedom, passion, hatred. I buried friends who left too soon, and experienced happiness and beauty beyond words.

Why am I telling all of this, I don't know. I think it has something to do with my love for everything that surrounds me.

This world is capable of such beautiful experiences or such horrible nightmares.

I cherish it all. I'll never stop feeling this, and I'll never stop saying what I feel. Life's too short not to be melodramatic. I just want to keep attacking life like I attacked that road on the way home. We just have to keep rolling and living in poetry.

We have to love, because love is a combination of every imaginable emotion. So I'll see you on the trip, and show you a little love.








Jonathan Preston

Guest Column

Jonathan is a sophomore in English. Guest Column appears every Wednesday. Jonathan's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

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John Jackson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, says that SIUC may not incorporate the program because it could create conflict between University students when determining fault. He's right. The University will naturally put the blame on students for not graduating on time, and the students will accuse the University for providing bad advisement or not having the right sequence of classes. Both the students and the University would have legitimate claims. Students, for the most part, can be delinquent in their attempts to go through the University system. Some like to take their precious time and do not work as hard as they could. The graduation rate, last reported in 1993, showed that only 15.7 percent of students graduated within four years.

If a student believes that they should have graduated on time but did not because of the University, they should be able to submit a grievance requesting that the University pay for the extra time needed to graduate. At present, there is no such system in place.

Universities should give students an incentive to graduate on time, not just a list of guidelines explaining to them things they should already know they need to do.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Their Word

The following editorial appeared in the University of Illinois' Daily Illini July 27, 1998:

To hear George Ryan tell it, he's the most liberal politician the state of Illinois has ever produced.

He tries to tell African Americans he's an old buddy of Harold Washington.

He tries to tell gun control proponents that he feels their pain and that if they only vote for him he will take all the guns away. He claims that nasty Glenn Poshard wants a gun in every crib.

He tells his friends the feminists he will fight for things which affect women.

There's only one thing wrong with George Ryan's barnstorming, take-no-prisoners campaign.

George Ryan is a conservative.

Ryan has always been proud to be a conservative and a Republican in his decades of statewide office. At least until

this year.

As speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, he unabashedly was the No. 1 force that defeated the Equal Rights Amendment in Illinois, the holy grail for feminists.

As speaker, he helped shepherd through a bill allowing machine guns in homes.

Washington's allies in the House of Representatives like Jesse White and Carol Moseley-Braun claim Ryan was anything but a bosom buddy of the late mayor. They even claim one down state senator named Poshard often rounded up down state support for the mayor back in the 1980s.

Hillary Clinton doesn't think the anti-abortion Ryan is too friendly to her cause, either. She plans to do quite a bit of campaigning here this fall to make that point.

It doesn't appear too likely that Democrats, who smell blood and lining up behind Poshard, will defect to Ryan.

However, since Ryan is making Poshard sound appealing to conservatives, those conservatives might all defect to Poshard and the democrats.

Through all the hurt, one finds poetry in life

The sky opened up before me as I raced through Montana on I-90. You would have thought that I was trying to get away from something when in all actuality I was trying to get to something.

The blue sky mesmerized me and held me in awe, and just for an instant I wanted to join it and disappear forever. Its like when you get lost in the enormity of the universe or the ocean.

As the landscape passed me my mind began to wander, drifting back to old memories and new desires, and reminding me exactly what it was I was trying to get to.

I had this conversation with myself a million times. A purpose in my life has eluded me for a while.

Perhaps this is because of my age, being young in an old world often brings about confusion and lack of reality.

Time is a foreign concept to me, yet I realize its existence as well as I realize my own.

Regardless of the reasons, I feel that if I keep talking to myself, rolling over things in my head, that one day an answer will just show itself to me. I understand now that an answer will never be found, at least not until death: The only answer that has made sense to me is that, once you figure out life, that's it.

So, I sat still in my seat and just watched the endless miles of road unfold before me. I tried to reach a sense of complacency but it never came. I chatted with my brother, who sat next to me. We talked about music, school and a million other topics until we were too tired to talk anymore, so we just stared ahead.

Since I left home, I have tried to find myself. I searched books and magazines, contemplated God, and found love. I tried to forget and abandon my search. I said I didn't care and thought complacency was just fine.

What I ended up reaching was that life should not be figured out. It should just be lived. But it should be lived with passion and heart. We don't have to figure everything out before we die, that will be explained to us afterward. We have to embrace life and realize its poetry.

As I passed through town after town, I saw faces in restaurants and passing cars, looking numb and oblivious, acting as if each breath was utter pain.

I once heard that when you grow up your heart dies. I don't know if that is true or not, for when do we know when we are grown up?

Does age dictate wisdom, does it dictate experience?

I've seen the eyes of children that held more answers about life than any elderly person could ever know. These faces I saw did lack a passion for life — they had given up on life because life did not hand them what they wanted. Or perhaps life had handed them more than it should have. My stepfather once said that "life is the worst kind of pain." I think he's right, but it is a beautiful pain.

Everything is painful if you think about it: Love hurts. Loss hurts. Happiness, when it leaves, hurts. Longing hurts. So on and so on. In the long run it all hurts, how you interpret that hurt means everything.

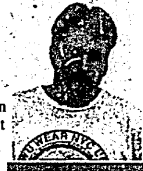
In my search for the meaning of life I've experienced a lot. I lost my life at 13, in the midst of my father's disease. I fought off hands that shouldn't have been there, played with knives, tried suicide, loved beautiful people, shoved drugs down my throat until I couldn't say my own name, felt freedom, passion, hatred. I buried friends who left too soon, and experienced happiness and beauty beyond words.

Why am I telling all of this, I don't know. I think it has something to do with my love for everything that surrounds me.

This world is capable of such beautiful experiences or such horrible nightmares.

I cherish it all. I'll never stop feeling this, and I'll never stop saying what I feel. Life's too short not to be melodramatic. I just want to keep attacking life like I attacked that road on the way home. We just have to keep rolling and living in poetry.

We have to love, because love is a combination of every imaginable emotion. So I'll see you on the trip, and show you a little love.



Jonathan Preston

Guest Column

Jonathan is a sophomore in English. Guest Column appears every Wednesday. Jonathan's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

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# SIUC faculty members travel abroad for Russian program

**SIUC SPONSORED:** Majorie Malkin, others travel for social service experiment.

SHARRIE GLATZHOFFER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

One of Marjorie Malkin's memories of Russia is watching a young boy with cerebral palsy dressed in Russian cosmonaut equipment. The stretchy elastic bands around his legs helped him pick up his legs as he was learning to walk.

Malkin's visit to a Russian rehabilitation institute for children with disabilities was part of a five-week social service experiment called the Russian American Summer University program.

Malkin, associate professor of therapeutic recreation, three other SIUC faculty members, and two regional education system officials took part in the program sponsored by the SIUC School of Social Work and Togliatti Social and Economic College in Togliatti, Russia.

The goal of the program was to exchange information and techniques for dealing with troubled young people and children with disabilities.

Wayne Evens, SIUC director of the program, said one thing the group learned from its experience in Russia was that "they have all the social problems we have."

Although they share common problems, treatment and prevention approaches differ.

"They emphasize using natural medications, healthful living and

exercise," Malkin said. "Many of their techniques are innovative and center around alternative therapies."

Besides using cosmonaut equipment in rehabilitation, other techniques used in Russian children's facilities were relaxation rooms, water beds and light shows. One facility had a coffee house and was in the process of building gardens.

Kathleen Welschimer, associate professor of health education, said that although the Russian experimental techniques were innovative, they lacked a scientific basis for physical health therapies.

Because Russian social workers have no easy access to resources and no public health infrastructure with which to collect data, mainstream methods of health education and disease prevention were

missing. The SIUC demonstrations focused on role playing, drama, art and communication techniques. The emphasis was to increase the Russian awareness of health risks such as alcohol and tobacco and to teach skills-building techniques.

Welschimer said that because the Russian social services are in an experimental stage, the social service workers were open to a whole range of therapies.

"In some ways, the Russians are more open-minded than the same group of American professionals would have been," Welschimer said.

"They are anxious to get to other approaches," Malkin said. "They are interested in scientific data and they are becoming more sophisticated about evaluating the information they receive."

Martin Tracy, director for the School of Social Work, said the Summer University Program was the first such skills exchange program between Russian and American universities.

"This is unusual because most academic institutions participate in programs related to lectures and faculty-student exchanges," Tracy said. "It's rare to have a concrete project like this one."

Next summer SIUC faculty will return to Russia to examine the program's results and introduce any changes relevant to the Russian perspective and needs.

Evens said the program revealed opportunities for further exchanges between SIUC and Togliatti, including Russian students attending SIUC.

"The program was a tremendous success," Evens said. "All the faculty did really well!"

# General Motors plant announces reorganization plan

WASHINGTON POST

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. announced plans Tuesday to reorganize its sales, service and marketing operations, resulting in about 1,000 job cuts and up to 5,300

million in annual savings.

The move is part of a broad effort to kick-start GM's stalled restructuring and improve its competitiveness. Monday, GM said it plans to divest its huge Delphi auto parts unit in a stock deal.

The latest initiative will shift power away from GM's traditional nameplate divisions to a single sales and service group organized into five U.S. regions.

GM has been steadily reducing the autonomy of its car divisions

since the 1970s. GM will keep the Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Oldsmobile and Pontiac marketing divisions intact, but limit their say in crucial product planning and development decisions.

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## McLeod hosts CCHS play

**ALICE JOHNSON**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Carbondale Community Arts presents a return of the classic 70s School House Rock cartoons in the kids musical School House Rock Live.

Written by Scott Ferguson, George Keating and Kyle Hall the musical includes several of the short educational cartoons including Conjunction Junction, Interplanet Janet and

Lolly Lolly Lolly. Julia Stemper, producer of the play, said the story revolves around a teacher who is nervously preparing for his first day of school. As he listens to the music he is reminded that learning can be fun.

The play will be at McLeod Theatre Friday, Aug. 7 and Saturday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

For reservations call 457-5100

## CREEK

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around the store."

Armentrout said the store has never been in conflict with underage drinking laws, nor has any patron leaving from the establishment been convicted of a DUI.

"Our plates are \$29.95 for a nine to 11 course meal," Armentrout said.

"Our clientele is made up of professionals who can bring their own beer. It's not like we have a big crowd of young college kids."

Should a younger group of customers come in, Armentrout said employees make sure to check identification to ensure all those consuming alcohol are of legal age.

Dean Theibaud of the MoJo Deans was playing at the Lick Creek "extravaganza" two months ago when police entered the grounds and told all patrons to leave, threatening to "tow everyone's car in 15 minutes."

"They said that there were com-

plaints of **SHOWTIME** under age drinking," Theibaud said.

"We were playing 'Let it Bleed' when we were told to quit. I don't know what it is, man, but the cops are out for that store."

In support of the Lick Creek General Store, local residents and musicians have joined together for a fund-raiser. The Jim Skinner Blues Band, accompanied by Tawl Paul and the Candy Baker Blues Bandits will headline the benefit.

During the show, prizes will be awarded and dinner tickets will be auctioned off.

"Everyone has really pulled together for us," Armentrout said. "The Hangar is allowing us to do this free of charge, and all the musicians are taking time out to do this at no cost."

•The Lick Creek benefit concert will begin at 9 p.m. Friday at the Hangar 9.

•Admission is a \$4 donation. For more information call, (618) 883-3764.

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**BIKE**  
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heart and unlimited need for giving. Robnison also gives bikes to migrant workers' children and children around his neighborhood.

Camille Dorris, shelter coordinator for the Women's Center, said his work should serve as an example for others to start taking part in helping the community.

"It takes a community to run a program," Dorris said. "Mark Robnison has worked really hard for the shelter and is a big-help for the children here."

Robnison has also aided in rebuilding houses for the homeless.

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., Robnison has lived in Carbondale for 18 years. He has worked in bike stores for 24 years. Robnison said he finds working on bikes a relaxing and therapeutic profession.

Robnison is known for more than his bike shop in the Carbondale community. He graduated SIUC in 1980 with a bachelor's in journalism. Robnison is the vice chairman for the

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**Mark Robnison has worked really hard for the shelter and is a big help for the children here.**

**CAMILLE DORRIS**  
SHELTER COORDINATOR  
FOR THE WOMEN'S SHELTER

Carbondale Liquor Advisory Board. He also ran for mayor of Carbondale in 1987 and 1994.

Robnison said serving on the board gives him the chance to represent Carbondale.

**SURGEON**  
Robnison said he is doing his job in the community by keeping an open ear to the public and reporting any concerns from the public if the government is not listening.

"It's an obligation to remind the government that the community hires them," Robnison said. "The government should always listen to the concerns of the public."

No matter how busy Robnison is he will continue to help the community and its children. He encourages others to take more action in giving back to the community.

"If you have a lot, give," Robnison said. "If you don't have much, give as much as you can. If I can, I will always share what I have."



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campus marketing and volunteer coordination for the event. Clay said SPC will advertise on campus through the Daily Egyptian and SPC-TV.

Originally, SPC had hoped to play a role in booking entertainment for the event, Pig Out organizers have already booked entertainment because of time considerations.

"I am excited that we are getting involved and wish that I could be here next year to get involved from the start," Clay said. "This is something I want to see progress and grow."

Ayres said that if all goes well this year, she hopes the students can begin planning for next year's event early on and not be left out of the entertainment selection process.

"This is a great victory for us," Ayres said. "Score one for the students."

**CARBONDALE TRADITION**

• The Main Street Pig Out is scheduled on Sept. 18 from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the parking lot behind 710 Bookstore.

**STROM**  
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way I live my life — with integrity," Strom said. "That's why I will raise money with integrity."

Strom said he will not accept money from special interests such as business with state contracts, out-of-state corporations, insurance companies, tobacco interests,

gambling interests and liquor interests.

To date, Strom said he has accepted roughly \$7,000 from the state Democratic central party.

"And we have communicated with the Democratic central party that we aren't accepting money from these special interests."

If Strom does not agree to limit his campaign spending, Bost said he will not put himself at a disadvantage

by limiting his own campaign spending. Bost said he has spent about \$28,500 on his campaign to date.

Strom said he hopes Bost will reconsider his decision not to engage in the debates.

"Not debating is a step backward instead of a step forward," Strom said. "We're just looking for an open dialogue on the issues."

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# Seinfeld apologizes for nothing

BOB HEISLER  
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK — Being Jerry Seinfeld means never having to say you're sorry. Especially to a roomful of reporters, microphones and cameras.

He's not sorry that scalpers are getting \$1,500 for a \$75 ticket to his sold-out, 10-show run that starts Wednesday night at Broadway's Broadhurst theater and ends Sunday with a show broadcast live on HBO.

"Yes," a smiling, confident Seinfeld said Tuesday at a media session to promote the HBO broadcast. "I'm responsible for scalping. I started it. There's never been scalping before this ... There is crime, yes, and it does bother me, and as a comedian, I realize I'm supposed to fight crime where I see it ..."

"Is it a good deal at \$1,500," he asked. "If you have \$1,500 to spend

on a ticket you're beyond (worrying about) a good deal."

The comedian said that since his cut of the ticket sales was going to programs for New York City public schools, complaining about the price of tickets was like taking money from children. "Maybe they'd like their lunch money, too," he said.

Seinfeld is not sorry that entertainment critics have been generally unable to see his show on its world tour from Melbourne, Australia, to Omaha, Neb. — Reporters in New York, for example, could buy seats only for the last performance.

"Criticism is always fair," he said. "What people forget is that it's unimportant ... Each audience member is of equal importance, regardless of whether he is a typewriter."

And don't expect him to apologize for the controversial "Puerto

Rican Parade" episode last season. "The Puerto Rican episode was one of my favorite shows," he said. "I thought it was very funny. I found that whole episode very amusing. ... (Kramer burning the Puerto Rican flag) was such an obvious joke. That people tried to manipulate it was pretty weak."

The purpose of the Broadway run is to prepare for the HBO show, he said, to learn the feel of the theater, the way things sound.

It's also a way of telling New York that Seinfeld is back where he started.

"Humor is really a New York invention," he observed. "All people in New York are funny, and they get funnier as they get older." His favorite thing about being back in Manhattan? The recorded announcements in taxicabs. "I wear a seat belt because Judd Hirsch tells me to."

## DEAN

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to help parents understand how exciting it can be to be more connected to the school and to involved in their children's learning.

"We know that one of the strongest factors of students being successful in school is whether there is support from their family or not," he said.

Hillkirk said he has many goals that he would like to attain while he is the dean. For now, though, one of his main priorities are to get to know the college, the people and the students better.

"I already am sensing the people are really interested to build on the strengths of the college," Hillkirk

said.

Along with experience, Hillkirk has had influences in his life to get him to the position. One of his biggest influences was being involved in the Peace Corps, he said. Hillkirk and his wife got involved into the Peace Corps after he graduated from Allegheny College.

He said one of the first things he did in the Peace Corps was to help the struggling people in Malaysia. "Certainly the Peace Corps experience opens you to the sense of the world and of the richness of diversity," he said.

Hillkirk said the people he met while he was in graduate school had a great deal of influence on him.

"They taught me how we build

positive relationships and create high energy teams," he said.

Hillkirk got a lot of support from his family in the move to SIUC. His son is in college and his daughter graduated from high school this year.

"We weren't interested in moving while she was in school," Hillkirk said.

Hillkirk said he had no intentions of becoming a teacher until his work in the Peace Corps required him to teach.

An unrealized influence on Hillkirk's life was his father. Hillkirk said he watched and listened to his father teach.

"Looking back, I know my father had affected me," he said. "I just didn't realize at the time when I was a kid."

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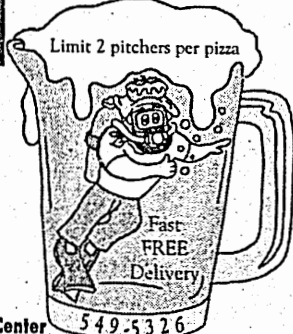


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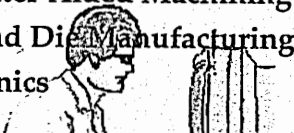
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## PostGame

## NFL

## The New York Giants love to praise hot wide receivers

David Patten smiles when he thinks about those who continue to shower him with praise. The New York Giants wide receiver is the hottest player in training camp and has even drawn compliments from coach Jim Fassel.

Monday, Patten, at 5-foot-9, 180 pounds, wowed the crowd watching the Giants practice at their training facility at the University at Albany.

"No player can take anything for granted," said Patten, who signed with the Giants as a free agent last year.

Fassel named Ike Hilliard and nine-year veteran Chris Calloway as his starting receivers but he has repeated how impressed he is with Patten's ability.

"David is playing very well and I like what I see," Fassel said. "We are pleased with the receivers and what they can do for us. I like what we have there."

## MLB

## Instead of being an answer, O'Brien remains a question

Catcher Charlie O'Brien made his first visit to the Anaheim Angel clubhouse Monday, and his last for a while. O'Brien was in street clothes. When he will be in uniform remains to be seen.

O'Brien, acquired from the Chicago White Sox last week, was examined by Dr. Lewis Yocum on Monday, and X-rays showed his broken right thumb has not healed. He will return to his home in Tulsa, Okla., and will be out 2-4 weeks.

"It's still swollen, so there is nothing I can do right now," O'Brien said. "If it was another finger, then maybe I could do something. But I grip the ball with that thumb. It's a problem."

That thought has occurred to the Angels.

General Manager Bill Bavasi said if O'Brien contends to linger on the disabled list, the Angels will seek another arrangement with the White Sox.

"We looked at the catchers who will be free agents next season and felt (O'Brien) ranked pretty well in there," Bavasi said. "If he is out four weeks, then we have a problem. (White Sox General Manager) Ron Schueler and I have things worked out."

## Guzman brightens up the Orioles' pitching situation

Ordinarily the recent exile of Doug Drabek, the disturbing degree of difficulty encountered last Thursday by Jimmy Key and nagging questions surrounding the health and effectiveness of Scott Kamieniecki would leave a manager few options and even less reason for optimism.

However, bolstered by Friday's acquisition of Juan Guzman from the Toronto Blue Jays, the Baltimore Orioles still see a way to make a run for the American League wild card.

Reluctant to commit publicly Manager Ray Miller concedes that adopting a four-man rotation for the season's final weeks is an option if the Orioles can first pare the 10-game gulf that separates them from the Boston Red Sox, who now lead the wild-card race. Without Guzman, acknowledge club officials, there would be no chance.

"I think it's an option," assistant general manager Kevin Malone said Monday. "I still think it's early to be thinking hard about it. How we play and how the Red Sox go will dictate whether we need to make that final push. I think it's something we would consider down the stretch."

## Her pioneering spirit remains

## Retired Associate Athletic Director Charlotte West to remain involved

BOBBY NARANG  
SPORTS EDITOR

The esteemed career of Charlotte West came to an end this summer with her retirement after 41 years at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

West retired from her position as associate athletic director on June 30. Her career at SIUC can be highlighted with the rise in women's involvement in athletics and athletic administration.

West's numerous accomplishments include being the first-ever recipient of the Honda Award of Merit for outstanding achievement in women's collegiate athletics.

West was the first female member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. She also won the prestigious Administrator of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Women Administrators in 1991.

West said the biggest award she received was the Honda Award because it was the first given to women in athletic administration.

West recently was roasted in St. Louis for her accomplishments at SIUC and in women's athletics. West said about 100 people showed up, including one of her college teachers.

"The NCAA even brought their plane with five or six employees, including Executive Director Cedric Dempsey," West said. "It was special for so many people to roast me and for

the NCAA employees to take time out of their busy schedule."

West said she takes pride in being a pioneer in the pursuit of equality in athletics for women.

"When you change people's attitudes, you change behavior," she said.

West helped start the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW)

When you change people's attitudes, you change behavior.

CHARLOTTE WEST  
RETIRED ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

in 1971 and eventually became president. The organization started championships for women in collegiate athletics.

At the time, the NCAA did not have women's championships. Eventually, the organization sponsored 43 national championships for women. The NCAA finally took over in 1983 but not without some resistance from the organization.

"The AIAW became larger than the NCAA in membership in 1981," West said. "It was a

dramatic political battle, and the NCAA had more political clout and more money and took over."

West will remain involved with the University until a replacement can be found. West is finishing some old projects and still shows up at the arena on a daily basis.

West said she will be involved with a variety of organizations in the upcoming year. She will be a part of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and the Dean of Faculty at the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

A particular area of interest for West will be helping with the HERS Institute.

"It's a week long seminar teaching women in athletic administration in Philadelphia," West said.

West said her fondest memory will be working with so many people and coaching spots. West coached five women's sports and one coed sport at SIUC until 1975.

"I still love to talk volleyball strategy with coach Sonya Locke and (former women's basketball) coach Scott said I never quit coaching," she said.

The retirement will give West a chance to enjoy her free time and still remain involved with Saluki athletics.

"I want to play a lot of golf, and travel," West said. "I will volunteer my time with athletics but I don't want to be intrusive and just will try to help in any form."

## An end of summer list of gripes, opinions



BOBBY NARANG  
SPORTS EDITOR

My short-lived reign at the top of the Daily Egyptian sports ladder is finally over with this edition. This job has given me an avenue to express my views and not drive my girlfriend crazy with my displeasure with certain aspects of the sports world.

Before I leave the hallowed halls of SIUC, I have some final thoughts on a cornucopia of subjects in the sports world.

Last week every time I turned on my television, I saw senior golf promotions. I kept asking myself, "Why do people watch this pitiful excuse for a sporting event?" The last thing I want to see is a group of old men playing golf. The Senior Tour officials' biggest concern probably is reminding the players to put sun block on their bald spot.

Golf has sporting qualities that entertain viewers, but why such a following for elder statesmen? The NBA stopped the old-timer's game because of injuries and major league baseball has all but eliminated old-timer's games.

Golf fans should learn to let go and let senior tour members fade off into the sunset. There is something beautiful remembering the great events in sporting history when the player was in their prime.

I can never understand the baseball fan and the obsession with food. I have visited seven different ballparks this summer and the one constant has been fan indulgence.

Whenever ticket prices are raised fans

## SALUKI COMMENTARY

complain about the enormous cost of taking a family of four to the ballpark. But all I see at games are fans armed with hot dogs, soda and beer. I guess fans love the experience of the ballpark so much that they are willing to pay three times the amount for a Coke.

Camden Yards sold 20-ounce Cokes for \$3.50, when all a fan had to do was go outside the ballpark and get the same Coke for a buck. Maybe the ballpark Coke has special powers and gives the Orioles an added boost.

Recently baseball brawls have grabbed the headlines and brought out a wide variety of emotion. It's a traditional struggle between the pitcher trying to pitch inside and the batter trying to deny the inside corner to the pitcher. Unfortunately, brawls occur when hitters believe pitchers are threatening their livelihood and marketing ability by hitting them.

I guess hitters don't realize that charging the mound and throwing punches is far more detrimental to a player's health than getting hit by a baseball.

Another reason brawls happen is because players steal bases in blowouts: Don't baseball players get paid by statistics and shouldn't players try to so-called "pad their stats" when possible? If not then why not have a seven-run rule and cease play when teams are losing by that much. Fans should be allowed to see a well-played game between two professional teams, not a pee-wee team angry because Barry Bonds stole a base in a blowout.

The baseball trading deadline caused numerous player transactions and raised an interesting issue. Whenever professional athletes get traded to another organization, they whine and complain about no loyalty from

their team.

Players should realize that they wanted free agency, which in essence ruled team loyalty in favor of the almighty dollar.

But in the players mind free agency is different. Do you blame a general manager for getting rid of a player and getting a young prospect in return.

Finally, will this campus ever see a winning football program?

Cub fans have endured less pain than a Saluki football supporter. Whether it is bad coaching, recruiting, player attitudes or a combination, something has to change.

I find it hard to believe that SIUC cannot sign quality recruits, while the other in-state schools are leaving the Salukis behind.

I can continue forever on various sports gripes, but I have taken up enough print — whether or not my articles were enjoyed or used for garbage.

Still, I believe the league should be applauded for giving athletes an option to show their skills professionally.

Drafted players can enhance their basketball game and have an option if not drafted by an NBA team.

If an athlete has a chance to better their financial status by using their athletic skills, then it is their choice.

America was built on taking chances and capitalizing on individuals skills. Skin color should not be an issue and documenting every non-athlete who left school early to provide for their families would be impossible.

Next time a telecaster or writer mentions something about the trials of an athlete going hardship, just ignore them and remember opportunity is a window with a short opening.

## Sheffield takes his case before NL President

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK — National League President Leonard Coleman met Monday with Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Gary Sheffield to hear his appeal of a three-game suspension for fighting.

Coleman and Sheffield viewed a tape of the June 28 bench-clearing brawl against the

Pittsburgh Pirates at Dodger Stadium — ignited by an altercation at home plate between Sheffield and Pittsburgh catcher Jason Kendall — and Sheffield explained his position during the one-hour meeting at the major league offices in New York. Coleman is expected to announce his ruling Tuesday, and Sheffield and the Dodgers are optimistic.

"I did some campaigning," Sheffield said. "Going into it, I heard that his (Coleman's) mind was already made up, and that the whole thing would probably last only 10 minutes."

"But I made my points about what my intentions were on the play, and I think I might have opened up his mind."

Sheffield's sixth-inning wrestling match with Kendall

led to both players being ejected in the Pirates' 6-4 victory. Kendall was forced to serve a three-game suspension after Coleman denied his appeal, but Sheffield believes his case is stronger.

"I wasn't the one who started it. I was only defending myself," Sheffield said. "If another man is coming at you, you have to defend yourself."