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Gus says:

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Evergreen Terrace not an easy place to move into.

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Mother and daughter team up to teach youngsters gymnastics.

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Coach says Southern Belles program greatly needed

CONCERN: Despite controversy, assistant football coach Craig Naivar says Belles are no escort service.

RHONDA SCIARRA
SPORTS ADAPTS BYSTOCK

Despite some concern about the integrity of the proposed Southern Belles program, assistant football coach Craig Naivar defends any notion that the program is intended to involve inappropriate behavior.

"It's not an escort service by any means," he said.

Gus Bode



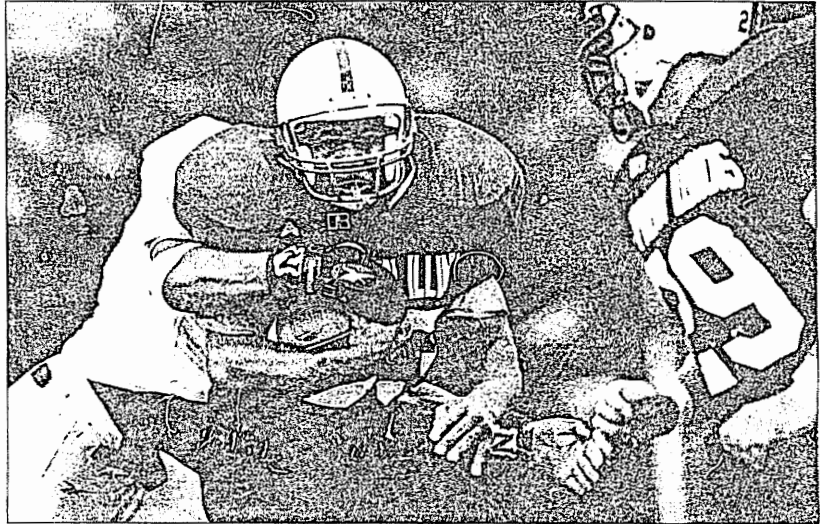
Gus says: Maybe the Southern Belles could teach Carpenter better citizenship.

"All the recruits see is coaches, coaches and coaches," he said. "Parents might find the football coaches intimidating. They would probably be more comfortable talking to students and won't be afraid to ask dumb questions."

Naivar said the general consensus among football players is that the implementation of the Southern Belles is a positive addition to the program.

"As far as the players, they think it's great," Naivar said. "The players seem excited about it."

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Daily Egyptian file photo

Karlton Carpenter (33) breaks loose from a Southwest Texas State player last season at McAndrew Stadium. Carpenter currently has an outstanding warrant for his arrest, which was issued after he failed to appear in court July 20.

Trouble plagues football team

Carpenter wanted on warrant; Quarless commits NCAA infraction

PAUL WLEKLINSKI
SPORTS EDITOR

SIUC senior running back Karlton Carpenter jeopardized his latest reinstatement of eligibility for the fall season by the NCAA and the Gateway Conference amid trouble with the law and a history of legal tribulations.

Carpenter currently is wanted on a Jackson County warrant calling for his arrest for failure to appear in court July 20 on charges of felony burglary. He was arrested July 2 by Carbondale police for attempting to burglarize a car parked in the 500 block of East Walnut Street.

Carpenter, a fifth-year senior from Chicago, passed on an opportunity to enter the 1999 National Football League draft in favor of spending another season with the Salukis. He established new SIUC records last season after gaining 1,982 rushing yards and scoring 17 touch-

downs.

That outstanding warrant now overshadows Carpenter's recent eligibility reinstatement by both the NCAA and the Gateway Conference from another incident in which he was cleared to play this fall after SIUC head football coach Jan Quarless committed an NCAA secondary violation when he posted bail for Carpenter's release.

The NCAA rule prohibiting student-athlete addition benefits states, "an institutional employee or representative of the institution's athletics interests may not provide a student-athlete with extra benefits or services, including, but not limited to a guarantee of bond."

Upon learning Quarless posted Carpenter's bail, interim Athletic Director Harold Bardo approached assistant athletic director and SIUC's NCAA compliance officer, Nancy Bandy, to report the incident. After an internal investigation,

the SIUC athletic program notified the NCAA and the Gateway Conference, Bandy said.

Carpenter pleaded guilty Feb. 17 and asked for an extension to pay the fine. He was granted an extension to pay the fine by April 16, which he failed to do, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Carpenter then was arrested May 8 by state, Carbondale and SIU police on misdemeanor charges of reckless driving, resisting a police officer, escape, disobeying a stop sign and criminal damage filed by the Jackson County State's Attorney's office.

On May 9, Quarless posted the \$200 bail and another \$250 for a previous outstanding warrant for Carpenter's 100 m.p.h. speeding ticket in De Soto Feb. 1.

Carpenter's eligibility was automatically suspended as the NCAA

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Argument over approval of new liquor license continues

ANNA BETH TRAYNOR
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Controversy about the cap on liquor licenses on Illinois Avenue is heating up because of a local business owner's request for a B-2 liquor license for a new dance club and sports bar downtown.

A meeting of the Carbondale Liquor Control Commission, which is composed of city council members, will take place Aug. 17 to decide whether to grant Matt Maier's request. Maier will be represented by an attorney at the meeting.

Currently there is a limit on the number of

B-2 liquor licenses on the Strip, and Maier's license would exceed that limit. A B-2 license allows all of a business's profits to come from the sale of alcohol.

The commission is not bound to follow the Liquor Advisory Board's recommendation, though City Clerk Janet Vaught has said she could not recall the commission not following the board's recommendation in the last 20 years.

Maier, owner of Mugsy McGuire's, 1620 W. Main St., is looking to open a dance club and sports bar at 315 S. Illinois Ave., the former location of T.J. McFly's and Merlin's.

The Liquor Advisory Board voted July 1 to

recommend denial of the B-2 liquor license application to Maier, citing crowd control concerns and a need for a continued cap on liquor licenses on the Strip.

Maier cited numerous reasons why the city should seriously consider his license application, including the fact his building is within walking distance for many SIU students, decreasing the temptation for students to drink and drive.

"It's much safer overall for them to be downtown," Maier said.

Mayor Neil Dillard said the issue would be discussed at the August meeting in front of a full council.

The August meeting will provide Maier and his supporters a chance to come and voice their opinions and give their best information about it, Dillard said.

"The determination will be made that night. I'm anticipating that it will be quite a good discussion," Dillard said.

City Manager Jeff Doherty was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan said she approves of Maier's activities and feels it has potential.

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Southern Illinois Forecasts

TODAY:
Mostly cloudy
High: 87
Low: 60

THURSDAY:
Partly cloudy
High: 87
Low: 62

Police Blotter

- Antonio J. Lawrence, 21, of Mounds was arrested on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of retail theft. University police originally stopped Lawrence in lot 14 at 1:38 a.m. Monday for traffic violations. He also was charged with speeding, no valid driver's license and operating an uninsured vehicle. Lawrence was unable to post bond and was taken to Jackson County Jail.
- An SIUC student told University police his bicycle was stolen from the south bike rack near the Recreation Center between 6:40 and 6:45 p.m. Monday. Police have no suspects in this incident.
- Two boys from the Belleville and Fairview Heights area told University police their bicycles were stolen from a bike rack near Parkinson between 7 and 11:09 p.m. Monday. There are no suspects in this incident. No value of the bikes was given.
- Raymond K. Nesby, 30, of Carbondale was arrested on three outstanding Jackson County warrants at 4:33 p.m. Monday. Carbondale police were notified of Nesby's whereabouts through the Crime Stoppers Tipline. Nesby was unable to post bond and taken to Jackson County Jail.

Corrections

• A quotation from Raymond Lenz in Tuesday's story "Estate donation allows College of Education a scholarship boost" should have stated, "It shows the kind of love and devotion people have for this University." The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Calendar

TODAY

- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Webpages (HTML), 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- ADUB Discussion of Process Theology with Kim Magwire, 7:30 p.m., Interfaith Center. Free admission. Contact Dave 529-1475.
- Playwrights' Workshop presents "Lullaby" by Bobbie DeSorbo-A staged reading of a new play, 8 p.m., C.H. Moe Lab Theater. Free admission. Call the McLeod Theater Box Office at 453-3001.
- SIUC Sailing Club meeting, 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room. Contact Shelley 529-0993.

UPCOMING

- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 5, 10 to 11:15 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML), Aug. 5, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- SIUC and IDOT will be offering free motorcycle rider courses, August 20, 6 to 9:30 p.m., August 21 to 22, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., www.siuc.edu/~cyclo/ or 1-800-642-9589.
- Library Affairs WebCT Overview, Aug. 9, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Rm. 15, 453-2818.
- Southern Illinois Reading Council 2nd Annual Mini Conference for Teachers pre-

sent 14 Sessions on Literacy and Reading, Aug. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., \$25, SIUC Student Center. Contact Evelyn Bailey 618-833-2602.

- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 10, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 11, 4 to 5:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Intermediate Web Page Construction (HTML), Aug. 12, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Digital Imaging for the Web, Aug. 12, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Rm. 19, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Introduction to the WWW using Netscape, Aug. 12, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 16, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML), Aug. 16, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Instructional Applications for the Web (Asynchronous Learning), Aug. 19, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Instructional Applications for the Web (Asynchronous Learning), Aug. 19, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Registered Dietitians at Memorial Hospital and Schnucks present Shopping for

- Good Health, Healthy Food Choices for Diabetes Management, Aug. 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Schnucks. Free participation. Register at 549-0721 ext. 65141.
- Library Affairs Introduction to the WWW using Netscape, Aug. 23, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Digital Imaging for the Web, Aug. 24, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Rm. 19, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Webpages (HTML), Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Illinet On-line, Aug. 24, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 24, 3 to 4:15 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs ProQuest Direct, Aug. 25, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Webpages (HTML), Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Intermediate Webpage Construction (HTML), Aug. 26, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs PowerPoint, Aug. 27, 10 to 11:15 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.
- Library Affairs Email using Eudora, Aug. 30, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1989:

- Jackson County Animal and Rabies Control confirmed the third rabid bat of the summer and health officials suspected two more bats of being infected with the virus. The two suspected bats were located in Carbondale and Grand tower, while the third had been found dead in Harrison, about one mile north of Murphysboro. No rabid bats were found in the county the previous year, although an infected coyote was discovered.
- A new study showed that left-handed people appeared to be more accident prone than right-handers and nearly twice as likely to suffer accident-related injuries. A survey of 1,896 Canadian college students found that 52 percent of "lefties" suffered at least one accidental injury requiring medical attention during the past two years, compared with 36 percent of right-handers.



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Literacy conference to be held August 10th

"Many Roads to Reading," a mini-conference sponsored by the Southern Illinois Reading Council and the SIUC Department of Curriculum and Instruction, will take place Aug. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The conference will offer workshops to assist current and future teachers in establishing effective literacy and reading programs.

"Many Roads to Reading" will take place at the Student Center, and the cost is \$25.

For more information, contact Evelyn at (618) 833-2602 or at baleys@fsbe.accessus.net.

—Tim Chamberlain

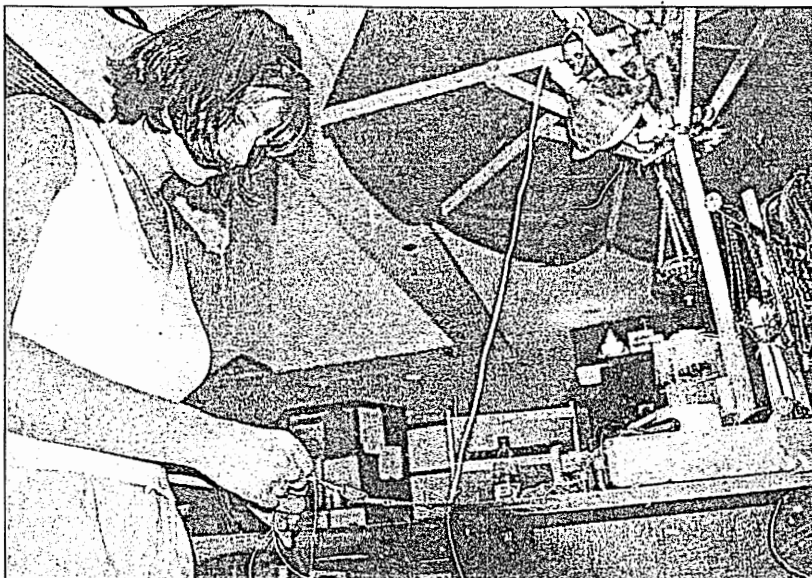
Uncle Bob scheduled to croon at bookstore

The mellow sounds of "Uncle Bob" (local Bob Tyson) will enchant patrons of Barnes and Noble, 1300 E. Main St., from 8 to 10 p.m. Friday.

Also a member of the Robins Quartet, the one-man band will strum a repertoire of bluegrass, folk, blues, jazz and cowboy songs.

Admission to the show is free. For more information, call 351-0404.

—Kelly Herlein



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STRING OF BEADS: Corinne Rabe, a junior in education from Orland Park, strings up jewelry on a handmade neck chain at the Craft Shop in the Student Center Tuesday. The Craft Shop has been moved to the first floor hallway from the basement to attract more patrons during the final week of the summer semester.

Tight vacancy for hopeful tenants of family housing

DAPHNE RETTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

When Marcia Taylor decided to go to college, she had more to consider than financial aid forms and dormitory refrigerators. With a husband and two toddlers to think about, Taylor knew it wasn't going to be easy.

In May, Taylor submitted an application to live in Evergreen Terrace, one of two family housing facilities at SIUC. She looked forward to living in a place she considered "convenient and peaceful."

In July, when she called the contract office for family housing to check on the status of her application, she was surprised at the response.

"He said, 'You're on the list and there are 23 people in front of you,'" she said referring to the response from the housing office.

There currently are almost 200 students on five separate

waiting lists for family housing. The length of each list ranges from 24 to 58 people.

For Taylor, who drove to Carbondale from her home in Chicago Saturday to find housing for her family, the prospect of not getting into Evergreen Terrace was a disappointing one.

"A lot of schools don't offer family housing at all, and that's one reason I did choose Southern Illinois," she said. "I am still without housing, and school starts very soon."

Lisa Schemonia, assistant director of Housing Management, said that because waiting lists are usually only a factor in the fall, she doesn't consider them to be a major problem.

"If we had waiting lists year-round, I would consider it a problem," she said. "I think that if you look over all, the needs are being met."

The low rent costs of family

housing makes it a popular choice for young families. At Evergreen Terrace, the rent ranges from \$326 to \$353 per month and does not include electricity. Rent for Southern Hills, the other SIUC family housing community, ranges from \$342 to \$396 per month and includes utilities.

"I am still without housing, and school starts very soon."

— MARCIA TAYLOR
FAMILY HOUSING HOPEFUL

According to Justin Reppy, a sophomore in accounting from Carbondale who has lived at Evergreen Terrace for a year, low rent is just one of the benefits of living in family housing.

"Here it's nice and there's

just lots of friendly young people around," he said. "It's probably a lot nicer than most rental properties in town."

Schemonia said to avoid being on the lists, students should act fast when they know the want to live in family housing in campus.

"This time of year a lot of students are just now deciding they want to live in University housing," she said. "We suggest that they apply as soon as they decide to come to school here."

As Taylor prepared to return to Chicago, unsure of her family's living situation in the fall, she said she still clings to hope they will get into family housing.

"If I was able to get into family housing, I think it would be perfect because when you're young and married and trying to go to school, you need other people that are doing the same thing to encourage you," she said.

New transformer in tentative plans for Communications Building

DAVID FERRARA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Cooling area temperatures alleviated some tension for physical plant workers attempting to keep a temporary air conditioning transformer running in the Communications Building, but there is still much work to be done.

Physical plant officials now are pursuing the purchase of a new transformer.

A transformer, which cools 11 buildings on campus, failed July 22, and people were left to suffer through sweltering heat. Some classes even were canceled.

Workers were forced to use the back-up transformer for air cooling. At first, officials were wary of using the back-up

because it had never been used, and they were not sure how long it would last. But the buildings on campus were only without air for one day and

"There's no way of knowing (how long the back-up will last). We just assume that it will and hope for the best."

— SCOOT PIKE
SUPERINTENDENT, BUILDING MAINTENANCE

have been since.

Physical Plant officials, however, have a back-up plan for the back-up transformer in case it fails. Arrangements were made with AmerenCIPS if needed.

"We always like to have a contingency plan," said

Superintendent of Building Maintenance Scott Pike. "We'd work something out with them. We've got a good relationship with them."

"There's no way of knowing (how long the back-up will last). We just assume that it will and hope for the best," Pike said.

Workers tried unsuccessfully to repair the failed transformer. Now officials are simply waiting for a purchase

order to float through a paper process. It may be three to four weeks before the order is returned, Pike said.

The old transformer will be removed about a week before the new one arrives. Removing the broken transformer from the basement of the Communications Building would provide a major strain on the workers and cost of the repairs, Pike said.

"That's quite a chore," he said. "The old one weighs about 6,000 pounds and that's in the basement."

A new transformer, which may not be in service until early November, would cost about \$15,000, but total labor would run the final costs between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Campus buildings to adhere to special break hours

Morris Library, the Student Center and the Recreation Center will have special hours during the summer intersession. All three buildings will return to normal operating hours Aug. 23. Intersession hours are as follows:

Student Center

Aug. 7	7:30 a.m. to noon
Aug. 8	Closed
Aug. 9-13	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 14-15	Closed
Aug. 16-18	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 19-20	6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Aug. 21	6:30 a.m. to midnight
Aug. 22	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Morris Library

First floor

Aug. 7	7:30 a.m. to noon
Aug. 8	Closed
Aug. 9-13	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 14-15	Closed
Aug. 16-18	6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 19-20	6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Aug. 21	6:30 a.m. to midnight
Aug. 22	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Second floor

Aug. 7-22	7:45 a.m. to midnight
Aug. 8	Closed
Aug. 9-13	7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aug. 14	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Aug. 15	Closed
Aug. 16-20	7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aug. 21	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Aug. 22	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation Center

Aug. 7-8	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Aug. 9-18	11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Aug. 19	7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Open)
Aug. 20-22	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

—Tim Chamberlain

Southern Belles

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Our Word

Ambassador programs well received, if non-discriminatory

The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to applaud the SIU football program for attempting to bolster school spirit and make potential student-athletes feel more at home at SIU.

Football officials recently announced the creation of a new recruitment effort — the Southern Belles. Participants in the Southern Belle program are asked to show potential football recruits and their families around the SIU campus and answer any questions the prospective students and their families might have about University life.

In a time when additional recruitment efforts are so strongly needed and so highly emphasized at this University, we believe a

quality ambassador program such as the Southern Belles will be of great benefit to the University.

But why not expand the program to include all prospective student-athletes, be they football, basketball, tennis or track and field recruits? We believe the Athletics Department should consider assuming responsibility for the program and expanding it to all sports — men's and women's.

We also believe the name, Southern Belles, sends the wrong message to prospective participants. Like it or not, the name sounds inviting only to females. Surely, there are male SIU students out there, who are strong supporters of Saluki athletics and

who would like to help out, but who would feel uncomfortable being a "Southern Belle."

While "Southern Belles" is a clever, catchy name, it does seem to discriminate against men, and we sincerely hope the football program is not intentionally attempting to eliminate male participants from the program. We suggest calling participants in this program something more gender-neutral, such as athletic ambassadors, instead of Southern Belles.

Ambassador programs at SIUC generally have been very successful. Two of the more outstanding programs are the Ambassador program at the College of Agriculture and the ambassador program in the College of Mass Communication

and Media Arts. Current SIU students help orient new and prospective students to the campus and assist them with the trials of college life.

All ambassador programs on campus, be they academic or athletic, should be welcomed with open arms, and the people responsible for implementing and carrying out the programs should receive a pat on the back. Student ambassadors are invaluable to SIU's recruitment and retention of students.

Southern Belles will be a valuable program, too. But limiting the program to only football recruits and retaining a name that discourages male participants will diminish the program's value to prospective students and to the University.

Mailbox

A reply to Mike Lawrence, and the state of tobacco reform

Dear Editor,

I accept, gratefully, the public apology by Mike Lawrence (July 29 Daily Egyptian), which he, graciously, also made to me directly regarding a proposal I made for discussion of additional instruments for handling the business cycle and protecting state and local public services during recessions.

On the different issue of tobacco, Mr. Lawrence properly cites Sen. Simon's voting record on (many) tobacco issues and Sen. Simon's initiatives in bringing to SIUC Dr. David Kessler and Dr. C. Everett Koop, all of which I applaud.

Yet, as I have pointed out in detail to both Dr. Kessler and Dr. Koop, current legislative efforts amount to little more than symbolic gestures. The promotional drive cannot be effectively removed from the tobacco industry by conventional regulation, given the conjunction of First Amendment protection to advertising by a privately owned industry and the application of the private enterprise principle

to this particular part of the economy; the top executives are controlled by private shareholders interested in profits, and for the latter, successful addiction of youth is the life-blood of the future industry. The current efforts are like trying to "regulate" a polar bear into not eating seals.

I advanced a specific proposal to Sen. John McCain for public ownership of the tobacco manufacturing companies, which I later shared with former Sen. Simon. This is the issue I raised with Paul Simon. So far, he and SIU's Public Policy Institute have, in fact, ducked this issue totally.

There is a massive national mindset

against this surgery. It permeates the leaders of both parties, and it permeates, further, the American medical establishment itself, including its leading anti-cancer organizations and, apparently, the minds of Dr. Kessler and Dr. Koop.

Among political leaders potentially free of this mindset, there is pervasive fear that the American people are incapable of responding to pragmatic dialogue on this issue.

This fear, however, justified in the short term, does not serve the best interest of the public.

Leland Stauber

Columnist job = money and experience and resume = SWEET

It's been an interesting experience writing this column. Those of you who don't know much about me (those of you who actually read my column, that is) probably don't know I like to write fiction, and writing fiction figures into most of the tentative plans I have for my future.

I haven't written anything other than long short stories at this point, although, like every other ambitious young writer, I have begun work on the great American novel. Well, maybe not actually really begun work on it...okay, I've only written like a paragraph, but still, at least some part of it is down on paper...er, floppy disk. It's not as pathetic as it sounds, I swear.

My problem is that I need to have a reason to write, or else I don't write anything. When I have free time — not so much free, actually, more like borrowed time — I don't sit down at the ol' Gateway and say, "I'm going to work on my book/a story/at least a frigging poem."

Nope, what I do is sit down on the ol' couch and say, "I'm going to watch this here movie or read someone else's writing or do a crossword puzzle." I'm trying to figure out if it is some kind of psychological fear of

Look What You Did

Mary McGlasson



Look What You Did appears Wednesdays. Mary is a junior in literature and creative writing. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

failure or if it's just laziness.

This need for impetus is one of the reasons why I love creative writing classes. Not only do I have deadlines for stories, but they are read and critiqued by classmates as well as the instructor, an actual licensed professional who can tell me if my stories suck and how bad and what I can do to make the suckage stop. And not only do they tell you when your stories are due, they also give you a topic or some kind of framework for your story.

Some people don't like this because they say it "cramps their originality," but, baby, I am all about outside ideas for stories, because personally, it helps me. It takes away

part of the ordeal of formulating a basic plot by actually providing me with at least part of it, and that rocks the house.

Of course, with classes there is always the matter of the grade, and this adds a bit of pressure if you want an A, which I usually do. I won't necessarily try to write specifically to please anyone (i. e. the instructor), but I try to keep in mind the idea of "not writing for yourself."

Again, classmates are also pretty good sounding boards if there's a story you're not quite sure of. I was lucky enough to make friends with a classmate who was not only a good writer but a very impartial critic who was willing to look at my work and tell me exactly what she thought about it — thank you, Susan. This is my tribute to you, and if you haven't been reading my columns, NOW I'LL KNOW FOR SURE MWHAAA HAAA!!! Angela, if you're reading this, you better not tip her off, OR ELSE FACE MY WRATH MWHAAA HAAA!!! Okay. Now that I've convinced everyone else that I'm Insane Woman, let's continue.

Working for the DE, on the other hand, is at the same time better and

worse than a creative writing class. I have no guidelines other than length requirements, and even those are fairly flexible. True, I have more freedom, technically, but that also means I have to sit in front of a blank computer screen and wrack my brain for ideas that aren't too insipid for public consumption.

I suppose my columns haven't been too bad or they wouldn't have hired me. This brings me to the best thing about the DE: they're paying me to write this. And that, as Cartman would say, is pretty sweet. This is the first time I've actually been paid to write anything, and not only is it good experience for me as a writer, it will also look pretty good on a resume. So. Let me recap: columnist job = money and experience and resume = SWEET.

What Should Have Been Last Week's Thought For The Day (apologies for those who actually care that I forgot the Thought For The Day last week): Always remember to never forget.

Today's Thought For The Day (shamelessly stolen from "South Park"): When in a jam, just ask yourself, "What would Brian Boitano do?"

Richard Roeder stays busy

Two months into new position, chairman of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition already learns his role and ready to make a difference

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

His first two months at Southern Illinois University have been productive ones for Richard Roeder.

As the new chairman of the Animal Science, Food and Nutrition Department, Roeder began work June 1 and has been busy evaluating the program and planning for the upcoming school year ever since.

"So far, I've gotten a very favorable impression of SIU and the College of Agriculture as a place where people are anxious to do a good job and really make a difference," Roeder said.

"The strength of our programs is a solid faculty and staff who really know their business well."

Roeder oversees operations ranging from research and teaching efforts in the Agriculture Building to upkeep and experimentation at the SIUC dairy and beef centers — parts of the SIU farm system on the south end of campus.

"The real limitation we have is in our facilities," Roeder said. "We have to work in labs that were not designed for animal research, and we sometimes cannot teach some of the newest technology."

Gilbert Kroening, who held the chairmanship until he retired in December 1998, agreed that the facilities would be Roeder's biggest challenge.

"Most of those facilities were built in the late fifties, and they just can't keep up with the modern tech-

nology," Kroening said. On the positive end, however, Kroening said Roeder will benefit from the fact that "the research strength of the department has never been better."

Roeder comes to SIU after 15 years as a professor of animal physiology at the University of Idaho on the recommendation of a colleague. Roeder said the chairmanship has been a positive move for him.

"It has been a real step up from just teaching," he said. In spite of the short time he has been at SIU, he feels comfortable in his new position.

"I guess I know more about this department than I thought," Roeder said. "It's amazing how much you can pick up in just 60 days."

'Blair Witch' actors emerge, reveal method behind film's production

MICHELLE ZUBIATE
DAILY BRUIN

LOS ANGELES — Yes, they are alive.

The Nuart Theatre on Santa Monica Boulevard has been sold out since the opening of "The Blair Witch Project" on July 16. Lines have wrapped around buildings for tickets to showings days in advance for the mockumentary tale of Heather Donahue, Mike Williams and Josh Leonard.

The buzz on the Internet and on the streets surrounds the two directors of this psychological horror, Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez, yet surprisingly, the actual faces of the film have been forgotten.

Now that the mystery and the rumors of "Blair Witch" have been exploited to their fullest, the actors from the summer sleeper are finally emerging to the relief of fans across the nation.

Adding to the drama is the advertising campaign itself, which has treated the film as non-fiction and caused many people to doubt the truth behind it.

"I think this whole market strategy has worked out, and Artisan has handled it very well," said Williams in a recent press interview.

"(Heather, Josh and I) have been out there a little tiny bit, but they don't want to push it too much. We want to go with this mystery. I think the whole film is based on the suspension of disbelief."

As Williams pointed out, the attraction of "Blair Witch" has been an interesting combination of unique filmmaking, mysterious advertising and major Internet hoopla.

"The Internet helps, but people have to still go to the movie and tell their friends for it to do what it is doing right now," said Donahue. "You can still only do so much with the Internet. There's something about the film that captures people's

imagination, and I think part of it is that this is the 'little movie that could' and people like that. That's an underdog story. We are nothing if not underdogs."

After beating out more than 2,000 other actors during the audition process, Donahue, Leonard and Williams prepared themselves for a rare acting opportunity that would lead to a surprising success story.

The premise of "Blair Witch" is in itself different. The three actors were given a 16 mm camera, a

ing things happening." So the three actors developed the vision of "Blair Witch." Taping 20 hours of footage in eight days, the trio went through each day, following selected wave points on their positioning devices and finding new turns in the plot.

Most scenarios in the film were as much of a surprise to the actors as to the audience. This type of "method acting" caused true-to-life emotions necessary to the film's goal.

"We had boundaries made for ourselves between actors and characters,"

Donahue said. "There was our code word, 'taco,' that we would use to break the scenario. Then we talk to each other as actors to see how we were doing and how we felt."

Later, as the cast received less and less food from the crew, "taco" no longer seemed the best word choice.

Now, as the movie goes into wide release and success is beginning to sink in, the cast members remain grateful to the directors for the opportunities and are excited about the future.

Donahue will next star in an independent movie "Under the Hammer."

"I have always been acting in theater since I was very little," Donahue said. "I've been an actor, but I'm new to the industry. That's what has changed."

The actors now look forward to what wide release holds for "Blair Witch" and how audiences will react to the truth.

Williams explains what the movie offers audiences.

"I think that if you see it, you're terrified by it, and then you find out it's not real, they've pulled the wool over your eyes," Williams said. "You're stuck with (three people) for an hour and a half. And then, after it's over, worry about whether it's real."

"I think the situation that they laid out for us was such an amazing situation."

— MIKE WILLIAMS
ACTOR

High-8 video camera and sound equipment.

After a quick two-day crash course, they traversed into the woods armed with global positioning devices and occasional notes to outline a script that had no dialogue.

"I just think the situation that they laid out for us was such an amazing situation," Williams said. "Here was this whole playground of circumstances in which we could just try different things and they were these all-encompassing circumstances."

"You get to go places you never were bold enough to go," Donahue agreed. "You have a character, and you don't have someone else's words. You get to be creative instead of just interpretive, which is a beautiful and rare thing to get as an actor."

"And I think it's a shame that most likely I will never get to do that again. If people open up that avenue a little more to actors you will see a little more dangerous and interest-

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The 'ultimate' relationship

The different perspectives of Christy Twenhafel and her mother Cathy make for a successful business partnership

RHONDA SCIARRA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Two years ago, Christy Twenhafel spent a lot of her time tumbling, twisting and vaulting for the University of Wisconsin women's gymnastics team while her mother Cathy watched from the stands.

Christy started gymnastics at the age of 3 at Tumble Town, a small gym in Murphysboro. At the same time, Cathy was interested in owning her own business so she purchased the gym.

While Cathy continued operating Tumble Town, Christy remained active in the sport, training both in Murphysboro and at a bigger gym in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

She returned home to Gorham from OshKosh, Wis., after her sophomore year to enter into a different kind of relationship with her mother — a business relationship.

Christy, who will be a junior in exercise science this fall, and her mother reopened Tumble Town as Ultimate Gymnastics, located in University Mall.

"I came in and changed the name and changed a lot of things," she said. "I have a say in everything."

When Ultimate Gymnastics opened a year ago, Christy worked more than 70 hours each week in the fall to help establish a profitable business.

"We had to make the decision of who had to do what," Christy said. "Her views and my views are very different."

Cathy said her daughter's innovative initiative helped the gym establish a strong start and increase clientele.

"I did not want to move (the gym) into the mall and she said it

would be a good idea," she said. "It has been the best decision."

Cathy attributes Christy's ideas to the experience she has had competing and training at the collegiate level.

"Some of her views are new and fresh," Cathy said. "She brings in stuff that I would have never done."

While Christy brings in a new perspective, she is grateful for the experience her mother has in teaching young children who are just beginning.

"I can teach the harder things, but it's the simple things that are hard for me to teach," Christy said. "I am very technical, while she has patience."

Christy said this summer she has learned how to delegate responsibility and manage a business without becoming stressed out.

Christy said she admires her mother for all the time and dedication she has spent as a parent of a gymnast.

"She has supported me so much," Christy said. "Throughout grade school and high school she only missed two of my meets."

Christy said that although she misses collegiate competition, she enjoys the less serious side of the sport.

"I loved competing in college, but it was very political," Christy said. "They only take the top six girls to meets, so every practice you tried so hard to make the top six."

She said one of the best aspects of owning Ultimate Gymnastics is seeing children have fun and learn.

"Whenever the kids leave, they leave here so proud of themselves," Christy said. "The kids really understand that it is not about winning — they just love gymnastics."

As well as handling day-to-day business for Ultimate Gymnastics,



Mingszu Yu/Daily Egyptian

Christy Twenhafel (right), a junior in exercise science, guides Taylor Vaughn in learning new skills on the balance beam Monday at the Ultimate Gymnastics Center in University Mall. Twenhafel opened the business with her mother, Cathy, after returning from the University of Wisconsin where she was on the women's gymnastics team.

Christy also coaches a competitive team of students from Ultimate Gymnastics.

Christy hopes to run the business two or three more years and ultimately become a collegiate gymnastics coach. One of Christy's goals includes judging the Summer

Olympics in 2008.

She said she is passionate about the sport and could not see herself without gymnastics in her life.

"Something new is always happening in this sport," Christy said. "Someone is always adding a flip or a twist — it's an ever evolving

sport."

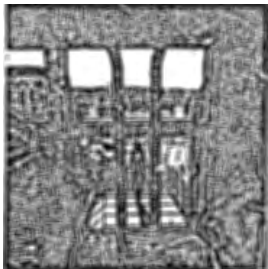
She knows when school starts it will be challenging to balance work and academics. In October, she will have to go to Sacramento, Calif., to

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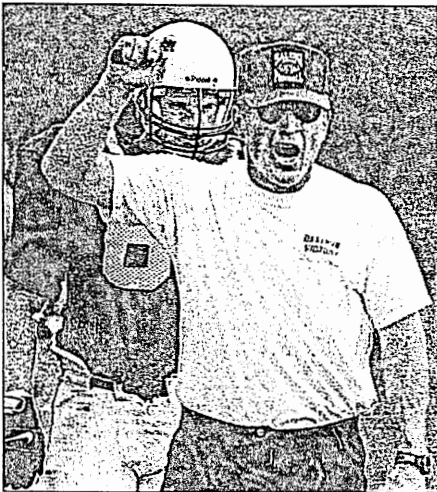
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I'm far more concerned about his future as a human being than as an athlete at this point

— HAROLD BARDO



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Soluki football coach Jan Quarless directs his players during practice last fall at the practice fields near SIU Arena. Quarless committed an NCAA violation when he posted player Karlon Carpenter's bail after he was arrested May 8 on an outstanding warrant.

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investigated the May violation. Both the NCAA and the Gateway Conference decided to reinstate Carpenter after he paid the \$450 back to Quarless.

While NCAA Enforcement Representative Chris Stroble said he cannot comment on this particular case, he said there have been incidents in the past in which student-athletes have been arrested during road trips and a coach has had no choice but post bail so the student-athletes are able to return to campus.

In such cases, the NCAA Infractions Committee has taken those circumstances into consideration when determining sanctions — if any.

With Carpenter's eligibility reinstated, Bandy declined to comment on whether the NCAA or the Gateway Conference would punish Quarless, or the Satiuki football program, for Quarless' role in the violation.

If sanctions are brought up on Quarless' infraction of the NCAA extra benefits rule, Stroble said the secondary vio-

lation is minor one. A secondary violation is defined as a violation that provides only a limited recruiting or competitive advantage and that is isolated or inadvertent in nature.

"A secondary penalty is not designed to cripple an athletic department," Stroble said. "It is designed to get the attention of the coach, an athletic director or anyone else involved in a violation."

Quarless said he will not comment on the matter until he becomes better informed.

Interim Athletic Director Harold Bardo, who is spending the week on vacation in California, released a statement Tuesday.

"I do not know all the facts at this point," Bardo said in the press release. "But obviously anyone who has had three incidents with the law in the past few weeks is troubled."

"Until we do learn all of the facts, I feel it would be unwise to make any decision pertaining to Karlon's future as a student-athlete at SIU."

"I'm far more concerned about his future as a human being than as an athlete at this point."

Coroner explores Penn State U. student accident

MATT WUNSCH
DAILY COLLEGIAN

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The coroner's investigation into the unusual death of Pennsylvania State University student Ryan A. Scott continues this week with the discovery of an illicit drug found in Scott's body.

A tractor-trailer struck Scott in the traffic lanes of U.S. Route 322 in the early morning of July 16 and authorities are attempting to determine the reason Scott was walking on the busy road. The official cause of death in the accident was multiple traumatic injuries inflicted by the truck, said

Centre County Coroner Scott Sayers. Sayers said the test results showed the presence of an illicit drug in Scott's body at the time of his death, though Sayers would not comment what drug was present.

However, Sayers said the drug was not strong enough to explain Scott's behavior by itself.

The coroner did not rule out the possibility, though, the drug may have been partly to blame for the accident.

More tests will be done to determine if the drug was laced with some other stronger substance, such as a more powerful drug that could more sufficiently explain Scott's actions.

The results of the tests should be

back to Sayers by the middle of the week, though he may not release what drug or drugs were in Scott's system, he said.

Scott, a Penn State student majoring in speech communications and a native of Montgomery County, was hit in the eastbound lanes of Route 322 near the Oak Hill exit.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was not injured, and Scott was pronounced dead at the scene, the State College Police Department said.

Police reports said Scott was wandering in the lanes of traffic and waving at passing cars and trucks.

Sayers said the focus of the investigation is to determine whether the death was voluntary or accidental.

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He said after coming from Texas Christian University, where a similar group called Purple Hearts exists, he saw a strong need for the same kind of program at SIUC.

"We were shocked the University didn't have one," he said.

According to Gisele Cates, administrative assistant for the TCU football department, "Purple Hearts" consists of all females. There is one "Purple Heart" for each of the 125 football players on the TCU football roster.

Cates said members of the group help out in the football office, meet and greet the parents of recruits,

answer any questions recruits or their families have, and recruit players at orientation events the first two weeks of school.

She said the group at TCU has been characterized as a "wonderful" addition to the football program.

Erik Olson, Student Athletic Advisory Board president and member of men's track and field team, said the program's goal is a good idea, but to restrict it only to football and utilizing primarily female students is inappropriate.

"It would be a fine idea if it applied to all sports, if you had just regular students showing new recruits life outside of athletics," he said.

"To say we are going to get

women to show around our football players — it is just a bad idea."

Olson, a senior in industrial technology and economics from Lake Summerset, said the Southern Belles program should be funded from the football department, not as a Registered Student Organization.

"I think USG could find other things to do with that money — the football team has a high enough budget already," he said. "They don't need to take that money away from another organization."

Naivar said he sees this program as a positive step ahead for the football department.

"It will not only raise interest in the football program but interest in the entire atmosphere on campus," he said.

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"I'd like to keep open to it. The property has been debilitated for a really long time," Flanagan said. "I feel confident that Matt Maier will do a good job."

Maier has been in Carbondale since 1966, was Citizen of Year in 1981, and was also named

Southern Illinois Business Leader of the Year for 1993 by the SIU College of Business and Administration.

Councilman Larry Briggs and Councilman Michael Neill said they would withhold from comment until they hear both sides of the issue at the meeting.

The major problem with the issue is trying to keep the number of bar licenses low, Neill said. On the other hand, the positive aspect

of the issue is a new-found use for a building vacant for years.

Councilman Brad Cole said he has been following the issue and attended the Liquor Advisory Board meeting, where a presentation was made by Maier.

Cole said he has learned not to commit to any opinion in advance, but will listen to both sides of the issue at the next meeting.

"At this point, I have not committed to either side," Cole said.

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the National Gymnastics Conference.

"I'll have to miss a week of school, but it is for my future," she said.

Cathy said having her daughter as a business partner has enhanced their mother and daughter relationship, which she characterized as "wonderful."

"The things she has done this

year have been great — it's all the little things and time she puts in here," Cathy said. "I am very proud of her."

Michelle Dycus, a junior in psychology from Nashville, works at Ullinette Gymnastics and witnesses the relationship between Cathy and Christy at work.

"It is like a typical mother-daughter relationship," Dycus said. "They are both always doing something and really involved."

Dycus said both Cathy and Christy have distinct roles at work. "If I go up to Cathy and ask her

if she needs me to work, she says to go ask Christy," she said. "Christy is in charge of the money. Her mom can't write a check without her daughter knowing about it."

Christy said she sometimes forgets how involved she is with the gym. She doesn't understand that what she is doing is anything special.

"Probably when I am out of the business and look back, I'll realize it is such an accomplishment," she said. "After I see it go a little farther, then I'll know I succeeded."

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Amtrak's high-speed fleet may challenge shuttles

Don Phillips
The Washington Post

PUEBLO, Colo. — Amtrak's new high-speed trains will not run as fast as their big brother, the French TGV, nor will they be quite as glassy smooth. But it appears they will provide the fastest and smoothest train ride in America.

Out on the treeless high plains west of here, where antelopes far outnumber humans and Pikes Peak graces the distant horizon, the first of 20 new high-speed train sets is being put through its paces at the Transportation Technology Center's test facility before becoming the new order for rail transportation between Washington, New York and Boston.

The sleek, electric train spends up to 16 hours a day, seven days a week sprinting around a 13 1/2-mile track as technicians for manufacturer Bombardier Inc. of Montreal and chief partner Alstom of Paris — makers of the TGV — labor to smooth out a number of nagging developmental problems.

In regular service, the trains will be limited to 150 mph, but they have sprinted up to 165 mph in tests here.

That top 150-mph speed will be allowed only on segments of the line between New Haven, Conn., and Boston, where Amtrak has spent \$1.8 billion for new overhead wires to supply electric power to the locomotives, as well as to fund signal and track work.

Those improvements, coupled with new tilt technology, will allow as much as an hour and a half to be slashed from current Boston-New York schedules if Amtrak can make the planned three-hour-and-three-minute express schedule.

Amtrak is still negotiating with New York and Connecticut commuter authorities to increase speeds from 75 mph to 90 mph on track that they own south of New Haven.

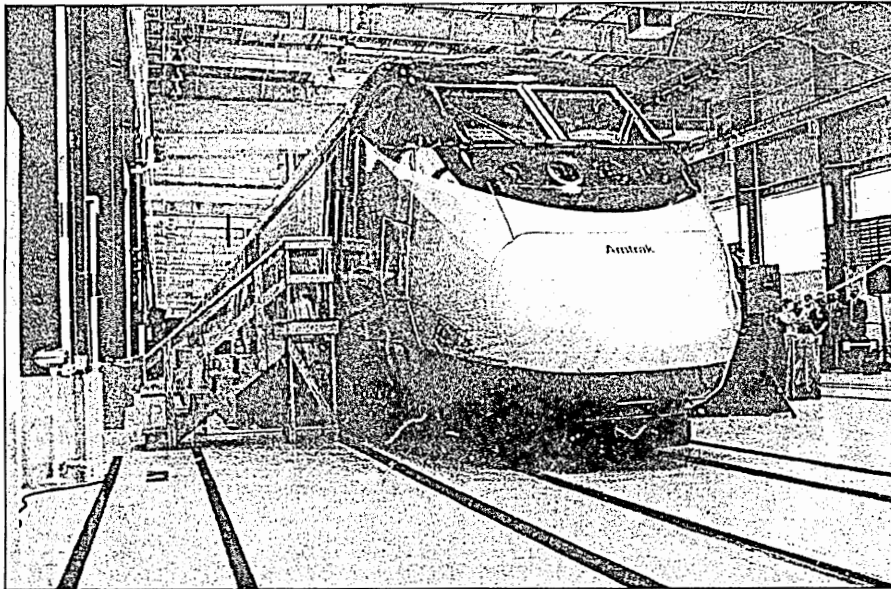
For the time being, passengers between Washington and New York will have to be satisfied with a smoother ride. Aging overhead electrical power lines will limit top speeds to 135 mph, just 10 mph greater than current top speeds.

Richard R. Sarles, the Amtrak vice president for Northeast Corridor high-speed rail, said eventually Amtrak plans to replace the wires, called "catenary," and to install a new system that will stop or slow trains that exceed speed limits or ignore signals.

But that expensive work is not in current budgets, Sarles said that, nonetheless, the train's better acceleration will allow 16 minutes to be lopped off the schedule, to two hours and 43 minutes, with new express trains making the trip in two hours and 32 minutes.

Amtrak's new trains will likely place considerable competitive pressure on the two airline shuttles that currently operate between Washington, New York and Boston.

Amtrak already carries more people



Ray Lusting/Washington Post

Amtrak's high-speed train, "The Acela," may begin service in November.

between Washington and New York than the Delta and US Airways shuttles combined. The Coalition of Northeastern Governors a few years ago estimated that higher-speed train service could siphon off 10 many air travelers that it would open up so airport gates at Boston's Logan International Airport that are now devoted to Boston-New York flights.

Full-fare trips on the airlines' shuttles are more expensive than taking the Metroliner now, but it's unclear whether the airlines will decide it's necessary to lower those prices to try to compete with the new Amtrak service.

In tests last week as fast as 145 mph, the new trains passed a real-world test that should bring smiles to current Metroliner riders. Even with the new tilt system turned off, it was possible to stand up on curves without holding onto anything, and it was possible to sit and to write legibly.

The Amfleet equipment now used on Metroliner trains bounces like a cork on a wind-blown pond compared with the new trains. And every experienced passenger now knows to keep one hand on a seat back while walking to the food car or the restroom.

Amtrak has set an ambitious schedule that calls for the first passenger runs to be made in

November or December, and for the trains to replace Metroliner service and take over all other premium train service between Washington and Boston by August next year. The trip will cost more — \$140 one-way between Washington and New York, compared with \$114 now.

Some sources close to the testing expressed doubt that the start-up schedule could be kept. They said most of the developmental problems can be fixed, but that it is a slow process.

Nonetheless, the sources pointed out that the manufacturers are trying hard to meet the schedule because they would be subject to a "substantial financial penalty" under the contract if they failed to have the trains ready on time. Between New York and Boston, every train will be an addition to the current schedule. None of the other trains — which will use refurbished Amfleet equipment — will be canceled.

But between Washington and New York, the new trains will replace the Metroliners. There will be a few new schedules because rush-hour service is to be increased to every half-hour instead of hourly, Sarles said. The trains are clearly a compromise on wheels. Neither the federal government nor any state

government has come up with the billions of dollars it would take to do what the French and Japanese have done — build new lines exclusively for high-speed trains.

Therefore, the Amtrak trains have tilt technology that will sense when the train is entering one of the many curves along the Northeast corridor and tilt the cars for passenger comfort. That tilt technology allows higher speeds on curves, particularly the many sharp curves along the line north of New Haven.

The trains will carry about twice as much weight on each axle than the TGV, mostly because Federal Railroad Administration safety rules require much more rugged construction than most foreign countries do.

The French technicians are still grumbling about that, as the extra weight affects acceleration, top speed and the quality of the ride.

It may be unfair to judge the new trains now because part of the testing stage is to improve its systems.

It also is filled with test equipment and miles of wires, with no seats and carpeting. Conversely, the trains may ride differently on Northeast Corridor track even though the test track here is maintained to the same standards.



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Iowa QB Reiners suspended for opener

THE SPORTS NETWORK

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa quarterback Randy Reiners was suspended Wednesday for the Hawkeyes' season-opener against the University of Nebraska.

The suspension came as a

result of Reiners' arrest last month on an alcohol charge. It was his second such arrest in the last 18 months.

The senior signal-caller will be allowed to practice with the football team but will not be on the sidelines for the Hawkeyes' open-

er at home against the Cornhuskers on September 4. Reiners is one of three quarterbacks competing for the Iowa starting job.

Reiners was arrested in the early morning hours of June 29 after being found "sleeping or

passed out" in a university parking lot, according to court papers. An alcohol breath test administered to Reiners prior to his arrest registered a .225, well over the legal limit of .10 in the state of Iowa.

He was also arrested and charged with drunken driving in

January, 1998.

Reiners, who has started eight games in his collegiate career, completed 37-of-86 passes for 521 yards, three touchdowns and six interceptions. He has thrown for 1,428 yards and 15 TDs in his career.



PICKY PICKY:

Seven-year-old Hannah Lant and her 3-year-old sister, Helen, of Carbondale pick out produce at Lipe Orchard's produce stand on Route 51 South. The girls' mother, Sandy Charlson, has been coming to Lipe's produce stand during the summer for eight years.

CURRY McDaniel/
Daily Egyptian

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were "foolish" and said he didn't realize until now how insensitive it was.

"Our faces have been posted in televisions and newspapers, and we know that we have embarrassed our school, our families and ourselves," Abdul-Azziz said. "We realize that we exercised bad judgment, and we are ready to make amends for what we have done."

A spokesman for the city attorney's office said the athletes obtained parking placards from the DMV by claiming they had physical disabilities, including knee and back problems and Bell's Palsy. They listed names of nonexistent doctors with bogus medical license numbers as verifying sources. Abdul-Azziz listed a "Dr. Fritz Gilbur" on his application.

"If a typical citizen came in here, he would have been held to a \$1,300 fine," said attorney Harland Braun, who represented six

athletes. "Because they are athletes and because they are held to a higher standard, they are going to be doing five full weeks of work. They've been punished more than the average citizen."

The maximum penalty for a misdemeanor charge is a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail, and that's what Lillibeth Navarro, the empowerment team leader for the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers wanted. She shouted, "Put them in jail" and "Park them on the Bench."

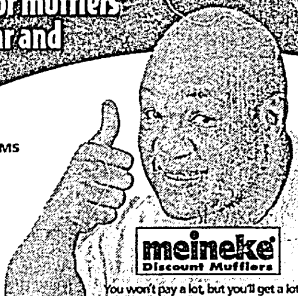
Of the 200 community service hours each athlete must perform, half will be with the Special Olympics of Southern California. The other half will be with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Independent Living Centers or United Cerebral Palsy.

"What they did is wrong," said Rafer Johnson, the 1960 Olympic decathlon champion who helped arrange the athletes work with the Special Olympics. "Hopefully, we will show them why."

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OVER THE NET: Gonzo Sugai of Bloomington (left) and Anthony Windsor of Lebanon, Mo., go head-to-head on the volleyball court in the Recreation Center Tuesday afternoon. The volleyball court is located next to the basketball courts on the west end of the Recreation Center.

Last piece is in place

Newly signed assistant softball coach anxiously awaits season

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC softball team has a new "Buddy." Charles "Buddy" Foster signed on as the new assistant coach July 28, replacing Keri Blaylock, who is now the head coach.

Foster, a Murphysboro native, said he is very eager for the season to begin.

"This is home for me and my family and friends," he said. "I am thrilled to death."

Head coach Keri Blaylock has known Foster for 12 years. She is very positive about his arrival to the team.

"We are very fortunate to have Buddy with us," Blaylock said. "He is a very knowledgeable person."

Foster is honored to become a member of the SIUC sports staff.

"I grew up as a Saluki fan of all sports. I consider it a great honor to have the opportunity to work with Coach Blaylock," Foster said. "We share many of the same thoughts on the game."

Julie Meier, a Saluki catcher and third baseman, said Foster is very likable. Meier, a junior in elementary education from Ballwin, Mo., said she is excited to work with him.

"He will contribute nothing but good things for the team," Meier said. "Everyone else (on the team) is excited too."

Foster will be specializing in hitting and pitching, and hopes to contribute a lot to the team.

"I want to help bring the team's hitting average up," Foster said. "Hopefully, that will bring up our winning percentage."

Blaylock said she believes Foster will be successful with the team, not only for his knowledge, but for the common ground he shares with them.

"We are both young, so the girls can relate to us," Blaylock said. "He's a lot of fun to be around."

Foster, who graduated from Southeast Missouri State in 1991, was a graduate assistant at SEMO in 1991 and 1992.

He also served one season as an assistant coach at John A. Logan Junior College in 1997 prior to his return to SEMO for the past two seasons.

Though Foster has yet to work directly with the team, he said he feels confident he will be able to work well with them.

"I have worked with some of the girls at camp," Foster said. "I know what their personalities are like. I won't have any trouble with them."

Nine UCLA players to miss first two games

MARCIA C. SMITH
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

LOS ANGELES — For Bob Toledo, for the UCLA football coach known for his disciplined teams and his gentlemanly players, this has been very embarrassing. Anyone who heard the charges was shocked.

Toledo had been on vacation — "unavailable," his representatives said — since late June, when the Los Angeles city attorney's office filed charges against 14 of his current and former players for listing fake injuries on DMV applications to obtain handicapped parking placards, which made parking on and off campus easier.

Wednesday afternoon, just a few hours after nine of the players pleaded no contest and five were granted continuances in a Los Angeles Municipal Court, Toledo finally appeared.

"I am very disappointed in the players and

with what they did," Toledo said at a news conference at the school's faculty center. "They made a big mistake. They tried to beat the system and they're paying a great price for it. They regret it. They're embarrassed and ashamed."

He talked about his "principles" and said he thought it was appropriate to give the nine current players two-game suspensions. That takes six starters and three possible starters out of the opener with Boise State and the battle with nationally ranked Ohio State.

Toledo said it didn't matter whether the players missed playing "the Little Sisters of the Poor or the Green Bay Packers."

"I'm not afraid to do this," repeated Toledo, who benched starters in key games against Miami, Arizona and USC for violations. "Unfortunately, we're talking about nine returning players. ... I'm not concerned with that at this point. What I'm concerned about is going on."

Toledo said he worked with school officials to decide on the proper discipline that would complement Judge Sam Ohta sentencing each of the nine players to two years' probation, a \$1,485 fine and 200 hours of community service.

Those sentenced Wednesday included guard Oscar Cabrera; linebackers Ryan Nece, Ali Abdul-Azziz and Tony White; safety Ryan Roques and cornerback Marques Anderson (all starters), along with Damian Allen, Deatra Clinton and Robert Thomas.

Those granted continuances until Aug. 25 were James Chezzi; starting fullback Durrell Price, who was represented by celebrity attorney Robert Shapiro; Craig Walendy and DuVal Hicks, who were out of town; and Mark Reynosa, who requested time to hire an attorney.

"The insensitivity to the rights and needs of those with real disabilities demonstrated has no place on the UCLA campus," said

UCLA chancellor Albert Carnesale, who also was at the news conference. "This behavior is particularly insensitive because it was carried out by student-athletes, for they are among the most able-bodied of all."

The athletes walked tall and looked serious in their well-pressed suits and ties as they entered the courtroom and took their seats. They left looking forlorn.

Flanked by his teammates, team captain Abdul-Azziz read the players' statement through the angry chafis of protesters, who demonstrated outside the courthouse and ran their wheelchairs near his legs.

He began with an apology to UCLA and the disabled community. He then said the players didn't use the placards to park in handicapped spaces but to gain access to convenient lots. He acknowledged his actions