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Jackson undecided about position

Future SIU president yet to determine whether search will be open or closed

KATE MCCANN
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

With a permanent chancellor search looming closer for the SIUC campus, interim Chancellor John Jackson has not decided if he will seek the position.

Incoming SIU President James Walker's emphasis on finding a permanent chancellor at his first public appearance last Wednesday has spurred preliminary speculations on Jackson's uncertain candidacy.

Jackson said Monday that his decision will largely depend on his experience as interim chancellor for the last 13 months.

"I have to weigh the past against the future and decide whether or not I want to keep doing what I'm doing," Jackson said.

Scott Kaiser, media coordinator for the Office of the President, said Walker had not decided if the search will be open or closed. Kaiser said Walker understood the benefits of an open search and recognized a chancellor search is different from a presidential search, but that Walker also perceived advantages to a closed search.

In December, when former SIU President Ted Sanders proposed John Jackson be named permanent chancellor, the suggestion was met with strong opposition by the Faculty Senate and Graduate Council.

Only one week before Sanders planned to request Jackson's appointment to the SIU Board of Trustees, both the senate and the council passed resolutions disapproving of the hiring process.

Sanders promptly retracted his recommendation at Jackson's request.

Sharon Shrock, chairwoman of the Graduate Council, and Karen Prichard, president of the Faculty Senate, could not be reached for comment.

Not all faculty constituency groups were against Jackson's possible appointment. The Administrative and Professional Staff Council expressed a favorable opinion of Jackson when the debate first surfaced last December.

Paulette Curkin, chairwoman of the council, said she is

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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SPECIAL CARE: Jean Boehne and her husband Don touch up the garden at Turley Park before the national night out event. Boehne is a member of the Carbondale Garden Study Club which, along with the Evergreen Garden Club, cares for Turley Park's flowers.

Designer drugs coming into the area

Number of upper-class addicts increasing in Southern Illinois

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A new class of drugs migrating into the Southern Illinois area are being brought by students from northern Illinois.

SIUC attracts many students from the Chicago area, and this is why the latest drug craze is expected to increase in Carbondale before it does in other Southern Illinois towns, says state Rep. Bill Mitchell, R-Decatur. Because of the high cost of designer drugs, students from the Chicago suburbs are more likely to buy them.

He said his central Illinois district began experiencing these problems. But he said it is only a matter of time before there is widespread use comes into Southern Illinois.

Jackson County Sheriff Bill Kilquist said designer drugs are not really as new to the area as commonly believed. The latest batch of designer drugs, now called club drugs, are made differently to get around the old laws. This is why new laws must be established to deal with an old problem, Kilquist said.

Traditionally, criminal law measures drugs by weight. However, designer drugs are almost weightless, but the effects vary depending on how they are mixed. Creating these drugs in clandestine labs does not guarantee consistency of the mixture. One tiny dose can bring on hallucinations, brain damage, a coma or even

death. Designer drugs, Kilquist said, need to be treated like the harder drugs that they are, like LSD, which brings stiff penalties under the law.

Kilquist said the type of drugs coming to Southern Illinois are often date rape drugs, which can include methamphetamines, like ecstasy, as well as GHB and Rohypnol. Another controlled substance abused is ketamine, commonly called K, special K or vitamin K. Ketamine is a tranquilizer used on animals in surgeries. Ketamine is also given to people who undergo heart surgery in order to erase memory, thereby lessening the trauma of surgery.

Almost all of the veterinary clinics in Jackson County have been broken into. While there have been many arrests, Kilquist said, the suspects no longer can be grouped by socioeconomic boundaries. He said the types of people involved are unlike the usual suspects, and he said the recent developments are taking effect rapidly.

"The people that are stealing these drugs are not your normal run-of-the-mill burglars and thieves that you have experienced in the past that have absolutely no money and no funds and no background or no education," Kilquist said. "They are university professors, they are children of multimillionaires in this area."

Perry County Sheriff Keith Kellerman said the surprising thing about new addicts and dealers is that they are often middle class or upper class, and many are college students. With higher education comes more secrecy and paranoia, he said.

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The Simon and Simon saga continues

Singer pens letter in response to former senator's musical debut

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Shakespeare would say singer Paul Simon and former Sen. Paul Simon are star-crossed. Besides names, the pair shared Saturday Night Live hosting duties in 1988. Before that, they used to meet for dinner or work on fund-raising benefits together.

"Even our airline reservations used to get mixed up," the former senator and director of the Public Policy Institute said, laughing.

Last week, the Simon and Simon saga continued with a letter from the singer to the former senator, who in July took a cameo turn on the microphone at a Brown Bag Concert series show.

Former Sen. Simon plowed through an

enthusiastic rendition of "Hello Dolly" with his daughter Sheila's blues band July 12.

Before the performance, Simon read a letter he wrote to his singer counterpart.

"When word gets out from Carbondale on the quality of the performance of Paul Simon, your career will inevitably plummet," the senator joked. "I thought you should be forewarned."

Last Friday, a letter to SIUC's Simon from the singer landed in the Public Policy Institute mailbox.

"I am being inundated with requests from bluegrass festivals all over the country asking me to perform and sing 'Hello Dolly,' the singer wrote. "Please advise."

The singer — who signed his letter "yours truly, The Other Paul Simon" — also requested that SIUC's Simon work up a cover of his signature tune, "Still Crazy After All These Years."

However, an encore is not in the works, the former senator said.

"Anyone who heard me probably wouldn't want me to sing again," he said.

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PAUL SIMON
former U.S. senator

PAUL SIMON	
Singer	Senator
- toured with Bob Dylan	- ran for president
- wrote "Mrs. Robinson"	- wrote 16 books
- survived '70s rock stardom	- survived '70s Congress
- co-hosted Saturday Night Live	- co-hosted Saturday Night Live
- started career as a small-town singer	- started career as a small-town journalist
- has a record deal with Warner Bros.	- has a Public Policy Institute

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CALENDAR

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UPCOMING

- SIUC and IDOT are offering free motorcycle rider course, August 18-20. Safety Center Building #56, Pre-register at 1-800-642-9589.
- Saluki Volunteer Corp needs

volunteers to assist with on-air fundraising for WSUI/WUSI pledge drive. Various times, 8/7 to 8/13. Communication Building, Frances 453-4161 or 800-745-9748.

• Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group. Meets every Mon., regarding the first Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse. Marcus 529-7197.

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• Aaron C. Hughes, 26, of Chicago, and Eve Davis, 20, of Carbondale, were arrested at 1 a.m. Tuesday and charged with domestic battery. Both were transported to Jackson County Jail.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1967:

- The completion of Morris Library, which consisted of a program to construct the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh floors, was planned to start in the fall.
- SIUC's Activities Programming board sponsored a Water Carnival at the Campus Lake with events for students such as a greased watermelon rescue, a tug-of-war competition and a dance.
- Head Saluki Football Coach Dick Towers and assistant Pat Naughton spent three days learning in the training camp of the Green Bay Packers by invitation of Packer Coach Vince Lombardi.
- Sav-Mart, a grocery store located in Carbondale, had specials such as four rolls of bathroom tissue for 29 cents, Good Taste Cookies three packages for \$1.00 and Banquet Dinners three for 97 cents.
- Pekin temporarily hosted the state finals of the 12th annual Illinois Junior Sports Jamboree.
- Sean Connery starred in the original "James Bond" at the Varsity Theater for \$1.50.

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uncertain if the council's perception of Jackson will change this fall.

"Given this is a new era, I can't say what the reaction will be," Curkin said. "I'm sure we will look at it closely and consider the applicants."

Despite the resistance of some faculty to Sanders' recommendation, Jackson said some faculty have confidence in him.

"I have some faculty support, I'd like to think," Jackson said. "Nothing is ever unanimous around here."

ECSTASY

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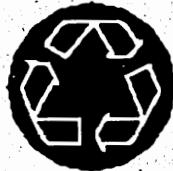
A major problem in dealing with date rape cases is recovering evidence, said Bob Ledbetter, deputy chief of the Carbondale Police Department. Urine and blood testing must be done properly and quickly after the drug has been used, sometimes within 12 hours, otherwise it vanishes.

Possession, use or sale of designer drugs, from 50 grams down to a trace, is a Class two felony that can mean a prison sentence between three to six years. A Class one felony is for 50 to 200 grams, and this brings five to 12 years in prison.

The three Illinois counties affected most by designer drugs are Lake and Henry, both near Chicago, and Champaign County in central Illinois where the University of Illinois is located.



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Life at Cobden migrant camps

Mexican culture hides in rural Illinois

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

For eight months out of the year, at migrant farm camps, cement project-style shanties resound with the fast poetry of the Spanish language.

The bluff-laden, rolling hills that lead just outside of Cobden to

the camp journey to a society far removed from the suburbanite status quo.

Union-Jackson Farm Worker Housing is where many migratory, Mexican farm workers call home after a hard day's work in the surrounding orchards or wineries.

Diane Cheak, director of the on-site migrant Head Start day care, said the migrant camps paint a rural picture of family-oriented roots.

"How everyone has well-defined roles all pulling together for a common cause ... I see what we might've been like when we were a rural, farming culture," Cheak said.

By word of mouth, generations of extended families, primarily from two South Central Mexican states, Michoacan and Guanaguato, trickle into the 30-year-old camp.

Many migrate following fall harvest to work in Florida citrus farms during the winter. Some follow migrant work throughout the United States, and some return home to Mexico to visit loved ones.

Life inside the main camp

Garments flapping on clotheslines add color to the otherwise stark apartments. Though the clothes are clean, ground-in dirt stains are tangible evidence of the hard work migrant farmers endure for minimum wage.

Marguerita Duran's long traditional skirt and swept back, graying hair are evidence that Mexico is alive within her, just miles from small-town USA.

In the main camps, apartments have a kitchen connected to two smaller rooms, which are used as bedrooms. Duran, 55, shares her apartment with her

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husband, her son, his wife and their infant.

Apartments come furnished with a table and two chairs. Though they don't have air conditioning, whole-house fans were added four years ago.

Floral-design, hand-embroidered pillows, pictures of

family and the sacred virgin Mary, and two wall paintings of tribal warriors turn Duran's bare cement walls into a traditional Mexican home.

The central camp is like a miniature city comprised of humble apartments, a day care, a large playground for the children and a clinic. The central camp is composed primarily of families with children, while other camps only house men.

Most residents speak very little English, if any. Not only are they removed by their rural, inclusive surroundings, but by a language barrier many described as frustrating and isolating.

Cheak said she admires the families she works with because of the hardships they are willing to endure to make a better life for their families.

"Imagine how terrifying it would be to pack up what little possessions you could carry and travel thousands of miles from your home to where you don't even speak the language," Cheak said. "It takes a lot of courage."

Cheak said migrants must gather what they need for their households after they get here, only to leave it behind when they move.

Su Casa, the 20-year-old day care that is provided at no cost, serves as a family connection for the children, who range from the ages of 6 weeks to 5 or 6. The Head Start program employs parents who often participate in the care of children.

The Mexican flag placed next to the American flag, serapes, multi-colored, woven blankets



ERIC ROBINSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The view outside a door shows a woman hanging clothes on a line. "We don't need dryers, we use the sun," said Camp Director Elsie Speck, pointing to the clotheslines which are accessible to every apartment.

that cover miniature sofas, as well as traditional pictures and authentic cuisine help the children feel at home.

"We do anything and everything we can to help with the culture shock," Cheak said. "They really take the transition hard."

The facility relies on donated supplies, but children do not appear to be lacking.

Dramatic play, a sensory table where children recently buried toy dinosaurs in the sand for an archaeological dig, and a computer with math programs are among the mind-expansive play exercises children use for cognitive and social development.

On a field trip to Flamm's Orchard Friday, children ate peach cobbler with ice cream while gaining insight into their parents' jobs.

"It's good for their self-esteem to see what their families do," Cheak said. "They tour the packing house, climb trees in the orchards and pick apples."

Life inside an all-male camp

In an all-male camp, a group of residents talked in Spanish outside the communal shower house about how they didn't like living there, while those in showers echoed joking contributions to the conversation.

They said they do not mind sharing the few bathrooms, shower houses and tiny apartments. Close quarters seemed to heighten camaraderie among the men.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

AIDS benefit performance

"Among Friends," the Kleinau Theater's annual benefit performance to fund the Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS' counseling, outreach and emergency assistance programs, will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Autobiography, performance art and performances from literature will be performed by graduate students in the Speech Communications Department.

The play will occur at the Kleinau Theater, located on the second floor of the Communications Building at SIUC. For more information, contact Craig Gingrich Philbrook at 453-2291.

New hours during break

Services on campus will have altered hours during the intercession, which begins Friday and lasts to Aug. 20.

The Student Center will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday and 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 11.

The University Bookstore hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Aug. 11.

The Recreation Center will open 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Monday through Aug. 17. It will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from Aug. 18 to Aug. 20. It will return to regular hours Aug. 21.

Student Health Services will have its regular hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, during intercession.

The first floor of Morris Library will be open from 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. All other floors will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first floor will be open 7:45 a.m. to midnight and the other floors will be open 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Aug. 11, and from Aug. 14 to Aug. 18. The library first floor will be open 10 a.m. to midnight Aug. 12 and Aug. 13, and again Aug. 19. The other floors will be open 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 12, closed Aug. 13 and open 1 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20.

PROVO, UTAH

BYU suspends Stoffer

The former Brigham Young University student Julie Stoffer believes she lived "a chaste and virtuous life" while on the set of MTV's "Real World."

The university doesn't agree. Stoffer was one of the cast members who was filmed for the New Orleans edition of the popular MTV show. BYU suspended Stoffer for the upcoming school year after she broke the university's honor code, which prohibits single students from living with the opposite sex.

Stoffer announced she has no intention of returning.

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The cost of civilization

Not long ago, I was visiting my parents, who live in a nice residential family subdivision that grew up in the late 1970s. Melody Acres is the type of neighborhood where most families occupy one- or two-story ranch or colonial-style houses with a couple of cars in the driveway and several pets in the yard. The neighbors lounge in their swimming pools (above ground with a deck) and spray their cars with garden hoses. Kids shriek and giggle as they bounce on trampolines. At night everyone goes inside and watches television.

A typical conversation at my parents' house goes like this:

Mom: I thought you were going to get in the pool for a while.

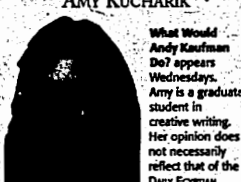
Dad: Grrrr ... I was, but I can't stand listening to the neighbor's @!\$ lawn mower.

Mom: Well, that's the price you pay for living in civilization, I guess.

My dad, a classical music listener, tends to get grumpy when noises disrupt him. I'm kind of the same way, especially when my neighbors' two puppies get going in the morning. But grumpiness aside, I think my parents' conversation raises an interesting question: What is the price of civilization?

From the moment humans stopped migrating around hunting and gather-

What Would Andy Kaufman Do? AMY KUCHARIK



What Would Andy Kaufman Do? appears Wednesdays. Amy is a graduate student in creative writing. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

ing, and began planting crops and raising livestock, people have had to put up with one another's persistent presence. I can think of examples in which everything from religious belief to the outspoken manner of a pet pooch can cause neighborly disputes. The time and place dictates whether the conflict will be resolved by conversation, ridiculing the offending party until they leave town, calling the cops or lopping off your neighbor's head.

But civilization has its privileges, right?

Electricity, for one. Keeping the gene pool from growing stagnant the way it might if we secluded ourselves

in compounds (uh, yeah ...). The opportunity to walk next door and borrow a cup of sugar. Friendly faces, people to talk to, people to help out. Safety in numbers.

Maybe it's just too much Stephen King and X-Files, but I distrust that suburban vision of the American dream. To me, it seems that something awful might or must be lurking just beneath the sprinkler-irrigated surface of a well-manicured lawn. And the threat might not just be science fiction.

Take the example of Times Beach, Mo. The nice residential family atmosphere there was shattered when dioxin-contaminated oil, sprayed on the roads there in the early 1970s, was found to be causing cancer among residents. The desolate, empty area now stands as a haunting reminder.

During the 1990s, officials decided to build an incinerator there that would burn contaminated soil and debris — posing a health risk to residents of nearby Eureka and Crescent, Mo.

Not a very neighborly thing to do. It's the kind of thing that makes me seriously want to pack up a rucksack, go off and build a cabin in the woods, away from the dangers of my fellow man. I can put up with the bears and rattlesnakes.

Memories of Carbondale are double-sided

Another summer in Carbondale draws to a close, or at least the academic portion of that summer, and some of us find ourselves reflecting on the unstoppable passage of time, the waxing and waning of the seasons, and other dopey clichés concerning our passion for nostalgia.

This past week, I've been moving from my apartment here in Carbondale (the one that served me adequately until The Great Corn Flood of 2000) up north where I will resume my normal life as school teacher in a few weeks. That's right, I educate junior high kids. I teach them how to read and right — proof that either God has a bizarre sense of humor or he isn't paying much attention. Anyway, because I probably won't be back until Homecoming and I probably won't remember much of that weekend anyway, I suppose now would be a good time to consider all of the things that I will miss about this town, even though I am completely aware that none of you could even pretend to give one half of a monkey's ass.

For example, I will miss Wednesday nights at Quatro's and Open Mic Night at Booby's Beer Garden (I still have difficulty calling that place by name). I will miss bright and shining, laziness-soaked days at the spillway and playing frisbee at Giant City, falling down just to amuse my friends. Rock climbing at Garden of the Gods and biscuits and gravy at Mary Lou's Diner.

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Sunset Concerts, Hot-N-Sour soup at China Express and climbing up on a picnic table at Pinch Penny to help out the band performing (despite their body language to the contrary, they always appreciate some quality accompaniment).

I will miss jogging around campus lake until my lungs feel like they're going to explode, and wondering how the chipmunks and squirrels get along so well when they're so obviously different. I will miss the wit and wisdom of The Nightlife) the overwhelming aesthetic beauty of this campus and the fact that some of my best friends on earth live here.

But of course, some things exist about Carbondale that I will not miss. Not in the slightest.

I will not miss the (expletive) tow truck companies. Here's something

interesting. I have been driving for more than eight years now and have been towed three times, all of which occurred in Carbondale. My parents, who have a been driving for a combined total of 73 years and are, ironically, SIU graduates, have never been towed. Why the strange discrepancies in statistics? Perhaps I enjoy being towed? No. Perhaps I generated enough bad karma as a youngster while beating up my brother to carry over into my adult life? Also, no, he could always beat me up. Perhaps there are too many towing companies in Carbondale, all fighting to stay in business? I place my money on that. It might be argued that the fact that all these companies remain in business proves that a need exists for these companies. Again, I disagree, and assume those associated with these companies are the lapdogs of Beetzabub.

I will not miss standing in line at Wal-Mart, listening to young Johnny whine about how his two sisters pinched him in the eyeball, and how his baby brother, Tim Boy, threw up on him, while his slovenly dressed mother takes as much time as she possibly can looking for a coupon for Diet Coke when what she should be buying is an entire box of condoms and wondering to myself, 'How the hell did she trick anyone into sleeping with her in the first place?'

I will not miss road construction, but I suppose that goes without saying.

THEIR WORD Kinder and gentler are GOP's watchwords at this convention

By Dick Polman for the Knight-Ridder Tribune on August 01, 2000.
PHILADELPHIA — This is definitely not his father's convention.

In 1992, when Republicans gathered to renominate President Bush, the star attraction on opening night was Patrick J. Buchanan, who called the Democrats morally decadent. Vice President Dan Quayle's wife, Marilyn, attacked feminists for wanting "to be liberated from their essential natures as women," and even usually genial ex-President Reagan joked about a certain Democrat who claimed he didn't inhale.

The Republicans have sheathed their knives in Philadelphia, on orders from the son, George W. Bush, and Buchanan has made his way to the Reform Party. Viewers in search of blood and guts Monday night had to surf over to ABC for Dennis Miller's debut on "Monday Night Football."

Instead, Laura Bush said she wants more children to read, and retired Gen. Colin Powell said he favors a greater sense of community among America's youth — concepts no sane citizen of any ideological persuasion could possibly dispute.

So the Republicans' opening night message was essentially this: "We're nice to the Democrats, and we're nice to your kids, too."

Eradicating all vestiges of the party that called for the abolition of the federal Department of Education in its 1996 platform, the party that castigated President Clinton for his "drug-coddling ... values-crushing" behavior, is a fundamental element of the George W. Bush game plan.

The old Grand Old Party attacked Hillary Clinton as a radical and scared away suburban mothers; the new Grand Old Party, guided by the Texas governor, seeks to capture those same women by stealing the education issue from the Democrats. Bush's long-standing emphasis on improving public education in Texas, showcased Monday night, appears to be a key factor in his early success in dueling Al Gore to a draw among women voters nationwide.

"Bush doesn't have to win 'the education issue," said Charlie Cook, political analyst for the Washington insiders' weekly, National Journal. "All he needs to do is make sure he doesn't get his brains beaten in by the Democrats. And he won't, because he has fundamentally changed the dialogue for Republicans," by demonstrating, among other things, that student test scores in Texas have risen on his watch.

New safety program coming

Award to increase crime awareness and provide employment for student workers

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC received a grant that will improve safety on campus and provide some income for students by adding new student worker positions.

The SIUC Department of Public Safety was awarded a \$34,400 grant from the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority. The award, the second in a three-year cycle, is designed to fund programs aimed at making SIUC a safer place by increasing awareness and focusing on crime prevention. Both the SIUC Wellness Center and the Carbondale Women's Center are partners in the grant.

As well as funding established programs such as foot patrols and the distribution of safety whistles to female students, the grant will add several new items to SIUC's safety program, including a booklet called "Saluki Safe" and a self-defense class. The booklets will be distributed this fall to incoming freshman, and the self-defense class is to debut in the spring semester.

Saluki Safe combines information from several sources, including brochures distributed by the SIUC Police, the Wellness Center and the Women's Center. While Barbara

Elam of the Wellness Center doesn't expect anyone to read the booklet cover to cover, she hopes it will be referred to and kept as a reference. Some of the topics covered by Saluki Safe will include the Brightway Path, safe transportation and electing a safe housing.

"Some of it is common sense things, but it's all put together in a booklet where people can use that as a resource," Elam said.

Lt. Todd Sigler of the SIUC Police Department said distribution of Saluki Safe will target first-year students, many of whom will be on their own for the first time in their lives. Sigler said studies have shown that the first six weeks are critical in influencing a student's decision to remain at a particular institution or to move on.

"Sometimes, with respect to sexual assault studies, a female freshman is more likely to be attacked in the first six weeks," Sigler said.

Sigler said this is attributed to meeting a lot of new people, engaging in social activities and finding themselves in situations where victimization is likely to occur, particularly in cases of date rape.

The self-defense instructors will undergo training this fall, with the actual classes to be implemented in

the spring. Rape Aggression Defense Systems of Poquoson, Va., is providing the training. The R.A.D. program includes awareness and education components, as well as self-defense techniques.

Sigler stresses that this effort is not in response to any incidence of crime on campus or a feeling that the campus is not safe.

"This is purely an educational, proactive response to a number of requests; and a number of inquiries as to why we don't offer something like this," Sigler said.

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LT TODD SIGLER
SIUC Police Department

The grant also opened up two new student jobs on campus. Through the funding the Wellness Center has added a graduate assistant position. The graduate assistant, Kasi Stunson, will be helping out with distributing the safety whistles, Saluki Safe booklets and helping out with the training both on campus and in area high schools.

The SIUC Police have also hired another student to help with desktop publishing, developing presentations, working on the SIUC Police website and help further develop the programs the grant has helped start.

Funding for the grant comes from the state of Illinois through the sale of the Prevent Violence License Plates.

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SIUC in top 10 for black graduates

Recruitment and retention lead SIUC to successful rates of black graduates

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STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Being a traditionally white institution, SIUC is a national leader in attracting and graduating black students.

In a summary compiled by the U.S. Department of Education, SIUC was ranked ninth among the country's white institutions in total number of undergraduate diplomas awarded to black students. This is a drop from last year's fourth ranking, yet numbers have continued to increase.

The ranking, which appeared in the June issue of Black Issues in Higher Education magazine, showed that 520 African-American

students graduated from SIUC in the 1997-1998 academic year. This is a 4.2 percent increase above the previous year's 499 graduates.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he is happy with SIUC's ninth-place ranking.

"I'm still quite pleased to be in the top 10 and see our numbers going up," Jackson said. "Obviously, the total number is the more important issue."

The only other traditionally white school in Illinois to graduate more African-American undergraduates was Chicago State University, which ranked first with 747 degrees in the 1997-1998 academic year.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, attributed the increased graduation rate to SIUC's

long history of recruiting black students. SIUC recruitment reaches major population areas, Chicago and East St. Louis, as well as the secondary area they target — Springfield. Dietz said the University has a recruitment center in Chicago and a strong, diverse recruiting staff.

"We continue to strive to keep our recruitment efforts up," Dietz said.

Other factors that have attributed to the successful graduation rate of black students include strong academics, a diverse campus, strong mentoring programs and the Black Studies program, Dietz said.

"The academic programs here have been strong," Dietz said. "Good, strong academic programs help with retention."

“ I'm still quite pleased to be in the top 10 and see our numbers going up... Obviously, the total number is the more important issue. **”**

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Seniors are SIUC-free on Aug. 5

Summer commencement to award about 600 diplomas

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Seniors, it's time to pin a giant happy face on your mortar board and march up to grab your diploma at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the SIUC Arena during summer commencement.

The ceremony, officiated by interim Chancellor John Jackson, will award about 600 diplomas to

students in both the undergraduate and graduate programs from all colleges except the School of Law.

Two SIUC seniors may miss the small-town charm of Carbondale, but both are ready to stride into the real world.

"This is a small town and I'm just ready to hit Seattle," Kelley Dinsmore said. She is a forestry major who plans to land a job in Washington in environmental education and interpretation.

Dinsmore will be the first in her family to earn a college degree.

Mechanical engineering student James May said Carbondale's people will remain his favorite memory.

"There are a lot of unique personalities here," May said.

Both say graduation is a significant rite of passage, but Dinsmore and May are just ready to get out.

"I'm 27 years old — it's about time I get my B.A.," she joked.

Graduation is not a terribly big affair,

May said. "It's just the day I stop going to school," he said.

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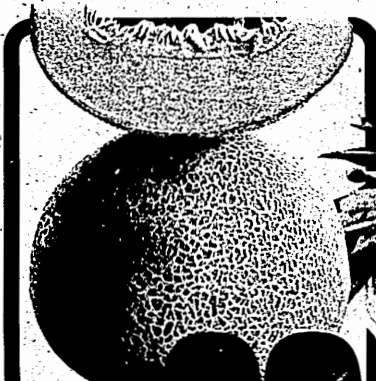
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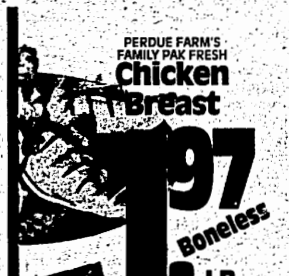
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But they are lonely, they said. They feel isolated from the social life of the surrounding towns, scared of police and culturally detached. Singles have few chances to meet women who can speak their language, let alone who they can date.

Besides the bland food and substandard music, the group complained they were being exploited by big business and, in turn, the U.S. government.

Many workers return to Mexico as often as possible. They say they feel trapped United States in order to provide financial independence to loved ones, at the cost of being removed from their culture and family.

One migrant worker, who wished to be identified as Michael, said he works at the camp to give his 6-month-old son the necessities of food and shelter and the opportunity he himself will never have — education. He's excited at the prospect of his son earning a better education than his six years in grade school.

As Michael talked of the wife and son he could not afford to live with in Mexico, a moment of sadness washed over his lined, brown face — too sun-worn for someone to believe he is only 22 years old.

"My son no have money for eat, for nothing," Michael said. "He can get a better life, better jobs. He can get everything better than me. I no want him to be like me."

Cheak said she was touched by how diligently Mexican workers support their families and impressed by the strong work ethic they bring to the United States.

"They take jobs no one else in the area

would take," Cheak said. "Not only do they support families here, they send money home as well as save with the hopes of buying their own little home. They are a very hard-working and noble people, extremely dedicated to their families."

Health care at the camp

Josef Curiel, director of Farm Workers Health Clinic, said the clinic faces unique obstacles to health care from the cultural differences of its rural Mexican clientele.

Curiel, himself from Mexico, explained natives rely on folk medicine in their home villages. When they are ill, they visit a curandero, a type of shaman. With wide eyes, Curiel imitated how the curanderos shake eggs over patients to rid the body of affliction.

Curiel believes superstition helps them feel better, being so far removed from their culture. Some carry a deer eye to keep others from giving them the evil eye, along with a crucifix, incorporating Catholicism and primitive folklore.

"They tell me right to my face that doctors are quacks," Curiel said. "When they go to their hometown, that's where they go and they believe."

Curiel pulled out a board with photographs tracing the unique history of the clinic. A photograph showed the first incarnation of the clinic 27 years ago as an old school bus.

The traveling heritage of the clinic still exists. A van rolls through camps offering workers Kool-Aid and popcorn. It offers on-site blood pressure checks and other health-related tests, while seeking out those with health concerns. By means of a long extension cord, videos are shown on topics ranging from



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A ready suitcase exemplifies the transitory culture of the men and women working in the orchards of Cobden.

the dangers of pesticides to domestic violence.

The clinic, which charges \$5 per consultation, is funded by a grant from Shawnee Health Services that must be applied for yearly.

The on-site dental clinic is a mish-mash of donated equipment, which Curiel admits is less than state-of-the-art.

"It's a trailer, but it works," Curiel said.

The clinic explains to residents topics like STDs, nutrition and pregnancy. Among a variety of other services, the clinic provides transportation to medical appointments, translates prescription instructions into Spanish and distributes pamphlets on health care issues.

Defying stereotypes

Ideas that migrants are stupid or that they are leaching off society are among stereotypes local migrants face. What some believe to be an inferior part of the American masses is to those intimately bound with the camp, like Cheak, a testament to the indestructible human spirit.

Cheak is bothered by prejudices migrants must endure. She believes workers are trying to gain a better life for their families, not work the system.

"They could do anything if given the opportunity," she said. "The skills they could use in their own country are not able to be developed, and so they must focus on survival."

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Knight critic takes leave because of threats

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BLOOMINGTON, IND. — Murray Sperber, a garrulous academic, has spent the most recent years of his career on the faculty at Indiana University arguing that big-time sports programs are alien monsters devouring the campuses of America's colleges and universities.

But when he took on Indiana's biggest sports celebrity, basketball coach Bob Knight, he found his worst fears being realized in his own backyard.

In the wake of critical public comments Sperber made about Knight, Bloomington police are investigating threats against him, including calls to his office and home and Internet postings. One caller to Sperber's home said, "If you don't shut up, I'm going to shut you up."

That hostility has persuaded the 59-year-old professor of English and American studies to take an unpaid leave of absence for the fall semester. Sperber said he declined a dean's offer to post guards in his classroom: "I just can't teach like that."

The situation has added to the school's host of troubles over Knight, who has been put on probation for his sometimes questionable behavior. Faculty members, already flummoxed over what they see as Knight-inflicted damage to Indiana's reputation, are incensed over the threats against Sperber, regarding them as a blow to the right of free expression on campus.

Last month 165 faculty members cited Sperber's case in a letter to university President Myles Brand urging him to defend the free-speech rights of faculty members on campus.

Administration spokesman Christopher Simpson has said that Brand has been "unequivocal" in responding to the threats against Sperber. He said he detests any action like this whatsoever, Simpson said. "I'm not sure how much stronger he can be."

David Pisoni, a professor of psychology and cognitive science, said the entire episode

is hurting the university. "This is not Bobby Knight University, even though it comes off that way," he said. "We have an academic mission that is being minimized and sidelined from all this stuff."

Knight's volatility has spawned numerous controversies during his 29 years as Indiana's coach, but allegations in March by former player Neil Reed that Knight choked him at a 1997 practice invited a flood of other complaints and eventually brought sanctions from the board of trustees.

As the allegations unfolded, Sperber was in demand as the university's most outspoken Knight critic. "There's been one set of rules for everyone in this university and another set for Bob Knight," Sperber told the Associated Press as the board conducted its investigation.

In May, Knight was suspended for three games in the upcoming season and put on a "zero-tolerance" probation — meaning he's subject to immediate dismissal. Sperber said the administration should have fired the coach and missed a chance "to assert that this is primarily an academic institution."

Sperber is the author of "College Sports Inc.," a 1990 book arguing that major-college sports programs are commercial entertainment with little oversight by university authorities and even less academic purpose. He's coming out this fall with "Beer and Circus: How Big-Time College Sports Is Crippling Undergraduate Education."

He contends in the first book that major football and basketball programs are piling up financial losses, fostering cynicism about academics by winking at widespread cheating to get players through coursework and damaging school reputations with unending scandals. To him, Knight is just another example of big-time college sports run amok.

Sperber, who has been on the Indiana faculty for 29 years, said his notoriety as a Knight antagonist has him feeling like he is whirling around in a washer, staring out through the little window.

Still, he is pushing ahead with his campaign against sports abuses, not only with his writing and speaking but also through a new

organization of which he is chairman, the National Alliance for Collegiate Athletic Reform.

The main purposes of the group, which had its first meeting last fall, are to support faculty members who speak up against sports corruption and to plan legal action with the ultimate aim of building walls between big-time teams and the colleges they are connected with, Sperber said.

Sperber played semipro basketball while a student in France and worked as a sports writer during a leave from the school, which gave him the idea for his first college sports book.

But Sperber has a history of going his own way. He said he has refused to teach graduate courses for many years because there are few jobs for people with advanced degrees in English.

He also made a videotape for new teaching assistants warning them, among other things, that only a minority of undergraduates are interested in an intellectual challenge, and that the assistants need to prepare classes to reach the others.

Sperber connects his sports battle with the activist spirit he absorbed in the 1960s when he was a graduate student at California-Berkeley, participating in the marches and demonstrations for which the school was renowned.

He said that although he has never met Knight, he felt he couldn't keep mum when sought for comment.

As a college sports critic and head of the sports reform group, "How can I suddenly say I can't talk about Knight?" he asked.

He knows he would be contacted by the media for comment if Knight gets in trouble when basketball season starts again, so he wants to be away from the campus during his leave.

Sperber said he doesn't believe he is backing down by taking a leave of absence.

"Say one of these guys has a basement full of guns," he said. "This is not about winning or losing; it's about sanity versus insanity."

Aggies hope to keep Bonfire burning

MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS CAMPUS

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS — One year after a bonfire collapsed and killed twelve Texas A&M students and injured 27 others, a student-led group will attempt to hold the event independent of the university and its suspension of the 90-year tradition.

The Keep the Fire Burning group hopes to stage the bonfire Nov. 22 and has been consulting with structural engineers and lawyers to ensure the event can happen safely, said Will Clark, one of the group's board members.

Past bond fires have cost about \$70,000, though the group believes its scaled-down event will cost less. Most consultants have donated their services and the group will only need funds for supplies, Clark said.

The university announced in June that it will suspend the annual bonfire for two years, until 2002, when the design and structure of the bonfire will be completely redesigned. During the next two years, the university will instead hold memorial services and discourages students from participating in the independent event.

"Not only do we not support this event in any way, but we hope that anyone considering participation in this sort of activity realizes the possible consequences," said Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations.

The football team, cheerleaders and school band historically bolstered the bonfire event, however, the university will prohibit members of student organizations to attend the event as representatives from a school-sponsored group, Lawson said.

Clark, a senior rangeland ecology and management major, experienced three bonfires during his time at Texas A&M and believes the tradition needs to continue.

"When you're a freshman, the bonfire organization goes out and gets students involved," Clark said. "It helps ease the transition into college, and it's a great bonding tradition."

The university traditionally recruited freshman students to chop down the trees and assist in building the bonfire structure, though logs for any future bonfires will be gathered and assembled solely by professionals.

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FAREWELL

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was to write a story about former Saluki star Troy Hudson. Not only did I want to write a story about him, but I also wanted to interview and actually meet the former Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Clipper guard.

Like Frazier, I gave up on that once it seemed impossible to get ahold of him. For two weeks, I practically camped out at the Recreation Center. After a while, some of the regular basketball players and Recreation Center workers started to see me a little too much and probably thought I was loitering or homeless.

I then accepted the fact that Hudson was not going to happen. I made plans to write a different story when I went to the Recreation Center Monday but plans changed when I saw Hudson himself walking through the turnstile. The interview went fantastic, and the story is completed. I

could not have been happier.

Goal accomplished, yet again, unexpectedly.

Believe it or not, basketball stars were not the only people and things that made me appreciate my job so much. Who could forget Bill Cornell? Now that I look back on the past year of covering men's cross country and track and field, I feel lucky that I was able to cover Cornell's last year at SIU and see that former assistant coach Cameron Wright is taking over the program after Cornell leaves at the end of August. It was an emotional year for Cornell and the Salukis, and yeah, I'll admit it, I cried at his last home track meet and at his retirement party.

Then there were those times I had my fun outside the sports desk and covering an event when it did not even seem like I was working. One assignment I had a little too much fun at was Beer-and-Bowl, even though my memory was a bit vague. I guess

that's what happens when I, uh, bowl too much...

That's all coming to an end now that I am leaving SIU. No more silly columns about Frazier, no run-ins with NBA stars and certainly no more "bawling" on the job. It's just me and high school volleyball and field hockey for a newspaper in sub-zero weather in northern New York.

If there is anything I have learned in my four years and two summers of college at SIU, it is that anything really is possible. After all, I'm graduating, right? I will never forget the best year at SIU, the year I became a sports reporter and editor. My only regret is that I wish I did this sooner.

So to all my co-workers, especially the sports desk who had to listen to me and my many stories "off the recorder," the coaches, athletes and Abel Schrader, the reason why I enjoyed Saluki men's basketball so much, you will be missed — and never forgotten.

DeNOON

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Bingham left behind when he took another coaching position. Kevin Robinson will remain coaching both the men and women throwers.

This is the first time the men's and women's programs will be combined.

Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones said hiring DeNoon to take over both men's and women's cross country teams will not only benefit the program, but it will benefit the University financially.

"Having a cooperative relationship between the men's and women's programs is a financial necessity. We can't afford to have the two teams apart," Jones said. "The two teams practice together, travel together, so it's more of an economic thing."

"I think it's good that the student

athletes are coming together. We are seeing the same kinds of things with the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams, and that seems to be working very well."

SIU is not the only joined cross country and track and field programs in the Missouri Valley Conference. Schools like Wichita State University, Illinois State University and Indiana State University also have a combined coaching staff for their men's and women's programs.

Wright said he has confidence in DeNoon to take charge of the Salukis.

"Don has had some tremendous success coaching with the women distance runners. We are hoping that he can have the same success with the men," Wright said. "It's a good move for Southern, and I am sure he will do a great job."

At SIU, DeNoon has won an MVC cross country title and three

indoor and six outdoor track and field championship titles. He has trained 17 all-conference selections, including two individual conference champions in cross country. In track and field, he has coached 89 Missouri Valley champions, three All-Americans and three Olympians.

DeNoon, who has been coaching for 35 years, has also been named the MVC Coach of the Year in track and field three times in indoor and outdoor 1995, outdoor in 1996 and cross country in 1992.

With DeNoon's past success, Jones said she is confident the Salukis will be successful.

"I think we are going to get better coverage as a whole from our track staff with DeNoon and Wright excited to work together and cooperating," Jones said. "We have a great recruiting class coming in, and we expect great things."

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Free Agency

The first day of free-agent signings kicked off as the NBA approved a nine-player deal, Tuesday, between the Miami Heat and the Charlotte Hornets that sent All-Star guard Eddie Jones and forward Anthony Mason to the Heat in exchange for forward P.J. Brown and guard Jamal Mashburn.

NCAA woes

Clem Haskins has admitted to giving \$3,000 to a woman who tutored Gophers basketball players after she had been ordered to stay away. The university bought out Haskins' contract for \$1.5 million in June 1999 after the scandal broke. The university is trying to reclaim some of that money.

Bolin Away

As I walked through the SIU Arena Monday, something was eerily different on the basketball court.

There were no Saluki basketball players practicing their jump shots or free throws. No basketball camps were taking place. Instead, I was reminded of something I have been waiting to do for the past four years

— graduate college.



Christine Bolin
Sports Editor

The entire SIU Arena was set up for Saturday's graduation, an event I will be participating in. The hard wooden floors were covered in tiles, a sign with the SIU logo was draped from the ceiling and the scoreboard was wrapped up. This was not the way I was used to seeing the SIU Arena.

Then reality hit me — this is really it for me. Saturday is my last day as a Saluki.

Even worse, today is my last day of being sports editor at the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

My experiences as a sports reporter and editor at the DE have been filled with so many memorable moments. From talking to track and field and cross country coaches to talking to famous NBA personnel, I have had my share of exciting stories and meeting some really great people.

Probably my biggest thrill was getting a phone call from arguably

the most famous alumnus from SIU, basketball legend Walt Frazier.

I was working on a story about the 1967 SIU National Invitational Tournament team, and I wanted to talk to Frazier about that period of his life before he was a star in the NBA. After numerous tries to Madison Square Garden, where Frazier works as an announcer for the New York Knicks, I gave up.

However, that all changed one Thursday afternoon in November when I was handed the phone, then heard the unexpected words "Walt Frazier here ..."

I could not believe I was actually talking to Frazier, who was ready to unfold his tale on being a Saluki. The best part was he wanted me to send him a copy of the article and column I wrote about him. Not too long after I sent that out, I was surprised to get three autographed and personalized photos from him in the mail. I'll never be able to figure out how I pulled that one off.

Frazier was not the only NBA player I had my moment with. When I became sports editor at the beginning of the summer, my goal

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Good luck,
Bolin.

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DeNoon takes charge

CHRISTINE BOLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

After 18 years as head coach of the SIU women's cross country and track and field programs, Don DeNoon is taking on a new role as head coach of the men's cross country team.

DeNoon replaces Bill Cornell as the head coach of the cross country team. Cornell was head coach for both men's cross country and track and field teams for 18 years. Cameron Wright replaced Cornell as head coach for the men's track and field team.

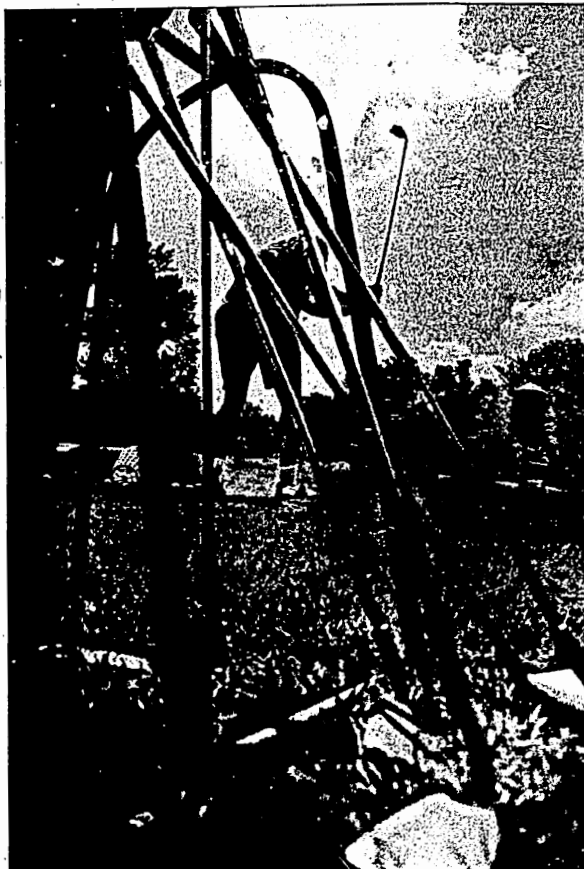
DeNoon said he is excited to lead the Salukis, which was officially decided Monday.

"It's going to be a challenge," DeNoon said. "I think we all need new challenges. It will be interesting to see how the teams work side by side."

A few changes will be made as far as the coaching staff. DeNoon will be the head coach of the Saluki men and women during the cross country season, and during track and field, he will coach the distance runners.

Wright remains the head coach of the men's track and field team, but will specifically coach both men and women jumpers, pole vaulters and help out in events that former assistant sprints and hurdles coach Vince

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FOUR: David Cottrell practices his swing at the Hickory Ridge golf course driving range.

Newton tees up four new recruits

ANDY EGENSEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU men's golf coach Leroy Newton doesn't have to look much farther than the Southern Illinois region to find his talent.

Newton has signed four new recruits for the upcoming season, three of them just a short drive away from their new home. The signees are Brian Kolmer from Salem, Brad Dunker from Red Bud and DuQuoin-native Jason Ferlow. Mike Smith from Danville will join the team as a walk-on this fall.

"They are local, and they have been recruited simply because they are good players," Newton said.

The new additions should compliment a young team that includes senior Brandon Bullard, and sophomores Kurt Pfaff and Tim Hoss, who both had a promising beginning in their first season.

"We've got four kids that were better than

what we had last year," Newton said. "The four kids that we are bringing in should pick up the slack, and we should be very competitive."

The Salukis finished sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference last spring, but Newton thinks the new players could provide an impact within the program in the first year.

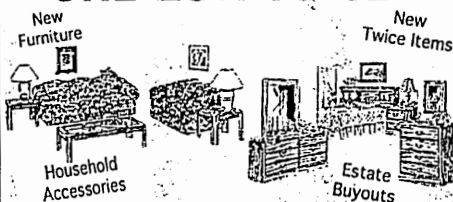
Kolmer and Dunker are expected to compete for the No. 1 ranking within the team. They were both No. 1 players at the junior college level where Kolmer played at Rend Lake Community College and Dunker played at John A. Logan Community College.

Ferlow will join SIU in his freshman season after being named player of the year by the Southern Illinois Golf Association for the past two seasons.

These give Newton some added comfort for the upcoming season.

"Instead of finishing sixth in the tournaments, we should be in the top five," Newton said.

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