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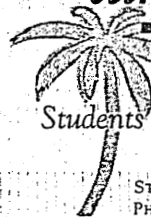
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First Thursday turns TROPICAL



Students enjoy afternoon vacation to "Maui Wau"

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Melissa Daniels sighed deeply as she rounded a corner in the Student Center. She was not sighing from the usual frustration that comes from navigating through the establishment in the afternoon; she had just lost a tricycle race, and, as a result, a free T-shirt.

"I can't believe I just lost," said Daniels, a senior in microbiological science from Gurnee. "And the television station was filming too."

The tricycle race Daniels was defeated in was just one of the many activities available to students as the Student Center added to the usual afternoon rush the excitement of the free First Thursday event. This year's theme, "Maui Wau," was especially popular with students like LaDonna Powell, a junior in early childhood education from Chicago, who attended the event for the second year.

"I went last year, but I definitely enjoyed this year more," Powell said. "I liked the Hawaii theme. The music in the Roman room was relaxing and it was a real nice atmosphere."

During the course of the event, which went on throughout the entire day in the Student Center, students were given the opportunity to make their own leis, hula dance for prizes, make glass beads and metal picks as well as several other activities.

First Thursday, which has been occurring under various names for the past 20 years, not only showcased a Hawaiian theme, but also the Registered Student Organization Fair



Larry Dietz (left), vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, and Student Center's Old Main Restaurant during First Thursday festivities. Despite Rutherford's two-tricycle lead at the finish line, Dietz stole first place and was rewarded the satisfaction of his win.

that provided students with the opportunity to learn more about campus organizations.

Cedric Malone, a member of campus ministry Chi Alpha, sees the fair as a chance to expose students to religion.

"We have a table every year," Malone said. "A lot of people come to SIU, especially from other countries, and it's a good opportunity for us to let them know about the gospel."

The fair was able to present 80 organizations, more than double those that were showcased the previous year.

In addition to RSOs and all things Hawaiian, the Student Center also accommodated a member of the "Real

World Hawaii" cast, Ruthie Alcáide.

Although her speech did not occur until 7 p.m., Alcáide was in the Roman Room to sign autographs and answer any questions admiring fans might have.

The "Real World Hawaii" Ruthie Alcáide answers questions about the show.

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Alcáide said while signing, "You're the best," on one of the many photos she autographed that day. "No one can tell you what to do, but the main message I want to get across to people tonight is that college should be fun, but students should also be responsible."

Whether they were chatting with Alcáide, racing for T-shirts or mak-

ing glass beads, students seem to agree that First Thursday is a welcome part of the Week of Welcome.

"I woke up in a dull mood this morning," said Ron Nesbitt, a senior in administration of justice from Champaign. "But the event was real entertaining, and it made my day a little more hype."

Despite her loss in the tricycle race, even Melissa Daniels had to agree that the trip to "Maui Wau" was well worth it.

"I lost in front of everyone, and I didn't win that T-shirt for my daughter," Daniels said. "But I had fun and that's all that counts."

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"Harmless" T. Jester, Skip Selvey of Fayetteville, Ark., juggles flaming batons as part of First Thursday.

Two assaulted with tire iron outside Pick's

Assault allegedly over infidelity accusations

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man allegedly beat two people with a tire iron in the parking lot of Pick's Liquors, 760 E. Grand Ave., at about 8 p.m. Wednesday night.

Timothy Jon Tatzka, 32, was arrested and charged for aggravated battery and domestic battery after he allegedly hit a man with a cast iron frying pan and a tire iron before turning the tire iron on his own fiancé. Police said the three were waiting for friends outside Pick's Liquors when Tatzka accused the two of having sex while Tatzka was in jail.

Christy Anderson, a resident of Lewis Park, said two men were "running in circles" while one was swinging a tire iron, making contact about half the time.

Anderson said the man with a tire iron turned his aggression on the woman when she tried to separate the two.

Anderson left to call the police and when she returned, she saw a white pickup truck slam on the gas and ram into another white pickup truck.

Police said the second man tried to escape in his truck and Tatzka attempted to grab onto the side of the ramming truck, trying to open the door, continuing the assault with the tire iron.

Anderson said the truck drove under the covered walkway on the side of Carboz Nightclub and Sports Bar, 760 E. Grand Ave.

"He ran after him and started pulling open his door," Anderson said. "One of them got caught between the door and the support beam of Carboz."

Police said the contact with the building knocked Tatzka off the truck.

University police located Tatzka a short distance away and he was hospitalized and taken to the Jackson County jail, according to Carbondale Police.

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Mike Madigan holding strong despite misspending allegations

Speaker of the House remains confident Democrats will do well

Arlin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Speaker of the House Mike Madigan, D-Chicago, is holding steady while allegations concerning misused state money throw more wrenches in the political machine.

GOP Chairman Gary

MacDougal voiced his concern about the Democratic Party, urging state democratic leaders to take charge of their party.

"There were some allegations concerning our former chairman and Ryan called on him," said Terri Hickey, spokeswoman for the Illinois Republican Party. "We publicly cleaned up our problems, and we feel that the Democrats should do the same thing."

Madigan, however, remains virtu-

ally unfazed by the allegations and still holds a positive outlook for the Democrats in November.

"Nobody's going to resign," said Steve Brown, spokesman for Madigan. "It looks like the Democrats are going to do well in November and clean it up."

The allegations are thin, according to Brown. Madigan has been accused of using state employees for political purposes and using state money for private projects. Brown pointed out that the problems currently facing the Republican Party are "much" more serious.

"Their problems are very serious and grave," Brown said. "They're trying to create the illusion that the Democrats' [problems] are as well."

Madigan's daughter, Sen. Lisa Madigan, D-Chicago, made comment on the allegations toward her father and said she believes they should not step down from his position.

"Lisa Madigan gave the wrong answer because she was in a box," said

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro. "She should have been impartial and let the feds handle it but she can't — it's her dad."

Hickey said that the lack of concern within the Democratic Party is a problem that the Republican Party doesn't have.

"There's this black cloud that just keeps getting darker and nobody's doing anything," Hickey said. "They just kinda look the other way."

Brown said that it's simply muck-raking being exercised.

"They're just trying to muddy us up," Brown said.

"His record is quite contrary to the allegations."

In the end, however, it is up to the voters to decide what party they trust more, and Hickey feels that the Republican Party has made enough positive moves to cater to the Illinois voter.

"We're in a climate right now where the voters are demanding change," Hickey said. "Voters are concerned about public corruption and we have demonstrated that we are committed to cleaning up state government."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Arab professor fights for job as in-law deported

MIAMI, Fla. — A Palestinian immigrant who was imprisoned without charges for 3 1/2 years because the federal government alleged he aided terrorists was deported Thursday to the Middle East, according to his attorney.

But while Mazen Al-Najar was flying toward an unnamed country, his brother-in-law remained behind to fight for his job as a computer engineering professor at the University of South Florida.

Both Al-Najar and his relative Sami Al-Arian have been accused but never charged with helping fund the Palestinian Islamic Jihad through two groups, the Islamic Committee for Palestine, a Palestinian charity, and the World and Islam Studies Enterprise, an Islamic think tank that the professor founded.

The men deny that they or the two organizations funded the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

"At 9 a.m. [Al-Najar] was put on a plane and deported alone without his family to a U.S.-friendly Middle Eastern country," said attorney Martin Schwartz in Tampa. Schwartz said Al-Najar's destination would be announced once he settles in the new country.

A spokesman for U.S. Rep. David Bonior, D-Michigan, who has opposed Al-Najar's imprisonment, said the deportation disappointed the lawmaker.

Bush unveils forest plan

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. — Generating criticism from environmentalists, President Bush Thursday announced a new initiative to allow more logging in national forests, a move that he said will curb the threat of wildfires.

"We need to thin," Bush said in a speech that followed a tour of some fire-ravaged land in southwestern Oregon. "We need to make our forests healthy by using some common sense... We need to understand, if you let kindling build up and there's a lightning strike, you're going to get yourself a big fire."

The "Healthy Forests" initiative calls on Congress to pass laws that would "expedite procedures for forest thinning and restoration projects" and "ensure the sustainable forest management and appropriate timber production."

Wildfires, the president said, have destroyed too much, and he criticized regulations that he said undermine effective management of federal lands.

"The forest policy of our government is misguided policy," Bush said. "It doesn't work."

Decrying "endless litigation," Bush said he wants to limit the "red tape" surrounding management of national forests.

"We'll make sure that people have their voice but aren't able to tie it all up," Bush said.

Some environmental groups said the Bush proposal does little more than put the logging industry in charge of protecting the nation's wilderness areas.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police arrested in ethnic deaths

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia has arrested 90 regional officials suspected of inciting ethnic violence that killed about 100 people in the south of the country in March, a pro-government information centre reported on Thursday.

The violence, some of the worst ethnic clashes in Ethiopia for years, pitted members of a political party based around the Sheka-Mezenger ethnic group against members of 18 other tribal communities.

The Walta Information Centre said those arrested were members of the Sheka-Mezenger Democratic Party, which administers the southern Sheka zone, who were accused of inciting ethnic hatred that led to the clashes.

Those arrested have been accused by the people of the region of inciting hatred among 18 ethnic groups which had resulted in the death of some 100 persons," Walta said in a report.

Walta said a government fact-finding mission sent to the Sheka Zone had ordered the arrests of the officials after holding discussions with people affected by the clashes.

The report did not say exactly what sparked the violence, except that the human rights of the 18 ethnic groups had been violated by the Sheka-Mezenger.

Walta said that a deputy police commissioner, district police officials and local administrators were among those arrested.

Army turns up heat on Abu Sayyaf

JOLO, Philippines — The Philippine army is responding to the execution of two people by extremist Muslim militants with heavy shelling of their jungle camps on the remote island of Jolo in the south of the country.

Hundreds of extra troops have been sent to the island as the government intensifies its campaign to crush the al Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf group in the wake of the latest kidnappings.

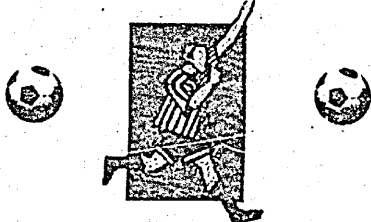
Earlier Thursday, the severed heads of two men were discovered as the military stepped up its search for six hostages taken captive by Abu Sayyaf gunmen on Tuesday.

Three Philippine military battalions have been stationed on the island since the kidnappings were first reported, trying to locate and rescue the hostages.

All six hostages, including the two dead men, are thought to have been door-to-door cosmetics sellers and some were Jehovah's Witnesses.

Philippine officials have told CNN the victims apparently ignored warnings not to venture into the remote area. One of the severed heads had a note taped to it reading: "This is what happens to those who don't believe in Allah."

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RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

JoAnna Johnson organizes a selection of bowls to be displayed in the Student Center's Art Alley Thursday evening in preparation of the Southern Illinois Bowl Exhibition. The Exhibition showcases a sample of community-created bowls that will be auctioned to benefit the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter and Food Pantry.

Community members sculpt for a good cause

Bowl sale benefits
Good Samaritan House

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

They're artistic and sometimes humorous, but with at least three people playing a role in creating each one, they are all unique.

About 60 ceramic bowls, with designs including everything from dozens of eyes to haikus written around the edge, are on display in Art Alley on the second floor of the Student Center.

Hundreds of local citizens, from 2-year-olds to professional artists, have put their hands into the more than 400 ceramic bowls that have been made as part of the Southern Illinois Empty Bowls Project.

JoAnna Johnson, chairwoman of the Empty Bowls Steering Committee, is responsible for helping organize the event, which Johnson says improves the community image while earning money for the Good Samaritan House.

"We had the opportunity to display the bowls, and I think it's a good idea to show what the community has accomplished," she said.

Community members have been contacting those involved in the project and asking for the chance to make or paint bowls.

Johnson said she has received calls from local artists, church groups and even people just looking to have sort of a "Tupperware

party, except with bowl painting."

"It's interesting to get all these different hands in," Johnson said. "Somebody molded it, somebody painted it and somebody fired it."

Children as young as 2 have had a chance to paint the bowls with a dozen different colors, while those as young as 10 have been able to "throw," or sculpt, bowls. All the bowls are made and fired in the Craft Shop area in the basement of the Student Center.

Johnson said each bowl is unique, but some people have used similar ideas when it comes to painting. Flowers, insects and animals are just a few of the popular choices.

"Even though hundreds of people are working on them, there are recurring themes, and I'm trying to group them into those categories," Johnson said as she set up the bowls on Art Alley.

Steve Musselman, an assistant coordinator at the Craft Shop, made about 10 bowls. He majored in metals when he was a student at SIUC a few years ago, but he also enjoys being creative with material such as clay.

"I just really like ceramics," he said. "It's so therapeutic."

Musselman said he was happy with the way the project was progressing and thinks it will be a big success, especially with the proceeds going to the Good Samaritan shelter.

"They help a lot of people in the community and don't just focus on a specific group," he said.

One of the younger artists creating bowls was Adam Floro Jr., 13, an 8th grader at

Marion Junior High School. He has been volunteering in the Craft Shop this summer for about six hours each day while his parents work at the University. So far, he has made four bowls.

"I like it because I got to get messy, but also because the cause is good," Floro said.

The bowls were put on display Thursday and will remain for a few weeks before they are taken down and sold for \$10 a piece at the University Mall. The sale will last for three days, starting Sept. 27.

Anyone who buys a bowl will be given a ticket for a free dinner at Carbondale Middle School on Oct. 16, and he or she is encouraged to bring and use the new bowls at the meal.

Johnson said she hopes another 200 bowls will be made before the sale, and all the proceeds made by selling the bowls will be donated to the Good Samaritan House. Money for the clay and supplies comes from cash donations, so Johnson said none of the earnings would be used to pay for material costs.

Anyone interested in helping may visit the Craft Shop area and sculpt bowls for the good cause.

"It seems intimidating, but it's really easy to do," Johnson said. "It's amazing that from one object — a bowl — we can get so many ideas."

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New chair announced for Radio-Television

Phylis Johnson's new position doesn't mean she'll stop teaching

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Phylis Johnson was named the chair of SIUC's Radio-Television Department, a promotion that came after 12 years teaching audio courses at the University.

She began her duties last Friday and said she still plans to teach audio courses to students.

"I've always loved this Department," she said. "I'm a very student-oriented person."

As the chair, Johnson said she wants to interact with her colleagues as members of a team.

"My goal is just to work with people," she said.

Johnson joined the Radio-Television faculty in 1990 and has served on various committees inside and outside of the college. Additionally, she served as the Department's assistant chair since November 2001.

She has also worked in the radio industry across the nation, including in cities such as Houston, Philadelphia, and St. Louis.

Scott Hodgson, who was the acting chair since January 2000, said he is confident in Johnson's ability to chair the Department, citing her lengthy involvement with the University.

Hodgson said some challenges she will encounter in the future are keeping the department up-to-date with the curricular and working with new faculty members. More than half of the Radio-Television faculty was hired during the last three years, he said.

"Phylis is going to do just an outstanding job," Hodgson said. "It's going to be her job to figure out how we can continue excellence."

Johnson has bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University and is currently a doctoral candidate in instructional technology in SIUC's College of Education and Human Services.

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WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Real World's Ruthie Alcaide spoke about alcoholism at the Student Center Thursday night. Alcaide temporarily left the show to receive treatment for alcohol abuse.

Q & A session with a 'Real World' star

Ruthie Alcaide, former "Real World Hawaii" cast member, gave a lecture about alcoholism and her experience on the MTV show at the Student Center Thursday night. She took time before her presentation to speak with the DAILY EGYPTIAN'S Jessica Yorama.

Daily Egyptian: How do you like SIU so far?

Ruthie Alcaide: I think its pretty cool. I mean the people are very welcoming. I'm having a good time.

Where did you go to college and what was your college experience like?

Rutgers University. Amazing. I was actually journalism major. I minored in psychology. College is what you make of it. You can't just go to class. You need to get involved in things. The more involved you are in a lot of things especially in college where you're deciding what you want to do with your life. And the only way to find yourself is to put yourself out there.

As someone who has experienced the frustration that comes with college, what would you recommend to students?

Just enjoy it. Like when you have an assignment, you can't wait to the last minute. That's why when I was in college I would do my assignment that day. Everyone else would do it the day it was due and they'd be like, "where's your homework?" and I would tell them, "I already have it done." Just don't

procrastinate. That's my advice.
Do you get recognized often? How do you feel about the fact that you're now considered a celebrity and the manner in which you obtained this fame?

A lot in the first couple of years after my show, but it's kind of died down. I'm about to do the "Real World" challenge and I know its going to be nuts after that.

I'm just doing my thing; I'm still Ruthie, with or without that status from the show you still who you are.

You went through a lot of difficulties on the "Real World." Do you regret the experience, and would you do it again?

I think the "Real World" is like college. You have a lot of fun and you go through good stuff and bad stuff, but I don't think I'd do it again.

You earned somewhat of a reputation on the show. Would you say that what people witnessed on the show is an accurate depiction of your character?

It's based on reality but its not the whole story, so it kind of it makes it fake. I mean, there's not music playing in the background in real life to make things more dramatic. It's also out of chronological order. I did a lot of things in Hawaii like scuba diving, but they just wanted to show me getting drunk all the time and tell the story of alcohol abuse, which are reality but not the whole reality of my experience.

What advice do you have for other individuals dealing with issues of bisexuality and alcoholism? (2)How have you dealt with these issues since the show ended?

I'm definitely going to talk about alcoholism tonight. With bisexuality I found it was a lot harder to be in the closet than out because it was more of a burden to stay in there. I think a lot of kids are scared because they think their friends won't love them if they find out their gay or bi, but your true friends are gonna love you anyway. As far as how I've been dealing with it. (2) I haven't; it's not an issue.

I heard you refer to yourself as a "mutt" earlier. I'm sure a lot of people are curious about your racial background?

Filipino, Samoan, Spanish, Irish and French.

What have you been doing since "The Real World"? What are your plans for the future?

I've been traveling around, doing stuff with music and I just got with an agency so I'm getting into acting.

As far as the not so distant future is concerned, what are your plans while in Carbondale?

Tonight in Carbondale, I'm gonna get a little taste of everything. I'm going to get something to eat, hang around with people. Basically go wherever Nikki [Hornberry, Student Center special programs graduate assistant] takes me.

International students can continue 'Conversations' with IPS office

New program familiarizes international students with United States, SIU

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Naseem Ahmed knows that international students have to handle issues. After all, she was an international student herself.

It is difficult for students to land here and to sit through new information we throw at them while grappling with living situations, registration and adjustment to a new place," Ahmed said.

But Ahmed, the international student adviser, has developed a new program called "Conversations" that will expand on the initial orientation process all international students follow.

"Conversations," which will start at 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 4 in Northwest Annex B217 and will continue weekly, is a program that provides a time and space specifically marked for international students to come and talk to Ahmed about anything and everything.

In the past, if international students wanted to visit Ahmed about their concerns, they had to make an appointment after orientation ended. But "Conversations" allows students to drop by every Wednesday to chat about their problems and ideas.

Ahmed said the first two weeks of school are when students have more problems. She said students have already approached her with housing situations and two individuals with cases of homesickness.

Vikas, a freshman in electrical engineering from Delhi, India, just arrived in the United States three days ago, missing orientation week for international students.

He said has not had troubling settling into Carbondale but said the extended orientation process would benefit those who need help.

"The program is quite nice for someone who wants to know more," Vikas said.

"Conversations" is designed to allow one-

on-one sessions so the students with such problems can stop by and talk to Ahmed, regardless of how long they stay to chat.

"This is their time; they can pop by for fifteen minutes or hang around for the length of the two hours, drink a cup of coffee or a tea with me and some international goodies and feel a true and openness to talk about all the things that are important to them," Ahmed said.

Aside from talking about how they are feeling about life at SIU, Ahmed hopes students' "Conversations" will also give her ideas on what the Office of International Programs and Services can do to improve programs or present new ideas.

"I can't tell you how these are going to be shaped, but we already have many programs in our orientation and throughout the year," Ahmed said.

These include workshops on taxes, public safety, career services and SIU involvement throughout September and October. The IPS office also involves students in outreach programs such as teaching English, visiting other schools and spouse programs.

Nowal Belafqih, an SIU student hopeful from Casablanca, Morocco, came to

Carbondale in June, taking a few courses in

July. During the past three months, Belafqih said it was hard to learn the different customs of Americans and plans to attend the "Conversations" sessions, even though she already has been through the orientation process.

"There are some differences here, such as girls here just say 'hi,' but in Morocco they kiss each other on the cheek," said Belafqih, who plans to enroll at SIU in October. "Ahmed is nice, and we have talked before about classes and things like that."

Ahmed encourages student input on programs but hopes to form new programs that will cover more of the academic and interactive role international students play on campus.

"We really need to tap into foreign students as real academic sources on our campus, more away from the song and dance and the cultural showcasing of their costume and food that we traditionally do," Ahmed said.

"We want to go one step beyond and see how we can showcase their academic accomplishments or contributions to our community and campus and engage them in public meetings and forum, where they are the ones leading the discussions."

A foreign student about 25 years ago, Ahmed said she believes that foreign students must be valued for more than their costumes and cuisine but also for their wealth of knowledge, experience and nature that they bring to a country.

"Through 'Conversations,' I hope to get ideas and establish programs that will involve international students and can share these qualities with the rest of students on campus," Ahmed said.

"Little gestures of kindness or hope, as they muddle through the first week, is really something that makes a huge difference in the life of the new student."

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

USG picnic moved to front of Brush Towers

The USG picnic from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday has been moved to the grassy area in front of Brush Towers Residence Hall.

The picnic, co-sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, the Black Affairs Council, Illusions Beauty Salon and CW Beauty Supply, is open to all students.

International Friends Club hosts Newcomers Party Sunday at the Student Recreation Center

The International Friends Club will welcome new international students to their Newcomers Party from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge.

Host families, conversation partners and their invited guests are also welcome to attend and are encouraged to bring finger food to share at the party.

To confirm your attendance, please call Beth Mochnick at 453-5774.

Simon's interview with Romeo Dallaire airs tonight

Former United Nations commander Romeo Dallaire appears in a new episode of "One On One" tonight from 8:30 to 9 p.m. on WSIU-TV, the SIUC public television affiliate.

Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, interviews Dallaire about the former commander's experience as the head of the Peacekeeping force in Rwanda. In 1994, more than 800,000 civilians were killed in a civil war, despite Dallaire's pleas to the United Nations for more troops. Dallaire talks about the mission of preventing atrocities such as the one in Rwanda.

CARBONDALE

Tae-Kwon Do classes offered

The Carbondale Park District is offering Junior Tae-Kwon Do Sept. 9 through Oct. 30. Youths 10 and older can participate in this program that teaches fundamental techniques, self-defense and awareness. It will meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Perry's Tae Kwon-Do, 200 N. Emerald Lane.

The registration deadline is Sept. 2, but a 10 percent discount will be given to those who register before Aug. 26. The cost is \$12 per student.

Rotary scholarships awarded

The Rotary Club of Carbondale has awarded two Carbondale Community High School graduates with \$1,000 scholarships.

Katrina Beebe and Chris Norington were awarded Rotary Club of Carbondale-Breakfast Scholarships and will attend John A. Logan College this fall.

Upcoming Events for International Students

- Aug. 26, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Dept. of Public Safety
"Campus Safety" B217 Northwest Annex
- Aug. 29, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
University Career Services
"Future of Employment in USA" 2-4 Woody Hall
- Sept. 4, 2 to 4 p.m.
"Conversations," weekly afternoons with international students B217 Northwest Annex (continues throughout the semester, every Wednesday, same time and place)
- Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
SIUC Theatre Dept. "A Newcomer's Guide to Living in America"
McLeod Theatre in the Communications Building
- Oct. 1 to 5 p.m.
Sokali Volunteer Corps "Involvement Through Volunteerism"
Activity Room D, Student Center, third floor

Contractors work to repair a section of Poplar Street that has broken open near Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. The street work was being done to connect the hospital's still under construction obstetrics unit for sewage and other utilities.

ALEX HADJINO
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Memorial Hospital expands obstetrics unit

Expansion will help accommodate birthing mothers on busy days

Kristina Herrndobler
Daily Egyptian

Memorial Hospital of Carbondale delivers about 2,000 babies a year.

Now they are ready for them.

The hospital is in the middle of a 10,500-square-foot obstetrics expansion project.

The project will provide additional space in the unit, offering a total of 18 obstetrics beds, seven ante-partum beds and seven labor/delivery/recovery suites.

"We are trying to cope with the volume that we are receiving," said George Maroney, administrator of the hospital.

"Deliveries come in surges, opposed to a steady rate. So, some days we were delivering 20 babies in a day and other days only one or two. But we have to have the capacity to man-

age those peaks."

With the completion of four delivery rooms, Maroney said the hospital is now ready for those busy times.

Still, with 14 obstetricians and several nurses, hospital staff is expected to remain the same. Maroney said that although the amount of in-house positions will not change, the addition will employ local union craftsmen who will do the construction.

With a neonatal intensive care unit, it will also be more prepared to handle high-risk pregnancies, when patients can often be hospitalized for a week up to months before they deliver.

In addition, a new nursery will be located close to delivery rooms, hopefully leaving the hospital with a more family-oriented feel, Maroney said.

Though the project is significant, the hospital is going on with normal business.

"You can't stop anything," he said. "You just have to work around the construction."

Though Maroney admits construction can sometimes be a minor inconvenience, it is not

something that Memorial Hospital is not already accustomed to.

"I can't even recall a period of time when there hasn't been construction going on," he said.

"Whether it is with sprinklers or offices, we have to keep up with modern medicine."

And sometimes that upkeep is quite expensive.

The obstetric addition has a price tag of \$6 million and is being paid for with a combination of the hospital's house reserves and bond money.

Memorial Hospital is a private, not-for-profit hospital and not dependent on government funds. With the large influx of patients from all over Southern Illinois, the hospital considers itself a regional hospital.

"Our good doctors and specialty care draws patients from over 70 miles away," Maroney said.

"And that is what makes the difference."

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Freshman parking selected by lottery at Cal Poly State

Chrystal L. Anderson
Mustang Daily (California Poly State U.)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) — The California Poly State University parking lot wars will continue this fall as students will be forced to hunt for a decreased number of parking spaces because of the construction of new dormitories.

However, the University Police Department has implemented a new tactic that it anticipates will curb the parking crunch, UPD associate director Cindy Campbell said.

A parking permit lottery will be imposed on all freshmen, Campbell said. Winning a permit will allow students to bring a car to park on campus while living in the dorms.

"The lottery will not be in the student's favor," she said. "That is not so, as of today. There are 1,413 beds and 50 percent of the beds have parking spaces. Interestingly enough, that demand has been met."

In addition to the dorm construction using part of the residential parking lots, the 800 beds in new dorms will have to survive without 800 additional parking spaces, Campbell said.

Some students see this as bad planning.

"If Cal Poly keeps letting more and more freshmen in without expanding the parking lot, where do they think these people are going to go?" journalism sophomore Nicole Angeloni said. "It is not like the incoming freshmen do not have as many cars (ratio-wise) as we did. I think it is a real travesty that this is being dealt with."

Reervsieve feels the parking lottery seems like a good solution.

"I bricly heard about this policy, which I think is a great idea," Reervsieve said. "They need to find a way to limit on-campus housing parking and this is the only fair way to do it."

There are other things that this lottery is aimed at doing, said Fred Mills, UPD communication and records coordinator.

"We would like to see (students) use alternative forms of transportation," he said.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Another war isn't the answer to look for

Cass Rains
Daily O'Collegian (Oklahoma State U.)

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE)— Tuesday evening, a group of dissidents wanting the overthrow of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein stormed the Iraqi embassy in Berlin.

The group was able to take hostages, including the ambassador, before German police could subdue the attackers.

According to the Fox News Web site, a group called the Democratic Iraqi Opposition, based in Germany, has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Occurring only a month prior to national elections in Germany, the group's decision to take action could spark support in Germany and throughout the rest of Europe to follow the plan of an attack on Iraq being pushed so hard by George Bush.

How could an attack on Iraq be beneficial this time around? We won't be fighting the same war our president's father started some 10 years ago.

This isn't about oil or, uh, injustice. It's about terrorism.

The same reason we persecute specific ethnic groups and have completely suspended the rights of individuals based entirely on the faux safety of our country.

If we are so frightened by terrorists and the countries that harbor them, we should look inward for ways to strengthen our defenses and calm our national nerves.

If we wage war against Iraq, it will not so closely resemble the war we fought a decade ago. We will not have as many supporters and allies.

This will not be a war heralded with ticker tape parades.

If war is waged, it will be against a different enemy. It will not be as clean cut and deliberate as its predecessor.

The weapons will be used not against soldiers but against innocent citizens of countries that help us oppose Saddam Hussein.

There will be far more many lives lost this go round, especially if the Times and Post decide to print our battle plan once more.

Aside from the loss of life a war with Iraq could bring, there could be far reaching and devastating political consequences.

The attack led by the Democratic Iraqi Opposition was showing support from within Iraq to topple the leadership of Saddam Hussein.

Not only will it strengthen the arguments of George Bush for a go ahead on his attack, it will also put pressure on the current German chancellor since this event occurred so close to elections.

While that may seem like a step in the right direction for any democracy-loving, red-blooded American, what Democratic Iraqi Opposition did was just as despicable and cowardly as other acts of terrorism our leader has vehemently denounced to every other country in the world via national television.

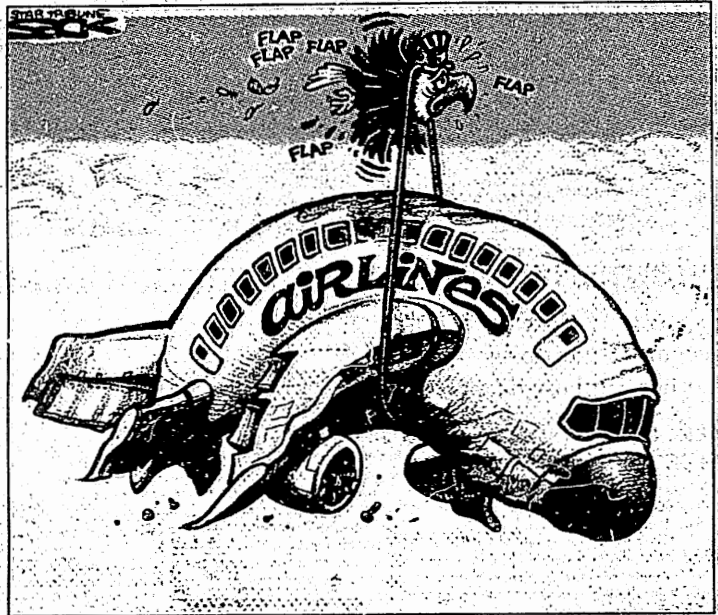
But now, so close to the national German elections and the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, an act of terrorism is justification for war.

If we want to win the war on terrorism, we must not start another "real" war that will require the fullest attention of our government's bureaucracies and tax an already shaky economy.

War isn't always the answer, even when you think you're invincible.

A war has never been fought where one side didn't have any casualties.

By and far, America has had enough casualties this past year.



THEIR WORD

Aid benefits third world nations

Staff Editorial
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas: (U-WIRE) — The currently fashionable social movement du jour, the apartheid of the 21st century is globalization, a vaguely defined bogeyman of cultural and corporate encroachment.

Globalization has been cited as the reason for all sorts of maladies and tragedies, anything and everything from the disappearance of the local coffee shop to the Sept. 11 attacks.

While local and regional culture, cuisine and customs should not idly await assimilation by the supposed McDonald's/Coca-Cola/Disney juggernaut, there is something to be said for the rapid advancement of primitive, pre-industrial economies through the influence of multinational corporations.

The Williamsburg-era American way of life was charming, too, but it's nice to be able to light one's home without having to dip one's own candles in ye olde tallow vat.

The human rights abuses engendered by globalization, such as sweatshops and illicitly enriched dictatorial regimes, are unfortunate and must ultimately be vanquished.

However, the transition to a post-industrial economy can allow for great gains in terms of a nation's standard of living and ability to care for its citizens.

More citizens can be employed than previously possible, and a greater return on national production can be gained through trade on the world market.

Modernization can enhance the cultivation and output of natural resources so that instead of employment in dangerous mines or sodden

rice patties, a greater number of a country's citizens can work in the service sector.

The problems attributed to globalization lie as much in corrupt statist regimes as in money-grubbing CEOs. There is nothing intrinsically abhorrent about a McDonald's on the streets of Germany, Brazil or the Congo.

If the demand did not exist, neither would the restaurant. American corporations are not subsidizing franchises at a loss in order to promote an agenda of cultural hegemony.

Instead, they are providing a product or service that people clearly want.

Intellectuals and activists have no right to their idealized vision of world harmony on third world nations whose people and economies desperately desire an influx of foreign investment.

If they do so, they run the risk of being as guilty as their corporate counterparts in imposing their values on a developing society.

The apex of such lunacy was on display at the University of Texas-Austin late last year, when a group of activists launched a protest of Taco Bell because the fast food company bought some of their tomatoes from a company that allegedly did not pay their workers a "living wage."

A niche will always exist for local products and customs and traditional ways of life; no amount of multinational influence will ever eradicate that.

Instead of protesting the legitimate, beneficial existence of corporations with a worldwide presence, opponents of globalization should seek the identification and punishment of those companies exploiting third world workers and the regimes that enrich themselves through the blood of their people.

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COLUMNISTS



The stories we tell ourselves

There is no such thing as a time machine. What happens now is fate, meant to be or simply accidental, but whatever you believe, it is and it will stay that way.

Once had a therapist who suggested I look at life through the stories I tell myself. If people should tell themselves the story of how their parents didn't pay their college tuition and hold it up as an example of the lack of love from those parents that is the result of the story being told.

You could tell yourself, instead, that your parents made a mistake, didn't have enough money, that perhaps you should have had a job and been contributing.

I believe in this method of life, of taking responsibility and of admitting the truth, but in a way that makes a positive impact, and the lesson to be learned and accepted that.

So, I accept the reasoning behind trying to make a bad into a good; reap the positive from the negative and make lemonade out of lemons.

When it comes to politics and history I think that we, as a people, as humans, tend to carry this too far. Let me give World War II as an example; I was taught, as many of us were, that we were fighting against Hitler, who was the propagator of the war.

We were fighting to free the Jews from the concentration camps, and we were fighting the good fight.

World War II brings to mind pleasant images of victory gardens, scrap metal drives and smart looking men in uniform with healthy, pink checked guns on their arms, Rosie the Riveter and much more.

A little something for everyone: Women were equal; everyone did their part; and we were fighting the good fight, we were the good guys, right? Mostly.

Any rational person must admit that Hitler was not the sole contributor of bad and evil things in that war. There were many participants, though it always feels good to point the finger at one man, but the truth is if we did have a time machine, killing Hitler as a youth would not stop World War II, and all the Jews would have been massacred anyway.

He was the leader, but there were thousands of leaders that were waiting for their chance. He just got there first. We joined the war after Pearl Harbor, we were forced into the war by the Japanese, and then we became no better

than our own enemies. We, the American government, rounded up American citizens that were of Japanese origin and put them in internment camps, in only somewhat better conditions than those of their Jewish counterparts.

Speaking about this one day, it was remarked that it would be hard to fight a war against a country when the inhabitants are living on our soil.

It can't be helped but to point out that no German citizens were put into these camps.

Men, women and children who had lived here their whole lives, and whose families had lived here for generations, were arrested for their heads.

Lives were forever destroyed then, and many more forever altered when we ended the war by dropping the bomb on Hiroshima.

Hundreds of thousands of people who had nothing to do with the war directly died that day. Children lying in their cribs were torn to pieces by explosives that the US was responsible for dropping, and we danced in the streets.

Framed pictures of soldiers kissing girls in Times Square can be bought; hung on our walls and pointed to as images of our country, held up in the folklore that we tell our children.

It is possible to go ahead and admit wrongdoing. Like the holocaust deniers, rather than admit we are flawed and have made terrible mistakes, we pretend that it never happened.

There is a way to learn from our mistakes, and I don't think we have. When Sept. 11 happened, we all had to question what would make someone, anyone, hate us so much.

These men were not crazy, and neither is their leader. There is a reason for their hatred, and I would like to know what it is. Our president calls them "the axis of evil" and insists that they hate us because we are prosperous and free. I cannot believe this.

As a nation, we continue to make mistakes and to invest in our pockets, rather than in our souls. I look at the internment camps and then at the men being rounded up this very day, held without bail and denied access to a lawyer, because of their nationality.

We are allowing hatred and fear to get the best of us. Looking into history at slavery, bigotry and injustice, I would like to think in those



Fekless Ponderings

BY ABIGAIL WHEATELY
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As a nation, we continue to make mistakes and to invest in our pockets rather than in our souls.

moments, when it is the hardest to be the one to say something that I would stand and be counted.

I will do my best now. I believe that the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay are not being treated within the legal boundaries of the Geneva Convention. I believe that they are being tortured, and I am ashamed and disappointed in our officials for allowing that to occur.

I believe that our country, the United States, has committed crimes against humanity and that we are now suffering for it. We need to tell ourselves the stories that will make a difference, not make us feel better. Rewriting history will only leave us empty and without proper direction.

Let me be very clear: I love my country. I also love my husband, and he is flawed. We all are. The idea that pretending that we are great will make us great is no longer a realistic idea.

Our children are undereducated and overly armed. The sad truth about our economy is that if the terrorists had just waited, we would have self destructed under our own greed.

We need to see what the problem is and try to leave our children with a better world when we leave it.

In the meantime, I will tell my children stories about the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and Santa Claus. I think that if we are to tell them fairy tales, they should be the ones that make their lives better, brighter and more enjoyable.

Abigail's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GUEST COLUMNIST

The 9/11 report can go only so far

E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News

(KRT) — The funerals continue these many months later, as remains are identified with the best that scientific knowledge has to offer through DNA matches of bone and tissue from strands of hair or spittle on a toothbrush. But still the questions remain: Why? Why did so many people die Sept. 11?

What, other than being Americans living in this land, could we have done differently? Stabs at answering will go on well beyond our lifetimes or those even of our grandchildren. But the city offered a limited answer to some of the questions Monday in the form of a report that pains us in the realization — the official realization — that many of the 343 Fire Department members and 23 Police Department officers and, most forgotten most of the time in the media, the 37 officers of the Port Authority Police Department did not have to die that day.

Too many of them ran into the breach rather than operating from staging areas away from the World Trade Center site. Too many of the Fire Department's leaders were together in the most vulnerable area.

Still, from overly enthusiastic but undirected deployment to bum radios to rivalry between uniformed services, New York's Bravest and Finest managed to pull off what Mayor Michael Bloomberg described as "the most successful urban emergency evacuation in modern history."

Some 25,000 people made it out of the twin towers; 2,800, including the rescuers, did not.

What our Bravest and Finest — and their civilian support — responded to was a fire at the World Trade Center; from that day forward, they will be prepared to respond to possible future terrorist attacks.

When the alarm sounds in the future, meaning today, really — they will be prepared for chemical, biological and radiological attacks. The leaders of the Fire Department and the Police Department have taken to heart the lessons of Sept. 11.

But in the end, there is this: We will never know all the answers to the whys, despite hearing so many of those tapes of 911 calls or final messages left on answering machines or seeing videotape of the final minutes before the towers came crumbling down.

A comment from the other side

DEAR EDITOR:

I've noticed the debate over the "under God" phrase in the Pledge of Allegiance. Generally, it seems that sympathies lie with those who want it dropped as offensive to the First Amendment. I wish to register a comment on the other side. Consider this as coming from an American patriot proud of six years diplomatic service for his country.

Coming from a family that suffered very much because nationalist ideology elevated a certain European country "under aller in der Welt" (over all in the world), I find the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance the Pledge's sole redeeming characteristic. Without the "under God" phrase, the Pledge of Allegiance becomes a dreadful violation of the First and Second Commandments (Exodus 20:1-6), which, even if nine elderly judges in Washington don't like them, have outlasted many a state, that has either ignored them or held them in contempt. Also, without the "under God" phrase, I would feel constrained to ask my sons, for the sake of their souls, to refrain from joining classmates in repeating the Pledge.

In the past 100 years, more people have been massacred, displaced, imprisoned or thrown out of work in the names of various secular idols than suffered for the wrong kind of Christianity or none at all between the conversion of Constantine and Ruzgels v. New York (an 1811 case upholding a conviction for blasphemy). I sleep a lot easier knowing that I live in a country, that recognizes that it is answerable to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob than in one, which demands the sort of solemn oath, which only God may rightly demand from a rational creature. Why? The Hebrew Bible, which teaches the God of the "under God" clause, holds that this God holds nations accountable. Even if a nation is His beloved Judah ruled by the descendants of His beloved friend David, this God can send the Babylonian hordes as punishment if that nation oppresses when God asks for justice (Isaiah 5). Too often, so-called "free thought," "atheism" and "agnosticism" serves as a cloak for setting up 1,500 gods of

nation, class, race, gender, "historical necessity," "the dialectic" or what have you, which are a lot less likely to demand serious ethical self-reflection from either the individuals who set them up or from the community as a whole.

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On being a Christian

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter in response to the column on Aug. 21 by LeNie Adolphson titled, "What is being Christian?"

First, let me say we are in total agreement that it is not a Christian thing to steal land or enslave or subjugate anyone. People all over the world in every religion call themselves Christian or Muslim or Jewish or say they have a "deep religious faith," yet they do things in total opposition to their faith, which means one of two things: Either they are calling themselves religious but are truly not, or they are human and make mistakes.

Where are the Christians when there are homeless or hungry or single mothers? They are everywhere! But who knows about them? The only thing you seem to hear about Christians through the media is negative: Where is the media when the many Christians around this country volunteer their time with Habitat for Humanity or Crisis Pregnancy Centers or the many food & clothing pantries run by churches in the area? We are out there. Where are you, LeNie? If you are deeply religious, why don't you know about us? Maybe you need to find a new church. I can name a half dozen churches in this area that reach out to those in need on a continuous basis. But we don't do it for media attention. (It's a good thing, because we certainly don't get any). We do it because God asks it of us. The most giving people I know are also the most unknown.

Being a Christian is not about religion. Many, many things have been done in the name of religion that are in no

way Christian. Being a Christian is about having a relationship with our Father, our Creator. When you have that relationship, it will show through you.

Because we are not perfect, because we are completely flawed, God had to send us a bridge back to Him. He did that through Jesus Christ. With Him, all things are possible. With Him, we do help people, we do take on social issues. If you want to gripe about social ills, do better research. Don't generalize and lump everyone together. There are differences between people who have a relationship with God and show the fruit of that relationship and those who call themselves religious but bear no fruit.

The Constitution was written by many men, most of whom I believe had a relationship with their Creator. They understood His Power and His Word. But they were still men, and they made mistakes, just like we all do. America prides itself on its "freedom of religion," meaning everyone (including Christians) has the right and the freedom to talk about and practice their own religion. That is what the founding fathers intended.

The difference between self-proclaimed religious people and Christians is in the heart. Only God knows what is in a person's heart, and only God can judge them. So while you are Christian bashing, look inside yourself. If you want to make the world better, start with yourself. All of us must look inside ourselves and examine what we see. Are we doing our part to make this world a better place, or are we just complaining because we don't see everyone else doing it for us?

Change must come from within. Do you feel confident in your relationship with God? Are you listening to Him? Are you helping His people (meaning anyone on this earth that needs help)? Are you giving of your time? Or are you living only for yourself?

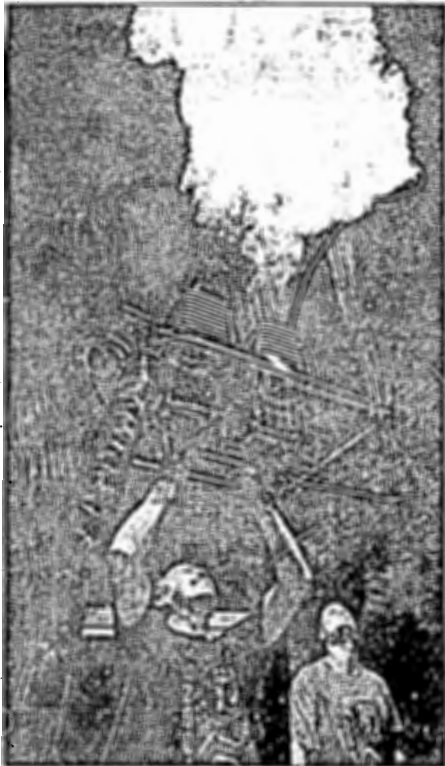
We should not have time to worry about people who do terrible things in the name of religion. We should be spending our time listening to and talking with God to find out what we can do next to make things better while we are here.

Sharon Granderson
Fellowship In Christ Church
Carterville, Ill.

LETTERS



Bob Cearlock holds one of two ropes attached to the top of the balloon's envelope to ensure that it's securely grounded during the balloon glow event Saturday at the Centralia Balloon Festival. The balloon, "Freedom Flight III," is flown by different pilots at events around the world to raise awareness about the 8,500 plus U.S. soldiers missing in action or prisoners of war.



After being forced to bring down his hot air balloon early because of bad weather, Luke Cesnik puts on a show for the crowd by firing his two propane burners into the air at the 2002 Centralia Balloon Fest on Saturday evening. Together the burners produce 19 million British thermal units, creating an intense flash of light and startling unexpected participants at the weekend festival.

The AIR up THERE

'Freedom Flight' soars the air as a reminder of the soldiers who fought for our country but never came home

STORY BY MOLLY PARKER • PHOTOS BY DEREK ANDERSON

Luke Cesnik turned the burner valves from inside the basket of his hot air balloon and red, super-heated flames pushed warm air into the envelope of the balloon. He shouted commands at his crew to hold it steady from the opposite end as it began to inflate and fight with the wind. It took the weight of six people in the basket to keep it from leaving the ground.

It is the simplest of scientific principals that makes the balloon rise: Warm air is less dense than cool air. Yet it is a delicate, in-synch dance of at least eight team members who keep the balloon from surrendering to the wind. After cool air was first pushed into the balloon with a gigantic fan, Cesnik turned the burner valves and the hot flames began to breathe life into the seven-story, 300-pound balloon honoring U.S. soldiers who are prisoners of war or missing in action. It began to fatten, stretch toward the sky and sway in the wind. Something that was earlier lifeless began to develop a feisty personality.

The team fought that balloon, and eventually they came out the winners. They succeeded in tying it to the ground for the balloon glow that was about to take place at the 13th Annual 2002 Centralia Balloon Fest.

But as much work as it was for a team of eight to put up a hot air balloon, nothing could motivate them to take it down as quickly as thunder and lightning.

Although balloon pilots will float above the terrain that most of us are content being grounded to and almost completely at the mercy of the wind, hanging their lives on a gigantic piece of cloth, one thing balloonists won't do is challenge the forecast.

The more than 40 balloon pilots that were present ordered their balloons down at the first sign

of bad weather canceling the glow, as did the husband-and-wife pilot team, Luke and Pam Cesnik.

Luke, however, wouldn't let the fast-approaching storm rain on his show.

Cesnik stood in the basket now disconnected from the envelope, or the cloth part of the balloon, and turned valves similar to those on a gas grill.

Red flames shot at least seven feet high against the darkening sky as two burners, emitting 19 million British thermal unit each, sent a heat wave across the gathering crowd.

"Don't mind the man behind the curtain," he said, imitating Dorothy's run-in with the unlikely stage man in "The Wizard of Oz."

Again and again, he turned the valves, causing red flames to shoot from his arms and a loud roar similar to that of a jet engine sounding from the burners. His eyes lit up like a little kid at the carnival or a 16-year-old boy behind the wheel of a car for the very first time.

He was just showing off, and his wife knew it.



Pam and Luke Cesnik work quickly to arrange the various ropes that will ensure that the seven-story balloon or envelope is inflated properly and secured to the ground.

330 million year old fossils on display at University Museum

Anna, Belleville fourth-grade scientists conducted research

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

University Museum visitors can view and 330 million year old marine fossils because of the efforts of area fourth graders.

At the museum, the "Young Earth Scientists Project" is on display, featuring fossils discovered by the students. The exhibit lasts all semester.

This year, students at Ellis Elementary School in Belleville and Davie Elementary School in Anna conducted their field study at St. Clair and Johnson counties.

The museum displays a chart comparing the number of the different types of fossils each school found at their study sites, which scientists say were once a seabed.

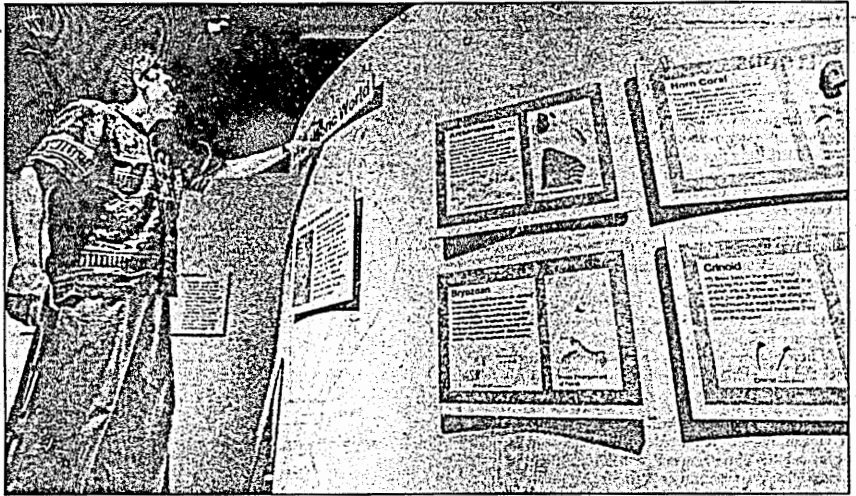
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Bob DeHoet
education coordinator, University Museum

Marine fossils are exhibited for visitors, as well as informative drawings and essays written by the children chronicling the research project.

Museum Education Coordinator Bob DeHoet and SIUC geologist Harvey Henson partnered with the elementary children, guiding them to investigate the history of the fossils.

“This gives them a chance to think about what this place could've looked like, what was this alien world like,” DeHoet said. “We tell them you're looking at something that's 330 million years old. Even though none of



STEVEN JANHKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Museum Education Coordinator Bob DeHoet hangs one of the last signs for the "Young Earth Scientists Project" before the exhibits open Wednesday at the University Museum.

us can really conceptualize that, they do their damndest in working with that from the beginning.”

Every year, DeHoet and Henson send fourth-grade children a letter asking them to do hands-on research on fossils at a selected site around the region.

“We set it up as a question: ‘What was life like 330 million years ago when the fossils were living creatures?’” said Henson, also a SIUC faculty member.

While at the sites, the young scientists come up with hypotheses about what the area might have looked like. Following the field study, the schools corresponded with each other and reported their experience via e-mail. Drawing, math work and reading and communicating with others are some of the

skills the students contributed to the project.

Besides gaining an education, the youngsters are also recognized, said Nancy Beasley, a fourth-grade teacher at Ellis.

“It is meaningful for our school and the students because they're being validated for their efforts,” she said.

Henson and DeHoet, who created the project 10 years ago, said the program does a great service to the students because the work cuts across the school curriculum.

“The nice thing for me is to work with them and getting beyond the fact that, ‘Boy we have some neat stuff here’ and getting them to the point where they're starting to think, ‘OK these are interesting fossils but what's the story that they tell us?’ and to see the fourth graders go with you on that path is

very exciting.”
And their young age does not deter their efforts in digging deeply into scientific research.

“They get really interested in going beyond that. We're talking about kids that are just at the beginning of really doing a lot of abstract thinking,” DeHoet said.

DeHoet and Henson said they will work to expand the project to other schools throughout the nation.

“It's nice in a way that the project can inform and remind us what the University can do working with the community,” DeHoet said.

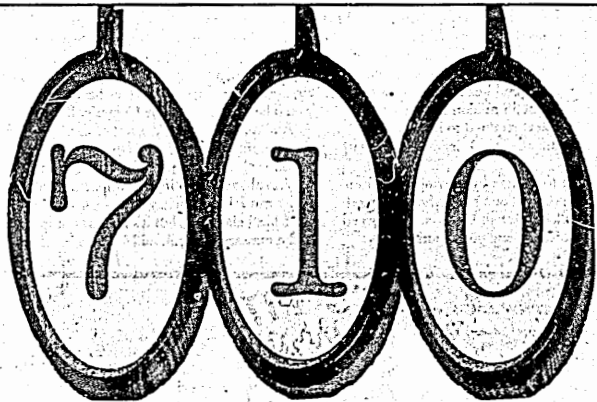
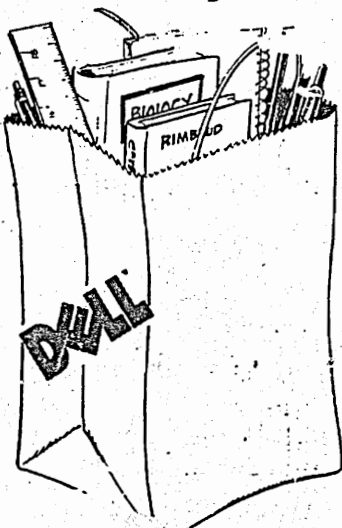
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"C C Speaks!" Lecturer Carolyn Cornelison, spoke to an audience comprised mostly of SIU athletic teams Wednesday night in Student Center Ballroom D. Although most of her speech was light-hearted and comical, it simultaneously carried serious messages about her personal battle with alcoholism.

Save your breath on 'bad air' days

Aline McKenzie
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — So the brief respite of relatively cool summer weather is over, and we're moving full-tilt into a sweltering summer, complete with ozone.

The noxious pollutant, which irritates the nose and lungs, has driven some

people out of the outdoors.

Take Christy Nielsen-Crotts from Fort Worth, Texas. A marathon runner who hopes to qualify for the 2004 Olympics, she's no slouch when it comes to working out.

But even she finally has given up on afternoons.

"This week, I just said I'm going to use the treadmills," she says. "Even at 6 o'clock in the morning, it's just terrible. You can't

breathe."

It's not just the heat, she says. She comes from Iowa, where it gets as hot as North Texas, but without the ozone.

"It feels like your legs weigh a ton, and you can't breathe," she says. "It's not fun."

Brian Hasenbauer, a Dallas personal trainer who coaches bicyclists, runners and triathletes, says he had to stop work-

ing out entirely on a recent day when his lungs were burning.

"I was having a real hard time breathing," he says. "It was almost like an asthma attack."

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Guardian angels protect women from rape drug

Two entrepreneurs work to protect female partygoers

Heather Zwaduk
 Mustang Daily
 (California Poly State U.)

Users are instructed to dip the test strips, which are FDA approved, into their beverage whenever they have left it unattended. After approximately 10 to 15 seconds, if the strip changes color then the beverage could be laced with GHB and should not be consumed.

Cutler said that the beauty of the product lies in the speed in which it can detect the drug.

"Just 10 seconds can stop someone from being raped," she said.

The kits include five strips and cost \$5. Each strip can be used three times before it must be discarded. Garcia said that one of the main goals of the women had when creating the kits was to keep them affordable, so that there would be no excuse for not using them.

"We are not looking to become millionaires [from this]," Garcia said. "You can't make something to help people and then make it so expensive that they can't afford it."

The idea for Guardian Angel test kits was born in 1999 when Cutler and Garcia were watching a news segment on the use of GHB, which is illegal throughout the United States. According to the Guardian Angel Web site, GHB produces loss of consciousness and muscle control, making it easier for the rapist to take advantage of the victim.

Because the drug is colorless and tasteless, and because it produces amnesia, most victims have no idea that they have ingested the drug.

Cutler said she was appalled to hear about the crime, but even more disgusted by the lack of preventative actions that had been taken.

"I thought it was frightening that we could put money toward treating [rape victims], but not toward preventing it from happening," Cutler said.

Cutler said she then came up

with the idea of the test strips, something that could easily be used by women for protection.

She spent the next two-and-a-half years working with a chemist to create the testers.

Roni Shah, crisis services coordinator for the Rape Crisis Center of San Luis Obispo, Calif., said she is skeptical as to the accuracy of the date rape drug testers. She said the center has recently been approached by several companies peddling products like Cutler's, and has decided not to provide them to clients after examining research conducted by CAL-CASA, the coalition of California Rape Crisis centers.

"We don't want to give [our clients] a false sense of security," Shah said.

Shah said that although she thinks creators of these products mean well, the best preventative measures that people can take are to go out with large groups of friends and never leave drinks unattended.

However, the testers do provide peace of mind to some people. Nicole Hamilton, a math junior at California Poly State University, said she thinks the testers offer a great service.

"I would definitely try them," Hamilton said. "I would just feel better knowing that I had done one more thing to make sure I'm safe."

Cutler said the test kits have received much interest, and she is currently in negotiations with retailers in England, Canada and Ireland.

She said her ultimate goal for the kits, which are designed to fit into restroom tampon dispensers, is to have them in women's restrooms across the country.

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New coach hopes to spark SIU to success

Former Indiana University standout takes over women's cross country team

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Matt Sparks has always run into success.

Sparks didn't have any trouble in high school finding his way to the front of the pack, earning all-state honors four times in track and field and three times in cross country.

And Sparks found the same success in college, where he served as a captain for three seasons at Indiana University and was named All Big-Ten in 1994.

And now, Sparks has found his way to SIU, being named head coach of women's cross country and assistant to the women's track and field squad.

Sparks contacted SIU women's track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith when news leaked that the Salukis were looking for a dis-

tance coach.

"I've known Connie Price-Smith from Indiana University," Sparks said. "When I heard she got the job here, I knew she needed a distance guy."

"She exudes a certain personality that she'd be a great person to work for and with."

And Price-Smith feels the same way about Sparks.

"He is a hard worker and was a knowledgeable track and field athlete," Price-Smith said. "My impression of him was he was someone that wanted to be in the sport and was a student of it."

Sparks takes the reins of a cross country team that finished 19th in the NCAA Midwest regional and will also train the distance runners on the track and field team.

Prior to his new gig with the Salukis, Sparks worked as a graduate assistant at Indiana from 1997 to 2000 and as an assistant head coach at Ohio State University from 2000 to 2002.

"I enjoyed OSU," Sparks said. "It was my first opportunity to coach. It gave me the opportunity to learn a lot of things that I didn't get to learn as a graduate assistant."

And while coaching is relatively new to the Noblesville, Ind., native, it has always been in his genes.

His father used to coach high school basketball in Indiana, and he also had a good high school cross country coach.

"As an undergraduate I thought to myself, 'my dad is a high school coach,' so I got a degree in education," Sparks said. "But I had an opportunity to stay at Indiana and help coach. And I thought if I got the opportunity to coach college then I might as well."

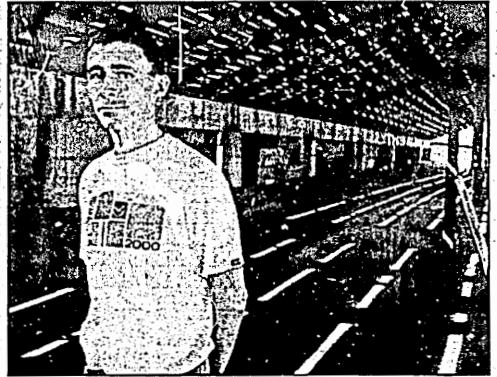
And the love for his sport pumps through his veins.

"I don't have much time for hobbies," Sparks said of his outside life. "I live and breathe distance running."

Though he is coaching, he still strings up the shoes and hits the course now and then.

"One thing I continue to do is run on my own," Sparks said. "It is something everyone can do, but not everyone is good at it. You get what you want by what you put into it."

And that effort is making waves with his new team, who hopes Sparks' knowledge and background will get the Salukis running in the



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Matt Sparks is the new women's cross country and long distance track coach for SIU. Having been a long distance runner at the University of Indiana, Sparks know the level training and dedication needed to run a successful program at a college level.

right direction.

"We are very excited," said Katie Meehan, a senior on the cross country team. "He has the knowledge of

being a former distance runner."

Reporter Zack Creglow can be reached at zcreglow@dailylegyptian.com

SPORTS FLASH

Salukis Women's basketball to host golf benefit

The Southern Illinois University women's basketball team will host its 13th Annual Mitch Parkinson Golf Benefit on Friday, Aug. 23 at Jackson Country Club.

The event kicks off with lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start which begins a four-person mixed scramble. Cost for the scramble is \$75 (\$30 tax deduction) and includes refreshments, green fees/cart, entry gift, course contests and raffle prizes.

All proceeds benefit Saluki women's basketball. For more information, please contact the SIU women's basketball office at 453-5448.

Line judges needed

The SIU volleyball team needs line judges for the upcoming season. Someone with volleyball knowledge is preferred but not necessary.

The Salukis' first home match is against Central Michigan at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 at Davies Gymnasium.

Anyone interested should contact Lenika Vazquez at 453-5489.

Basketball recruit makes commitment to Ball State

Daily News (Ball State U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. (U-WIRE) - The Ball State men's basketball team filled its scholarship allotment for the 2003-04 season Monday with an oral commitment from Peyton Stovall, a high school senior from Lafayette, Ind.

As a junior last season, the 6-foot-3 Stovall averaged 20.8 points a game and led Lafayette Jefferson to a sectional basketball championship. Stovall said he would sign a letter of intent during the NCAA early signing period in November.

Jefferson coach Gene Miller said Stovall has been working on his ball handling and outside shooting during the summer.

"He's a much better player now than he was last year," Miller said. "And he was a very good player for us last year."

Stovall said he wanted to make a decision before the start of his senior season so he could focus more on the game and less on the decision. He was also impressed with Ball State.

"I just fell in love with the place as soon as I got there," Stovall said. "The gym is beautiful and the coaching staff is just like the coaching staff at (Jefferson)."

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national average of 1,541 fans.

Along with promotions like Greek night and T-shirt night, ticket prices have been reduced for the upcoming season in an effort to attract fans. Fans will need to shell out \$50 for season tickets, down from \$60 last year. Faculty and staff season tickets will be lowered to \$40, and single-game tickets will be lowered from \$5 to \$4.

Students, as always, will be admitted for free with a student ID.

"We are going to be very aggressive in our marketing efforts with women's basketball," Athletic Director Paul Kowalczuk said. "We've always tried to come up with good promotions and ways to connect with the fans."

"What we want to do is create a fun atmosphere and a family atmosphere. We want to create an environment that people want to be a part of whether we're winning or losing."

If the school's marketing efforts pay off, it should help the product on the court, according to players.

"If you're down and you have people to support you, it definitely gives you momentum," sophomore guard-forward Danette Jones said, adding that with a decent crowd, SIU would have won a few more home games last season.

Sophomore forward Wendy Goodman also believes a decent crowd is important and pondered the thought of whether the SIU men's team would have ever done as well as they did if it only drew 400 fans to support it every night.

"If [men's basketball] had our crowd, would they have beaten IU?" Goodman asked.

Kowalczuk and SIU don't have specific goals for this season's attendance, but it wouldn't take much to encourage Opp.

"I would be happy if we could get to 1,000," Opp said. "I couldn't even imagine coming out and having 1,000 people in the seats."

Reporter Michael Brenner can be reached at mbrenner@dailyegyptian.com

SPORTS FLASH

Bradley tennis player loses her battle with leukemia

Megan Fong, a freshman on the Bradley women's tennis team, lost an eight-month long battle with leukemia Tuesday afternoon at Chicago Children's Memorial Hospital, just three days before her 19th birthday.

Bradley Athletic Director Ken Kevanagh announced that the school has established a scholarship in Fong's name.

In her one semester with the Braves, Fong, a Rockford native, was on Bradley University's Dean List and the Athletic Director's Honor Roll with a 3.5 grade point average during the fall.

Fong posted a record of 3-1 playing in the No. 1 singles and had an overall mark of 7-7 before being diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia in January.

She immediately began chemotherapy treatments and applied for a medical hardship from the NCAA in the spring. Fong underwent a bone marrow transplant earlier this summer

and seemed to be doing well.

However, she developed a blood clot last week, leading to a stroke from which she never recovered.

Women's track and field adds an assistant coach

SIU women's track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith announced the hiring of a new assistant coach last week.

Lawrence Johnson, who was added to SIU coaching staff Aug. 15, will primarily work with sprinters, jumpers and hurdlers.

Johnson was a volunteer assistant at the University of Arkansas for four seasons, where he was in charge of sprints.

He earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and education at Arkansas and his associate's degree in physical education/recreation at Long Beach City College.

Johnson is enrolled at SIU, where he plans to earn his Master's degree in education in June.

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Salukis have something special up their sleeves

SIU kicking and return games undergo massive improvements

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Anybody associated with football will tell you that the hardest job on the team belongs to that of the kicker.

He only participates in a handful of plays each game, and oftentimes, the outcome of a game hinges on the foot of the kicker.

SIU kicker Scott Everhart knows all too well the pressure that rests upon the shoulders of a kicker.

"It's kinda hard because people always look at the kickers as not really part of the team," Everhart said. "If they make [a kick] it's for the good of the team, but if they miss, they let everybody down."

"But it's part of the job, and you know that before you go into that, and you're willing to accept the benefits and the consequences."

Everhart, a senior from Tampa, Fla., is expected to be the focal point of a Saluki special teams unit that has undergone a vast improvement since last year and should account for a sizeable portion of SIU's scoring this season.

Last season, Everhart connected on only 7 of 15 field goal attempts and for his career has made 30 of 51 attempts.

Such inconsistency led him to train intensely during the offseason. This summer he worked at the Ray Guy Kicking Academy at campuses across the country; something SIU head

coach Jerry Kill thinks has helped him improve immensely.

"Scott's got an outstanding leg; he may have the strongest leg in the conference," Kill said, "but he struggles sometimes with some accuracy. I think a lot of that has to do with technique, and he's worked very hard on it this summer."

Another motivating factor for Everhart has been the addition of freshman punter-kicker Craig Coffin of Cape Coral, Fla. Both kickers have been locked in a battle for the starting job all summer, and it is still too early to tell who has won it.

Kicking, however, is only one aspect of the special teams game. Kick and punt returning will also play an important role in the Salukis' success this year.

The core group of returnmen includes sophomores Justin George and Chris Gadson and freshmen Quorey Payne and Jay Uptegrove.

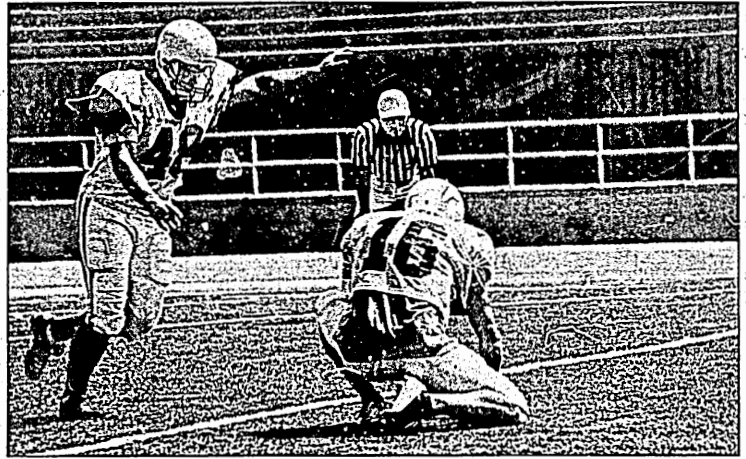
All four men have incredible speed and are threats to return kicks and punts for touchdowns. Gadson, who runs the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds, plans to have his share of touchdown returns.

"The return game's gonna be a helluva lot better than it was last year," Gadson said. "My goal is maybe three or four [touchdown returns], but I ain't gonna be modest. I plan on taking some back to the crib."

The team had a lot of trouble last year on punt returns, mostly due to its eagerness to block punts.

"We were terrible after the ball was kicked last year," defensive backs coach Jay Sawvel said. "We really went after punts, but once the ball was kicked, we didn't get consistent effort, we didn't get people in the right places."

One thing the Salukis did do well last season on special teams was block



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SIU kicker Craig Coffin prepares to attempt a field goal while Courtney Abbott holds during Saturday's scrimmage. Coffin, a freshman, is battling senior Scott Everhart for the starting job this fall. Both men hope to improve a special teams unit that has struggled in recent years.

punts and field goals. As a team, SIU blocked seven punts, one field goal attempt and one extra-point attempt.

Only two of those players are still with the Salukis, which may lead some to wonder if the team will have as many blocks this year.

Senior cornerback Steron Davidson is not one of them. He thinks the Salukis will have even more blocks this year.

"I think we're gonna block a lot more punts than we did last year, just for the fact that we have some speed," Davidson said. "Everybody's got faster, and we got people coming off the edge quicker."

Sawvel is still unsure of how well his squad will perform blocking kicks, but he knows it will definitely have its share of chances.

"Whether or not we'll block as many punts remains to be seen," Sawvel said, "but we'll certainly go after them."

"It'll be fun to see what we do when we line up and go after one for the first time."

One thing is for sure: Everhart is glad he doesn't have to kick against Sawvel's squad.

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SIU Football Preview

Wednesday: Defense
... A stronger, deeper, more versatile squad will punish opposing offenses and dominate all game long.

Tuesday: Offensive Line
... Every battle this season will be won in the trenches and these are the soldiers that will fight it.

Today: Special Teams
... When a big-time play is needed in the final seconds, these are the men the coach will call upon.

Monday: Receivers
... A new corps of speedsters will stretch defenses and produce several big plays each game.

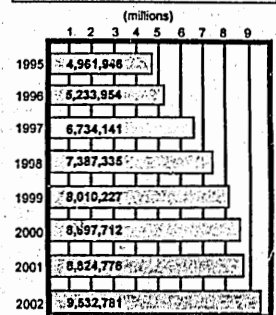
Tuesday: Running Backs
... The backfield is stocked with record breakers and breakout players who will carry a large load of the offense.

Wednesday: Quarterbacks
... Two redshirt freshmen and an experienced senior will battle for the starting spot to lead the team this season.

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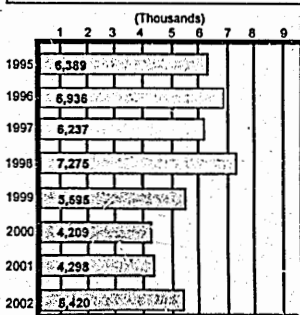
Women's basketball attendance up across the nation

NCAA Women's Basketball Attendance, 1995-2002



Source: NCAA News

SIU Women's Basketball Attendance, 1995-2002



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Women set attendance record for 18th consecutive year; SIU continues to fall

Michael Brenner
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When the SIU women's basketball team plays at Southwest Missouri State, it is up against at least 8,858 psychotic, screaming fans.

But when the Lady Bears come to the SIU Arena, they face a mere 400 fans and an arena that sounds like a library.

"We know our fans by name and by face because we have so few," head coach Lori Opp said of attendance at women's basketball games.

As women's basketball attendance increases

nationally — which it has done for 18 straight years — attendance at the SIU Arena has steadily dropped from 7,275 in 1998 to 5,420 last year. In the past eight years, national attendance has increased by 52 percent, while SIU's attendance has dropped 15 percent.

Even Bradley, which finished last season only 16-12, managed to draw 16,847 people last season — three times that of SIU.

The Salukis finished last season 6-21 and in last place in the Missouri Valley Conference, which Opp said is largely responsible for the low attendance. But she also said the team can't win without fans.

"What happens is winning and attendance go hand in hand," Opp said. "You want to win to get people in the seats, but at the same time, you need to win in order to get people in the seats. It's a double-edged sword."

Because of this, the school will be going to great lengths to fill the Arena's seats this season and bring SIU's attendance closer to the

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