**First Thursday turns TROPICAL**

Students enjoy afternoon vacation to "Maui Wau"

*Story by Jessica Yoruma  Photos by Ronda Yeager*

Mellisa Daniels signed deeply as the round-faced co-ed in the Student Center. She was not sipping from the usual fountain that comes from navigating through the establishment in the afternoon. She had just lost a tri-cycle race, and, as a result, a fine.

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

The tri-cycle race Daniels was defeated in was just one of the many activities available to students at the Student Center added to the usual afternoon rush the excitement of the first First Thursday event. This year's theme, "Maui Wau," was especially popular with students like Leonna Brown, 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," Powell said. "I always enjoy the 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 of all ages got an opportunity to make their own hula hula and metal picks as well as several other activities.

First Thursday, which has been occurring under various names for the past 25 years, not only showcased a Hawaiian theme, but also the Registered Student Organization Fair that geared students with the opportunity to learn more about campus organizations.

Ciricia Mulero, a member of campus ministry Chi Alpha, saw the fair as a chance to expose students to religion.

"We have a table every year," Mulero said. "A lot of people come to SSIO, especially from other campuses, 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 at previous years.

In addition to SSIO and all things Hawaiian, the Student Center also provided a member of the "Real World Hawai'i" cast, Ruchie Alcala.

Although her speech did not occur until 7 p.m., Alcala was in the Roman Room to autograph any questions about the show.

Alcala said while signing, "You're the one of the many photos the autographed that day. No one can talk about what we 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 Alcala, riding the T-Rex or making plans ahead, students seemed to agree that First Thursday is a welcome part of the Week of Welcome.

"We wake up in a dull mood this morning," said Ron Neavin, a veteran in administration of Justice from Champaign. "But the event was real entertaining, and it made my day a little more hyper."

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

"It's fun to be around everyone, and I didn't win, so I'm happy with that," Daniels said. "But I had fun and that's all that counts."

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**Two assaulted with tire iron outside Pick's**

Assault allegedly outside 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 Joe Tatsala, 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 Tatsala screamed the words of being gay while Tatsala and his fiancé, Chrizzy Anderson, a resident of Lewis Park, said two men were "stalking" in circles while one was waving 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 he returned, saw a white pickup truck drive onto the street and into another white pickup truck.

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

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

"We ran after him and startled pulling open his door," Anderson said. "Of them we met up between the door and the support beam of the car.

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

University police located Tatsala 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

Arin Thompson

Daily Egyptian

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

GOP Chairman Gary McCarthy is the one and the state Democrats are trying to take charge of their party.

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

Madigan, however, remains virtually unaffected by the allegations and still holds a positive outlook for the Democrats in November.

"Nobody's going to reign," 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 problem is not with the Republican Party, it's much more serious.

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

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

"Lisa Madigan gave the right answer because she was in a box," said Rep. Mike Rossi, R-Metropolitan. "She should have been impartial and she did that, but she can't do anything."

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

"This is a black cloud that just keeps getting darker and nobody's doing anything," Hickey said. "They just know the other way.

Brown said that it's simply muckraking being exercised.

"They're just trying to stir 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 enter the Illinois ballot.

"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 departed

MAAM, 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.

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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 and left the country in a state of shock.

The violence involved ethnic clashes in Ethiopia for years, pitting members of a political party based around the Sheka-Merger ethnic group against members of 17 other tribal communities.

The Walla Information Centre in Ethiopia said the arrested officials were members of the Sheka-Merger Democratic Party, which administers the southern Sheka zone, who were accused of inciting ethnic hatred that led to the clashes.

Those arrests were announced by the people of the region of inciting hatred among 17 ethnic groups which had resulted in the death of dozens of people, Walla said in a report.

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

The report did not explain what sparked the violence, except that the human rights group of the 17 ethnic groups had been violated by the Sheka-Merger.

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

Bush unveils forest plan

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nomentaiists, President Bush Thursday announced a new initiative to allow more logging of national forests, a move that he said will curb the threat of wildfires.

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Community members sculpt for a good cause

Bowl sale benefits Good Samaritan House

By Brian Peach

They're artistic and sometimes humorous, but with at least three people playing a role in creating each one, they are all unique. About 40 ceramic bowls, with designs including everything from dozen of eyes to halloween witches 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.

"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 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 a chance to paint the bowls with a dozen different colors, while those as young as 10 have been able to "choose" 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 these categories," Johnson said in her set up the bowls on Art Alley.

Steve Musserman, 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 materials such as clay. "I just really like ceramics," he said. "It's so therapeutic."

Musserman 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 Asian Phong 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 money, but also because it is good," Phong said.

The bowls were put on display Tuesday and will remain for a few weeks before they are taken down and sold for $5 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 the proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Good Samaritan House. Cash donations, however, will also be accepted 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 -- you 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

By Ben Botkin

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

She began her duties last Tuesday and said she will still teach to audio classes to students.

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

As the chair, Johnson said she wants to interact with her colleagues and 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 has 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.

Brian Peach

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Q & A session with a ‘Real World’ star

Ruthie Alcaide, former ‘Real World’ cast member, gave a lecture on the MTV show at the Student Center Thursday night. She took questions beforehand sponsored by Daily Egyptian’s Student Union.

Daily Egyptian: How do you like SIU so far?
Ruthie Alcaide: I think it’s pretty good. 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?
Rutger’s University, Astor. I was actually journalism major. I moved into psychology. College is what you make of it. You can’t just go to class and need to get involved in things. The more involved you are in a lot of things especially in relating to 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 used to do my homework that day.

Ahmed said that even if the orientation was difficult for students to land here, he still got through it. But Ahmed, the international student who plans to enroll at SIU in October. Ahmed said that the first two weeks of the initial orientation process would benefit those who need help.

‘Conversations’ is designed to allow one-to-one sessions so the students with such problems can stop by and talk to Ahmed, regardless of how long it takes, Ahmed said.

Do you have any advice for other students?
“We really need to tap into foreign students to listen to what they have been through. It’s my advice. What advice do you have for other students?”

Who do you think the ‘Real World’ is like college?
“The program is quite nice for someone who wants to know more,” Vikas said.

What advice do you have for other individuals dealing with issues of alcoholism?
“Just enjoy it. Like when you have an assignment, you can’t wait to the last minute.”

What have you been doing since ‘the Real World’?
“I’ve been traveling around, doing stuff with my group. I just got to know, so I’m getting into acting.”

As far as the not so distant future is concerned, what are your plans for the future?
“International Friends Club hosts Newcomers Party Sunday at the Student Recreation Center

The International Friends Club will welcome new international students to a dinner at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge. The club, which is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, the Black Alliance Council, Illini Beauty Salon and CW Beauty Supply is open to all students.

International students can continue ‘Conversations’ with IPS office

New program familiarizes international students with United States, SIU

Samantha Edmondson  Daily Egyptian

Nateur Alahkon knows that international students have three hurdles. 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 environment,” Alahkon said.

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

‘Conversations,’ which will start 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 4 in Northwest Annex A1017 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 wrestling 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 talk about their problems and ideas.

Ahmed said the first two weeks of school are when students have more problems. She said students here 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 at the University in the United States this past week and is considering going back to India at the end of the semester.

Ahmed gave advice to international students on how to handle the struggles. Ahmed said that foreign students must be valued for more than their country or culture. She said knowledge of wealth, experience and nature that they bring to campus.

“Through ‘Conversations,’ I hope to get ideas and establish programs that will provide international students with resources and can share these qualifications with the rest of students on campus,” Ahmed said.

“Little givens of kindred, or as they might call them, through the first week, it really something that makes a huge difference in the life of the new student,” Ahmed said.

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International students to their Newcomers Party Aug. 30 at Student Center

Nateur Alahkon, international student advisor, confers with international students during the Newcomers Party in the Student Center on Aug. 23. The Newcomers Party, which takes place every year, is for the international students to meet with the rest of students on campus; Ahmed said.

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Memorial Hospital expands obstetrics unit

Expansion will help accommodate birthing mothers on busy days

Kristina Herrndorfer
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 20,000-square-foot obstetrics expansion project," said George Maroney, president of the hospital.

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

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

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

"With a normal, 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.

"We have to work around the construction," said Maroney.

"And that is what makes the difference," said Kristina Herrndorfer.
GUEST COLUMNIST

Another war isn’t the answer to look for

Cass Raines
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 attack.

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, but rather a war in the same area.

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

The same reason we persecute specific ethnic groups and have repeatedly suspended the rights of individuals based entirely on the fact of their 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 have not as many supporters and allies.

This will not be a war bottled with ticket 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.

This will not be died out against soldiers but against innocent citizens of countries that help us oppose Saddam Hussein.

There will be far more lives lost this go-round, especially bodies that aren’t even right to die in their battle plan once more.

Aside from the loss of a 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 post-attack unity, it will add momentum to 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 smallest attention of our government’s bureaucracies and an already shaky economy.

War isn’t always the answer, even when you think you’ve invincible.

A war has never been fought were one side didn’t have any casualties.

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

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The stories we tell ourselves

There is too much to do as a free machine. We often find ourselves in busy, complex situations, and sometimes it's easy to lose sight of the big picture. This is why I believe it's important to reflect on the stories we tell ourselves, and to question whether they are serving us or holding us back.

I once had a therapist who suggested I look at my life through the stories I told myself. It's striking how our stories shape our experiences and can either make us feel empowered or discouraged. For example, I was taught, as a child, that I should always try to please others. This story led me to spend most of my time pleasing others, which left me feeling drained and unfulfilled.

I believe in the power of stories to influence our lives, and I'm committed to changing my stories to create a better future for myself and others. One way I do this is by writing letters to the editor, as I believe that expressing our stories can be a powerful tool for change.

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 sympathizers like you who want it dropped as offensive to the First Amendment. I wish to register a comment on the subject. Consider this as coming from an American patriot of sorts, rather than an academic.

Coming from a family that suffered very much because nationalism led to fanaticism, I am bracing myself for the time when Americans will suffer because nationalism led to fanaticism. My country.

In the past 100 years, many more people have been massacred, displaced, imprisoned or exiled over religious differences than were killed in wars of national sovereignty. What is know as "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance is the sole remaining characteristic of the former. Without the "under God" phrase, the Pledge of Allegiance becomes a poisonous weapon and a cause of our problems.

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On being a Christian

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to your column on Aug 21 by Lee Mbechel titled, "What is being Christian?" I have been a Christian for a long time, and I agree with your comments. The Constitution was written by men, most of whom were Christians. The idea of supporting a government that supports religion is a contradiction in terms.

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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.

The AIR up THERE

Story by Molly Parker • Photos by Derek Anderson

Lake Cesnik turned the burner valves from 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 work 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-sync 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 rise, stretch toward the sky and sway in the crowd.

Cesnik stood in the basket now disoriented, turning the valves similar to those on a gas grill.

If you 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.”

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

Although balloon pilots will fly above the terrain that most of us are content being grounded to and almost completely at the mercy of the wind, carrying 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 the valves to keep the balloon from touching the ground.

“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 balloon. 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.

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Balloons

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But the crowd was fascinated, at least momentarily, by the two-hour long mass ascension of 13 balloons on Saturday evening in the Centralia balloon field. And Cesnik believes it is a non-profit organization known as "Freedom Flight," whose goal is to send a message of awareness and honor to the 8,000-plus U.S. soldiers who are currently prisoners of war or missing in action. The balloons were sponsored by the VFW post 2055 andLady's Auxilary located in Centralia, Flight, Inc. is a non-profit. For Cesnik, a Vietnam Veteran, every trip into the air is a reminder of the soldiers who went overseas and never came home.

"I have to agree with one of our pilots who stated once that ballooning is a blast, but this is the hardest balloon to fly," he said.

The science of hot-air balloons:

Hot air balloons are the oldest form of man-made flight, and they operate on one of the simplest scientific principles: warmer air rises in cooler air. Hot air is lighter than cool air, essentially, because it has less mass. The hot air rises through the cold air, similar to how a bubble rises to the surface of a glass of water.

Even though the "Freedom Flight" balloon didn't leave the ground Saturday, it did begin the process. The team stretched out the unusually large envelope on the ground. A typical envelope is five to six stories high, and the larger the balloon envelope, the more weight it can carry. The envelope is full of cold air, the pilot turns the valves on the gas burners located inside the basket, which is still positioned on the ground. The burners, similar to candle torches, fill the envelope with super-heated air, causing the balloons to lift. Hot air doesn't escape from the hole at the bottom of the envelope because buoyancy keeps it moving upward.

Hot air balloons are large because each cubic foot of air contained in the envelope can only lift 1.2 pounds. Therefore, to lift 1,000 pounds, or roughly six people, it takes 850 cubic feet of hot air. As the balloon inflates, the envelope begins to sit upright and drawn to the ground. Cesnik made the call for the team to jump inside, and six people crammed inside the basket at the same time. The team held ropes at the balloon's top side, to keep it from moving upward.

"Weight on the basket guru, weight on the basket," the pilot yells as the envelope begins to rise vertically. After the envelope is full, the pilot grabs the balloon's envelope from an attached cold air source, and the balloon begins to deflate. The man grabbed the balloon to keep it from hitting the ground, as the remainder of the envelope deflates from the envelope's weight.

Taking down the balloon:

Nothing comes down with as much energy as a hot air balloon threatened by the wind. That was the case Saturday, by opening the envelope, the pilot puts the envelope in a bag. He then gave the command to "banners," or balloons with the words "attempt to move," the envelope into a bag. If the wind was strong enough, the wind could blow the envelope away from the basket at any moment. The envelope was then grabbed on the ground and deflated from the envelope's weight. Then, the balloon envelope was packed into a bag to be used for the next flight.

The flight took only about 30 minutes. In many ways, ballooning has come a long way since 1783, when the first hot air balloon sent a sheep, a duck and a chicken on an eight-minute flight over France. Their purpose today is mostly recreational, overshadowed by more useful means of air travel, such as gas-powered balloons and the rest of the commercial airline fleet. But to say that hot air balloons aren't cool would be a hard sell at the Centralia Balloon Fest. And for Cesnik, the joy of the VFW crew, and that's about as much more than floating through the morning air as the sun creeps up on the horizon. It's also about promoting the importance of bringing American soldiers back home.

"I like ballooning, but it's not an important thing at the moment," Cesnik said.

Daytime Egyptian

Make someone smile.
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 learn about 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 Darie Elementary School in Anna conducted their field study at St. Clair and Johnson counties.

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

"This gives them a chance to think about what this place could've looked like," said Museum Education Coordinator Bob DeHoet.

"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 geology faculty member.

While at the sites, the young scientists came up with hypotheses about the area might have looked like. Following the field study, the schools corresponded with each other and reported their experience via email. 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 Blaskey, 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 can be used in the science curriculum.

"The nice thing for me is to work with them and getting beyond the fact that, 'Boy, they're having fun and getting stuff out of this,'" said DeHoet. "It's nice in a way that the project can inform and remind us what the University can do working with the community."

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Save your breath on ‘bad air’ days

Alien McKenzie
The Dallas Morning News

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

The nosy pollutant, which irritates the nose and lungs, has driven some people out of the outdoors. Take Chrisy Nelson-Crotts from Fort Worth, Texas. A marathon runner who hopes to qualify for the 2004 Olympics, she’s too sluggish when it comes to walking out.

But even she finally has given up on afternoons. “This week, I just said I’m going to use the treadmill,” she says. “Even at 4 a.m. in the morning, it’s just terrible. You can’t breathe.”

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Guardian angels protect women from rape drug

Two entrepreneurs work to protect female partygoers

Heather Zweduk
Mustang Dilly
(California Poly State U.)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) – It’s a Friday night and a group of girls head out to the bars to have a good time. One of the girls sets her drink on the table while she uses the restroom and finishes her drink when she comes back out. The butt thing she remembers about the night is telling a stranger how she feels that night.

When she wakes up in a strangers bed the next morning, she feels groggy and notices her underwear are on outside-out and her shirt is torn. She has no idea what happened the night before, but has a disturbing feeling that it was something sworn.

The scenario repeats itself from again in cities and towns all over the world. According to the product’s site, www тест 4 ghb.com, the small test strips are treated with a non-toxic chemical that changes color when it comes in contact with GHB.

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 kit include five strips and costs $5. Each strip can be used three times before it must be discarded. Cutler said that out of the main good. Women said when creating the kit was to make them affordable, so that there would be no excuse for not using them.

“We’re not looking to become millionaires (from this),” Garcia said. “You can make it to help people and then make it so expensive that they can’t afford it.

The idea for Guardian Angel was born in 1999 when Cutler and Garcia were watching a news piece about how a woman had woken up in a strange place and was not using them.

Shah said. “You can’t make something to mean well, the best preventative: We don’t want to give [our clients] a false sense of security.”

Shah said that although she thinks creators of these products should be supported, best preventative measures that people can take is to get out with large groups of friends and never leave drinks unattended.

However, the test strips do provide peace of mind to some people. Barbara Willson, a math junior at California Poly State University, said she thinks the tests offer a great service. “I would definitely try them,” Willson said. “I just feel better knowing that I had done one more thing to make sure I’m safe.”

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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 team 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 the 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 distance 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."

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 student-athlete."

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,' he got a degree in education," Sparks said. "But I had an opportunity to stay at Indiana and help coach. And I thought I'd get 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 runs up the stairs 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 Spark's knowledge and background will get the Salukis running in the right direction.

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

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 knows the level training and dedication needed to run a successful program at a college level.

"I am a former distance runner," reporter Zack Creglow can be reached at zcreglow@dailyEgyptian.com.

SPORTS FLASH

Salukis Women's basketball to host golf benefit

The Southern Illinois University women's basketball team will host its 10th Annual Mitch Parkinson Golf Benefit on Friday, Aug. 23 at Jackson Golf Club.

The event kicks off at lunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start which begins a four-person mixed scramble. Cost to participate is $200 per foursome (nine holes) and includes refreshments, green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes, awards, and first-tee gift.

Line judges needed

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

"We need line judges for our home matches," volleyball head coach Dave Loucks said. "Anyone interested should contact Lenika Vazquez at 453-5454.

Basketball recruit makes commitment to Ball State

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 Poytner Stovall, a high school senior from L-Advisor, Ind.

As a junior last season, the 6-foot-3 Stovall averaged 2.8 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.

Lafayette 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's 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 also was 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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If the school's marketing efforts pay off, it should help us put more concerts on the calendar, according to players. "If you're down and you have people to support you, it definitely gives you momentum," sophomore guard-forward Dante 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 $500,000 in ticket sales that have ever done as well as they did if it only drew 400 fans to support it every night.

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"What we want to do is create a fun atmosphere and family atmosphere. We want to create an environment that people want to be a part of whether we're winning or losing."
Salukis have some-thing 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 only action he gets hinges on the foot of the kicker.

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

"It's basic, but 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're like everyday down.

It's 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 51 attempts.

Such inconsistency led him to train extensively during the offseason. This summer he worked at the Ray Guy Kicking Academy at camps 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 returners includes senior wideout Justin George and freshmen Querrey Payne and Jay Lovgreen.

All four men have incredible speed and are threats to return kicks and punts for touchdowns.

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

"We were terrible after the ball was kicked last year," Everhart said. "Defensive backs coach Jay Sewell 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 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 someone to wonder if the team will have as many blocks this year.

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

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Women's basketball attendance up across the nation

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

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

When the SIU women's basketball team played at Southwest Missouri State, it was up against at least 8,588 psychic, screaming fans.

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

"We know our fans by name and by face because we have to be so careful," 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 Brady, 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 6-25 and in last place in the Missouri Valley Conference, which Opp 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