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Rachel Murgatroyd of McHenry and Megan Estes of Woodstock, both friends from home, make a new friend in Katie Beausang of Collinsville during the new student picnic Sunday afternoon. The event brought out hundreds of new students with the offer of free food and the chance to meet many distinguished community members including Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole.

ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC welcomes back students

Several activities, events planned to welcome students

Jessica Yorama
 Daily Egyptian

The fourth of 10 pieces of advice for new students encourages students to "step outside of their comfort zone." Although a common piece of advice, this is often a difficult step for new students facing the overwhelming college

experience for the first time.

"The first class I had was in Lawson, and there were more students in that auditorium than I had in my high school," Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole told the crowd of approximately 100 SIUC students who attended the University Welcome Picnic Sunday afternoon.

The picnic took place in the Old Main area across from Shryock Auditorium and gave students the opportunity to socialize with peers who are adjusting to the same experience that Cole faced and the

majority of new students face. It also allowed returning students a chance to mingle and hear advice on how to make the best of the remainder of their college career, one event during SIUC's Week of Welcome.

The period of official welcome into the SIUC community is known as the Week of Welcome, several days of events that introduce the student to both Carbondale and campus through games, tours and events that provide an opportunity for socialization.

The activities, although

sponsored by various areas of the Student Center such as Student Programming Council and Student Programming and Campus Events, rely on student organizations such as student life advisers to make programs run as smoothly as possible.

"It hasn't been too bad," said Stephanie Kuropas, a sophomore in pre-nursing from Hanover Park. "We're just trying to make sure the freshmen know what they need to know and get involved in school."

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Governor appoints 11-member task force

Task force to assess Illinois' energy system vulnerability

Amber Ellis
 Daily Egyptian

While northeastern states and southwestern Canada have been left grappling with the aftermath of the worst power outage this nation has ever seen, Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed a task force Saturday to assess Illinois' energy infrastructure.

"This is a preventive measure," said Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich. "Hopefully, this will fix what needs to be fixed before anything happens."

Blagojevich appointed an 11-member task force to make sure Illinois has the resources to respond if an outage similar to the Aug. 14 Niagara Electric Grid Failure occurs.

According to Ottenhoff, each

member of the task force is employed by the state, so work done by the task force will be at no cost to taxpayers.

"He [Blagojevich] wanted to get a group of individuals who had experience dealing with energy issues," Ottenhoff said. "He also wanted to involve people who would be responding if anything of that magnitude happened."

Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn was asked to lead the task force, in part because of the role he played in the consumer movement that led to the 1983 law that formed the Citizens Utility Board.

The CUB is a nonprofit organization that represents utility customers and looks for lower rates and better services from the state's investor-owned electric, gas and telephone companies.

"The biggest issue is reliability," Quinn said. "In light of the events

that happened last week, it is prudent to make checks on everything. We need to ask questions about the system and make sure it is as safe and reliable as humanly possible."

Quinn said it is important to look for vulnerable points in the energy infrastructure, including problems that may occur during hot weather when the demand for air conditioning increases.

"If an outage occurs, it is imperative that we have back-up for our law enforcement and emergency personnel."

— Pat Quinn
 Illinois Lieutenant Governor

Illinois' energy system and report its findings to Blagojevich early next year.

Investigators believe three failed transmission lines in northern Ohio are the reason that more than 50 million people in eight states and part of Canada were left without power.

Illinois Power Cooperative, said outages on main lines occur periodically, but it is uncommon for outages to cascade as they did last week.

"There are a lot of people that do work to make sure that stuff like this doesn't happen," Reeves said. "The system works 99.9 percent of the time—it's just getting it to work that 100 percent that's difficult."

Quinn said that the state's energy system is indispensable and cannot go unchecked because it has such a strong impact on safety, health and the economy.

"This is not something that can only happen on the East Coast—this can happen anywhere," Quinn said. "I hope and pray that we don't have to go through what our fellow Americans went through this past week."

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Waste treatment creates shortfall

City of Carbondale taking care of \$36,500 bill

Jackie Keane
 Daily Egyptian

Although Southern Illinois towns were hit hard by the state's budget shortfall, House Bill 3289 may change at least one new fee.

HB3287, sponsored by Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, would repeal the state's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System fees for waste removal for local governments, private sector contractors with local governments and school districts as well as not-for-profit organizations.

Carbondale, a city with nearly 26,000 people, was handed a \$36,500 bill to pay while Chicago, a city with more than 2 million people, was handed a bill for \$50,000.

Bost said the tax should be properly distributed per resident because, right now, the fees are proportionally heavy on Southern Illinois.

"Right now, we in Southern Illinois are paying a tremendous amount," Bost said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich introduced the fees during the last days of the general assembly's session. In July, mayors throughout Illinois received the new bill that required a payment 30 days later, on Aug. 1.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said a fee should probably not be this large in comparison to Chicago's.

"My job is to keep the cost down as much as I can for the citizens," Cole said. "It is not my intent to raise the rates because of this, whereas other communities have had to."

Carbondale was able to pay its bill, but other communities were not as lucky.

Murphysboro, which received an \$18,000 bill that it could not pay, was forced to pass the fee onto residents.

Murphysboro Mayor Ron Williams said the City Council voted to add a fee to each sewer users bill. Residents will see the new charge added to their bill beginning in September.

"We sat down and figured out what it would run per sewer customer is 45 cents per month," Williams said.

Williams said there have not been complaints about the newly imposed fees because it is something that is necessary.

"Murphysboro is feeling the crunch the same as the state," Williams said.

"I don't want to run fees or charge anyone, but \$18,000 is a fairly substantial amount of money to come out of our waste water treatment budget."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Former Baylor coach may face charges because of tapes

WACO, Texas — Police said Saturday they may seek criminal charges if secret tape recordings show that Baylor University officials or athletes lied to them about slain basketball player Patrick Dennehy.

But police still had not obtained copies of the tapes on which basketball coach Dave Bliss instructs players to depict Dennehy as a drug dealer. Nor had Baylor officials contacted police to discuss what was said on the tapes.

Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and Board of Regents Chairman Drayton McLane Jr. said they were unavailable for comment after releasing a written and a videotaped statement.

In his statement, Sloan once again said Baylor will have a men's basketball team this season. He also reiterated remarks he made Friday night, calling the revelations on the tapes "sobering and disturbing."

On the tapes, recorded by assistant coach Abar Rouse, Bliss is heard concocting a plot to cover up improper payments to Dennehy by indicating that he got money from selling drugs. The scheme came as National Collegiate Athletic Association and Baylor investigators began looking into the source of payments for Dennehy's tuition and vehicle. The tapes also indicated Bliss knew some players smoked marijuana and despite previous denials, coaches

knew of problems Dennehy was having with a teammate.

Black pickup sought in possible sniper shootings

CEDAR GROVE, W. Va. (CNN) — West Virginia police said Sunday they were looking for a black pickup truck that may be linked to three fatal shootings outside convenience stores in the Charleston area recently.

The targets of the shootings appear to have been selected at random by the same shooter, police said, raising fears of sniper attacks similar to those in the Washington area last year.

Each of the victims was killed by a single shot, late at night, and the slugs taken from two of the victims have the same characteristics, police said.

A woman talking on a pay phone a few feet away from one of the shootings said she saw a black pickup truck with an extended cab and gold trim.

Witnesses are certain about the pickup truck because they saw it lingering outside the convenience store a full 20 minutes before the third killing. The only description of the driver is that he is a large white male.

Federal, state and local investigators have joined forces to probe the killings. The sheriff's department made a public appeal, saying, "We want to get him off the road before this happens again."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldiers shoot, kill Reuters cameraman

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. soldiers shot and killed a Reuters television cameraman outside a prison west of Baghdad on Sunday, a day after an overnight mortar attack there left six Iraqi prisoners dead and nearly 60 wounded.

Mazen Dana, 41, a Palestinian who worked for the British news agency for more than a decade, was shot while filming a convoy on the road outside the U.S.-run Abu Ghraib prison, where several hundred criminals and anti-U.S. guerrillas are being held.

Dana's colleagues said he did nothing wrong. He was on the last day of his assignment in Iraq and was supposed to meet his family in Jordan on Monday.

Dana's death came on a day of renewed violence in Iraq, including a raging fire on a crucial pipeline in northern Iraq.

Saboteurs in Baghdad used a rocket-propelled grenade to blast a gaping hole in a major water line leading into the capital, shutting off water to tens of thousands of

people in a city already plagued by shortages of water and electricity.

Late Saturday, a Danish soldier was killed during a shootout with a gang of looters in the southern city of Basra.

The latest wave of violence follows recent weeks of continuing guerrilla attacks, unrest among Iraq's majority Shiite population and the accidental shooting of civilians by U.S. soldiers. With so much negative news, officials with the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority have been keen to highlight progress.

They sent out a news release Sunday, for example, saying citywide garbage collection had started in Baghdad for the first time in the city's history.

Witnesses and the U.S. military gave sharply different accounts of how the Reuters cameraman was killed.

Witnesses, including a Knight Ridder reporter and photographer, said Dana was standing about 200 yards from the prison filming in the same spot where they had been 10 minutes earlier. The shooting occurred about 6:30 p.m. in clear conditions and in open terrain on a road leading to the back entrance of the prison.

Today

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Five-day Forecast

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Thursday	Chance of Rain	90/71
Friday	Chance of Rain	85/60
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	84/56
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	84/60

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POLICE REPORTS

University

Noah P. Vaughan, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding and improper lane usage at 3:58 a.m. Saturday on the 1200 block of East Pleasant Hill Road. Vaughan posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

Christian O. Tinajero, 20, of Mission Viejo, Calif., was cited for public possession of alcohol at 1 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and Washington Street. Tinajero was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.

Eileen P. Carey, 18, of Chicago was cited for underage possession of alcohol at 1:48 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of Lincoln Drive and Clocktower Drive. Carey was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.

William A. Stanfield, 18, of Chicago was arrested and charged with battery and underage consumption of alcohol at 2:39 a.m. Sunday at the Allen II residence hall.

Jeremy Anthony Eaton, 28, of Peoria was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to state supported property at 1:14 a.m. Monday at Faner Hall. Eaton was released on a personal recognizance bond.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Wednesday

Egyptian Dive Club
SCUBA Expo
6:30 p.m. Pulliam Hall room 21

Bhaktivandya Yoga Society
Spiritual Festival Appearance day of Lord "Kristina Janmastami"
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Saturday
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IBHE plans to increase faculty diversity

Plan restructures fellowship programs to increase minority faculty

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Universities across Illinois have sought to increase faculty diversity in higher education for years, but it has been a goal that has seen little success.

According to a statewide study received last April by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, blacks and Hispanics represent 5 percent and 2 percent of Illinois professors, respectively. However, these two groups total 27 percent of the state's population.

As a result, the board has spent four months constructing recommendations for the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty. The outcome was "Opportunities for Leadership: Strategies for Improving Faculty Diversity in Illinois Higher Education," which was approved at the board's Aug. 12 meeting.

The recommendations are divided into the areas of preparation and development, search and hiring processes, campus climate and accountability.

But Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for Diversity, said the material in the report is nothing new.

"All of the recommendations in the report really support the recommendations we've been making for the past 10 years in the state of Illinois," Bryson said.

The minority faculty averages at SIUC are slightly lower than the state average. With 16.2 percent full-time minority faculty, only 5 percent are black and fewer than 2 percent are Hispanic.

Bryson said he hopes this statement will encourage policy-makers to initiate programs to increase the potential to employ minority faculty and improve the campus climate, which will in turn benefit students.

"This is the first time the Illinois Board of Higher Education has issued a public statement, and that puts colleges and universities on notice that the IBHE leadership

considers work force diversity as a critical and compelling issue," Bryson said. "Every year some proclamation is made about diversifying the work force, but this signals to all institutions that this is a serious issue."

According to the resolution, the board plans to sponsor a statewide initiative to support institutional efforts to inform students and encourage opportunities for minority employment by establishing a council to provide advice on effective practices, policies and programs.

It also outlined several changes to be made to the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunities Program, and Illinois Minority Graduate Incentive Program. It plans to restructure the programs' governance, award criteria and application processes.

The ICEOP fellowship program provides incentives to minority students seeking their master's and doctorate degrees. IMGIP is restricted to doctorate students in the fields of science.

Both fellowships require students to teach higher education in Illinois for a period equal to the time for which they received the grant.

Associate Dean and Director of the Graduate School David Wilson said ICEOP has been a successful program since its inception in 1985, with more than 60 percent of the fellows proceeding to fulfill their teaching obligations in Illinois.

"Of course, there are definitely concerns of placement and retention for the programs, particularly in the sciences," Wilson said. "The system is going to be restructured over the following year; it will be an ongoing process."

IBHE intends to combine the boards at the head of each program and restrict the members to 15 who have been successful in increasing faculty diversity on their own campuses and in Illinois higher education."

The goal is to increase efficiency in recruiting fellows who will continue in the programs and fulfill their obligations teaching in Illinois, further promoting increases in diverse faculty on college campuses.

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SIUC junior J. Angle DeSantiago flips past a poster from the movie 'Dumb and Dumber' during the poster sale Monday at the Student Center.

ANTHONY SOUFFLE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

USG leaders optimistic about term

President, vice president plan to tackle variety of issues this year

Leah Williams
Daily Egyptian

With the first Undergraduate Student Government meeting a mere two weeks away, President Neal Young and Vice President Tequia Hicks are positive about what SIUC's student government can accomplish for the fall semester.

On top of its daily chores, USG is planning to act upon many issues involving both the campus and the city of Carbondale, such as housing, parking, books and student participation.

By gathering information on housing rules and regulations, Young would like to approach the issue of off-campus housing. He wants to address this issue primarily because of the amount of complaints he has received from student tenants.

"Students do not deserve to live in substandard housing. No one does," said Young, a senior in social studies and education

from Springfield. "We pay a lot of money in an economically depressed area on housing in this town. I have heard horror stories that you wouldn't begin to fathom of what's going on in housing."

While Young admits that what USG can do is limited, he hopes that by working closely with the city council, the mayor and student legal assistants, improvements for off-campus housing may be possible in the future.

Parking and transportation have also become a concern for USG. For students, there are more cars than parking spaces on campus. Young mentions how a student approached him and asked why there was a fee when there was no place to park.

Hicks believes that improving the current transit system would alleviate the traffic congestion.

"Improving the mass transit system will discourage students from driving their cars on campus, which in turn would allow less traffic on campus," said Hicks, a sophomore in political science from Carbondale.

By researching other universities' means, USG hopes to combine a successful transit system with suitable parking, allowing students and citizens to effectively trek "from point A to point B."

USG also would like to see more students become involved in activities around them.

Plans are being made to have instructors discuss student organizations during their classes so more students are aware of what is going on around them. USG is also looking for interested students to fill its senate.

The agenda may also include an online book exchange program, which would help deal with the frustration of textbook buyback.

USG also would like to communicate with each RSO president and treasurer to answer any questions their respective organizations may have. With the broad range of topics, USG realizes that many of the issues will take time to settle.

"Problems won't always be resolved in a semester. It may take one year or two years to get in full swing," Young said.

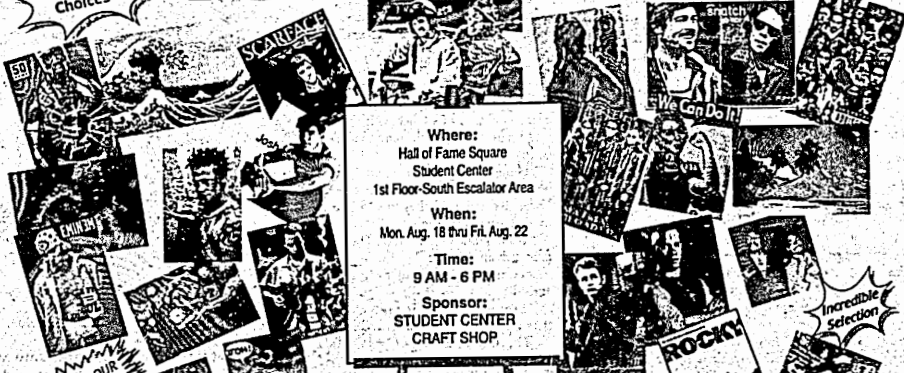
But he believes the student government is definitely up for the task.

"I think we got a really good start. I am definitely confident that we have done a lot of research on different subjects, so we should accomplish a lot," Hicks said.

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Student organizations to share in fair

Jennifer Rios
Daily Egyptian

According to John Junge, a member of the SIUC Paintball Team, playing paintball is the fastest-growing extreme sport and "statistically safer than bowling."

Junge, who encourages students to try an extreme sport at least once, is one of many of the students who shared information about the many unique organizations offered on campus.

Student Development is sponsoring the second RSO fair Thursday, Aug. 21. The fair will take place in from 6 to 8 p.m. in the International Lounge the Student Center.

The event will give students the opportunity to meet with a variety of different Registered Student Organizations. Students looking to become more involved on campus through clubs pertaining to their major, special interests, hobbies, lifestyles or religions should consider attending. Approximately 80 of the nearly 400 RSOs will be in attendance during the fair.

A smaller RSO fair took place on Saturday, with around 30 organizations present to offer students the chance to participate in a club that fits their individual interests.

Students interested in becoming more involved with their major should consider clubs such as the Organization of Multi-Ethnic Students in Education.

Jane Steele, a member of OMESE, said the organization helps education majors plan for their career by providing monthly speakers, professional advisers and added information. This is one of the many organizations offered to students who need extra assistance in their major.

Other groups hope to increase membership by meeting students who share their interests.

"We need new members and we are open to new ideas," said Jody Dalzell-Roberts, a member of the Feminist Action Coalition.

Some organizations simply encourage students to check out the fair as a whole.

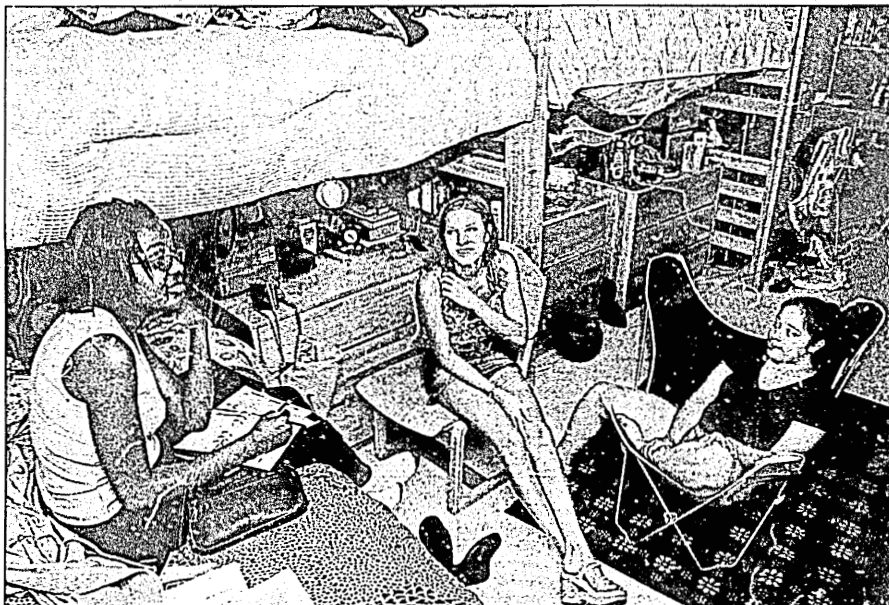
"Come to the RSO fair to get involved and make friends," said Brian Bledsoe, a member of the Salski Rainbow Network. "You can get more out of the college experience then by sitting in your room."

After the success of last year, coordinators such as Paulette Curkin are optimistic about this year's fair.

"Last year's fair was terrifically successful," Curkin said. "It really helped organizations meet students."

Although Curkin said there were many benefits of joining an RSO, she said the single most important part of the fair is for students simply to come.

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JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(From left to right) Freshmen Lenice Johnson, Nicole Kulovmny and Palma Godinze sit in their dorm room Monday night discussing the overcrowding situation that is taking place in University Housing. Even though the girls' living arrangement is temporary, they say they like being crowded in a room but do not like sharing the bathroom with five girls.

Overcrowded dorms not uncommon

Every year, students live in temporary housing, uncomfortable situations

Drew Stevens
Daily Egyptian

The rumors are true.

Some students are living with two roommates, beds are set up in the lounges of the Triads, and three beds are being used in some of the two-person rooms in residence halls.

SIUC experiences overcrowding every year with on-campus housing, so this is not unusual or unique to this University, according to the Director of Housing Edward Jones.

There are 271 more students living in the residence halls than last year, according to Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Crystal Bough, and the most visible evidence of overcrowding is at Thompson Point.

Every year, about 400 freshmen move into Thompson Point, about one-third of the total number of freshmen living on campus, according to the Coordinator of Residence Life at Thompson Point Keith McMath.

"It can be crowded. It can be tense," McMath said. "But we have been pretty successful in years past to get them out within the first week."

Because of overbooking, some students are placed in temporary housing where, instead of sharing a room with one student, they room with two. Jeremiah Mooney, a freshman in business, is living in Kellogg Hall with two roommates.

"It's kind of tight, but we made room," Mooney said "We get along well, so it's not that bad."

Overbooking is used because, oftentimes, students who sign housing contracts later decide not to attend SIUC.

"Pretty much every year, we do run into an issue of over-assignment," McMath said. "We go ahead and sell contracts to people knowing some people are going to cancel, some people are not going to show up, some people are going to change their mind."

Students in temporary housing pay the same rate as those living in regular rooms but are given a refund of \$20 if they are still in temporary housing at the beginning of the third week and any week thereafter, something other universities don't do, according to Jones.

"We haven't done very much with spicing

up temporary housing because it's temporary," McMath said. "If we knew you were going to be there for a month then we would go ahead and make your accommodations as welcoming as possible."

"The three-person rooms we have here [Thompson Point] are generally larger rooms, so that's why we use them as temporary spots because they can accommodate three people," McMath said.

McMath said it's extremely rare for someone to be in temporary housing for three weeks.

For precautionary reasons, there were beds set up in the lounges of the Triads, just in case a problem arose, according to Associate Director of Housing Lisa Schemonia.

"None of those will be used, and we will be taking them out Monday so that students can have access to both lounges," Schemonia said.

When given the opportunity to move into another room, students in temporary housing are allowed to decline that option, but they must take the second option when it is given.

Those in temporary housing are given the same privileges as students in regular rooms.

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Teaching assistants train for the new year

Rachel Lindsay
Daily Egyptian

The rustle of papers, the click of multiple pens poised in midair over fresh sheets of paper, the excited and nervous expressions on each face.

It's the inevitable beginning of school.

Each fall, teachers and students alike prepare to begin yet another year of learning. This fall, classes began a week early for teaching assistants as they attended workshops designed to give them the information needed to complete a successful year of teaching.

The TAs at SIUC spent Aug. 12 through Aug. 15 attending various workshops hosted by the Center for Excellence in Graduate Teaching, Library Affairs and the graduates' various departments. Guest speakers and group interaction allowed graduates to find answers to their questions and equipped them with some of the necessary tools to best serve students.

"The purpose of these workshops is for those departments that don't have programs yet to help its graduate assistants be better prepared," said Dale Brown, SIUC emeritus and acting director for the Center for Excellence in Graduate Teaching.

This is the 15th year the Graduate School has offered formal workshops for teaching assistants in addition to training sessions offered by indi-

vidual departments, though state funding has only been available for the past three years.

David Wilson, associate dean and director of the Graduate School, said the money allowed them to offer graduates better training.

Previously, the department had limited resources to train their TAs.

"I've been frustrated with not being able to do this before," Wilson said. "Now, we're at a point where we can do a lot more for them."

TAs are required by law to attend workshops on sexual harassment and academic honesty, but other workshops are optional for those graduates who receive less than two days training in their department. About 150 to 200 TAs attended each day's workshops, and attendance was recorded and sent to their department.

Constance Frank, a transfer student pursuing her Ph.D. in speech communication, said the

workshops were a chance to develop camaraderie with the faculty as well as gather information about the resources on campus, something her other school did not provide.

"For me, one of the differences is the inter-relatedness with the other teachers," she said.

For first-year graduate Scott Irelan, the workshops provided a way to ease him into the teaching arena. Irelan, who taught a few classes before coming to SIUC, said the hands-on approach some of the workshops took helped him enormously.

"There it was much more, 'Here's your class; go teach,'" he said.

Though many graduates find the workshops beneficial, some, such as first-year graduate Dylan Kosma, said they would like longer and more in-depth training.

"It's too much information," he said. "It's hard to absorb all this stuff."

Second-year graduate Shannon Clapsaddle agreed.

"Learning to teach is a process. It takes more than a couple of days," Clapsaddle said.

The Graduate School would like to offer teaching programs throughout the year for both faculty and TAs, according to Wilson, but no definite plans have yet been made.

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Gus Bode



Gus says: I always thought T and A stood for something else.



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN
Jennifer Peterson, a graduate student in theater, listens during a training video on sexual harassment. Aug. 15. The video was part of a new teaching assistants workshop that lasted from Aug. 12 through Aug. 15.

Woman attacks arresting officers

Carbondale woman skips jury duty

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale woman wanted in Jackson County for skipping jury duty was arrested Sunday on numerous charges, but not without a fight.

Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Sharon K. Johnson, 50, at 1:21 p.m. at her home on the 300 block of South Marion Street.

Deputies came to Johnson's home to serve her a warrant for failing to appear at jury duty. After they arrived, the deputies got more than they had planned for.

The department said Johnson became "very aggressive" when deputies told her they were at her home to issue a warrant for her arrest. After seeing a copy of the warrant at her front door, Johnson allegedly grabbed the document from one of the deputies and ran into her home.

Deputies overheard her saying that she was not going to be taken into custody.

When deputies followed Johnson into her home, she pulled out a kitchen knife and waved it at them, the department said. Deputies said she then moved toward them and threatened to cut them.

At that point, the department said deputies moved out of

Johnson's home and called for assistance. She locked the front door, but deputies re-entered her home with the help of the building's maintenance staff.

At that time, Carbondale Police Department Officer Dan Reed said several Carbondale officers arrived.

The Sheriff's Department said when officers regained entry to Johnson's home, she was holding a large wooden stick as well as the knife. Deputies said she then ran to her bathroom, where she lunged at pursuing officers and swung the knife at them.

Johnson was restrained in the bathroom and taken into custody. The Sheriff's Department said she had to be restrained because she repeatedly tried to kick and spit on the arresting officers.

The Sheriff's Department said Johnson did not suffer any injuries during the arrest, but a few officers received minor injuries.

Johnson was charged with the original failure to appear warrant as well as aggravated battery, aggravated assault and resisting a peace officer. Deputies took her to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where she refused to be processed.

Johnson remains in the jail, where she is scheduled to face a preliminary hearing at 9 a.m. Sept. 2. The jail declined to comment on her bond.

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Anti-drug program targets teens struggling with sexual identity

By Steve Rothaus
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI (KRT) — Last year, high school senior Anthony came out of the closet, met his first boyfriend and took his first hit of Ecstasy.

"My friends were doing it," Anthony said. "I knew about it before, but I waited until my senior year to do everything."

Now he takes Ecstasy once a month. Or more.

"It's a stimulant drug," he said in an interview. "It makes you feel so good. You want to rub yourself. It's a very 'touchy' drug. You wait about an hour, and all of a sudden everything feels so good."

Anthony feels "more sexual" when taking Ecstasy.

"You just let loose. ... You do things you would not do normally," said Anthony, who confides that he stopped using protection with his boyfriend of four months after they both tested negative for HIV.

Anthony, 18, also spoke recently at the first of several training workshops for community leaders who work in law enforcement, substance abuse counseling and other related fields. The training is by PROTECT, a South Florida Regional Prevention Center project that aims to reduce club-drug use.

The high-risk target group: "YMSM," Young Men who have Sex with other Men.

The PROTECT project avoids labeling their sexual identities.

"Labels are for clothes," said Dr. Marilyn Volker, a Coral Gables, Fla.,

sexologist who helped train 26 participants at the nine-hour workshop.

Many young men are unwilling to be labeled gay or bisexual, Volker said.

"Assumptions and labeling lower self-esteem," she said. "You get a kid or an adult with a lower self-esteem, they are going to take risks. This workshop was about prevention. If we want people to tell the truth, it means we have to not put people in boxes, and see the range of sexual identity."

Using Ecstasy is a common "coping technique" by teens struggling with their sexual identities, Volker said. "How to deal with isolation, depression, frustration, lying — coping by drugs, alcohol, suicide."

"Florida's rate of Ecstasy use is above the national average," said PROTECT coordinator William Ayala, a former associate director for a New York middle school.

According to a 2000 study in the American Journal of Psychiatry, about one-third of gay and bisexual men reported using Ecstasy at least once per month. And a recent prevention center focus group of 18 YMSM ages 13 to 24 revealed that 78 percent used club drugs, Ayala said.

Until now there has been no local drug program targeting YMSM, Ayala said.

The first step is conducting training sessions for police, teachers and other "community stakeholders" throughout Dade and Broward counties.

"I've never had any training about this," said Miami Police Detective Eladio Paez, a consortium member who gave a presentation at the workshop.

"I learned more about this [at the

workshop] than I ever heard of before," Paez said. "This is not a group where people raise their hands during Red Ribbon Week and say, 'I'm a male who has sex with males and ...'"

PROTECT is also developing a Website to provide accurate drug information for young people.

"These kids are turning to the Internet. They're looking to find other like-minded people," Ayala said. "We're going to provide a chat room for YMSM — a positive chat room, not an AOL chat room. AOL chat rooms are not monitored. A lot of time the information you find on AOL chat rooms is erroneous and harmful."

All PROTECT chat rooms will be moderated by trained peer counselors, Ayala said.

Many young people believe club drugs are harmless.

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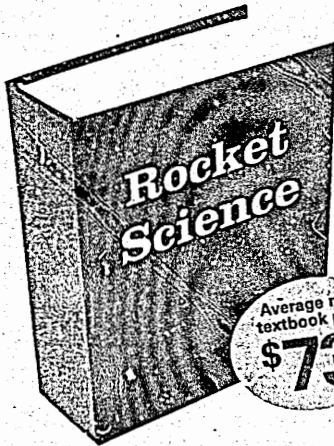
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Grassroots hires students

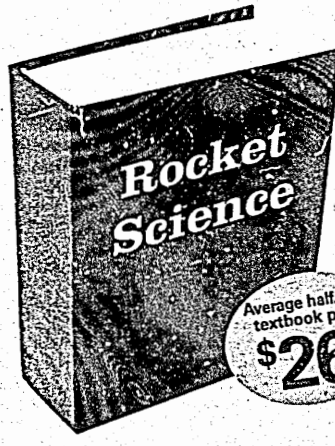
The undergraduate literary magazine Grassroots is now accepting applications from SIUC students.

Students from all majors are invited to submit forms of writing such as short fiction, poetry, plays and screenplays.

They can also submit artwork, photography, or volunteer to work on the magazine. Anyone with questions should send e-mails to w.alonso@msn.com or alcamp5@hotmail.com or stop by the English Department in Faner Hall room 2380. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Aug. 29, 2003.



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OUR WORD

Layoffs bad, could have been worse

For every emptied desk or office there were people with families, lives and unpaid bills. And now this emptiness exists for 42 positions that sit on the SIUC campus. As of last Friday, the laid-off worker's final day on the job, a grim reality surfaced for families across the area.

When Illinois Gov. Rod

Blagojevich gave his budget proposal in April of 2003, all of the state universities, including SIUC, were left with a huge deficit. For

the University, the state's deficit reached \$15 million deep into its pockets, taking a whopping 8.25 percent of SIUC's annual budget. Losing such a huge portion of our budget could have placed many more employees in the unemployment line. But fortunately, layoffs were contained to 42.

Despite the University's job well done on limiting the number of lost jobs on campus, many more employees were informed they, too, would be laid off. With time,

administrators placed 40 of the 82 announced laid-off employees in other positions. We applaud administrators' efforts to find empty positions on campus and hire back some of the laid-off employees. However, we question their timeliness in doing so. Why not have searched high and low for replacement positions before informing employees — people — they needed to find work elsewhere?

While we know that statewide civil service regulations mandated the University to serve them notice before alerting them of other available position, we think that layoff notice is unnecessary and only hurtful to employees.

Despite efforts to rehire, 42 former employees weren't as lucky as their colleagues. And to each of the laid-off employees, that number is one too many. There may have been a mother who had to tell her first-grader that she couldn't afford new markers for school this year or a father who may have taken out a second or third mortgage on his home.

Across campus, departments and

students alike will greatly miss the presence of terminated employees as lines become longer and phones busier. However, these budget cuts could not be controlled by the administration. Encouraged retirement and bumping allowed many people to keep a job on the SIUC campus but perhaps at a different location and sometimes with less pay. Still, the University showed they valued their employees by not advertising or hiring outside of the current staff. Instead, administrators looked within the campus to fill vacant positions. The unity of all the departments campus-wide helped in this effort to save as many employees from termination as possible.

That unity continues as the remaining staff took on added responsibilities to help the University recover from lost positions. Most did so without pay. The numerous employees who took on extra duties are the people who make this University strong and their work has not been overlooked.

Thankfully, the free counseling services provided by Man-Tra-Con

helped further the laid-off workers ability to find other employment in today's competitive job market. With any layoff situation in any workplace comes pain and suffering. We realize that the state and national economy isn't the best, and this has caused many problems for all involved with the process. But we appreciate the university's efforts in trying to retain its employees.

History proves that the economy has forever had ups and downs. It is our sincere hope that sooner, rather than later, a stronger economy will put SIUC in a position to bring all our terminated employees back, plus provide more jobs for others in the community. We hope the university will look back to those previously laid-off before hiring new employees. This could save the university many training hours and much money. And we hope that when times are better, we can look back on these hard times as a reminder of how to be less wasteful and more resourceful. If this happens, in the end, our current hardships will make SIUC a better place.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A lot of fellows nowadays have a B.A., M.D. or a Ph.D. Unfortunately, they don't have a J.O.B.”

Fats Domino

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I left the position at the bank to refocus on life. I have four kids, and it was like I was too busy. My wife and I decided to take a step back and, for lack of a better term, begin slowing down.”

Former Trustee Mark Repking in reference to his resignation from the board of trustees.

COLUMNIST

Foreign professors need English skills

There is a major occurrence in institutions of higher learning. This issue is the lack of oral proficiency in the English language by professors. This is a controversial subject because those who raise the issue are often accused of racism and ethnocentrism. Yet, it has to be addressed. There are many components to this problem, and all of them are serious.

First, when teaching at an American college or university, all professors and lecturers should be required to speak fluent English. Purportedly, it is the policy of most American universities to hire instructors who adeptly can speak English.

Nevertheless, the reality is that there are classrooms in which students struggle because of the lack of oral proficiency in English by the professor. It is not sufficient for the instructor to comprehend English; the instructor must be able to convey the material in a manner that is clear and concise.

The second component to this most important issue is the response to the

I am not opposed to professors from other countries. I support and welcome diversity.

problem by department heads. Many students believe — and with good reason — that this problem will not be addressed or solved. Many students state that it's pointless to complain.

A friend who suffered through an entire semester of confusion stated that when he talked to a department head about the fact that he and many other students had difficulty understanding the professor, the response was, "What do you want me to do about it?"

The third component to the problem is the fact that many Americans are not majoring in math or technical fields. Thus, such classes are increasingly being taught by someone who is not skilled in the English language.

I am not opposed to professors from other countries. I support and welcome diversity. I am opposed to professors who are incompetent whether they are American or foreign. It is incompetent to stand in front of a classroom full of students and speak so incoherently that



Having My Say

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students fail the class.

The disgrace is that the F that students receive due to the language barrier is not their failure. The F should be placed squarely on the shoulders of the incoherent instructor and the F should stand for fired.

Failing grades cost dearly in terms of the ability to get scholarships, getting accepted into other universities, receiving financial aid and, of course, the failure to learn the material. Therefore, this problem must be solved.

Millions of students are in classrooms around America reading syllabi and being informed as to what they need to do to pass the class. However, some of those students will be handicapped because they will not be able to comprehend the material.

Students and parents are paying hefty tuition bills to receive a major service. Despite the lofty sentiments regarding the glory of education, the bottom line is that education is a business, and students are customers who deserve quality service.

The fourth and last component to the problem begins at the hiring stage.

An applicant who can barely be understood during the interviewing and selection process should be automatically disqualified.

The state of Michigan passed a law that required all foreign teaching assistants and professors to pass an English oral proficiency test.

This law needs to be expanded to include the entire country and definitely our beloved Southern Illinois University.

Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Welcome back University students

DEAR EDITOR,

Welcome back! This old campus has been lonely this past summer to say the least — just squirrels and rabbits. I prefer to see and talk with human beings. And, of course, I love fall because, besides my old roommates, I look forward to meeting and greeting all you newcomers to the campus.

I mainly will greet and welcome you as I'm around the flagpoles scattered about the campus. Yes, I am the Flag Master on campus and take pride in raising and lowering flags every day. This is my campus duty. Now, I guess my new friends are wondering what will be expected of them on campus.

Well, there are three basic routines that are expected of all the students on campus. The older class members should know these routines, but for the incoming freshmen, it's a new ball game.

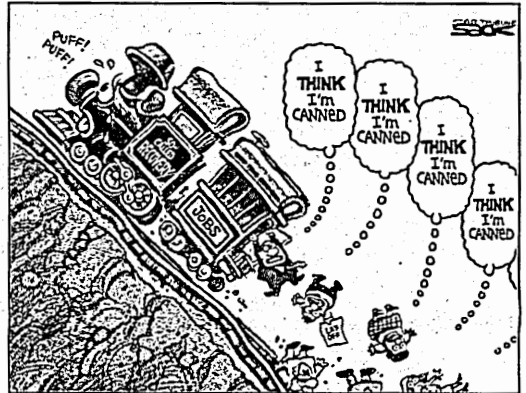
The three routines are: getting up and going to class, getting a study routine down as soon after each class as possible to review and fill in your notes from your previous class, and your last routine will be pretty much of your own choosing — that of free time.

How long your free time period will be will depend on how much homework you have, but you must establish some free time for yourself each day. After all, all work and no play can make for a dull freshman year, and I, for one, don't want that to happen to any of you.

Again, I can't wait to greet you all around the flagpoles on campus.

Bob Reed
The Flag Master

P.S. The clock on campus is chiming once again to welcome you all back to class.



GUEST COLUMNIST

United States handled Liberian situation well

Emmanuel Caudillo
Daily Trojan (U. Southern California)

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — This year, the United States may be more unpopular internationally since 9-11. International protests were met with the invasion of Iraq. Causing America a reputation as a bully.

Now, the Bush Administration is intervening in Liberia, pressuring former president Charles Taylor to resign from power after three years of civil war ravaged the country. The way the United States handles Liberia will show how it deals with other Third World allied countries.

Liberia is in no way a threat to the world, and it is certainly not conspiring to build weapons of mass destruction. It is not harboring international terrorists, nor is it a target for a major terrorist attack. In that sense, this situation is probably the best opportunity for the United States to demonstrate how it handles political situations that are not considered a threat to national security.

This situation would also help the United States in opening up relations with Africa, especially after the atrocities in Rwanda 10 years ago, which the State Department ignored. The situation did not get any better during the State

of the Union Address fiasco, in which President Bush falsely accused Iraq of trying to buy uranium from Niger.

It appears selfish to say that the United States does this in its own interests by trying to be the "world cop." Even so, it is a significant improvement over American foreign policy during the Cold War, in which the government gave arms to dictators and allowed them to run wild.

If the United States does help bring peace to Liberia, it will instill confidence that the government is willing to help Africa to become a modernized continent. It will also show that America wants to help create stable governments that are free of corruption and bloodshed.

It also would send a message to other countries and even the United Nations that fighting between the various countries in Africa will not be tolerated. It could even redeem the United States from the Somalia fiasco of 1992.

The Bush Administration has taken a step in the right direction by negotiating with President Taylor to get him to step down from office. Even though Taylor had been charged with war crimes, he was brought down without the use of force. This shows that everyone, not just America, wanted to bring peace and prosperity

to the land. It also kept the military from having to play "Capture the Leader" as it has done in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Unfortunately, Taylor's exile was only the first part of the story. Now the hard part begins, which is the rebuilding effort. The international peacekeeping forces need to monitor the political situation in Monrovia, and they need to make sure that no single group takes power.

The outcome of this crisis will give the world a breath of relief, because it will prove that when the United States is called to help a nation, it won't necessarily bring its entire military. It will also show that the United States is not just looking after its own interests in its foreign policy.

Earlier this summer, President Bush made the longest African visit ever made by a sitting U.S. president. This needs to be the start of a trend.

The United States needs to get more involved in African issues, either by state visits or increased foreign aid. Even though the military was already tied up in Iraq, the government made the right choice to enter and put the liberty back in Liberia.

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WELCOME

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"We're just trying to make sure the freshmen know what they need to know and get involved in school."

They [the activities] just allow everyone to get a closer network and meet people with similar interest."

Some of the events, such as the Job Fair, concentrate on helping students to discover more about the University as a whole.

From a hypnotist to a comedy show, both sponsored by SPC, there have been several opportunities for students to take a break from moving, getting organized and other early and pre-semester obligations.

Of the events that occur early in the semester, First Thursday has become one of the most important traditions during the first week of school.

In spite of being a mere seven years old, the event is already famous for the prizes and activities it offers students.

According to Nikki Hornsberry and Argus Tong, both graduate assistants in the area of Special Programs and Center Events, the goal of the SPACE program is to promote the Student Center and to promote the center as a place for

students to visit at night as well as the day. In addition to encouraging students to take advantage of nighttime activities, Hornsberry also emphasized that the Student Center is not only a place for students.

"We want to show that the Student Center is not only a building, it's a family unit," said Hornsberry, a graduate student in workforce education from Rockford.

First Thursday, an event sponsored by SPACE, will take on a Hollywood theme with the title "Under the Stars." During the all-day event held in the Student Center, students will have the opportunity to take place in a variety of activities such as the 25th anniversary of the craft shop, which will give them the opportunity to make a caste of themselves, meet well-known individuals such as Frank, a resident in the recent Real World Chicago house. Students who partake in the games going on that day will have the chance to win a mini-refrigerator, digital camera and stereo among other prizes.

Keeping in mind that the University experience is more than fun and games, SPACE also arranged a community service fair to give businesses a chance to make students aware of their

businesses. The fair, which began last Thursday and will continue throughout the week, is taking place in the Hall of Fame area and consists of 12 businesses in the community.

Whether stated by the mayor during a speech for new students or told to them by a peer, the events that took place during the Week of Welcome were all designed to encourage students to take advantage of their time in college, as well as make them more familiar with the atmosphere at SIUC.

Incoming student David Callahan Jr. and his parents, Renata and David of Arlington Heights, said they were very much satisfied with the accommodations the University made for new students.

"The whole move-in was great, there were really no problems," Renata said. "Everyone's been very helpful and gone out of their way to help."

David is the couple's second child to attend the University, with the oldest son having spent five years at SIUC.

"We were very happy with SIUC so we allowed the next one to come down here," Renata said.

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Program threatened by refusal of inspectors

Mark McDonald
Knight Ridder Newspapers

MOSCOW (KRT)
-- Russia's refusal to allow U.S. inspectors into its biological weapons sites is threatening the funding for the continued destruction of the huge Russian arsenal of chemical weapons, said Sen. Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Moscow's evasiveness and denials about its biological programs have led some members of Congress to question \$1 billion in new funding for a decade-long effort known as the Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

The program has spent \$6.4 billion since 1992 to help Russia safeguard and dismantle its weapons of mass destruction, from rusting nuclear submarines and poorly guarded warheads to deadly vials of anthrax and smallpox. Lugar, R-Ind., said the elimination of Russia's remaining chemical stockpile was "a monumental task ... which Russia cannot afford."

"Russia's denials with regard to the biological situation offer an avenue where opponents of spending (this) money can say, 'See, we still really don't know,'" Lugar said. "Some members of Congress say, 'Is Russia complying with all the arms-control treaties?'"

"But it's not useful to set up conditions in which there has to be 100 percent compliance before we do anything."

Lugar said he met recently with President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld to seek a presidential waiver that would snip the strings that some in Congress want to attach to the program's funds in the new U.S. budget.

The weapons-elimination program is informally known as Nunn-Lugar after its original co-sponsors -- former Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia and Lugar.

Lugar has been in Russia in recent days to meet with senior military leaders. He also was due to witness the destruction of several Soviet-era intercontinental ballistic missiles at a military facility in the city of Perm.

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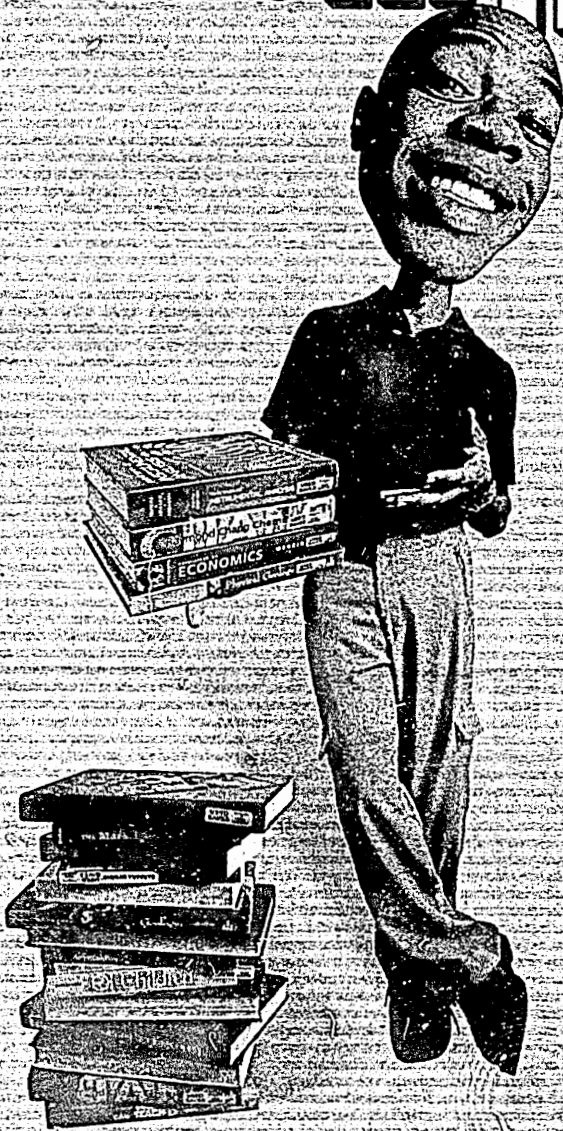
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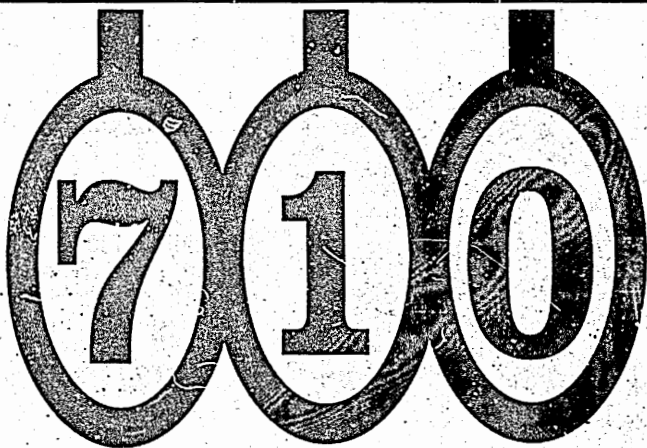
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Illinois State, Chicago public schools initiating pipeline program

New program will recruit, educate potential teachers

Kari Lee
The Daily Vidette
(Illinois State U.)

NORMAL (U-WIRE) — The Chicago Public Schools and Illinois State University will team together in the coming years in an effort to recruit and educate potential teachers in city areas affected by teacher shortages.

ISU faculty will spend time in middle schools and high schools in Chicago identifying students who have the potential and the ability to participate with the Pipeline program, Interim President Al Bowman said.

The Pipeline program will also recruit Chicago City College students enrolled in teacher education programs to transfer to ISU after receiving their associate's degree, Bowman added.

"To have CPS alumni return to CPS and teach is a great asset to us," CPS district CEO Arne Duncan said.

"I don't think there can be a better teacher than a Chicagoan who grew up in our schools and has a strong familiarity with our community," Duncan added.

Duncan said it is important for Chicago City schools to recruit and hire well-trained as well as well-educated teachers, and ISU is well known for their excellence in teacher education.

"Illinois State is the second largest producer of teachers in the country," Duncan said.

"It's important for the university to ID problems that we can address and teacher [education] is a strength of the campus."

"We not only produce a large number of teachers, but we are also recognized as producing some of the best," Bowman said.

The Pipeline program will

also allow more students to complete their student-teaching semesters within the CPS district.

Various students who have completed their student-teaching with CPS have enjoyed their experiences there and have stayed within the district, Bowman said.

Through the Pipeline program, more students will have the opportunity to experience teaching in the inner-city schools, he said.

"This fall, we will have 12 student teachers from Illinois State University at our schools and we will increase that number to 33 in the spring," Duncan said.

Over the past several years CPS has seen approximately 1,000 teacher vacancies at any one time during the year, according to Bowman.

This fall the CPS will need 3,000 new teachers to fill the gaps, he added.

"Most people believe that teaching in an inner-city school is an impossible job, when the opposite is it can be very rewarding," Bowman said.

"If the project is successful, we think there will be many more opportunities for Illinois State."

The program is being funded through a federal grant of \$200,000 sponsored by Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., D-IL. ISU estimates the total cost of the Pipeline program, \$2.5 million, will also be provided through federal grants, according to Bowman.

The Pipeline program will start small with 50 to 70 students enrolled, but ISU is hopeful the numbers will grow to several hundred students within the next few years, Bowman said.

ISU will invite middle school and high school students to visit the campus throughout the time of the program to familiarize students with the facilities and benefits of attending ISU, Bowman said.

Illinois State offers students new options

Ben Eveloff
The Daily Vidette
(Illinois State U.)

NORMAL (U-WIRE) — Students now have the option of getting a wider variety of food services with a new I-State meal plan.

Beginning this fall semester, students will be able to use a swipe card, similar to Illinois State University's meal plan card, to purchase meals at local restaurants.

Off-Campus Access, a non-school affiliated program started the meal plan for students as an alternative to carrying cash.

The card is used just like a debit card where the money is subtracted from the account when a student purchases food.

I-State will help students plan how much money to put on their card by calculating the amount of meals an individual student would like to have a week and then they will suggest the

amount of money that should be put on the account based on these figures. Students and parents will also be able to add money to the account through the I-State website.

The card can be used at any time, even over the summer and during holidays, Mike Dolezal, regional director of Off-Campus Access, said.

When a student graduates, the remainder of the balance will be mailed to them so they will not lose any of their money, Dolezal added.

Local restaurants included in the plan are Boo Boo's Dog House, Pub II, Chili's, Quizno's, Jimmy John's, KFC, The Rock, Bagelman's, Papa John's, Za Za's, and Domino's.

Off-Campus Access plans to add more restaurants to the program as well as have weekly specials at different restaurants for cardholders, Dolezal said. It is still too early to say if the I-State card will be popular because the semester has not started yet, Papa John's manager Aaron Todd said.

"I have only seen one person with the card since the students are still moving in," he said.

Pub II manager Jerry Strawlow, also has not noticed anybody with the card yet and said he still does not have the machine needed to use the cards.

Neither Papa John's or Pub II has a special for the I-State plan yet, but Dolezal said there will be many discounts and giveaways in the future.

"It would be good for students if the restaurants discount the food, but not worth it if there is no discount," junior criminal justice sciences major Laura Meehan said.

The I-state meal plan is designed for students on and off campus who enjoy eating at some of the local restaurants.

The program has been successful at other schools in the Midwest such as Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University and University of Wisconsin at Madison, according to Dolezal.

Renovation project receives funding

Hannah Landis
The Daily Vidette
(Illinois State U.)

NORMAL (U-WIRE) — After months of uncertainty, funding has finally been secured for the Schroeder Hall Renovation Project at Illinois State University, a plan that will makeover the exterior and interior of the building within four years.

Interim President Al Bowman confirmed the go-ahead issued by Governor Blagojevich for the projected \$17.5 million project, which was delayed due to Illinois' budget crisis.

"Despite the statewide budget circumstances, I knew this was a project

we just had to get underway," Bowman said. Since the initial delays, Bowman has fought to keep the plan on the table of legislators.

"We had a very good project on the table," Bowman said, "and I spent a great deal of my time working with the Governor's office, our legislative supporters, including Representative Dan Brady, and the new chairman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Jim Kaplan."

Bowman said this project is crucial for keeping ISU's facilities compatible with the instructional needs of a modern university.

For many years, the 46-year-old building on the northwest side of

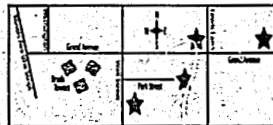
the Quad, which serves as one of the classroom facilities on campus, has suffered from what Bowman deemed "significant problems" with its mechanical system and outdated features like single-paned windows, which prevent the heating and cooling systems from functioning efficiently.

Plans call for the building to be gutted.

Careful measures will have to be used in the renovations because of the presence of asbestos in the building.

Rick Kentzler, university architect and licensed asbestos abatement designer, said asbestos removal will be carried out in accordance with the governing regulations.

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Baylor players ponder options

Jeff Caplan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WACO, Texas (KRT) — Sophomore Tommy Swanson is at least the sixth Baylor basketball player to request a release from his scholarship, allowing him to explore transferring to another university.

"It's hard to not think of the possibility of leaving the program," said Swanson, a 6-foot-9 forward. "But at the same time, I made a commitment to the university and you want to stay loyal."

Of the 12 players listed on Baylor's 2003-04 roster, only seniors R.T. Guinn and Matt Sayman have committed to returning. The fall semester begins Aug. 25.

In a statement Saturday, Baylor President Robert Sloan said the university is determined to field a basketball team for the upcoming season.

"We are committed to restoring trust and integrity in our basketball program," he said, "and look forward to competing this fall in a manner that is consistent with the values of the university."

The question is how many scholarship players will remain at Baylor, which plays in the highly competitive Big 12 Conference.

Baylor, the only private school in the Big 12, has struggled since entering the conference. It won only five conference games last season and did not have more than six

conference victories during any of former coach Dave Bliss' four seasons.

Ellis Kidd Jr. had decided last week to return to Baylor, but his father said Friday that his son might reconsider after the father learned that Bliss directed players to provide investigators with false information indicating that slain teammate Patrick Dennehy had paid his tuition by dealing drugs.

Swanson described Bliss' actions as "very discouraging," and said it has made him think even harder about leaving Baylor.

He said "three or four" schools have contacted him, though he would not name them.

"I'm weighing my options," Swanson said. "I'm unsure what to do. It's very unsettling, very disappointing to hear something like that."

Bliss resigned Aug. 8, taking responsibility for improprieties in the program.

Sloan said he will provide a release to any player requesting one. On Thursday, Baylor formally petitioned the NCAA to bypass a rule in which players transferring from one Division I school to another must sit out one academic year before being able to play for their new school.

Depending on how many players eventually transfer, Baylor could be forced to fill out its roster with walk-ons.

Baylor's top player, 6-foot-9 forward and preseason Wooden

All-American Lawrence Roberts, visited Mississippi State over the weekend and is scheduled to visit Arizona on Tuesday before deciding his future.

His father, Lawrence Roberts Sr., said if the NCAA allows players to transfer without penalty, it would increase his son's chances of leaving.

Others who have requested releases include point guard John Lucas III, shooting guard Kenny Taylor, highly touted junior-college transfer Harvey Thomas and 6-foot-9 freshman forward Tyrone Nelson, who signed with Prairie View A&M on Friday, his father, Rev. H.J. Nelson, said.

"If they lose some players it makes it tougher for them," said former NBA player and coach John Lucas Jr., the father of John Lucas III. "They were thin anyway. They didn't have much depth."

Parents of Baylor players have supported hiring Lucas to replace Bliss as head coach. However, Lucas again said that he has not considered the position while his son's immediate future remains in limbo, and he did not want to speculate if he would consider the position if his son remains at Baylor.

"I consider myself very much a part of the Baylor family," Lucas said. "But I can't answer that (about coaching). Right now, basketball isn't even the issue. We have to bring, first things first, closure, and then move forward."

Illinois State heating up for football season

Nate Brown
The Daily Vidette (Illinois St. U.)

NORMAL (U-WIRE) — If the Illinois State University Redbirds were looking for a cool way to end their grueling 170 week camp, they were in for a surprise. Mother Nature did not comply, and Saturday evening, the Redbirds concluded their camp in the sweltering heat.

The scrimmage, played in front of friends, family and avid Redbird fans, saw the offense and defense face off in two halves.

The first half consisted of a running 30-minute clock, while the second half consisted of numerous plays being run, without a running clock.

Head coach Denver Johnson said he was pleased with the performances of the offense.

"I think we have a real good chance to be good offensively," Johnson said.

"We should be good on the offensive line. We got several backs that can produce for us. I'm really optimistic about our offense's production."

The running backs Johnson spoke of, Demetrius Johnson, Sha-Ron Edwards, and Tristan Davis all saw time in the evening. Johnson scored on a 2-yard touchdown run, and compiled 37 yards for the evening. Davis rushed for 6 yards on seven carries. However, it was Edwards that opened some eyes with his dazzling speed and explosive performance.

Edwards rumbled for a 45-yard run that set up a 33-yard touchdown reception in the offense's third series. But it was Edwards' 66-yard scamper down the sideline that brought the

crowd alive, and showcased Edwards breakaway speed. Edwards finished the day with 153 yards rushing and one touchdown.

"I was hungry today and I thought we came out a little flat," Edwards said. "I just wanted to find a little spark and lighten everybody up."

The heat was a test for the Redbirds, who have a 12-game schedule this season, and do not receive a break during the season.

Edwards said the team is well conditioned and should be ready for their long, difficult schedule. "I think we conditioned to the fullest in camp," Edwards said. "This long season won't hurt us, because the camp brought the toughest out of us. It ain't nothing."

Johnson is not concerned so much with the long schedule, as he is with the young defensive core he has to work with. Adding to that concern, defensive tackle Nick Rohrer was injured on a goal-line play.

The sophomore suffered a sprained knee and will have tests Monday. Johnson knows growing pains will come with the defense.

"We knew going in that we only had three starters coming back in my mind," Johnson said. "We're trying to work some new guys in. We had some true freshman out and we were trying to bring them along. We're trying to somehow hasten their maturation process. I'm not alarmed at all (about the defense), but I believe that at some point in time, we're going to have a really good defense."

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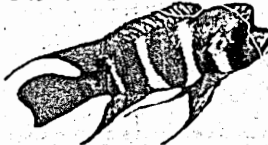


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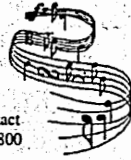
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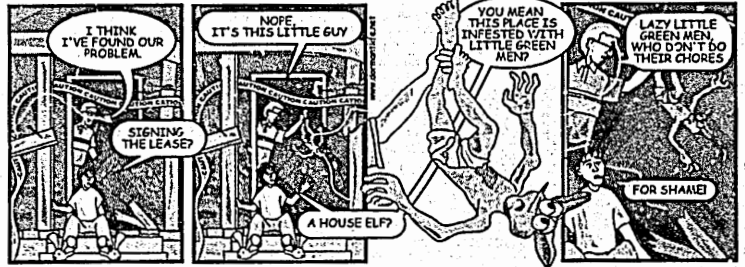
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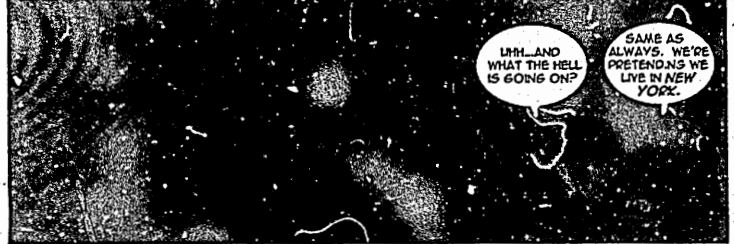


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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Aug. 19). Clashing with an older person won't get you anywhere. If you learn to obey orders, you'll become a better leader. Sure, you may feel stifled, but you're gathering great experience. You'll see: You'll end up stronger if you play by another person's rules.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Your attention to detail brings you respect and some other very nice things. Don't complain about a critical person. Thank him or her for the advice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're a person who shows how you feel more through action than words. But you should make an exception for a loved one who's feeling insecure. Even sending a thoughtful card will make a big difference.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Listen more than you talk, especially if you can't say something nice. You may actually figure out how to avoid a messy situation.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It's hard to be careful and count all your pennies when you seem to have a lot. Don't be stingy or mean. Share with those in need, but be sure to put away enough.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You've squeaked through again. You're nothing if not lucky. Or was this a brilliant strategy? Might as well let them think so.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Although you don't go to a lot of trouble to draw attention to yourself, it happens. You look good while a noisier person looks awkward.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You'd do well to curb some of your exuberance and think about what you're going to say before you say it. No filtering or goofing off. Being businesslike eventually gets you the deal. Ask for more than you need.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Let your friends know what you've been up to lately. Meanwhile, don't let your partner carry too much of the load.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're just about ready to take off when another order comes in. It's wonderful to be busy, of course, but when will you find time to play? It'll be a while.

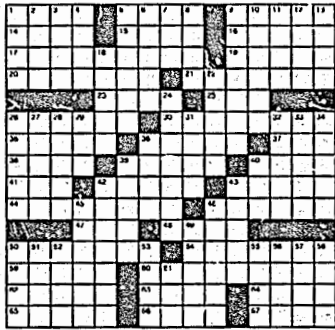
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 8 - If you don't find the perfect thing nearby, don't lose your faith. Extend your search wider and wider. Possibilities multiply.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Money is available for a sturdy household item. Get the very strongest one you can find so that it'll last a long time. Go for utility over style.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You may feel as if you still have an awful lot to learn. That may be so, but don't despair. You don't have to know it all. Get experts to help.

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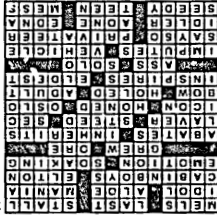


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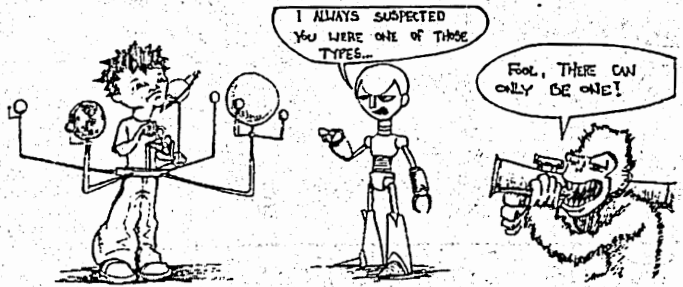
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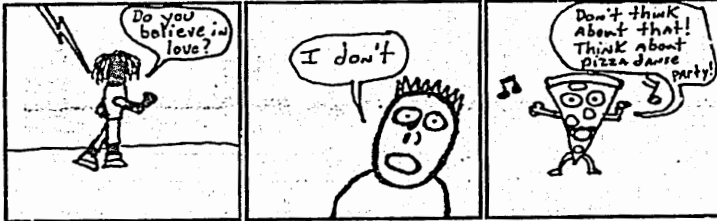


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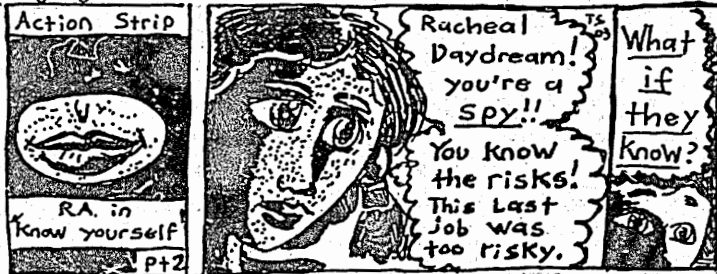
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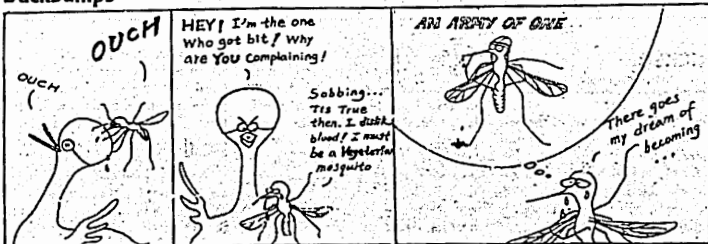
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McDowell signs with Amsterdam club

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Former SIU women's basketball star Molly McDowell is not done on the hardwood just yet.

McDowell signed a professional contract Monday with European team BV Lely, which is based out of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The squad is one of the better teams in the country, having recently won the country's women's basketball title.

The departed senior credits both the SIU coaching staff and her high school coach with getting her to the point where she could play among the world's best.

"Signing a contract to play professionally is a contribution to myself and the hard work that I've put into the game of basketball," McDowell said in a press release. "It also reflects the hard work that the coaches at SIU have put in for me and the mental toughness my high school coach has instilled in me.

"It is a great opportunity for me to continue playing a game I love

and get paid while doing it."

The Fillmore native is currently finishing an internship at the Westmont Park District in Westmont and is scheduled to complete her degree in recreation Aug. 29. She will leave the country Sept. 11 and officially started practicing with her new team shortly after arriving in Amsterdam. The season begins Oct. 1.

McDowell came to Carbondale after a sensational prep career at Nokomis High School. She led her team to the Class A State Championship in 1998 and 1999 and was named Ms. Basketball in the state of Illinois as a senior in 1999.

With all of her credentials, big things were expected of McDowell, but she was cursed by injuries and losses throughout her career as a Saluki.

Despite the team's failures, McDowell always shone, averaging almost 12 points a game throughout her career.

She had a stellar senior season, racking up 407 points, grabbing 121 boards, dishing out 103 assists and

snabbing 54 steals.

In the SIU career rankings, McDowell is first in free throws made (367) and free throw percentage (84 percent), second in free throws attempted (436), third in steals (198) and three-pointers made (104), sixth in assists (355) and is tied for sixth in scoring (1,271) with SIU women's track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith.

McDowell played a total of 108 games during her career at SIU, starting in all but two of them.

"I think this is a great opportunity for Molly," SIU head coach Lori Opp said in a press release. "It's a great boost for our program and we wish her all the best."

McDowell is now the fifth SIU women's basketball player to play professionally. The other pro Salukis are Amy Rakers (Japan), Anita Scott (Switzerland and Greece), D.D. Plab (Ireland) and Petra Jackson (United States).

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KOUTSOS

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the practice field, something unfathomable a year ago.

"I would have never thought I would have been back for a fifth season," Koutsos said.

He has not lost his rugged style, either.

"This year he is bigger and is just as fast," redshirt freshman fullback J.T. Wise said of the man he will block for at times this season. "He is in a definite position to contribute in a big way."

His injury was not the type that would alter a player's talent or style much anyway.

"Thank god it wasn't my knees," Koutsos said.

He is not kidding around, either. Joking about a football player hurting his knee is like mentioning a pitcher blowing out his throwing arm.

So when Max Pierre, a sophomore linebacker slated to play a hefty amount this season, rolled over and let loose a stomach-curling cry during the scrimmage last week, Koutsos was the first to rush to the aid of his fallen teammate.

Two days after that scrimmage, in which Pierre was lost to a ruptured ACL tear, Koutsos was running with the first-team offense against the starting defense.

Koutsos was running the way SIU needs "Thunder" to run. He was squaring his shoulders and exploding into defenders.

Kill was so moved by Koutsos' performance, that he belted out "That's the Tom Koutsos I know! That is the Tom Koutsos I love."

Koutsos was not complacent after the ecstatic complement either.

Two plays later, Koutsos delivered a punctuated blow on an awaiting safety that knocked his own helmet off.

Did he stop and pick up his helmet as if the play was over?

No. He simply searched for another defender to crash his body into.

"I am an old-fashioned type of player," Koutsos said.

His relationship with Abdulqadir has also strengthened.

TOM KOUTSOS' STATS

Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 220 lbs
Class: Senior (RS)

FOOTBALL SALUKI

YEAR	YARDS	TDs	AVG.
1999	1052	12	5.4
2000	1257	11	4.2
2001	1222	9	4.7
2002	216	6	5.8
TOTALS	3747	38	4.7

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"There's a mutual respect between us," Koutsos explains. "We both know how good we are."

The two would have never been able to forge that relationship if they let their competitive nature come between them, especially since they both are accustomed to being the main back to cradle the football.

"Tommy and I have a lot in common with one another," Abdulqadir said. "It is kind of like being in the bush in somewhere Africa where two common lions meet each other. These animals boycott confrontation for the better chance of survival. They don't want to fight each other because they'd just wound one another."

After a recent practice, Koutsos asked Abdulqadir if he wanted to attend a Chicago Bears preseason game with him.

A year from now, the two will not have to be watching the game. Well, at least not from the stands.

Barring any unforeseen problems, the two will probably be suiting up in an NFL preseason game.

Increasing his chances of living that dream is the fact that Koutsos is going to be able to work on special teams and find other niches than just running.

"I am going to get accustomed to

special teams and if I want to play in the pros, I'm going to have to play them," Koutsos said. "I've put on those extra pounds too, and I hope that makes me more versatile when I go to the next level."

But he is not falling into the trap of getting ahead of himself. He has only one target in his sights right now, and that is bringing a winning season to SIU for the first time since 1991.

"I am excited about this year," Koutsos said. "We got a good team. I'll get that fall-time Gateway rushing record. But I am not worried about personal accolades. Right now I am just focused on the season."

But before he finished speaking, he added one more comment.

"But don't forget about B-Rob (senior fullback Brandon Robinson). Everyone talks about me and Mo (Abdulqadir). It makes me feel bad. The offense is based around a fullback."

It seems fitting for him not to forget about his talented teammate, the same way they have not forgotten about "Touchdown Tommy."

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explore the stadium. One of the best parts of visiting a new stadium is wandering the concourse.

One plus for Dodger Stadium was that I was able to learn new Spanish curse words, which were apparently directed at Sammy Sosa by fans sit-

ting directly behind me.

But, despite their team's winning record, Dodger fans seemed more interested in playing with beach balls than watching the game. Signs posted at entrances prohibiting beach balls did not discourage them. At least four beach balls were bounced through the crowd at all times, even with security guards constantly confiscating them.

Another major benefit of each stadium is something Cubs and Cardinals fans are unaccustomed to - affordable ticket prices. Many tickets at Dodger Stadium can be had for a mere \$6, and tickets start at \$5 in San Diego.

If only Cubs and Cardinals fans on student-worker salaries could actually afford to visit their teams' home parks.

Coaches pick Salukis to finish seventh in Missouri Valley

Adam Soebbing
Daily Egyptian

The SIU volleyball team was chosen to finish seventh in the 2003 Missouri Valley Conference preseason coaches poll.

Not that they care. "We didn't think much of it last year," said outside hitter Kelly Harman, the lone senior on the Salukis' inexperienced squad. "So we're not going to think much of it this year."

Selected to place eighth in the 2002 preseason poll, the Salukis compiled their best record in 17 years, finishing 23-10. Riding the wave of senior leadership, the Salukis advanced to the MVC tournament championship game for the first time in school history.

But with senior leadership eventually comes senior withdrawal.

Hit hard by graduation, the 2003 Salukis are left with 12 newcomers, including 11 freshmen, to join the core of five returnees.

Despite the youth movement, the Salukis' expectations for themselves have not changed a bit.

"We go into every season wanting to be no less than the top six teams in the conference so that we can compete in the conference tournament," head coach Sonya Locke said. "We know that that's our automatic vehicle into the NCAA's and that is the goal every year."

Even though the expectations may be the same as last season, that is where the similarities end between this year's team and those of the past. More than anything Locke wants her team to be competitive night in and night out while creating its own identity along the way.

Emphasizing strong defense, ball control and serving, the Salukis kept things simple for the first week of practice to keep from overwhelming the newcomers. Nonetheless, the transition has been a noticeable jump for the freshmen.

"It's a totally different level," said Haley Hann, a freshman middle blocker/outside hitter from Littleton, Colo. "It's kind of hard to know what to expect. I feel like I have a lot to learn, but I just keep pushing through and keep focused."

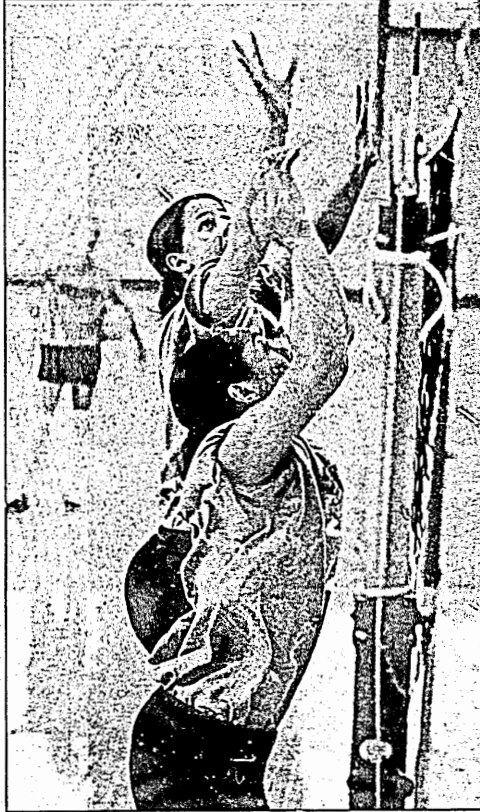
Because of the Salukis' lack of experience, Locke is taking the extra time to assess exactly what she has in her artillery.

"I think they all have the potential to contribute, but we are not really at a point right now where I can honestly say who's going to do this and who is going to do that," Locke said. "We haven't really gotten to a whole lot of team things where we're looking for someone to separate themselves from the others."

One of the biggest question marks entering the season, along with the open setter position, was how well all the fresh faces would come together. According to Locke and junior middle blocker Carrie Shephard, this is no longer an issue.

"We've been meshing well with the freshmen and everything is kind of coming together," Shephard said. "We need a little more work in places, but I think for the most part it is going to be a really good season."

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AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Junior middle blocker Carrie Shephard rises above freshman Claire Antoine as they attempt to block an oncoming shot during practice Monday afternoon at Davies Gymnasium. Shephard is expected to play a huge part in the Salukis upcoming season.

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UNFORGOTTEN SOLDIER

Koutsos puts professional career on hold in hopes of bringing a winning season for the first time in 12 seasons

story by ZACK CREGLOW

The SIU football squad pulled off arguably the biggest upset in the school's history last October. Then-freshman quarterback Joel Sambursky flipped a desperation pass that fluttered into Brandon Robinson's hands in the corner of the end zone as the game clock expired.

What ensued after the historic toss that defeated Western Illinois 54-52 on Homecoming last season was pure mayhem.

The crowd, ignoring all warnings from security, rushed onto the field as if the stadium was loaded on pure adrenaline.

The biggest name on the Salukis' roster for the three previous seasons, Tom Koutsos, could not feel the joy that his Saluki teammates gushed with after the game.

He wanted to.

He wanted anything to divert his attention off the white cast that protected his broken wrist, which he sustained a month earlier at Murray State.

The only feeling he had was one that wrenched his heart. In his eyes, he didn't play an integral part in any of SIU's newfound success during the 2002 season.

"If you don't sweat and bleed with the guys during the war, you can't enjoy the victory," Koutsos said. "I celebrated for the guys, though. It was a huge win."

But knowing the battles that Koutsos had fought during the previous years, SIU head coach Jerry Kill explained to him that he was still a huge part of the squad.

It was hard for him, obviously.

Koutsos was one, if not the only reason to watch the Salukis during their horrendous campaigns in 2000 and 2001. During those forgettable years, he broke SIU's career record for rushing yardage and drew within 485 yards of breaking the Gateway's all-time mark for rushing yards.

He also is knocking on the door of the all-time touchdown record and all-time 100-yard game mark.

Yet there he was watching the only game he ever knew from the sidelines as a spectator and not playing for the first time since fourth grade.

While he stalked the SIU sidelines, he had a great view of the dominance of the man who replaced him in the lineup — Muhammad Abdulqadir.

Abdulqadir was having the year that everyone envisioned Koutsos would have.

Koutsos entered the 2002 season as a hallyhoed as any player in Saluki lore. He was a serious candidate for the Walter Payton Award, the most prestigious award given to a Division I-AA player. He was also tabbed as a preseason All-American.

"I was in a depressed state for a while," Koutsos said. "I missed getting hit and feeling contact. I missed going in after practices and getting in a cold shower, knowing that I worked hard on that day."

Koutsos insists there has never been any animosity between Abdulqadir and him. He was proud of the way Abdulqadir baffled defenses.

"I was glad one of us was doing it," Koutsos said.

He cheered when his replacement was so good he managed to rush for 200-yard games even as teams put more players in the box in hopes that their defense would not be the next that he embarrassed.



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior Tom Koutsos hopes to make the 2003 season his best yet after spending last season shelved with a broken wrist. Koutsos, who was not playing football for the first time since fourth grade last year, toyed with the idea of leaving for the NFL. Now he, Muhammad Abdulqadir and Brandon Robinson form one of the most dangerous backfields in all of college football.

Koutsos is a blue-collar football guy. This game is most of what he knows and all of what he loves.

Plus he was so close to making every little boy's dream a reality. The hope was with one superb season he would sneak into the NFL Draft.

But he had a gut feeling he wasn't going to be selected in the 2003 NFL Draft.

What did he have to show NFL executives? He had just 36 carries during his senior season and four of his six touchdowns were against a Division II Kentucky Wesleyan squad.

Yet his decision still was in limbo.

"I am sure there would have been some training camp invitations," Koutsos said.

Then he would have the option of choosing the team that he felt he would have the best chance to make.

"I was pretty close to actually taking off," Koutsos said. "But when you are trying to make your move and coming from a smaller school, you have to make sure your opportunity is a good one."

Even though SIU was returning Abdulqadir, who ended up earning first-team All-America

honors, people still hoped for a Koutsos return.

To do that, people would have to help him through the tough times.

His teachers allowed him to miss a few weeks of class, though he would not have been able to do much. A journalism major, Koutsos was unable to type for more than a month.

His teammates also kept him upbeat and expressed their desire for their power back to return for a fifth season.

His roommate and close friend Walter Bucki, who was a fullback on last season's team, also told him that he believed he should stick at SIU for another season.

As his wrist healed, so did his state of mind. "Once the cast was off, I snapped out of it," Koutsos said.

Then in January, rejuvenated from winter break, Koutsos announced his intent to return.

With it came the hoopla. "Thunder and Lightning" was the nickname the local media attached to the All-America backfield with Koutsos starring as Thunder.

He hit the weight room and added more muscle to his already-thick physique. He has beefed up to 230 pounds, which will serve him well when teams roll up the safeties to try to stop SIU's prominent running attack.

Nearly two weeks ago Koutsos was back on

COMMENTARY



It's almost over

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Give me Wrigley

When I think of the 1960s, I think of drugs and hippies. Apparently, architects also partook of many types of mind-altering substances while playing their trade.

The 1960s have brought us some of the most ugly, poorly designed buildings around. They include Busch Stadium and the other cookie-cutter stadiums of its ilk, Faneuil Hall and numerous other buildings where attractiveness and ease of use were seemingly at afterthought.

The recent August break gave me the opportunity to watch my beloved Cubs battle for playoff position in two stadiums built in the dark ages of architecture — Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

Both are decent enough places to watch a ballgame, and both could have been much better if the architects had put more thought into them like the designers of many of the new downtown baseball stadiums sprouting up in cities throughout the country.

Both Dodger Stadium and Qualcomm Stadium are set in the middle of massive parking lots that don't lend any character to the stadiums they envelop.

Their massive concrete exteriors are also unpleasing to the eye, especially Qualcomm with its spiral walkways on each corner of the structure.

But while ugly on the outside, both are decent enough places to watch baseball, minor annoyances aside. As for pure baseball viewing pleasure, I'll give the nod to the Padres' home stadium, which is in its last season as a baseball park before giving way to another well-designed downtown stadium, this one named for a pet store.

Qualcomm's palm trees, perfect weather and public standing areas below the outfield bleachers just feet from the outfielders make it a good place for baseball.

The abundance of rarely used seating and the aforementioned lack of character do take away from its ambience. The seating sections also seem poorly designed. While most new stadiums strive for an open concourse where you can watch the game without being in your seat, Qualcomm quashes this possibility with pointless walls behind each seating section. There is also an unnecessary aisle in front of each seating section, which can get rather annoying after you've watched the 10th vendor walk in front of you in the second inning.

But there's no need to buy food from foot peddlers when there's a Rally's inside the stadium, a major plus in my book.

Dodger Stadium may or may not have a Rally's inside, as it's draconian design doesn't allow fans seated in the outfield to wander to any other part of the stadium concourse.

Like Qualcomm, Dodger Stadium is located in a massive parking lot, but at least it's located within a city park, which gives it a slightly better appearance. From the outside, however, the stadium isn't quite as ugly as Qualcomm.

On the inside, at least in the outfield pavilion sections, Dodger Stadium is plain and unattractive.

Sitting in the outfield bleachers, fans cannot wander anywhere outside of this area to