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**Bill Balaker finishes a transaction with Kathy Walker of Hurst at his fresh produce stand at the Blairsville Crossroads north of Cambria. Walker is a regular customer of the produce stand, which has fruits and vegetables ranging from corn, green beans and bell peppers to fresh melons and strawberries.**

## SIUC sets tuition freeze

Tuition to remain same for students enrolling after a certain time

Jessica Yorama  
 Daily Egyptian

Some students receive full scholarships, and, as a result, the ability to avoid the stress of concerning themselves with the status of tuition. For the majority of the student population, however, the tuition freeze that was placed on the SIUC tuition was a much welcomed decision.

On May 28, the House passed the decision that would guarantee some students of steady tuition throughout four consecutive years of schooling.

With the decision applying only to students enrolling in the 2003-2004 school year, students such as Wanda Duncan are still left having to sporadically check the status of tuition. With talk of tuition increases, students such as Duncan often worry about any changes that may occur in their tuition.

"I just have qualms about quality of education compared with the costs," said Duncan, a senior in radio and television from Marion. "It's kind of hard to say anything about it right now, because it seems like the raise in tuition could still be more than projected."

Chancellor Walter Wendler said that he emphasizes with students' concerns as far as possible tuition increases. As a first generation college attendant and someone who was initially not able to afford a four-year institution, Wendler said he has done his best to make certain that the University continues to be cost-efficient.

"I'm very conscious when it comes to costs," Wendler said. "We've been very careful in accessing any increases beyond the ones we have already accessed."

The increases SIUC has already instated are part of a four-year plan established by the Board of Trustees. The plan, which was established last year, called for an increase of 18, 16, seven and eight percent respectively throughout the years.

While the 16 percent increase will stand for the fall, the University is not yet certain it will be able to maintain the upcoming seven-percent and eight-percent increases.

## Judge stops SBC rate increase

Preliminary injunction granted against hikes in telephone prices

Katie Davis  
 Daily Egyptian

Companies in Illinois telephone markets breathed a sigh of relief Monday when a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction to a score of companies filing against legislation passed in May to give SBC Communications, Inc. a competitive edge.

Chief District Judge Charles Kocoras said in his ruling that the Illinois Legislature did not have the authority to raise SBC prices for use of its networks, according to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

"The legislative process can be both inelegant and unscientific when compared

to the adjudicatory procedures mandated by the state commissions in the conduct of their business," Kocoras said in his ruling.

The legislation, which Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed four hours after it passed in the General Assembly in mid-May, gave SBC, a "Baby Bell" company, authorization to increase the price for line access to about \$19 per line, or by about \$7 effective June 9.

According to Mike Pruyn of the AT&T Media Relation office for the Central United States, that would place the wholesale rate of line access above the retail rate. AT&T, which joined MCI, MacLeod USA, and many other companies in the suit, currently charges about \$16 for a basic connection.

Pruyn said the companies would have placed a surcharge on their customers' bills to accommodate the loss they would have incurred for consumers on SBC lines.

"Consumers have a choice, they're not stuck with SBC anymore," he said. "Competition results in lower prices and

better services."

SBC requested permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission in December to raise line prices. The ICC was expected to release a report in November, when SBC brought the matter to the General Assembly May 5.

The bill was passed May 9 and signed into law four hours later.

The ICC also approved the same rate increase mere hours before the judge's decision because of the legislation.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, voted against the initial legislation when SBC brought it to the house floor in early May.

Bost said the telecommunications rewrite, which was completed two years ago, was geared to breaking up an SBC monopoly, which controlled about 85 percent of the lines in Illinois, mainly in central and northern Illinois.

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## Sunset Concerts keep rocking all summer long

The Kinsey Report ushers in this year's concert series for Thursday night's

Geoffrey Ritter  
 Daily Egyptian

It's that time of year again. Summer, you say? Sure. But, as anyone who's spent a hot Thursday night in July in the friendly confines of Turley Park or in front of Shryock Auditorium knows, summer in Carbondale is summed up by one thing.

Sunset Concerts. The hot sun. The cool drinks. The good music and the good friends.

They all make their return at 7 p.m. this Thursday in front of Shryock Auditorium when the Gary, Indiana-based blues band The Kinsey Report slides into town for the first concert of the summer and starts off the Sunset Concerts' 25th anniversary season.

According to Don Castle, University programming coordinator and adviser to the Student Programming Council, which helps put on the concerts, the Sunset Concerts are a Carbondale tradition that allows people to just get together and have fun.

"It serves a need that's special in the summer," Castle said. "There's not a lot of things going on. This is a chance to get together with friends and have a good time."

And, true to form, this year's slate of performers promises to add a catchy soundtrack to the season's most famous social event.

This week's The Kinsey Report, made up of three brothers performing on guitar, vocals, drums and bass, has been a mainstay on the national blues scene for about 15 years and has released four albums, the latest of which, "Smoke and Steel" on Alligator Records, is propelling their latest tour through the Midwest and Canada.

Thursday's show is the first con-

cert on their summer lineup.

Also on the docket, Castle said, are two bands returning from previous years — Oldies band Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets, which will perform June 19 at Turley Park, made its first Sunset Concert appearance in 1989; and Dikki Du and the Zydeco Crew, first appearing in 1999, which will play July 17 on the steps of Shryock.

The summer lineup also includes performances by alternative rock band The Stereo, the acoustic Eva Hunter Band and the bluegrass-Celtic fusion band Daybreak.

The concerts will alternate between Shryock and Turley, with no concert on July 3.

As in past years, Castle stressed, alcohol will be allowed at both of the

venues provided it is not in a glass container.

Also, kegs, pets and underage drinking are prohibited.

And, to top it all off, Castle said a limited edition commemorative T-shirt celebrating the 25th year of the concerts will be on sale at the concerts for \$15.

The shirts, Castle said, are a good way to commemorate a concert series that truly does define summer in Carbondale.

"It's a great social occasion," he said of the series. "Each week, it's a different kind of show."

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Florida college students could face one more test**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Florida college students already cram for final exams and pull all-nighters to finish semester-end reports, but soon they also may have to sweat over a new exit test as seniors.

Inspired by statewide testing used to determine whether third-graders are promoted and high-school seniors can receive standard diplomas, top education officials in Tallahassee and Washington are devising an exam for college students.

No state in the nation has such a comprehensive college test, experts say.

Crucially, unlike high-schoolers who take the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, college students likely would not have to pass their test to graduate, supporters say.

Most backers do want to tie students' success rates on the test to future college funding, much like Florida offers funding incentives and assigns grades to public schools that perform well on the FCAT.

"We put pressure on high-school teachers and third-grade teachers, why not put some pressure on university professors to show their students are learning?" said Steven Uhlfelder, a member of the Florida Board of Governors that oversees colleges. "I just want to measure how well we are doing in educating our college students."

No surprise, many college students hate the idea.

"An FCAT-type test at the college level would be a big waste of money," said Marco Pena, a former University of Central Florida student body president who is set to graduate this summer. "The real test comes in the real world; whether you can get a job."

Pena said university board of trustees could easily measure student success rates by tracking hiring rates, graduate-school test grades, and placement rates at post-graduate institutions.

Besides, Pena said, if passing the test isn't required to graduate, some students won't bother to take it, and if they have to, they may just slough it off.

"That could skew the results," Pena said.

The Florida Board of Governors, a new panel created by voters last fall, will start studying the testing proposal later this month.

Uhlfelder said that he envisions an exam that all college students would have to take, but not one that they would have to pass to graduate.

It should measure basic reading and writing skills, he said, but not assign grades to colleges.

"I don't want a punitive test," Uhlfelder said.

It's not clear whether the idea has much support on the Board of Governors, which would have to approve any plan, most likely along with state lawmakers. When Uhlfelder broached the subject at a meeting last month, many members sounded cautionary tones.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Powell makes trip to Cuba**

SANTIAGO, Chile — Secretary of State Colin Powell called on Western Hemisphere nations Monday to help "hasten the inevitable democratic transition in Cuba" and protest a recent wave of arrests and executions by President Fidel Castro's government.

Powell, raising the Cuba issue in a forum long reluctant to debate it, told the 34-nation Organization of American States: "The people of Cuba increasingly look to the OAS for help in defending their fundamental freedoms against the deprivations of our hemisphere's only dictatorship."

Powell reminded the gathering of its past commitments to democracy, including the 2001 Inter-American Democratic Charter.

That document "declares that the people of the Americas have a right to democracy." It does not say that the peoples of the Americas, except Cubans, have a right to democracy," he said.

Many nations of the OAS, which suspended Cuba's membership in 1962, are opposed to discussing Castro's human rights record without also debating the four-decades-old U.S. embargo of the island.

Only half the group's membership has signed on to a U.S.-backed declaration criticizing Castro's crackdown on dissidents. Caribbean countries lead the opposition to the declaration.

But worldwide sentiment appears to be shifting slightly after the Cuban regime earlier this spring imprisoned 75 dissidents and executed three men for hijacking a ferry they were to take to the United States.

"I think Castro made a very big mistake," said a senior OAS official, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

While Castro still garners support in some nations in the region, it is the Bush administration abandons past practice and makes a major push for action by the OAS, "I think they may get something," the senior official said.

The European Union, which has advocated engagement with Havana, announced last week that it would cut back on high-level visits to Cuba and invite dissidents to EU functions.

Citing that move, Powell said Sunday while on his way to Chile: "I think the rest of the world is now starting to take note of Castro's increasingly poor human rights behavior."

## Graduating Summer 2003?


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**Friday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m.** is the deadline to apply for summer 2003 graduation and commencement.

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The \$25.00 fee will appear on a future Bursar statement during the summer semester, 2003.

<b>Today</b>		<b>Five-day Forecast</b>	<b>Almanac</b>
High 81 Low 67		<b>Thursday</b> Partly Cloudy 76/67 <b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy 77/65 <b>Saturday</b> Partly Cloudy 79/66 <b>Sunday</b> Partly Cloudy 78/64 <b>Monday</b> Partly Cloudy 77/63	<b>Average high:</b> 82 <b>Average low:</b> 59 <b>Tuesday's hi/low:</b> 75/60
Cloudy with rain, possibly strong thunderstorms.			

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**UNIVERSITY**

**Old Main Restaurant reopens**

Old Main Restaurant, located on the second floor of the Student Center, has reopened for the summer semester. Hours run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**POLICE REPORTS**

**University**

\*Danielle N. Cox, 22, was arrested and charged with disobeying a stop sign at 12:17 p.m. Monday at the intersection of South Washington Street and East College Street. Cox posted bond and was released.

\*Jeffrey O. Jones, 22, Chicago, was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:52 a.m. Tuesday on South State Street. Jones was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

\*Mehelle C. Hall, 21, was arrested and charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration at 2:21 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of West Mill Street and South Poplar Street. Hall posted bond and was released.

**Carbondale**

\*Daniel W. Doolin, 20, was arrested at 11:02 a.m. Tuesday at a residence on Fidler Ridge Road by Murphysboro Police. Carbondale Police received a call of an armed robbery that had just occurred at Pay Day Cash, 1200 W. Main St., at 10:06 a.m. Tuesday. An employee of the store recognized the suspect as Doolin. Doolin took an undetermined amount of cash and left the store. A handgun was recovered from Doolin during the arrest, and Doolin was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

**CALENDAR**

**Today**

There are no items to report.

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# Brad Cole still fighting for old \$82,000 state job

## Lawyers prepare to present arguments later this month

**Jacey Cain**  
Daily Egyptian

Less than a week after being sworn in as Carbondale mayor, Brad Cole has joined a lawsuit to regain his \$82,000 state job, from which he was fired shortly after Gov. Rod Blagojevich took office in January.

In mid-May, Cole made an appeal to the Civil Service Commission to be reinstated as the senior public service administrator for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services for Southern Illinois, a position he earned through an appointment by former Gov. George Ryan shortly before he left office. Blagojevich fired Cole and 62 other Ryan late-term appointees when he took office in January.

According to a representative at the Civil Service Commission, both Blagojevich and the plaintiffs' lawyers will present arguments later this month.

Cole and his lawyer, John E. Curley of Springfield, refused to comment on the case.

Cole was one of 63 late term appointees fired January 15 after the newly sworn-in governor charged the rules requiring a six-month probationary period had been inappropriately reduced to 30 days. Blagojevich said in January that Ryan should not have had the power to appoint some employees to four-year terms before leaving office, a move that would prevent Blagojevich from firing them.



Cole

Cole worked under Ryan as his deputy chief of staff in the governor's Southern Illinois office in Marion until November 2002, at which point he accepted the new appointment to Central Management Services.

Carbondale citizens elected Cole as their mayor in April, following the closest mayoral race in recent Carbondale history.

With a 21-vote edge over Maggie Flanagan, Cole was sworn into office May 6.

Blagojevich's press secretary, Tom Schafer, said that the governor still believes he made the right choice. In January, Blagojevich said he believed

that eliminating and filling positions should be left to the incoming governor.

"He alleged that they were hired under rules that were inappropriately changed," Schafer said.

After taking office and firing 63 state employees, Blagojevich told the media in January that he believes Ryan put his friends and cronies in offices where they were just simply appointed. He said any individuals that still desire their job should reapply. A number of the former state employees fired by Blagojevich, including Cole, passed on the application and decided to take it to court instead. Reporter

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# Suspect pleads innocent to SIUC student's shooting

Price awaiting June 26 pre-trial

**Burke Wasson**  
Daily Egyptian

A man suspected in the shooting death of an SIUC student pleaded innocent to two murder charges and one robbery charge May 20 at a preliminary hearing.

Terron Chauntre Price, 23, Tammis, is accused of fatally shooting Marcus S. Thomas, 21, in March 2001. Price has been charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted armed robbery in connection with Thomas' death.

If convicted, Price faces 20 to 60 years in prison. His pre-trial hearing will begin at 2 p.m. June 26 at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro.

Thomas, a junior in psychology from Matteson, was shot once in the lower back in his home at 300 E. College St. His body was found March 17, 2001, on the living room

floor of an apartment in the 300 block of South Marion Street after he allegedly ran from the shooter.

Residents living between Thomas' home and the apartment where he was found dead reported hearing gunshots at about 3 a.m. and seeing someone run down the road yelling for help. A blood trail stretched from Thomas' house to about 100 feet down the road.

Carbondale Police Lt. John Sysma testified at the preliminary hearing that Price and two of his friends, Jeremy Clark and Maurice DeShay Carter, went to Thomas' home with the intent to rob him. Both Clark and Carter told Sysma that Price and Clark knocked on Thomas' door and asked to buy marijuana. Carter stayed behind as a lookout.

Sysma testified that according to conversations he had with Clark's brother, Martin Clark, a fight broke out and Thomas tried to close the door. He allegedly ran out of the house, and Price pulled out a gun to fire a shot at Thomas. Thomas climbed a fence, and Price ran

after him and continued to shoot. Sysma said Price told investigators that he was the lookout while Clark and Carter went to Thomas' door. Price claimed that Clark fired the first shot when Thomas ran. Price told Sysma he ran after Thomas and wrestled with Clark over the gun, which accidentally fired.



Price

Price was reportedly arrested without incident April 22 in Gary, Ind. He had been wanted in connection with Thomas' death since August 2002.

Carter, 22, was arrested August 2, 2001, and was eventually sentenced to four years in prison Jan. 30 for armed robbery in connection with Thomas' death. Jackson County State's Attorney Michael Wespisic said in January that Carter would testify against Price.

Clark, 20, is in custody on federal drug charges at an unknown location.

Price remains in custody in the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

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# Simmons' jury pre-trial starts Thursday

**Burke Wasson**  
Daily Egyptian

A Carbondale man charged with involuntary manslaughter in the March 25 death of an SIUC senior will begin his jury pre-trial at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro.

Cory T. Simmons, 26, will stand trial for the death of Kendron M. Lacey, 25, 860-New Era Road, Apt. B. Simmons allegedly choked and killed Lacey at the home of Simmons' girlfriend, Veronica Brooks, 820 W. Mill St., Apt. 313-B, in the early morning hours of March 25.

Carbondale Police reported an autopsy indicated Lacey suffered asphyxiation due to a chokehold. The Jackson County Coroner's Office has yet to write the final autopsy report. An inquest to make an official statement about the cause

of death will not be released until the final autopsy report has been written.

If convicted, Simmons would be sentenced to serve two to five years in prison with court supervision for one year and a maximum probation of 30 months.

Simmons had originally been charged with two counts of first-degree murder along with the involuntary manslaughter charge. However, Judge David E. Watt found insufficient evidence to continue with the two murder counts at an April 16 preliminary hearing.

According to police testimony at the preliminary hearing, Lacey was sexually involved with Brooks, and Simmons found him in her residence at Mill Street Apartments. Carbondale Police Detective Christine Casner testified that Simmons confessed to choking Lacey until he went limp after he found him on top of Brooks at about 4:30 a.m.

Casner testified Brooks told investigators Simmons had left the residence at about 10:45 p.m. March 24 to go to work and she left the apartment to go out with friends. Brooks arrived back at her home at about 3 a.m.

Brooks reportedly told officers she left her door open to empty trash and noticed men's clothing on her floor when she returned. She reportedly found Lacey in her bedroom. Simmons reportedly told officers he found Lacey and Brooks about to have sex in the bedroom, began yelling and choked Lacey from behind.

Brooks reportedly told officers she pulled an emergency string in the apartment complex and called 911. Police said Lacey was found dead in the bedroom upon arrival.

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# Illinois drivers must wear seat belts if Governor signs bill

Law expected to increase compliance

**Amber Ellis**  
Daily Egyptian

Illinois drivers can expect to get pulled over when they are not wearing their seatbelts if Gov. Rod Blagojevich signs a bill that passed the state legislature last month.

The bill, which passed the Illinois House 75-38 and the Illinois Senate 34-24, would give police the authority to pull over motorists who are not wearing a seatbelt.

"If Blagojevich signs this measure, seat belt violations will become a primary enforcement of this department," Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said. "However, we will still use Click-It or Ticket Programs as a secondary source of enforcement."

Currently, Illinois residents are ticketed for seat belt violations only if they are pulled over for another traffic violation.

The Click-It or Ticket program, which ran from May 19 through June 1, conducted a comprehensive crackdown on seat belt safety using

measures including safety checks, in which all vehicles passing specific intersections are checked for compliance.

"I do think there will be an increase in seat belt usage," Finney said. "Compliance always increases with enforcement."

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation website, states that have implemented similar laws have had safety belt usage increase by 10 percent to 15 percent. Currently, Illinois has a safety belt usage rate of 73.8 percent and if it increased to 85 percent, an additional 144 lives could be saved each year.

Lt. Todd Sigler of the SIUC Police Department said he believes that this law would be a step in the right direction for Illinois to improve safety measures for motorists and their passengers.

"It will be advantageous for us," Sigler said. "With the speed limit reduced to 20 mph on campus, it is important to remember that accidents can also occur at low speeds."

James Downhour, a history lecturer at SIUC, said he does not agree with this measure because the decision should be left to the driver or passenger.

"I think that seat belt usage is an issue of individual choice and safety," Downhour said. "People do stupid

stuff all of the time. Jumping out of an airplane is dangerous, but there are no laws against that."

Dwayne Tunstall, an SIUC student, is also against the bill because he feels that people may be pulled over unjustly.

"I can see why people would want to have this kind of law to increase safety," Tunstall said. "But I am afraid that law enforcement would use

this law as a means to increase racial profiling."

Finney, however, said he does not believe his police officers would pull over drivers recklessly.

"Actually, I don't see the number of seat belt violations going up," said Finney. "This city has never had any serious problems. Our department will continue to focus on what's most important. If there is something going

on, that will be our first priority, not seat belt violations."

If Blagojevich signs this measure, Illinois will become the 20th state to put a law into place that makes it illegal for a driver, front seat passenger or child to ride in a vehicle without wearing a safety belt.

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**NO seat belt laws**

**PRIMARY** - Can be stopped for safety belt violations

**SECONDARY** - All passengers in rear seats along with front seat wear safety belts

**BOTH** - Can be stopped for safety belt violations and must have all passengers wearing belts

SOURCE: www.seatsafety.org

## Seatbelt Safety

Forty-nine states (all except New Hampshire) and the District of Columbia have mandatory safety belt laws. In most states, these laws cover front-seat occupants only, although belt laws in 14 jurisdictions cover all rear-seat occupants, too. People in passenger cars, pickups, utility vehicles, and vans are required to comply with belt laws in most jurisdictions, but in a few jurisdictions occupants of some kinds of vehicles (usually pickups) are exempt.

Belt use laws in only 10 jurisdictions are stand-alone, or primary, meaning police may stop vehicles solely for belt law violations. Police authority to enforce belt laws in other jurisdictions is limited. Officers must have some other reason to stop a vehicle before citing an occupant for failing to buckle up.

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### Having my Say

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## Looking for weapons of mass destruction

Recently, the Bush administration and others have announced it will take more time to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

When I heard this I was a little confused, because prior to the war in Iraq, the administration was certain weapons existed and were going to be discovered immediately.

Moreover, weapons of mass destruction were cited as one of the main reasons an immediate invasion was critical. Basically, waiting was not an option. After all, we heard about the numerous resolutions incessantly.

What I find especially ironic is the administration saying it needs more time after Hans Blix was denied more time outright.

When Germany, Russia, France and other countries asked for additional time for inspectors to do their job, they were vilified and lambasted. When peace protestors asked for more time for inspectors to do their job, they were labeled as anti-Americans. When journalists, professors and students wondered aloud why inspectors couldn't be given more time to find weapons, they were ridiculed.

Anyone who suggested the invasion might be ill timed and unwarranted was reprimanded and rebuked. However, now we are told the military needs more time, given that as of this date, the weapons of mass destruction are still missing.

The rationale to send American troops to Iraq is quickly beginning to look like a house of cards. First, we were told there were weapons of mass destruction. Colin Powell went before the United Nations and said unabashedly that Iraq possessed these weapons.

Second, the Bush administration said there was evidence of a connection between the attacks on September 11 and Iraq. Currently, even the CIA admits there is no credible evidence there is a significant link between Iraq and 9/11. Yet, the United States does know there is a link between the September 11 attacks and Saudi Arabia, but nothing has been done.

Third, and quite significant, we were told the Iraqi people would view the Americans as liberators. Thus far, almost every day since the occupation of Iraq, American soldiers have come under fire. Moreover, they are being killed and wounded on a regular basis.

The British Broadcasting Corporation ran a story regarding the situation in Iraq since the war, and hundreds of Iraqi citizens said "we are glad Saddam is gone but when are the Americans and British leaving too?" Despite the fact Hussein is gone, he still carries a great deal of influence. This is obvious since Iraq is still a very dangerous region, especially for Americans.

Finally, Americans were told about the evil Hussein and the need for regime change in Iraq. I agree Hussein is evil, but as Sen. Dick Durbin pointed out, Iraq was NOT a threat to the United States. Is it the policy of the United States to attack every country that has a cruel leader?

Obviously, Hussein is not the only leader in the world who is a tyrant. There are other areas of the world where people are denied human rights.

Therefore, in light of the fact the explanations given appear to be fallacious, the questions we as Americans should now ask is why Iraq? Why then? Why couldn't we allow the inspectors to do their job? Why couldn't we have utilized the United Nations to deal with the human rights issues instead of putting our soldiers at risk and killing many innocent Iraqi civilians?

Fundamentally, why was this our fight?

Additionally, why didn't we step up our efforts to capture the mastermind of the September 11 attacks instead of focusing all of our attention on Iraq? Currently, Congress is considering holding hearings regarding these issues.

I highly recommend Congress commence with hearings to investigate the truth behind the war in Iraq. These issues are important and must be explored and exposed. The evidence seems to be clear that the invasion was obviously imperialistic and an effort to continue American hegemony.

Unfortunately, many more American troops and innocent people will get caught in the crossfire until coalition forces leave the country and allow Iraqis to govern their country without outside interference.

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## OUR WORD

# Don't shut doors forever

When the Varsity Theater closed last month to make way for a new multiplex in University Mall, many were appalled, and rightfully so.

The Varsity, a 63-year-old theater, is an historic heirloom in the lives of not only Carbondale citizens, but also the thousands of students who have come and gone throughout the many years.

From first dates, to a relaxing evening out with friends, everyone who has lived in Carbondale for any period of time can remember an important experience inside the doors of the Varsity.

Since the theater has been closed, speculation about what will be done with the building has many on edge. Because Kerasotes still owns the facility, its future is up in the air.

So, what will be done with the building? Well, the owners can either sell it, or, if they feel it to be a right decision, tear it down.

What? Tear it down? That cannot happen. We know things don't last forever, but for the time being, the building can be used for many different things.

The first thing on the agenda should be Kerasotes selling the building to the city, so it can apply to have the facility registered as an historic landmark.

After it is officially declared a landmark, the city should then open it up as a museum. It was suggested the old theater be used as the new home of the African-American Museum of Southern Illinois, a facility for independent art film showings or a community center.

All of those ideas are great, and if logically planned, can be accommodated in some manner.

It would be great to see the theater as a museum. Preserving the concession stand, it can

be an exhibit to show the nostalgia of the theater. The upstairs section could also be preserved and used in connection with the African-American museum because that is where black patrons had to sit during segregation.

If the museum thing does not pan out, the building can be used for a collection of exhibits showcasing the many talents in the city of Carbondale. As suggested at the community forum, it would be a great idea to open it up to such organizations as the Stage Co.

The fascinating thing about the Varsity Theater is that it is not only a landmark for Carbondale citizens, but for the University community as well.

Many students who did not have a car could walk to the Strip to take in a movie, but now, with both theaters across the street from each other, those who don't have a car are forced to take a cab or try to find another mode of transportation to the other side of town.

With the Varsity closed, that is the last straw for Downtown Carbondale. There is nothing left but bars and restaurants. What will be the next thing to go?

Hopefully there will not be any more businesses shut down, and instead, we will see more new facilities sprouting up along South Illinois Avenue.

If the city is unable to purchase the building and Kerasotes decides to tear it down, there will be a permanent hole in Carbondale no matter what new business is put in the space because it will always be known as the spot where the Varsity once stood.

The city's residents cannot let that happen.

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SBC is currently required to lease lines to other companies by Illinois statutes to encourage a competitive market.

"Under deregulation about 10 years ago, they were to start opening lines to competition or the Illinois Commerce Commission would fine them," Bost said.

"They calculated their losses if they opened the lines and then paid the fines. The rewrite two years ago upped rates to allow competition — and fines went down because of competition."

Verizon, which services the majority of Southern Illinois, and

GlobalEyes Telecommunications, a Southern Illinois company based out of Murphysboro, said they would have been minimally affected by the SBC increases.

GlobalEyes President Andrew Aken said the company has about 2,000 direct lines, with only a few serviced through lines leased by SBC, though it is in the process of securing 700, which would have been affected by the legislation, though not for three years.

"The immediate impact would have been negligible because of the small number of access lines from SBC," Aken said.

"But in the long term, it would have dramatically impacted our business by making it less feasible for us to go through SBC lines to

offer local competitive service." Verizon Director of External Communications Tracy Scholle said the company provides 860,000 access lines throughout Illinois, a minimal portion of which go through SBC lines.

The basic access charge is \$17 plus tax. Scholle said that though the company does not comment on its competitor's policy, she hopes the decision will "stand as it may."

"With the telecommunications

rewrite, markets were opened to competition, and all of Verizon markets are open to competition in Illinois," she said.

"And we support competition so long as the playing field is level."

Pruyn said AT&T services 300,000 residential and small business customers throughout Illinois, including Southern Illinois.

The company also uses SBC lines to service parts of Carbondale.

"The ruling represented good news for the Illinois consumer,"

he said. Pruy said AT&T intends to continue with the lawsuit because, though the companies have been granted a preliminary injunction against the charges, the injunction can still be repealed.

SBC representatives indicated to other media the company's intention to attempt to reverse the judge's decision, though no plan of action was released.

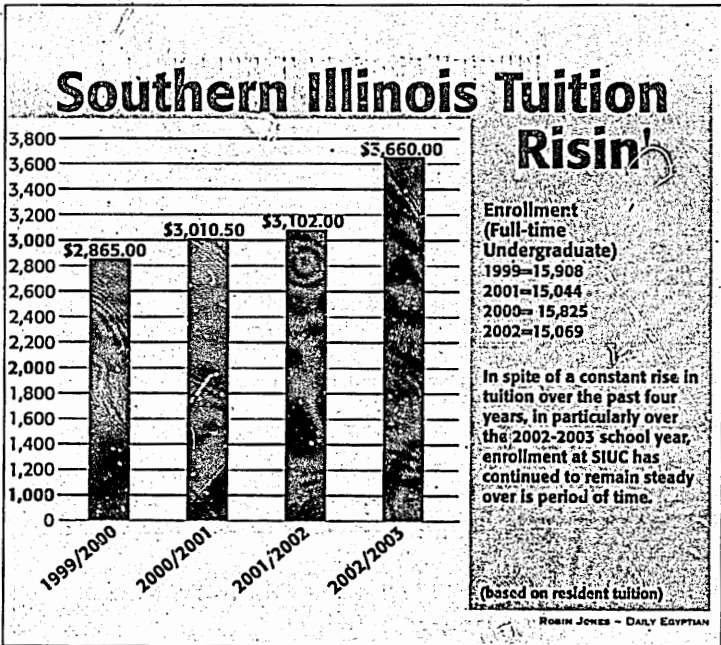
Representatives from SBC's regional office did not return repeated phone calls Tuesday.

ICC representatives also could not be reached for comment.

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— Andrew Aken  
president, GlobalEyes



**TUITION**  
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University spokesperson Sue Davis said students have been aware of the tuition status for the past 15 months so they could have enough time to anticipate any changes.

"We have worked to let parents have predictability," Davis said.

She said that while they cannot guarantee stagnant rates for incoming freshmen, they are able to give them an idea of what their first two years of tuition will look like. After these two years, she said the University would at least be able to provide students with a

projection of how much it will cost for them to complete college at SIUC.

Both Davis and Wendler said that changes in tuition have not affected enrollment at the University.

"We haven't seen an adverse effect," Davis said. "We don't have finalized figures, but applications are at a higher level than they were last year. This is a research institution, so it has more costs than some other universities. So students definitely receive a value for the amount of tuition they pay."

Davis said that she believes those interested in SIUC realize that the increase is ultimately beneficial to their education. She emphasized that any raises in tuition will directly benefit the

student population, with money going towards such improvements as assistantships, the renovations of Lawson Hall and an increase in minimum wage.

Wendler pointed out that, even with the increase in tuition, SIUC is still among the most cost-efficient schools in the state. The University currently ranks No. 5 in the state of Illinois as far as tuition, and is the least costly of the state's large institutions.

"I just hope that if they do raise tuition, it's not more than the seven percent projected," Duncan said.

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Sharondal Brown, 13, of Freemanspur, attempts to count her catches for the day as her friend Kiera Richardson, 11, untangles her fishing line Monday afternoon at Campus Lake. The two eventually released their fish back into the lake because they were too small.

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# Illinois approves minimum wage raise

### SIU student worker wages to remain the same, upsetting many on campus

Nicole Sack  
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois House has approved a plan to increase the state's minimum wage from the current \$5.15 per hour to \$5.50 by Jan. 1, 2004, and then to \$6.50 by January 2005.

While the state of Illinois is gradually raising its minimum wage, the SIU campus will not follow suit.

SIU will not raise its minimum wage because the minimum wage on the SIU campus is already \$5.65, 50 cents higher than the state's current minimum wage.

SIU student workers received a 50-cent increase in their hourly wage at the beginning of the fall 2002 semester.

According to Anne DeLuca, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment, last year's wage increase was put into place by Chancellor Walter Wendler to help counteract the tuition increase and to give money back to the students to ease their expenses.

Even though SIU's minimum wage will still be higher than the state of Illinois' when the 35-cent

increase goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2004, some students believe that the wages are still unfair on campus.

Tanisha Turner, a junior in accounting and finance and a student worker at the Recreation Center, sees disparities between wages on campus.

"If you can make \$6.15 working for University Housing, the minimum wage should be \$6 everywhere on campus," Turner said.

"You have to deal with the same attitudes wherever you work on campus."

Turner, a native of Chicago, uses her campus paycheck to pay for "everything."

Even with SIU's minimum wage advantage, Turner finds it difficult to make a sufficient amount of money.

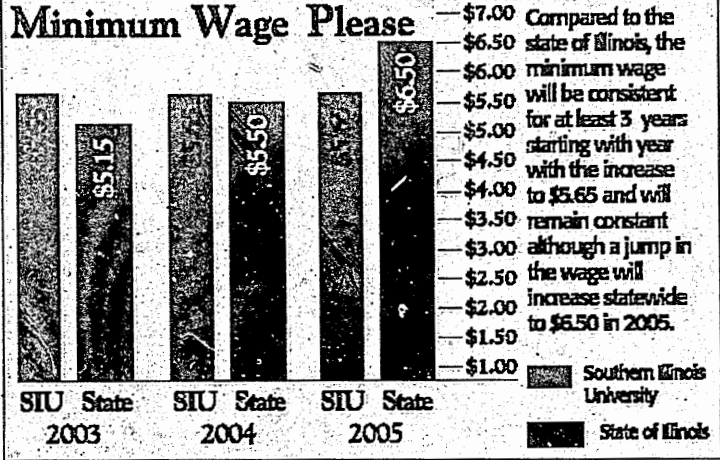
"I have to overhaul and work extra hours to get a nice paycheck," Turner said.

Donna Williams, the Financial Aid accountant, said SIU had a total of 5,185 undergraduate student workers during the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters.

"During the fall and spring semesters of 2002 and 2003, the campus cut about 3,000 checks every pay period," Williams said. "During the summer, it is about half that."

The Illinois House and Senate have approved the bill, and Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said he will sign it into law.

The measure is designed for



Compared to the state of Illinois, the minimum wage will be constant for at least 3 years starting with year with the increase to \$5.65 and will remain constant although a jump in the wage will increase statewide to \$6.50 in 2005.

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entry-level and low-skill wage earners who need the extra money to pay for living expenses.

While \$6.50 is not a living wage, it is an improvement from \$5.15 an hour.

Critics of the bill claim that the minimum wage increase will cause businesses to move across the Illinois border to states that maintain the

federally required \$5.15-an-hour rate.

When the bill is signed into law, Illinois will become the 12th state to have a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage.

Whether or not the new bill will be helpful or harmful to the state's economy is hard to predict.

On the SIU campus, it will be

business as usual.

"It is hard to predict if the bill will affect the number of jobs on campus," DeLuca said.

"Those issues will be dealt with as they come along."

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# New antennas kiss fuzzy reception goodbye

Bertie Holmes  
Daily Egyptian

Thanks to two new antennas in Tamara and Dundas, the days of fuzzy reception are gone, and WSIU is quickly moving local viewers toward the digital age.

After two months of hard work and signal interruptions, the installation was completed on June 1, and WSIU returned to the airwaves at full power. The new antennas can transmit both digital and analog signals and have significantly increased both the quality of the analog transmissions and the station's coverage area.

In 1996, the Federal Communications Commission

approved the changeover from analog to digital. In compliance with the mandate, WSIU and WUSI have until November to begin broadcasting a digital signal. They will then continue to broadcast both digital and analog until 85 percent of the viewing audience can receive a digital signal through either a digital television or a converter box available for older televisions.

"Though it is expensive to broadcast both signals, we will try to continue to do so," said Leyla Goodsell, assistant to the director at WSIU. "We have to pay attention to cost; but the goal is to provide appropriate service and quality programming for our viewers. And we won't necessarily be broadcasting in digital 24 hours

a day, seven days a week."

The upgrade is significant because a station antenna is considered a major piece of equipment that is not usually replaced for 20 to 30 years.

According to Goodsell, normal wear and tear is just one element that affects the condition of the equipment. Mother Nature also plays a role in wearing the antennas down.

"We've been replacing parts a few at a time to keep the station going until it was time for the upgrade," Goodsell said. "Then we could make the purchase once and be done with it for the next 20 or 30 years."

While the station received many phone calls during the upgrade process, the temporary interruption has now resulted in a much clearer signal

for viewers. Even remote areas such as Vandalia and Cape Girardeau have been able to receive clear reception.

While most viewers have been pleased with the results of the upgrade, Goodsell said some local residents are less than thrilled about it.

"The major reasons for opposition out there deal with equipment costs and the way that local channels were initially excluded from the satellite line-up," Goodsell said. "Many people simply do not want to spend thousands of dollars on a digital television. But avid TV viewers and people into films and gaming often see the potential of digital television."

WSIU has spent approximately

\$6.9 million on the conversion process. The station received funding from Illinois First, Public Television Facilities Program, federal grants, SIUC and the College of Mass Communication & Media Arts and individual gifts.

Despite extensive contributions, more funds are needed to finish the process and provide local programs in a digital format.

Acting Director Candis Isberner said that though there is still much to be done over the next few months, she hopes that viewers will take the time to tune in and see the changes.

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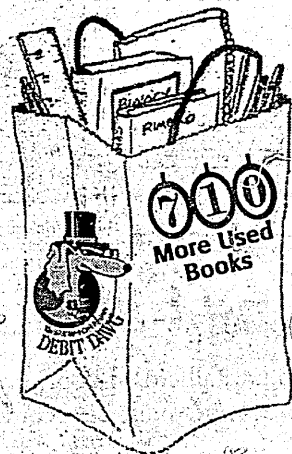
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# Quenching your thirst just got more expensive

Campus vending machines see price increase in time for steamy summer

Linsy Maughan  
Daily Egyptian

Prices for sodas from campus vending machines have increased since the Spring 2003 semester, rising from 60 to 75 cents for 12-ounce cans and from \$1 to \$1.25 for 20-ounce bottles.

Merely weeks ago, you could slip a buck into a vending machine here on campus in exchange for a 20-ounce bottle of carbonated deliciousness.

But, to satisfy your caffeine and sugar cravings or quench your thirst now, you're going to have to throw in an extra quarter along with that dollar of your sparse cash or, worse, break another precious dollar.

**Gus Bode**



**Gus says:**  
What's next?  
Charging for the water fountains?

Student Center Assistant Director Jeff Du'z said that since about 1992, soda was made available to SIU by Lambert Vending from Murray, Ky., through its Carbondale location. Around March 2002, Lambert Vending's remaining one-year contract with SIU was bought out by Robertson Vending of Carterville.

According to Duke, the prices of soda were raised in response to Robertson's price increases. Robertson raised its prices because its supplier, Marion Pepsi, raised prices.

And Marion Pepsi raised prices to help fund its own needs—the growing price of aluminum, the cost of syrup to make soda and increases in employee wages, among other things.

"We had resisted at least three requests from the vendor for soda price increases since they were last increased in 1995. Now, we feel that the price increase is justified," Duke said.

Justified or not, students don't welcome the change.

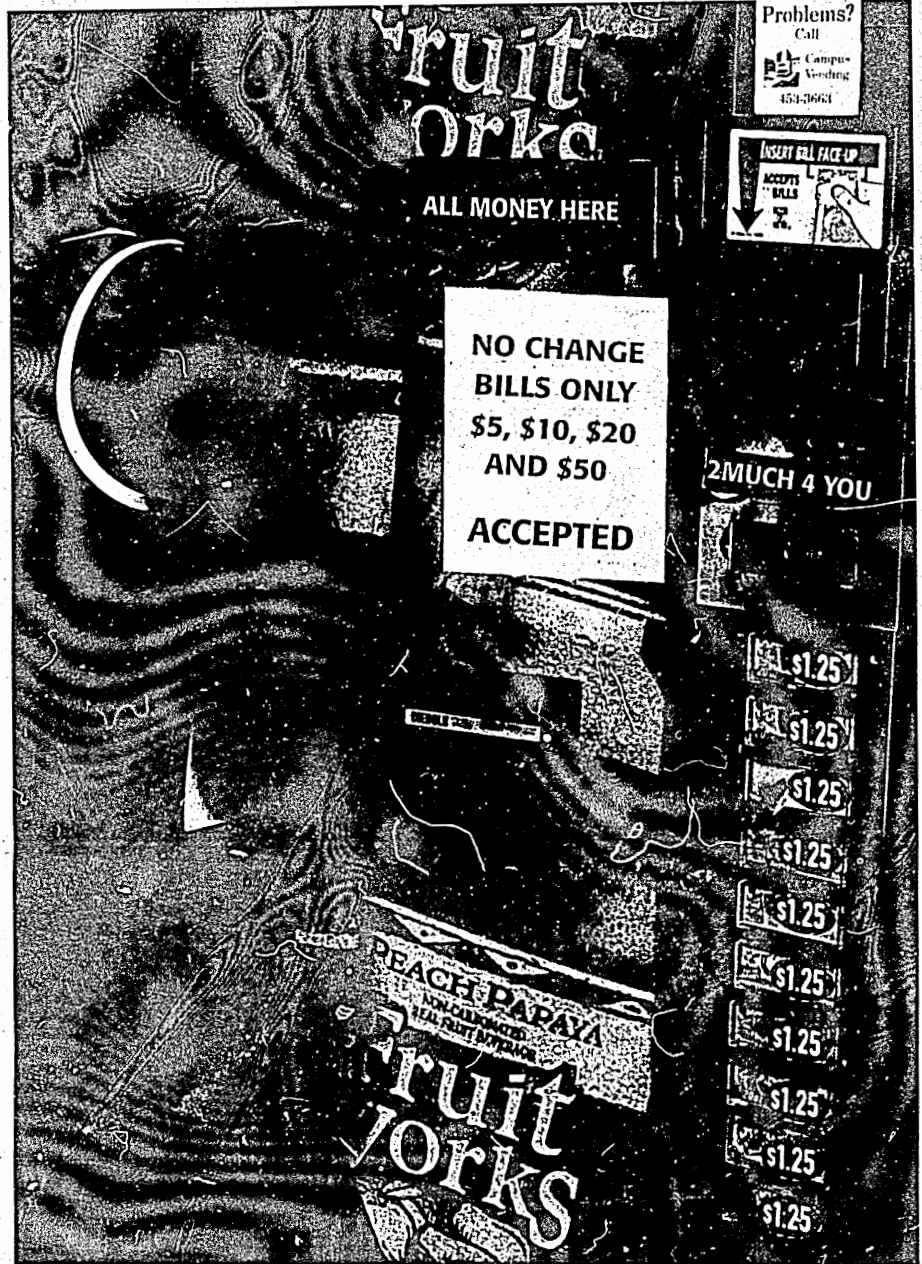
"I don't like it at all. I can get it cheaper elsewhere," said Dan McMaster, a junior in architecture.

Rachel Hutcherson, a 21-year-old elementary special education, agrees.

"It's a bunch of crap, if you want to know my honest opinion," Hutcherson said. "It's kind of ridiculous that you can go to a convenience store and get it for a cheaper price."

Unfortunately, we thirsty students are defenseless.

If you're wondering where all this extra cash you'll be shelling out will go, 50.51 percent of all vending machine commissions goes to SIU, most of that contributing to the Student Welfare Development Fund, which funds the Student Programming Council, the University Programming Office and scholarships.



Due to drink vendors raising fees, SIUC recently was forced to increase prices all over campus. A 12-ounce can went up in price from 60 cents to 75 cents. Twenty-ounce bottles went up in price from \$1 to \$1.25. The inflated costs have caused quite a stir among faculty and students alike.

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# Pending bill would open doors to meetings

If signed into law, all closed-door government meetings must be recorded

Jacey Cain  
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council is not expecting to feel much of an effect if a bill passed by the Illinois Legislature requiring public bodies to audio or video record all closed meetings, is signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Closed meetings, for school boards, county boards and city councils, occur for a limited amount of reasons including pending litigation, sale of property and personal matters. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the

only topics of discussion in a closed meeting should be those for which the meeting was closed.

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said he sees the bill as just another requirement by the state.

"We do a good job already at keeping files on everything," Cole said.

If signed by the governor, the bill will require public bodies to retain meeting recordings of closed meetings for 18 months and provide them to a judge as evidence if a suit was to be filed alleging the Open Meetings Act had been violated.

A violation means a public body

discussed topics in a closed meeting that should have been discussed publicly.

By current law, if someone challenges a closed meeting, it is up to a judge to review the minutes of the session, which the body is required to keep, to see whether the law was violated. According to advocates of the bill, these notes may be too fleeting to provide clear evidence.

However, it is assumed that if the sessions were taped, the judge could easily review the tape and determine whether an infraction occurred.

Cole said he believes the bill is just something new that the government is going to enforce. He said he does not believe that the bill is necessary, but says if it

becomes law, then he will certainly abide by it.

Carbondale City Council member Chris Wissmann said he believes that, if signed, the bill will not have much effect on what he discusses in the meetings.

"I can't imagine that I'd say something in a closed session that I wouldn't in an open session," Wissmann said.

Although Wissmann has no argument against the bill, he does believe there should be some sort of safeguard that keeps private information private. He said he believes that if there is discussion about the disciplining or firing of an employee, the information should be withheld to save the person from possibly receiving a negative image.

City Council member Sheila Simon says she also has no problem with the bill.

"It seems to make sense to me," she said. "It adds accountability."

Simon believes that by recording these closed meetings, it will keep people in compliance with the laws that already exist. In other words, the bill will add strength to the original open meeting act by regulating what is and is not discussed in the closed meetings.

Tom Schafer, press secretary for the governor, said Blagojevich has not yet decided to sign or veto the bill.

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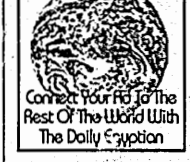
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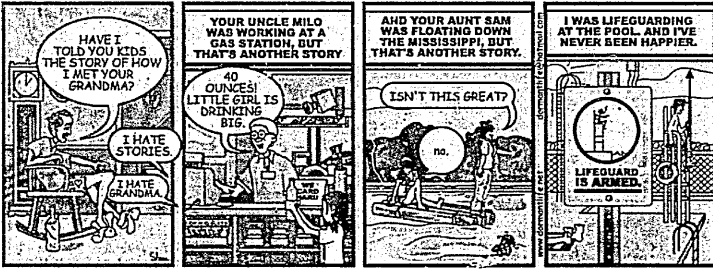
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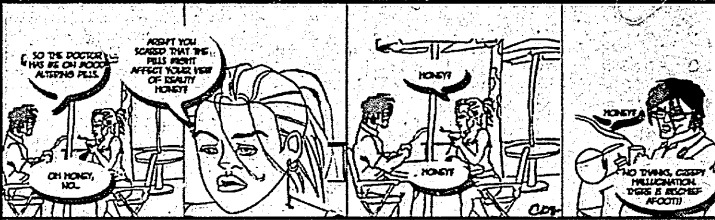
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**Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black  
 Today's Birthday (June 11). You may have to postpone a vacation and/or more formal education as you work to achieve a big goal. Don't despair. Make a plan and build a stairway to success.

To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - The more time you suggest, the more reasons you'll hear why they won't work. This is useful, but it can be frustrating. If you're not into collecting reasons why not, keep your suggestions to yourself.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - Let somebody else provide the brawn. You can be the brains behind the operation. Make sure the other person understands what you want, then sit back and watch it happen.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 7 - If necessary, call in the law to help you get what's been promised. If you qualify for a bonus or prize, make sure you get it.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - You may notice people getting almost borderline ridiculous about what they'll do and what they won't. You can afford to be flexible, and that's a welcome relief.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - You'll notice that not everyone goes along with something you have in mind. This is where all that preparation you've done will prove useful. This time, you probably won't get by on your good looks alone.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - The others may not want to listen to reasons, though you've got plenty of them. You can lead horses to water, but you can't make them think. Be patient with stubborn associates.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 - If you're like most other libras, you hate to stick to a budget. You'd rather make sure the fashion industry moves its merchandise, and this could be one of those days.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is an 8 - Embarrassing questions are being asked about your financial reserves. Even more troubling, you may be the one who's doing the asking. Find out.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Seems like everybody has a different point of view. The only thing they agree on is that their own opinion is the right one. And you get to renege this mess! Be careful.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - The others want to help you out but don't know what to do. You may have to start giving directions, or they'll simply be in the way.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - Somebody's trying to talk you out of doing what you want. That's quite annoying, but be patient and explain again.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - Your intuition should be working well, so listen, but don't get too involved with problems you can't solve. Point the other person toward spiritual guidance.

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The action was intense all day long at "The Cage" at Lake Heights Development Housing on Saturday, June 7. Twenty-two teams vied for the championship in three separate age divisions of the second annual Troy Hudson 5-on-5 basketball tournament.

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**HUDSON**

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"We just need to play the way we played this year," said Hudson, trying to find the answer to a question Garnett has heard his entire career. "We played great in the playoffs. It was a tough loss for us. I think if we continue to work hard and play the way we've been playing, it's going to happen for us."

While getting Minnesota to the second-round is a priority, it is not the only goal that occupies Hudson's mind. When he is not on the court working on his game, he can be found in the studio in pursuit of his second dream — rap music.

Inspired by the late Tupac Shakur, Hudson has his own label, Nuttyboyz Entertainment, and has recorded more than 100 songs in his studio. He also spends time scouting young musical talent, including girlfriend of two years and Nuttyboyz artist Monique Moy.

"He's really good. He works so hard at it," said Moy, whose album, *From My Heart To Your Ears*, will be released later this summer. "He'll come in from the court and go straight to the studio, record three or four songs and then get up in the morning and go to practice."

With much of his time spent on the basketball court, Hudson's debut album has been on the shelf now for more than a year. Nonetheless, the album is scheduled to be released this fall, just before the beginning of the upcoming NBA season.

Just don't ask him what the title of the album is.

"He's changed it about four or five times," Moy said. "I don't know what he's going to go with. He went from a single to a triple and now it's a double CD. He's got so much music he can't make up his mind."

Whatever the title, expect about 25 cuts

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— Larry Baldwin  
head basketball coach, Cairo High School

filled with insight from his life growing up in Carbondale and his time spent in the league, along with raps covering themes ranging from violence to politics to romance.

With such a demanding schedule and additional dreams to conquer, Hudson has remained down to earth and continues to be a role model for all who showed up to his tournament Saturday afternoon and many more.

"He's a great guy. Very humble, very down to earth, very loving and very generous. He's the best," Moy said. "He is an all around person on and off the court. Obviously his game is the bomb, but he is a God fearing man, he loves his family and he loves Carbondale."

Cairo High School basketball head coach Larry Baldwin, who was present at the tournament, knows exactly what Hudson means to children in the area.

"He's a great influence on the Southern Illinois community and a tremendous inspiration. He's a small guy who is doing big things," said Baldwin, who had teams entered in each age category for Saturday's tournament. "Kids can learn from him that if you make the right decisions and do the right things and work hard at what you do, who knows what you can accomplish."

"He's a miracle kid."

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amazing, actually. It was a great feeling."

The two were elated that all of their weeks of concern were for naught.

"It was a rough couple days," Barnett said. "I was in St. Louis with Sal for four or five days. We were waiting for the draft. I'd always had it in the back of my mind that I might not get picked up, but I thought if I don't get picked up, there'd be something seriously wrong. It kind of was working out that way."

Frisella and Barnett felt physically ill while waiting and pondering the worst that could happen, but now that those emotions have passed, they can try to suppress their nerves while showing their skills to professional coaches.

Both are currently in Florida where

they'll spend a few days working out with their respective teams before being assigned to an affiliate. Frisella expects to be playing for the New Jersey Cardinals, a short-season Class A squad.

One player Sahuki head coach Dan Callahan expected to be drafted was senior pitcher Jake Alley, an Anna native who was 7-4 with a 3.22 ERA and was named first team all-conference this spring. Callahan cited Alley's 5-foot-11 frame, a bit underized for a major league pitcher, as a reason he was left out.

"I still think Jake can compete in pro ball," Callahan said. "His demeanor on the mound is very, very good. He'll pitch inside. He knows how to pitch. He fields his position well, and I'm still confident Jake might get a chance."

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**MERCHANT**

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there were surely a few brave souls out there like myself who just thought Sosa was just plain stupid.

You would think someone who has been in the league that long would know how to properly cork a bat. Anyone who watched Buck Showalter demonstrating the proper technique a couple years ago on ESPN's Baseball Tonight could probably show Sammy a thing or two.

Of course, maybe he is just as oblivious as his coach, Dusty Baker, who actually thinks the public bought his revelation that he doesn't know anything about corking bats. Right Dusty. Whatever. Keep chomping on that toothpick of yours.

With such a clear lack of knowledge on the subject of bat tampering, I think this is just one more reason why the NCAA should bring back wooden bats at all levels of the college game.

That way, the players would have a lot more time to practice corking their bats and they could figure out all the subtle nuances to the art well before they ever make it to the big leagues. Perhaps it should even be a required course for all baseball players who want to go into coaching later in life. It could go into all the various

aspects of corking. Should you use cork or Superball shrapnel? How finely should you chop the stuff up? If you do use cork, should it come from a red or white wine? What's the best vintage?

Clearly these are the things that should be learned in school and not in the rough world of professional baseball.

But why stop at college ball. I'm sure it would be just as beneficial for high school players and even small children.

Heck, what could be more fun for a father than hollowing out a little 20-inch bat before his son's first tee ball game.

It's just the first of many things that a father will eventually teach his son — how to cork a bat, how to catch a foul ball while not spilling a drop of beer and, of course, how to shave.

Which brings me to my original point. Didn't his father ever teach him that when you go into a slump, the first thing you should do is shave off any excess facial hair?

I certainly hope that when his suspension is done, he'll return to the lineup free of any unwanted goatees and mustaches.

At least he'll have about a week to practice proper grooming habits.

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# Fourth place finish for SIU

Highest rank for school since 1997

**Pete Spitzer**  
Daily Egyptian

For the first time in six years, SIU has finished among the top four in the Missouri Valley Conference all-sports trophy standings.

The trophy is based on a school's average finish in each of the sponsored MVC championships. Finishes in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball are based on regular-season competition.

Teams are awarded one point for first, two for second, three for third and so on. The total accumulated point are divided by the number of sports in which a school competes. All other sports are determined by the team's finish at the championship tournament or meet.

"I think that it's a real bonus for us that we're fourth and we're making progress," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "But of course I want to be No. 1."

The Salukis have not finished in the top four since 1997. Since

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	POINTS	
1. SW Missouri State	3,278	
2. Illinois State	3,912	
3. Northern Iowa	4,156	
4. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4,344	
5. Wichita State	4,433	
6. Indiana State	4,964	
7. Creighton	5,538	
8. Drake	5,533	
9. Bradley	6,393	

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Since joining the Missouri Valley Conference in 1975, SIU has won the trophy five times (1977, 1984, 1990, 1991, 1995)

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joining the MVC in 1975, SIU has won the trophy five times, the last being in 1995.

"We took a step in the right direction this year as a department," SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan said. "Hopefully, we can take it a step further next season and finish in the top three in the MVC."

SIU has had eight top-three finishes this past season, as well as

winning a men's basketball championship.

"It's a real positive for the institution, the Athletic Department, and certainly a testament to our coaches and the hard work of our student-athletes," Kowalczyk said.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INCOMING SIGNEES

NAME	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN	SCHOOL
Daphney Desamours	5-5 guard	Miami, Fla.	Brown Mackie College
Elyse Morris	6-0 guard	Prophetstown, Ill.	Prophetstown High School
Crystal Holbrook	6-5 forward	Smithville, Mo.	Smithville High School
Julie Madura	5-6 guard	Schaumburg, Ill.	Conant High School
Laura Cooper	5-9 guard	Xenia, Ill.	Hora High School
Bemetra Grayer	6-2 forward	Gary, Ind.	West Side High School
Clarise Jones	5-7 guard	Chicago, Ill.	Regina Dominican High School

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# Get your programs, Salukis

Women's basketball signs seven players; new assistants to be announced soon

**Ethan Erickson**  
Daily Egyptian

Fans of the SIU women's basketball team may find it difficult to recognize their team this fall.

After signing four players in the fall, head coach Lori Opp announced the signing of three others last month. She will also name her two new assistant coaches soon, pending completion of background checks.

The Salukis lost three seniors to graduation — Molly McDowell, Hillary Phillips and Megan Miller — and will also be without assistant coaches Alex Wellmaker and Tricia Floyd, who resigned following the team's 7-20 season.

Opp was able to sign so many new players because of the defections of some current players. She said that two players quit the team, one for medical reasons and another due to playing time. She refused to divulge their names.

Freshman forward Afton Gill, a Cartersville native, is still undecided on whether she'll return next year. Gill redshirted this past season due to recurring migraine headaches, a problem that may force her to abandon her college basketball career.

"I guess we're just trying to sort

it out right now, so I don't think anything's definite," Gill said last week.

Of the three replacements signed last month, junior college point guard Daphney Desamours looks to make the most immediate impact. Desamours, a 5-foot-5 Miami native, played her last two seasons at Brown Mackie College in Kansas. Desamours averaged 14 points, five rebounds and 3.6 assists per game in two years at Brown Mackie, while also being named all-region both years.

"She has some instant playing experience," Opp said of Desamours. "She's a point guard that's extremely quick and extremely fast. She's able to get to the basket and score. She's also able to make other people around her better players because she passes the ball extremely well. She will help our transition game."

Desamours was one of Florida's best high-jumpers and pole-vaulters while at Miami Jackson High School.

Opp also inked another guard, 5-foot-9 Prophetstown native Elyse Morris, who averaged 14.5 points, 6.2 rebounds and 6.3 assists per game last season, a campaign in which her team went 29-2 and advanced to the Illinois Sweet 16.

"Elyse Morris is a real solid, heady

guard," Opp said. "Coming off a knee injury from last summer, [she] has come back from it really well and is playing extremely well right now. She also is a good, solid passer, has extremely good court vision and can get after some people on defense."

Smithville, Mo., native Crystal Holbrook is the lone post player of the three spring signees. The 6-foot-3 Holbrook was also an all-state selection both her junior and senior seasons at Smithville High School, where she also set a state record with 670 career blocks.

"We need to put some muscle on her, but she already has some very solid skills," Opp said. "She can shoot the three and she can also play on the low block or the high post and is a good rebounder. It will take some time for her to develop, but down the road she'll be a nice, solid player."

The three join fall prep signees Julie Madura (5-foot-9 guard, Schaumburg), Laura Cooper (5-foot-9 guard, Xenia), Clarise Jones (5-foot-7 guard, Chicago) and Bemetra Grayer (6-foot-2 forward, Gary, Ind.). Opp is certain the multitude of changes will improve her team next season.

"All seven kids that we signed will certainly make us better," Opp said. "I definitely think we're going to be improved."

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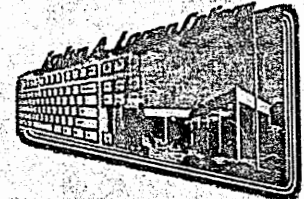
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Rising NBA star and former Saluki Troy Hudson autographs Minnesota Timberwolves pennants at the Lake Heights Housing Development Saturday. Hudson sponsored a basketball tournament at "The Cage," a court dedicated to him at Lake Heights, where he spent his childhood in Carbondale.

## Hudson shining on court, in studio

Adam Soebbing  
 Daily Egyptian

The life of former SIU and Carbondale Community High School basketball star Troy Hudson has changed quite a bit in the last couple years.

Following a breakout season with the Orlando Magic in 2001-2002, Hudson underwent a change of scenery, trading in the warm sun of Florida for the brutal winters of Minnesota.

In his first full season as a starting point guard in the NBA, Hudson shined as a free agent signee for the Minnesota Timberwolves. During the 2002-2003 season, Hudson set career highs across the board, including points per game (14.2) and assists per game (5.7).

Even a heartbreaking first-round playoff defeat at the hands of three-time defending

NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers last month couldn't overshadow a brilliant performance by Hudson.

Averaging 23.5 points per game and a series-high 5.5 assists, the Saluki record-holder for points in a two-year career (1,164) solidified himself as one of the NBA's fastest rising stars.

"My life has changed a lot," said Hudson, who was in Carbondale Saturday sponsoring his second annual 5-on-5 basketball tournament at the same Lake Heights housing development where he grew up. "There are a lot more people who recognize me. It feels good to finally get a chance to showcase my skills on the NBA level day in and day out."

Despite Hudson's newfound fame, he never takes a day for granted. And with what he went through to get to this point, who can blame him.

"From where I come from, coming out of college and not being drafted and then going to the CBA, it's hard for me to be secure," Hudson said, looking financially secure next to his off-white Cadillac Escalade and tricked out Land Rover. "I just continue to work hard as if I'm trying to make the team. I think that's the mindset I have to take."

While Hudson is enjoying his time in Minnesota, he is determined to put an immediate end to the streak that has haunted teammate Kevin Garnett and the Wolves since they first became an NBA franchise in 1989.

The Wolves have failed to make a second-round playoff appearance in their existence, including a current streak of seven consecutive first-round playoff defeats.

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### COMMENTARY



Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

BY TODD MERCHANT  
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## Sammy, corks and beards, Oh my!

Is it just a coincidence that in the past 30 or so years in baseball, as the number of players with facial hair has increased, the amount of discussion involving steroids has increased proportionally.

Back in the 1970s and '80s, there were several players with those bushy mustaches, but only a proud handful with facial masterpieces on their chins. Nowadays, it seems like it is required for all minor leaguers to sprout a little flavor saver before being called up to The Show.

I only bring up this point because I couldn't help but notice about a week ago that, when Sammy Sosa had finally come off the disabled list, he was sporting a brand new coiffure on his face. I thought it looked funny on him but I never really gave it much thought until he was busted last week for using a corked bat.

Then it hit me. I knew what was wrong with Sammy's little goatee, it had morphed from a facial adornment into a sort of kryptonite for everyone's favorite Latin slugger.

Those few nicely trimmed follicles on Sammy's face had somehow rendered Sammy helpless at the plate. In the three games between coming off the DL and being ejected for a doctored bat, Sosa had gone a less-than-mortal 2-for-15 with eight strikeouts.

Now I'm not what you would call a world-class athlete, but I think I've been around them enough to know just how superstitious they can be. One would think that if a player who was mired in an 0-for-infinity slump since debuting a goatee, then he would be running for a pair of shears faster than you could say androstronidine.

Instead, Sosa took the coward's way out and filled his bat full of cut-up shards of Superball.

While some people were condemning Sosa for taking the Joey Belle approach and others were trying to defend St. Sammy,

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## Frisella drafted by Cardinals; Barnett signed by Phillies

### Senior Saluki pitcher Jake Alley remains unsigned

Ethan Erickson  
 Daily Egyptian

Sal Frisella could soon be living every Little Leaguer's dream.

The St. Louis native, who recently completed his senior campaign with the SIU baseball team, was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round of the Major League Baseball draft last Wednesday.

Starting as a toddler, Frisella has attended numerous Cardinal games with his father, a season ticket holder for the past 25 years and, as could be expected, is ecstatic about the selection.

"I don't have to change my colors, so I can still be a Cardinals fan and I think that's every kid's dream," Frisella said. "When you're a little kid and you're playing, you go down to Busch Stadium for the first time, you smell the stadium and you see guys on the field.

You know you want to be a Cardinal."

But while Frisella was elated, teammate Toby Barnett was suffering through, the opposite end of the emotional spectrum. Barnett, a first-team all-conference pick each of his two years at SIU, expected to be drafted but wasn't.

"Sal got picked up, and it was awesome," Barnett said. "I didn't get picked up and I was pretty demoralized. I took it pretty personally."

But the Australian wasn't dejected for long. He received a call from a Philadelphia Phillies scout soon after the draft ended Wednesday. The scout drove from Chicago to Carbondale immediately, and Barnett signed a contract at about midnight.

"It was awesome," Barnett said. "I felt like a little 5-year-old at Christmas again. It was

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**SAVINGS**

toby  
BARNETT

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Signed: Phillies Philadelphia, Pa. (as a free agent)  
 Position: Catcher Weight: 215 lbs.  
 Height: 6'3"  
 Hometown: Kallaroo, Australia

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**SAVINGS**

sal  
FRISELLA

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Drafted: Cardinals St. Louis, Mo.  
 Round: 37th  
 Height: 6'10"  
 Weight: 220 lbs.  
 Position: Outfield

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