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Rolling Salukis ready to do battle

GETTING REVENGE:
Team hopes to avenge last year's playoff loss.

Mikal J. Harris
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Ki Yun says what he remembers most about the Rolling Salukis' early exit from last year's National Wheelchair Basketball Association playoffs, is how he cried after the team's only game.

"I just wept," he said.

"I looked up and saw the score at the end of the game, and I cried." As Yun and other members of the team sat courtside Sunday at the National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Championship at the Recreation Center, they reflected on last year's playoff loss and mentally prepared for a chance on Saturday to avenge their loss. Meanwhile, the University of Texas at Arlington and the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater, teams from another wheelchair basketball conference, battled on the court.

SIUC's wheelchair basketball team will do some battling of its own Sunday. The team has an added boost of a 17-6 season, including a victory over the Fighting Illini team for the first time in 20 years. The last time the Salukis beat the Fighting Illini was in 1977, when SIUC captured the first National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball Championship.

The team also has on its repertoire the defeat of the Charlotte Hornets, a No. 2 nationally ranked wheelchair team.

There are about 200 basketball wheelchair teams in the country. Yun, a junior in accounting and finance from Colorado Springs, Colo., said last year's teams during the sectionals were the result of his over-confidence about that first playoff game.

However, Rich Swanson, one of the captains of the team, said the teams were the result of the team's over-confidence about the entire playoffs. He said the team's accomplishments this year almost placed it on the same destructive path.

"Last year, we were really cocky," he said.

"Well, we got upset. This year I saw the same thing almost happening again. I said, 'Let's stop looking beyond the team we play on 2-1 unlady. We have to concentrate on the game coming up.'"

Struggling to make his voice heard over the clanks and clatters of wheels on the court, Rolling Salukis MVP David Williams said the team followed Swanson's advice.

"Now we know how to prepare better and what to expect," said Williams, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Springfield, Mo. "Last year, we did go into the playoffs overconfident.

As the eight-members of the Rolling Salukis watched the Texas Strutters double their coach with bottled water in celebration after the game Saturday. We have to concentrate on the game coming up...

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Registration ends today

ON DEADLINE:
Residents need two forms of ID to register to vote.

Jennifer Camden
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Today is the deadline for Carbondale residents to register to vote in the April 1 Carbondale City Council elections. City Clerk Janet Vaughn says residents need two forms of identification to register to vote or file a change-of-address form, one of which includes their current Carbondale addresses.

The county clerk must have voters' current addresses on file for them to legally be registered to vote. According to the city clerk's office, documents such as leases, checkbooks, utility bills, personal letters or letters from SIUC or John A. Logan College may be used to prove voters live at their current addresses.

Voters may register or file a change-of-address form in the city clerk's office at City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Ave., or in the county clerk's office at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro. Voters' registration cards will arrive at voters' local addresses within two to three weeks.

Man attempts robbery

John LeChien
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A pregnant employee of Taco John's allegedly was struck in the stomach by a man attempting to rob the business Saturday, Carbondale Police said.

Police said that a man entered the restaurant at 4:25 p.m., leaned over the counter and began taking money from a register.

"He found the keys on the counter next to the register and used them to gain access to the register," said Jennifer Dusch, manager of Taco John's, 310 E. Walnut St.

Police said the suspect was unattended and escaped from the restaurant, despite attempts by the employee to hold the suspect by his jacket.

The 21-year-old employee, who is a few months pregnant, said she was patted in the stomach by the man. Police said the woman refused medical treatment.

Police said they do not know how much was taken from the register, and they are not releasing a description of the suspect at this time.

If arrested, police said the suspect faces a robbery charge rather than a charge of theft because he reportedly used force.
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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- **Sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning in kit 106 near South West Mall the guns were stolen. Total damages were estimated at more than $500. There are no suspects.**
- **At 4:05 a.m. on Sunday, University Police and the Carbondale Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at Home Smith. Someone on the eighth floor activated the alarm. Second alarm was then activated on the first floor by someone leaving the building. There are no suspects.**

**Police**

**Today:**

- **Library Affairs - "Sabo's Doghouse" Seminar, March 4, 7:30 p.m.**
- **Judy A. Volunteer Corps - Volunteers needed to assist inmates and children in "Sleep In for Free Day," each Tuesday until March 15, 7:15 to 11:15 a.m.**
- **Southern Baptist Student Ministries - Free luncheon for international students, every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 629 W. Main St.**

**UPCOMING**

- **Orthodox Chrises Fellowship noon day prayer service, March 5, noon.**
- **Pi Sigma Alpha Brown Bag Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Alpert-Wiseman, President of Faculty Senate, March 5, noon.**
- **Women's Services - "Recovery from Violence," support group for women survivors of physical & sexual assault entry, Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Room B-252. Call contact number at 453-3655.**
- **African-American Men & Women's Discussion Group meeting, every Wednesday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Student Center Thobs Room, Contact Nita at 453-3655.**
- **Women's Services - Women's Self-Care Group, every Wednesday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Women's Hall R224. Contact Nita at 453-3655.**
- **Library Affairs - "First Search" Seminar, March 5, 4:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., Library Room 1020. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-3655.**
- **University Career Services - "Gaining The Experience Advantage," Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Contact Leannah at 453-3655.**
- **College Democracy meeting, March 5, 5:00 p.m., Rector's House, Contact Hamilton at 453-1516.**
- **College Republicans meeting, March 5, 5:00 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Andy at 217-7178.**

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Blessing in disguise'

EMBRACE: Former actor shares his experience to help students accept AIDS.

L\'Krista R. Gray
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Although the topic of AIDS can bring about thoughts of sickness, death, homosexuality and a deep rooted feeling of sorrow, Scott Fried says the infection should be looked at as a blessing in disguise.

Visiting SIUC, Fried, an AIDS educator and motivator, gave an AIDS awareness workshop Sunday in the Student Center.

Fried has starred on the soap opera, "Guiding Light," as an HIV-positive character. This is his real life story.

He presented a three-minute video about the AIDS epidemic and the effects it has on people.

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Leader of 'World Church' defends religion's views

Before all of those who have written letters in response to the Daily Egyptian's article on the church and religion, I suggest that you consider why you were written. Creativity, put their own backs too hard or too often, and before you, the leaders of the DE, give them multiple brownie points for their "heroic" stance against us. While I cannot think "a new", there are a few things you might consider.

I will address both issues in this letter. The real difference between myself and those white students who consider themselves in opposition to our cause is that I am much more honest and open about my racism while you are not.

I don't make any bones about my preference for white people in all things at all times and allow people to disagree with me if they choose. You, on the other hand, just as racist as me but choose to hide it or use code words to express it. What really bothers you is not that I believe, as I do, that I have the guts to say it, for I reveal yourself cowardly. It bothers you that I have the guts to speak my mind while you are afraid to.

This is why blacks and other minorities generally accept our views more than our own white people. Whites know that if they announce their beliefs, they will have no choice but to take action on behalf of things — something they are generally afraid to do.

This applies particularly to Brian Roberts, a law student with whom I have never had a conversation but who is quick to attack me to the hordes of those in the peanut gallery. I am sure that he had much satisfaction in insulting me, insulting my position in the church and insulting the thousands of white people.

I am not surprised. This law student may be higher on the ladder of intellectual achievement, they don't have any more guts than the next few things you might consider.

Perhaps Roberts will sometime in the future summon the guts to meet me face to face to discuss the racist issue. We can hope. This is the time I have had seen this psychology in action. For years I have talked to white people who say one thing publicly and another thing behind closed doors.

This undoubtedly still continue in the future, but what I hope is that white people will regain the guts they once had and say what they truly think.

I believe that as the racial situation in this nation worsens (i.e. the white population shrinks percentage-wise), it is inevitable that there will be put among the people who are already on their minds to survive.

This is what realized this in the 1950s and 60s — that for their interests to be advanced, they had to advance them. Whites undoubtedly will come to recognize this as well. Like we are not, also is the Creator is here, he is here to stay and is growing.

The DE had a duty to point this fact. Therefore you agree with some of the tenets of our religion, creativity, does not make the fact of our existence any less, nor you have a right to deny that Christianity is a religion.

Many religions are in the beginning of their existence mocked, only to later win the hearts, and minds of the multitudes, and I believe that this will be no less true of Creativity.

I always have believed in a free exchange of ideas, and at this point I wish to challenge all those of my race who claim to disagree with me to sit down and talk with me.

Rather than gossip about me (as a number of the "objective" law students do) contact me, and we will talk face to face. In fact, better yet, I would like to chal- lenege the organizations on campus to sponsor a Rev. Matt Hale question and answer forum, at which time I will answer any and all questions about Creativity as well as why I have come to the church this religion. If this campus really believes in "diversity" and a free exchange of ideas, then let's have it.

Concentration

Decentralizing student areas in city a good idea for plan

STUDENT LIVING IN HIGH-DENSITY AREAS might become a sight of relief if Carbondale's proposed comprehensive plan is adopted.

This plan — a thick book of the city's development plan for the next 20 years — recommends that high-density residential areas be decentralized or decrease the amount of people living in crowded student residential areas.

THESE AREAS, WHICH ARE CONSIDERED R-3 zoning, have insidious parking and crowded living areas for students north of campus. Students in these areas find crowded streets and lawns and, at times, inadequate living spaces. The areas are concentrated with student residents who have chosen to live off campus.

Many times the high-density student living areas are ravished with trash, poor parking and crowded lawns. There are more house parties in these areas, and sometimes the police patrol these areas on foot because of the inadequate parking.

THE CITY HAS A DIFFICULT TIME providing services to these areas — cleaning off busy streets, police support — and its residents. To mutt residents, overcrowded streets and lesser city services are a part of living in the areas close to campus.

Specifically, the area between Main and Mill streets is recommended to decrease the allowable density by 50 percent and to scatter some residential areas by re- zoning other parts of Carbondale. To help ease the concentration in that particular area.

INSTEAD OF JUST ONE AREA BEING AT full or above the maximum density, other areas would be made into high-density areas to ease overcrowding. Some may rise concerns about how those students will get to campus, but the plan also recommends increasing the number of Saluki Express bus routes.

But these are only recommendations in a first draft of the plan. This plan, which has been drafted after a year of research and community input, is the city's guide into the next century.

RESIDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENTS, HAVE made recommendations to this plan, and they still are encouraged to give feedback before the plan is modified and adopted. The main idea behind the plan is to make Carbondale a more attractive place to live and to build. Decentralizing high-density areas is a step toward a better city and safer, cleaner neighborhoods.

"Our Word" represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

"On a cost-per-credit-hour basis, our doctoral program is the least expensive among the four public universities in Illinois. The supposed savings available by the demise of our Ph.D. are illusory.

David Werlich, SIUC History Department chairman, on the relative expense of the University's doctoral program in history.

We've heard enough about the issue from seniors. The students will decide this once, and for all. It's in their hands.

Jenal Powell, Undergraduate Student Government senator, on an upcoming referendum concerning lighting for athletic fields on campus."
Mailbox

Letters to the editor must be submitted in person to the Daily Egyptian, Room 1247.

Communications that fail to follow these rules should be regarded as unsolicited and will be limited to 350 words. Letters for which solicitation of subscribers cannot be made will not be published.

Campus server problems net frustration for writer

Dear Editor:

What is it with the Dial-Up Access to the SIU Server lately? How many others have attempted to logon within the last two days, only to connect and then....Nothing? No response to your query for e-mail. Network claims that http://www.siu.edu doesn’t exist.

Daily, I sit at home in front of my computer, attempting to dial-up, and getting to watch 433-5500 do its imitation of America Online 40 times in a row before connection opens up for me. Yet lately, I watch the obscene imitation for 30 minutes, cheer when I finally connect, only to find the server dead.

When it’s obvious that there is a problem with the server, who is notified that it needs to be fixed? Why can’t those glorious powers-that-be just yank the connection, fix the problem, and then plug it back in? Is that possible? I have no clue, so I’m asking. Regardless, maybe a nice little message would go something like: “I’m out on what’s wrong, might ease a bit of my angst.”

I’m only complaining because when I count on the Internet to deliver home-work material to a fellow classmate, I can’t find the time to send it or if I am blessed by the Great Internet God, allowed my three minutes before the server kicks, I know I should be allowed all the same divine interconnection.

As I type this minor complaint, my Dial Up Networking is granted access to 433-5500 and sits idle as it awaits the KIDS Menu, which won’t.... wait..... wait... oh my God! Could it be.... No, the computer 1 diangled to disconnect Me, again. Denied and rejected to Internet Purgatory. Oh well, calling all off campus Interneters.

When in doubt, while waiting for Virtual Heaven to allow you in its "URL" -ty gates, type your letter of discontent with the SIU server and drop it off at the Daily Egyptian.

Perhaps the editorial column can be our primitive bulletin board/Chat Room until we get our own one back.

Josh Evans
Senior, advertising

Student criticizes DE columnists

Dear Editor:

I appreciated Mr. Dunnings’ letter to the editor on Feb. 28, particularly his critique of the staff. His letter was one of the worst culprits, Politically Erect. These columns provide a forum for thought-provoking commentary on student issues. Unfortunately, the current staff of regulars shows that privilege.

They make thoughtless observations and strike rhetorical poses aimed at calling attention to themselves rather than to the issues. These columns read like pieces written by individuals who have given no more thought to their topics than the time necessary to write them out. For example, (Conrad) Mannino’s column on aggression starts talking about encounters with panhandlers. Here is a situation we’ve all experienced.

“...As William Hazlitt once wrote, ‘It is the salt of conversation, not the food.’

We have felt a mix of fear, compassion and embarrassment that could give a writer material for making insightful comment on human nature. Unfortunately, Mannino does a verbal dance over this and ends the column with empty talk of her parking woes. I don’t know if the editors have failed to provide these writers with proper guidance or if there are still students on this campus with something intelligent to say that we must endure these individuals, but I do know that it little credits the DE to continue showcasing their folly.

Either encourage these otherwise clever writers to add some thought to their columns or solicit new writers who can give us wit and substance. For as William Hazlitt once wrote, ‘It is the salt of conversation, not the food.’

Tim Buehne
Graduate student, English

Fried: Reporter contemplates ways to prevent cold fast food

Recently, an alert reporter in the newsroom informed me of a problem that obviously is cropping up: the Southern Illinois region, not to mention the nation.

The heinous affliction in question is the problem of how to heat fries so they remain hot in transit from the counter to your seat in the restaurant.

An informal survey I sat around and looked important for 10 minutes. I have come up with the latest scientific solution for heating potato products.

The first idea I have would involve heating the suspiciously raw fries in the first place.

I think a lot of times, the employee simply forgoes TOOK the fries. This is an understandable problem, especially when we pause to think that much of his or her brain is occupied with the problem of remembering how many quarters to give someone in exchange for a dollar.

Another good way to combat the heat loss of fries would involve embracing physics. Any scholar can tell you that the classic fry design of four sides (ignoring the needle heat loss of the ends) lends itself to heat loss.

A kinder, gentler fry with three sides would have less surface area, which therefore would lose less heat in the long heat transfer from the Styrofoam container to the mouth.

A final suggestion might be literally dousing the fries in lighter fluid and applying a bit of the undercooked potato.

When used in conjunction with those hand-warmer packets, the fries might be edible, blackened as they are.

My personal view is that the whole problem is too much heat. Our fate lies have been subjected to years of stereotypical views like “all fries are cold,” and it’s too cold to any bacon and musty.”

Surely these mantras of today’s culture have something to do with the attitude of today’s cold fries.

Only through education and intense government funding can we overcome this mantras challenge facing us today.

Spring Break Dates: March 3-4-5
Hours: 8am - 5pm
Location: University Bookstore
SIUC Student Center
If You Still Need The Books, Keep Them Until The End Of Term And Bring Them Back In May. We'll See You Then.
Dante Migone, 4, says he is an expert on Dr. Seuss because he has so many of his books. His favorite, though, is still "Green Eggs and Ham."

"I like it because at first he doesn’t like the green eggs and ham," he said. "But then he does."

Migone said he would eat green eggs and ham if he were offered them.

While there were no green eggs or ham, there was plenty of cake, games, videos and storytelling at the second annual Dr. Seuss Festival Saturday at the Recreation Center.

More than 300 people participated in the day’s events that marked the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss). Seuss, the author of 44 children’s books, was born on March 2, 1904. The day also celebrated the birthday of the Cat in the Hat. The mischiefous character is 40 this year.

Kathryn Hollis, assistant director of intramural recreational sports, said some of the children made birthday cards for the Cat, which will be sent to Random House publishers.

"Random House will donate a Dr. Seuss book to the Family Literacy Program for every birthday card for the Cat in the Hat," she said.

As a tribute to the cat, Beverly Love Wallace, outreach coordinator for WSUI/WUSI, read the “The Cat in the Hat” to celebrate his birthday.

With microphone in hand, she stood in front of a circle of children and brought the characters out with her animated expression.

"I love reading performances because theater is my pastime," she said. "I have read these books to my son since he was 6 months old. Of course, we read different books now, but we still do read to each other."

She said events like the Dr. Seuss Festival encourage family reading.

During the reading, Kalsee Fort, 4, sat completely absorbed in the book. Her face lit up when she said her favorite part of the day was meeting the "Cat and the Hat," who was signing autographs and talking with the children.

Not all of the participants were children. Cynthia Mueller, a junior in therapeutic recreation from Peoria, said she still has all of her books that she received as a child.

"Every kid likes these books," she said. "Even when you are 20, the books are still funny."

She said the books have survived because they teach children so much.

"The books teach phonics, colors and counting," she said. "They are just wonderful. Everybody had a Dr. Seuss book. There is no age limit."

The event was sponsored by Nontraditional Student Services, the Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports, the Elementary Education Organization, Student Development, Stelly Hall Housing Council, the University Bookstore, Morris Library and the Carbondale Public Library.
SIU Law School to help in mediation program

DEVELOPING: Grant will be used to form negotiating program at clinic.

JULIE RENSELEMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A negotiations clinic within the SIU School of Law will be the first law school clinic in the country to help with developing a mediation program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a law school official says.

Scherrie Giamanco, agriculture program specialist for the Farm Service Agency in Springfield, said the SIU School of Law Alternative Dispute Relations (ADR) Clinic, in conjunction with the College of Agriculture, was given a $190,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in January.

Giamanco said the grant will be used to form the Illinois Agricultural Mediation Program at SIUC, but the specifics of the program still are being planned.

Stephen Kaft, professor and chairman for agribusiness economics, said the program will be beneficial to farmers because it will give them another alternative to finding a solution when they are in violation. "This will be used so a confrontation will not occur between the farmer and the Department of Agriculture," he said.

"Solutions will be resolved a lot easier and quicker with mediation than with the court system," said Giamanco.

Giamanco said the mediation will be used for a number of disputes, including farmers not being in compliance for protecting wetlands if they have eroded land or cause contamination because of pesticides use.

Giamanco said the mediation program will help farmers who cannot afford to try if they are fixed or have a contract rescinded.

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Army's sexual misconduct cases include racism issue

STATISTICS: Maryland says all 13 men are black, while majority of accusers are white.

L/W/ANGEL TIMES

WASHINGTON — The investigations into sexual misconduct in the Maryland military community paint an upsetting picture of a continued turnover over a second anguish ing issue: race.

Black leaders in Maryland are objecting that all 13 men facing charges in the scandal at Aberdeen Proving Ground are black, while the great majority of their accusers are white women. And they contend that black men also have been disproportionately accused in the Army cases pending elsewhere around the United States, although no official racial breakdowns are available to corroborate this.

The highest-profile sexual misconduct case, charging Army Sgt. Maj. Gene C. McKinney — the most senior enlisted man in the service — does involve a white woman's accusations against a black man.

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Government wants SPC advisory board

OPTIONS: Campus governments hope board will raise student input.

TRAVIS D'NEAL
Daily Egyptian

Student government is interested in creating a Student Programming Council advisory board to direct campus entertainment and stabilize SPC's funding, student government executives say.

Mark Terry, Graduate and Professional Student Council president, said the proposed board would be comprised of SPC's student director and two ex-officio directors and representatives from GPSC, Undergraduate Student Government, Black Affairs Council, Inter-Greek Council and International Student Council.

"What we're trying to do is improve the communication between SPC and the student government," Terry said.

Matthew Radeled, Inter-Greek-Council president, said the proposed board might offer students more options.

"SPC works great, but I've noticed it doesn't have a lot of choice to offer students," Radeled said.

The board would create a fixed budget for SPC, Terry said. GPSC annually allocates about 15 percent of its budget to SPC, but USG scrutinizes the amount it gives the programming council.

GPSC gave SPC $11,500 of its $74,000 budget last year. Terry said he'd like to give SPC 31 percent of its $400,000 budget last year to SPC.

Terry said that GPSC and USG give to SPC comes from the student activity fee. The difference between the two processes causes uncertainty in SPC budget, because the amount given by the two groups varies from year to year.

A board with representatives from both student government organizations could eliminate the differences in SPC's funding process and almost guarantee the budget's annual amount, he said.

Former USG senator Andrew Ensor, who reviewed USG's version of the proposal at USG President Troy Allen's request, said the amount of money SPC receives should be 33 percent of the Student Activity Fee.

That amount, Ensor said, would guarantee SPC's success.

Ensor said proper spending decisions could only be made if the entire USG Finance Committee, which recommends the amount of USG's annual contribution to SPC, serves on the proposed board.

"The members of USG's Finance Committee are experts," Ensor said. "They are the most dedicated people USG has, and they know how to spend money wisely.

Ensor said programs that wish to be backed by SPC could present their proposals to the board. The board could consult the finance committee to determine which programs it could afford before it made its decision.

"That's how things are done in the real world," Ensor said.

Anthony Buie, USG Finance Committee chairman, said the Finance Committee should be involved in spending decisions, but the decisions should not be limited to the Finance Committee.

"If we had 14 people on the board, resolving scheduling problems could be the least of our difficulties," he said.

Allen said an oversight board representing a large number of students could help future activities appeal to students of all tastes.

"It's just a means of getting more people involved and getting a wider range of student input," Allen said.

Surgery adds pain sensitivity

CIRCUMCISION:
Research shows operation has affect on pain acuteness.

WASHINGTON POST

Many parents agonize over whether to have their sons circumcised. Some parents have clear religious reasons. Others wonder whether any health benefits are worth the pain of the procedure.

Canadian researchers have produced new evidence that baby boys may experience longer-lasting sensitivity to pain after circumcision if they are not anesthetized. The researchers studied 87 infant boys who were either not circumcised, circumcised without anesthesia or circumcised under general anesthesia.

The parents were present, but were not allowed to comfort their sons.

Infants who were not circumcised cried longer than those who were anesthetized. Those who were not anesthetized also showed signs of distress such as a peaked cry indicating elevated pain sensitivity.

Researchers recommend always using anesthesia during circumcisions.
Dense housing leaves students playing in street

OPEN SPACES: Plan calls for reduction in high-density housing.

By Jennifer Cambron

Matt Haley, who lives in a high-density apartment on East College Street, said he and his neighbors do not have much room to toss a football around.

"For room to play, we just go out in the street," said Haley, a student at SIUC and son of a governor.

Tom Redmond, city development services director, said students such as Haley could use some open space in their neighborhood.

"People who want to play Frisbee out in the street. I see them play football they go out in the street," said Haley. "I think that people who live in areas would appreciate a little more open space."

Part of the draft of the city's comprehensive plan, a plan that guides the city's development for the next 20 years, recommends denser, smaller high-density residential developments that will have a "suitable amount of open space and end park problems there."

Redmond said the open space is necessary for the entire neighborhood.

"The idea is to provide better living conditions for students," he said. The plan's draft, prepared by Cowne, Ltd., a Chicago consulting firm, calls for reducing high-density buildings in neighborhoods R-3, which have many apartments in each structure.

Redmond said the city's zoning ordinances set the maximum density of R-3 housing: 56 percent of each lot's area can be developed into apartments.

During the past seven or eight years, developers have been planning maximum-density buildings, and he said he sees the impact.

"Developers want to work backwards," Redmond said. "They want to know the maximum density, the maximum floor area, and then find a way to get it on the property."

"So you've got buildings and parking lots. That's it," said Lynch, a December graduate in education from Bloomington East, said parking in the high-density area's parking lots is difficult even with a parking sticker.

"You are not assured of a parking place," he said. "I don't even mess with it anymore. I just park in the street."

If the zoning ordinance lowered the density in areas such as the R-3 neighborhood north of campus, between Mill and Cherry streets, they eventually would be redeveloped at a lesser density, Redmond said.

That would cause a need for more housing, and he said the comprehensive plan recommends expanding medium-density housing, zoning R-2, to the west side of town, along with zoning more land as R-2.

For R-2 housing, like R-3 housing, allowed is more people to live together, but R-2 housing is limited to four units per structure and only one structure per lot.

R-3 zoning covers areas in the city such as on East College Street, not just student-dominated housing near campus.

The draft was reviewed by the public at a meeting last month, and revisions will be made at a public meeting at 7 p.m. March 17 at the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.
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Local rock music scene rolling with the punches

BAR FLIGHT: Carbondale rockers play for smaller crowds as those under 21 head for house parties.

BY BERT WILCOXON  DAILY EGYPTIAN REVIEW

While some say that the Grim Reaper seems to be waging his sickle menacingly over the Carbondale music scene, four local bands proved Friday that the scene is not ready for a body bag just yet.

With storm clouds gathering danger on the horizon in the Free Forum Area, St. Stephen's Blues, halfway jake and Poor King all put on short sets as part of the joint effort by Hangar 9 and the College Republicans to register students to vote.

Waxdolls Band bassist, Jon e. Reesor, said the small turnout of attendees was not something new for the band. He said because of the raising of the bar-entry age to 21, local bands have gotten used to playing for smaller crowds.

"The people who care are the ones we're playing for," he said. "About a year or so ago we had a lot more people into it, but with the raising of the bar-entry age, it seems like everyone has gotten used on live bands because they can't see them."

The survival of the local music scene is an issue for many students in Carbondale, and Reesor said it is the reason for the flames of oblivion, students are going to have to let their voices be heard in the April 1 City Council election.

"The only thing that can really turn it around is the election," he said. "If they lower the bar ages, I think things might start happening for local bands again."

There was a short delay before the Waxdolls jammed, as the crowd anxiously waited about 10 minutes for Waxdolls lead vocalist Shawn Dawson to arrive from work. Regardless of whether or not they realized it, as crowd members waited, they were witnessing what local music really is about: rushing from the day job that pays the bills to play a quick set to get your music heard, then flying back to work. Eventually Dawson did arrive, and the three-man crew effortlessly poured their catchy punk-rock pop sound from the反馈 stage, rejuvenating a dwindling crowd of about 30.

Reesor said in the four years the Waxdolls have been around, he has seen the local music scene change drastically.

"It used to be there were hippie bands, Pearl Jam-type bands, hard rock bands — there was just a lot more variety," he said. "Now it seems like hardly anyone is interested in that, so there aren't many bands around."

John Sand, a senior in creative writing from Shivelyville, said he has been enjoying the local music scene for about five years, and said he has seen its slow demise. "It's pretty much a bucket of cement at the bottom of the ocean," he said.

Sand said he believes the raising of the bar-entry age is responsible for killing a key part of the flame of the local music business. "Bands just can't make the money off the bands they could before," he said. "So the viability of venues for bands to play has gone a lot worse."

Richard Simpson, co-owner of Hangar 9, 511 S. Illinois Ave., said he has been booking bands for 17 years, and he believes that while the local music scene in Carbondale as a whole, the raising of the bar-entry age is not one sole factor.

"It's a very complex issue," he said. "Right now, there are an awful lot of parties in town where bands can get exposure, and I see that as a result of the higher bar-entry age."

Simpson said that bands who have built up reputations in the past that have built up have created quite a problem for the local bar music scene.

"The biggest problem we've seen lately with local bands is when we have a lot of parties in town where bands can get exposure, and I see that as a result of the higher bar-entry age."

Simpson said because of this problem, he is forced to book bands that are not from the area.

"I will look for a band like the Drovers (from Chicago) or Radio Tokyo (another national band) and won't book local bands," he said. "That way, people have to come here to see the bands."

Simpson said overall, he thinks the local music scene is without a doubt still living.

"I've been in Carbondale since 1979, and everybody has always said that the local music scene is dead. Music scenes are what you need to get local people interested in something. It's a tough business. The people who make it are the ones who work their butts off."

Thousands granted entry to U.S. without criminal record checks

CITIZENSHIP: White House urged speeding immigration process to build bloc of voters.

WASHINGTON — A program to streamline the process for granting U.S. citizenship to immigrants has come under heavy White House pressure to speed up its procedures and wound up naturalizing 10,000 people without required criminal background checks, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press. The government has told the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service that it needs to speed up the process for granting citizenship to tens of thousands of immigrants who have not been able to get their fingerprints taken. The INS program is coming under renewed congressional scrutiny following a series of reports by The Associated Press that found severe problems with the citizenship process. The findings of the program, called Citizenship USA, have triggered one of the most dramatic changes in the immigration system, according to the immigration service, that it has been a new process to U.S. citizenship. The INS has reported on Citizenship USA and interviews with officials on both sides of the controversy indicate that the White House — prodded by Democratic-community groups and Latino groups — became deeply involved in trying to accelerate the program.

The stepped up was to increase efficiency, but the documents also point to hopes of creating a new bloc of Democratic voters in what critics have called a political takeover of the immigration service.

At the same time, however, congressional Republicans also played a role in speeding up the process, according to a source familiar with the negotiations. The source said that Republican leaders were concerned that a rejection of the new process in Congress would make it more difficult for the two parties to reach a compromise on immigration reform.

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Ripken finally misses game

AFTER 2,316 GAMES: Record holding player misses exhibition game due to groin injury.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.--What’s the surest sign that this is only spring training? Cal Ripken skips out on a flyout from the Baltimore Orioles’ lineup.

Baseball’s all-time iron man started left groin muscle Monday when his foot slipped on loose dirt as he was fielding ground ball before an exhibition game against the Atlanta Braves. Willis Oteenez start­led the Orioles’ place at third base as the Oriole 2, 62, at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

Ripken hadn’t been scheduled to take Tuesday’s top to Vero Beach, Fla., where the Orioles will face the Los Angeles Dodgers. Manager Davey Johnson said he plans to reevaluate the third baseman’s status Wednesday. Ripken has played in a record 3,136 straight regular season games, and Monday he couldn’t recall the last time that an injury forced him to miss even a spring training contest. Johnson said over the weekend that he has no plans to end Ripken’s consecutive-games streak this season.

Johnson said Monday: “If it was the regular season, he could go... Everything with Cal is a big deal. I’ve learned that. But I’m not war­ranted about the streak being broken.”

As Ripken spoke to reporters, center fielder Brady Anderson walked by and said: “Why don’t you guys just let him go up and play with pu on now?”

Ripken said: “I could have played through it. It’s one of those spring training games, there’s no use risk­ing a bigger injury from a smaller injury.”

The Orioles made their first roster cuts Monday, opting: Juan Mateo to Class AAA Rochester and reassigning fellow infielders Drew Denxon, Francisco Matos and Angie JDj to minor league camp in Sarasota, Fla. That leaves the Orioles with 57 players in camp.

Owner Randy Myers, who didn’t report to camp until Wednesday, had his first outing and worked a scoreless ninth inning that includes a walk to Fred McGriff and a strikeout of World Series champion Jimmy Key permitted one run on a leadoff home run by Marquis Grissom - over two innings in the second start, then went to the bullpen for more throwing. “I just wanted to throw some more pitches,” he said. “I just threw some fastballs to try to build up some arm strength.”

Key faced the Braves’ Greg Maddux Monday — the same pitcher as in the New York Yankees’ 3-2 triumph over Atlanta at Yankee Stadium in the clinching Game 6 of the World Series. “I thought about it (Sunday) when I heard Maddux was pitching,” Key said. “Obviously it’s not the same, but it’s kind of funny. (Braves) Coach Pat Corrales made a com­ment to me that wherever they go, they may just up to three months. They’re not going to say it, but it had something to do with me, but I’m not concerned with that.”

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STORMING SALUKIS:

Despite a thunderous opening, SIUC washes out of Southern Classic.

DONNA COLTER
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

A grand slam by Theresa Shields was perhaps the highlight of the softball Salukis rain-washed Southern Classic Saturday and Sunday.

Shields hit her grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning to lift the Salukis (5-4) to an 8-0 win over Missouri State University Sunday.

Unfortunately, SIUC's shot proved to be the highlight of the Southern Classic.

At the 8-0 opening-game win with SIUC dropped its next two games in the rain-lashed tournament.

Under the SESO victory, the Salukis returned to action in cold weather Sunday afternoon and dropped a 2-1 contest to Western Illinois University. It was the Salukis' only run coming in the first inning.

"We played okay for the Western game, but it's a game we didn't play up to our abilities," coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said. "You can't allow the weather to dictate you, and that is what happened for the most part."

The Salukis only reached base four times in 32 at bats in the WU game, compared to eight times in 19 trips to the plate in the SESO game.

The Salukis did get a complete game from freshman pitcher Carla Winters against WIE, but Winters gave up three hits and two unearned runs, which was enough to hand the Salukis a defeat.

Winters said she may have had trouble with the game, but her level of pitching was not where it should have been.

"I felt I did as good as I could," she said. "I think I had a lot of improvement in my game that I should have done. I didn't do good, but it's just the weather."

Winters said she also thought the cold weather may have played a big factor in both Salukis losses, but the team still did not perform well.

"I think we weren't ready," she said, "I don't know if it was the cold, because we haven't played in the cold. We should have done better than we did, we just didn't do it.

After the WU loss, the Salukis took on Eastern Illinois University. The Salukis got off on a rocky start, giving up nine runs, on three hits and three errors in the first 21 innings. The Salukis eventually dropped the game 6-1 in five innings.

"The first inning is this last game (against EIU) was horrendous," Brechtelsbauer said. "That shouldn't be happening at this level, not with the capabilities we have."

The Salukis pulled together after the first inning, really allowing one more run. But with SIUC couldn't get the bats going and only connected the ball and ball four times in 19 at-bats.

Brechtelsbauer said the Salukis' offensive and defensive efforts hurt them in the loss, but the problems can be worked out.

"Defensively, we didn't get the job done," she said. "Our defense is what did not hold up at all.

"We will correct it. It is better to have it happen now and deal with it, than have it happen later in the season."

Brechtelsbauer said the Salukis must put the losses behind them and be ready for action Sunday against Middle Tennessee State University.

"We had a great tournament at the Murrah Classic," she said. "And this one didn't go quite as we would have liked, and now you have to deal with that too."

"Hopefully, we'll come out of this and bready to go on our spring trip."

MUD SLIDE: Saluki third baseman Becky Lis, a senior from Newburgh, Ind., looks to run home Saturday during the first game of the Southern Classic against Southern Missouri. The Salukis beat Southeast Missouri 8-0 but finished fourth in the tournament.

PIERRE EYREMAN

Divers face top competition at NIC

MAKING A BIG SPLASH:

SIUC dives well at National Independent Championships.

BRAD WEBER

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SIUC senior Alex Wright approached the 1-meter diving board Thursday thinking about all the rehabilitation he had gone through so he could compete at the National Independent Championships.

Wright, who broke his foot at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships Dec. 6, went through two months of rehabilitation before being able to compete in the NIC's as the Recreation Center Saturday. Wright said the long layoff was hard for him, but he was eager to dive once again.

"I was real hard to come back," he said. "I just wanted to do my best."

Wright finished second in both the 1-meter (456.10) and 3-meter (491.10) diving competitions, finishing only second to a freshman from Florida Atlantic University.

"I felt I could have dove better at the meet," he said. "But given what I was able to work with, I was satisfied with my performance."

The NIC men's and women's divers placed third of its divers in both the 1- and 3-meter finals.

Other teams that competed at the meet were Florida Atlantic University, Southeast Missouri State University, Northeast Louisiana University, University of Evansville, Louisville University, University of Houston and Illinois State University.

Diving coach Dave Ardelley said the team responded well to the tough competition at the other schools.

"We dove constant considering the injuries we had before the meet," he said. "The team came out prepared and went about their business."

After grabbing the lead on the 1-meter following Thursday's preliminaries, senior Lisa Holland of Endicott, N.Y., lost her lead in the final to finish third.

"I needed to stay consistent with the other divers, but I didn't," Holland said.

Junior Karla Gerzema and freshman Randy McPherson were unable to compete at the NIC's because of injuries suffered earlier in the week.

Holland said Gerzema was missed at the meet.

"She had a foot problem and tried to compete," she said. "Normally Karla is able to go out and give us quality dives, which we missed at the meet."

Gerzema, Holland, Wright and senior Job Smith will now go on to compete at the NCAA Zone Meet March 14-15, the meet at which the Salukis, no matter how they do, will be ranked among the top teams in the nation. The meet will also determine who moves on to the NCAA championships.