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Severe weather causes
local concerns.

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Students complain of
Spring Break seams.

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Savoring life's last moments



The terminal
choice
Hospice care in
Southern Illinois
No. 3 of 3

The following story profiles two Southern Illinois hospice patients who decided to discontinue progressive treatment of their illnesses and spend their remaining days in hospice.

The first story profiles Rosemary Acord, a 69-year-old lung cancer patient from New Haven who awakens every morning thanking God for another day.

The second story profiles Fred Pierson, a 63-year-old lifelong Murphysboro resident whose deteriorating body has deprived him of the outdoor activities that have been his life's passion.

Previous parts of the series can be found on the web at www.dailyegyptian.com

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& JAY SCHWAB
PHOTOS BY TED SCHURTER

Sunlight seeps through the lace curtains of Rosemary Acord's small white house, basking its warmth upon her. In a pink nightgown and bedroom slippers, Rosemary rocks comfortably in her plush chair and allows the radiant sunlight to caress her face.

Appearing healthy and strong — almost vibrant — Rosemary bursts into laughter as her white poodle, Izzy, yaps wildly beside her feet. But appearances can be deceiving.

Dying by her own Acord

Rosemary was diagnosed with lung cancer about three years ago, a fatal disease that has left her in the caring arms of TIP Hospice.

Although Rosemary has defied the less-than-six-month life expectancy of hospice patients, her health has slowly deteriorated during the past year.

But surrounded by her possessions in the



As TIP nurse Heather Williams attends to some paperwork in the kitchen and Izzy the dog rests lazily on the floor, Rosemary Acord rests in her rocking chair in the morning sun as her neighbor and best friend Helen Erwin recounts some recent news.

home she has resided in for 39 years, Rosemary will not allow herself to fathom the notion of entering a nursing home.

"Oh, that would be horrible," Rosemary says, her face briefly hardening from its usual playful demeanor. "It would really be a disaster for me because I like my independence.

"I enjoy my home, going out to eat, even going to the [riverboat] once in a while," Rosemary says with a mischievous smile.

With no children and a recently deceased husband, Rosemary lacked options when seeking a hospice-mandated primary caretaker. Subsequently, she turned to her neighbor — best friend Helen Erwin — for assistance.

For Erwin, the decision to help Rosemary was an easy one. She credits hospice with saving her friend's life.

"I don't think she would be around, I really don't," says Erwin, who is a nurse in Evansville, Ind. "I think being in a nursing home would have ruined her will to live."

A waitress for most of her life — the last seven years spent as a nurse's aide in a Mt. Vernon nursing home — Rosemary went from serving others to relying on them.

But Willilema Pinkston, Rosemary's sister, says Rosemary's pride prevents her from showing vulnerability.

"She tries to keep a lot of the pain hidden," Pinkston says. "She doesn't want anyone to see

the weakness."

Three days a week, TIP nurses travel 56 miles from Herrin to Rosemary's New Haven home, just across the border from Evansville. Heather Williams, one of three nurses who attend to Rosemary, says her patient is a "strong-willed" fighter every step of the way — a description with which Rosemary concurs.

"It's a battle, but I'm not gonna let it get me down, I'm just not gonna let it," Rosemary says.

"In my marriage vows, I said I would be here in sickness and health. This is sickness — and I meant it."

— BRENDA PIERSON

"I've had people that I know come up to me and say, 'You're still up going?' and I say back to them, 'Well yeah, why?'"

"They think I should be in bed, and that's irritating."

Rosemary, who will turn 70 in July, begins her day at 7 every morning with a freshly brewed cup of coffee. She then calls Erwin, who prepares breakfast. After TIP health care

workers arrive to bathe her, Rosemary is free for the rest of the day.

The pair take occasional road trips throughout the Gallatin County countryside, with Erwin in the driver's seat.

"We're just two old ladies running around," Erwin says.

Rosemary explodes with laughter. Then, her tone darkens momentarily.

"That's one of the things I miss — not being able to drive the car," Rosemary says. "But I just don't have enough strength for that. [The pain] hurts so bad."

Rosemary's pain, which surfaces sporadically, targets her back most intensely.

"The only way I know to describe the pain I have is like a gnawing, like a rat gnawing on a piece of wood or something," Rosemary says. "That's how the pain is."

For three weeks in March, she was unable to leave the house because of the severity of the pain. Rosemary was limited to her embroidery and reading to pass the time, as the agony took a crippling toll on her 112-pound body.

"There was nothing I could do," Rosemary says. "Nothing."

"I get so weak, at times, I can't do anything. If I didn't have friends and neighbors, and my hospice, I'd be in a bad shape."

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Asbestos to blame in Kinko's closing

SARA BEAN
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Kinko's Copies, 715 S. University Ave., should reopen soon after a company inspection found asbestos within a closet in the business, the property owner said.

Herb Donow, owner of the 715 S. University Ave. property, said the asbestos material was found in a closet. He said the asbestos would be covered up, as required by state law.

"I should have that done within a few days and then [Kinko's] can move back in,"

Donow said.

An employee of the store said the Kinko's company had inspected the business and found the asbestos. The employee would not comment further on the situation and referred all further questions to the corporate office.

Kinko's Inc. Corporate Office in Ventura, Calif., did not return calls for comment.

Asbestos waste is regulated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

The IEPA webpage states that "Asbestos waste regulated under the Clean Air Act is (1) any waste that contains commercial asbestos

and (2) any asbestos waste generated during demolition or renovation. Examples include insulation, fireproofing materials, and packing contaminated with commercial asbestos."

Donow said he has no concerns that there is asbestos in other parts of the building.

Kinko's closed its doors Friday, posting a sign stating that all previously completed orders would be delivered Monday and Tuesday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The sign also stated that the business was closed only "temporarily" and the business would be closed "until further notice."

Reflections:

Artist reflects on
culture through paintings.

Greeks: Judiciary

Board deemed success.

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Southern Illinois Forecasts

TODAY:
Thunder storms
High: 73
Low: 62

Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

- A University employee told SIU police an unauthorized person utilized a long-distance telephone access code during the past 10 months, resulting in nearly a \$400 loss. There are no suspects in this incident.
- A 23-year-old SIUC student said a book worth about \$45 was stolen from his book bag at Morris Library around 11:30 a.m. Monday. University police have no suspects in this incident.
- Joseph P. Blackwell, 20, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, aggravated battery to a police officer and unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver it on school grounds at 12:18 a.m. Tuesday near Allen I. Blackwell allegedly struck a University police officer in the arm while being detained. The officer was not injured. Police also seized \$320 from Blackwell before he was taken to Jackson County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.
- A man reportedly wrote two checks on a closed account at Walgreen's Drug Store, 206 South Wall Street, between April 15 and 16. Carbondale police said they have identified a suspect who may be linked to other forgeries in the area. The incident is under investigation.

Corrections

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Calendar

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- TODAY**
- Eta Sigma Gamma Students Bridging Diversity through Health Education: Student Poster Sessions, May 5 and 6, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D, Alan 453-2777 or 457-0282.
 - Library Affairs New Illnet Online, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D, WebCT Overview, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 15, 453-2818.
 - Special Programs and Center Events South Patio Sounds, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m., Student Center South Patio, Carla 453-7150.
 - University Museum "Music in the Garden" featuring Mayflower Jones, noon to 1 p.m., Museum Sculpture Garden, North end of Fanner, Lori 453-5388.
 - Pi Sigma Epsilon business and professional fraternity meetings, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Ami 351-1307.
 - Anime Kai will be showing free Japanese films, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Language Media Center Fanner 1125, Stephen 536-1652.
 - Association of Information Technology Professionals meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rehn Room 12, Sabrina 536-4405.
 - SPC News and Views meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., Roman Room, Derrick 536-3393.
 - Little Egypt Grotto Carving Club meeting, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House.
 - Kwanin Circle K, 7 p.m., Student Center Corinth, Jeff 687-3595.
- UPCOMING**
- Gamma Beta Phi Society meeting, May 6, 4 p.m., Illinois Room, Erin 549-5527.
 - USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion Airport, Arron 942-3991.
 - Veterans Association meeting, May 6, 7 p.m., Student Center Mackinow Room, MaryAnn 529-1846.
 - Newman Faculty lecture series presents "Were You There?", May 6, 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 529-3311.
 - Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room, Shelley 529-0993.
 - Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
 - French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.
 - College Republicans last meeting, May 7, 5 p.m., Illinois Room, Cory 351-7267.
 - Japanese Table informal conversation in English and Japanese, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Shinsuke 453-3417.
 - Seventh Day Adventist Student Association prophecy seminar, every Fri., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Troy Room Student Center, Lauri 549-7188.
 - Book Sale, May 8, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Carbondale Public Library, rain date May 9, 1 to 5 p.m., 457-0354.
 - National Cancer Survivors Day needs volunteers and interested parties, must reply by May 8, Rebecca 529-4267.
 - Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with the information table, parking and other activities for the Makanda Fest, May 8 and 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Touch of Nature, Anita 457-8508.
 - Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois open house, May 9, noon to 4:30 p.m., John A. Logan College Library, Betty 457-6043.
 - Saluki Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to participate in activities and assist with crowd control and decorations for the Carbondale High School A&R Prom, May 8, 12 to 4 a.m., Civic Center, Mr. Nickel 457-3371 ext. 249.
 - McLeod Summer Playhouse will be holding auditions, May 8, 2 p.m., McLeod Theater, looking for young girls 12-14 to play the role of Agnes in this summer's production of *Meet Me in St. Louis*, prepare a song to sing, Tim 453-5825.
 - Caribbean Students Association end of semester picnic, May 8, 3 p.m., Boat Dock Campus Lake, Chandra 549-6429.
 - Extended Family A Christian Singles Group reflection of the cross at Bald Knob, May 8, 4 p.m. and a picnic at 6 p.m., 351-1615.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1970:

- Dizzy Gillespie's trumpet pointed skyward and the heavenly sound of modern jazz bellowed forth. The sounds made by Gillespie and the members of his five piece ensemble were enjoyed by members of the Convocation audience. This Convocation ceremony ran overtime because of audience interest in Gillespie's fabulous relaxing sounds.
- The great obscenity crusade had found a miniature battlefield in Carbondale as forces lined up on opposite sides of the X-rated film issue. A proposed ordinance brought to the Carbondale City Council called for the licensing of theater owners who show X-rated films had been referred in an attempt to get Jackson County officials to enforce existing state statutes on obscenity. A psychologist at Carbondale Community High School submitted the proposal for the ordinance.
- "Midnight Cowboy" featuring Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voight was playing at two theaters in Carbondale.

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PREPARING FOR COMPLETION: Stained glass artist Angarola attempts to put the finishing touches on a piece titled "Feeding A Celtic Galaxy With Dark Matter," despite his overzealous dog Bob Tuesday afternoon at the Angarola Glass Design shop on the Makanda boardwalk. The piece was one of 10 chosen for a national stained glass competition, "A Window For The Millennium," that will be conducted in Chicago May 22.

Debit card dream could soon be reality

IRONING OUT: University, area bankers negotiate terms of new card.

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Continued negotiations could result in a student debit card being ready for release as early as this fall, a student government leader and a Student Center official say.

University administrators and Carbondale bankers met in early April to hammer out details of the card, which would allow students to use the ATM machines at any of the participating banks free of charge, as well as have a debit card that works in the Student Center and off-campus businesses.

University officials have been collaborating with student government leaders as well.

Undergraduate Student

Government President Jackie Smith said the card should be available by the beginning of the fall semester.

Smith recently discussed the situation with SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger, who has been negotiating with representatives from local banks as well as Student Center officials on the project.

Participating banks are First National Bank, Union Planters Bank and the SIU Credit Union, Smith said.

Student Center Director Greg Tatham said the Student Center will be ready to implement the card as soon as approval can be obtained.

No large changes to infrastructure are needed, he said, and the setup time on the system is only a matter of weeks.

"If we get permission to do it, we're there," Tatham said.

Tatham said the card will not

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Future USG forms committees to unify greeks, athletes

CHANGES: Appointed groups to allow added participation in student government.

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Next year's Undergraduate Student Government leaders are already planning changes for 1999-2000, as President-elect Sean Henry is working to form two ad hoc committees dealing

with intercollegiate athletics and greek affairs.

Henry said the committees are designed to allow for added participation in student government on the part of greeks and athletes.

Additional benefits include unity between the groups when presenting issues to University administrators and better dialogue and feed-

back among students, Henry said. SIUC Athletics Director Harold Bardo was enthusiastic about the prospect of a committee dealing with athletics.

"Any voice we have at any table where student issues are discussed would be welcomed by me," Bardo said.

Bardo thought a place in student government would help athletes and non-athletes alike understand each others' positions.

"We definitely need to dialogue more," Bardo said. "The more everybody understands, the

better off we'll all be."

Although USG and the Athletic Department have had differences in the past, most notably concerning the athletic fee last year, Bardo was optimistic about the future between the two organizations.

"Any step toward improving our relationship would be terrific," Bardo said.

Interfraternity Council President Matt Arnold was

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National weather pattern prompts local caution

TWISTERS: Storm system, which caused severe damage and death, encourages officials to watch radar more closely.

RHONDA SCIARRA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Since severe weather and deadly tornadoes struck Oklahoma and Kansas Monday, David Keim has been monitoring radar screens and updated weather information at the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency in Carbondale.

Dozens of twisters decimated cities and towns in southwest Oklahoma late Monday afternoon while another band of tornadoes hit Kansas, leaving thousands of homes

destroyed and at least 45 people dead.

Keim, coordinator of Emergency Management Services for Carbondale, said the same storms were expected to reach eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois Tuesday night. He said weather forecasters are predicting the system will remain strong as it travels across the area.

"They are forecasting severe lightning, hail, high winds and possible isolated tornadoes," Keim said. "Anytime you deal with a severe thunderstorm you always have those possibilities."

Smith said severe storms are expected to continue into today.

"Another round of strong storms may

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Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Flying Salukis score high in national competition

The SIUC Flying Salukis tested its wings and overtook the throne at a national flying competition April 26-May 1 at Salina, Kansas.

The event involved five flight and seven ground sections and covered landing and takeoff skill, navigation, pre-flight inspection and instrumental and simulator work.

The SIUC team walked away with honors, placing fourth overall and second in flying events.

Team members also receiving individual awards were, Julie Savage, Logan Fifer, Nathan Steele and Nathan Lincoln.

Savage was named the top female pilot in the nation, sixth in navigation and fifth in short field landing.

Fifer placed as the top overall male pilot in the nation, second in navigational events and third in power-off landing.

Steele and Lincoln placed first in the message drop event.

Twenty-nine schools participated in the national competition, and as many as 130 teams participated in the activities.

—Kelly Herdren

Student charged with sexual abuse, disorderly conduct

University police arrested an SIUC student and charged him with sexual abuse and disorderly conduct Friday.

Jamie D. Hogue, 18, of Chicago was arrested at noon after police investigated an April 19 complaint from a 19-year-old woman. University Police Chief Sam Jordan said Hogue alluded to sexual acts and conduct toward the victim during the incident.

Hogue, who was "remotely acquainted" with the victim, was released on \$1,000 bond and given a court date of May 20.

—David Ferrara

New officers, new policies top USG activities list

New officers and new policies top the list of activities at tonight's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

Newly elected President Sean Henry will be sworn in, and continuing Vice President Brian Atchison also will be confirmed.

Their Select Party won the April 21 election against Joe Sanchez and Ted Clark of the Millennium Party.

Finance matters will take up much of the meeting, as appeals will be heard from Registered Student Organizations concerning their funding for next year. About half a dozen RSOs have turned in appeal forms.

Revisions to the RSO funding policy also are expected. The Finance Committee has assembled recommendations on the process to be passed on to next year's committee.

USG will meet at 7 tonight in Ballroom B of the Student Center.

—Dan Craft

Nation

CALIFORNIA

No sweatshop goods for UC

Images of the University of California's nine campuses won't be emblazoned across school-licensed goods made in sweatshops, UC President Richard Atkinson recently announced.

Atkinson's declaration stemmed from demands made by the University Coalition Against Sweatshops, a group composed of students and faculty members primarily from UC-Berkeley and the Bay Area of California who have sought living wages and collective bargaining rights for overseas workers who toil in factories producing university-sanctioned clothing and gear.

—from Daily Egyptian News Services

Illinois Severe Weather Facts

Most tornado damage paths are less than 100 yards wide and a couple miles long, but can be as much as a mile wide and 50 miles long.

Most tornadoes produce winds 60 to 120 mph. The most violent tornadoes can produce winds up to about 300 mph.

There is an average of 29 tornadoes per year in Illinois.

In 1998, 105 tornadoes were reported in Illinois, 2 short of the record of 107 that occurred in 1974.

Each year, more people are killed by lightning than by tornadoes. Most deaths occur in open fields (ball fields) and under or near trees.

In Illinois, severe thunderstorms frequently occur in the late afternoon or evening. In 1998, 39 people were injured as the result of winds from severe thunderstorms.

Flooding is the number one severe weather killer nationwide.

Source: Bureau of Emergency Management Agency

By Jean Adams, Daily Egyptian

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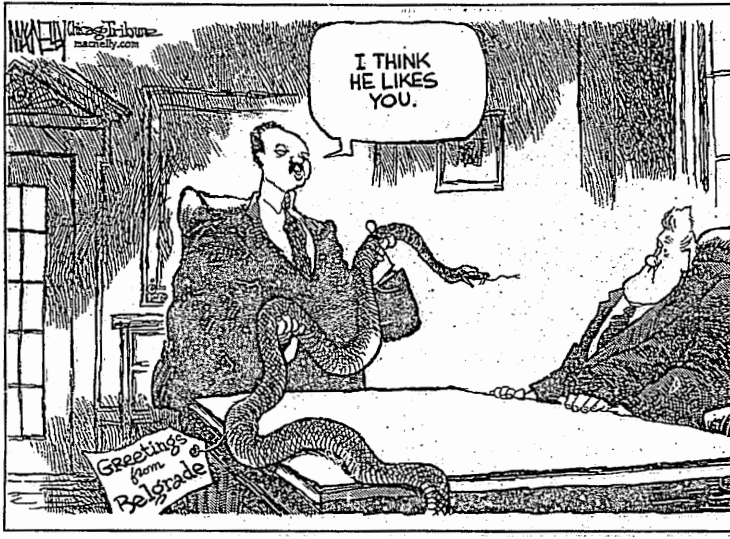
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Our Word

Regatta must sail on

The Great Command Boat Regatta set sail, under Commodore Richard Archer for the final time this weekend. Archer's retirement, after 30 years of teaching art and design at SIUC, leaves the 26-year tradition without a captain. Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger said the regatta would have permanent funding, but money is not enough to keep the event going.

The regatta was assured participation because it was a requirement in one of Archer's classes, but it brought in many more people just for the challenge and laughs.

The project inspired creativity and ingenuity in SIUC students and should be a continuing part of the art and design program. No other class project creates as much community involvement or positive publicity as the regatta.

The fact that it benefits the school as well as the community is enough of a reason to keep the event afloat.

Besides that everyone enjoys it. Not every boat made it through the course last weekend, but just about everyone managed a smile at one point or another.

To keep this spirit alive someone must take over the coordination of the event. Archer suggested back in October that Physical Plant workers and Recreation Center employees and life-

guards would be capable of taking control of the responsibility, yet not one person has approached Archer to take the wheel.

Archer retires at the end of this month. If anybody is going to step up, the time is now.

The regatta, through Internet and television exposure, has brought national and international exposure to our University.

It's one of the few times the national media has found our school worthy of publicity outside of Halloween riots and drunken mob action. SIUC needs the positive publicity and respect this event brings with it. That's how we get things like more state funding.

This event is more than just a homework assignment and a good time. It adds quality to our University. It puts SIUC in a positive light and makes people stand up and notice us.

For 26 years Richard Archer organized the regatta — surely there is at least one person capable of continuing this Saluki tradition.

Argersinger says the money will be allocated, but who else will give their time to keep the regatta surging ahead?

The regatta has inspired similar events all around the nation. With SIUC as the prime benefactor, maybe it will also inspire enough loyalty in its birthplace to keep it alive.

“Argersinger says the money will be allocated, but who else will give their time to keep the regatta surging ahead?”

Genesis through Revelation: the Skaggs' story

From Hell to Breakfast

Carolyn Skaggs



From Hell to Breakfast appears Wednesdays. Carolyn is a senior in visual communications and journalism. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

In the beginning... I thought straight and walked crooked. Things change. And there's a certain clarity upon knowing that you can live best when you're a little off-center. Upon entering, I strapped on my boots, painted my face and dove into the mud to escape the shrapnel, bullets and debris that followed my enrollment. I'm still not sure how I ended up here, or why. Just as I'm sure the poor soldier boy forgets that he too was once a foetus.

If these past four years could be compared to the games of warfare, then these streets, my house and the houses of my friends can be likened to the self-made trenches and foxholes that are meant to protect and serve as a short-lived dwelling.

Vigilantes maybe, but it was still always "us against them." We stood out no more than any other half-strung, jerry-rigged formation in which lodged the hapless grouping of misfit tenants. Tenants who formed both a brief and lifelong relationship together so as to alter, scheme and misjudge our lives in every way possible.

We came together for a war where the biggest enemy was ourselves. And in doing so, we tested the limits of our bodies and minds, strung out between

semester-long rows of drugs, booze, music, poetry, media and authority. In blasphemous, comas, the blissful states of catatonia; the highs of shame; the lows of rapture and the righteousness of recovery. Debaucherous and frazzled we spent our nights alive and our days in motion. Flung from one star to further planets and sailing on the happy moments of solitude amid the crowds. My Eden — to find quiet in the roars and drunkenness in the silence. From bars to parties, where unfamiliar arms and legs became your own in the heat of the dance. To jump in a car and at once forget your destination. To walk along streets that are foreign; yet unable to remember having lived anywhere else.

You find yourself remembering instances that never occurred, lost among the real and created parts of this existence. I saw people disappear right in front of me, watched them dematerialize into the thickness of air. While never really knowing from which corner they came out of, nor which one I would enter.

In this protean reality, you win a little, lose a little. You suffer accordingly. And you learn mostly that no right can be wronged with the touch of your hand. But nonetheless, the story is still very much your own.

Brought together like webbing, you made friends in the hopes of relying upon their will to see you through to the end. And they did.

Through it all, they held you together. But they have scattered now, further than the light speed of bullets from the trenches. Waiting for me to scatter as well.

So I shall paint my toenails to match my life now, to have them scream before me in the ruby red world where I will travel. Serving as a reminder of the blood that was shed in these parts and as a mimic of the sanguine life that I will continue to lead with all the tricks I have pocketed and now call my own.

Mailbox

Reader dares SIUC to book relevant acts at auditorium

Dear Editor,

There is a building on this campus that's been robbing students' money for a long time. It's a place that takes and never gives back. Supposedly, tuition and fees pay for the use and maintenance of facilities at SIUC.

However, this place serves no function for students whatsoever. I am referring to the anti-student establishment, Shryock Auditorium.

I assume the land Shryock sits on is owned by SIUC. Thus, it is property of the University. Anything that the school owns and/or funds should in some way be student-related. Unfortunately, someone at Shryock doesn't believe this.

For more than four years, I have witnessed very dismal schedules that in no way attempt to attract students.

Performing arts shouldn't be restricted to modern dance and "Winnie the Pooh." Don't get me wrong. "West Side Story" and "Fiddler on the Roof" will always sell tickets, which is good.

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go through the area [this] morning or afternoon," Smith said. "In our latest outlook [as of Tuesday afternoon], from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday any ongoing activity will be moving out of the area."

Smith defined the area from Mt. Vernon to the New Madrid Fault and Cairo as a "moderate risk area" for damaging effects caused by the weather system.

"In a moderate risk area, maybe 5 to 10 percent of the area has potential for damaging winds and tornadoes," Smith said. "The weather is going to be quite unsettled across Southern Illinois."

He said the greatest potential for damaging weather exists in areas south of Paducah, where supercell — storms with conditions that could cause tornadoes — could develop.

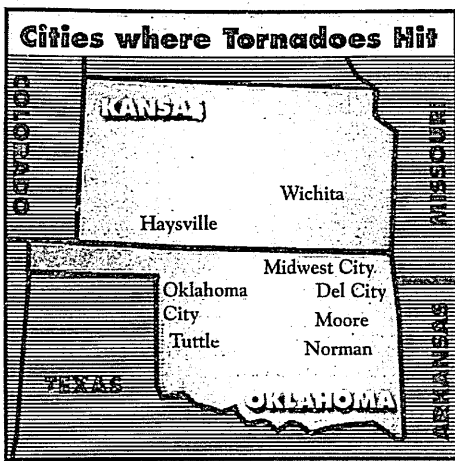
According to Smith, three ingredients needed to form a supercell include a weather front, moisture in lower levels of the atmosphere, and instability in the air.

Smith said a cold front moving into central Missouri and Southern Illinois will provide an opportunity for the storms to develop further.

Syeachia Dennis, a freshman in pre-med from Midwest City, Okla., said because cyclones are common in her hometown, she will be prepared should a tornado strike the Carbondale area.

"Living in Oklahoma, you just know the standard procedures for a tornado," Dennis said. "You have to go to a bathroom, storm cellar or closet and avoid the second floor of a building."

"They opened up shelters last night in [Oklahoma], and my grandmother took cover in a school gym that was in a base-



Jason Adams, Daily Egyptian

ment."

According to Kevin Smith, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky., preparation for severe weather and tornado-like activity should occur prior to any warnings or watches.

"The biggest thing we like to see is for families and people to have a plan and place to meet should a situation occur," he said.

A tornado watch signifies that weather conditions are favorable for tornadoes to develop, while a warning indicates a twister has been spotted or detected by radar. Smith said that when a warning is issued, people need to take refuge from the storm and remain informed about the weather using a portable radio.

"We ask people to take shelter in their home or a building," he said. "They should go to an interior room in the lowest level possible and take cover."

Steve Kirk, coordinator of residence hall life for University Housing, said staff and students living on-campus have specific plans for taking cover.

"When tornado sirens go off, students are encouraged to take shelter in their bathrooms," Kirk said. "Those are interior rooms without windows — they are safe locations."

Keim said that like other spring storms, this system has many of the potential factors that can contribute to damage, but he does not expect the same devastation that occurred Monday night.

"This one seems to have a lot of moisture along with high winds," Keim said. "It's a slow-moving system that tends to dump a lot of rain and linger around."

"It is not of the magnitude we saw in Oklahoma City, but the storm is still a serious one."

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Greek J-board a rarely-occurring success

Though used only twice this semester, officials call judicial hearings positive.

KAREN BLATTER
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

The semester-old Greek Judicial Board has been very positive and successful, according to a University Authority.

Terry Huffman, director of Student Judicial Affairs, said that although the board only heard two cases this semester, the response was good.

"They have done an excellent job," he said. "It has been positive all semester."

The Greek Judicial Board was created at the beginning of the semester to allow greek letter organizations who are facing allegations of misconduct and be heard and sanctioned by a board of their peers.

Liz Greenwood, member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, and Kevin Hermann, member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, both sat on the board and agree that the board has been successful.

Greenwood, a freshman in bio-

logical science from Mulkeytown, said the board provided greeks the opportunity to judge their peers in a positive and productive way.

"Greeks on the board are holding each other to higher standards," she said. "It's not a way to side-step the rules. We won't let people off just because they are greek."

Early hopes for the Greek

"We are greeks judging other greeks. That's the way it should be."

— KEVIN HERMANN
GREEK JUDICIAL BOARD MEMBER

Judicial Board were that they could make an impact on the greek community at SIUC and set their own standards.

Hermann, a senior in advertising from St. Charles, said because the board only heard two cases, they have not been able to make a big impact on greek life, but that will change in future semesters.

"We haven't got enough into it," he said. "Next year we'll make a better impression."

Student Development had been trying to create the board since August 1995 but was unsuccessful until last semester. Help from members of Inter-Greek council played a role in making the board possible this year.

Greenwood said having the Greek Judicial Board shows that the University has put trust into greeks.

The board was made up of about 20 greek members, representing all three sub-councils of Inter-Greek Council.

Fraternity and sorority members who sat on the board were trained in a class for credit during the semester while conducting the hearings.

For each hearing, the board is made up of seven or eight members of all those who have been trained. Those who are presiding on a hearing do not belong to the group that is in question.

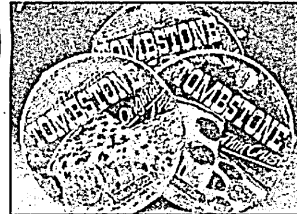
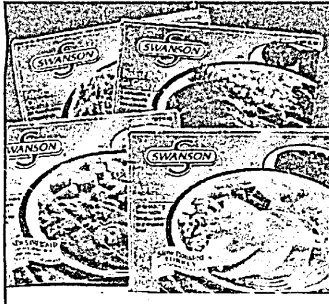
The hearing official is of the same sub-council as the greek organization in question.

Hermann said the board has provided something the SIUC greek system has needed because only members of a greek organization can understand what it means to be greek.

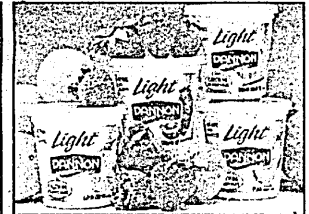
"We are greeks judging other greeks," he said. "That's the way it should be."

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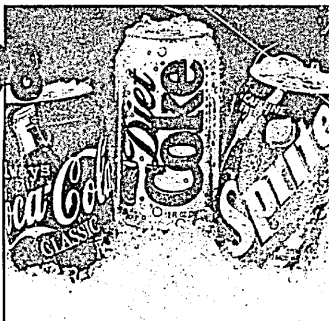


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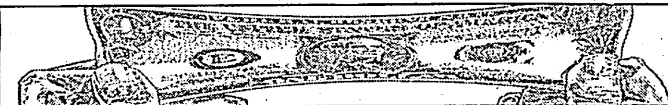
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HOSPICE

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Staying consistent with the hospice philosophy, the painkillers Rosemary takes twice a day will not combat the cancer — they will only alleviate the suffering.

Rosemary recalls that when the pain originated, she headed to the hospital believing she had a cold. Doctors sent her to undergo a biopsy, which revealed cancer.

She smiles, suppressing the stark sadness that arose with the memory.

"It was really a shock, you know, it's one of those things," she says. "But I just turned it over to God and told him whatever he was gonna do with it, well, I would abide by."

She reached down to pick up her cigarettes and calmly lit one. Rosemary has smoked for 55 years. Though she does not believe her smoking caused the cancer, she says if it did, the damage is done.

After the radiation treatment was pronounced a failure and doctors agreed chemotherapy would be too taxing on her failing health, Rosemary assumed her fate was sealed.

But less than eight months after the diagnosis, Rosemary was placed in hospice and her gloomy situation brightened. Initially, the idea of entering the hospice program was frightening because of the six-month-or-less life expectancy admission criteria.

That was a year and a half ago. Rosemary attributes her longevity to strength drawn from God.

"It's really helped for my own peace of mind — it gives me comfort to know that He's there with me," she says. "But Lord, I don't know what I would do without my girls — my nurses."

Born and raised in Shawneetown, Rosemary says she has seen life in an entirely new spectrum since her diagnosis.

"It's sort of like flowers blooming," Rosemary says, pointing outside. "I never took the time to look at them — that doesn't mean I didn't have the time, I just would have never took the time."

Though Rosemary says she is aware of her grim health outlook — 160,100 Americans died from lung cancer in 1998 — she refuses to regard the cancer as a death sentence.

"I guess that I've lived as long as I've lived, and everything usually takes care of itself," Rosemary says. "And I just never dwell on the fact that I have cancer — that I'm going to die."

"Maybe the cancer will kill me, maybe a car wreck. You just never know."

She smiles and gazes serenely around her living room, which is adorned with her craft work and illuminated by the resplendent rays of sunlight penetrating the home she will remain in until her death.

"I'm doing fine today, and who knows what tomorrow's gonna bring," Rosemary says. "I get up every morning and thank God for another day. And I just do what I can do."



Pierson, a Murphysboro native, was placed in hospice care in February because of deteriorating health and was given a life expectancy of less than six months.

Outside Fred Pierson's Murphysboro home lies a "For Sale" sign adjacent to a blue pickup truck Fred purchased last summer — a truck his ravaged body will never allow him to use again.

The search for a buyer comes after Fred reluctantly sold his beloved camper about two weeks ago to one of his four daughters.

"I intended to use [the truck] with my camper," he says. "But that didn't work out."

Watching the World Go 'Round

Like many Southern Illinoisans, Fred has an intense passion for the outdoors. Fred, 63, has resided in Murphysboro his entire life, and once camped, hunted and fished as much as his schedule allowed. His poor health, howev-



Although hospice patient Fred Pierson becomes emotional from time to time, he rarely complains about his condition. Pierson suffers from congestive heart failure, diabetes and gout. Anne Rose, a nurse from HSI, considers showing affection an important part of hospice care.

er, halted his outdoor excursions during the last year.

While in his 20s, the circulation in Fred's legs became poor — an early warning sign of the downward spiral in his health that would culminate in Fred's diagnosis of congestive heart failure in February.

Although his health decline has been gradual, during the past year the avid outdoorsman was dealt the cruelest blow. Fred was forced into a wheelchair after both legs had to be amputated because of his circulation problems.

His left leg was removed without complication last October, but the wound from the amputation of his right leg in January became infected and has not yet healed. Only about 20 percent of his heart functions properly, and his upper body is practically devoid of strength.

Fred, a diabetic, also suffers from gout, a disease that causes inflammation of the joints. Because his blood does not flow properly, Fred's paper-thin skin peels off with mild contact.

His various ailments resulted in a 50-pound weight decrease from the 170-pound frame he carried in better health.

Fred, who made his living in the insurance business for 30 years, was forced to retire about three years ago because of his plummeting health.

"It's just gotten worse and worse and worse," Fred laments.

Fred's wife, Brenda, says her husband's gout was a catalyst in the downsizing in his health during the last year.

"It just seems like the chemistry in his body got totally out of kilter," Brenda says. "When just 20 percent of your heart works, you don't have much going for you."

"There has been times I didn't think he'd be there the next week."

Despite the many lows he has been forced to endure, Fred refuses to complain about his misfortunes. The support he receives from hospice and his wife has been invaluable to Fred's ability to keep a positive outlook, even as his body fails him.

"In my marriage vows, I said I would be here in sickness and health," says Brenda, who has stood by her ill husband every step of the way during their 30-year marriage. "This is sickness — and I meant it."

In February, doctors at Herrin Hospital referred Fred to Hospice of Southern Illinois (HSI). Since the Piersons had neither the financial resources nor the desire to send Fred to a nursing home, they readily accepted the advisement to hospice.

Anne Rose, one of three HSI nurses who attend to Fred regularly, describes him as an "unassuming, what you see-is-what-you-get" type.

Rose says although Fred never complains, his demeanor may belie the emotional struggle he harbors within.

"There are a lot of underlying [issues]

there, which is normal," Rose says. "In nine months, he's lost basically all of his independence."

A couple weeks after beginning hospice care, Fred underwent a terrifying incident that left Brenda fearing the worst.

Still not adjusted to operating his wheelchair without both legs, Fred toppled over and slammed his head on the porch floor during an attempt to go outside.

Brenda heard Fred scream as the wheelchair tipped, and she sprinted to the porch to discover Fred lying motionless with his mouth hanging open.

"I thought he was dead," Brenda says.

Eventually, Fred showed signs of life. After calling an ambulance, Brenda consulted HSI staff, who recommended Fred be taken to a hospital and later visited him during his overnight stay.

Other than a sizable bump on his head, Fred came away from the incident unharmed and now receives assistance when venturing outside.

Like many terminally ill patients, Fred's health fluctuates substantially from one day to the next.

"He's kind of straddling the fence — some days are good, some are not so good," Rose says. "It's hard to know from day to day what it's going to be."

Fred sleeps fairly well at night, thanks in part to a special mattress he has been using to offset the discomfort of an ulceration on his tailbone. During a typical day, his frequent exhaustion necessitates four hours of nap time.

"On his good days, he doesn't sleep as

much — he's more alert and more talkative," Brenda says. "His bad days, he seems to be more withdrawn — he's in more pain and spends a lot of time in bed."

A recent excursion to a hardware store marked only the third time in the past two months Fred was able to leave the house.

Still, he derives pleasure from simple, daily activities such as eating breakfast, sipping coffee and watching "The Price is Right."

In addition to Brenda, Fred puts his trust in the nurses that attend to his daily needs. He considers the hospice workers part of his family.

"They've been good for me," he says. "I'm sure they'd be good anywhere they go."

As if Fred's strength has not been tried enough because of his health, he had an overwhelming tragedy to cope with in 1995. It was that year when Fred's son Randy — who was a hemophiliac — passed away.

Brenda says her husband has persevered remarkably in light of the tragedy and during his ongoing medical ordeal.

"Even in his condition, with all he's been through, he is still a very kind man," Brenda says.

Because his illness renders him unable to chase down a school of blue gills, catfish or "whatever bites" as he once did, sitting out on the porch and soaking up the fresh air is Fred's only link to the life he once lived.

"I don't do too much right now," Fred says.

"I watch a little bit of television, and when it's comfortable outside, I go out and sit on my back porch and watch the world go 'round."



As Williams prepares her medication, Acord rubs her head and waits. Although her medication keeps most of the pain from her back cancer at a bearable level, there are times when the pain is noticeable.



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Student's work illuminates personal reflections

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With a few strokes of a paint brush, Debra Robinson captures moments in time on a canvas for the entire world to see. Her paintings reflect realism and the tenderness of life.

Reflections, an exhibit in the Cinema and Photography Gallery features Robinson's work. The exhibit has about 12 oil paintings. Robinson uses oil-paintings to express an emotion, mood or scene. All of the paintings have an extremely real sense of life and culture.

Robinson, a senior in painting, has only been painting for a short period of time but says she has been interested in the art for a long time.

"I was very shy as a child. I was very quiet — I used to study and memorize people's features and draw them later," Robinson said.

Four of the paintings are self-portraits. At first glance, one would think that the pictures are of an older woman. After looking closer and observing the technical aspects of the paintings, one realizes that Robinson is not only painting an image but also she is telling a story.

"Using myself as the subject matter lets me show emotion without having to glamorize the portrait needlessly," Robinson said. "My expressions are serious and to the point."

Robinson described her self-portraits as shameless because the character is exploring its true essence.

Najja Abdul-Mussawwir, a visiting instructor in art and design, has followed Robinson's work during her career at SIUC.

"In terms of her painting Debra has a three-level ideology: she has a personal ideology, a creative ideology, and the idea of culturalization is present in her work," he said.

In the middle wall of the gallery a large canvas painting quickly attracts the attention of viewers who walk in.

The painting is very light in color, and the beam from the track lighting almost makes it impossible to see the picture at far glance. In coming closer to the picture, the image becomes clearer. It is a portrait of an adolescent boy draped in a robe. Behind him is an



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Debra Robinson's *Crystalise* paintings reflect realism and the tenderness of life. Her work will be on display in Gallery 1101 in the Communications Building until May 7.

image of a slave and an older African-American man. They appear to be in an African village, as the image of a hut is in the background.

The title of this portrait is "Fading Away," and it represents the traditional African concept of the rites of passage and the loss of father figures in the African-American family. The rites of passage is a ritual practiced by traditional Africans to symbolize the transition to manhood for young boys.

"It's an excellent piece — all of the three ideologies exist in portrait," Abdul-

Mussawwir said. "She's moved to a higher degree of study."

The young boy in the painting is actually Robinson's son. There are also two pictures of her daughter in the gallery.

One of the paintings, titled "Jessica: Larger Than Life," is a face shot of Robinson's daughter smiling with a refreshing look of innocence on her face. One of the reasons Robinson continues to paint is because of her children.

"My kids are my motivation — I'm trying to leave behind a tradition of higher education

for them," she said.

In an age of abstract art, Robinson separates herself from the rest by drawing portraits. Robinson uses an African style of painting called *Crystalise* to allow people to see through her paintings. A *Crystalise* painting is one that allows you to see transparencies and different perspectives and colors.

"When painting others, illumination is my intent," she said. "I feel that the art I create should evoke a response resembling a gentle breeze. One can close their eyes and feel the wind."

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"Goodbye Lover" is supposed to be a suspense noir flick, in the same vein of noir classics "Double Indemnity" and "Body Heat." Instead, like "Lord of the Flies," I have christened it into a new, more appropriate genre of film — laundry movies.

The movie was directed by British filmmaker Roland Joffe, who won various awards with his masterpiece "The Killing Fields." The brilliance of that film appears to have been a failed promissory note for better films yet to come. The unintentional laughter brought about by Joffe's last failed picture, "The Scarlet Letter" starring Demi Moore, had me nearly wetting my pants.

It serves as a breath of fresh air, then, that the dark humor of "Goodbye Lover" was. In fact, it is intentional at this time around. And because the laughs in the movie work more than they fail, Joffe's latest effort — if successful at the box office — may prove to be his Hollywood bounce back.

"Goodbye Lover" stars Patricia Arquette as Sandra, the two-faced noir "femme fatale." She's married to Jake, a drunken, self-destructive political PR man. When Sandra isn't neurotically singing along to the soundtrack of "The Sound of Music," she's out having a lurid affair with Jake's brother, Ben. During these encounters she indulges into her most twisted sexual

fantasies usually in other people's houses for which Sandra, a real estate agent, has the keys.

The sexual content of "Goodbye Lover" is hardly erotic — I haven't seen fornication this silly, grandiose and off-beat-smile-inducing since David Cronenberg's "Crash" (which, like "The Scarlet Letter," unintentionally left the meager theatrical audience it garnered rolling in the aisles.)

Sandra concocts a ploy to kill one of the brothers and take home their \$4 million insurance policy. Press information for the film asks critics not to reveal which brother, as it is the film's first major twist. What I can reveal is that tough-as-nails detective Rita Pompano (played by Ellen DeGeneres, doing a Colombo impersonation rather than her annoying television persona) is put on the case. She knows immediately that something is awry with Sandra. She doesn't know the half of it.

There are 20-something plot twists in "Goodbye Lover." The film goes more awry than Detective Pompano's case when it tries to throw these plot twists at its audience one after another, all in the last 15 minutes of the movie. The first few twists were clever, but when they became the filmmaker's novelty trick, they got old very fast.

The entertainment factor of the film is kept afloat by Pompano's cynical one-liners, spat off by DeGeneres in every moment of her screen time. DeGeneres' character does not talk in sentences or phrases but rather in clusters of six to seven-word insults, spoken in rapid succession. Most of her lines are very funny, and they manage to cover up the film's rather annoying tendency of thinking it's smarter than it really is.

At the end of the movie, all loose ends are tied up fairly well. But one question in my mind still remains: If the theaters won't let you bring your own popcorn or soda, can you get away with carrying your laundry hamper in instead?

'Goodbye Lover'

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Students fall prey to Spring Break scam

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Chip Hickman, a senior in special education from Elgin, learned about spring break travel companies the hard way — the small promises are often coupled with big regrets.

"The experience was absolutely horrific," Hickman said.

Hickman's determination to travel derived from a vibrantly colored flier with "Cancun" bannered across it, photos of college students dancing with "yards" full of Dos Equis and five-star hotels along the beach of crystal-clear waters.

COMPLAINTS

Illinois Attorney's General office has received four complaints regarding spring break fraud and is asking anyone with information to come forward.

To report a complaint or seek compensation from a spring break company, contact the Attorney's General office at 529-6400.

used company Student Express.

According to Hickman, tickets were to arrive 10 to 15 days in advance of the March 13 departure date. To Hickman's dismay, they arrived two days prior with information contrary to what he had reserved.

"I kept calling because our tickets still had not come and they kept saying, 'They'll be there tomorrow,'" Hickman said. "Finally they arrived, and the hotel and departure date were different than they had originally told us."

The tickets also claimed Hickman would be traveling on PanAm airlines. But when Hickman arrived at the St. Louis airport, there was no plane waiting.

"The tickets say PanAm, and when I see that, I think it is a reliable airplane," he said. "But we get there, and after waiting we find out it's a charter plane that flies 90 flights a week — now how safe is that?"

After waiting at the airport for about eight hours March 14, about

10 hours March 15 and listening to numerous excuses about the aircraft's whereabouts, Hickman ultimately decided to go home. Hickman called March 16 to inquire about compensation of the \$1,000, after added expenses, he had transferred to the company. He requested to speak with Robert Morris, the manager of operations, and was told he would be contacted to discuss reimbursement.

An assistant of the vice president of operations called, claiming her employer had left town, and offered Hickman a 50-percent discount on the next trip he took with Student Express.

"Because I didn't go on the trip, they said I had breached my contract," he said. "How did I know I was going to get back? I mean, was vacation really supposed to be like that?"

The general manager of Student Express, Rich Lyons, offered little information about the company and said he knew nothing about the spring break problems. Instead, Lyons referred all questions to the president Jim Moldane, who was said to be out of town. Lisa LaBotte, a sophomore in social work from Marion, experienced the same difficulties through a different spring break company. LaBotte waited at Lambert Airport in St. Louis with Hickman and recalls the excuses that stacked up as the hours passed.

"Supposedly the plane in Cancun couldn't get here, then the weather was bad, then the luggage compartment blew up," she said. "Then we called the hotel we were supposed to be staying at, and they said we didn't have reservations."

LaBotte also decided against the trip, but when she called for her \$901 reimbursement, she was denied based on breach of contract.

Megan Sepich, a junior in early education from Peoria, chose to stay for the flight. According to Sepich, the obstacles continued throughout the trip. From switching hotels each night to a departure delay, Sepich said her decision to fulfill her spring break trip was a poor one.

Thus far, four complaints have been brought to the Illinois Attorney General office, 1001 E. Main St. According to Assistant Attorney General Tom Margolis, the investigation of spring break scams is in the initial stages.

"We sent a complaint letter to the companies, and as far as I know, they have not responded," Margolis said. "Ultimately, we hope to gain

Traveling Tips

Consult with your local travel agent. A reputable travel professional can help you evaluate tour offers and compare them with packages from respected tour companies.

Talk with someone who can vouch for the tour operator and the specific trip. Ask the tour operator for the names and phone numbers of other customers. Then call and confirm that they are indeed satisfied customers. If the company balks at your request, consider it a warning.

Request all trip details in writing. These include total cost (taxes, fees and charges, too), restrictions, cancellation penalties, and the exact names of airlines and hotels, charter operator's name and address, and check its registration with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Consumer Affairs, 1-25, Washington, DC 20590.

Never give credit card information over the phone to a company or person with whom you are not familiar.

Ask if the tour operator belongs to a professional association, such as NTA, that offers a consumer protection plan.

Avoid booking a trip with a company that sells directly through student representatives, rather than a reputable travel agent.

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by Jason Adams /Daily Egyptian

restitution to the students and receive an injunction from the courts that would end fraudulent business practices."

Margolis said the disappearance of seasonal travel companies prevents resolution, and often times students are left cheated.

"This is a scam nationwide," he said. "By the time you go on vacation, they're gone, and you're stuck in some roach-filled hotel. I would say most of these companies vanish."

"You need to be extremely cautious when buying through a travel company out of town."

"Let the buyer beware" is the motto Vicki Beckman lives by, especially in terms of student spring break packages through unknown companies.

"The problem is you don't know the company and there is no recourse if something goes wrong," said Beckman, manager of B & A Travel, 701 S. University Ave. "You can't just walk in their door. All you have is a campus rep who doesn't

have the knowledge of knowing what they're selling."

Hickman said his experience has given him the advantage of discovering spring break deceivers, even though his immediate task is regaining what he has lost.

"I worked to scrounge up the money to go on this trip," he said. "Now I know if you can't sit across from the person and have someone liable, then it's not a good idea. I just want to get my money back and make sure this doesn't happen to anyone else."

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likewise pleased by the proposed committee on greek affairs. He said the committee is a logical step in the continuing relationship with USG.

"This is definitely a great idea, us being a part of the USG system," Arnold said. "We represent a fairly large group that's instrumental to the University, and it seems natural for us to

work together with student government."

Arnold said the relationship between the two groups has been steadily improving. Just a few years ago, Arnold said, there was no connection, but the groups have worked together recently, especially on the Select 2000 issue.

Henry said his goal is to get more input from students in USG and that these committees would help bring in ideas and feedback from the respective groups.

The committee structure was not originally

what Henry had planned to implement. Both positions had been planned as USG commissioner seats.

Henry made the change so USG senators could be involved in the committees, something not possible under the commissioner system. Opening new Senate seats for the groups could not be done, Henry said, because of restrictions in the USG constitution. Only housing locations or colleges can be used to qualify for Senate seats.

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KELLY E. HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Professor Jan Endres primes herself for taking orders while ironing out her waitress apron in preparation for the 20th annual Brunch for Ag Graduates.

Endres, a professor in animal science and food and nutrition, is one of several faculty members who has volunteered to wait on and serve graduating agriculture students during the brunch.

"We've done this brunch for many years as an appreciation for our students who are graduating," Endres said. "It is the faculty and administration who serves the students their meals."

The Agriculture Alumni is sponsoring the brunch for all undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Agriculture graduating in May, August or December of 1999. The free event is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at the First United Methodist Church, 214 West Main St.

Julia Weinstein, assistant dean for external affairs of the College of Agriculture, said the food has been purchased through the Alumni Association from SIUC facilities and

will be prepared and served to the students by faculty of the college.

"We are serving sausage, biscuits, gravy and fruit salad," she said. "It is an SIUC hog which the sausage will be made from, and the Alumni Association is paying for the hog through dues and money which was raised throughout the year. Alumni will be in the church at 7 o'clock in the morning to begin cooking for the students."

Endres said she has no qualms about being a servant to students for the day. She thinks the dedication and hard work of her students deserves the attention and "fit."

"Students are just people like you and I and they are generally really hospitable and they get real enjoyment of our hospitality," Endres said. "This is a positive experience that we as a faculty do for the students, and it's important to show our support for them."

Endres also admits that seeing her co-workers take on the roles of waiter and waitress is entertaining.

"It's a very enjoyable day for everyone involved," she said. "The faculty looks forward to it, and of course it is always fun to see other faculty in a different role for the

afternoon."

Kisha Williams, assistant director for member services of the Alumni Association, is scheduled to speak to the graduates on the importance of continuing a relationship with SIUC.

Williams will be speaking on behalf of the Alumni Association and said the opportunity to do so is an honor for her, as she is a graduate from the College of Agriculture.

"This is going to be another coming home for me," Williams said. "Even though I am here, the College of Ag is where I started my college career. I just hope that a lot of people leave here with great memories of the institution and of the Alumni Association and continue to support and have a relationship with the Alumni Association."

Weinstein said faculty and staff will deliver everything from cleaning dishes to filling water glasses. She said the meal is a gift of appreciation.

"We simply want to do something special for them," Weinstein said. "This is a token to them and to show the students how much they have meant to the program and staff."

DEBIT CARD

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necessarily increase revenue in the Student Center but that the Student Center is in favor of the card because of its benefits to students.

"The card will definitely be an added advantage to students," Tatham said. "We can move toward a cashless campus, where students don't need to constantly carry money with them."

Argersinger declined to comment on the progress of the card, and representatives from the banks did not return phone calls.

Representatives from the chancellor's office said Argersinger has decided not to comment until negotiations are completed. Smith said the banks are still meeting between themselves to work out the logistics associated with the

accounts.

Other items still under discussion include the logo for the card and the possibility of recruiting local businesses to offer discounts for those who use the card for purchases.

The card was first discussed at SIUC in 1991, but then-President John Guyon decided at that time to wait for improved technology, and other projects have delayed the implementation of the card further.

Most importantly, a change to federal banking regulations in 1997 made the proposed structure of the card legal.

The structure of the card has changed several times since 1991, and the differences involved who would handle the accounts associated with the card.

Options included using one bank or placing the accounts under University control. Each bank

wanted to sponsor the card for the additional business and accounts it would bring in, and no bank wanted the business to go exclusively to another bank. The current coalition alleviates this problem, according to Smith.

The idea was revisited last fall, as Argersinger and USG worked to push the card forward. Progress was hampered by the resignation of USG officials Kristie Ayres and Makela Clay, who had taken primary control of the project in USG.

Other snags included choosing a bank to sponsor the card. Tatham said the card, as he understands it, would have the capacity to work both on campus and off campus — something Smith confirmed.

Smith also said the banks are attempting to reach agreements with Carbondale merchants to offer discounts to users of the card.



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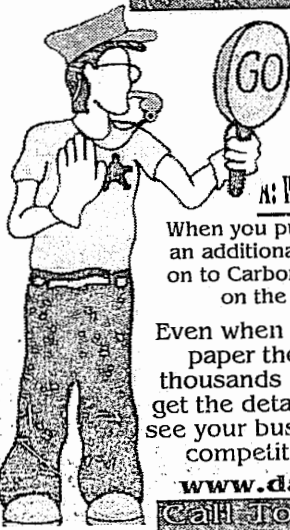
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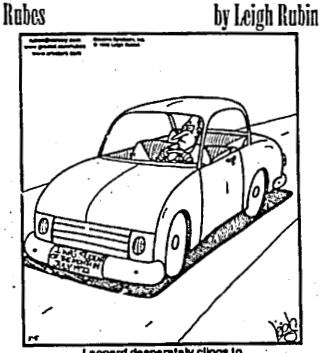
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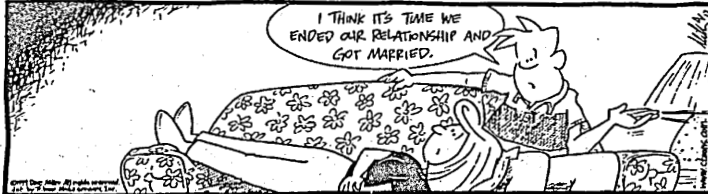
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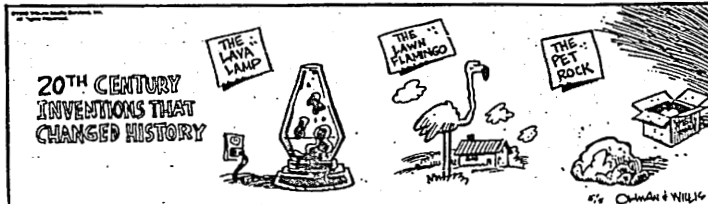
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arguing the call from the dugout. The balk scored Troy from third, giving Austin Peay a 2-0 lead. The Governors added one more run in the inning en route to a 3-2 win at Abe Martin Field.

"I'm not going to blame it on the officiating, but to be honest with you it wasn't a balk," Biggs said. "He said I came up and straight back down and I didn't make any movement. It's ridiculous."

The balk ruined another solid pitching performance by Biggs. On the afternoon, the senior pitched six innings, allowing two earned runs and striking out three.

"Right now we are getting great pitching," Biggs said. "Our hitters will come around. They are great guys, they're trying. It's not like we are coming out here looking to lose. We are putting up good efforts and

we are not throwing in the towel." Freshman Pat Hon and Jake Alley came on in relief. They surrendered two hits in three innings.

"With the exception of the Murray State game a couple of weeks ago," SIUC coach Dan Callahan said, "I haven't sensed a lack of intensity or a lack of effort. I think these guys respect the game enough to where they are still going to go out and play hard."

The other chances for SIUC to score came in the second, fourth and fifth innings, when they had two men on base and were not able to capitalize.

"We screwed up some of the plays," Schley said. "We can't get a bunt down, just little things like that. Lately, that's how the team has been."

Next up for the Salukis this weekend will be a three-game or four-game set against the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb.

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the Salukis during their recent slump. However, the wrath of Callahan can only be avoided by following two rules: be on time and give the team 100 percent.

"Cal's is a very honest person," senior pitcher Jason Frasier said. "He's a players' coach. We all pretty much get along with him. He's not like a typical old man, hard-nose baseball coach."

Of course, there are the exceptions. In April 1997, former Saluki shortstop Jerry Hairston was benched twice in the same week by Callahan for lack of effort — a direct violation of Rule No. 2. Callahan told Hairston "he needed to get his stuff and get out" following Hairston's refusal to greet teammate Carl Cochran at home plate.

"If his biggest concern is to play pro ball, we'll see what happens in June with the draft," Callahan said after that particular game. "His best bet might be to pack his gear and hit the road."

Hairston is playing in the Baltimore Orioles' organization, but the 40-year old Callahan is no fan of prima donna treatment.

"I always want to be open and I always want to be honest," Callahan said. "I don't think I've ever been accused of lying to any of our players. We tell guys during the recruiting process that we will never, ever promise you anything as far as playing time."

"Coach Cal" has seen his share of triumphs and disappointments in his 10 years of coaching. He spent six seasons as head coach at Eastern Illinois University, compiling a 153-158 record.

His record at SIUC is just 116-145 in five years. But to him, records are not as important as a sense of personal integrity.

"I expect honesty and fairness."

Callahan said. "As long as you conduct yourself that way, then there's no reason why I can't be as accessible as you want me to be."

Similar to the Hairston incident, Callahan took unkind notice to the play of senior center fielder Joe Schley and junior right fielder Marty Worsley. The reason for the wrath again was work ethic.

Both player went into sophomore slumps after solid freshman years. Callahan put them in the "doghouse" then, but both have had successful collegiate careers since.

The players have just accepted Callahan's coaching style.

"My first year here in 1995 against Illinois State University — in that series, we didn't give the effort and we found ways to lose the ballgame. Let's just say after the game Cal told us we had 10 minutes to get out of here and to bring our running shoes the next day," senior pitcher David Piazza started.

Callahan openly admits sometimes he can go too far.

"I think sometimes I've been [too blunt] to a fault," Callahan said. "At the beginning of this year, we made it a vow as a coaching staff to be more positive."

But it's that type of attitude that keeps players such as Piazza coming to practice every day.

"One of his best attributes about him is his desire to win," Piazza said. "He gives the same effort he expects of his players."

Ironically, a man who is known to blow his top, wants his players to find other ways to vent frustration.

"I'm not someone that likes the helmet throwing or the bat throwing," Callahan said. "I don't see where throwing a helmet or a bat is going to change the latter."

After a 9-3 drubbing April 14 to Murray State University at Abe Martin Field, Callahan conducted a 30-minute private conversation featuring words too strong for print. And that only proves one thing, Callahan is still going strong.

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and colleagues to see her go, in another it will be nice for Brechtelsbauer to be able to have some free time of her own. After dedicating much of her life to SIUC and SIUC softball, she deserves it.

"It's just a good decision for her," senior first baseman Theresa Shields said. "I was kind of surprised because I expected she still would be around for another year or two. But we kind of expected it in a little way."

I guess sometimes you hope certain people will stick around forever. However, Brechtelsbauer will step down as a winner and will always be remembered as a winner, on and off the field.

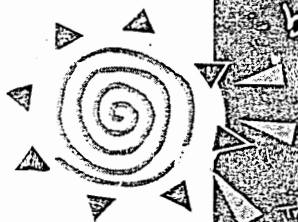
Her players are focused to make sure her last memory of SIUC softball is a winning one as well. As the No. 3 seed in the MVC tournament the Salukis will have that chance this weekend beginning with the University of Northern Iowa.

"When we go to Wichita — we've got to win it," senior right fielder Jen Feldmeier said. "We really want to do it for her now more than ever."

As the final days of Brechtelsbauer's tenure wind down, Blaylock gave numerous examples (there is not room for all of them, obviously) of what would be missed most by Brechtelsbauer's departure.

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The SIUC softball team's facility is currently valued at \$0.

LAW Fields lacks a much-needed locker room area that would prevent the players and coaches, as well as fans, from the danger of crossing Grand Avenue to use the facilities provided by the Recreation Center.

"It would be a tremendous benefit for the softball team," interim Athletic Director Harold Bardo said. "It's a major concern to have the student-athletes have to leave the field and cross the busy intersection to go to the restroom."

Since 1989, the Saluki softball team has posted a 354-188-2, compared to the Saluki baseball team's 269-303-1 mark, and yet the softball team still has no facilities.

"I don't want to get into their success vs. our success," SIUC softball coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said. "We need more than this, and

you do get into a gender equity problem. The men's facility is a much nicer facility and they have been able to improve on it.

"We need to have that if we're going to continue to really promote softball in Southern Illinois."

The softball program already has lost several recruits to area schools that have better facilities. Many potential Salukis have chosen Southeast Missouri State University and Illinois State University, among others, according to Brechtelsbauer because of the locker room problem.

Brechtelsbauer said the visitors dugout has even become home to a bird nest.

"We'll get some," Brechtelsbauer said about future SIUC recruits. "But we're not going to get the All-Americans when they can go to a school with good athletic programs, good academic programs, which we have here at SIU. But they look at the facilities and say, 'Wow! I have a locker. I don't have to dress in here with the birds.'"

A bird's nest is the least of the worries for the softball program. Without lights, sufficient seating and the ability to accommodate several teams at one time, SIUC has been denied the privilege to play host to the 2000 Missouri Valley Conference Championships and NCAA Regional Championships.

The Salukis could not complete

a doubleheader with Creighton University earlier this season because of a rain delay. No lights meant the series could not be completed.

"We could play host to bigger tournaments," Brechtelsbauer said. "Instead of playing a tournament in three days, we could have it in two days and yet have 16 teams.

And have considerable revenue for the community because when you add all the motel rooms for the players, and you add the grandmas, the grandpas, the friends, and all the food that is consumed, it's a big moneymaker."

The \$400,000 proposal for the new facility being pushed by Bardo and the coaching staff is currently tied up in red tape. The facility would include restrooms, locker rooms, new bleachers and lights and is estimated to be completed by the 2001 season, according to Brechtelsbauer.

"We certainly would like to have it completed ASAP," Bardo said. "But at this point it is still up in the air. It would be a tremendous benefit for everyone."

Tuesday's threat of thunderstorms is another reason the facility is much needed.

"If we get rain today, our practice is over," Brechtelsbauer said. "We don't have a place to go over strategies or videos. We don't have electricity out here. So there are a lot of limiting things out here."

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A tribute to SIUC legend

If one looked at all the records and honors that SIUC softball coach Kay Brechtel-bauer has accumulated in her illustrious 32-year career, obviously one would be impressed.

You could fathom at her 631-436-3 career record with the Salukis (38-18, 12-4), who are preparing for Brechtel-bauer's final trip to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament this Friday in Wichita, Kan.



COREY CUSICK

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Not to mention her tenure as the longest current active softball coach in the NCAA as well as in the history of SIUC women's athletics, which will conclude at the end of the academic year.

Throws in a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1965, a master's from SIUC in 1966 and top that off with a doctorate in Educational Psychology in 1980.

One could sit and list the All-Americans that have played for her, the Coach of the Year honors she has won, and her induction to the SIU Hall of Fame in 1994.

But all this would overshadow the most important qualities that Brechtel-bauer personifies.

Sure, all of the honors and records are nice, but for those who have been lucky enough to have been graced by her presence know the legend is much more than just a good coach and smart woman.

Brechtel-bauer is a teacher. Both a teacher of the game and of a way of life. Very few people can handle themselves with the poise and class that Brechtel-bauer embodies. She sets a positive example for all that know her.

"SIUC always reinforced a positive message and positive thinking," sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Erin Stremlinger said. "And as far as teaching the game, she really knows what she's talking about."

The year assistant coach Keri Blaylock described Brechtel-bauer's retirement as, "a sad, yet happy day."

In any way it was sad for her players

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Questionable call proves costly

MIKE BJORKLUND
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Governors 3
Salukis 2

All it took was one controversial balk call to put a disappointed SIUC baseball team in disarray against Austin Peay State University Tuesday.

Trailing 1-0 in the sixth inning, Adam Biggs (5-7) surrendered a single to Governor second baseman Greg Troy and a double to Joe Lancaster with one

out, setting up the call that would break the Salukis.

With runners on first and third, Biggs tried to pick off the runner on third, but the umpire called a balk.

The Salukis used this pickoff play several times before in the

season, but the umpire felt that Biggs' move was illegal. Assistant coach Ken Henderson, who was not too happy about the call, was ejected shortly after

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Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan is considered an open and honest coach by some of his players. Callahan has guided his team to 24 wins so far this season.

The Element

Baseball coach Dan Callahan instills no-nonsense attitude in his players

MIKE BJORKLUND
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Do what you're supposed to do.

The simple six words hang on a sign in Abe Martin Field's locker room warning all players and coaches of what is ahead of them once they dare to put on a Saluki uniform.

The creator of the blunt phrase is fifth-year Saluki baseball coach Dan Callahan.

"As elementary or trivial as that quote is, I think that if (players)

come to the college level and know what is expected of them and they do what is expected of them, then the players and coaches will have a pretty good relationship between them," Callahan said.

Sounds pretty harsh, doesn't it? It seems Callahan has taken some of Bobby Knight's demeanor and transplanted it to Carbondale. As trivial as it sounds, the phrase has a lot more for

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