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Roger Wilco



ANANDA WAINLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lead vocalist Jeff Tweedy, front man for the rock group Wilco, joined the Chicago music group The M's to entertain the masses at SIU's annual Spring Thing Festival in SIU Arena parking lot Saturday afternoon. Spring Thing is a free concert put on every year by the Student Programming Council. See story, page 4.

SIUC, SIUE both facing fiscal woes

Officials from both campuses discuss state funding cuts Friday

Katie Davis
 Daily Egyptian

Layoffs are imminent if the University is handed an 8.2 percent budget reduction next year, SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said during an open forum Friday in the Fourth Floor Video Lounge in the Student Center.

"It's going to be tough," he said. "At SIUC, we're looking at a reduction of 250 to 500 people. Some of it will be through retirement, but we're at a point where we have to reduce the workforce."

Wendler was the first person to speak on behalf of SIUC in an open forum with state legislators representing public universities around the state.

They fielded questions about the state of the economy and the affects of budget cuts on education in the

last of a series of four forums around the state.

The SIU system is looking an 8.2 percent cut in the next fiscal year, or a total of \$19.3 million. SIUC would receive the bulk of the cuts, at \$13.3 million.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said the forum was conducted to discover whether the bills currently in the gender assembly would harm education.

"The governor said he wanted to make cuts, but he didn't want to hurt the students," Luechtefeld said. "We want to know where we are at - are we hurting the students? Are classes being affected?"

SIUE Chancellor David Werner and Wendler said the situation at the universities will not immediately affect education, but if allowed to continue for the next few years, the impact will be negative.

Wendler said that when a university cannot afford to pay the market price to bring in new faculty, the result is a loss of tenure and tenure-track faculty, and a rise of under-qualified instructors.

"I'm worried about the next four to five years," he said. "Competition for good faculty is like competition

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Balcony collapses, five sent to hospital

Moustafa Ayad
 Daily Egyptian

The wood lay dilapidated, splintered at the ends across the ground; the tape that had been used to section off the scene of the accident sat flapping in the wind. Lawn chairs and bottles of beer sat strewn across the ground.

Chairs at one end of deck had flipped over, and the wood at the other end had shattered. Solid wood turned to rubble that the rain and years had turned to mush.

It appeared as if a party — or a tornado — had taken place at an apartment on 2237 Country Club Road rented by Bonnie Owen Property management.

Partysgoers and students who were enjoying a get together Saturday night did not expect the events the night would bring.

At approximately 10:53 p.m., according to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department report, a resident called 911 and told them the balcony gave way under the feet of about 20 partysgoers.

The result was several injuries and the pile of wood that laid in the backyard of the two-story house. The deck that sits atop struts made of wood had collapsed,

sending about 20 people into a tumble of roughly 10 feet, according to the police report. No members of the gathering were killed.

Colin Sander, a junior in political science from Springfield, was standing on the porch when the structure gave way. He said the irony of the situation is what struck him first.

"I couldn't believe it," Sander said. "I was just talking about how weak and rickety the porch looked like five seconds before it happened."

Bonnie Owen Property management could not be reached for comment. The tenants who live at the residence refused to comment about the situation because of a potential lawsuit that might follow.

As Sander plummeted with the structure, he noticed that it was not the deck that had given way but the struts and wooden reinforcements that kept the structure standing.

"I landed on top of two other people and jumped up straight away," he said. "Underneath me was a girl with a swollen ankle that had swelled to a size of a grapefruit."

Sander said it seemed like there were three people

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DNA evidence proves boy related to local family

Sara Hooker
 Daily Egyptian

JONESBORO — Family members of Laura Trandel said Friday that authorities were attempting to identify the child known as Eli Quick with the birth certificate from the boy Laura gave birth to in February of 1996.

The certificate from Swedish Covenant Hospital, which reads Timothy Robert Trandel, could provide the answers in a case of confused child identification that has left investigators frustrated and uncertain as to where the child originated.

DNA evidence proved Friday that the boy was not Tristen "Buddy" Myers, a blonde-haired, blue-eyed North Carolina youth that disappeared from his great-aunt's home more than two years ago.

Eli was brought to a Chicago hospital because Ricky Quick, the man who identified himself as Eli's father, said he was having behavioral problems. Hospital workers became concerned after Eli was unable to provide any details about his family.

Quick first told authorities his wife gave birth to the boy, but later told ABC news that he had an affair with Trandel, 27, who gave him the boy and told him it was his biological son.

Trandel's family disputes Quick's statement that the two had an affair, and said instead that Laura gave him the boy when he was four months old because she believed the Quick family was a good Christian family who desired a boy after conceiving three girls.

Laura's mother, Sandy Cesewski, said she was there when Timmy was born and that part of the reason Laura gave him up was because of

the lifestyle the two were leading. She said at the time she and Laura were both mixed up in drugs and prostitution.

Timmy was the fourth child of the six Trandel mothered. The oldest, 11, and two youngest, 4 and 2, live with Trandel's sister Cheri in Anna. Two other children came between the oldest and Timmy. The girl was adopted and the boy lives with his biological father.

The family has been unable to locate Trandel, who left Jonesboro without saying goodbye April 1.

A family friend who answered the door at Cheri's home Friday said Cheri was waiting to hear from DCFS. Calls to her home went unanswered Sunday.

Cesewski said since Laura moved to Jonesboro about 5 and 1/2 years ago she had turned her life around. She said Laura had gotten her GED

and Certified Nursing Assistant license. She said Laura worked the entire time she was in Jonesboro and had stopped using drugs.

"She really turned her life around," Sandy said. "She really did good down here."

Her stepfather, Tim Cesewski, said he believes Laura left because she didn't have a lot of friends in the area and was restless. He said after Eli is identified as Timmy that he would like the boy brought to Anna-Jonesboro to his biological family.

"If we can get him, we should bring him back," Tim said. "Family looks out for family."

"I just want him to have a good life. I would like it to be with us — but if it can't be, I would like it to be a good life," Tim said.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Study finds women largely confined to 'pink-collar' jobs

WASHINGTON — Women are more educated and employed at higher levels than ever before but remain largely confined to traditional "pink-collar" jobs, a study by the American Association of University Women finds.

The highest proportions of college-educated working women are in teaching and nursing. For college-educated men, neither occupation appears on their list of the 10 most common.

Overall, the most common occupations for women are secretaries, bookkeepers, sales supervisors, nurses, waitresses, receptionists and cooks, according to the study being released Monday. It cited data from the Census Bureau.

Men share just two of their most common occupations: sales supervisors and cooks.

Women have achieved parity with men in obtaining four-year college degrees and are more likely to work in managerial and professional careers today than 20 years ago. But they are not sufficiently prepared to move into the better-paying, higher-status, and fastest-growing occupations such as systems analysts, software designers and engineers, the study said.

Police link gunshot victim to church arsenic poisonings

NEW SWEDEN, Maine — Investigators have information linking a farmer who died of a gunshot wound to the arsenic poisonings at a church lunch that killed one person and sickened more than a dozen others, authorities said Saturday. The motive was still under investigation, according to the Associated Press.

The shooting of Daniel Bondeson, 53, was reported to emergency officials Friday as self-inflicted, but investigators are awaiting autopsy results before officially announcing the cause of death, said Col. Michael Sperry, head of the Maine State Police.

Fifteen people were hospitalized and the 78-year-old caretaker at Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church in New Sweden died after drinking arsenic-laced coffee at a church reception on April 27. Two of the victims were still in critical condition Saturday.

Bondeson, a longtime member of the church, was found wounded in the entryway to his farmhouse on Friday and died hours later. His farm is a few miles from the church.

Bondeson was not among the roughly 40 people who attended services at Gustaf Adolph on April 27, and Sperry would not say if he had attended a church bake sale the day before.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqis uncover mass graves of civilians

KHAN AL-RUBE'A, Iraq — With shovels and their bare hands, Iraqis on Sunday excavated a mass grave filled with the remains of dozens of people who witnesses said were executed after a 1991 Shiite uprising.

Fragments of watches, a woman's blue slipper, pieces of black cloaks worn by Iraqi women and bloody clothing were found at the gravesite about 13 miles northwest of Najaf, a holy city for Shiite Muslims. Bullet casings also were found near the graves.

About 25 bodies were dug up on Saturday, and 10 had been identified. About 20 more sets of remains were uncovered Sunday. It was unclear how many bodies were buried at the site, but several mounds were visible on the flat farmland — hills that U.S.

Marines in the area said could mark additional gravesites.

Some bodies had identification cards in their pockets. "I'm looking for my own relatives," said Jawad Shaker to the Associated Press, who came to the site on Sunday. Another person said he was looking for his nephew who disappeared in 1991.

The Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a Shiite group, was directing the excavation and said it was preparing a special section of a cemetery for what it called the "martyrs" of 1991.

Tens of thousands of people were killed after Iraq's Shiite majority rose up after the 1991 Gulf War and seized control of most of the southern part of the country. Shiites, a minority in the Islamic world, make up 60 percent of Iraq's Muslims and were ruled for a generation by Saddam Hussein's overwhelmingly Sunni Muslim Baath Party.

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Photogenesis weekly meeting Communications Building, Room 1122 7 p.m.
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POLICE REPORTS

- University**
- Krystallin Nicole Jones, 18, Chicago, was arrested and charged with failure to appear in court for an original charge of retail theft at 6:23 p.m. Thursday at Boomer Hall. Jones was unable to post bond and is being held at the Jackson County Jail.
 - Donald Matthew Hail, Mansfield, was arrested and charged for driving under the influence of alcohol at 2:17 a.m. Friday at the corner of Lincoln and Douglas Drives. Hail posted \$100 bond and his driver's license.
- Carbondale**
- Eric A. Lambert, 36, Mt. Vernon, was arrested and charged with a failure to appear in court on original charges of deceptive practice after he was stopped for speeding at 6:46 p.m. Friday at Main Street and Lake Road. Lambert is being held in jail in lieu of \$300 bail.

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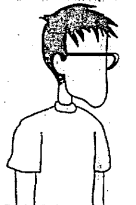
Southern at 150 plan unveiled Friday night

Black-tie affair looks to SIUC's goals for 2019

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

It was an evening of finery, but also a time of looking ahead for close to 600 friends and members of SIUC who gathered Friday night at the Student Center to officially usher in Southern at 150.

Southern at 150, a set of goals for the University to reach by its 150th anniversary in 2019, was the spotlight of the black-tie gala event, which had guests that included many of the 215 people who spent months giving suggestions and feedback that helped form the final draft of the document.



Gus Bode
Months were spent poring over ideas and suggestions, and the result is a glossy 90-page document outlining goals for SIUC. Although the Southern at 150 document is complete, Chancellor Walter Wendler said the plans will change as needed.

"This is not a plan that will sit on a shelf," Wendler said at a press conference before the evening event. "This is a living document."

And that was the focus of the evening for guests who gathered at the Student Center to look at how the University can become on par with aspirational peer institutions by 2019. These include Louisiana State, the University of

Colorado at Boulder, the University of Kentucky and the University of Missouri Columbia.

A video presentation played after guests gathered in Student Center ballrooms at tables adorned with ice sculpture ornaments with Southern at 150 lettering carved on them. After dinner, frozen desserts were served on carved ice bowls that were lit with small, blue lights built underneath them.

At the press conference, Wendler said he did not have the figures for how much the event cost and said it was funded through the SIUC Foundation and not state dollars.

The film clip gave a recap of SIUC's history and a look at what's ahead as the University aims for the Southern at 150 goals, which include becoming one of the nation's top 75 public research universities.

Other goals of Southern at 150 include the following:

- Increase yearly federal research and development spending by an additional 13 percent.
- Gain contributions that provide \$20 million in endowed fellowships and 500 more research assistants and \$10 million for graduate research scholarships.
- Add new master's degree programs and double the size of both applicants to the Graduate School and funds for graduation student stipends.
- Construct 250,000 square feet of new buildings to the Southern Illinois Research Park, using the space to provide high-skill jobs for the region.
- Have three capital campaigns with different goals — one to bring the Southern at 150 goals to reality, another to increase annual donations by 10 percent, and a third to increase the SIUC endowment.

And showing others the path of SIUC is important, U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, told the audience as he gave the keynote address. Costello commended the 215 who brought suggestions about Southern at 150 to the table.

"When I think that it takes us 218 votes to



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Distinguished members and friends of the SIUC community gather to celebrate SIUC's future. The plan is called Southern at 150 and entails what the University plans to accomplish by the year 2019, when the University celebrates its 150th birthday.

pass a bill in Congress — it's amazing, I tell you," he said. "I just want to commend everyone."

Specifically, Costello said SIUC's real research is just one example of how the University can show leadership. Costello said he wants to continue pushing legislation that helps the University reach its goals.

Costello said he is currently working on a plan that gives SIUC a greater leadership role with the Delta Regional Authority.

"I think the rewards will be many if SIUC stays the course," he said. "Not only will I be a part of implementing this plan, I also will be proud to do so."

He also made mention of two recent news items — a \$4.5 million donation to construct an athletics building and the departure of SIUC basketball coach Bruce Weber, who left the University to coach at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Although Weber will be missed, the University should still be proud that the University of Illinois

wanted him, Costello said. "I hear more about the Salukis in Washington, D.C., than I've ever heard before," Costello said, drawing loud applause from the audience.

Weber, in attendance at the event, garnered a standing ovation when Wendler spoke.

"Our basketball tradition will go on because Bruce had a great tradition," Wendler said. "We will welcome Matt Painter with open arms."

Wendler also gave an overview of Southern at 150, thanking those who provided input. Molding students who are "citizen-leaders" should be an important focus of the University, he said.

"We will strive for excellence in everything that we do," he said.

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To see a complete copy of Southern at 150, log onto www.siu.edu and click on the news link.

Court weighs First Amendment rights for college students

Illinois Attorney General asks for rehearing in Governors State case

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

The First Amendment for college students may soon be rewritten in a court case attempting to clearly define the free press rights for student-run publications.

A handful of college students sued Patricia Carter, dean of Governors State University in Chicago's south suburbs 2-1/2 years ago after the

students said she attempted to censor their student-newspaper, The Innovator, for articles critical of the administration. The students alleged Carter told the newspaper's printer to stop publication until an administrator had reviewed all the content.

The heart of the trial, however, has been hung up in a side-note battle over whether the dean should be exempt from the lawsuit. In a April 10 ruling, the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals said the law regarding free speech rights for college students was clearly defined and she could be sued, sending the case back to trial.

But last week, Illinois' Attorney General's Office, under the direction of Lisa Madigan, filed for a rehearing on the dean's behalf, arguing

the court overlooked several cases in deciding if Carter qualified for immunity. Qualified immunity means a government official cannot be held legally responsible for violating rights they had no reasonable basis for knowing existed.

Besides the original ruling that Carter could not be exempt from the case, the federal appeals court in Chicago also ruled that Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier, a Supreme Court case that gave high school administrators prior review and some censorship rights of high school media, did not apply to college students and that the law was clear in 2000.

Ann Spillane, Madigan's chief of staff, said the court overlooked several court cases that made

interpretation of Hazelwood and its application to college students murky at best. Madigan is not arguing that college publications should be treated the same as high school publications, Spillane said, but rather that Carter could not have reasonably been expected to understand the law that was in place at the time she was alleged to have illegally censored the newspaper. Spillane was unsure, if Carter even contacted a lawyer before taking actions to censor the newspaper.

In two of the main cases Madigan's office cites, one decision was thrown out two months later and the other dealt with speech in a classroom, not school-sponsored student publications.

And while Madigan's office might not be arguing that high school and college students should have the same First Amendment protection, former Attorney General Jim Ryan argued just that in an earlier brief on behalf of Carter. In Ryan's original briefing on behalf of Carter, he argued that Hazelwood should apply to college students.

The Attorney General's Office is required by constitutional law to defend public officials who are sued.

But this case has the potential to put Madigan, elected in November, at odds with her constitutional duties and campaign statements she made about the rights of college journalists.

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Wilco, The M's rock Carbondale

Spring Thing draws crowd from Carbondale, beyond

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

People raved about the weather. A calm breeze blew through the SIU Arena parking lot. The sun beat down and a clear, blue sky was out for all to see.

Some people were tossing Frisbees and footballs. Others were spread out on blankets or lounging in lawn chairs. The crowd mostly comprised 20-somethings, but a few small babies bounced around and middle-aged festivalgoers also had smiles on their faces.

It was clear that it was a great day... and the music hadn't even begun.

The M's kicked off Spring Thing 2003 Saturday afternoon. The alternative band from Chicago entertained the crowd with an eight-song, 35-minute set before giving way to the event's headlining band, Wilco.

Wilco wowed those in attendance with a sprawling, 21-song set that lasted more than 90 minutes. The band was in fine form Saturday afternoon, fully taking advantage of its first visit to Carbondale.

Jeff Tweedy, the band's singer and guitarist, made it known to the crowd that Saturday was the last day of the band's tour. Wilco took advantage of that opportunity, but played by its own rules.

"Today is the last day of our tour, but we still have a lot of energy left," Tweedy said to the crowd. "We have a lot of

slow songs because we like to conserve our energy. Then, we have a lot of fast songs that maybe we'll play later if we have the energy."

Wilco delivered on that promise as festival-goers at the front of the stage bounced up and down and sang their hearts out. The band used its many musical styles, ranging from shiny, country melodies to loud, power-chord rock. Concertgoers seemed to appreciate the bouncy, vibrant rhythms of "War on War" just as much as the menacing, drunken slide of "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart."

Wilco featured six songs from its most recent album, "Yankee



Bassist/vocalist Joey King of The M's, a band from Chicago, rocks out Saturday afternoon during its set. The M's opened for the popular rock group Wilco during Spring Thing, SPC's annual free concert that took place in the SIU Arena parking lot.

Hotel Foxtrox," as well as crowd favorites from previous albums such as "Being There" and "A.M." Tweedy even dug into his Belleville roots by playing "New Madrid," a song from his former band, Uncle Tupelo.

As well as playing some of its best music, Wilco also kept the crowd entertained between songs with Tweedy's dry, sarcastic humor. He repeatedly asked the crowd if the band was playing fast enough for them, teased a security guard in front of the stage and told stories of heckling the band had heard in Memphis Friday night.

"I think the funniest heckle we've heard so far was last night," Tweedy said to the crowd. "Some guy yelled, 'Go back to Seattle!' We're not even from Seattle."

The band did not hear any heckling throughout the afternoon at SIU. However, Wilco did not escape the day without having technical difficulties.

A faulty public address system was to blame as its right side briefly went out in the middle of the band's set, causing a five-minute break.

Technical difficulties aside, the crowd seemed to be thoroughly entertained with Wilco's performance.

Keith Thompson, 24, said he forgave the malfunctioning P.A.

system and enjoyed the afternoon.

"The technical difficulties were a little distracting," Thompson said. "But despite that, they played really well. It was everything I hoped it would be."

The fact that the event was a free concert made the afternoon even more special for those in attendance. Thompson and Tom Greenwood, 25, drove together from Chicago to see Wilco. Greenwood said the trip was worth every penny.

"It was easily worth the 20 bucks we spent on gas to get down here," Greenwood said.

"We'd pay more than that to see them in concert in Chicago and they sell out up there. Today was just great. It was a really fun afternoon."

The two discovered the event from the M's, who sent emails to their mailing list confirming the band's scheduled performance at Spring Thing.

The M's, who have been together since 2001, have released one album and have another on the way by the end of this month. The band will play the Double Door in Chicago May 29.

No one should read too much into the band's name, said M's singer and bassist Joey King.

"It doesn't mean anything," King said. "That's the whole purpose of the name. Just the fact that it's very plain and simple."

The M's had also never played Carbondale before Saturday afternoon. When they heard they had a chance to play with Wilco, drummer Steve Versaw said they had to take it.

"This was a one-off thing," Versaw said. "We just happened to

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— Tom Greenwood
Chicago

hear about this show with Wilco, so we all came down. Everything went great today. It's very sunny out and we had great time with this crowd. It really is a festival-like atmosphere here."

Versaw said although their show was over, the band still had business to take care of in Carbondale.

"I think we're going to go out and get drunk tonight," Versaw said. "I hear this is a good place to do it, so we're going to go out and have a riot."

By the time Wilco had played its last song at 6:10 p.m., many festival-goers were tired and hot from the sun, but were still satisfied.

"This was the first time I had ever even heard Wilco," sophomore Michael Evans said.

"Even though I'm a little deaf and tired from standing in front, I had a great time. The band was awesome. The sun was hot, but they were, too."

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Study abroad program offers course in Costa Rica

Course devoted to study of women for first time

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

For the first time in SIUC's history, a study abroad program will be devoted to the study of women.

This summer, from July 12 through July 26, a women's studies course will be offered for one to 3 credits and is being conducted in conjunction with the Universidad Veritas, and is open to students and community members.

Naseem Ahmed, coordinator of women and international development for International Programs and Services said she chose Costa Rica because they felt it would be a safe place.

"Locations are usually in the Middle East or Asia, and because Costa Rica is close to home," Ahmed said. "Its democracy has flourished and I think we can learn from them."

She said the course is a two-week intensive focus on all aspects of life through lectures, sight visits and talking to women who are dealing with specific issues relevant to everyday living.

"Being immersed in culture is a good way to understand their culture and the role of women," Ahmed said. "And since this is an intensive study tour, there will be fun thrown in."

The cost of the trip \$2,200, includes airfare, land transportation, lodging, all meals and program fees.

Scholarships of up to \$500 are available for SIU undergraduate students to help offset the cost. Also, students eligible for financial aid can apply it toward the trip.

"This is an affordable program for a unique opportunity to learn different things and people," said Tom Saville, coordinator of the study abroad program.

He said there is a wealth of knowledge in Costa Rica especially about its economic developments and what women are doing to improve development studies.

Along with the classroom lectures and local travel, participants will take trips to Cano Negro, Quirrisi and the Nicoyan Gulf.

While in the Nicoyan Gulf, students will be observing women in occupations such as fisheries and butterfly farming, and will visit rainforest, waterfalls, volcanoes and other landmarks of Costa Rica.

People interested in taking the course can register until May 20, so proper arrangements can be made on their behalf.

Saville is hoping the program is a success, and continues to be offered during future summers.

"We've been to Costa Rica before, but this is the first time this subject is being studied," Saville said. "I think it will be a great experience."

The entire program will be offered in English, so it is not necessary for participants to speak Spanish.

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NEWS BRIEFS

REGIONAL

68-year-old dies in motorcycle accident

A 68-year-old Makanda man died after his motorcycle was struck by a van at about 11:15 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Giant City Road and the East Main Frontage Road.

David F. Clark died at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale from injuries sustained during an accident in which he was ejected from his three-wheeled motorcycle. Police said Clark was driving south on Giant City Road and was struck by a westbound van driven by Teddy O. Scholl, of Jackson, Mo. Police reported Clark sustained head injuries during the accident but hospital officials would not give further information.

CARBONDALE

Community Garden to open Saturday

This season's grand opening of Sufi Park Organic Community Garden will commence with the Ragamuffin Garden Party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 510 N. Springs. Participants can join in the creative costume making, face painting and baked goods.

At noon the entertainment will start with a Kids' Magic Act, followed by the Magical Mystery Puppet Theater at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. prizes will be awarded to winners from the fund-raising raffle. Proceeds will help the Sufi Park Organic Community Garden continue to serve Carbondale by offering a place

to learn about the natural environment. Additional proceeds will go to For Kids' Sake, a fund-raising project to support orphanages in Bangladesh. For more information, contact Danielle Konings at 529-5044.

How to preserve family heirlooms

Myra Kaha from the Morris Library is scheduled to speak about common sense approaches to protecting family heirlooms from damage at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the library of John A. Logan College in Carterville. She will talk about how to clean, repair and store family treasures, from family Bibles to individual documents. Her talk will include tips on making a scrapbook or album, a list of places to buy materials

such as rice paper for repairing torn documents and more.

ON CAMPUS

Student artworks to be shown

The School of Art and Design will be exhibiting the artwork of 60 students from the 2003 graduating class. The Surplus Gallery at the Glove Factory will be open for viewing from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and will be the location for a reception for the artists from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. The reception is open and free to the public. The Surplus Gallery at the Glove Factory is located at 408 S. Washington at the northwest corner of Washington Street and College Street.



Sen. Dan Rutherford, R-Chicago, points a question toward SIUC Chancellor David Werner (not pictured) and SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler (left) during an open forum discussing state funding cuts Friday in the Student Center Fourth Floor Video Lounge. Rutherford, along with four other state legislators, fielded questions from administrators and faculty from both SIU campuses about the state's current economy and the affects that budget cuts are having on education.

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for basketball coaches."

Werner said that both universities in the SIU system have worked to "cut the fat" out of the schools, each with its own task force. But there comes a point when this is no longer an option, when there is no more to cut, and at this point, education suffers.

"Our student to faculty ratio has gone up 12 percent," he said. "The

percent of credit hours taught by part-time faculty has gone way up, and in a time our student enrollment is also increasing."

Werner also said layoffs are inevitable at SIUE if the budget is slashed as expected. Besides losing state funding, universities now have to pay the costs of employee health insurance, he said.

"We're looking at \$12 million less than was appropriated last year," he said. "A large amount of our costs is employment."

William Hendey of the Staff Senate in Edwardsville said some sectors of the university, such as academic advisers, are already working with minimum staff and reducing employees further will negatively impact the university.

"You reach a point you can no longer do more with less," he said. "At some point you have no choice but to do less with less."

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CASE

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If the court rejects the notion that Carter qualifies for immunity, the attorney general will defend Carter in the original lawsuit, where the court will have to define college student's free speech rights.

During an October televised debate between Madigan and her Republican opponent, Madigan said she strongly supported the right for college students to express themselves freely.

"Certainly I spent time both in high school and college writing for my paper," Madigan said during the debate. "As a student in college, one would hope you'd be given more discretion in terms of what you can print."

"So I look forward to being attorney general and helping students at universities throughout the state be able to express their views as they should under the First Amendment."

Now, the director of the Student Press Law Association says she's arguing for just the opposite.

"They're arguing that the law does not prohibit prior approval of a student newspaper," SPLA executive director Mark Goodman said. "They are saying that the president of a college or university can see all of the stories in a newspaper before it goes to print."

Goodman said Carter should not be exempt from the case. He said the law was not unclear in 2000 and in fact there has not been a case in 35 years that upheld censorship for student-run publications.

"They say: Here's what the law is today, that Hazelwood should apply to colleges and universities and that Dean Carter's actions are not a violation of the First Amendment," he said.

"I just don't want them to get away with arguing that this is not about the First Amendment. Lisa Madigan either believes in the protection of the First Amendment rights for college journalists or she doesn't and she's got to take a stand on that."

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PORCH

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who needed immediate medical care but he remembers about five having to go to the hospital.

"The entire deck collapsed at once," he said. "The middle of the porch was still intact. But there was broken wood and broken glass, liquids all over the place."

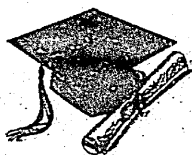
At soon the wood hit the ground, Sander said people scrambled and someone instantly dialed 911. Sander sustained giant bruises

across his side and a large gash measuring just about 6 inches.

Sander likened the scene to complete chaos and the initial shock of a severe accident. As he stood by the side of the wall, he noticed that most of the pressure was caused by about seven to 10 people, whereas police reported 20.

"One girl even jumped from the porch and landed in the apartment as it fell," he said. "It looked like a war zone."

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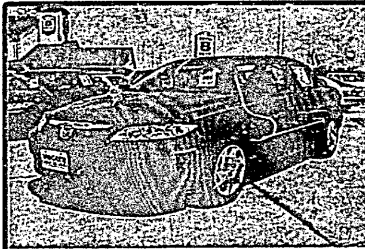
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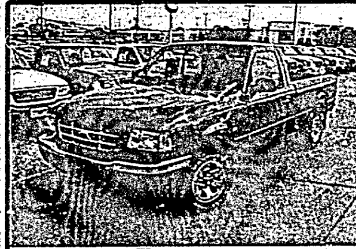


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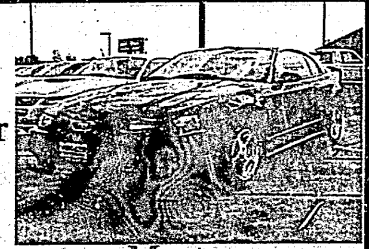


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OUR WORD

A crash course in cramming

One week to go.
And that means it's time to start studying for finals.

Wait, *start* studying? The industrious students of SIUC have been prepping themselves for final exams for weeks now, right? Sure, sure. They've been working hard and doing research ... at the bar, but still.

Well, for those of students who mimic Gus Bode rather than Doogie Howser, here are a few tips for the "final cram."

First, watch those pots of coffee. It's "part of the college experience" to have to stay up all night and study for a final exam, but studies have shown that caffeine does NOT help your memory. Yes, it'll keep you awake all night, but what good is it to stay up late and study, only to arrive at the 7:50 a.m. final suffering from an out of body — and out of mind — experience?

What does work well for the early exams is sleep. Lots of it. Studies have shown that lots of rest and a good breakfast in the morning are helpful for jump starting those brain cells. In addition, some soothing classical music can help a weary mind continue clicking.

Next, study, but don't cram. You know when your finals are. Study ahead of time, taking small breaks. Keep your focus. That caffeine will make you jittery and you won't be able to sit still long enough to memorize biological terms or historical dates. Sit down, drink some water, and keep going. Get up only when you need to, and go to bed early. So the Gus Bodes out there are rolling their eyes — why on earth would you want to do this when you can enjoy the bar specials and still get a "C" on that test?

True. Hey, these are only suggestions.
(But they work.)

Hungry, weary? Take advantage of free pancake breakfasts, massages and extra access hours to the Recreation Center. All of these things will promote good health mentally and physically. Gus says: chill out. Enjoy yourself at night when you are done studying, but even Gus knows that hangovers are counterproductive. It's hard to remember political theories when your head is pounding, your stomach is churning and your tongue has mysteriously been replaced with a lump of cotton.

The industrious students of SIUC have been preparing themselves for final exams for weeks now, right?

Get the idea?
It's only five days, but even without classes to attend it can be the worst five days of your college career. Then again, it could be some of the easiest. No class means more free time to do all that stuff in southern Illinois that you wanted to do all semester.

The last thing to remember is to have fun when you're done. Celebrate! Especially if you're graduating because that means ... *drum roll please ... NO MORE FINALS EVER AGA!NI!* (Insert crash of symbols here, along with trumpets: *da daaa da daaa!*)
So hang in there, and don't freak out.
Believe it or not, you'll look back at finals week someday and wonder why you worried so much. You might even miss all the good times you had during finals week at the bar ... uh ... we mean, studying.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Europe v. America: Battle of the millennium

Vassili Maskevitch
College Standard Magazine (SUNY-Albany)

ALBANY, N.Y. (U-WIRE) — The European Union has been established on the reactionary terms of competing with the American dominated world economy. Comparable to the foundation of the United States, the national interests of the European states will, in time, erode away and create the one nation state of the European Federation. The European Union is progress in action; in time we shall see a gradual consolidation of economies so that the European states will no longer have to compete with each other but instead co-operating in competing with the United States.

The nationalisms of the nation states shall be shed to create 'European Nationalism', a new type of nationalism, which is a reduction of nationalism. The European Union will form its own imperialist agenda and in doing so, the people of the union shall become more united under the new ruling class of new Europe. As the imperialist bourgeoisie create their power block, they organize a stronger and more united working class with one common enemy. We welcome the opportunity to see the French workers uniting with the German, Spanish and Italian workers. So in their fight against their common enemy, their common bourgeoisie. The ruling authority of the world is economical and as the economy consolidates, so shall its producers and consumers. The EU (European Union) is in direct competition with the NATO military alliance, times have changed and the American 'Military for Exploitation' program is coming to an end.

They have reaped all the profits from their military posturing in Europe. The fabricated 'red scare' is gone, and they have lost their largest sales pitch with it. We have already begun to see the beginning of the tensions that are to come, the EU and NATO, like two corporations competing to sell their imperialism. A rift is forming in between the two organizations as their incentive is being swallowed up by one another. The USA can complain about 'New Europe' all they want; they are only receiving a very light dose of a reduction in their power and influence.

The lessons of the 20th century have taught the nation states of Europe that: military imperialism amongst them has only left them with hardships and paved the way for the American messiah who was well rewarded politically as well as economically from the 20th century lesson. Europe is coming to terms with

each other so that they can create their own United States, their own economical force; so that they, the European Super Power can then flex its own muscle and impose its own will.

The role of England is going to be an essential element in the future politics of the European people. The ruling class of England, instead of consolidating within the European Union, has instead aligned itself closer with its more traditional ally, The United States. This can only be explained by England's own desire to be the dominating force within Europe. The ruling class of England doesn't want to risk being accountable to a more diverse and less secretarial people. They instead, wish to remain with its traditional alliance with America because the British ruling class sees opportunity in being the lap dog of the current world order; they are hopeful that they will be able to emerge as the single power in Europe by fortifying American imperialism.

The EU is going to be by far more essential than a 'United Nations', the UN while initially seems as a great unifier of global accountability, it has failed miserably in its role and serves only as a cigar cafe for the global ruling class. The EU, unlike the UN, is an organization of people, it has a working class, and it has a base of production and consumption. The EU has an economic alliance and is reliant upon the production of its own people. These factors mean that the organization of workers can force the EU into an being an accountable worker state.

The Great War was a trader's war; it was a war that stemmed from economic competitions from the 1870s. Just as Germany reacted to the French/English dominated economy, so shall the EU and the USA react to each other? The class war in America shall rise to a level that has never been seen. The American ruling class shall force their people harder and longer; once and for all this reactionary campaign shall finally demonstrate to the American people the full extent of class antagonism and exploitation. The American people and European people must reject any demands the ruling class make to fight this war. Don't fight America for Europe and don't fight Europe for America, fight capitalism for the people. Unite with each other against our common enemy. The root of the problem is not the people; to blame each other of maintaining imperialism is to accuse each other of going to work. The true problem lies in the ruling class and their competition of world capital, in which we, the martyrs of imperialism shall never see.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is no beginning, no ending. Only the infinite passion of life.”

Frederico Fellini

WORDS OVERHEARD

“They should find whoever did this and deport them.”

Hareesh Thakkar
Indian community member
on the vandalism of the Islamic Center

COLUMNISTS

Reflecting on the past year

Looking back over a year's worth of columns, I find strikingly distressing themes: violence, war, corporate corruption, disenfranchised workers and voters, repression of civil liberties, hypocrisy and a world moving ever further from a truly democratic existence. I see a nation replaying the errors of its past; I see the centralization of US government at unprecedented rates; I see a world where profit means more than people or the planet. I see all of these things, and yet, I must admit that I still profess to be an optimist. With all of the events of this past school year, with all of the poverty, the hate, the senseless slaughter of human beings, I still find reason to maintain a smile at the world (or at least a smirk, judging from the photo above and to the right).

I assure you, I am not deluded in anyway. You see, as a historian, I know that the most recent chapter in our history books is not yet written, and that what is said about this past year will be dependent on the future.

This year may one day be looked at as the advent of a worldwide descent into Pax Americana, but I have hope that this will not come to be. Despite the awful force of US militaristic and economic imperialism, and the seeming inevitability of its dominance, there is reason to hope.

That hope lies in the love that the people of this world have for peace and liberty. We witnessed many historic events this year, but in my mind, none have been so historic as those

of this past winter, when over 15 million people came together on one day in cities across the globe to express their hope for another way, for a different existence. It is easy to focus on the negative numbers — almost 10,000 Iraqi dead, over 100 American dead — yet we must realize the magnitude of the progress that has been made in opposing violence and destruction. Rather than seeing the failure of the people of the world in stopping the war on Iraq (Freedom (whoops; Freudian slip!)), I see a beginning for stopping the next war, with which ever country Bush discovers to be harboring terrorists or WMD.

Even the announcement that the US will be occupying Iraq indefinitely, to safeguard the transfer of Iraq oil into American automobiles, should not dishearten us (Pentagon euphemism for the occupation: "a long-term military relationship"). Over the past weeks, thousands of Iraqis took to the streets, providing visible evidence that the human love for democracy and self-determination cannot be broken even by decades of oppression. These Iraqis are demanding, through the barrage of US bullets directed at them: Saddam is gone; thanks, now get out.

The bravery of these people, in the face of overwhelming military might, should provide us



Free Thought Forum

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another lesson. With the whole world seemingly in the clutches of multi-national corporations who are robbing the workforce and stripping our planet of its resources, we must remember that we are many, and they are few. As a sign at a recent protest demanded of the corporate behemoths, "Drop your profits, you are surrounded by billions of people." And that is where the hope for a better society lies: in the people. Not in the politicians we vote for. Not in the reformers we support or condemn.

The US political system promotes apathy. On one day every four years, our leaders allow us the privilege of so-called democracy; the freedom to choose — American style. That November, we get to choose between two candidates, a "freedom" that is equivalent to the freedom to choose between Pepsi and Coke. Yet there are a growing number of Americans who are realizing that Pepsi and Coke may

be sweet, but they are empty of all substance, and they leave a mouth full of cavities. Some are even deciding that they might like a different flavor — while others are forsaking soft-drink politics in favor of something that doesn't leave such a bad taste in their mouths. And so thousands of people have taken to the streets in the past months to put their bodies in the way of the immoral actions of the US government.

From Europeans who took hammers to fighter jets and chained themselves to railroad tracks to block military transports, to the Americans who shut down Lake Shore Drive in Chicago, Chevron-Texaco outside of Oakland, and Times Square in New York, people are taking the tools of war out of the hands of the militarists. And if anything can bring hope, it is this. We see that the people of this world can unite to combat violence and economic injustice, and that they will not wait for their cowardly leaders to finally be swayed.

This year may have been the beginning of something, but what that something is, precisely, is up to the people.

Free Thought Forum appears Mondays. Marc is a junior in history. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The U.S. political system promotes apathy.

I saw God at the mall yesterday



Bayshore Drive

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I saw God was at the mall yesterday, sitting alone on a bench in midst of the mall's unofficial food court. He was dressed in civilian clothes with faded glue-ish blue jeans and a stained white T-shirt. He looked to be about the human equivalent of a 12-year-old: skinny, buzz cut, and an innocent aura that you commonly associate with homeless children. Strangers walked by, unaware, unnoticed, until some lady "sniffed" him from behind as she passed with her family.

I took a seat at a bench directly across from God and watched him. He paid no attention to me; he was looking off in the distance toward the glass doors, as the masses of people came and went. I thought maybe he was waiting for someone, for something, but it wasn't coming. I watched him watch, wait, bum — and I wondered if somehow he was watching me out of the distant corner of his eye.

Then he looked at me for as long as a second can last. A warning flag or an invitation? It is so easy to confuse the two.

Back he gazed at the shufflers, the mixers, the young and old and middle-aged, the holy and the un, the infantile, hostile and futile; the bartled and beaten, clean and unshaven, the users and used, those who need wheelchair assistance and those who push.

It was a conversation without words — a novel full of pictures and sounds — a song so deeply intertwined, you reminisce to a time when the song was playing and you were smiling, laughing, living as free as you could ever wish, hope and dream. The experience is transcendental like the number π , like unconditional love, like the sun — like everything you can explain, but not quite understand. I thought of 'Angela' and a five hour conversation in her front driveway, and I thought of Jessica letting ice cream get away from her lips on a sidewalk outside of Dairy Queen. Perfect days and endless nights with friends, with no worries, no cares and no end.

And as I'm looking deeper and deeper at whatever this all means, the kid I

nicknamed God for a reason I'll never understand is gone. Vanished. Replaced by two teenager girls dipping Super Pretzels into small tubs of cheddar cheese, laughing and carrying on about a party with a completely nude race around somebody's barn. I'm trying not to listen, still sitting, unreliably dumbfounded, wondering if he was just some kid after all, just waiting for his friends to come back with stolen merchandise from Spencer's.

The girls keep on talking, swearing among the masses as I get up to leave. I think about looking for the kid around the mall, see if he's in the CD store trying to persuade the clerk to let him purchase an explicit album with his lawn-mowing allowance money. It's only then do I even think that the boy might have been me all along, waiting on his friends, looking out for security, daydreaming about being older and what it would be like.

I still say I saw God at the mall yesterday; though it may be a lie, a hoax, a fictitious premonition of the mind that my unconscious had been *lusting for* ever. It will be another moment I will go back to, see again, feel again when I don't understand why things never turn out the way they are planned. I truly believe that people who see UFOs and 6th sense soothsayers have the same kind of feeling: it's just better to believe. It's just better to believe.

Bayshore Drive appears Mondays. Mike is an alumnus of SIUC with his B.A. in cinema. These views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Carbondale restaurants not concerned with recycling

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently we investigated the recycling practices of Carbondale restaurants for an environmental science class at SIUC. To accomplish our investigation, we constructed a survey that contained 10 questions that addressed the restaurants current recycling practices, their willingness to recycle and any current recycling policies they might have. The restaurants were surveyed by phone and in person during the week of March 10 to March 14.

Based on current Yellow Pages listings, we compiled a list of 65 restaurants in Carbondale, 52 of which participated in our survey. The results of the survey were astonishing. We found that only 21 percent of the surveyed restaurants have a recycling policy in place.

Based on the results of the survey we were able to make inferences about the recycling practices of the Carbondale restaurants. These include:

- A large majority of Carbondale restaurants do not have any recycling policies at their restaurants.
- All of the Carbondale restaurants use products

that are recyclable, however, very few recycle the products they use.

• Fifty percent of the restaurants are not willing to transport recyclable materials to a drop-off location. This despite almost half are willing to spend up to \$75 per month to implement a recycling policy at their restaurant. This would include taking advantage of a commercial recycling program provided by their trash-removal service.

There are many resources in Carbondale and Jackson County that the restaurant managers could utilize to implement a recycling policy at their business. The Jackson County Health Department offers free consultation and technical assistance to businesses that contact them regarding waste disposal and recycling. We recommend that restaurants contact the Jackson County Health Department for this assistance. We also recommend that these restaurants use a trash service that offers a commercial recycling program. They should also take advantage of the various drop-off locations in Carbondale, including Southern Recycling.

Finally, our investigation also found that the city of Carbondale recycling program does not include any commercial recycling initiatives. We recommend that the city expand their recycling programs to

include pick-up or drop-off services for the businesses in the town.

Lauren Ernst
Amanda Hill
Nicole Jimenez
seniors, elementary education

Golf program would not be where it is without donors

DEAR EDITOR:

I have been playing for SIU for three years now and my teammates and I get much grief from other teams than anyone. But I'm not here to complain because most of them do not understand why we get to travel to nice places like Hawaii. I wouldn't either if I were them. We are a small program in SIU Athletics, but we go on the nicest trips. I don't know another team that travels as well as we do. Just this year our team flew 5 times and traveled to places like Miami, Orlando, Tampa, and Honolulu.

Every year we have an annual fund-raising event, held at Midland Hills, with many great supporters. Our program wouldn't be what it was if it wasn't for them and I know my coach would have left by now. This past Saturday was this year's fund-raiser, which

broke another record at over \$51,000, which is 2.5 times what our budget gives us. My coach would not be able to recruit and bring in good players and our farthest trip would probably be to Murray State, without the money that we raise. So many people in the community and I personally cannot thank you enough. It truly blows my mind how wonderful our supporters are.

The amount of time and energy that our fund-raising committee and Coach put into making the event a success is unreal. Our committee helps us completely voluntarily and days preceding the event will spend time late into the night (often it's midnight) working hard. Besides donations and our fundraising committee, we get many volunteers to help with the event.

I'm sure I can speak for Coach and my teammates when I say thank you. A special thanks to Ties Hombres and Denny Kortkamp. Thanks for the support, thanks for the donations, and thanks for another year of successful fund raising. I have one more year of eligibility left and my best memories on trips because of the support of these wonderful people. We love you!

Megan Tarolloy
SIU women's golf

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Renovation, addition plans released for Morris Library

Project expected to cost \$29 million

Lindsay Mastis
Daily Egyptian

Beginning summer 2004, Morris Library will start a 50,000 square-foot expansion project.

The \$29 million addition and renovation will completely revise the layout and appearance of the library. An estimated three years later, Morris will be the "center of academic excellence" in accordance with the Southern at 150 plan.

Library officials will discuss the plans at two separate forums Tuesday.

Jim Fox, chair of the library building planning task force, said the current plans include group study areas and a coffee commons, but that they may change.

"It's not like all this stuff is set in concrete," he said. "One of the most important things that I want to emphasize is, while these plans are beginning to have some substance to them, they're still very much in flux."

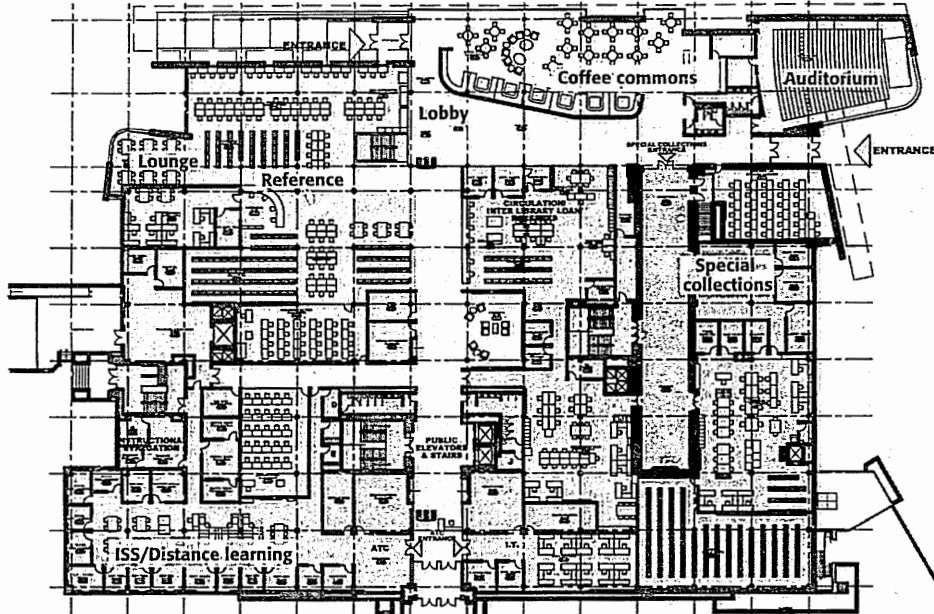
The current plans will expand the basement, first and second floors by 50,000 square feet. The rest of the library will be remodeled, and reorganized. Fox said the elevators would be moved for efficiency.

"Right now you come in and you don't know where you are really," he said. "The new layout with new elevators will able people to see where they are."

Fox said the President's Hall will house special collections and be used also for events and exhibits.

The classrooms and auditorium will be rebuilt on the first floor and be wheelchair accessible. The new classroom may include a computer lab and the auditorium will fit about 100 more people, said David Carlson, dean of Morris Library. The base-

The addition and renovation for Morris Library will likely exceed the state-appropriated \$29 million, but officials say they can find alternate sources to fund the project, scheduled to begin in Summer 2004.



A new look for Morris Library First-floor blueprint plans

ment will include bookshelves that fit close together and then mechanically move.

"There is a real emphasis on stacks, stacks and more stacks," Carlson said. "The basement is really the only floor in the library that from a structural engineering perspective can accommodate compressed shelving."

Coffee commons, including an

Internet café, will house computers and be open as a 24-hour study area and have connections for laptops.

"They put in the kinds of things you would find at Barnes & Noble, pastries and fruit," Carlson said. "They tend not to go into hamburgers, or any of that heavy stuff."

Although the project will cost more than the state-allotted \$29 million, library officials hope to raise

additional funds. A scale model of the library addition is on display in the President's Hall. Christine Stuepegia, associate director of the library, said that the comments thus far have been positive.

"Part of our mission statement, as reflected by Southern at 150, is to really make it the intellectual hub of the campus," she said. "It will make it a place that not only students and

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faculty can learn, but also to be a place they can really be proud of."

Reporter Lindsay Mastis can be reached at lmastis@dailyegyptian.com

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Amtrak maps plan to lure riders back

'Breath of fresh air' hopes to resurrect passenger service, keep repaired trains rolling from maintenance facility

Jon Hilkevitch
Chicago Tribune

BEECH GROVE, Ind. — Here lie the charred and twisted remains of Amtrak's City of New Orleans, a 14-car train that smashed into a truck in Kankakee County near Bourbonnais four years ago, killing 11 passengers.

On another track sit the crumpled double-decker coaches of Amtrak's Capital Limited — its windows boarded with plywood and the interior stripped — that left Chicago and derailed in Kensington, Md., last year.

Amtrak wrecks from around the country are hauled on "hospital trains" to this 100-year-old maintenance facility for repair. Yet over much of the last decade, reflecting Amtrak's moribund financial condition, the rail yard became a train graveyard.

Now Amtrak, a perennial victim of mismanagement and underfunding, is attempting to recover. The renewed activity at Beech Grove is a tangible example of Amtrak's strategy, which was detailed in a five-year plan released at the end of April to return more trains to service and lure travelers back to the rails.

For the first time in years, refurbished cars — shiny and mechanically sound on the outside, nicely appointed with new furniture, air-conditioning and other amenities on the inside — are starting to roll out of the massive train sheds at Beech Grove, which is near Indianapolis. It will take time. Fourteen wrecks are scheduled for repair by September, with about 90 other cars and locomotives waiting for their turn.

"When you walk into a car, the lighting, carpets, drapes, seat cushions and bathrooms will look like the 21st century instead of 1970," said Lew Wood, general manager of the facility. "All the safety equipment is being completely rebuilt and overhauled to brand-new condition."

The previous Amtrak leadership furloughed hundreds of mechanics, welders and other craftsmen at Beech Grove during the 1990s and halted repairs of wrecked locomotives and cars to save money. The move was part of a flawed strategy, imposed

by Congress, that the railroad would wean itself off federal subsidies by 2003. Former Amtrak CEO George Warrington made regular trips to Capitol Hill to report Amtrak was on a "glide slope to self-sufficiency."

That was not the case. Warrington's focus on stemming the red ink only cost Amtrak more customers and got it deeper into financial trouble because shutdown costs exceeded the savings, according to many industry experts. Excuses were offered in place of customer service.

"Congress told him Amtrak must turn a profit and Warrington said, 'OK, we'll make a profit,' even though he knew it was impossible," said one passenger rail industry expert, still angry over Warrington's purported progress reports to the government.

Amtrak officials acknowledge that the inventory of junked trains at Beech Grove and at Amtrak's repair shops in Bear, Del., was partially responsible for Amtrak's ridership remaining flat after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Many passengers too afraid to fly attempted to purchase Amtrak sleeping berths, at prices similar to or greater than airline seats, and to endure 18 hours on the train from Chicago to Washington and other routes. But Amtrak could not provide enough equipment.

Amtrak will be out of money again in October. The patience of the government and the traveling public has reached its thinnest point since Amtrak's creation 30 years ago after the freight railroads abandoned passenger service because they could not make money at it.

David Gunn, a transit turnaround artist who is completing his first year as president and chief executive officer of Amtrak, acknowledged there are

no guarantees his beleaguered operation will even exist a year from now. But under Gunn's direction, Amtrak is trying to show critics in the White House, Congress and governors' mansions that long-distance train service is a viable — and vital — component of the national transportation network. And that Amtrak is the right choice to get the job done.

"You cannot leave this operation in its current state, financially and physically, and have five more years' debate of people figuring out how they want to reform Amtrak," said Gunn, 66, a 40-year railroad man. "You just can't. Amtrak will croak. It will come completely apart."

Although he does not think Amtrak can survive without some kind of subsidy, Gunn is confident he can make the operation leaner and more efficient. He points out that both highway and air travel are heavily subsidized by the government.

His team is producing financial reports and income statements that government watchdog groups say represent major improvements over the fudged budget documents of the past. Runaway costs are being controlled. Productivity has risen.

The crews that repair train air brakes at Beech Grove are completing 1,400 a month, up from 520 brakes monthly, after the production facility and work rules were recently revamped, Wood said.

"They say we got a lot more work coming in. I hope it's true because this is a very stressful company to work for. You don't know how long you'll have a job," said Mike Lucas, 54, a car welder who has been laid off twice since 1990. Despite the uncertainties, Lucas called Beech Grove "a fun place filled with a great group of people. Experience, knowledge, talent — it's all here."

Experts, meanwhile, predicted Gunn would be more successful than his predecessors in getting support for funding increases in Congress, but that Amtrak will continue to walk a tightrope.

"Sen. (John) McCain has already said that Gunn is a breath of fresh air," said Ross Capon, executive director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers. "But that doesn't satisfy the question in some people's minds over whether what Gunn is managing is worth saving."

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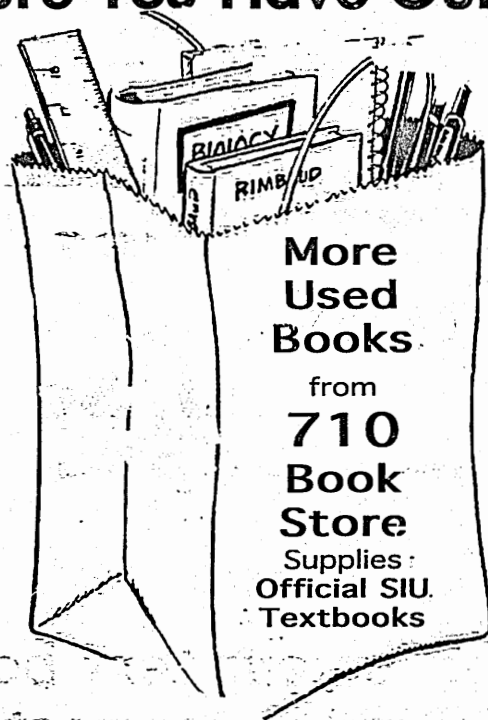
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Iraqi professors assess damage at war-ravaged Basra University

Aamer Madhani
Chicago Tribune

BASRA, Iraq (KRT)—Searching through the piles of smoldering trash and broken furniture in Basra University's gutted English department building, Haider Al-Bayati was able to recover a dozen books that had escaped the eyes of looters.

Amid the stack that Al-Bayati carried out of the building were copies of James Joyce's "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," William Shakespeare's "King Lear" and Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge/All My Sons" — tales he hoped to read while the school is closed for months.

But the prospect of reading time could not ease his anger over the condition of the university.

"Something has been boiling in my heart that I have been wanting to say," said Al-Bayati, an Arabic studies student. "Why? Why didn't the British troops help control this situation when they said they were coming as our friend?"

Like many of Iraq's primary and secondary schools, the ravaged university is in disarray and U.S. officials have said classes will not start until September.

British troops in Basra said there was little they could do to stop the looters and that they are now working with local officials to repair the battered schools and universities.

"There was heavy looting going on when we were engaged in full-scale fighting," said Maj. John Cotterill, a

soldier with the Irish Guard stationed in Basra. "We weren't going to risk any lives to chase down looters."

University professors returned to work April 26 to begin assessing the damage. They returned to halls filled with broken doors and offices where nearly everything of value was stolen.

All the filing cabinets in the office of Abdul Ibrahim, 50, professor of mathematics, had been turned over and his air conditioner and heating unit had been stolen.

But the looters left behind his furniture, stacked in a pile that was used as a ladder to reach his light fixture. And a painting that was affixed to the wall remains untouched.

Most departments at Basra University have begun appointing new deans under a process in which the faculty is voting for their leaders.

Under the old regime, the department heads were largely political appointments of members in good standing with the Baath Party. Faculty at the university said they would have the opportunity to vote for new university administrators.

One of the first professors to be appointed by his colleagues is Mohammed Jassim, 50, a charismatic chemistry instructor who was overwhelmingly selected to become the new science department dean.

He said that the end of the regime will mark the beginning of a renaissance in Iraq's academic community; professors and students will be able to travel worldwide for the first time in more than a decade.

"What was most complicated

for our department is that for years we have not been able to purchase new scientific instruments because of the sanctions," said Jassim, who was a well-known soccer player with the Basra city team as a young man. "These things will surely soon change."

Dhania Kassim, 51, also a professor in the science department, said she is optimistic that she and her colleagues will be able to speak freely without fear of reprisal.

She said her husband, Hamid Shaker, who was a professor of English drama at the university, was arrested in 1992 for speaking critically of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

A month after the arrest she received a letter from him in which he said he was being detained but that he was in good condition. Kassim said that was the last time she heard from him.

"In his note, he said that someday he will be free, and what happened to him will all be for the good of our people," Kassim said. "He sacrificed himself for this. I only hope that things will truly change."

But at the engineering college, professors were skeptical about the future of the college.

"How can we believe the British when they say things will be better," said a professor of materials, who declined to give his name. "We have a tank in front of the college, the buildings are destroyed, and there are no classes. This is a new method the British are using to colonize us again."

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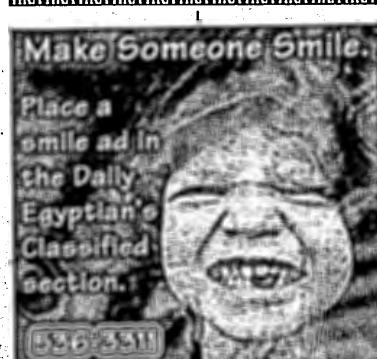
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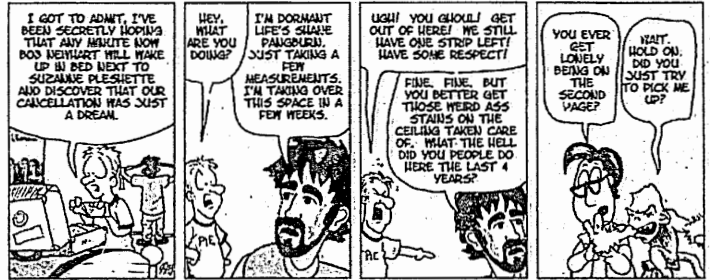
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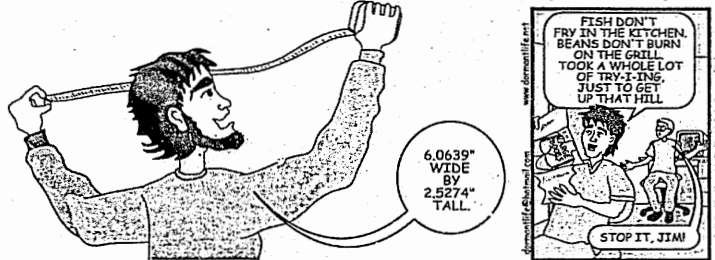
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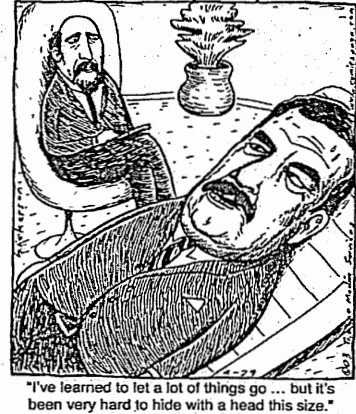
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (May 5). What you discover this year may partially contradict what you thought you knew. That's a little upsetting at first, but that's what happens when you grow.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You're lookin' good, but that won't get you what you want if you're being a jerk. Take the time to be considerate. It's a wise investment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Don't report gossip you hear, even if it's from a usually reliable source. It's a lot easier to hurt somebody's feelings than to patch things up again.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - It's not a good day to travel or to ask for a pay increase. Instead, look into ways to save money, and catch up on reading.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Show how wise you really are by being both strong and charming. Not everyone can do it, but you can.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Travel plans may be thwarted, or at least complicated. If you have the option, abort travel plans and save the money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're one of the best at adhering to the rules, so you may avoid getting into trouble. Set up a date with a friend for tonight. You'll be ready for relaxation.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't be late to an important event. Your absence would be noticed. You're the one who helps make sure everybody else gets along.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - A romantic moment could knock you off your schedule, eventually leading to trouble. If you're going to be late for your next appointment, better call ahead.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You've been working hard for your money, so don't waste it. Don't spend it on toys you don't need. You and your sweetheart can have more than enough fun for free.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You can struggle to make ends meet, or look at it as a game. The latter is recommended because (a) it's a lot more fun, and (b) you'll do a better job.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - You should pretty much know by now what the main problems are, so don't go over that again. It's time to get to work.

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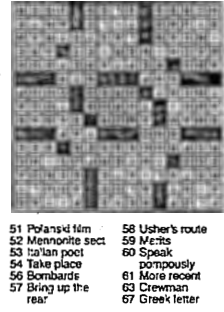
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- Light knock
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- God of love
- Epic tales
- Autobahn cruiser
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- Forum robe
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- Nabisco treat
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- Chickens
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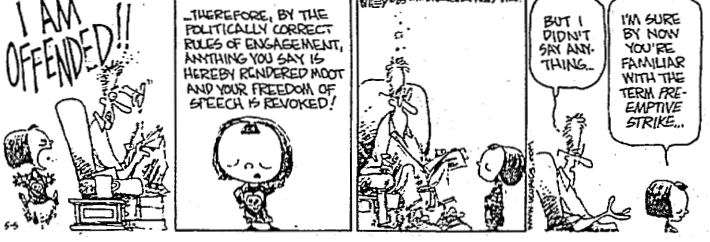
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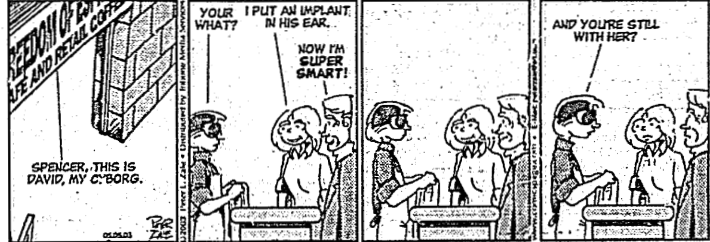
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Power outage

Saluki softball short-circuits league-leading Shocker offense

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Fourteen innings. Five hits. Two runs.

That's all the offense that Wichita State, the league's most potent squad, could muster against the SIU softball team in Saturday's doubleheader split.

The Shockers came in leading the league in batting average — 16 percentage points ahead of the second-place Salukis.

Solid Saluki pitching and defense combined to shackle the Shocker attack. Saluki hurler Amy Harre, who held Wichita State to one hit in a 1-0 loss in the first game, gave credit to her teammates who played behind her.

"I think our defense has been so solid all year," Harre said. "People are diving, making plays, coming up with slappers, [Jenny Doehring] and Haley [Vieffhaus] fielding the ball quick and throwing across the diamond."

"Everybody does their part, and I think the defense was just awesome today."

Haley Vieffhaus exemplified that when she made a scintillating diving catch in the second inning to draw a hearty round of applause from the more than 400 fans in attendance. Vieffhaus left her post at third base and dove toward home plate in full ground to snatch the ball just before it hit the



JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore Amy Harre fires in a pitch in the first game of the doubleheader against Wichita State Saturday at Charlotte West Stadium. Harre threw a one-hitter, but gave up one unearned run as she suffered the 1-0 loss.

ground, stealing an at-bat from her Shocker counterpart, Ashley Lynn.

But most of the strong defense was a compilation of routine plays executed to perfection.

Saluki pitching also played a huge role. The league's top two pitchers in earned run average, Harre and Renee Mueller, were able to control the Shockers despite control problems.

In game two, Harre and Mueller combined to hit two batters and walk two others, but their defense picked them up when they faltered.

"That's a confidence booster that you know you're team's still playing defense behind you and doing everything they can to help you out," Harre said.

Both pitching and the defense behind the pitchers were equally important, head coach Kerri Blaylock said.

"I think it was a combination of

pretty good pitching and defense, both," Blaylock said. "It was huge only to give up four hits to that team."

That lone run in the first game was unearned. Stephanie Scott drew a walk before the lone hit before a Lindsey Abbott bloop double into right-center allowed Scott to score the only run Wichita State would need.

Blaylock said a big part of the reason the Shockers were able to turn that one hit into a run and eventual victory was their strong tutelage.

"They're very strong offensively," Blaylock said. "They're just a very well-coached team. You could see what they did by scoring on one hit and how they scored, a walk and then they're running. Things like that are marks of a good team and a well-coached team."

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SOFTBALL

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enough for Wichita State (38-16, 16-9 MVC) because Shocker pitchers Lindsay Craig and Lindsey Lang combined to allow just three hits.

Wichita State left fielder Stephanie Scott drew a two-out walk to set up the Shockers' run.

The next hitter, second baseman Lindsey Abbott, cranked a pitch into right-center field and SIU outfielders Maria Damico and Lindsey Bonnell both made valiant efforts to catch the ball.

Damico dove and caught the ball, but it fell out of her glove as she hit the ground.

Scott and Abbott never stopped running and Scott — was waved home.

The Salukis executed a perfect relay and catcher Adie Vieffhaus had the ball in plenty of time to nail Scott at the plate.

But Scott never slowed down and ploved Vieffhaus, causing the ball to squirt away from the junior.

SIU had a golden opportunity in the bottom of the fifth inning with Damico at first and Adie Vieffhaus at the plate.

Adie Vieffhaus drove the pitch past the outfielders towards the right field wall, but Damico, one of SIU's fastest runners, waited too long to start running and was eventually gunned down at third.

Wichita State pitchers held their ground after that to give the Salukis just their 10th loss of the season.

Haley Vieffhaus said to lose a game in that fashion leaves the players in a sour mood and with a bad taste in their mouths.

"It was kind of one of those bad wins for them where they didn't really earn it as much as we kind of gave it to them," Vieffhaus said. "That's why we were upset after that game, but they did what they had to do to get a win so they deserve the credit."

Blaylock said it was a difficult way to lose a game, but said things

like that are just bound to happen over the course of a long season.

"It's tough, but when you're playing good caliber teams, it may only be something like that," Blaylock said. "It can go one way or another."

The second game was much better for the Salukis. They jumped out to a 2-0 lead behind RBI hits by Haley Vieffhaus and Katie Louis.

Vieffhaus said the team simply came out flat in the first game and Blaylock got on here players between games about not playing with the same intensity as they had all season.

The early lead proved to be just what the team needed to get back on track.

"It was important for us to do that to kind of get it in their heads that we're not just going to lay down and die for them," Vieffhaus said.

The Shockers would answer with a run of their own in the bottom of the third inning, but a third SIU run was too much. The Salukis won and clinched second place in the upcoming conference tournament.

Mueller picked up her 13th win of the season and Harre her fourth save as the two combined for a three hit, six-strikeout performance.

For the day, Wichita State tallied just four hits, which is amazing since the Shockers entered the series No. 1 in the conference in both hits and home runs.

Moore said being able to bounce back so quickly from a heartbreaking loss is something the team has done all year long and speaks volumes about the character of the team.

"We don't let things like that get us down; we come right back and we come back even harder," Moore said. "I think it shows a lot of integrity and a lot of discipline by our players to come right back."

The Salukis finished the season with a 35-10 record and 18-6 mark in MVC play.

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Joiner gives Diamond Dawgs series win

Christopher Morrill
Daily Egyptian

SIU junior starting pitcher Josh Joiner knew he would have to go deep into Saturday's game to help his team try and win the series.

The Salukis were already short two pitchers and after the team had split the first two games, Joiner needed to pitch with a lead deep into the oallgame.

Joiner lasted into the eighth inning and picked up the win for the SIU baseball team for a two-games-to-one series victory against Creighton.

"Early on, he wasn't very good," SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan said. "In the first inning he gave up some hard hit balls. In the second, I thought he was going to have trouble staying in this game."

Joiner (5-3) allowed two runs in the first, but was able to step the Bluejays' offense by not allowing any hits in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings before the

Creighton offense suddenly came back to life.

"I started making good pitches the last couple of innings," Joiner said. "I was getting kind of tired and trying to concentrate on saving the bullpen for the next day."

In the eighth, the Salukis (25-20, 16-10 Missouri Valley Conference) were up 9-2 when the Bluejays' bats woke up once again. An error, a triple, consecutive singles, a double and a single put together a five-run Creighton eighth.

Joiner lasted 7 1/3 innings, allowed 10 hits, seven runs, four earned with one walk and two strikeouts.

The Saluki bullpen came on and shut out the Bluejays (17-29, 11-12 MVC) for the rest of the game.

The Dawgs won the game 9-7 behind multiple-hit games by Greg Andrews (4), Sal Frisella (3), Toby Barnett (3), Josh Markle (3) and Matt Brewer (3).

SIU needed to see that kind of hitting after a game two beating at the hands of Creighton pitching.

Saluki offense mounted only one run on five hits while Creighton pounded out 11 runs on nine hits and chased SIU starter Bryan Rueger from the game after only 2 2/3 innings. Jim Vogel took one for the team and went the rest of the way, allowing five runs in 3 1/3 innings.

"We got our lunch handed to us in game one on Saturday," Callahan said. "We just got hammered. We didn't do anything well. We didn't pitch well. We didn't hit well. We didn't field it well."

Callahan said that after game one of the doubleheader, the team decided to pretend it had never happened and play the next game as such.

The Diamond Dawgs bullpen was depleted for the series because of a suspension of Adam Snyder for violation of team rules in Evansville and because Marshall Tucker missed the bus Thursday morning.

Despite the Salukis' pitching troubles, Joiner was not the only one to pitch well. SIU ace Jake

Alley was his same old dominating self.

Alley (6-2) went 7 2/3 innings in the 3-1 series-opening win. He allowed one run on eight hits with five walks and six strikeouts. He was even able to temper two rallies after walking the bases loaded twice and getting out of the jam both times.

Creighton pitcher Tom Oldham pitched a complete game, but he took the loss.

The series was scheduled for four games with a finale on Sunday, but rain caused the game to be canceled. According to league rules, the game cannot be rescheduled.

Even with the series win, the Salukis remain in second place, one game behind Southwest Missouri State (17-9, 29-19), but will play third-place Wichita State (13-11, 34-21) in a four-game series beginning Friday at Abe Martin Field.

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SIU track qualifies four more for NCAA's

With the NCAA Midwest Regionals lurking less than a month away, the SIU track and field team has increased the number of events it has qualified for to 10.

At this past weekend's Jessie Owens Classic held by Ohio State, the team nearly doubled its previous number.

Noa Beitler, who has already qualified for regionals in the 800-meter run, was at it again in the 1500m, placing third with a time of 4 minutes and

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25.21 seconds.

Inna Turvsky, a sophomore, hit the regional qualifying mark in the triple jump with a leap of 40-feet, which placed her sixth.

Katy Ritten also qualified in the shot put with a heave of 45-10.5 for eighth place overall. The toss was her best of her two-year career at SIU.

The recent increase pushes the total number of events qualified by the women to eight.

For the men, sophomore Eli Baker cruised to a qualifying time in the steeplechase. He finished in 9:10.37 for ninth place, which proved to be his best time in the event.

The men showed they have the ability to blaze some amazing times in the sprints. The 4x400m

relay squad of Maurice Moss, Kevin Mills, Marlin Priyo and Emmanuele Parris earned a fourth-place finish in 42.02.

Korto Dunbar, SIU's record holder in the 55m hurdles, showed she belonged among the top in the nation. She raced to a third-place finish in the 100m (11.94) and finished fourth in the 100m-hurdles (13.72).

Aside from the regionals, which are slated for May 31, the teams have to prepare themselves for the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which are just two weeks away.

For a longer version of this story, including thoughts from the coaches and athletes, log on to www.dailyegyptian.com.

Owens, Lusk may join Painter's staff

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Daily Egyptian

A source close to the SIU men's basketball team said new head coach Matt Painter may have found some replacements for those departing to join Bruce Weber at Illinois.

Assistant coach Chris Lowery will resign from his position this week to take the assistant coaching job at Illinois. To fill the hole, the source said SIU may hire former Saluki Paul Lusk and Eastern Illinois assistant Jack Owens.

Painter would not confirm whether the coaches are going to be hired. He said he is still doing background checks on potential assistants.

Owens served as an assistant at juco powerhouse Barton College in 2001 and was an interim head coach at Howard (Texas) Community College.

Eastern hired Owens in 2002 assist Rick Samuels. Painter also worked under Samuels' 1995-1998 before joining Weber at SIU.

Lusk, who transferred to SIU from Iowa in 1992, averaged 11.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game as a senior in 1994-1995.

The source said Rodney Watson, a 15-year assistant for the Salukis, is expected to stay at SIU.

Lusk and Owens could not be reached despite numerous attempts to contact them.

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Bruce Weber and Matt Painter

One last hurrah for two friends

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Former SIU head coach Bruce Weber, who took the Illinois position last Tuesday, led the Salukis to a 103-54 record in his five years at SIU. Matt Painter, Weber's right-hand man, was named his replacement Thursday. Zack Creglow of the DAILY EGYPTIAN recently sat down with both coaches.

Daily Egyptian: You realize that this was dead week? You two put us through hell.

Bruce Weber: For kids, I think it is better that it happened this week instead of next week because of finals. For our players' sake, it got done quickly and Matt was promoted. Now they don't have that turmoil and they can concentrate on the rest of the semester. I think [the SIU players] are all at ease compared to the Illinois kids who had change and didn't know what was happening. Anytime there is that unknown, then there is a fear factor.

DE: Coach Painter, what is the first hurdle you have to overcome now that you are coach?

Matt Painter: I think that whole transition of me coming here was the whole point so there wouldn't be a hurdle. We are going to be doing the same things and our players are comfortable. Now they can take care of their finals, which is the most important thing for them right now. They can also get prepared for summer school. This transition really helped [the players] because I don't have to hold a team meeting to talk about what changes this basketball program is going to do.

DE: Are you two going to travel together to [high school showcase tournaments] Nike and Adidas camp this summer?

MP: I don't think [Weber] has to carpool anymore. We hit different routes. He hits [Interstate] 74 and I hit 70.

DE: Students and alums on both campuses, especially at SIU, want to know when Illinois is going to come to the SIU Arena.

BW: I'll work on it. It isn't going to happen this year. We are basically already done with our schedule for this season. The problem is that [Illinois] has one neutral game versus Missouri and has one big game in Chicago. The rest are home games. The best opportunity for us to play is Chicago. But I have to do something good up there before they trust me to make a move like that.

DE: Coach Painter, are you going to hold Weber to what he said all those years when he was here? (Big schools being afraid to come to the SIU Arena)

MP: (Laughs) Well a lot of things have to happen first. There has to be a venue like he was saying with Chicago. We laugh about it and gripe about it here, but like what he said when he was at Purdue, you have to be smart about scheduling.

DE: Illinois has given you two gifts now, coach Weber. The first one with them taking [shooter] Sean Harrington over Kent Williams and now the job.

MP: Oh, good one.

BW: The Kent Williams thing was that they didn't have a scholarship. If so, he probably would have went there. Things happen for a reason and they happen for the best. For Kent, they happened for the best. I met Sean yesterday and he is a great kid and the teams won. But Kent was the stud. I truly believe, and I am going to push it, that Kent's number should be retired. Sean Harrington's isn't. They also gave me a job and I am thrilled about it.

DE: What is the tougher venue to play in, SIU Arena or Assembly Hall?

BW: Matt played at Assembly Hall and I've coached there...

MP: Assembly Hall is tough. They are loud when the students are there. But SIU Arena is rabid and crazy with the students right on top of you. They are both tough places to play.

BW: It also matters how many people are here. If you get 6,000 or 7,000 people here, it is like a full house because it is so compact. The Orange Krush has always been brutal. They have this system where they talk about the players. They ripped me, coach [Gene] Keady, Matt. Bill [Seif] did a great job there and I know they were up near the top for the longest winning streak.

DE: I think they lost to Michigan State.

BW: It couldn't have been Michigan State this year because Illinois beat them by 4,000.

MP: It was the year before.

BW: So they started the streak over, but I've teased them up there that SIU's was longer.

DE: What is worse, the Dawg Pound against Creighton or the Orange Krush?

BW: The Orange Krush is more organized and they have been there a longer time.



DE: And without naked blowup dolls. (Both laugh)

BW: The crowd here just went crazy toward the end of the year.

DE: It is kind of odd that you guys will both coach in two of the ugliest arenas there are.

BW: And they're both in Illinois. (Painter laughs).

DE: You Purdue guys just seem to run into these ugly arenas. (Both laugh)

MP: I think that you don't get upset for what you have because that is all you have. I've been in places where you have a high school gym. Sure these are domes that were built 30 to 40 years ago, but they are still great places to play.

BW: If you worry about what you don't have all the time, it just encompasses and controls you. There were a lot of things we didn't have, but we put up with it and did the best we could.

DE: But now you have the smell of manure to put up with.

BW: Oh my goodness. [Illinois] was so embarrassed when I went there. The winds were terrible and it was humid and the pig farm is right by the practice facility. I can't count how many people apologized. I said, "Hey, I lived in West Lafayette [Ind.]." My kids thought we were in Terre Haute [Ind.]. (Painter laughs)

DE: Would you consider yourselves similar in your coaching styles?

MP: We'll see. (Both laugh) I have not called a timeout yet.

BW: He has not done trap.

MP: [Weber's] SportsCenter highlight was to watch me do something other than bark at him.

DE: [Weber], you going from "What's a Saluki?" to people griping about Chief Illiniwak.

BW: I've been a Hilltopper, Boilermaker, a Saluki and now an Illini. No cats, dogs, tigers; it has been different each time.

DE: Both of you have had more media attention than you could ever fathom, how much? More ruthless was the Chicago media than the local ones?

BW: A lot more. I know [the DAILY EGYPTIAN] has won some great awards and I think the staff here and I feel you have done it with a passion. In a way, I've read some of the columns and it

seems like you guys were fans and now you are a part of all of it. I've said it before (laughs) that you guys were key in the [March 1] Creighton game. It helped create the hatred. You caused some controversy with some stuff over the season and I had to apologize for it. But with the Chicago media, they are very organized and I get all of this advice about no matter how nice I am, it matters if I win. People have said don't even try to be nice to them.

DE: Coach Weber, what color were those boxers when media showed up at your house? No one can remember.

BW: [Excitedly] Blue. A couple of [DE reporters] backed up when I opened the door. I was trying to scramble to get a shirt on because I didn't know what in the heck was going on.

DE: I heard it was an impressive physique. (Both laugh)

BW: I was holding back dogs, kids were screaming...

DE: Coach Painter, you and the Salukis are going to Norway for a tournament at the end of the summer, how much of the benefit will that be for you?

MP: That is going to be better for me than it will be for the guys.

BW: You are going to Finland and Sweden.

MP: Norway is close.

BW: The whole point to the trip was that you are losing Kent and Jermaine [Dearman] and to get some of the younger guys experience. Illinois is going to. Well, I've asked to go. Not to the same one.

DE: Well, with Illinois losing Big Ten Player of the Year Brian Cook and SIU losing Williams and Dearman, who is better off?

BW: They have good young guys and we have good young guys. SIU will be predicted to finish second or third in the [Missouri Valley] conference. Maybe fourth or fifth now with a new coach (chuckles at his own joke).

MP: No, that should work to our advantage with scheduling. I will call up all the guys who said no and tell them that Bruce Weber is gone and they hired some young guy.

DE: Coach Weber, I read that [sophomore-to-be] center James Augustine called you "hyper."

BW: [Excitedly] I am hyper. Have you ever been around me? I am as hyper as a jackrabbit.

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Salukis seal up second place in MVC

SIU softball splits
doubleheader
Saturday vs. WSU

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Daily Egyptian

True to her word, Kendra Moore did not cry.

The SIU outfielder, along with fellow seniors Katie Kloess and Renee Mueller, had their careers honored following the Salukis doubleheader Saturday against Wichita State in the season's final series.

The two teams split the doubleheader at Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field with the Shockers winning the first game 1-0 and SIU taking the second game 3-1. Sunday's season finale was rained out.

While Kloess and Mueller, along with some of their teammates broke into tears during the post-game ceremony, Moore stood strong and while her eyes were red at a point, never broke down.

"I didn't cry," Moore said proudly following the ceremony. "I was so happy that it wasn't like I needed to cry. I was in a good mood."

Junior third baseman Haley Viezhaus said the senior festivities always get to her because of how



Junior Lindsey Bonnell steals second base in the first game of the doubleheader against Wichita State Saturday afternoon at Charlotte West Stadium. Bonnell was injured on the play when she took a blow to the head, but she remained in the game.

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much she cares for her teammates.

"It's just sad because you don't ever want to see anybody go," Viezhaus said. "You just wish you could take this team and just keep going with it forever so it's sad. I'm a lot closer with these seniors because they're one year above me."

"I kind of look at it and be like

oh my God, that's going to be me next year."

The No. 25 Salukis had hoped to sweep the two games for their seniors, but after losing the first, just wanted to win the second, so that the atmosphere could be positive for the ceremony.

Moore emphasized she never

wants to lose, but said if the Salukis had to lose a game Saturday, she was glad it was the first one.

"If we were going to lose, lose the first one because it made the ceremony a lot more fun," Moore said with a smile. "I think we were a lot more relaxed and we could enjoy it a lot more."

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Amy Harre threw a magnificent game, yet was still saddled with the loss.

Harre (20-8) pitched a complete game one-hitter, but an unearned run scored in the fourth inning was

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Painter hits ground running

New head coach
swamped with calls,
e-mails, work

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

Only one day after he was named the next head coach at SIU, Matt Painter was experiencing the toils of being the man in charge.

He arrived in his office Friday at his usual time of 9 a.m. after staying in the SIU Arena until 2:30 a.m. that morning. Painter had spent 12 hours — 2:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. — returning calls and about 100 e-mails from well-wishers.

But that task was still not done.

His desk was littered with about 100 small sheets of pink paper that read "important message."

People he has not heard from for 10 years are suddenly calling him to offer their support, recommend someone be his assistant or ask for a job on his staff. Painter wants to get

back to all of them but has no idea where some of those people are.

Bruce Weber was also making his final cameo in the SIU basketball office, so the phones were lighting up non-stop for both men. Chris Lowery, the former assistant coach who will join Weber in Champaign, was used as an emergency secretary at times.

Visibly stressed at the time an interview was requested, Painter sat back in his chair in an attempt to gather his composure.

"This is not human," Painter said, looking around his office and at his cluttered desk. "It's like a switchboard if you work at AT&T."

"It's tough, but it's what you want. Be careful what you ask for, you might just get it."

His dream was always to be a head coach and because of this, Painter will not complain about his workload. But he is still adjusting to all the minor details he was able to ignore when he was just an assistant.

"When you're an assistant, some-

times you shut yourself off to some things in the program and you just worry about your responsibilities," Painter said.

"But when you're head coach, you gotta get your hands on everything and you've got to know everything."

When Weber took the helm five years ago, he and Painter spent the first year averaging 5-6 hours of sleep, and Painter expects his first year to be similar.

Weber, who cleaned out his office permanently Saturday and will move into an office that is "1,000 times bigger," knows what is in store for Painter. But he said his former assistant will be able to handle it, and Weber trusts Painter to continue what he started five years ago.

"I'm so happy for Matt and even more happy for the players because think we started something special," Weber said. "Now, I think it will be good continuity with Matt, and I feel good for the kids. They're happy."

After he returns calls for what



SIU men's basketball head coach Matt Painter meets with a Saluki fan after being named the new head coach Thursday afternoon. Since then Painter has been adjusting to all the minor details he was able to ignore when he was an assistant.

he expects to be another few days, Painter will have to attend to recruiting, planning a trip to a foreign country, finding his new assistants and begin thinking about the start of next year's season.

But before any of that, he has the extra responsibility of his wedding, now only a few weeks away, and the time commitment of the ensuing honeymoon.

"It doesn't stop. It's not going to stop. We're not going to catch our breath until a year from now, but that's what I want," Painter said.

"I've worked to this point and I've got a break, and now I gotta make the most of it."

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