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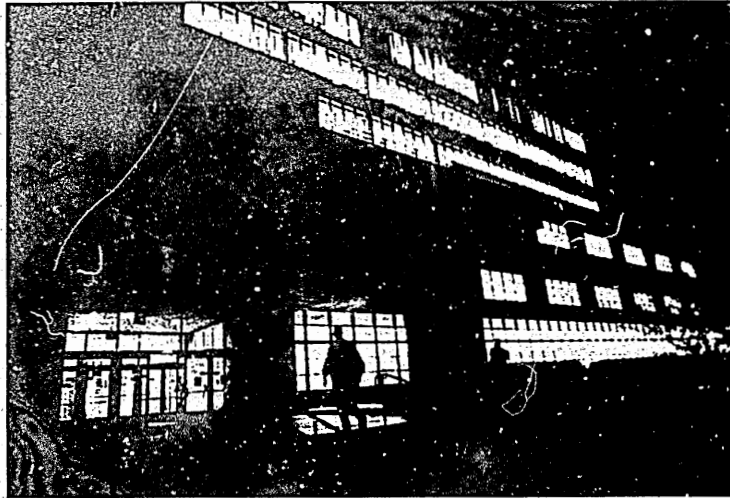
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JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

24-hour access to Morris Library was made official Monday by Library Affairs Dean Carolyn Snyder and several others involved in the project.

24-hour cramming convenience

Opening of all-night library floor comes unannounced

RYAN KEITH
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

The wait for 24-hour access to Morris Library ended Sunday with an opening that would demand respect from even the most strict librarian.

The library officially opened the first 24-hour access floor at a press conference at the library Monday afternoon. But that announcement came after the unofficial and unannounced opening Sunday at 11 p.m.

After a three-month wait for the floor to open that began at the beginning of this semester, Library Affairs Dean Carolyn Snyder said the decision to open without public notification was a calculated one.

"We decided that since it was Sunday night and students were just coming back from home. We wanted a trial run," Snyder said. "We had put on the doors the new hours. But just like department stores have a quiet opening and then a grand opening, we wanted to test everything and make sure it worked."

Snyder was one of several SIUC administrators and students who spoke at the opening Monday.

Undergraduate Student Government President Kristie Ayres, and Graduate and Professional Student Council President Michael Speck were among those who thanked the many library staff members and students involved in the project. Each speaker received a large key to commemorate the event.

The first floor is now open 24 hours Monday through Thursday, closed at midnight Friday and open from 7:45 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. All other floors of the

library will be closed at 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Most facilities and services of the first floor and the circulation desk will be available to patrons, but those will not include transactions involving money, including paying fines or purchasing materials from the Self Instruction Center.

Access to the library will be restricted to students, faculty and staff and holders of library courtesy cards. Valid ID cards will be needed for entry.

"We opened the first floor quietly last night and some students just stayed..."

—CAROLYN SNYDER
LIBRARY AFFAIRS DEAN

Library users will be able to park in Lot 6 north of the library during extended hours provided they have a parking decal of any color but green. Guest permits can be received at the library's Circulation Desk with the guest's name, social security number and license plate number.

Vice Chancellor for Administration James Tweedy, whose staff was in charge of providing the new parking arrangements, said the 24-hour access was worth the extra effort.

"The winners, I think, are going to be the undergraduate students and the faculty," Tweedy said. "People can come here now with work at night, and they have access to as much material as they need. That's why

we're all here." The announcement to open the floor to 24-hour access came after several delays. After proposing this summer to open the library's first floor; full-time Sundays through Fridays, the plan was postponed from its scheduled Aug. 24 opening date because of the ordering and installing of security equipment and hiring of additional staff.

The library announced plans this summer to close all floors but the first floor at 11 p.m. Security measures such as special locks, panic bars, key systems and ID scanners were ordered to ensure the project would be feasible.

The library also hired additional staff to work the extra hours on the first floor, providing assistance at the reserve desk and in equipment use.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost John Jackson said restrooms installed on the first floor created the biggest cost at more than \$100,000. Jackson said continuous operation of the plan would cost the University about \$90,000 annually.

Despite the delays, Jackson said the opening showed another step in making the University more student friendly.

Although the floor has been open under the new plan less than two days, Snyder said the future is bright for its success.

"We opened the first floor quietly last night, and some students just stayed in the Undergraduate Library, and a couple stayed until 6 a.m.," Snyder said. "We're pretty excited, and we think we have the glitches out of the systems."

State officials election primer

JAY SCHWAB AND
BURKE SPEAKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Lt. Governor

Democrat Mary Lou Kearns and Republican Corinne Wood are both vying for the chance to be the first female lieutenant governor. Both candidates plan to use the historically inactive position to focus on health care issues.

Kearns, who served as Kane County Coroner for 22 years, promises to promote health care as a key point of her agenda. She would also head the Commission on the Status of Women, a temporary committee gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard promises to make permanent.

For Wood, interest in health care is personal. She underwent a mastectomy last year and has been in remission from breast cancer for 15 months. Wood, who was handicapped by Republican gubernatorial hopeful George Ryan, says she will focus on making mammograms more affordable and accessible for women.

Secretary of State

Jesse White, D-Chicago, has a 16-year career as a legislator as well as a five-and-a-half year stint as Cook County recorder of deeds. However, he may be best known for sponsoring a tumbling program for inner-city children.

White plans on bringing new license plates to Illinois if elected, as well as implementing child safety and tutoring programs.

Al Salvi, R-Mundelein, was the Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in 1996 but lost after being labeled an extremist conservative.

He believes White's plan for new plates would "raid the road funds" and thinks some of the budget surprises should be appointed toward new plates. Salvi

also would like a special set of plates called "License Plates for Education."

Attorney General

Jim Ryan, R-Bensenville, is running for his second term as attorney general.

Considered to be tough on crime, the 52-year-old Ryan's most prestigious accomplishment may be Illinois' adoption of truth-in-sentencing laws.

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The campaign of Miriam Santos, D-Chicago, has been marred by a federal investigation into her fund-raising tactics.

She earned a master's degree at Northwestern University and has gained previous political experience as Chicago city treasurer beginning in 1989.

Treasurer

Incumbent Republican Judy Baar Topinka believes combining the office of treasurer with the comptroller's office would be a prudent way to eliminate bureaucracy.

Topinka, a resident of Riverside, describes herself as "cheap" and says she is proud of the \$1.4 billion the state has earned in interest during her tenure as treasurer.

Democratic challenger Daniel McLaughlin of Orland Park has been critical of a deal in which Topinka offered \$40.3 million in loans to two politically connected hotels — loans that were later halted by Attorney General Jim Ryan and have been described by critics as a "sweetheart deal."

McLaughlin has proposed to increase aid to farmers as well as minority-owned businesses and says he views the office as a means to offer financial advice to interested citizens.

He opposes Topinka's merger proposal until the matter is studied more thoroughly.

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Polling Places On Or Near Campus

Grinnell Hall - Towers and University Park residents (precinct #23)
Lantz Hall - Thompson Point and Greek Row residents (precinct #25)
Evergreen Terrace activity room, building 150 (precinct #24)
Newman Center, 715 Washington St. (precinct #22)
University Hall, 1101 S. Wall St. (precinct #21)

Students vote based on where they live and must go to the correct station to vote.
If students are unsure of where to vote, they can call the County Clerk at 549-5302.
Polling places are listed on TV cablevision channel 14.



By Eddie Schwartz, Daily Egyptian

Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

• A Carbondale resident reported that his vehicle was broken into between 10:45 p.m. Saturday and 10:10 a.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of East Grand Avenue. The victim reported that someone entered his pickup truck by breaking the passenger's side window and took a compact disc player and compact disc. Carbondale Police have no suspects in the incident, and loss is estimated at \$900.

• At 7:18 p.m. Sunday the owner of Bloomington Auto Body Shop, 710 N. Washington St., reported that three cars were burglarized. In-dash-board stereos were removed from each vehicle, and police said there were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects and there is no estimated loss in the incident.

• Amy D. Likins, 24, of Murphyboro was arrested at 1:57 a.m. Sunday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after she was stopped on Pleasant Hill Road. Likins posted a cash bond and was released.

UNIVERSITY

• A vehicle was broken into between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 2:30 a.m. Saturday while it was parked in the 700 block of East Grand Avenue. The victim reported that someone broke into the trunk of her vehicle and removed a book bag, text books and a calculator. Loss in the incident is estimated at \$160.

• Kevin Davis, 27, of Carbondale was arrested at 12:40 a.m. Friday along Greek Row on a charge of having a concealed stun gun in his vehicle. University Police were interviewing Davis about another incident when they found the stun gun. Davis was taken to Jackson County Jail pending an appearance before a judge.

• An SPC faculty member reported that a laptop computer was stolen between Oct. 27 and Wednesday from the C-wing of the Technology Building. University Police have no suspects in this incident.

Corrections

In the Oct. 14 issue of the Daily Egyptian article titled "Faculty Senate passes raise resolution" a quote which read the administrative raises were "a slap in the face" to the faculty should have been attributed to Assistant Professor Mark Schneider. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

TODAY

• Fall Clean Up Day needs assistance with yard work for area home owners, Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jess 457-4151.

• Carbondale Public Library needs strong volunteers to move furniture for re-carpeting of library, until Nov. 16, Connie 457-0354.

• International Coordinates Baptist Student Ministries Center international students free lunch, every Tues. 11:30 to 1 p.m., 825 W. Main St., July 457-2898.

• Women Services group screenings beginning now for assertiveness and self-esteem groups, bi-racial support groups, women's career group, gay and bisexual men's group, women's body image group, sexual assault support group and women loving women group, call Women's Services 453-3655.

• Black Student Ministers afternoon prayer, every Tues., 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center Activity Room C, Tiffany 549-1941.

• SPC Films general meeting, every Tues., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Student Center Activities Room C, Heather 536-3393.

• Pre-Law Association meeting, Nov. 3, 5 p.m., Illinois Room, Todd 549-7515.

• SPC Travel general interest meeting, 5 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A, Nicole 536-3393.

• University Career Services basic resume writing and cover letters, 5 p.m., Lawson 131, Jane or Kelley 453-2391.

Saluki Calendar

• SPC Comedy Committee meeting, every Tues., 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B, Carla 536-3393.

• Student Orientation Committee meeting to have fun with the orientation staff, 6 p.m., Student Center Activity Room D, Dave 351-6508.

• Block Affairs Council programming committee meeting, every Tues., 6:30 p.m., BAC Office Student Center, Shari 453-2534.

• Ananda Margi Yoga Society beginners yoga postures, body massages, meditation techniques and other relaxation methods, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Student Rec. Center Assembly Room, Aaron 529-4374.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon coed business fraternity general meeting new members welcome, every Wed. 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Amy 351-1367.

• Gamma Beta Phi Society general meeting, Nov. 4, 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Erin 549-5527.

• Egyptian Divers meeting with presentation of "Dangerous Marine Life", Nov. 4, 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 529-2840.

• SPC News and Views committee meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Student Center SPC Office, Derrick 536-3343.

• School of Music Altgeld Performing Artist Series, Nov. 4, 7 p.m. dessert lecture 8 p.m. concert, Shryock Auditorium, adults \$6.50, students, children, and seniors \$3, Bob 453-7318.

• Undergraduate Student Government senate meeting, Nov. 4, 7 p.m., Ballroom B Student Center, 536-3381.

Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• Museum Student Group all majors welcome, Nov. 4, noon, Famer 2469, Amy 453-5388.

• Model U.N. informational meeting, Nov. 4, 5 p.m., Corinth Room Student Center, Scott 457-2837.

• French Club showing "Indochine", Nov. 4, 5 p.m., Famer Language Center Room 1125, French TA's office 453-5415.

• Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends general meeting, Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m., Thebes Room, GBF 453-5151.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon coed business fraternity general meeting new members welcome, every Wed. 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, Amy 351-1367.

UPCOMING

• Saluki Volunteer Corps Little Tykes Gymtime needs assistance during gym time with scheduled activities, Nov. 4, Dec. 9, 9:45 a.m. to 11 a.m., LIFE Center Lock-in needs assistance with scheduled activities, Nov. 6-7, 7 p.m. to 10 a.m., Sara 549-4222, Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis needs assistance with pre-registration, marking of race course etc., Nov. 7, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., John A. Logan College, Paula 618-252-0394, Carbondale Main Street Design Committee needs assistance with planning autumn flowers, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. to noon, Pavilion area downtown Carbondale, 453-5714.

• Christian Apologetics Club answering questions about Christianity, every Wed., 12 p.m., Corinth Room Student

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Southern Illinois forecast

TODAY:
Showers
High: 55
Low: 45

WEDNESDAY:
Mostly cloudy
High: 52
Low: 36

THURSDAY:
Mostly cloudy
High: 46
Low: 35

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Dancers to heat up function

ON FIRE: Group will perform at Black Affairs Council leadership conference this week.

ASTARIA L. DILLARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

New Black Fire Dancers member Toni Nelson will perform for the first time at this week's Black Leadership Conference, scheduled from Nov. 5 to Nov. 7.

Nelson, who has not danced in front of an audience since high school, said she is excited about moving the crowd again with the stylish, high-energy, routines Black Fire Dancers is known for performing.

"It's been fun being a member of BFD (Black Fire Dancers)," Nelson, a sophomore in biological sciences from Chicago, said. "It was everything I expected. I'm looking forward to our first show."

Black Fire Dancers is a group of African-American female SIUC student-dancers, although male students occasionally perform in the group. The group showcases a variety of dances, such as jazz, African and modern.

Black Fire Dancers is a Registered Student Organization that has existed on campus since the mid-'70s. The organization performs at various RSO-sponsored events and also serves as a source of entertainment for SIUC students.

Besides entertaining the campus, Black Fire Dancers also performs for the community.

Ha'Niyah Ali, a senior in marketing from Chicago, has been a member of Black Fire Dancers for three years. She said group members are doing everything they can to prepare new dancers for the upcoming show.

"The group has been having extra practices to be prepared for the conference," Ali said. "We're trying to show the new girls some of the old routines."

Along with learning older routines, freshmen Black Fire Dancers members are learning newer, more complicated dance moves. Third-year member Dana Barber, a graduate student in rehabilitation counseling from Chicago, said the group's style of dance has changed dramatically during the past two years.

"Our routines have gotten harder," Barber said. "We've offered different styles of dancing, such as African, spiritual and jazz dances."

Nelson is pleased with the variety of



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Toni Nelson, a sophomore in biological sciences from Chicago, and new member of the Black Fire Dancers, is happy with the variety of different dance styles she is able to perform with the group. The Black Fire Dancers' first performance will be at the BAC leadership conference Thursday at the Student Center.

Inspiring tomorrow's leaders

MOTIVATION: Black Leadership Conference prepares students for future.

THORRIE T. RAINEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Ninth Annual Black Leadership Conference promises to equip students with the elements essential to become leaders in the rapidly approaching millennium.

The leadership conference, sponsored by the Black Affairs Council, teaches students the importance of seeing themselves as an essential key in the new millennium. Last year, the conference featured speakers such as author Kevin Powell and Baptist Minister Osagyfo Sekou.

"This year's conference 'Heroes for the New Millennium,' will be taking place at the Student Center Thursday, Nov. 5 through Saturday, Nov. 7.

Speakers featured in this year's conference will provide students with diverse forms of motivation. Kathleen Neal Cleaver, a professor, activist and author, will speak at the event.

Cleaver, a Yale Law School graduate, established the International Section of the Black Panther Party. She has also written a memoir entitled, "The Memories of Love and War."

Sonia Sanchez, noted poet and activist, will also address students during the conference. Sanchez, author of the award-winning book, "Honeygirls" and "Handgrenades" has been recognized as one of the most important figures in

African-American literature.

The conference will also feature Ayinde Jean Baptiste, an orator and motivational speaker. Baptist gained national attention when he spoke at the Million Man March.

He has lectured throughout the United States and Africa and has also appeared on numerous radio and television programs including, "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

The conference has been broken down into three days to allow students a chance to listen to every speaker and take part in all of the events.

The conference will begin on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. with the sounds of the Voices of Inspiration Choir and a performance by the Black Fire Dancers.

Friday, Nov. 6 is the continental breakfast and the beginning of the workshops featuring Sanchez, Baptiste and the Midwest Step-down Competition.

Saturday, Nov. 7 will contain another breakfast and workshops featuring Cleaver and a performance by Vanity Fashion Fair Models and will end with a BACLC party. The cost of the conference is \$35.

More than 300 students from universities such as Morehouse, Alabama A&M and Spelman College are registered to attend. The conference will give students a

REGISTER

• For registration information contact the Black Affairs Council at 453-2534 or send e-mail to back@siu.edu.

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Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Carbondale man arrested after firing shots into forest

Carbondale Police arrested an area man Saturday evening after he was seen firing a handgun into a forest north of Owens Street.

Breck Calhoun, 17, of Carbondale was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm at 11:35 p.m. after residents in the area reported that he was firing shots into a forest toward the Carbondale Mobile Homes.

Calhoun was at a party next door to his residence when he fired the shots, police said. Residents reported he fired between six and nine shots.

Calhoun was taken to Jackson County Jail.

—David Ferrara

Residence halls burglarized during Halloween break

University Police are investigating four residence hall burglaries that occurred during the fall recess without forced entry.

Three of the four burglaries reportedly occurred in East Campus.

A resident of East Campus reported that between 2 p.m. Thursday and 10 p.m. Saturday someone entered his room and removed items worth about \$2,500. Police have no suspects in this incident.

Roommates in East Campus reported that between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and midnight Sunday someone entered their room, stole personal items and ransacked the room. Loss in this incident is estimated at \$22. There are no suspects in this incident.

An East Campus resident reported that between 9:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10 p.m. Sunday personal items and cash with an estimated value of \$115 were removed from his room. Police have a suspect in this incident, but the name was not released.

Two roommates at a residence hall reported at 8:50 p.m. Sunday that between 2 a.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Sunday someone entered their room and removed items valued at \$400.

—David Ferrara

WORLD

MEXICO CITY

At least 360 dead, 1,900 missing in mudslides

Rescue workers in northwest Nicaragua said Sunday that mudslides triggered by tropical storm Mitch had killed at least 360 people. As many as 1,900 people were missing.

Overall, the confirmed death toll in Central America and southern Mexico from Mitch, once the fourth most powerful Atlantic hurricane of the century, was close to 1,000.

With more rain in the forecast, the impoverished region was bracing for further death and destruction. In some villages, floodwaters reached telephone polls, and roads and bridges were wiped out.

In northwest Nicaragua, the rescue workers had recovered 330 bodies from mudslides in the shadow of the Casita volcano. The slopes of the volcano apparently gave way, crushing down on the ramshackle villages. Local radio had reported that up to 4,000 people had been buried alive in the disaster on Saturday. Aide workers questioned the figure, noting that villages in the volcano zone had been evacuated days earlier.

Leonora Rivera, a Red Cross spokeswoman in Managua, the nation's capital, said rescue workers were recovering bodies "by the moment."

In a telephone interview Sunday afternoon, Rivera said that 1,900 people were still missing in the villages surrounding the volcano, about 50 miles northwest of Managua. "We are certain that the number of dead will go up considerably."

—from Daily Egyptian News Services

Professor's death a loss to University

DEVOTED: Russian language instructor remembered for dedication to family, students.

RYAN KEITH
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Molly Edwards never wanted to accept the thought of losing her husband a year-and-a-half ago. Now she knows she never has to feel alone again.

Molly Edwards, academic adviser for SIUC's College of Applied Sciences and Arts, lost her husband, Bob Edwards, at age 48 to a 16-month battle with a brain tumor on Oct. 15. Bob left behind Molly and three children, James, 16, Charlie, 12, and Hannah, 9.

The loss was an exceptionally emotional one for the campus community, especially because Bob was the head of the Russian section in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature.

After suffering with Bob through five surgeries and two experimental brain treatments, Molly said his passing helped end her pain because he could rest in peace. For Molly, Bob's memory goes far beyond an emotional loss of a loved one.

"He was an excellent scholar and an excellent teacher," Molly said. "But foremost, he was an excellent human being, and as a result of that, he was the kind of father, husband and friend that he was."

Edwards was born Nov. 11, 1949, in Austin, Texas. He graduated with a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1973, a master's in Russian literature and language in 1981 and a doctorate in comparative literature in 1988.

After serving as an assistant instructor in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at Texas from 1981 to 1985, Edwards came to SIUC as a lecturer in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literature in 1988. He was named an associate professor and the head of the Russian sec-

tion in 1990, and he was given tenure by the University in 1996.

Beyond the scope of losing a man at a young age to such a tragedy, there is a story of a group of young heroes that made Bob's death a little more bearable under trying circumstances.

Many people in the congregation of his church, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale, worked with Bob's colleagues at the University to make the last year of his life as pleasant as possible.

Two essential members of the support



EDWARDS

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Our Word

Get out and punch a ballot today

Voting gives citizens a way to be part of the political process and is the easiest and most effective way to influence public policy. Sadly, it is a gift that too many of us take for granted. Overall, as a society, we trust and assume that government will work efficiently and effectively, but we do very little to ensure that it properly addresses our needs and demands.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN encourages all registered voters to go to the polls and vote today. As U.S. citizens, it is not only our privilege to vote, but also our patriotic duty.

On this election day, our votes can make a difference and bring real change to the University and Southern Illinois. Students concerned about issues such as technology and financial aid should make their voices heard at the polls.

The only problem is that a majority of college students do not participate in the political process.

Studies have shown that older voters turn out at election day. They are going to vote for their issues — usually ignoring the needs and demands of students. Why? Because they are more concerned with issues that hit closer to home, such as health care and taxes.

Students already have witnessed that their vote can make a difference. In the 1997 City Council

election, students showed up to the polls and voted for the candidates that they thought would best represent them.

Changes in the bar-entry age and towing fees were results of student participation in the political process.

Southern Illinois citizens also can use this election to give their region a voice in Springfield. Key victories could change the leadership within the General Assembly and provide Southern Illinois representatives a chance to stray from towing the party line.

Imagine that — the democratic process serving its intended purpose of working for constituents instead of party leaders.

Students and citizens alike should study the campaign platforms of the candidates and consider the issues that affect them. If you are unsure about where a candidate stands on issues, you can refer to recent issues of the EGYPTIAN. Our election graphics for the gubernatorial and local races list where the candidates stand on the larger issues in this election.

Read, study and analyze this election. Make informed decisions and vote for what you believe in. Ignorance and apathy are not synonyms for excuse and fault.

EGYPTIAN endorses incumbent sheriff

The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to endorse Democrat Bill Kilquist for sheriff of Jackson County. We appreciate his no-nonsense approach to law enforcement. He is not afraid to take a risk to do what he can to protect citizens and punish criminals. For example, he has stopped Jackson County funded medical visits for prisoners and requires prisoners to spend their own money for medical trips.

Kilquist has the necessary experience in dealing with students and the community. The EGYPTIAN also appreciates Kilquist's unique perspective on the Southern Illinois prison industry and the problems that accompany it.

He takes the concerns of the citizens very seriously and has a proven record in investigations and resolving conflicts. He is the right man for the job.

Mailbox

Kudos for the story on Shepard vigil

Dear Editor,
Kudos to Angie Royer for her coverage of the vigil for Matthew Shepard Tuesday, October 21. I wasn't able to attend, but something Kendra Swezey said struck close to my heart. In an attempt to rationalize the tragedy, she said, "the only reason for these deaths is the one aspect in the victim's life which they have no control over."
It made me think about how when an alcoholic, who is powerless over alcohol takes out a family of six, we don't string him or her up. It's my opinion that Matthew Shepard probably tried to be "normal," at one time. Another modern day martyr. Do not clench the siphonizer and thump the Bible. Fear and hate are not new family values!

Michael J. Szymanski, senior, photography

The EGYPTIAN is wrong about Rainbow

Dear Editor,
The Currents section of the Oct. 22 Daily Egyptian regarding the Rainbow Gathering ("Welcome Home") was seriously misguided. The article depicted the Rainbow Gathering as a positive, healthy event/lifestyle.

This is WRONG, people.
The Rainbow Gathering is in no way a positive event for anyone. Allow me to explain exactly what is wrong with Rainbow.
First of all, the way these scumbags treat their children is horrific. For example, to my knowledge the Rainbow children are not vaccinated for any diseases. This lack of vaccination could realistically bring back once-defeated diseases like smallpox and polio. I certainly haven't heard of any holistic medicine program that can cure the bubonic plague.

Second, these crusters contribute nothing to society. They leech off of working people, yet claim to hate people who have jobs. I hate to tell "Ben" this, but "Jimba the dumpster god" does not fill those dumpsters. People who are productive members of society fill those dumpsters. The world of the working people is referred to as "Babylon" — implying a bad place, yet these dirtballs frequently venture into it to panhandle money. I work on the Strip and panhandling increases by about 350% when the Rainbow is in town. If they really don't believe in a money-driven system, what do they need to panhandle change for?

Another strike against the Rainbow is these people's disregard for other people's sense of smell. Many Rainbows claim that their scent is "natural and beautiful." Well, in my world "Jimba the god of showering and deodorant" rules. When a Rainbow person enters my place of work, the customers literally gag at the smell some of these crusters put out.

Lastly, these people are on DOPE. A lot of white, suburban, rich kids join Rainbow because they get tired of their wealthy parents telling them to go to drug counseling. These criminals manage to elude law enforcement because they don't pay taxes and have no place of residence.

If there was only a way to find out how much they owe and make them pay, I would be happy. Frankly, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if some of these so-called ex-hippies are dealing controlled substances at grade schools to support their habits.

Keep in mind that these people are, on the whole, dangerous criminals with a serious proclivity for panhandling. Their lifestyle does not amuse me in any way, shape or form.

DO NOT, under any circumstances, give Rainbows time, money or attention, as this only encourages their behavior. If they really want to live a holistic, anarchic lifestyle, perhaps they should move to Antarctica where penguins walk in balance and heal the Earth.

Marcus Nicholson, Carbondale resident

Letter policy

Bring letters to the editor to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, 1247 Communications Building. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted with author's photo ID. Letters also are accepted by e-mail (editor@siu.edu) and fax (453-8244). Please include a phone number (not for publication) so we may verify authorship. Students must include year and major. Faculty members must include rank and department. Non-academic staff must include position and department. All letters include author's hometown. All letters are limited to 300 words and are subject to editing. The DAILY EGYPTIAN reserves the right to not publish any letter.

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group were affiliated closely with the Edwards family: Joan O'Brien, a former colleague of Bob's, and A. J. Morey, director of the University Core Curriculum.

Both O'Brien and Morey helped organize a variety of services for the family, including 24-hour bed watches with Bob during the last month of his life.

For Morey, the decision to help out the family in its time of need was a simple humanitarian effort.

"They were a close-knit family," Morey said. "They were good people. They had great kids. You hate to see a tragedy like this breaking into their lives, and you naturally want to reach out and do what you can to try and make it easier for them."

"Between the two of them, they were very involved with the community. You just want to offer help — it's one of those human

things."

Bob's devotion to his role in the department made it easy for O'Brien to sacrifice some of her time.

"He was a deeply spiritual man," O'Brien said. "He was a great intellect, and he and I worked in the foreign languages department together. All of his colleagues loved him and revered him."

The Edwards' ordeal began in spring 1997, when Bob had several severe headaches and a seizure. After receiving the bad news in June 1997, the family had little hope of seeing Bob live more than a year.

But the family was determined to make sure Bob stayed around much longer. With the help of neighbors, church members, University colleagues and even strangers, Bob and Molly made several trips to The Methodist Hospital in Houston for experimental treatment and surgery, both of which Molly thinks helped extend his life.

Bob's determination kept him in the classroom until shortly before a major surgery in

April. He slowly slipped away, although he never lost any intellectual capacity and never seemed to give up even in his final days — a feat Molly believes encouraged their children as he battled the tragedy at their home.

"After a while they got used to him being in a hospital bed in our bedroom with people gathered around him almost all of the time," Molly said. "They would come home from school, crawl into his bed, and hug and kiss him. It (his death) was completely and totally natural."

Bob's loss also struck a severe blow for the Russian section. Bob served on four doctorate and four master's committees at SIUC, as well as nine department committees. He led groups of SIUC students on trips to the Russian city of Vladimir twice in 1991 and served as host for a group of students from the Vladimir Polytechnic Institute in 1992.

College of Liberal Arts, Acting Dean Robert Jensen said Bob's leadership in the section is irreplaceable.

"The Department suffered the loss in that

he was the center of our Russian language program," Jensen said. "He taught, he directed the program, he advised students, he led trips to Russia."

Looking at the future, an Edwards Children Educational Trust fund has been set up, and anyone interested can contact the Edwards' family at 549-4272. But with one last nod at the past, perhaps Molly provided the most fitting farewell in her prepared remarks at Bob's funeral services Oct. 17.

"Bob did not want to die," Molly wrote. "He was not at peace with the imminence of his death. He did not accept that he would die until the very last, perhaps the last 24 hours, of his life."

"He fought and struggled, and I with him, through numerous surgeries and experimental protocols, through months away from our children, through the loss of basic abilities and functions that we all take for granted. We continually picked each other up, again and again, and strove daily to keep each other warm, no matter what."

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Comptroller

Daniel Hynes, D-Chicago, said his work in health care and business transactions for his Chicago law firm prepared him for the position of state comptroller, although he has never held a public office.
Hynes' opponent Christopher Lauzen, R-Aurora, criticizes Hynes for his lack of experience and said his bid is insulting to Illinois voters. Hynes said that criticism avoids the real issues such as pushing for HMO reform and combating those that evade child support.
Lauzen is looking to use computers to battle state government fraud and aims to open the comptrollers office so that the public can see how their tax dollars are spent.

Jackson County Sheriff

Looking to secure his fifth term as Jackson County sheriff, William Jon Kilquist, D-Murphysboro, faces Chris Gueterloh, R-Murphysboro, a correctional officer at the Big Muddy Correctional Center.
Kilquist, an SIUC graduate in administrative justice, points out lower crime rates during the first six months of the year and the installation of the 911 emergency dispatching systems as some of his major accomplishments.
But Gueterloh said the public needs a sheriff who is more available than Kilquist and offers to work days and nights to be more accessible. He said this would

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chance to interact with their peers from several different locations.
DelMarcus Collins, coordinator for the conference, said it is going to be beneficial for students to interact, network with others and learn more about their careers.
"This is an opportunity for students to meet with people in their respective field and learn about things such as employment, graduate school, assistantship informa-

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styles the group has incorporated in their routines.
"I was looking forward to working with a dance group that was more jazz and modern," Nelson said. "Most dance groups are street and hip-hop. That's not what I was looking for."
Various Black Fire Dancers members said there are many rea-

County Clerk

Boasting efficient management and improved services in the clerk's office, Irene Carlton, R-Carbondale, is competing with Larry Reinhardt, D-Murphysboro, who said he can correct mistakes Carlton has made in her term.
Reinhardt charges Carlton with labor problems from her 10-person staff and said the difficulties could be solved with better management practices.
Carlton denies the charges and said her staff is hard-working and has a good working relationship.
Reinhardt said he has the dedication, drive and desire to delve into the job full time.
Carlton, the County Clerk and Recorder since 1994, said she decided to run again because of the amount of effort she has contributed to her position.

Treasurer

Incumbent Democrat Shirley Dillinger Booker is seeking her seventh term as Treasurer, but James Vaughn, R-Carbondale, is hoping the public is ready for a change. The 25-year-old Vaughn promises to install e-mail that would allow taxpayers to keep in touch with the county treasurer's office.
Booker said the county is in the process of installing a software package, which would improve the process of collecting county property taxes.
But Vaughn believes his energy and work in student government at Southeast Missouri State University gives him an edge. If elected, Vaughn would take office before he graduates college.

also save the county on overtime costs.

Jennifer Ohlson, a senior radio and TV from Peoria, went to the leadership conference last year, and through meeting and networking with people, she got an internship with Black Entertainment Television this summer.
Ohlson understands that the registration fee is a lot of money for students, but it is worth it.
"By attending the conference, I meet a lot of people in radio and television," Ohlson said. "I think it's a good opportunity for students to meet others in the same predicament. It is a lot of money to spend, but you get a lot of the end."
Barber joined Black Fire Dancers after seeing the group perform and wanted to be a part of what it had to offer.
"But no matter what the reason for joining, Black Fire Dancers is on the move to fulfill its duty as an entertainment organization."
The dancers enjoy performing so much that last year they sponsored their own show. Barber said since they got such a good response from the show, members will be having another one this year.
Barber said Black Fire Dancers members will try to continue to give good shows for the students because they are motivated by the positive response they receive.
"We love what we're doing, and we just want to keep giving great performances," Barber said. "Our focus this year is having our own show. Our main purpose is entertaining."

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24 City near Ravenshead
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39 Be indisposed
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Workshop a no show

Laura Saidak
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Although racism, sexism and classism are issues which need to be confronted by students at SIUC, workshops discussing these problems are often ignored.

Don Mullison and Roy Joy, staff psychologists of the Counseling Center at SIUC, stared at the vacant seats Monday that were supposed to be filled by participants of "All Those Isms," a workshop concerning issues of racism, sexism, and classism.

The workshop was canceled when no SIUC students attended. "All Those Isms" was designed to make students aware of the different perspectives from people with various backgrounds and give them tips on inter-group communication.

The workshop was sponsored

by the Counseling Center, Minority Programming Team and Student Development Multicultural Programs and Services.

Mullison expressed his disappointment and frustration when students do not take advantage of workshops, which are intended to make people more sensitive to certain issues.

"It's disappointing," Mullison said, "because we need to reach so many students we can't make hate crimes less likely."

Workshops that focus on multicultural activities happen regularly on campus, including past annual weekend retreats dedicated to cultural appreciation.

Mullison said it was unfortunate that no one was present to discuss the difficulties of interacting with people of different backgrounds.

"Workshops like 'All Those Isms' teach people another per-

son's point of view," Mullison said. "This is necessary to communicate effectively with someone of a different background."

Julie Flores, a graduate assistant for Student Development, also expressed her disappointment due to the lack of attendance from SIUC students at the workshop.

"I wanted to make students aware of the issues out there and answer questions they might have," Flores said. "It's disappointing to find out that no students cared to show up."

Mullison emphasized the importance of participating in activities that will make a person more culturally diverse.

"I encourage students to participate because it's the only way to look at the diversity of different social and cultural groups," Mullison said. "I guess I can only hope more people will show up next time."

Poshard factor could help democrats

COATTAILS:
Democratic candidates count on Chicago and Southern Illinois voters.

SARA BEAN
Politics Editor

Democratic candidates in Southern Illinois could fare well today, a local political analyst says, thanks to strong support for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm in Southern Illinois for Glenn Poshard," said Mike Lawrence, associate director of the SIU Public Policy Institute. "His supporters will turn out regardless of the

weather, and many of those people will vote primarily Democratic."

Forecasts of rain throughout much of the state may dampen voter participation at the polls.

Lawrence said the challenge for Republican candidates in Southern Illinois is to counteract the strong Democratic support with solid turnout from their own supporters.

Poshard is pitted against Republican George Ryan in the race for governor of Illinois.

Statewide polls have shown Poshard trailing Ryan throughout the campaign, but members of Poshard's camp have said they are continuing to run "an old-fashioned campaign" and believe their grassroots effort will prove successful.

Republican Peter Fitzgerald is the challenger likely to unseat Sen.

Carol Moseley-Braun from her U.S. senate seat. Moseley-Braun, whose tenure has been plagued by controversy, has lagged behind Fitzgerald throughout the campaign.

Fitzgerald has used \$11 million of his family's banking fortune to launch an advertising campaign, assaulting Moseley-Braun's campaign finance and travel woes.

Though Lawrence is not sure what percentage of the voters will venture to the polls, he is certain that the demographics of that turnout will be very important.

"If there is strong turnout in Chicago and Southern Illinois and a lower turnout in the suburbs, there is a chance for an upset by Braun and Poshard," Lawrence said. "Otherwise, it is very likely that Ryan and Fitzgerald will win."

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mentally when other runners began moving to the front ahead of them.

"Once the gun went off, the race began really fast. The girls all started fast, but they tired for

whatever reason," Reed said. "As soon as they got passed a couple times, it affected their performance."

Like any good coach, Reed accepts part of the blame for the disappointing finish.

"I might have tapered (their workouts) too much this week," Reed said. "I didn't have them

where they should have been." She said most importantly that her team has to realize its season is far from over.

"It's only one race," she said. "I just told them all, 'Now we've got to redeem ourselves.'"

The women's team will also get their shot to redeem themselves at Regionals in Wichita.

CARPENTER

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And on Saturday, Carpenter's persistence finally paid off. A 37-yard run in the third quarter of the 28-13 loss to Southwest Missouri State University etched his name in Saluki history. Only a junior, Carpenter became the school's all-time rushing leader (2,859), surpassing Burnell Quinn's 19-year-old mark.

"The career (record) means a lot," Carpenter said. "Just to be on top of everyone else says a lot. It feels good and everything... I just don't know what to say."

He finished the day with 189 yards on 35 carries, but what makes his feat more impressive is that he has been hampered by a thigh bruise for half of the season. He suffered the injury Oct. 10 against Youngstown State University.

The pain became so severe in his right leg, it even kept him out of practice all last week. It also kept him out of the end zone on his historic run.

"I'm not supposed to get caught like that even with a bad leg," said Carpenter, referring to when he was tackled on the record-breaking run. "I had a bad leg, and I was supposed to have way more yards than that."

Carpenter said the pain is becoming worse, but he is prepared to finish out the season.

Year	Games	Attempts	Yds.	Avg.
1995	11	147	556	3.8
1996 (Medical Redshirt)	2	15	57	3.8
1997	11	178	676	3.8
1998	9	275	1570	5.7
1999	?	?	?	?
Totals	35	615	2859	4.6

Source: SIU Sports Information

By Kristine Donovan, Daily Egyptian

"I was more concerned about my leg," Carpenter said. "I was trying to avoid contact because one play I got hit and had to come out. It's like a sharp pain that lasts for a minute or so. Other than this little bruise, I'm all right."

Carpenter, avoiding contact? Not if you've seen the tapes.

"He hurts you when you tackle him," Indiana State University coach Tim McGuire said after Carpenter ran for 179 yards and three touchdowns against the Sycamores. "He's like the Energizer Bunny. He just keeps running and running. Our players had a lot of respect for him after the game."

Now with two games remaining, there are still three attainable records left to be garnered.

Carpenter should break the SIUC single-season mark Saturday against Western Kentucky University, needing a mere 18 yards to break Andre

Herrera's 1,588 mark set in 1976. Carpenter also is 388 yards shy of Western Illinois University tailback Aaron Stecker's 1997 Gateway-best total of 1,957 yards. And 45 more carries will break Illinois State's Toby Davis' conference record for attempts (341) in a season.

But nothing would please Carpenter more than reaching the magical feat of 2,000 yards in a season.

"I'm definitely going to try," he said. "I'm awfully close. To reach 2,000 yards at any level of college of football is great."

So if he reaches 2,000, will Carpenter's 1998 campaign be the best ever in conference history?

"I'm not going to compare myself with these other guys," Carpenter said. "But mentally, to be a running back, you've got to think you are the best to be a good back anyway."

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Mixed results

CROSS COUNTRY: Men finish fourth, women eighth at MVC Championships.

Rob Allin
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Championships are history.

But that does not mean MVC teams can stop worrying about SIUC's runners.

The Saluki men's team gave it their all but came up just 10 points shy of winning the MVC Championship, finishing fourth at the Championships in Peoria on Saturday.

Coach Bill Cornell knew the meet would be tightly contested.

Before the meet, he said he felt his team could finish anywhere from first to sixth. This was certainly the case. Indiana State University won the MVC title with a score of 68, while three teams — Illinois State University (71), Drake University (73), and SIUC (78) — were in contention the entire race.

Cornell was correct in his prediction of a tight race, but that did not erase the bittersweet disappointment of coming up short.

"I'm never encouraged unless we win the championship," he said. "We didn't quite get the breaks we needed in a close race. If our fourth runner (Junior Eric Rushing) had finished 15th instead of 25th, things would've been a lot different."

"They all ran their hearts out, and I guess there's nothing more they can do but that."

A bright spot for SIUC was the return of seniors Joe and Jeremy Parks to All-Conference status. Jeremy last earned the honor in 1995 as a freshman, while Joe was All-Conference as a sophomore in 1996.

Joe paced the Salukis with a fourth-place finish (24 min., 37 sec.) with Jeremy right behind at the finish line (6th, 24:41).

The heart-wrenching story of the meet went to junior Matt McClelland (11th, 25:01), who missed an All-Conference nod by a mere second. Unlike the Parks twins, McClelland has the benefit of knowing there is a next year.

Cornell now wants to focus on getting a little revenge at the NCAA Regional Championship on Nov. 14 in Wichita, Kan.

"Our goal now is to get back in training and be ready to see if we can beat those MVC teams in Regionals and Nationals," he said.

The women's team was pegged to finish fourth in Peoria, but Halloween failed to produce another successful meet for the surprising team.

The Salukis struggled to an eighth-place finish and fell short of getting any women into the All-Conference circle. Bradley University and Drake University tied for the MVC title.

Senior Kelly French picked up a 17th-place finish (18:27), while juniors Joy Cutrano (31st), Jenny Monaco (32nd), Marissa Jelks and Seneca Gayla Harrington (48th) also scored for the team.

Coach Leann Reed does not have all of the answers to what went wrong, but she does know that some suffered



Don Hildebrand/Daily Egyptian

Junior running back Karlton Carpenter (33), breaks through the opposition for a few of his 2,859 yards this season. Carpenter is now the all-time leader at SIUC in rushing yards, surpassing Burnell Quinn's 19-year-old mark.

SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Breaking the Barrier

Karlton Carpenter surpasses SIUC's 19-year-old all-time rushing yard mark

Mike Dunbar woke up Monday morning thinking the worst of his worries was facing Youngstown State University this weekend. That is until the University of Northern Iowa football coach found out something far more frightening. Karlton Carpenter is only a junior, but his body (misinformed Dunbar) that Saluki running back was a senior. On Monday, he found out the truth and doesn't want any part of a guy who ran for 201 yards against his team in 1997 and 109 yards in a 27-21 upset of his then fifth-ranked team Sept. 19.

"You mean he's coming back?" a shocked Dunbar asked. "That's the worst news I've heard all day. I thought I wouldn't have to face him anymore. He ran all over us. He attacks people."

Carpenter has not just limited his attack to UNI this season. Carrying the ball an average of 30 times per

game, he has launched an all-out assault on any team lining up on the opposite side of the ball.

He has bulldozed the opposition week after week — 275 carries for 1,576 yards — as he has eight straight 100-yard rushing games to his credit. The only exception came in the season opener when he did not start against Murray State University. Even then, he rushed for 79 yards.

"He's really risen to the occasion," said Illinois State University coach Todd Berry, whose team allowed Carpenter to run for 190 yards earlier in the season. "He's quite a load to handle. He's extremely durable. From that, I would have to say he's the top back in the league. With their offensive game plan, it's truly amazing."

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Women's hoopster undergoes MRI

INJURY: Courtney Smith's immediate future lies in result of Monday's MRI test.

PAUL WLEKINSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC Women's Basketball Guard Courtney Smith underwent magnetic resonance imaging Monday night after suffering a sprained anterior cruciate ligament to her right knee in practice last Wednesday.

Smith's status for the remainder of the season was unknown as of press time and will be released today. First year coach Julie Beck is anxious to learn if Smith will need surgery.

"I don't have any information right now," Beck said Monday before the MRI. "Of course, I'm

extremely upset whenever any of my players goes down with an injury."

Smith, a sophomore, was injured during an attempt to steal the ball from senior guard Jessie Phillips during a scrimmage. Phillips dove for the loose ball and landed on Smith's right ankle.

"My ankle went one way, and my knee went out the other way," Smith said. "My ankle hit first and that's what I thought it was when I went down. Then I felt my knee, then I thought, 'that's not my ankle.' Then I knew that my knee was a little more serious."

Everything happened in slow motion, according to Smith, and the pain was sharp and excruciating. Her knee is immobilized and she has been on crutches since Thursday.

"From behind, it looked like she was fighting through a screen and [Phillips] fell on her," junior forward Meredith Jackson said. "Her

ankle went one way and her knee went another. You could hear her knee pop."

Smith's immediate concern was directed at the same ankle that she had surgery on at the conclusion of the 1997-98 season. She first injured the ankle during her senior year at Carlyle High School, where she was named USA Today's Player-of-the-Year in Illinois in 1996-97.

The aftermath of the injury and the surgery hampered her freshman season, as she was looking forward to this season to redeem herself.

"I wish I could be confident," Smith said before the MRI results. "But right now I'm thinking worst case scenario. Am I going to have to sit this year out? Is it going to affect the entire season? Will I be where I was before this happened? There are a lot of questions right now — and they're all bad."



Smith