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## Grad students both charged with murder

Police round up four suspects in bizarre Murphysboro killing

BRETT NAUMAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN



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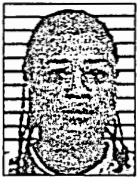
Two SIUC students now face murder charges for their alleged role in the bizarre Sept. 8 shooting death of a North Carolina man, Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist said Tuesday.

Taffia Cunningham, 24, and Jahneria Singletary, 25, are being held legally accountable for the death of Tyree Cunningham. Kilquist said both students have been charged with murder because they were committing a crime when Tyree was killed.

Kilquist said police have also arrested Donald Druid, 31, and Karen Smith, 23, who were previously wanted on \$100,000 warrants. Kilquist said police are still searching for two men who had knowledge of the homicide, but didn't inform police about it.

The four defendants have already been charged with home invasion and armed violence for allegedly attempting to rob Murphysboro resident Prentice Washington with a shotgun at his home. During the robbery, Washington shot and killed Tyree. Taffia Cunningham, Tyree's older sister, allegedly dumped her brother's body in the woods near Crab Orchard Lake with Singletary's assistance.

Kilquist said police have located Washington, who was missing for some time



Singletary

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Firefighter Michael Rishel helps Hyung-Joon Choi experience the force of the firehose at the firehouse on Wall Street Tuesday afternoon. Choi visited the firehouse with the Rainbow's End daycare for a fieldtrip.



## Firehouse Fun

PHOTOS BY MARY COLLIER

Adriana Compton, tries on the jacket and helmet of firefighter Jimmy Johnson at the firehouse Monday. The students from SIU's daycare watched a video on fire safety and had a tour of the fire engine Monday afternoon.

## Carbondale buckles down for potential earthquake

### Preparing for an EARTHQUAKE

**Before**

- develop a family earthquake plan
- learn how to shut off gas, water and electricity in case the lines are damaged

**During**

- take cover under a table, desk, a doorway without a door or other sturdy furniture
- face away from windows and glass doors
- protect head and body from falling or flying objects
- know exit routes, and do not move until the shaking stops
- if you are in a vehicle, stop as soon as safely possible, but do not stop under overpasses or bridges. Turn off engine and turn on radio. Duck below window level.

**After**

- check for hazards and control them
- check buildings for cracks and damage, including roof, chimneys and foundation
- check food and water supplies
- never use matches, lighters or candles inside
- be prepared for aftershocks

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### Mayor Neil Dillard declares Earthquake Preparedness week

JENNIFER WIG  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the ground stops shaking, Carbondale could be out hundreds of millions of dollars.

And that is why Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard proclaimed Sept. 30 through Oct. 6 Earthquake Preparedness week, in accordance with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The greatest earthquake risk in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains is along the New Madrid seismic zone. Scientists estimate that there is a 9 in 10 chance that an earthquake with a 6 to 7 magnitude could occur in the area within the next 50 years. Such a quake is characterized as causing severe damage to widespread, heavy damage. The New Madrid seismic zone begins near Cairo.

Although city officials report that

Carbondale is fairly well prepared for such a disaster, earthquake experts at the University of Memphis are uncertain.

Don Monty, assistant city manager, also said Carbondale is fairly prepared, especially compared to other small communities. The federal government granted Carbondale \$500,000 in 1999 to prepare for disasters such as earthquakes. Carbondale is now a Project Impact City. Monty said some of the money has been used for buying a radio station, 1620 AM, to inform the public about disasters and actions to take in the event of a disaster. The city has also completed an analysis of the two fire stations in town and discovered neither would survive an earthquake.

The city will also use the grant to help pay for renovation of the fire stations. The East Side Fire Station, 600 E. College, is in the design phase and will be rebuilt by next fall. The West Side Fire Station, 300 S. Oakland, will be relocated sometime after the other station is complete, and both will be upgraded to new building codes.

"The idea is to give it the ability to withstand the initial tremor," Monty

said. The city also eliminated a flood hazard by purchasing a house located within a flood plain. This prevents anyone from living in such a high-risk area. The grant expires in December, but Monty said the actions the city has taken should prepare Carbondale for a disaster.

Rob Olshansky, associate professor of urban planning at the University of Illinois, is working on a report citing the dangers of an earthquake in Carbondale. Olshansky said although the report is not yet ready to be published, the bulk of it is complete and a worst-case scenario earthquake could cost up to \$100 million in losses for Carbondale. However, those types of earthquakes are not as likely to happen as something smaller on the Richter scale. Olshansky is measuring the effects against the possibility in his study, to produce a feasibility report.

"Nobody really knows that much about the real earthquake hazard [in Carbondale]," Olshansky said. "The

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**Reagan Airport to reopen Thursday**

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush announced Tuesday that "it's time to start flying again" and that Reagan Washington National Airport will reopen Thursday.

From an airport site overlooking Washington Monument, Bush said that opening air traffic is a great symbol that America is back in business.

Bush also assured the American public that necessary safety precautions are being taken to make air traffic safe. He said precautions will include armed federal air marshals on every flight in and out of the airport, as well as double screening of passengers.

The reopening of Reagan Airport is expected to be gradual, starting with Delta and U.S. Airways flights to New York and Boston.



The stamp is expected to be available in all post offices by November. "The 'United We Stand' stamp is a ballot for freedom," said Postmaster General John E. Potter. "It's a reminder to the world that liberty and justice are more than words, they are the essence of who we are. And every time we use this stamp we will remind ourselves and others that these, our core values, are unshakable."

**United States fears for Americans' safety in Italy**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. State Department reported Tuesday that it received information saying symbols of American capitalism in Italy may be targeted by terrorist attacks.

The State Department warned U.S. citizens in Italy to avoid contact with suspicious objects and to report those objects to authorities. The department described this warning as an update to its September 28 advisory telling Americans they were still at risk of terrorism after the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center on September 11.

The department has also authorized the departure of personnel from 10 U.S. posts in five countries: Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Indonesia and Yemen.

**New postage stamp honors America**

WASHINGTON — A new postage stamp unveiled by the U.S. Postal Service, called "United We Stand", has been introduced as a way of fostering patriotism in the wake of recent terrorist attacks.

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**Taliban repeats call for negotiation**

QUETTA, Pakistan — Despite threats of military action, Afghanistan's ruling Taliban continued to demand for evidence before it would deliver suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden. Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, called for negotiations again Tuesday saying that the Taliban wants to see proof of bin Laden's involvement in the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington D.C. before it will turn him over to the United States. In Washington, Bush's administration quickly rejected the call for negotiations.

President Bush said two weeks ago that there will be no negotiations or discussions involving surrendering bin Laden.

U.S. officials presented their case about bin Laden Tuesday to Prime Minister Tony Blair. Blair warned the



Taliban to "surrender the terrorists or surrender power."

**Blair steps up against Taliban**

LONDON, England — British Prime Minister Tony Blair issued an ultimatum to Afghanistan's ruling Taliban Tuesday that said imminent military action can be expected if they don't surrender suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

"We will put a trap around the regime," Blair told listeners at the annual Labour party conference in Brighton, southern England. "It's high time is surrender bin Laden or surrender power."

Blair also said that infrastructure and the military would be targets in the campaign against bin Laden. He told Americans watching his speech on television: "We were with you at the first, we will stay with you till the last."

**Police Blotter**

**UNIVERSITY**

• A bicycle was stolen between 3:20 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday at the Faner Hall bicycle rack. The bicycle is valued at \$400 and police have no suspects in its theft.

• Michael P. McDonald, 22, and Antonio Reshaun Spencer, 22, were both arrested at 7:20 p.m. Friday and charged with possession of more than 30 grams of cannabis at Neely Hall. McDonald was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were released on personal recognizance bond.

• A backpack was stolen between 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. The backpack is valued at more than \$300 and police have no suspects in its theft.

**Corrections**

In Tuesday's story "DAILY EGYPTIAN request for report denied," it should have stated the American Psychological Association has obtained a copy of the final report and still is investigating the case against Debra Robinson. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

**Calendar**

**TODAY**

Student Programming Council  
Campus Events Committee meeting  
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.  
SPC office, third floor, Student Center

**THURSDAY**

Pre-Law Association meeting  
Oct. 3, 6 p.m.  
Troy Room, Student Center

Campus Shawnee Greens Meeting  
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.  
Basement of Interfaith Center,  
corner of Illinois and Grand

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Gamma Beta Phi  
General meeting  
Oct. 4, 6 p.m.  
Sangamon Room, Student Center

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## CARBONDALE

## 'Dracula' stage pieces to be auctioned off

The Theater Department will be auctioning off stage pieces after their run of "Dracula." The production will run Wednesday through Sunday at the McLeod Theater. Auction slips will be placed in the programs of the show, where spectators can write down their information and bids for specific stage pieces.

## USG meeting tonight

The Undergraduate Student Government will be meeting at 7 tonight in the Student Center Renaissance Room. The senate will vote on a resolution aimed at giving the student trustee more representation on the Board of Trustees.

USG will also discuss an amendment that would increase the number of missed meetings Internal Affairs is allowed every semester. The agenda also includes bills for impeachment of senators for not meeting senate qualifications.

For more information, contact USG at 536-3381.

## Alumna to present leadership seminar

Judith Roales, recent publisher and executive vice president of the St. Petersburg Times, will be presenting a session on "Leadership Roles for Women," today from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room in the Communications Building.

A graduate of SIU's School of Journalism, Roales has worked as a policy analyst at the Office of Technology Assessment, which does research for the U.S. Congress. President Jimmy Carter named her Assistant Deputy Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and she later served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Environment, Safety and Health at the U.S. Department of Energy.

During the 1980s, Roales crusaded to develop environmentally benign printing products, such as recycled newsprint and soybean ink.

## WIDB looking for program director

WIDB is now accepting applications for program director through Friday.

Applications are available at WIDB on the fourth floor of the Student Center or in the Radio-television office in the Communications Building.

For more information, call Nick Gale at 536-2361.



**SYNCHRONIZED SPRAYING:** Jodi Ball (left), a sophomore in clothing and textiles from Decatur, and Megan Scott, a junior in clothing and textiles from Lawrenceville, spray paint cutouts outside Quigley Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Clothing Textile Organization is putting together a New York theme for a homecoming window display at Quigley Hall.

## Blagojevich may receive downstate ally

## U.S. Rep Costello likely to endorse northern candidate

MOLLY PARKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Northern Democrat Rod Blagojevich is expected to get a downstate boost for his gubernatorial campaign when his southern colleague, U.S. Rep Jerry Costello, extends his formal endorsement later this week.

The two spoke recently at Capitol Hill, but the terrorist attacks on the nation halted campaigning and the endorsement, Blagojevich spokesman Pete Giangreco said.

Costello spokesman David Gillies said that Costello, D-Bellefonte, would support Blagojevich, although he was not sure when a formal announcement would come.

Giangreco said he expects the endorse-

ment will help the Chicago candidate gain support in the Metro East area and part of Southern Illinois.

"They certainly work closely together in Congress and Costello has said for months now that when it's all said and done he is going to be with [Blagojevich]," Giangreco said.

Costello supported Marion Democrat Glenn Poshard in the 1998 campaign. The congressman earlier told the DAILY EGYPTIAN that he would support Poshard, now vice chancellor for Administration at SIUC, again if he chose to run. Poshard, who was considering a run, opted not to try again in early August.

Poshard was reportedly seeking to run as lieutenant governor with Bill Daley, the brother of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley. Daley also decided to not seek the position.

Following this, reports surfaced in the Capitol Fax, a political column circulated

throughout the state, that Blagojevich was trying to snag Poshard as his running mate. The Blagojevich camp denies any such attempts to put the southern candidate on the ticket.

Giangreco said it was not in their interest to pick a running mate at this time. In Illinois, the lieutenant governor and governor run on separate ballots in the primary. They do not run as a team until the general election.

Downstate support for Blagojevich may give him a boost among a slew of northern candidates. Others seeking the Democratic nomination for governor include former Attorney General Roland Burris, former state schools superintendent Michael Bakalis and Paul Vallas, former CEO of the Chicago Public Schools.

Reporter Molly Parker can be reached at parker2000@hotmail.com

## Rainbow people gathering legalized

BURKE SPEAKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A gathering of people in the One Horse Gap area of the Shawnee National Forest was granted a non-commercial group use permit Tuesday, finally legalizing the annual meeting of hippies and those seeking a break from social norms.

The group, called the Rainbow Family of the Living Light, had increased to more than 75 people, which required them to obtain a free permit to use the area. Warnings and \$100 fines were issued to members of the group for improper use of the forest resources and not having a permit.

The permit allows U.S. Forest Service officials to work with gathering participants to minimize their impacts on sensitive resources in the forest and ensure the health and safety of forest visitors.

Members of the Rainbow tribe previously had refused to obtain a group permit, saying there is no group leader and that a single person should not be held accountable for the entire group.

The Rainbow gathering officially began Monday and lasts until Oct. 14.

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## Students' records could be open to authorities

MARLEEN TROUT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

U.S. House of Representative negotiators cast out a proposal that would require colleges and universities to disclose private records of foreign students, though they approved other anti-terrorist legislation Monday.

The House reached a compromise about other portions of the bill, allowing law enforcement officials to wield greater authority in wiretapping suspected terrorists and monitoring their Internet communications.

Though legislators decided not to discuss the student provision on Monday, they met Tuesday afternoon to discuss how they would proceed with the act that would allow any employee of the Justice or Education Department to dip into the confidential records of any student without the student's consent.

A compromise version is expected following concern voiced by college and student groups that the legislation would give federal officials too much access to student records.

Paul Hassen, assistant director of public affairs at the American Council on Education, said that although the legislation has been dropped for now, he expects it to resurface in the near future.

"They actually aren't sure what they are going to do with it," Hassen said. "It's a very fluid situation."

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, worries that the legislation would interfere with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law outlining a university's responsibility to protect a student's academic records.

Dietz said anti-terrorist legislation could increase the number of hurdles foreign students have to jump through to study in the United States.

"It's obvious that we have to protect the security and safety of the students here, but we also have to protect the students wanting to come here," Dietz said. "We have to make sure there's a balance."

Hassen said that while the Education Council is concerned about how the legislation would affect students, he understands why it might be necessary to peek into students' files.

This information could let authorities know whether international students started school at the time the visa designated, whether the student is still enrolled or if the student is attending full time as is mandated by the Immigration and Naturalization Services.

Hassen said he is not aware of any univer-

sities that denied officials access to student records regarding the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Many colleges and universities have been visited by the FBI or other authorities and they have been given access," Hassen said. "We don't believe FERPA is a hindrance."

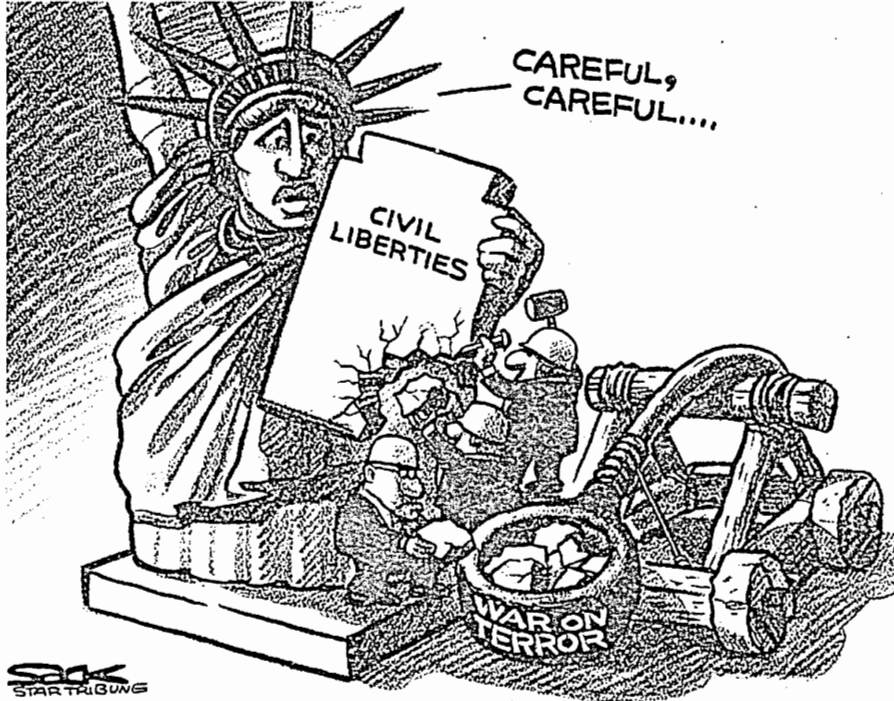
But Hassen believes there needs to be a better tracking system for international students and more pronounced guidelines for officials to gain access than the privacy act allows for.

"There needs to be some guidelines put into law that says that under certain circumstances people have a right or legal authority to request records," he said. "We don't necessarily want the local police department to say, 'OK, hand over that student's records.'"

William McNary, president of Citizen Action of Illinois, said he is apprehensive about how civil liberties considerations, such as the detainment of immigrants suspected of terrorism, will affect students.

"We must be careful in this rush to secure that we do not trample on the rights of individual citizens and especially students," McNary said. "We do not give up freedoms for security."

Reporter Marleen Trout can be reached at marleen@journalist.com



OUR WORD

# Housing problem must be solved

When it comes to the frustrating dilemma of housing, Carbondale City Councilman Brad Cole said it best: "We have absolutely got to get something done. It just drives me crazy that [the council will] just talk about something and then come and have the same problem in 20 years."

Carbondale City Council members have been meeting and discussing the city's housing problems and possible solutions since June. While the discussion is appreciated, we are hopeful that some action is forthcoming as opposed to a few more years of futile debate.

Cole and Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan each introduced problem-solving plans in June. Cole's plan included a seven-year property tax abatement program for those who want to build new homes in Carbondale. Flanagan's plan called for the forming of a non-profit Housing Development Corporation, consisting of 12 community members who would separately examine the problem and solutions and produce results. A month later, City Manager Jeff Doherty was assigned to investigate seven points of interest, which he presented at the Sept. 17 meeting. The two main points of Cole's and Flanagan's plans were on the list, as well as establishing a permanent housing board, examining housing programs funded through state and federal government and altering city housing stan-

dards.

These developments are tremendous steps in the right direction and we are optimistic that they lead to immense improvements. We should expect that most of the talk is done and fast action can be undertaken.

New and improved housing for Carbondale is needed in a timely fashion. The need to demolish old, decaying structures, such as a few houses on the northeast side and student rental properties near College, Beveridge and Pecan Streets, is great. These eyesores do not promote a positive image of Carbondale housing and serve as a constant reminder to residents of our dreadful housing situation.

Although the council has much work ahead of them, the housing problem cannot be remedied without the assistance of students. Once new housing is approved, students must make it an objective to keep up their end of the deal. This means not littering your front yards with beer cans and actually showing an active effort in maintaining a respectable appearance for your residence.

The housing problem in Carbondale is long overdue to be resolved, but we must work with each other to accomplish anything. We must also realize that the time for talk is over and the time for action is now.

READER COMMENTARY

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COLUMNISTS

# Columnist overdoses on chilly weather – good grief!

When I awoke last week, freezing and curled in a tiny ball to conserve heat, I knew my wish had come true.

I threw off my blankets like Ebenezer Scrooge running to see his first real Christmas. I ran out onto the balcony in my pajamas and laughed madly as goose-bumps took over my arms and legs. Autumn was here.

Everything about the fall puts me in an awesome mood. Something about down-lined jackets and trick-or-treaters makes me realize, for two months each year, that my life doesn't totally bite. Actually, I just kind of go into this fuzzy, euphoric trance and stay there until after the World Series. Suddenly, my homework doesn't matter. I have no time for studies. I want to rake and watch Charlie Brown and fall in love.

I'm not really sure what it is,



**Not Just Another Priddy Face**

BY GRACE PRIDDY  
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but I wish I could bottle it. A sweet, sensual perfume combination of burning leaves, pumpkin pie and that familiar scent you can only find once a year when you turn on the baseboard heaters for the first time. I think it's actually roasting dust mites, but for a fall-crazed goon like myself, you just can't beat it.

I drive through Giant City and become Ralph Waldo Emerson. I hike past the golds, browns and reds while pondering

some of life's mysteries, like why does my roommate brush her teeth with hot water? This has always captivated me. I mean, I could understand if toothpaste came in flavors like apple cider or chicken soup, but mint is so awkward. You just can't combine peppermint foam with warmth. Something about it is startlingly not right; it seems almost sinister, really. All I know is that it is wrong.

Of course, she does put up with a lot of my strange and exciting domestic experiments. Not many roommates would let me use the Crock Pot for simmering liquid fabric softener to make our apartment smell like the laundromat.

I do goofy things in the fall that I would never do in any other weather. I think it's because I feel more comfortable with myself when every other

person around me is wearing six layers, too. October is great. Everybody looks fat in October.

I knew that eventually the fun will wear off when Jack Frost comes, and I have to start scraping my windshield, but until my glass slippers disappear, you can find me out tee-peeing and toasting marshmallows during the chilly nights. If you all don't hear from me next week, you'll find my freezing body somewhere, O.D.'d on hot cocoa and Halloween nostalgia. In the meantime, enjoy the weather and try not to forget that even Charlie Brown let himself live a little during this season.

NOT JUST ANOTHER PRIDDY FACE appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

## Only in Carbondale at 2 a.m.

It's Thursday night, and like most college students, the weight of a long hard school and work week have drug me down long enough. I wander around my apartment trying to veg ... reading a magazine, playing on the Internet like a high school kid and after hours of boredom, I throw my hands in the air ... "To the bars!" It's time to be social, I mean.

I search through my closet and hold up typical bar clothes ... black pants that would fit my little sister, straps of material for a shirt and black shoes. I look at the small fabrics in my hands and then down at my tired body. I get ready in five minutes and go out the door ... in jeans and a T.

I retreat to a local establishment to meet up with friends. After paying a small fine to be ogled at from the minute I step foot in the door, I search for my friends. I find them, plastered like lawn furniture, to a nearby picnic table. Two hours and ten drinks later, my friends are trashed. I am

### Guest Column

BY RONDA YEAGER  
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the only sober one in the bar, so much for drinking, and it's time to leave.

We leave and all file into cars — well ... fall into close vehicles hoping to know the drivers. I pull my friend aside and take it upon myself to make sure he gets home ... it is my duty. I have always been the good little Mother Hen.

After dropping off my friend, my stomach starts to drive. As I head out on the super scary 2 a.m. Carbondale roads — people leaving bars drive! — people in the cars next to me start to take on burrito-like qualities. Before I know it, I have driven to Taco Bell. The late-night-chili-cheese-burrito-fascination has hit my belly. Hard. So hard, that I'm doing circles in the parking lot

trying to slither my way into the long fast food-craved line. Finally, I'm at the window ordering, and off to wait like everyone else, waiting to put Mr. Taco Bell through med school. (how do you sleep at night!?)

I wait and wait, observing the nothingness around me.

Suddenly, I'm startled as the car in front of me honks their horn obnoxiously. A drunk guy in the drivers side — if that's not scary enough — is hanging out the window yelling at me. His copilot is bouncing inside the car waiting for his moment to spontaneously combust. Feeling compelled, for who-knows-why, I roll down my window. His drunken blabs mean nothing to a sober literal mind, so I try to ignore him and roll up my window, cranking the music.

Before my very eyes, Drunk Driver gets out of his car, and heads straight towards my passenger-side door. I reach over to lock the door, but it's too late; he opens my door and plops right

down in the seat next to me. He's obviously oblivious to my cell phone that he is sitting on.

"Hey whaaaaa's up," he says too coolly to be sitting in my car. I try to contain my questions, my anger, myself. He proceeds to have a one-man conversation, as I sit, speechless.

As I start to talk, he cuts me off, "... gotta get going." He shrugs at his car. Co-Pilot has since then confiscated the steering wheel and is approaching the window.

Just as swift as he came into my life, my car, he is gone. I sit there for a minute, trying to take it all in; what just happened here? He could have had a gun! He could have robbed me ... all the muting thoughts come to a halt when it dawns on me ... this could only happen in Carbondale, on a Thursday night, at 2 a.m.

Ronda is a senior in visual communication. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

### LETTERS

#### Not the time for peace, diplomacy

DEAR EDITOR:

The attitude of Christopher Rutledge and so many other people in this time of crisis astounds me. People who are asking for peace and people who are saying that now is the time for diplomacy are people who are barking up the wrong tree. Why didn't the terrorists try to use diplomacy? Why didn't the terrorists use the world stage to rally a non-violent charge against American politics? Why are so many Americans adopting battered-wife syndrome and asking themselves what

we did wrong?

If we hold this stance on world issues, we must also hold it domestically. No longer should a mugging victim seek justice, they should blame themselves for carrying money around on the street at night. No longer should a rape victim accuse her attacker, she should clearly think about what she did to bring on the attack. Maybe Civil Rights activists should look back and ask "what did Martin Luther King do to deserve being assassinated?"

Or ... maybe we should see monstrous, destructive acts for what they are. Maybe we should all take a collective breath and ask ourselves how can we stand for any of these atrocities. America has done wrong in the past. America continues to do

wrong today. But it is still the greatest country on the earth, one that I wouldn't trade for anything. We will settle our internal disputes in time.

First, we must end the threats which exist to our civilians. This is about the concept of justice, for one and all. A crime is a crime and the criminals must be made to pay. Why can't we just leave bin Laden and the Taliban alone? Study their politics. Then go back and look at the European political stage from early 1918 until 1941. At the start of WWII, many people protested seeking an end to Hitler's regime. The Taliban's rule in Afghanistan bears a frightening resemblance.

Michael Gonzalez  
graduate student, theater

# Grad student leads life of community service

Jeremy Sonenschein continues to volunteer his time working at SPC

GEOFFREY RITTER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

From the very start, Jeremy Sonenschein was a jack of all trades, and his parents were only too aware of it.

At age five, his dad told him he would be a professional hockey player when he grew up. Jeremy started playing with friends in the streets of his poor Bronx neighborhood and was eventually getting calls from hockey equipment producers, asking him to wear their gear.

Mom, however, had a different idea. Her son would be a musician. She rushed out to sign him up for piano lessons, and sure enough, he turned out to be pretty good at that, too. He wrote a full symphony at age 10, and it was published two years later. For all of his success, though, none of this quite amounted to what Jeremy wanted out of life: to be a commercial airplane pilot.

He made a pact with his friends, Mark and Mandy, while they were still just kids - the three of them would go to school together and become pilots, no matter what challenges got in their way. During his high school days, he spent his time volunteering with special education schools, the Red Cross and the zoo.

But becoming a pilot is not how things worked out. Now 25, Jeremy works as a graduate in the Student Programming Council office, helping students organize campus entertainment while he works on his graduate degree in college student personnel. It's not quite where he expected to be.

During his undergraduate days in California - his family moved to Los Angeles when he was nine - Jeremy did the customary flirtation with a variety of careers, trying like most college students to find what place he would like to hold

in the world. It was a long and sometimes depressing journey, he said. His hopes of being a pilot were dashed away well before college began. He forgot about professional hockey and music almost as soon as he could.

But what he is doing now is not a disappointment by any means, he says - in fact, working with college students and volunteering his time is exactly what he always wanted to do. He just didn't know it at the time.

Jeremy's plans to become a pilot eventually fell through, but not for lack of desire. In fact, a 1988 plane crash that claimed the lives of Mark and Mandy only strengthened his resolve to learn to fly planes, despite the roadblocks standing in his way. Various flight schools repeatedly rejected his applications, and in light of the frustration, he joined the military in 1994. He got his pilot's license from a small school not far from his Air Force base in Arizona, earned his EMT and became a flight crew medic.

But this career was not to be. A little over two years after Jeremy's enlistment, his commanding officer called him into his office. The unit had received a letter directly from President Clinton saying that a number of service members were being discharged. Jeremy was on the list because of his asthma.

"I was so heartbroken," Jeremy said. "I had been so focused on that. I thought, 'If I can't fly, there's nothing else for me to have.' I didn't care about anything else than being a pilot. I was so focused on one thing and I really thought my life was over."

Jeremy returned to California in a pit of depression. Mild color blindness prohibited him from getting a commercial pilot's license, and he laid around the house for weeks on end. Finally, his mother enrolled him at California State University at Northridge, although he ditched class for the first several weeks. But as time passed, he picked up the pieces of his disappointment and began to think about what he'd like to do. Memories of his early volunteerism passed through his mind.

So he started volunteering at the Los

Angeles Zoo, passing out flyers for the local philharmonic and working with the Red Cross again. Slowly, things began to turn back around. The executive director of CSU's Student Union told Jeremy one day about a position on the board of directors, and he was quick to act by organizing a campus campaign to win himself the seat. To his surprise, he won.

"I was shocked," Jeremy said. "From that point on, I was hooked [on volunteer service]."

From there, Jeremy took off with volunteering for a variety of causes. He helped to revise the school's student handbook and ran a campaign that eventually placed 240 trees around the college's campus. He continued to eye an assortment of careers including sports medicine and other angles of medical treatment, but he was beginning to find his true passion: volunteerism. And his efforts were turning heads everywhere.

"Jeremy is a very good person," said Reva Alviar, a customer service representative and disaster volunteer at the Los Angeles chapter of the American Red Cross. "He's done a lot of things. He's very knowledgeable."

And now, following his graduation last spring from CSU, Jeremy has brought his knowledge to SIUC and to the students in SPC, hopeful that his education here could help him eventually land an administrative position at some university. At times, he says, it has been a tough adjustment at SIUC. His name is not nearly as well known here as it was in California, he said, and learning the operations of another university presents unique challenges.

But Jeremy is ready to continue his work here, and has already begun contacting local groups, including the Red Cross. The recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., exemplify the kind of national volunteerism that Jeremy supports, but he says that these outpourings of help need to come even when there are no tragedies to worry about. People need help everyday. They cannot wait for a crisis. And Jeremy is determined to see that he, and hopefully a few others on the SIU



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Jeremy Sonenschein, a graduate student studying college student personnel, is also a dedicated member of the Student Programming Council. Sonenschein has recently been working with the Homecoming committee, preparing for king and queen elections and various Homecoming celebration events for this weekend.

campus, are there to provide that help. "Despite the homesickness, I have to keep going," he said. "Life is competitive, but it doesn't mean you can't give yourself to others. It doesn't matter what place you come in life - it only matters that you finish."

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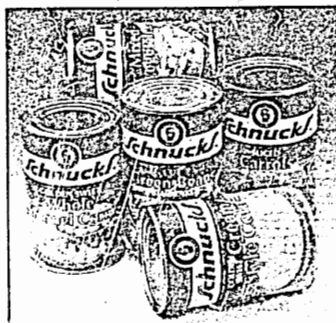
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# SIUC alumni recognized at local, state levels

## Alumni Association honors five graduates

BRIAN PEACH  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two SIUC graduates at the heart of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 are among five alumni being honored at a reception on Friday in the Student Center.

Chris Bury, a news correspondent and substitute anchor for Ted Koppel on ABC's late-night news show "Nightline" in Washington, D.C., and will not be in attendance Friday because the terrorist attacks put all news persons on standby for coverage.

"It's an all-hands-on-deck situation here at ABC. We have to be ready," said Bury about a trip he may take out of the country in the next few days to cover international events related to the attacks. "There are so many angles that have to be covered."

Spending 10 years as a general assignment reporter, Bury covered everything from floods in the Midwest to Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia.

Another honored alumnus that Bury greatly respected while getting started in news at WTMJ in Milwaukee will be flying all the way from Paris to accept his award.

Jim Bittermann, a CNN senior news correspondent at the network's Paris bureau, has spent the past 25 years reporting to the United States from abroad. He served as a foreign correspondent for NBC in Rome and Paris, for ABC as Paris bureau

chief, and at CNN, where he has been since 1996.

A life member of the SIUC Alumni Association, Bittermann has a gathering at his home for SIUC communication students in British Studies when they visit Paris. He also gives them a tour of the city.

Another honoree is the only four-time Olympian in SIUC history: Connie Price-Smith, SIUC coach of the women's track and field team, took home fifth-place honors from Atlanta in 1996 representing the United States in the shot put and discus events.

Price-Smith is also the only U.S. thrower to win four double national championships in the shot put and discus, and has won eight international competition medals.

Price-Smith has an array of awards and honors that she earned as a basketball and track star. As a junior at SIUC on the women's basketball team, she led the nation in field goal percentage. After her senior year, Price-Smith was asked to join the SIUC track and field program. Two years later, she would win the first of her 25 national track and field titles.

Another alumnus to be honored Friday, Charles W. Groennert, served as vice president of organization development for Emerson Electric in St. Louis for 23 years.

Groennert is being noticed because of his work in encouraging Emerson to include the University on its job recruitment list. And the company now regularly hires SIUC graduates.

"I've been able to stay relatively close to the University," Groennert said. "It's quite an honor. I'm pleased

to even be considered."

Groennert also arranged for a \$150,000 gift from Emerson that provides annual research fellowships for School of Accountancy faculty members.

Groennert has been awarded with honors from SIUC over the years and is a life member of the SIUC alumni association.

A final honoree of the award is a previous Ambassador and U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Donald McHenry.

McHenry also served as a member of former President Jimmy Carter's White House cabinet as chief U.S. representative to the United Nations.

Currently, McHenry is a distinguished professor in the practice of diplomacy at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and president of an international consulting firm, IRC Group.

These five recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award were picked by a seven-member selection committee that consists of Alumni Association board members and Student Alumni Council members.

Greg Scott, assistant director of the Alumni Association, said that "bringing honor to the University through professional accomplishment and support of the University," are criteria for people being selected for the award.

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## Alumnus named CEO of Chamber of Commerce

MARK LAMBIRD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Douglas Whitley attended SIUC nearly 30 years ago, the campus was in turmoil as anti-war protests and race riots frequently got out of hand.

Whitley attributes his passion for government and public policy to times of uncertainty in those years when people had a cause.

Whitley was named president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Sept. 18. The chamber is an organization that lobbies for businesses in the state legislature and provides other services. As president and CEO, Whitley will be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the chamber.

Whitley graduated from the University in 1975 with a bachelors in government and history. Whitley said, as a student, he was exposed to the basics of a liberal arts education with the added "spice" of public policy and governmental awareness.

"The student body had a strong social conscience while I was at Southern," Whitley said.

Whitley has come a long way from Atwood, a small town between Tuscola and Decatur, where he was a paper boy. He was a Cub Scout and later a Boy Scout working his way up to the top rank of Eagle Scout.

From the fields of Central Illinois, Whitley went south to SIUC.

After he graduated from SIUC, his interest in politics continued to develop as a legislative staff member and president of the Taxpayers Federation of Illinois.

He was later selected to serve as director of the Illinois Department of Revenue by former Gov. Jim Edgar.

While a large part of Whitley's work has been in public service roles, he also has experience in the private sector. After his stint with the Department of Revenue, he was hired by Illinois Bell Telephone Company as vice president of government relations.

He eventually became president of Ameritech Illinois, after the company went through restructuring.

Mike Lawrence, assistant director of the Public Policy Institute and former press secretary for Gov. Edgar, said Whitley was an ideal choice for the position of president.

"He was a significant factor in our success in managing the government during tough fiscal times," Lawrence said.

Whitley said the chamber offers businesses across the state an opportunity to come together and make their voices heard.

"People in office want to make the right decisions," Whitley said. "But they don't always get good guidance."

He said the focus of the chamber will be on the economy and ensuring people that the future is still bright for Illinois businesses.

"The economy was soft before Sept. 11, but this has caused a big set back," Whitley said.

In the past week, the economy has shown signs of strength, as the losses the market saw in the week following the attacks were replaced with gains.

"Businesses like stability, and we have had some disruptions, but we are coming together in under the national banner," Whitley said.

However, there is a bright side to the events that happened Sept. 11, Whitley said.

"I actually think one positive is the coming together of the American people," Whitley said.

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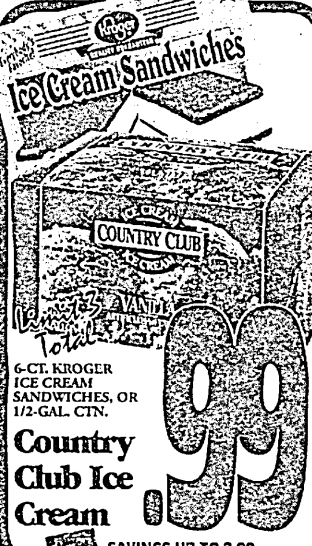
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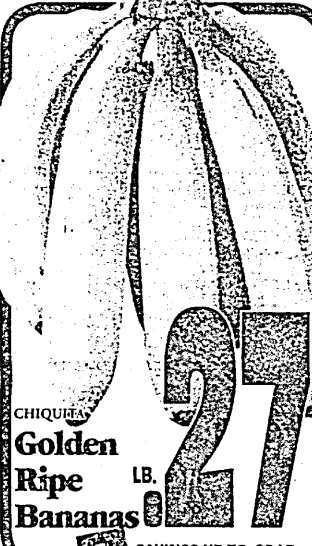
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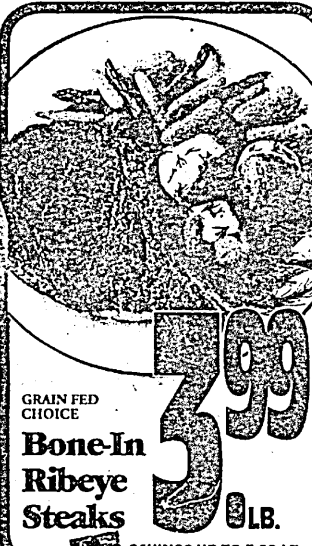
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## Experts say crop-dusting planes unlikely to be used

MICHELE RATLIFF & SARA TENNESSEN  
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AMES, Iowa (U-WIRE)—While the nation recovers from the Sept. 11 attacks, some experts fear small, Midwestern agricultural centers may be the target for a new battle — biological warfare spread by crop-dusting planes.

Although the planes have been identified as a possible method of attack, others argue the risks are slim and none.

Robert Wallace, expert in biological warfare, said viruses could be dropped from the crop-dusting planes.

"This type of thing would be noticed in a big city, and the plane would either be warned off or even shot down," said Wallace, professor of biology at Ripon College in Ripon, Wis. "It is going to be easier and produce a more frightening outcome in a small town than in a big city."

Helen Jensen, Iowa State University professor of economics, is a member of the National Research

Council's Committee on Biological Threats to Agricultural Plants and Animals. She said the Midwest is a viable target because of its role in supplying the nation's food.

"Anywhere there is a large production of agriculture, you are going to be at a potential risk," she said.

But Susan Storm of Storm Spraying Service in Webster City, Iowa, said it's very unlikely that terrorists would use crop-dusting planes.

"It would be quite an act to get in one," she said. "They're not a car sitting in a parking lot."

Storm Spraying Service has two dusting-equipped planes and is one of Iowa's 35 professional crop dusters, Storm said. The pilots must have a license from both the state and federal governments, and their planes are kept locked up when they are not in use, she said.

The planes would almost all be unusable right now, and they won't be flying overhead anytime soon.

"Once it freezes, we're pretty much done with spraying and they take the planes apart to overhaul them," she said.

## Housing becomes more exclusive

Housing officials create new specialty floors for next fall

BETH COLDWELL  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Beginning next fall, students will have to watch where they're going in the residence halls.

Several new specialty floors will be added in fall 2002 in an effort to accommodate students' requests and group them with other students with similar interests. The new floors were created for students interested in restricted visitation, Army ROTC, speech communication and debate, community service and restricted use of tobacco products.

One restricted visitation floor will be added strictly for women. No men will be allowed on the floor at any time.

"We have several students who requested this type of floor," said Lisa Schemonia, associate director of housing management. "Many students do not want to confront roommates about these issues."

The SIUC Army ROTC floor was created because a special floor for members of the Air Force ROTC is already in place, and several Army ROTC

members had requested one as well. Eleven floors will be smoke-free, including one building in Thompson Point and several areas in University Park.

The third floor of Warren Hall in Thompson Point will be home to several students interested in speech communication and debate.

A floor will also be added for Togetherness, Engagement, Achievement and Morale (TEAM) focusing on leadership-related activities and community service.

In addition to the new specialty floors, new programs will be added to the Saluki Advantage program allowing students to be grouped according to what college they choose. Groups of 10 to 20 students live together on the same floor and have two or three classes together. The College of Business and Administration, College of Education, College of Science and College of Engineering already participate in the program. Next year, the College of Liberal Arts, College of Mass Communications and Media Arts and Center for Basic Skills will also participate.

Kathie Lorentz, coordinator of housing programming academic excellence programs, said the Saluki Advantage program allows new stu-

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Lisa Schemonia  
associate director, housing management

dents to adjust to college by meeting study partners and forming friendships.

"The main thing is for them to have a good, positive year," Lorentz said.

She added that research at other colleges and universities with similar programs has shown that similar groups have remained friends throughout their college careers and lived together in off-campus housing options.

Steve Kirk, assistant director for resident life, said specialty floors are often implemented as pilots or experiments. He said the special interest usually starts with one or two floors. The floors are then eliminated or expanded after one year based on student opinions.

"We like to see how the students respond to them," Kirk said.

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The national gathering in Idaho in June hosted an estimated 50,000 people, assembling for peace, love and harmony in the forest. Now, from Oct. 1 through Oct. 14 they are having a regional gathering in the Shawnee National Forest, in the One Horse Gap recreation area south of Harrisburg.

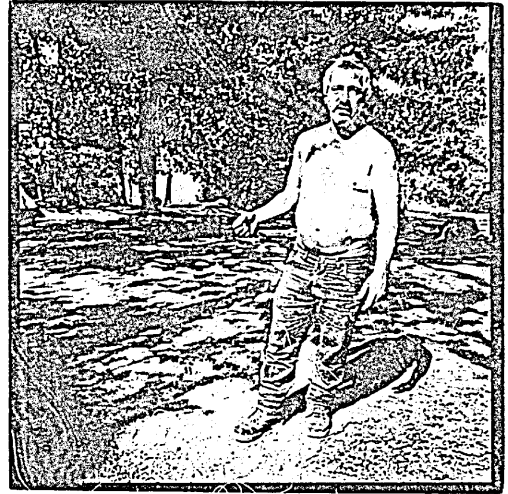
The older members have been doing this for years. Two men named Diamond Jim and Sundog each have followed the Rainbow for more than a decade. For a woman named Bright Owl, this is only her second gathering.

There is no leader in the Rainbow family. For Diamond Jim, Brian Nelson, Bright Owl, Small Axe, Adam and Jay, Philo and Sundog, the Rainbow tribe is their home, their family and their hope.

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# Clinton, Dole announce victims' scholarship fund at Georgetown

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THE HOVA (GEORGETOWN U.)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — Former President Bill Clinton and Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole announced a scholarship fund campaign at Georgetown University for the children and spouses of the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Saturday.

The longtime political rivals, who ran against each other in the 1996 presidential election, said they hope to raise a minimum of \$100 million for the "Families of Freedom Fund," which will distribute educational assistance for use at all post-secondary institutions.

"There's not any politics or partisanship in an effort like this," Dole said. "We're both Americans. We both love our countries."

Founded by the Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America and the Lumina Foundation for Education, Clinton and Dole were asked to spearhead the effort in hopes of lending credibility to the fund and gathering momentum for donations.

"There's no greater long-term need than the children of the tragedy," Clinton said. "I have stood in line at the crisis center and talked to victims' families. And some of the people who will benefit from this have not even been born yet ... the gift will be giving for quite a long while."

TMP Worldwide, a recruitment advertisement agency, announced a \$1 million contribution to the fund and

have set up toll-free number that individuals can use to make donations.

Harvard University has pledged \$1 million to the fund and has said it will join efforts with the American Council on Education. According to Assistant Vice President for Communications Julie Green Bataille, Georgetown has not yet made a donation, but said the university has supported the announcement by providing the "venue, space and support for it to take place."

"The children and spouses of firefighters and police officers, flight crews and passengers, World Trade Center and Pentagon workers — all of the victims of the attack — have lost so much," Dole said. "We hope that this scholarship fund will help erase some of their doubts and fears about their future."

Under the scholarship program, individual educational assistance will be determined based on funds available, and depending on total funding available, scholarships may be renewable for up to three years of undergraduate study. Because administrative costs will be paid from a portion of interest earnings from the fund, sponsors said 100 percent of all contributions will go directly to aid students.

Following a press conference held in the President's Room of Healy Hall, Clinton and Dole taped public service announcements in Riggs Library to air on television and radio.

Members of Campaign Georgetown and work-study students from the Office of Communications also staffed the event site.

# U. Minn. workers support strike

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MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — State agencies struggled to keep up with their workload Monday as an estimated 21,000 state employees hit the picket lines — the largest state workers' strike in Minnesota's history.

After negotiations between state officials and two of the state's largest unions failed to smooth away disputes over health care and wages, union officials voted Sunday to strike.

With signs calling for "Affordable Health Care and a Livable Wage Now," University employees — who might strike at the end of October against the University's administration — also picketed during lunch hours Monday to show support for state workers.

"They're in the same hard place that we're at. They've been organizing for this day for at least two years, so we're here to support them," said Jody Ebert, president of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3937 — University technical employees.

Although several government agencies closed their doors indefinitely Monday, state officials said they are prepared for the work force depletion.

"There's not a panic; the executive branch has been planning for this for months," said Julien Carter, commissioner of the department of employee relations. "Contingency

plans were kicked into effect last night, and people were ready for today."

Members of AFSOCME and the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees gathered at government buildings statewide to rally support and deter people from crossing the picket lines.

"Governor Ventura doesn't live up to his words. He says we are valued employees, but how important are we if it comes down to us having to strike to get our point across?" said Karen Bolander, a 21-year department of public health employee, who protested in front of her workplace on the East Bank.

Bolander participated in the last major statewide strike in 1981, when AFSOCME held picket lines for 22 days.

AFSCME and MAPE officials requested annual wage increases of 5 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively, for their 2001-03 contracts. The state agreed to a 3 percent wage increase for AFSOCME for each of the next two years and offered MAPE a one-time 4 percent increase.

One striker said there are "mixed feelings" among union members over whether the strike's timing is appropriate in light of the Sept. 11 attacks and the weak economy.

But union leaders — who have pushed for more benefits for several years — decided employees have waited too long for the state to respond to their demands.

"I don't see this as being unpatriotic," said Barbara Otis, department of public health nurse.

"Living in this country, we've had to speak up and say we're worth more than this."

For others, the strike is not as personal. Kristy Hellman, a University senior who works at the department of transportation, said because she only works part time "it really doesn't matter that much to me."

Hellman did not go to work Monday morning, but it wasn't because she was picketing.

"I was told that I shouldn't cross the picket line because it would make people really upset," Hellman said.

University AFSOCME employees reached a tentative contract agreement last week, which members will approve or reject later this month. Although they currently are working, employees warn a strike is still possible.

"Some members are truly outraged by the agreement. We don't make a living wage. Now the University is further insulting us by increasing health insurance by thousands of dollars a year," said AFSOCME Local 3800 President Phyllis Walker, who picketed outside the law school.

Strikers received support Monday from Minnesota's 50,000-member Teamsters union. A union official announced the union's truck drivers will not cross picket lines.

Strikers said the University community showed support, but some opposition occurred at the picket lines. Erin Klein, a pre-veterinary sciences freshman, said she thinks the strikers' demands are selfish.

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**What he really should have done is call 911 and say "I have a guy lying on my living room floor."**

William J. Kilquist  
Jackson County Sheriff

after the homicide, and took his statement which was made in the presence of his lawyer. Kilquist said Washington has been charged for his alleged involvement Tyree's death, but he is unsure of what the charges are.

"What he should've done is call 911 and say 'I have a guy lying on my living room floor,'" Kilquist said.

Cunningham, a graduate student in sociology, and Singletary, a graduate student in the School of Music,

both appeared Tuesday for their preliminary hearing in Jackson County court. Their preliminary hearings were postponed so their legal counsel can address the murder charges.

If convicted of first-degree murder, Cunningham and Singletary would face between 20 and 60 year prison sentences.

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New Madrid region is mysterious."

A study conducted by Federal Emergency Management Administration in 1985 estimated that 5,730 Carbondale residents would be left homeless by a quake with a magnitude of 7.0 or higher.

Although active, Olshansky said the New Madrid seismic region is difficult to predict. The last major earthquake occurred in Missouri in 1895. There are about 200 small, intangible earthquakes each year.

The New Madrid seismic zone extends more than 120 miles southward from Cairo at the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, into Arkansas and parts of Kentucky and Tennessee. It roughly follows Interstate 55 through Blytheville down to Marked Tree, Ark., crossing

four state lines and the Mississippi River in three places.

Although severe earthquakes do not occur often along the Madrid seismic zone, when they do happen, the destruction covers more than 15 times the area because of the underlying geology and soil conditions in the region.

Scientists predict about a 50 percent chance of a moderate earthquake in the next 15 years and a 97 percent chance in the next 50 years. A moderate earthquake measures at a magnitude of 4.0 to 5.0.

Louis Herter, the emergency management coordinator for Carbondale's Emergency Management Services Department, said Carbondale buildings are "in pretty good shape" for an earthquake.

The department has a thick binder of instructions and procedures to follow in case of an earthquake, but each set is case specific.

Carbondale joined many cities last April in an earthquake response conference exercise, rehearsing drills in case of earthquake damages. Herter said Carbondale is prepared to respond effectively.

Arch Johnston, director of the earthquake center at the University of Memphis, said Carbondale's infrastructure is a "sitting duck," but that it is too difficult to forecast when the next earthquake will occur.

"In truth, we don't know," he said. He said the only way to counteract an earthquake is to prepare effectively.

"We respond with action after the fact," Johnston said. "Planning and spending money to mitigate before things happen is not in our nature. It becomes a tough thing to do effectively."

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# Louisville coach wrestles with grief of losing brother in attacks

CHARLEY LEFFLER  
THE LOUISVILLE CARDINAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (U-WIRE)—There was an evident look of sadness in his eyes as Louisville head basketball coach Rick Pitino walked into the room. He appeared to have the weight of the world on his shoulders. Or maybe it was just the weight of the World Trade Center.

On September 11, 2001, the Pitino family was struck by disaster as Joanne Pitino's brother and Rick's best friend, William Minardi lost his life in the terrorist attacks in New York City. Minardi worked for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 105th floor of the North Tower of the WTC. It was the first building struck by the terrorist attacks. Of the 800 employees on the job that fateful day, only one was reported to have escaped.

Now, a little more than two weeks later, the coach is trying to get his mind away from the torment that his family had endured.

"A week ago I didn't know where my life was going," Pitino said. "You didn't know what to do, where to go. As the man of the family, me and my brother-in-law Jimmy were supposed to be strong. We got most of our strength from my brother-in-law (Billy's) wife Stephanie, who's considerably younger than us."

Stephanie had reassured Pitino by telling him that Billy was so happy that the coach was back in Kentucky and college basketball. "We're just going to dedicate the season to him."

The relationship between Minardi and Pitino had been a long and fruitful one that dates back to high school. The two young men came upon each other shortly after Rick had met Joanne.

"I met Billy a few days later," Pitino said. "He was going to the same high school I was attending. It was a good reason to marry Joanne. I was sixteen and I think Billy was going into his freshman year. He went to every high school game and he was my biggest supporter. And from that point on, from Billy being in high school to this very day we've been best friends. Since Billy was thirteen, he made every high school game, every NCAA game, every important college basketball game that I coached. Every family outing, every golfing trip, we'd spoken every day for thirty-three years."

Through the pain that he is feeling, when Pitino speaks of Minardi the sadness is briefly lifted. It becomes evident that the light of Billy's life still shines on through the coach's eyes. Yet, with every warm thought, Pitino's

mind eventually goes back to that tragic day and the weeks that followed. He explained that the extensive media coverage was torture to him.

"It was painful watching those planes over and over and over," Pitino said. "And I was counting the floors. The swing of emotions because... I knew Billy was high. So, I'm counting the floors. I got a call from Brent Rice (Pitino's attorney) and he said, 'I remember Billy saying that he moved down because he moved from bonds to stocks. I think he's in the 30s.' Immediately I called my son Michael and he said, '105th.' I said, 'Are you sure?' and he said 'Yes.'"

Rick and Joanne were so distraught that they drove to New York to gather more information.

"Two days go by and they had this thing, it was called New York.com, about the conditions of the people," Pitino said.

Searching the Web site they discovered the name of another missing friend. But their hopes only turned to despair as the account turned out to be false. Still, they did not give up.

"A day went by, and the next day we woke up at 10:41," Pitino said. "We kept searching the computer and Billy's name came up in the computer, 'critical.' And immediately we got our jackets and rushed into the car, we were so excited."

But a friend tried to stop him from going.

"He said, 'Don't go. Babe Ruth is on this computer, you don't know. It's not a valid list.' But I said they wouldn't list him as critical. There's no way. They couldn't say critical. It couldn't be a mistake there, so, I said I'm going anyway. Then we checked it out through Cantor Fitzgerald and found it wasn't true. The swing of emotions has just been unreal. Thinking that you had a hope and a prayer. Waiting for one Cantor Fitzgerald person to get down..."

Now Pitino searches for a way to ease the painful loss. He plans to do this through basketball.

"What I have to do personally is just immerse myself into it day and night, just so I don't think as much."

Pitino said that he wants to work so hard that he simply passes out at night.  
"No matter how spiritual you are, and how deep your faith is, nothing gets you over this but time," said Pitino. "Not only did we have to lose someone so close to us, but we had to watch it over and over again. And then we had to watch so many other families suffer who we knew."

Even though Pitino wants to make the past three weeks go away, he still retains 33 years of loving anecdotes to fall back on.

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# Interest high in military, but few sign up

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO (KRT) - A generation ago, Howard Hammond's father-in-law talked him out of joining the military during the Vietnam War.

On a recent day, Hammond sat in an Air Force recruitment office on Chicago's North Side, trying to persuade his son to enlist.

"I think he'll be good at it," Hammond said as Dustin, 20, watched a video about boot camp. "They need people now."

It is not an easy sell. In the days since terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, interest in the armed forces has skyrocketed. Enlistment, however, has not.

Officials of all four branches of the military say they received a flood of calls, office visits and clicks on their Web sites. But few people are actually joining.

The lack of enlistments has led some to question young Americans' patriotism, but others say it is difficult to draw conclusions.

Because the government has capped the number of soldiers in the military at 1.4 million, a goal reached weeks before the end of the fiscal year Sunday, some say there is little

incentive for recruiters to sign up new recruits.

Others say young men and women are simply waiting to see how the war on terrorism will unfold.

"I think we've got a lot of people who feel there might be a need, but they're waiting to see," said David R. Segal, director of the Center for Research on Military Organization at the University of Maryland.

"The demands for the campaign, as it's being thought through, are not for a large number of troops."

Recruiting in general has been difficult in recent years, as a soaring economy created more opportunities for high school graduates, sapping the military of some of its allure.

At the same time, the overall size of U.S. armed forces has shrunk, as the government has repeatedly decreased the number of active-duty military personnel. In 1986, the military stood at just under 2.2 million. Ten years later, it was down to about 1.5 million, and for the past few years it has hovered around 1.4 million.

At the Marine Corps recruiting center in Bensenville, a team of four officers works up to 14 hours a day, looking for recruits in Chicago's western suburbs. In an average week, two or three people will sign up in the small office tucked between a 7-Eleven and a hotdog stand on Grand

Avenue.

Since Sept. 11, the office has enlisted no one. "As an office this month, things haven't turned out the way we wanted them to," Staff Sgt. Shawn Lamey said. "There are a lot of people coming in, but for whatever reason they haven't joined."

The situation is similar in other branches and recruitment centers nationwide.

Nationally, the Marine Corps saw a 300 percent increase in visits to its Web site and a 350 percent jump in phone calls immediately after the attacks. But those numbers have not translated into new recruits, Master Sgt. Ron Turner said, in part because a significant portion of the interest came from former Marines looking to re-enlist or help.

The Air Force had a 169 percent increase in Web traffic after the attacks, but Staff Sgt. Eric Petosky calls recruitment business as usual.

Hellen Elrod, an Army spokeswoman, said her branch "has not seen a drastic increase," and neither has the Navy.

Recruitment officials say it can take days or weeks for potential recruits to pass physicals, take aptitude tests and get paperwork in order, meaning it could be a while before the full impact of the Sept. 11 attacks is evident. But there does not

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Staff Sgt. Shawn Lamey  
Marine Corps recruiting center, Bensenville

appear to be a spike in the number of people beginning the process, leaving some to conclude that no great increase is anticipated in the weeks ahead.

"I don't know if it's a matter of time or what," said Brian Curtice, a public affairs officer for the Navy Recruiting District in Chicago.

"I don't how many people are ready in their own personal lives to just drop everything and join. To join the military takes a strong commitment. You have to put your life together first."

Charles Moskos, a professor of military sociology at Northwestern University, calls the reaction to the terrorist attacks "make-believe patriotism."

"Everybody's flag waving, and nobody's joining," he said.

Moskos believes the military is understaffed by about 400,000 personnel. The only ways to meet those numbers is to require service for those seeking federal education scholarships, offer shorter-term enlistment options, or bring back

some form of a draft, he said.

Segal, of the University of Maryland, disagrees. He said most recruiting centers have met their goals for the fiscal year and won't start looking for new recruits in earnest until Monday, when the next fiscal year begins. Young men and women won't decide whether to join until they know if they'll be needed.

At the Chicago Air Force recruiting office, where the staff sergeant has signed up two people since the attacks, Dustin Hammond said it will be another week before he decides whether to enlist.

Hammond said he had considered joining for more than a year. Watching the attack on the World Trade Center pushed him to meet with a recruiter.

He said he will either go back to school to become a paralegal or trade in his faded blue jeans, black leather coat and Nikes for an Air Force uniform.

"I'd like to serve my country. That tragedy really aggravated me," he said.

# Doctors chill to thrill rides after coaster death

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(KRT) - The deaths of three women who suffered fatal brain injuries this summer on California amusement park thrill rides have industry experts and lawmakers debating the safety of such high-speed, high-stress attractions.

But doctors say they are more worried about the problems that don't make headlines - subtle, pervasive injuries that go unreported and are hard to quantify.

While brain-injury deaths on thrill rides are rare, the successive jerks and jostles of roller coasters may have the same brain-battering effect as a career in football.

"A mild concussion could cause short-term memory problems, depression, headaches, vision problems, which are all vague syndromes," says Dr. James McDevitt, chairman of the Brain Injury Association. "If people don't associate the injury with the event of

riding the ride, perhaps the problem of safety is greater than we know."

In the most recent death, Justine Dedele Bolla, 20, suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm Aug. 31 after riding the Montezooma's Revenge roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm near Los Angeles.

Bolla likely was born with the aneurysm, a weak spot on a blood vessel in her brain, which could have ruptured during any number of blood-pumping activities, says Dr. Israel Chambi, the neurosurgeon who tried to save her.

Coroner investigations cited similar reasons for finding no relationship between any of three recent deaths and amusement park rides. And industry leaders say rides adhere to strict safety standards.

But if anyone else walked off those rides feeling dizzy or nauseous, they may have experienced a mild concussion. People so rarely relate pulsating headaches with the pulls and plunges of thrill rides that these subtle problems go unreported, McDevitt says.

So the Brain Injury Association, a national nonprofit, will begin researching medical literature and ride-engineering information next month to determine whether amusement park thrill rides can cause the kind of subtle injuries McDevitt and other doctors suspect.

Within the next six months, the BIA plans to report its findings to Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who has authored a bill to re-institute federal oversight of fixed amusement-park rides.

In California, a state agency has regulated fixed amusement rides since last year, and all injuries requiring more than routine first aid must be reported by park authorities.

Though Markey doesn't think state-by-state regulation is enough, it may be difficult to get the rest of Congress to agree. His bill encountered fierce industry resistance and went nowhere last year, and his chief of staff, David Moulton, says that the way Congress is currently constituted, the three recent amusement-park deaths are unlikely to give his boss any additional leverage.

Moulton says Markey is planning to

write a letter to the amusement industry asking it to impose voluntary limits on the forces of acceleration and deceleration (g-forces) that thrill rides can generate. In Germany, for example, amusement-industry standards specify that rides should not sustain a level over 5 g-forces for a period of more than one second.

"There's no question that the arms spiral that's occurring in the industry, where every ride has to be more thrilling than the next, has led us to the edge of the safety envelope, and in the case of some of these riders, we may have busted through it," Moulton says.

Industry advocates say that amusement-park ride standards are stringent. "Manufacturers and designers continue to collect and study relevant data on g-forces, and they apply this information to each ride," says Terrie Ward, spokeswoman for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, the industry's principal lobbying group.

But David Collins, a ride engineer who heads Team IX - a Newbury Park company that designs, inspects and tests amusement park attractions - says it's possible that in the U.S. roller-coast-

er building boom of recent years, some companies have rushed to grab market share without paying enough attention to well-established guidelines for managing g-forces.

"In some cases, the transitions are too sharp, there's not enough time to get your body into a position where you're comfortable," Collins says. "A lot of people have seen roller coasters as a very lucrative business, and folks who should be doing other things have suddenly got into it. You get on some of these new rides, built by newcomers, and you feel really beat up."

Some doctors say it would be wise for amusement parks to post warnings that patrons could suffer concussions and other mild brain traumas on high-speed thrill rides. Parks already warn certain people - pregnant women, children, people with heart conditions - that it may be dangerous to ride.

"If I had a son who was going to play football, I know that more likely than not he's going to suffer a concussion. Parents can make a conscious decision about whether they choose to take that risk," McDevitt says. "If people are aware of the danger, they can make a reasonable choice."

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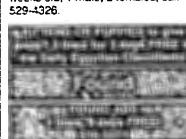
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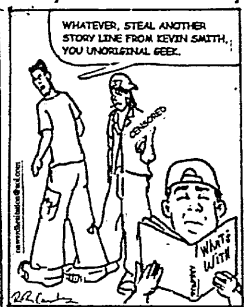
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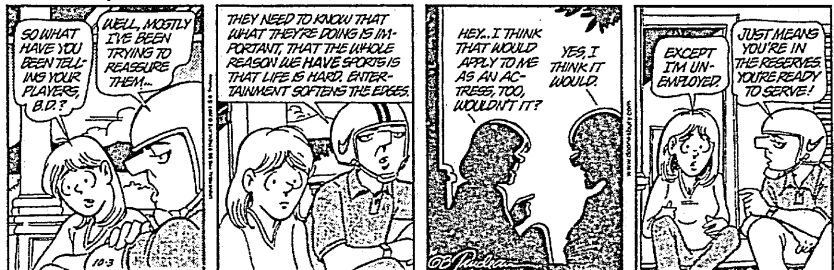
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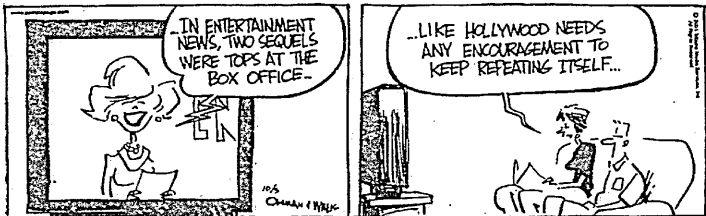
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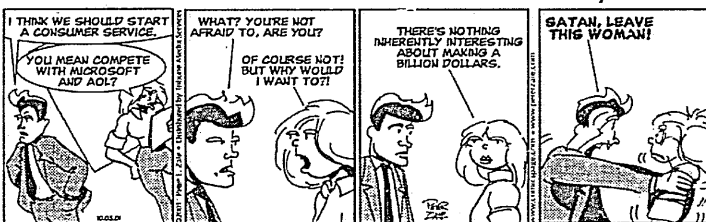
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- Biblical pronoun
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- Genuine
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## SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

### Saluki volleyball defeats Murray State

The SIU volleyball team used some aggressive net play to defeat Murray State in four games Tuesday night.

The Salukis hit 19 blocks in the match, out-blocking the Racers 19-2 and setting a Murray record for most blocks allowed. Junior Lindsey Schultz led the way for the Salukis, finishing with 13 blocks.

Kelly Harman, a sophomore, had 17 kills for the Salukis. Junior Tara Cains and junior Kristie Kemmer each chipped in 12 kills for the Salukis.

SIU, now 5-9 on the season, won 27-30, 30-27, 30-21, 30-24.

The Salukis return home for conference action Friday against Drake and Saturday versus Creighton. Both matches begin at 7 p.m. at Davies Gymnasium.



### SWIMMING

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showed up to compete in the first place," Walker said.

Despite the loss of Bradley's program, Walker said SIU's program remains strong.

"SIU is not in that situation in that we've got the full support of the Athletic Department and I think we're in good standing as a program," Walker said. "I do not like to see programs dropping plain and simple, but I can understand why it would be Bradley."

SIU women's head coach Jeff Goetz said he was deeply saddened upon hearing the news.

"It's terrible to see any program drop, much less when it's the program you're involved in," Goetz said. "I think it's not fair to the athletes and it's a bad move, especially when it's swimming and diving."

Chris Gally, women's assistant coach, said Bradley's removal will not have an effect on the women's team.

"The conference has gotten so much more competitive over the last three or four years," Gally said. "It's certainly a loss, but other schools are going to step right into it and make up for it. It's going to be very competitive still."

Reporter Liz Guard can be reached at elizabethguard@aol.com

## Lowe's injury serves as deja vu for Purdue

JOE SMITH  
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — Just when Purdue coach Gene Keady thought the injury bug had left his Boilermakers for good, it ripped his team once again -- and this time, it didn't give Purdue a head start.

Junior guard Kenneth Lowe will be out of action until at least January -- if not the entire year -- after having surgery over the summer to repair a shoulder injury.

"Kennedy's pretty much the life of the team," senior John Allison said. "He still always has a smile on his face and even though he knows he'll be out for a while, he's telling us not to worry about it."

"But he brings a lot to the team on offense and defense and the fact that he's out is a huge blow."

Lowe averaged 12 points per game last season for a Purdue team that began with promise, but was later plagued by injury.

After starting the season 17-6 -- highlighted by an upset over then-No. 1 Arizona -- the Boilermakers' momentum came to a screeching halt when leading scorer Rodney Smith and leading shot-blocker Allison each broke a bone in their right foot. Purdue went 1-7 in their absence, finishing 17-15 while making it to the NIT quarterfinals.

"Last year was definitely a roller-coaster," said Allison, who said that his injured foot still plays mental games with him. "For me, it was incredibly painful and frustrating in knowing that we could be playing."

While the season may have been respectable for some, it was Keady's second-worst record in his 21 years

at Purdue.

Smith and Allison "were our two best players, but if they can stay healthy we'll be in pretty good shape," Keady said.

While Lowe's injury is a big blow, Keady has reason to be optimistic as eight of his top players are returning.

A veteran team may be just what the doctor ordered to end Purdue's five-year Big Ten title drought. Keady's previous six Purdue teams that had at least four seniors combined for an 85-23 Big Ten record and four conference titles.

The Boilermakers will have their two biggest guns back in Smith and Allison, and with Keady's best recruiting class since 1994 added to the mix, this may be Purdue's best chance in years to contend with the conference's elite.

Keady said that the Boilermakers will likely utilize their team speed in becoming a run-and-gun team. Allison's return should aid one of the Big Ten's worst rebounding teams from a year ago, while his shot-blocking skills will allow his teammates to be more aggressive.

"It's paramount to our success this year to be more successful rebounding the ball," Allison said.

Lowe's injury, combined with the graduation of point guard and important team leader Carson Cunningham, leaves a huge hole in the Purdue backcourt.

"The guard position is a question mark for us right now," Allison said.

If no one steps up to run the show or can prove to be a stopper on defense in a conference filled with talented guards, Keady's goal of a Big Ten crown will be an uphill climb.

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## Tide's Watts shines in defeat

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (U-WIRE) — The painful look on Tyler Watts' face after Alabama's 37-36 loss to South Carolina told the story before he ever uttered a word.

Watts had just played better than anyone could have imagined. Watts accounted for 393 yards of offense and three touchdowns.

And yet, the somber Watts was not satisfied. He said he and his offensive teammates did not do enough to help their team win the game.

"It was good, but it was not good enough. We should never be satisfied with a loss," Watts said. "If they score 100, we should score 101."

Perhaps Watts was being a little hard on himself. After all, he had just completed 20 of 25 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown. His lone interception came on a tipped pass.

Even more impressive, Watts set a UA school record for quarterbacks with 162 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 22 attempts. He was the first quarterback to rush for over 100 yards in nearly two decades.

Watts' frustration, however, overshadowed any joy he gained from his incredible stats. When the game was dangerously close, the offense failed to produce. When Alabama had the opportunity to put the game out of reach, the offense turned over the ball.

Watts said he believed turnovers cost Alabama the game. "We had too many turnovers," Watts said. "Those will get you beat, and those got us beat today."

Midway through the third quarter, Alabama led the Gamecocks 29-17 and had driven to the USC 33-yard line. Watts appeared to be sacked, but the ball slipped out and directly into the hands of South Carolina's Rashad Faison, who returned it into Alabama territory.

The Gamecocks quickly scored a touchdown to narrow the margin to 29-24.

Watts said he felt responsible for the fumble -- one of the plays that shifted the momentum toward the Gamecocks.

"That's just poor ball security on my part," Watts said. "We were well on our way to scoring with the football, to getting a touchdown, and we fumbled."

But Watts' gutsy performance, par-

ticularly running the option, gave the Tide an excellent opportunity to win. Until late in the third quarter, the Gamecocks only covered the "pitch man," often forcing Watts to run the ball himself.

The USC gamble paid huge dividends for Watts and the Alabama offense. By halftime, Watts had already amassed 106 yards rushing on 12 carries, including a 32-yard scamper down the sideline that set up a 31-yard play-action touchdown pass from Watts to a wide-open Jason McAddley.

During the second half, the South Carolina defense began to key on Watts instead of the running back trailing him on option plays.

Watts still led the Tide on a five-play, 48-yard drive in the fourth quarter, capped off by Watts' nine-yard touchdown run on an option play. But USC's defensive adjustments disrupted the Alabama offense, and the Tide was unable to score crucial points in the game's final eight minutes.

Watts said the Gamecocks used many different looks to stop the option, but he said Alabama was usually able to find some strategy to move the ball.

"They played (the option) several different ways, but for the most part, it was very successful," Watts said.

Alabama ran the option heavily in the season opener against UCLA but used it only sparingly in the past two games. Watts and Franchione both said the Alabama offense took what the USC defense gave them. In this case, the Gamecocks allowed Alabama to run the option but prevented the inside running game.

Conventional wisdom would say an offense that could score 36 points and hold the ball nearly 39 minutes in a game would win every time, and Franchione agreed that his offense showed surprising efficiency.

Franchione said he was pleased with Watts' determination to do whatever possible to win the game.

"That kid would die for the Crimson Tide," Franchione said. "You've got to respect him for that."

Alabama took over the ball at their own 20 with about two minutes remaining, needing a field goal to win the game. Franchione opted to let Watts finish the game instead of using Andrew Zow, possibly the better downfield passer.

Franchione defended his decision; he said Watts deserved the chance to help his team win.

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## a brand new GAMEPLAN

After missing a year because of academic ineligibility, Saluki ace pitcher Jake Alley says he's learned his lesson

JAY SCHWAB  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jake Alley has a lot to prove for someone who's already proved plenty.

Alley established himself as the top pitcher on SIU's baseball team in his first two seasons, but after sitting out last year in the wake of his failure to maintain academic eligibility, the power pitcher has more on his mind these days than accumulating wins and strikeouts.

Alley is determined to show his friends, family and teammates that his life is in order and he can be counted on once again.

"I just want to go out and play again and show people what happened is done and over with, and now I can be the pitcher I was my sophomore year, if not better," Alley said.

Back then, it was all about pitching for Alley. So much so that he neglected almost everything else, particularly his studies.

It shouldn't have come as much of a surprise, then, when Alley fell just short of the required 2.0 grade point average to stay eligible to compete. But Alley's tunnel vision at the time didn't allow him to forecast that trouble was brewing until it smacked him over the head.

"If it didn't happen last semester, it would have happened this semester," Alley said. "I was barely scraping by, thinking 'Oh it will never happen to me,' then all the sudden it did happen to me. I could see it coming on, but I didn't want to think it was coming on."

Alley was angry and embarrassed once it was learned in January that he was ineligible. He knew he had let his coaches and teammates down, and a future that once seemed so promising had abruptly shifted to shaly ground.

He considered bolting. Alley initially pondered catching on with a professional team, then decided he'd bide his time at SIU and see if he would be drafted in June. When that didn't happen, he committed himself to returning to the Salukis.

"At first, I was angry at myself, just because it was my own fault for not going to class and not doing what I was supposed to do," Alley said. "Then, after I stopped feeling sorry for myself, I decided I'm going to get eligible, I'm going to get in shape and I'm going to come back better than I ever have been."

"I think I took the right steps to do that, so a bad thing then is a good thing now."

On the mound, Alley's skills are rarely in question. He served as SIU's closer as a freshman and ascended to the role of the Salukis' No. 1 starter in a breakout sophomore season. Expectations for the remainder of his college career were sky-high until his grades dipped too low.

Alley said it wasn't brazen behavior or a lack of brains that doomed him — just a simple lack of effort.

"I'm not a big partier. I don't really go to the bars or anything," Alley said. "It's just not doing what I'm supposed to. I didn't go to class. Baseball was first and it shouldn't be all the time. That's where I messed up."

Alley's old approach to life didn't just marginalize the importance of school. He said his immaturity and engrossment with baseball damaged his relationships with loved ones.

"Not only was it school that I was putting off, it was family and my friends and everything in general," Alley said. "Baseball was my No. 1 priority and it's not supposed to be that way."

Alley was among four Salukis to be declared ineligible prior to last baseball season, and he's the only one to be back with the team this year.

SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan said since the incident, he has placed new disciplinary safeguards on his players that affect the whole team if a player does not fulfill his academic responsibilities. He has also renewed a commitment to recruit better caliber students to the program.

But Callahan said it's unfair to pin all of the blame for what happened on Alley.

"There was more to this than Jake just not getting the job done," Callahan said. "It was a situation where from a coaching standpoint, maybe we should have taken more of a structured approach ... you could point fingers at Jake, or at me or our academic support system maybe."

Without their ace pitcher, the Salukis stumbled to a 19-36 season last year. Not being able to contribute as his teammates languished was difficult for Alley to stomach.

"Even though I wasn't a part of the team, I felt bad for them that they weren't playing good," Alley said. "I just would have liked to be out there to try to do something to help them."

All the downtime provided Alley with ample time to deliberate on the direction of his life, and he wasn't satisfied.

"I understand now how easily baseball can be taken away from you," Alley said. "That could be anywhere from school to getting hurt or anything. So now I realize my education is important, and I'm going to class, studying more and getting after it in the classroom instead of just out on the field."

"It's changed my whole life. You've got to look at things differently now ... with baseball and with life, you can't half-ass things, and that's what I was doing."



STEVE JANNEK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Contemplating his moves on and off the field, Jake Alley takes a break from pitching during Saluki baseball practice on Monday. Alley had been away from the baseball team after his grade point average dropped below the required limit to play this past spring.

Preliminary indications are that Alley, a health education major, has learned from his predicament. He recorded a 3.0 GPA in the spring and says he is intent on making a full rebound from his academic indiscretions.

Now back with the team, Alley is in the middle of the Salukis' fall practice sessions. He said it wasn't an easy transition to rejoin his teammates after what transpired.

"When I first came back, I felt a little different," Alley said. "I didn't know how to act. I didn't know whether I should just sit back and let things happen or try to be a leader. But it's been a good fall so far."

If he's able to regain his academic footing, the focus can return to his budding pitching career. Alley had a productive summer, playing with the Wareham Gatemen of the prestigious Cape Cod League. Although he pitched sparingly, he had the opportunity to play amid top-flight prospects in front of dozens of professional scouts.

How long Alley remains a Saluki is probably contingent on his performance this season. If Alley can continue to refine his off-speed pitches and polish his control, it's realistic to think he could be snatched up in the draft at season's end.

"I would love for it to happen, but if it doesn't I still have a year of eligibility left," Alley said. "It's not going to be a horrible thing if I don't get drafted, but I definitely would be disappointed."

Alley said he doesn't feel as comfortable right now as he did before sitting out last season, but with time, his rhythm should return. When that happens, he may be able to deliver on an ambitious challenge issued to him by Callahan — to make a run at Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year.

"I said, you know what, to me you've got a lot to prove to a lot of people," Callahan said. "I said

there are going to be some people out there who doubt your ability, who question your commitment — either academically or athletically."

"I think a great final chapter to this story would be for him to have a great year, help us compete for the Missouri Valley championship and then get a chance to play professionally at the end of this year."

Regardless of how Alley performs in the spring, the events of the past year have made him a more mature person. Alley is hopeful that the lesson he learned the hard way will get the attention of his little brother, Josh, who is a promising baseball player at Anna-Jonesboro High School.

"He's learned something from this and so have we," Callahan said. "Jake's a good kid. I like him ... I respect him for what he did this past semester and I think his approach toward academics and toward baseball has changed significantly."

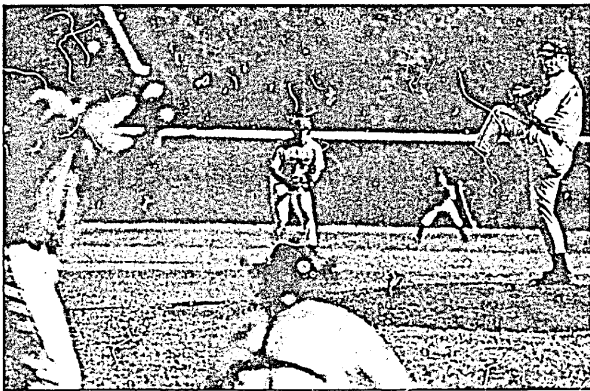
"There's no crystal ball out there but my gut feeling is that he's learned a lot from this incident and those things won't become an issue again. If there is a silver lining, maybe that's it."

Like most athletes who excel, Alley has a fierce competitive streak in him. Just like when he has two strikes on a batter and needs one more to finish him off, Alley doesn't want to allow the opportunity to use the coming months to vindicate himself to slip away.

"A lot of people around the conference are saying 'Alley was out last year, that shows you what kind of person he is,'" Alley said. "I think I've got a lot of proving to do, and I'm ready to take on the challenge."

This time, both on and off the diamond.

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STEVE JANNEK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alley winds up for a pitch during practice at Abe Martin Field on Monday. A closer his freshman season and an upgrade to ace hurler his sophomore season, Alley was predicted to excel even further his junior year. However, grades kept him off the field. Alley hopes to get back to where he was this spring.

## Speed to bum

Freshman wide receiver steps into starting role

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

During his junior year at Kennedy Christian High School in Stoneboro, Penn., Justin George was a state champion.

Not in football, where he is now excelling as a starting wide receiver for SIU as a true freshman, but in track and field in the 200-meter dash.

This does not mean that George wasn't also a star on the gridiron as he was a 1st team Associated Press all-state, all-conference and his league MVP during his senior season.

In addition to those awards, George was a 2nd team all-state member as a punter.

This illustrates, more than anything else, that George is simply a superb athlete.

"When we saw Justin on video tape in high school, the first thing we saw was his speed," said SIU wide receivers coach Brian Anderson. "He's a guy that just popped off the film because he can run."

How the coaching staff got that tape is actually a story in itself.

"My coach knew [former SIU head coach Jan Quarless] so he sent a film out here, but then he got fired," George said. "The film laid around and they ended up picking it up and gave me a call."

That call is already paying off for the Salukis, as last weekend's 38-21 loss to Western Illinois University marked the first start of George's young Saluki career.

He has, however, played in all three of SIU's games and his nine catches for 83 yards is second on the team only to Mark Shastreen's 10 for 109 yards.

Anderson said they weren't sure at first what position George would play, as he played three different positions in high school.

However, the Salukis' lack of speed at the wide out position made him a natural fit.

"I came in as a running back, but a couple of days into camp, they said I might be able to play at wide receiver," George said. "They wanted to get me on the field as fast as possible."

While the Salukis are stacked at running back with players such as Tom Koutsos, Brandon Robinson and Colin O'Reilly, early season ailments ravaged the receiving corps with injuries to several key players.

George has taken advantage of the opportunity the injuries created to earn a spot on the field.

Anderson said his ability to adjust to a new position so quickly and become a starter on a Division I-AA team as a true freshman speaks volumes about his work ethic as well as his raw skills.

The one part of being a wide receiver that George has had to work really hard at is his routes.

"We also see a lot of improvement in the run blocking process

of his game and the concept of, he knows what's going on and making adjustments on routes and stuff," Anderson said. "He's a smart kid so it's really been great for us having him."

While his raw skills have always been around, George wasn't sure if he'd have the staff to play college ball until the recruiters came calling.

"It was when all the colleges started calling me and having me come on visits," George said. "I really didn't expect all that I got. I come from such a small school and not a whole lot of people really looked at me."

Anderson said the Saluki coaching staff is expecting a lot out of George down the road as they'll be looking for him to lead the way both on and off the field.

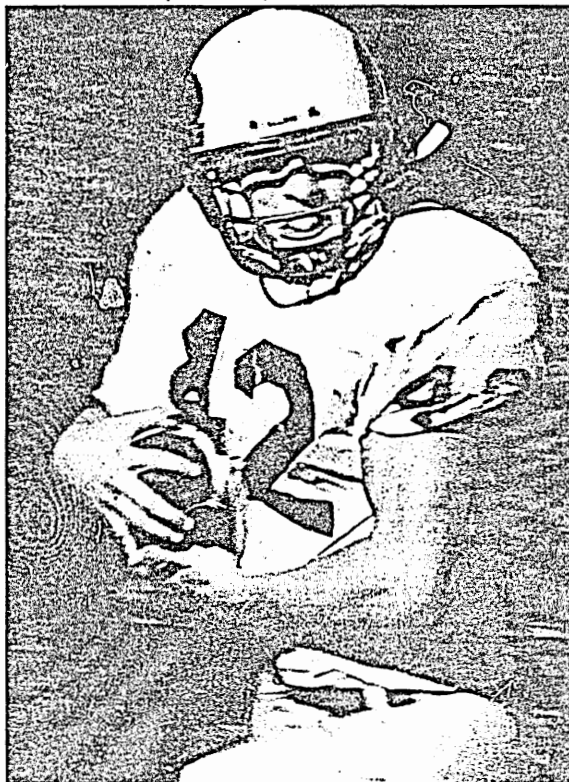
"He'll be a great leader," Anderson said. "He's out busting his butt right now trying to get guys to jump on and do some of the things he does and he leads by example."

One problem he's had is something that affects freshman all over the country — being away from home.

"I was homesick a couple of weeks ago, but I kind of got over that," George said. "I really like it here. The coaches are really good, they know what they're doing. They're going to turn this program around."

And if they do, George figures to be a big part of it.

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RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Justin George, a true freshman wide receiver from Stoneboro, Penn., ran with the ball during practice Tuesday at McAndrew Stadium. George is second on the team in receptions after making the switch to receiver from running back in high school.

## Conference shrinking for swim teams

Few left to compete in wake of Bradley's discontinuation

LIZ GUARD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With Bradley University's swimming and diving program recently abolished, there are now only four men's and five women's teams left in the Missouri Valley Conference, which could spell particular trouble for the Saluki men's team.

The MVC will conduct its annual fall meeting at the end of October, and there, among other things, conference officials will discuss the future of swimming and diving in the conference.

Patty Viverito, senior associate commissioner for the MVC, said there are currently three options that the league is considering.

Bylaw 7.6 in the MVC states that the conference will not sponsor championships in any sport in which less than half of member institutions sponsor an NCAA Division I varsity team. With the discontinuation of Bradley's program, there are now only four men's teams out of 10.

Viverito said the MVC will either discount swimming and diving championships for men, make an exception to the bylaw or add affiliate members for men's swimming and diving, although the last option is unlikely.

"It's all kind of up in the air right now," Viverito said. "I'm hoping the league will see fit to continue the men's championship because I think it will be good for the sport and the four remaining programs."

Although coaches at SIU see the loss of Bradley's swimming and diving program as a disappointment, they believe it will not substantially affect the level of competition in the Valley.

Rick Walker, SIU men's head coach, had mixed feelings about the decision.

"Obviously I'm disappointed, but I think if you look at Bradley specifically, you'll see that they had their own problems," Walker said. "They're not competitive and they weren't supported."

Walker said Bradley's program was the only one with a part-time coach. He said Bradley would show up late to meets with only half of the team and then leave early.

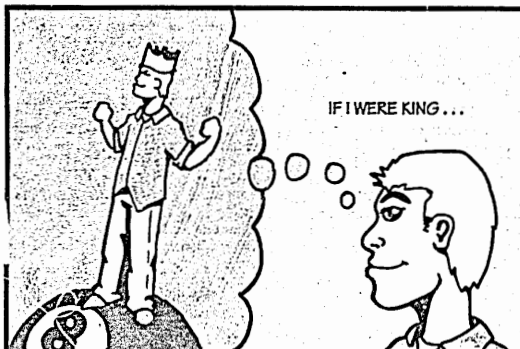
"It won't affect us on a conference level because Bradley never really

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