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White students seek review of U. of Michigan affirmative action

WASHINGTON — Two white college applicants asked the Supreme Court to review whether they were unconstitutional barred admission to the University of Michigan because of their race, their lawyer said Tuesday.

Together with four black students, the two students are filing a race-conscious admissions policy at the same university's law school, the case could reopen the emotional debate over the use of race in determining who should be hired at most U.S. colleges and universities.

The rejected undergraduate students' request is highly unusual, because a federal appeals court has not yet ruled in the Michigan case. Typically, the high court only considers a case when lower court appeals are final.

The high court is already considering whether to weigh in on the companion case upholding the race-conscious admissions policy at the University of Michigan law school. The court issued a stay last week in that case, and it may hear that matter at its term that begins next week.

The two cases were argued last December before the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court ruled in the law school case in May, but the court has not explained the delay in ruling on the second case.

International News

Needing a miracle, she found one

KOLKATA, India — The tumor on her stomach had grown so large that Monika Besra appeared seven months pregnant. She would die unless it vanished.

And nothing left to lose, the 30-year-old homemaker from West Bengal, who had died of cancer in September 1998, visited the Missionaries of Charity. She prayed for her life, she prayed for a miracle.

That request was granted.

"As soon as I stepped into the church, there was a photograph of Mother Teresa," Besra said in a statement. "I knew she would pray for me. I went to her and prayed to her. I was moved."

Besra went home but remained optimistic. "I was hopeful that it would be removed," she said.

What saved her, she was nothing less than a miracle.

A scan of her stomach revealed that the tumor had disappeared. "We were quite aware of the planning and schedules," said Sister Arlene Paul, a nun who has been here since the 1960s.

Monica Teresa, whose work in Kolkata's slums won her sainthood because the pope wants to promote her because the pope wants to promote her because of their race, their lawyer said Tuesday.

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Today's Calendar

Golden Key International Society Information Session 7 p.m. Tuesday in room 101.

Police Reports

University

• A bicycle was reported stolen between 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday from the bicycle rack outside Schneider University.

• Krispy Kreme donuts and a VISA card were reported stolen from a campus dorm.

• Donald Frazier, 22, Doria'n D. Liggins, 20, and Tracy A. Wilson, 19, of Rochester, were arrested on assault charges after an altercation with a student in the residence hall.

Cargo ships idle in West

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Cargo ships sat unloaded at Bay Area ports, Korean television sets boxed up in Southern California warehouses and shipping lines dragged into Tuesday, leaving carriers stung by punitive import taxes on car parts, produce and other goods anchored offshore.

Both sides returned to the bargaining table Monday, with the promise of a final mediator to join Tuesday. The labor crisis comes as importers scramble to begin in time for the holiday season.

Economists said a protracted work stoppage could ripple through the United States economy and a five-day showdown would cost up to $4.7 billion in wages and revenue, according to the Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines and seaport operators.

The Bush administration said it's concerned about the shutdown's economic consequences, but had no immediate plans to break the impasse by comparable a federal mediator to join Tuesday. The lockout could cost the U.S. economy $1 billion a day.

"If we go on for even a short period of time, it's a problem for the economy," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "We're monitoring it closely."
Student plans ahead for American Indian Heritage Month

Native American student urges other students to help organize next month’s events

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Nichole Boyd understands the meaning of an oye. To her it was the close-kinextended family. To the American family, her hometown of Belingrhomk that participated in traditional ceremonies, offered support and was involved.

But Boyd, a junior in university studies, does not see a strong oye at SIUC. By planning for events for American Indian Heritage Month in November, the hope is that a small but significant Native American student population will also increase their involvement in the community.

According to Boyd, this partnering may influence Student Development to organize a Registered Student Organization centered toward Native American students and others interested.

Carl Ervin, coordinator of SUIC Multicultural Programs and Services, said that more Native American students did exist until about 1998. But he hopes with the small increase of members on the American Indian Heritage Month planning committee, another organization could be created once again.

Boyd noted the committee has increased from about six students last year to four or five members, but this outcome could be more.

“We only had about seven people show up to our first meeting,” she said. “Most must not actually participate in the event.”

The second informational meeting Tuesday night in the Student Center helped attract at least one more student to the planning committee.

R. Dubose, a senior in biology from Chicago, saw a flier and other media information about the meeting and wanted to get involved. But as Boyd explained all the upcoming events of the month, Dubose quickly chopped up about what could be done in not only just keeping the club going but to express and know their heritage.

“You need to look at your audi- ence,” he said. “You need to connect with those people who are coming to these events.”

Boyd, who is in charge of the monthly activities, advertising and organization along with Ervin, welcomed the conversation hoped to involve those with ideas.

She said in past years, videos were shown about American Indian heritage were displayed for students, but Boyd wanted to have a few more items.

Aside from lectures and videos about Native American women, breaking down stereotypes and the American buffalo, Boyd and the committee wants to have socials and information tables, discussions on Black Indians with keynote speakers and are selling American Indian Heritage Month shirts and accessories.

But selling the month is not what the committee and Boyd would like. “We want them to do. They want to get students involved and aware of the Native American heritage and their roots.”

“I got a list of every Native American student who reached what they were,” she said. “I am going to call them and get them involved.”

Boyd hopes at the first information table Oct. 29, students will be able to listen to native music, learn more about the events and see someone who is and lives the heritage.

With Indians, Inka, Comanche and Cherokee roots, Boyd knows that involvement and knowledge of the culture is what will help create the RFG on campus. But she would not like to stop them. Eventually she would like to see Native American study classes and other events, such as a pow-wow, on campus. She would like to see a close eye here in Southern Illinois.

“We have a strong Black American Studies program on campus, but where is the Native American classes?” she said. “Northern Illinois University has had a pow-wow for the last 10 years, and we live right down the road from the Trail of Tears we need more and more awareness.”

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Geology student initiates Dinosaur Outreach Program

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Joseph Peterson, a junior in geology from Peoria, was second in command on a geologic expedition that got to see one of the most significant dinosaur fossils in the history of paleon- tology.

The trip to the Badlands of Montana sponsored by Rock Valley’s Burpee Museum of Natural History — resulted in the unearthing of a Nanotyrannus, or “Pygmy Tyrannosaurus,” which is believed to be a cousin to the famed T-Rex.

“It’s a valuable specimen and it’s so important to the field that unearthed a dinosaur that’s is distinct from the T-Rex,” Peterson said. “It’s one of the biggest dinosaur discoveries in the past two years.”

But Peterson also has a love of smaller fossils — and teaching younger people about the earth history. Peterson, also co-president of the Geology Club, initiated a new version of the program to provide local junior and senior high school students an opportunity to learn more about earth science.

“We’re trying to get kids interested in science, they can choose later when they go to college to become a geologist, say I like to do mineralogy or chemistry, and they can be the next Bob Baidar,” Peterson said, referring to a well-known paleontologist.

The Dinosaur Outreach Program is free to all local stu- dents, but enrollment is limited and registration is required. Participants in the program will meet at least once a week after school to work with the students. Students will be prepping, preserving and eating dinosaur bones. Peterson and his fellow students will also host this program.

“This is the beginning of what we hope will come across dinosaur bones, the younger generation still have a good chance of finding other fossils, Peterson said.

While traveling the Badlands, Peterson and SUIC alumnus Michael Henderson, the leader of the expedition and assistant professor at Rock Valley’s Burpee Museum, unearthed a dinosaur that is believed to be a landmark discovery.

“The new expedition is credited to Dr. Jonathan Nester that researchers that believe will convince all doctors that the Nanotyrannus Rex had a smaller cousin,” Peterson said.

The importance of the dinosaur is that it is closest to the dinosaurs of the T-Rex.” Henderson said. “Other people believe the Nanotyrannus Rex was not a young T-Rex. The importance of Jane is that it is closest to the Nanotyrannus Rex. It is a new discovery. Peterson said.

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USG continues shakedown of Student Conduct Code

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Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government Senator Eric Witz will introduce two resolu- tions to the Senate proposing changes to the Student Conduct Code at the meeting today at 6 p.m. in room 101 in the Student Center.

One of these resolutions concerns the appeal process for students accused of Violations to University Rules. It resolves that students will be allowed two weeks to file an appeal after receiving notification of the decision for a formal adjudication instead of the current five-day window.

The resolution also states that the chan- cellor will not appoint members of the Advisory Review Board, the group to which students appeal University decisions. The rationale for this part of the proposal is that a board selected by the chancellor would be a conflict of interest in the appeal process.

This resolution seeks to empower studentena—bodies to select the two undergraduate and two graduate student members of the Advisory Review Board.

The second Conduct Code resolution addresses the rights of the accused. The proposed changes would allow students the right to be shown evidence against them and the right to use his advisor during and outside hearings. The resolution also mandates that judicial affairs inform the accused of his rights verbally and in writing.

“None of these things are allowed under the Student Conduct Code,” said USG Vice President Neal Young. “These are the rules of procedure in the current Student Conduct Code.”

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Attucks Park receives upgrades

New playground equipment, track added to park

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Amuka Park is finally finished. The park located on North Wall Street for years, has been remodeled. Old playground equipment has been replaced with age-appropriate equipment. The new playground includes two sections, one for children ages 2 to 5 and the other 5 to 12 year-olds.

The park also features several activities, including horror riding lessons, swimming lessons and aerobic classes, among other things. The park can be contacted at 549-4222 for more information.

To announce the new additions at Amuka Park, the Carbonale Park District said there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thursday will announce the new playground equipment to delight children.

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Above, from left, Arleyon Dellario, age 3, her brother Delon Dellaio, 8, and Bri A. Snyder, 4, share the rings at Attucks Park Tuesday evening. Attucks Park, located on North Wall Street, received a much-needed refreshment recently. The old park equipment was updated to newer and safer age-designated equipment. A ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday will announce the new additions.

Left, children benefit from Attucks Park's makeover. Aaliyah Dellaio, 6, plays safely from the dome-shaped jungle gym, one of the many pieces of new equipment that were added as part of the park's renovation. Attucks Park provides plenty of playground equipment to delight children.

Network complications continue; Spyware to blame

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

After a series of network complications, music downloading and file sharing continue to cause problems for the campus network.

Spyware, also known as adware, is a program component of free file sharing programs and download sites, allowing other free downloads, surveillance demographics and marketing information about the user to the home server that results in targeted ads, including pop-up advertisements and spam mail.

"It modifies spyware files so that the program doesn't show up in task manager," said We Will of the Information Technology Customer Service Center. Students don't know it's running, and they don't have the tools to remove it. "

Spyware monitors the user's Internet activity and relays the information to the home server. This appears to be creating the network problem.

Will said the spyware program tells the computer to send information to in home proxy, which is not allowed by the network server. All information must pass through the network server, but the program is trying to route it, causing slowed service. Often, users cannot access certain websites because of this complication.

But many students don't realize they've been infected.

"When you click the OK button, you're agreeing to pop-ups and spam," he said.

Will said by consenting to the standard policy agreement required to use the program, which few people read, the users have in essence "Yes, put this on my computer." He said he has found only one program that puts information pertaining to spyware in your terms at the beginning of the agreement.

"You can't call it a virus because you're agreed to it. I'm not sure," said Dan Struble, a sophomore in communication studies, who realizes that free programs cannot exist without it. Struble said the new Kaza program even tells you they're going to throw ads at you in order to keep the program free, he said.

But Information Technology does offer a program that network users can pick up at the Customer Service Center, that deletes spyware from campus computers. The only thing a user must supply is a disk.

He said the record for pieces of spyware on a single computer tops 300, and he would like to find any one with more.

However, Struble said he doubts the program will do much good. While it may slow down spyware's invasion, it will stop it. "They're always going to find ways around it." Struble said.

The campus network has experienced problems since the beginning because of file sharing. Before re-enrollment was installed at the beginning of the fall, the network had even crashed down on occasion. This year, it is causing increasingly slow service because of spyware and limited bandwidth.

Earlier in the year, Charlie Gable, director of Information Technology said people outside of the University utilizing file-sharing programs were using up as much of the bandwidth as possible.

Will said while he personally does not agree with file sharing, it is still the user's right, and there is little he can do to stop it.

"It's stealing," he said. "You're taking something and taking it from other people's computers. That's stealing."

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For more information on Spyware, contact the Information Technology Customer Service Center at 453-5115.

A comprehensive list of programs containing spyware can be found at www.spywareable.com-egypt.com/spyware.html
Campus activism brings attention to concerns

USG encourages students to get involved with political process

Jane Hub
Daily Egyptian

For many decades in the past, social activism has sparked national and global changes for the good of the people. These days, it is being seen on college campuses throughout the United States. Mother Jones magazine ranked 10 universities as the most proactive campuses in regards to a variety of issues.

While SIUC did not make the cut, different groups of students are bringing attention to concerns ranging from school housing to globalization.

"I think the past two weeks, the Undies chants Student Governments, with help from campus and community volunteers, registered students to vote for the upcoming elections Nov. 5. Registration tables will be set up Thursday at the University towers and Friday at the Student Center. Already, 300 to 400 students have registered to vote in Jackson County, said Joel Laskey, USG Chief of Staff.

Laskey said registering students to vote is much more efficient than relying on absentee voting, in which a voter must request and fill out an application and receive a ballot in the mail and send it back to the home county.

The effort of registering students is to encourage them to get involved with the political process, said Neal Young, USG vice president. "Everyone knows that college students are the number one group of voters in this area," Young said. "But generally, they're the most progressive group of voters.

The popularity of the Undies chant evidences a new interest in the political process among students. "Other must request and is much more efficient than relying on college campuses throughout the United States."

Other than Undies, students are bringing attention to concerns on college campuses throughout land, USG Chief of Staff, said.

"It's their birthright and if they expect to live in a healthy planet and peace with their fellow humans, they have to help that happen. It's just not going to be given to them. We've got a lot of work to do," Muldoon said. "Anybody in education needs to be aware about being peacemakers and knowing how to keep a sustainable environment, or else you have to question the value of their education.

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Make an effort to include Hispanics

Ssalvador Dali, Selena, Tito Puente and Luis Miguel are all famous Hispanics, but they are not the only people who should be celebrated during National Hispanic Heritage Month. There are millions of Hispanics in America who make up approximately 35 percent of the U.S. population. If this is so, why are they so under-represented on campus?

This year there was a nice amount of attention given to events held on campus, and this was well deserved. From the welcoming picnic to Festival Latino, the Hispanic Student Council and the Hispanic Student Association held events on campus and all worked together to make this year not only a celebration, but also an opportunity to inform others of their heritage and dispel stereotypes about Hispanics.

To that the Daily Egyptian says, "Good job." There were many more Hispanic culture events that people do not know about, and through their hard work, many of those issues were addressed throughout the weeks. But while the students are working hard on campus to make sure they are not left out, what is the University doing to make sure they are represented throughout the year?

In Illinois, the total population of Hispanics is more than 1.5 million, with 576,000 of those being age 18 or older and who could be higher education seekers. With these numbers, SIU should have had a higher number of Hispanic students enrolled over the past five years.

In 2000 the total number of Hispanic students enrolled was 565, out of a total population of 22,252 students, and in 2001 the number dropped to 573. This is not a significant drop, but out of the total state population, it is shameful.

Before the focus of retention can be adjusted with the Hispanic population, recruitment techniques and coursework need to be adjusted to get more students to come to the University in the first place.

Giving the same repetitive speech to high school students about the campus and in several colleges cannot do this. There need to be specific programs for Hispanic students that will make them want to come to the campus because of what they can get involved in or special programs available to them.

Offering a Hispanic Heritage course on campus could be a start to showing the students that the University cares. But how long will it take, given the time it took to add a women's history course to the catalog?

One of the concerns of Hispanic students voiced during the recent panel discussion is the lack of services offered to them. This is something that should be given attention, especially since the international students, blacks and other racial groups have been given certain forms for not only education but also entertainment on campus as well.

Another area that warrants attention is in Graduate School recruitment and retention. Only 71 students of the University's 4,157 graduate students are of Hispanic ethnicity. More than anyone else they feel the exclusion on campus and want to see more Hispanic students pursuing their education at SIU.

National Hispanic Month ends Oct. 15, so there is still time to participate in upcoming activities if you have not already. Students, faculty and staff should get out and mingle with the students who make up a growing population and maybe they will learn a little more about their culture and ways to increase their numbers on campus.

What is the University doing to make sure they are represented throughout the year?

Guest Columnist

U.S. should ban landmines forever

Gina Coplin-Newfield

Knight-Ridder Tribune

The war on terrorism and discussion of a potential war in Iraq has raised questions about how weapons could be deployed in these efforts and whether the use of landmines is warranted. For the price of one air-supported, laser-guided bomb or other sophisticated weapon of war, nations can buy tens of thousands of landmines. / estimated 80 million landmines are beneath the surface of war and remain a threat to lives such as Afghanistan, Benin, Burundi and Vietnam. Each year these landmines claim 15,000 lives, four out of five of those killed are unarmed civilians, including many children. Is it time for the U.S. to join the international ban on landmines?

Not too long ago, in an area in Sarajevo, there were three young children playing in a field. One of them stepped on a landmine. She died immediately. The third, a girl, lay not only injured in the field and screaming for help. Her friends, her family and her neighbors came running to see what had happened and realized that the three children were lying in the middle of a mine field.

It took several hours for a de-mining team to clear a safe path to get to the girl. Unfortunately, by the time they reached her, she had already died. Sadly the kind of situation is all too common in more than 80 mine-infested countries throughout the world.

Many retired U.S. military leaders maintain that there are alternatives to antipersonnel landmines. In fact, in May 2001, eight retired military commanders and Pending Bush to join the Mine Ban Treaty. These generals said, "Antipersonnel mines are outdated weapons that have, in time and again, proved to be a liability to our own troops. We would not be supporting (U.S. accession to the mine ban treaty) if we didn't believe it would enhance our combat mobility and effectiveness, and most important, protect our relatives sons and daughters when we send them into harms way."

Col. Roy Ruben argues that there is no need to worry because the United States, which does not deploy antipersonnel mines since the Persian Gulf War, now primarily wants to remain so-called "smart landmines." But all landmines are dumb mines; it's just a matter of how dumb.

Smart mines are certainly better than dumb mines in that they are designed to either self-destruct or detonate within a given period of time. But, unlike a gas pipe join by a soldier or a bomb ignited by a laser, all types of landmines are inherently indistinguishable. They can only tell the difference between the foot of a child and the foot of a soldier, between the foot of an innocent person and the foot of a friendly force. Refugees finding their way home in war zones will not appreciate the fact that the minefields their children are facing through are designated to become "safe" in a months time.

The landmine treaty is not a symbolic, play money treaty; it is viewed by those of the world nations, including nearly all U.S. allies, and has led to the saving of many innocent lives. In the early 90's there were 54 states-partying countries, now there are 146. Landmine trade and production has slowed to a trickle, and 34 million antipersonnel landmines have been destroyed.

More important, there are now thousands fewer deaths and injuries from landmines. That is, in large part, due to the fact that we have an international/forum that guides the implementation of the world in getting rid of this weapon.

More, now more than ever, the United States should exercise its leadership and cooperation with the world in protecting the innocents, bringing stability to de-stabilized nations, and in standing up for human rights. It is very important that the United States is standing deepening
democratization and assistance efforts. These vital initiatives are saving lives, and the U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines applauds them.

But the best way for the United States to ensure the eventual elimination of these cruel antipersonnel landmines is to join the 146 states that have signed the treaty, and ban the use, production, trade and transfer of these weapons forever.

Gina's views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
Racism or irresponsibility?

When is racism, racism? That is a question that helps to be answered. Because racism is and has been a horrible feature of life, especially in America, it is important to distinguish between racism and irresponsibility.

Recently, six black students decided to bring white students to their dorms and have a party. This is a minority group for being a called a bigger. Has racism permeated our lives so much that we are overly sensitive? What is that?

It must be true that there are people who are more apt to judge blacks and Hispanics banal, and that is bigotry. So how do we know when racism is based on racism or truth?

I have come to the conclusion that the answer lies in the truth. For example, a few years ago, several young, black students were sent on videotape in Detroit, Ill., fighting and shouting. Jesse Jackson went to Detroit and protest the expulsion, stating they were unfair and stupidly motivated. However, what was the truth?

They were disorderly and cowardly — it was obvious from the videotape. If students, whether white, black, Hispanic or Asian, are extremely disruptive, there should be consequences, and they should be severe enough that it will deter such behavior in the future. It is crucial that inappropriate and even criminal behavior be met by social leaders. It reinforces the stereotype that blacks are incapable of self-control and proper decorum.

In contrast, high achievers in the minority community, such as the three young liberal city youth who promoted their causes they would become doctors and want to become doctors, should be praised and rewarded. They should be encouraged to be leaders. This is the problem with calling everything racist. Issues such as racial profiling, voting inequities, housing and employment discrimination, affirmative action that is targeted at minorities, police brutality, laws that are aimed at creating barriers are self-destructive and the most lucrative of all lucrative crimes.

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LeNe is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Campbell column full of off-based conclusions

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the Sept. 30, 2002, column by Denise Campbell entitled "The past is good," in which she concludes that only women are afforded by the many experiences of the oppressed position. I believe this conclusion is asinine. You obviously have "little to no contact with actual women, but instead immersed yourself with primarily online research. This is a tactic to support your warped perspective. Just because it is based on the debatable data of the so-called "before," does not make it okay to stereotype them, and I would think you would be capable of understanding that.

I believe that the reason women are described as the fairer sex in not to do with emotions but rather with values. We don't necessarily need a fright to express ourselves; just a simple conversation will do. But surely the need to protect herself is not a sign of her own weakness.

I urge that we learn from those who have been silenced and suppressed, not only from the double standard, because if the so-called "experience," you believe that you, as a woman, will be the ones they believe on hearing. The question is, what do you think about this?

Stephanie Joseph

Chicago is Never-Nebraska without rural Illinois

We'll all heed the old "When in Rome..." adage, and I admit there is some truth to it. But I think a more important phrase in this case is "When surrounded by pompous, don't tick them off." Like many readers last Wednesday, I was startled by LeNe's column attacking Southern Illinois' home and lifestyle in favor of our more "exciting" neighbor to the north.

And while I understand she probably meant no harm in the disgust she displayed with her local surroundings, I feel the need to respond with a Southerner's take on the situation.

Southern Illinois is an Illinois without Chicago would be Wytetown." Maybe so, but let's go back a little in history. There. The entire purpose for Chi'ssibility was sped from Illinois' growing agricultural authority. So it's kind of safe to say that Chicago without rural Illinois would be, conventionally, Never-Nebraska. This is right before the death of the middle finger to local towns like Joliet.

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Letters

Ike's nukes a judgement day for the Bible

Dear Editor:

After the US invasion against Iraq in 1990, the United Nations supported the United States from international recognition of a situation of unprovoked and unprovoked aggression. The United States had been less than 20 years since the United States invaded Iraq.

There are only two other countries that will help the United States' war with Iraq. Napoleon Bonaparte, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Today's modern Iraq is, since Babylonia was located 2,700 years ago in the Bible. It tells of Iraq's destruction in the year 605 B.C. It's God's time clock - to watch. When the United States invades Iraq, this is the United States' fate.

Ike's war of weapons and Iraq's God's Holy Bible prophesies. Only God knows what will happen next. This prophecy will be fulfilled in the US invasion of Iraq.

The United States will be united, if God's Holy Bible is true. Only God knows what will happen next - the future prophecy will happen.

George Galbraith

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BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE) — Anti-Semitic fliers were removed from bulletin boards across the University of Colorado-Boulder campus this weekend, an investigation into who placed them there also began.

Facilities Management immediately started removing them [the fliers] as soon as it [the posting] was approved, said Denise Halt, a university spokesperson.

The incident was further reported to the CU Police Department, which is investigating the case, with a label as an "unusually conduct" according to Lt. Tim McGraw, CU Police spokesman.

The posting was in violation of a building rule, which states that items posted on the bulletin board, which were not "required approved," said McGraw.

McGraw said the case was being investigated but declined to give out other details about the investigation.

The police are attempting to identify any suspect in the case who was observed posting some of the fliers, according to Halt.

In the wake of a number of hate crimes at CU, the fliers are anti-Semitic in nature and were posted on bulletin boards around the CU campus last week.

The flier indicates that the postings were made by the National Alliance. A recording at their local office stated that the group is "America's foremost organization working for the long-term interest of men and women of European descent."

Klanwatch identifies the organization as a Neo-Nazi hate group located in Hillsboro, W. Va.

National Alliance purports to be concerned about issues like the "out of control immigration situation ... Jewish monopoly control over our mass media ... and the loss of economy due to the globalization of trade," according to the phone message.

"We oppose the government's enforcement of quotas and multiculturalism and political correctness in our schools and universities," said the phone message.

CU officials said they are concerned about the anti-Semitic messages that were posted anonymously and illegally on the campus.

"We condemn such bigoted and will vigorously investigate this incident. Such hate-filled messages are disturbing and offensive to our campus community," said a statement given by the CU administration about the incident. 

"These actions do not reflect the mission of the Boulder campus. We remain committed to cultivating a campus atmosphere of tolerance, respect and civility."

Although the distribution of the fliers is but one in a series of recent hate-related crimes at CU, CU Police and administration agree the incidents does not reflect a rising tendency toward anti-Semitism on the CU campus.

"We don't have anything that indicates that," said McGraw. "The number of hate crimes we had in the past year was what we had in the past." McGraw rather related the incident to the controversial visit by Hanan Ashrawi to the CU campus a few weeks ago but emphasized that hate crimes are not a new situation for the CU Police.

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Texas Tech professor given permission to file lawsuit

Michael Castallon
University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

LUBBOCK, Texas (U-WIRE) — The U.S. Department of Justice has given a Texas Tech University mechanical engineering professor tenure and a tenure-track professor time to institute civil action against the university under the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, according to the professor.

"The USDOJ Right to Sue Letter dated March 10, 1999, that third complaint is under investigation by the Department of Justice."

According to the notice, the USDOJ will not file a suit against Tech based on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission finding of discrimination in all three cases but will allow the two professors to pursue their complaint in civil court.

"Officers filed a suit against the university under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, according to the professor. "I am a member of the EEOC and I'm familiar with the case. The EEOC has decided to file suit in favor of all three professors."

Rasty and Cardenas have each received right-to-sue notices. The letters enable Rasty and Cardenas to commence civil action against Tech. "I appreciate the opportunity to file a suit," Rasty said. "It was unexpected, but I'm glad that's happened."

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Professor puts students on cloud nine

Margaret Hopkins
Knight Ridder Newspapers

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Grenci has gone to great heights in his dedication to his students — even riding a stationary bicycle to show that low-pressure systems are weight-conscious. Other students also found connections in the material and his dedication to his teaching and learning. Institute. Putting a weather course online made sense as the tools meteorology guru. "It's dynamic. We employ a lot of video and audio. We allow students to grab and move figures to explain scientific concepts," Grenci said.

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In their virtual office hours, the two "weather warriors" — as they call themselves — answer dozens of student questions daily. They also participate in the course's discussion board. "It's cyber face time, and the instructors are really prompt in getting back with questions to answer," said Jim Berger, a Penn State DuBois student enrolled this semester. "And Grenci is entertaining. His personality comes across in the material and his replies."

Other students also feel connected despite the distance. "Students respond to each other's questions, so there's a nice sense of community," Babb said. The idea to create an online introductory meteorology course came from the College of Earth and Mineral Science's e-Education Institute. Putting a weather course online made sense as the tools meteorologists use are on the Internet, Grenci said.

More challenging was creating a course that engages students. "This is an opportunity to rethink what teaching and learning is all about," said David DiMillis, institute director. "We know about how people learn — by solving problems, by applying what they know through activities. An online course works when it's student centered and activity-oriented."

Students who expect Meteorology 101 to be a "cupcake course" — which is what Grenci and Babb's alter ego, forecaster Hale Stone, calls it — quickly learn otherwise. There are weekly quizzes, assignments due every Friday and four projects to complete. "Some students are frustrated because the quizzes aren't hunt-and-peck, we ask them to think critically," Babb said.

Babb and Grenci are learning, too. Initially skeptical about online courses, Grenci has come to value the new kind of learning experience created by electronic, interactive media. "The student now is taking the concept in my brain, that I would have expected to get on a S2-3 state weathered, and it is actually manipulating and working with what I've said," Grenci said. And Babb is exploring new ways of doing that. "This allows people from any background, from anywhere in the world to bring a professor into their living rooms," Babb said. "Because, this is engaging and dynamic, it begins to close the gap between distance and in-residence education."
U. Wisconsin activists’ efforts face praise, criticism

Molly Borgstrom
The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, WI. (UPI) - In the 1960s University of Wisconsin-Madison gained a national reputation as an activist powder keg following its famous protests of the Vietnam War. Students marched with placards, occupied campus buildings and even went on Wall Drug cash raids and burned halls of hall to win, we went.

"The intellectual ferment was just starting in the sixties. Almost everyone was involved in some way, or another," said Christopher Williams, who attended UW-Madison as an undergraduate from 1964 to 1968. I remember every major issue that students gathered around TVs in the dorm lounges and the social events was to watch the CBS evening news, in get the latest from Vietnam and Israel. 'Secretary of State' Dean Rusk and President Johnson.' That buttoned climate may have made for a tough act to follow.

Today, UW-Madison still holds a reputation with poodles, occupied campus made for a tough act to follow. Today was involved in some current events to watch the CBS evening news, to attend UW-Madison as an under­graduate following its famous protests of the Vietnam War. Students in some activist groups joined the Worker’s Rights Consortium, we were been politically active," said John Laff, a UW-Madison senior who, like the Hardt, came to Madison partly because of its activist reputation, also said he was disappointed with what he actually found.

Laffler since have four years ago during the height of campus activism, said that the university routinely arrested hundreds of students. It had everything a good protest needed: loudspeakers, construction, it was unstoppable," he said. Since then, Laffler said, activism on campus has decreased significantly.

But people like Laffler may overlook subtle, less traditional forms of activism. Students in some activist organizations said they have not become more apathetic. Rather, they use different tactics than their showy predecessors did.

Redman on campus today is a little less visible than it has been in the past, but the general concern of students about issues is just as high as ever," said Kurt Ellison, a member of Indivisible which provides literature about activist issues.

People are as concerned, but they’re working on issues through educational goals or through groups that have a little less visible presence.

Former ASM Chair Jessica Miller said she agreed that UW-Madison is turning out a new breed of activists.

"We don’t see the protests you saw in the 60s or even five years ago," she said. "Students are learning to push for change in different ways.

The largest visible presence campus activists have given to an issue in recent years was the anti-war movement at the University of Pennsylvania on Bascom Hill in February 2000. Students who wanted the university to join the Worker’s Rights Consortium occupied Bascom Hill for 88 hours until then-Chancellor David Ward conceded to their requests.

Ellison, who participated in the sit-ins, said he thought they represented the kind of relatively black and white issue that draws in people who would not normally fight for a cause. A lot of people felt that working on campus was a universal right, There’s a lot of debate on that," he said.

Since then, however, it has been difficult to pinpoint a single issue that has unified students in such a visible way, leaving them totally as they did during the Vietnam War.

But former Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, who was also a very visible in the campus anti-Vietnam movement, said it is foolish to try to compare campus activism today to those of his generation.

"It’s different times, different era, different issues. No one grouped people as much as Vietnam. A lot of non-political students today, thrown into the mix of the 60s, they may have been politically active," Soglin said.

However, some think the continuing tension between the United States and Iraq could become the next galvanizing issue for campus activists.

"Among my colleagues here and at other universities, people respect that if (the United States) were to take unilateral action against Iraq, there would be considerable student protests," Wiley said.

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Web site lets students have their pick of roommates
Laura Dietz MUSTANG DAILY (California Poly State U)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (WIRE) - Colleges across the country are experiencing dramatic changes in on-campus housing, with a little help from the Internet and new technology.

Students at Georgia and Tennessee can choose their own rooms and roommates online thanks to a new software program called WebRoomz. The program allows students to browse profiles of available roommates at any hour of the day, said Janina Harrison, the director of public relations for WebRoomz.

"It was developed in house out of needs," she said. "We are not even happy with the roommates that we choose for them, and every month the payment of n.m., it slows down, there is an administration.

WebRoomz is a cutting-edge paperless system that handles the entire on-campus housing application process for schools online, including the financial aspects. Kennesaw State University in Georgia was the first school to use the program and began accepting housing applications Feb. 1. The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga followed a week later, Harrison said.

WebRoomz was created by Price Properties, Inc., a company that develops student housing at universities. With WebRoomz, schools can customize the program to fit their criteria and requirements, which should mean less manual labor and headaches for the administration and happier students, Harrison said.

Cal Poly has a similar program for matching roommates called Residential Management System, said Just Sejares, the coordinator of housing administration. It manages housing information and places students in rooms. Since the summer of 2001, Cal Poly has been using the program to match students according to age, major, class and whether or not they smoke, she said.

"We are looking at expanding it to include a question," Sejares said. "Do you get up early or go to bed late?" Sejares said.

There are only 100 to 150 students per 3,000 students Sejares said, enough students at Cal Poly do not have the option to select a roommate from a pool of students, which WebRoomz would solve.
Students are wired for life, study finds

Leslie Brooks Szuizakamo
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (097) — Susan Bull and Jessica Armstrong were in pain. No Internet. No life.

When the 20-year-old students lived on campus at St. Paul's Macalester College, the school's high-speed com­ puter network gave them unlimited-access speed to cyberspace. But when they moved off campus to a two-bedroom apartment, the Internet went in and out.

"We don't have the Internet at the house yet, and I'm going through such withdrawal," Bull moaned one recent afternoon.

"We can get e-mail at home, but we can't get the Web, we can't download new music. I'm going crazy," Armstrong said.

A recent national survey of how college students use the Internet suggests Bull and Armstrong are hardly unusual.

The Internet has become such a part of college students' lives that day can't function without it any more than Americans can do without running water, says the Pew Internet and American Life Project's "The Internet Goes to College" study.

"Students' online habits could have a profound impact on future online usage and may help link the Internet economy out of its doldrums, the researchers believe.

College students have long been the vanguard of U.S. Internet users, and they've become its most ardent users. Colleges and universities nationwide have spent millions revising curricu­ lum halls into 21st century information commons.

The University of Minnesota has just reserved a 32 million square foot space at the condom's tip, among other things.

On the other hand, the American Life Project's "The Internet Goes to College" study shows college males need education on condoms

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Ruth Padavick
The Record (Jersey Gardens, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. (07) — If proper condom use were as easy as it sounds, most college students probably wouldn't even have to think about it.

A study published this month found that nearly half of male college students use condoms incorrectly, raising the risk of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases and the likelihood of unwanted pregnancy.

Forty-three percent of study participants reported that they didn't check or feel if the condom had broken during intercourse. Nearly 40 percent reported not leaving enough reservoir space at the condom tip, among other errors.

"Most of the time the guy's dead, he's in the middle of having sex and only then remembers, Oh yeah, I've got to put that on," the study's lead author, Dr. Harold Margolis, director of the Journalism School's Institute of Transmitted Diseases.

"In all, at least half of the men are on surgery, and one minute, three more serious than others," said Richard A. Crosoy, assistant professor at Emory University's school of public health, "We saw fewer cases than even we anticipated."

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Daily Horoscope
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Oct. 2). Careful this year, and make at least one big wish come true. Friends are enthusiastic and willing to help, but they aren't always understanding. Don't hit that stop button.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 9. You're in the mood to go full speed ahead, and you'll most likely be successful. But, don't overlook the practical side. Work harder, and keep your cool down.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 5. Don't let a difference of opinion get in the way of a good thing. Opinions are relative. What you're building is much more important, and will last.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8. Your life just got more interesting and a little more complex. Pay more attention to the little stuff in order to avoid embarrassing accidents.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 4 - Look through your recipe drawer and uncover forgotten favorites. Sort the ages, and you might find something that you forgot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6. It's very warm. Take a trip where you are, but stay out of the sun. It's quite wisely think ahead before taking action. Spontaneously, it's too expensive now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 - Others are having difficulty getting organized. This is a good time for you. Call them up and help them sort priorities for a price.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Complications arise as you discover an overlooked obligation. Wanting to be sure you check your list, and your calendar. It's always best to find it before you're reminded.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 4 - You don't have all the answers yet, but don't let it bother you. Continue to ask the right questions, and dig behind the scenes, you'll discover a new and very valuable area of opportunity.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5. You're feeling generous, help the less. Let's be rather than to ever. A social life can be very good to help.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Other people may be doing without, but you have more than enough to keep you busy. Don't be enough to do it well. Then, delegate.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't argue with a person who can help you win. Figure out a compromise. Even if it means missing your true feelings for a while.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Ask a well-organized friend to help you see priorities. Once you know what's important and what's not, your stack of stuff becomes less intimidating.
MVC Masters

Northern Iowa is putting the Missouri Valley Conference on the national map

Story by Michael Brenner

A fun walk up to the ticket office at the University of Northern Iowa, hoping for a chance to see his beloved Panthers.

He knows he has to get a jump on others hoping to secure a good seat because Northern Iowa has won the Missouri Valley Conference four years in a row and is expected to win it again. Tickets are scarce.

"Sorry," says a voice on the other line. "All sold out." The fan leaves the box office in disgust.

He will be forced to watch the game on closed-circuit television in Schroeder Hall. It's the national recognition that it's deserved all along," said SIU head coach Larry Low. "(Northern Iowa) success is helping all of the MVC's pre-season all-conference players.

The Salukis are knocking on the door of the MVC elite and may get a shot at the NCAA tournament this season because of the Panthers' success. Northern has raised its Ratings Percentage Index, which in turn raises the RPI of every team in the conference.

Paterson said his team's glad to do anything it can for the Valley and the teams it routinely transepts. "I think our conference is finally getting some recognition that it's deserved all along," said SIU's head coach Molly O'Brien.

The MVC's preseason all-conference player grum up in Iowa and play volleyball. "It's the date most teams look forward to, to buy tickets look forward to," Petersen said. "It's the fervor? Why are people looking elsewhere?" Where else can you get a better deal than Northern Iowa?

"To know SIU, like every other team in the MVC, is one that doesn't get the attention it deserves," Petersen said. "We have a small school in the middle of the Midwest. It's the date most teams look forward to. We have a tradition here and tradition here and tradition here.

"Northern Iowa is one of those teams you can't wait to play and can't wait to give your best game against," said Saluki outside hitter Kristie Kentzes. "Everyone thinks they're unbeatable and it's your chance to prove them wrong. We have to take a moment of glory away from them." SIU, like every other team in the MVC, has placed a built-in upset on the back of Northern Iowa. It's the date most teams look forward to.

How does Northern Iowa do it? How does a small school in the middle of MVC recruit and maintain such intimidating personnel? Northern Iowa does not recruit outside of the Midwest. In fact, every member of the Panthers, including the coach, hails from the state of Iowa.

"The key is to have a great Year-to-Year recruiting," Harcbeck said in her senior outside hitter Kim Kester is one of the main reasons Northern Iowa is ranked No. 10 in the nation. "We have a good tradition here and people that grow up in Iowa know about us," Petersen said. "And above all, it's ranked No. 10 in the nation — an honor not normally bestowed upon a team playing in a "mid-major" conference.

Northern Iowa has finally shed the "mid-major" label and is starting to help other MVC teams do the same.

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"It's the atmosphere we get from our fans," said Northern Iowa head coach Jill Argenbright; "the team's all-conference setter, but she declined the Cyclones and other schools didn't offer athletic talent that could be "tuned into" volleyball skills."

"I'm very excited about the volleyball program and want to be part of it," Petersen said. "The Panthers are also able to catch many players that would have otherwise slipped through the cracks of recruiting simply because they were not volleyball players."

"We just have a lot of great athletes here," Petersen said. "And not a lot of them have had a ton of volleyball experience, and sometimes that can be better. They're not found in their ways and are eager to learn, so we can mold them into the type of player you need them to be." Jill Argenbright, the team's all-conference setter, was not heavily recruited coming out of high school. She considered herself a decent volleyball player at best, but Northern Iowa saw something she, along with a lot of other schools, didn't offer athletic talent that could be "tuned into" volleyball skills.

"Argenbright was a poster child for Northern volleyball recruiting. She was an athlete who was a volleyball player, but didn't know it yet."

"Although they get their fair share of unpolished athletes, the Panthers don't always need to wait for a diamond in the rough. They can find 2-to-10 with any program in the Midwest."

Outside hitter Kim Kester was a four-year athlete in high school before she ever considered herself a volleyball player. But after graduation, she was considered a blue chip commodity.

"Kester was the first school to recruit her, but she declined the Cyclones and other schools in Indiana," Petersen said. "It's the reputation and the tradition of MVC volleyball that drew me to the University of Northern Iowa," Kester said.

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"Our dad lived so much through football," Andrew said. "He just a great football player. He liked to play. He and my mom, the Lon, spoke through them.

"And after having to endure a tragedy like that, football seemed much more like a game to the brothers."

"There were definitely times my freshman year where I was thinking, 'This is where my other wanted to go, but this is not for me,'" said Andrew, who was a member of the 1998 Class 2A state championship team at Aledo High School. "I thought that was where it was going to end for me."

But after a talk to his older brother, Matt, Andrew decided to stick it out, and the Lord had given him the love for the game to continue to keep playing.

Mike, who played in every game as a freshman and started all of the games as a sophomore, has the chance to go on to the next level.

"I think Mike has the ability to go," Patterson said. "But he is smart enough to know there are no guarantees."

In addition to increasing attendance, this doesn't even consider the sponsorships that the breweries would want to keep on the university. Budweiser, Miller or Coors would likely fight to gain the right to sell beer at SIU athletic events.

They would buy signage, advertise and make donations to the department and the university as a whole.

You say that beer sales would kill the family friendly arena where alcohol is not permitted.

Ye, beer would cause a few more problems, but there's always going to be ideas who ruin every situation for the majority of well-behaved fans. We shouldn't let a few stupid people ruin the fun for the masses if we have in so many other areas of society.

Extra security would also be needed, but this would create much-needed jobs in an area with few employment opportunities.

In addition to increasing attendance, beer sales would improve our home field advantage. Who doesn't get a bit more boisterous after they've knocked back a couple of cold ones.

The uproar over the skyrocketing athletic fee that all students must pay could also be a thing of the past if beer were sold.

Beer and sports are just a natural combination. Even though beer is not permitted to be sold on state property, if an exception can be made for the Bears, why not for us? SIU students probably do as much to create the liquor scene as the fans.

Granted, Chancellor W.iltcr would be about as likely to go for this plan as the SIU football team. But this shouldn't stop the University from putting aside its personal bias and seriously study the issue.

Until this time comes, the parking lot will still be a more popular locale than the stadium.

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**An Undying Bond**

Identical brothers find love in God and each other

**STORY BY ZACK CREGLOW**

Even though the Salukis are vastly improved from the last time the SIU football team tangled with Western Illinois, they are still going to have to find a way to stop Mike O'Brien, who was named a preseason All-American at nose guard this Saturday.

The 6-foot-3, 290-pound junior bench-presses 455 pounds and can toss an offensive lineman like a shot put. And he has an identical twin, Andrew.

While both don the purple and gold of WIU, they are Christians first.

And with their huge faith in Christianity, the O'Briens have been able to overcome much more than many people the same age could.

It was Feb. 16, 2000, when Mike, who was sitting in economics class, was called into the principal's office. He saw his mother, Kathy, and Andrew after he saw Andrew's eyes he immediately knew what happened.

That day the O'Briens lost their father, Michael, to a heart condition.

"It was the worst day of my life," said Mike. "But it was also a great day, because he actually let this earth and went to heaven."

"The world didn't feel real that day," Andrew was equally affected.

"There are paintings in everyone's lives," Andrew O'Brien said. "To have such a strong role model for you pass away in your father was tough."

But their father has been beside them every Saturday.

"Mike and Andrew would tell you their dad has never missed a game," said Western Illinois football head coach Don Patterson.

"The biggest thing they wanted was to have their family see them play."

The brothers, born on Nov. 26, 1981, have drawn strength from each other.

"He is my best friend," Mike said. "We get along really well. When you have a twin you realize you'll always have someone to listen to."  

Andrew feels same way.

"He is a great person to tell anything to," said Andrew, who plays linebacker for the Leathernecks."

Mike believes God has looked out for Andrew. "He is obviously closer to me than anyone else, because he has been around from being born up until now in college."

Andrew adds, "I don't have anyone else, because he has been around since I was born up until now in college."

And he has an identical twin, Andrew. "I don't think I've had a day where I didn't feel my presence in my life," Andrew said.

"To have someone to lean on is such a great thing."

"If we didn't have the Lord, I don't know what we'd be right now," Andrew said. "He has been our light. He is always there in that time of need."

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