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Miss Eboness 2002 contestants line up and get ready to be introduced at an ice cream social on Monday night. The ice cream social, which took place at Café Latte in the basement of Trueblood Hall, was just a preview of the Miss Eboness Pageant.



ALEX HAGLUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Miss Eboness preparations made

31st annual pageant to feature talents of seven women

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The mellow, poetic lyrics of R&B's southern hummingbird, Tweet, soared through Café Latte Wednesday, filling the ears of five of Southern's own hummingbirds. They are in the company of two females anxious to demonstrate their own lyrical talents.

All seven of these young women, along with at least 50 SIUC students, are enjoying the music as well as the social aspect the free ice cream social has provided.

On Saturday at 7 p.m. this sample of SIUC's talented female population will grace the stage of Shryock during the annual Miss Eboness Pageant.

"Miss Eboness possesses several qualities of an outstanding woman," said Corey Bradford, adviser to Alpha Phi Alpha and a member of the alumni chapter. "She's a hard worker with poise and self-confidence."

The young woman who best illustrates the self-confidence Bradford speaks of will receive the honor of being crowned SIUC's 31st Miss Eboness.

The event premiered in 1971, the response of members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity dissatisfied with the lack of attention the first black homecoming queen received.

"Things have changed over the years and we've had contestants in the past who weren't African-American," said Brian Morris, member of Alpha Phi Alpha and a senior in psychology from Chicago. "It's

an opportunity for young girls to display their talents in an elegant setting."

Although race relations have improved through time, the event remains a tradition as an official SIUC Homecoming event.

According to Bradford, Alpha Phi Alpha has been working since last summer in preparation for the event, which despite more than 30 years as a constant in the SIUC homecoming agenda, has no plans of showing its age.

"That's the beauty of the competition," said Bradford, assistant vice president of finance. "Each year the competition changes based on the talent involved."

In addition to the changes that come each year with new competition, Miss Eboness has plans for attendants of the event. The show, which will be hosted by comedian Frank Townsend, who recently appeared in the film "The Barbershop," boasts a format that differs from previous years.

The basic composition of the show will remain the same. It will consist of a question and answer session performed by judges, impromptu questioning and a talent portion. Although the format bears a striking similarity to competitions such as Miss America, there are differences between the competitions.

"Miss Eboness doesn't focus on one aspect," Morris said. "It's about more than just talent or beauty. It's about the well-roundedness of the contestants."

Contestant Sylvia Jackson agrees that, despite preconceived notions people may have about pageants, the event is hardly focused on competition.

"When I entered the competition, I had no idea what to expect," said Jackson, a junior in marketing advertisement from Chicago. "But in the past month, I've formed a sisterhood with the girls

involved. We're all here to express ourselves through our talents and it's brought me closer to the other girls. It's definitely changed my perspective of other females."

"There are so many rumors concerning the pageant. But to me, Miss Eboness represents confidence and determination and showing your talent."

Contestant Maria Gonzalez agrees that involvement in the pageant has helped to establish friendships contradictory to the rivalry many presume.

"It doesn't feel like a competition," said Gonzalez, a junior in pre-professional English from Chicago. "A lot of bonds have been created, I've learned a lot of different things, and it's given me a chance to explore my own feelings."

Gonzalez, who is one of two contestants not demonstrating vocal talents, said the event has also caused her to realize the large support system she possesses. She said being involved in Miss Eboness has helped her to receive positive support from friends, and in particular, members of Alpha Phi Alpha who have praised her work.

Jackson and Gonzalez, who will perform vocal and poetic talents respectively, are two of the seven females who have endured five day a week rehearsals over the past month prior to the event.

The extensive rehearsals are an attempt to prepare them for their performance Saturday in front of four judges comprised of University faculty and staff, not to mention what sponsors hope will be a capacity crowd in the 1,200-seat Shryock Auditorium.

The winner from SIUC will move on to participate in the state, regional and national levels of the competition, the dates and locations of which are yet to be

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City urges SIU to rethink housing policy change

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council unanimously approved a resolution expressing concern about the change in undergraduate student housing policy and urged the administration to reconsider at the council's annual on-campus meeting Tuesday night.

The resolution said the change in policy could have a "significantly negative impact" on elements of the business community and some neighborhoods.

In mid-June, the University changed its policy allowing freshmen and sophomores to live in off-campus university-approved housing. The new policy will require all freshmen to live on-campus and allow sophomores to live anywhere they want.

After the meeting Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard said the purpose of the council's resolution was to encourage the administration to go back and allow businesses, students and other members of the local community to give input into decision-making process.

He said the administration should consider delaying the policy change to allow businesses and students time to make arrangements to adapt to the new policy.

Businesses have made plans and improvements to their buildings based upon the current policy. While he said he understands that policies change, he said he thinks that a year's notice is not enough to give businesses time to adapt to the new policy.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan said while an organization such as the University can and will change according to its needs, an interdependent relationship has developed during many years among businesses, students and the University. It is important for the administra-

tion to work together with members of the community resolve the differences resulting from the policy change, she said.

Michael Jarard, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, told the council the administration did not consult with USG about the new policy. He also said USG had passed a resolution on Sept. 18 saying that all students should be allowed to choose where they want to live.

Councilman Brad Cole said he was not sure if the administration was aware the council could be addressing the new housing policy issue. As he looked out at the audience, he said he did not see anyone that he recognized from the administration.

No one came forward to say he or she was from the administration.

The council has met once at SIUC each fall for about the past five or six years, said Mayor Neil Dillard. He said the purpose is to let students know that students can come and talk to the council about issues they are interested in. Having the meeting on campus is convenient for students allowing them to walk over.

"This is an opportunity to see what is going on in person," Dillard said.

But only about a dozen students took advantage of the opportunity to see the council in action, and many of them showed up because it was required for a class.

Walter Walker, 22, a junior in political science from South Bend, Ind., said he had never been to a city council meeting before. It was interesting to see how people can come together to resolve problems calmly, he said.

"Other than that it was pretty boring," he said.

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To fund or not to fund; that is the question.

Residents look for support to bring back Summer Playhouse

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

A Southern Illinois theater tradition is in need of extra funding and community members are stepping up efforts for support — while trying to stay out of the spotlight.

The McLeod Summer Playhouse, an annual tradition for nearly 40 years, was temporarily suspended for renovation work in the summer of 2001 and 2002. Because of funding shortfalls, the sum-

mer theater program remains closed, but area residents want to promote the summer theater program's value to the community, said Mike Hanes, director of bands at SIUC.

Hanes stressed that he understands the budget crunch the University is in, but also wants the community to see the value of the McLeod Summer Playhouse, an event which draws performers from across the country.

He said the group will meet with the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

Shirley Clay Scott, dean of COLA, said she is looking for ways to raise funds for the summer theater program through external funding sources, such as possible foundation and alumni donations.

Hanes, who began working at SIUC in 1964 as a graduate assistant, has enjoyed the summer theater programs, well-known throughout the region.

"The region and county as well as the campus value this," he said.

Other community members have, along with Hanes, become part of an informal group of people raising support for the McLeod Summer Playhouse through petitions and possible discussions with University officials.

And more than 1,400 signatures signed on a petition have been gathered, said Jerry O'Malley, a Carbondale resident who graduated from SIUC in 1967 with his master's degree in theater.

"We're afraid if it doesn't run next year, it's not going to continue," he said. "It's

"They're really missing the boat by letting this go."

Mary Boyle
retired theater teacher

good for the whole area." Mary Boyle, a retired theater teacher from Carbondale Community High School, said the group's intent is to raise community support, not finances.

"They're really missing the boat by letting this go," she said. "We're just asking that it be funded again."

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NATIONAL NEWS

White students seek review of U. of Michigan affirmative action

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

Together with a suit testing the 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 may enroll 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 white students' case. Ordinarily, the high court only considers a case when lower court appeals are final.

The high court is already considering whether to hear the companion case upholding the race-conscious admissions policy at the University of Michigan law school. The court is expected to say this fall whether it will hear that matter later in the court 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.

Cargo ships idle in West

SAN FRANCISCO, California — Car parts sat unloaded at Bay Area ports. Korean televisions remained boxed up in Southern California. Avocados from Central America sat idle in containers at the Port of Tacoma, Washington.

A labor dispute between dockworkers and shipping lines dragged into Tuesday, leaving containers stationary from Vancouver to San Diego and cargo ships brimming with car parts, produce and other goods anchored offshore.

Both sides returned to the bargaining table Monday, with the promise of a federal mediator to join Tuesday. The labor crisis comes as importers scramble to bring in merchandise for the Christmas shopping season.

Economists said a protracted work stoppage could ripple through the United States economy and a five-day shutdown would wipe out \$4.7 billion in wages and revenue, according to the Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping lines and sea terminal operators.

The Bush administration said it's concerned about the shutdown's economic consequences, but had no immediate plans to break the impasse by declaring a national emergency. The lockdown could cost the U.S. economy \$1 billion a day.

"If it goes 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."

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.

With nothing left to lose, the 30-year-old homemaker in September 1998 visited the Missionaries of Charity. She prayed for her life, she prayed for a miracle.

She prayed to Mother Teresa. "As soon as I stepped into the church, there was a photograph of Mother Teresa, and there was a light from the photograph that came toward me and I was stunned," Besra said Tuesday. "Later, the sisters prayed for me, and I went to sleep. When I got up at 1 in the morning, I found the big tumor had disappeared."

What saved her, she said, was nothing less than a miracle, and the Roman Catholic church agrees.

Pope John Paul II's office has declared the event a miracle, clearing one of the final hurdles standing in the way of declaring the nun a saint, Italian news agencies reported Tuesday.

Mother Teresa, whose work in Kolkata's slums won her a Nobel Peace Prize, is reputed to be on the fast track for sainthood because the pope wants to promote her message of love and kindness to the poor. The church has already conferred the title of "venerable."

U.N., Iraq agree on inspection deal

VIENNA, Austria — Iraq has agreed to allow the return of U.N. weapons inspectors, and an advance team is due in Baghdad in about two weeks, negotiators said Tuesday.

The agreement opens "special sites" such as mosques and government ministries to inspectors without notice, said officials, but the issue of visiting Iraq's eight presidential sites was not on the agenda for discussion at the talks here.

A senior State Department official said the United States would "move into thwart mode" if the international body's Security Council fails to pass a resolution before Hans Blix, the U.N.'s chief weapons inspector, sends the inspectors back. They are scheduled to return in mid-October.

"We are quite aware of the planning and schedules," the official said. "We will do everything we can to make sure he (Blix) has real authority" from the council before the inspectors go back into Iraq.

Blix said Iraq had agreed that all sites, excluding the presidential sites, which were still covered by a previous deal, were subject to "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access."

Inspectors could be back in Baghdad in two weeks, said Iraqi Gen. Amr Al-Sadi, an adviser to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

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Unseasonably warm with a partly cloudy sky and a Southwest breeze.			Thursday T-Storms 82/62	Average high: 78
			Friday T-Storms 76/68	Average low: 48
			Saturday Partly Cloudy 75/59	Tuesday's precip: 0.00 in
			Sunday Showers 75/54	Tuesday's hi/low: 86/62
			Monday Partly Sunny 72/49	

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 18 article "Ready, Pull," it should have read that trap shooting involves a single pigeon, while skeet shooting involves doubles. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

Golden Key International Society
Information Tables about the society

Outside Faneer
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Today

Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports
Bike Maintenance Clinic
Recreation Center-Adventure Resource Center

7 p.m.

Today

American Marketing Association
General meeting

Mugsy McGuire's
7 p.m.
Tonight

POLICE REPORTS

University

A bicycle was reported stolen between 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday from the bicycle rack outside Schneider Hall. The loss was estimated at \$233. Police said they have no suspects.

Krispy Kreme donuts and a VISA card were reported stolen between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday from a room in Mae Smith Hall. Police said there was no forced entry and they have no suspects.

Carbondale

Donald Frazier, 22, Dorian D. Liggins, 20, and Tracy A. Loving, 20, all of Murphysboro, were arrested and charged with residential burglary early Sunday morning. A resident on the 800 block of East Grand Avenue left his apartment at 4:20 a.m. and when he returned a few minutes later, he found four men in the act of burglarizing his apartment. The men fled the scene and the resident called the police. Police found the three men leaving the scene in an automobile. Video games and a VCR were recovered.

A 19-inch color TV was reported stolen from a residence on the 800 block of East College Street between 3 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday.

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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-knit extended Native American family in her hometown of Bolingbrook 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 events for American Indian Heritage Month in November, she hopes the small but significant Native American student population will also increase their involvement.

According to Boyd, this partaking may influence Student Development to organize a Registered Student Organization catered toward Native American students and others interested in related issues.

Carl Ervin, coordinator of SIUC Multicultural Programs and Services, said an RSO for 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 three 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. "And most could not actually participate in the events."

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 for the month, feedback cropped up about what could be done to not only let people know about events but to express and know their heritage.

"You need to look at your audience," he said. "We need to connect with those people who are going to come to these events."

Boyd, who is leading the month's activities, advertising and organization along with Ervin, welcomed the suggestions and hoped to involve those with ideas.

She said in past years, lectures, videos and discussion about American Indian heritage were displayed for students, but Boyd wanted



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nichole Boyd, a junior in university studies, goes over the events that have been tentatively planned for American Indian Heritage Month during an informational meeting Tuesday night at the Student Center. Boyd is encouraging more students to participate in the planning of next month's events and hopes student involvement will lead to the creation of a Native American Registered Student Organization.

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 want the committee and Boyd would like 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 marked what they were," she said. "I am going to call them and get them involved."

Boyd hopes at the first informational 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 Italian, Irish, Comanche and Cherokee roots, Boyd knows that involvement and knowledge of the culture is what will help create the RSO on campus. But she would not like to stop there.

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 oye 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 have more and be more aware."

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Geology student initiates Dinosaur Outreach Program

SIUC alumnus, student uncover one-of-a-kind dinosaur

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

Joseph Peterson, a junior in geology from Peconica, was second-in-command on a geologic expedition that uncovered one of the most significant dinosaur finds in the history of paleontology.

The trip to the Badlands of Montana — sponsored by Rockford's Burpee Museum of Natural History — resulted in the unearthing of a Nanotyrannus, or "Pygmy Tyrant," which is believed to be a cousin to the famous Tyrannosaurus Rex.

"It's a valuable specimen and it's so important to the field that it's an amazing find," Peterson said. "It's one of the biggest dinosaur discoveries in the past 100 years."

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

"We're trying to get kids interested so they can choose later when they get into college to become a geologist, say I'd like to do a dinosaur dig and they go out and they can be the next Bob

Balke," Peterson said, referring to a well-known paleontologist.

The Dinosaur Outreach Program is free to all local students, but enrollment is limited and registration is required. Participants in the program will meet at least once a week after school to work on projects.

Students will be prepping, preserving and casting dinosaur bones and other fossils donated from Peterson and the Burpee Museum. Occasionally they will conduct fossil field trips to collect additional specimens.

While they probably won't come across dinosaur bones, the youngsters still have a good chance of finding other fossils, Peterson said.

While traveling the Badlands, Peterson and SIUC alumnus Michael Henderson, the leader of the expedition and the curator of Earth Sciences at Rockford's Burpee Museum, unearthed a dinosaur that is believed to be a landmark discovery.

The recent expedition is credited with unearthing a Nanotyrannus that researchers believe will convince all doubters that Tyrannosaurus Rex had a smaller cousin.

"The importance of the dinosaur is it can provide insights to the dinosaur genus Nanotyrannus. Some believe that the dinosaur is distinct from the T-Rex," Henderson said. "Other people believe that the Nanotyrannus is not real but a young T-Rex. The importance of Jane is this is the first time a substantial skeleton has been found

for scientists to study for the answer."

The museum has named the dinosaur "Jane" in honor of a major benefactor, whose full name was not disclosed. This past summer the team uncovered major portions of the dinosaur's skeleton and most of the skull. The only other previously discovered skeletal remains that resemble the dinosaur is a skull now residing in a museum in Cleveland, Ohio.

Scientists believe Jane lived 65 to 67 million years ago during the Cretaceous Period. Jane stood about 8 feet tall and weighed about one ton. The members of the expedition team had to remove five tons of earth that were 15 feet deep to get to the major parts of the 20-foot long fossil.

"The only word I could use to describe my reaction of finding the dinosaur is stunned," Peterson said.

But after traveling back from the Badlands, Peterson is also excited to be working with children who share a love of science and discovering the treasures hidden under the earth.

"Southern Illinois is great for fossils when it comes to invertebrates," he said.

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Local junior and senior high school students interested in the program can contact Harvey Henson in the Department of Geology at 453-7349 or henson@geo.siu.edu

USG continues shakedown of Student Conduct Code

Senate to discuss SCC appeals process and rights of the accused

Evan Rau
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government Senator Eric Wiatt will introduce two resolutions to the Senate proposing changes to the Student Conduct Code at the meeting today at 6 p.m. in Classroom B at the Student Center.

One of these resolutions concerns the appeals 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 chancellor 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 student constituency 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 adviser 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 civil society."

West Side Senator Andrew Jackson will

introduce a resolution concerning undergraduate representation in University committees. This resolution addresses the selection of undergraduate students for the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee and the Southern at 150 Committee without consultation or ratification by the USG Senate.

"This flies in the face of shared governance," Young said.

Jackson agreed and said in his resolution that these appointments are in violation of Shared Governance, an agreement between administrators and student constituency bodies to work together in decision-making on campus.

The resolution says that USG alone will select members for committees requesting student constituency input.

Young said that it appears the administration is trying to select a group of students and then send them to USG to ratify their appointment.

"We are definitely not going to let that happen," Young said.

A new version of a previously failed bill to replace the North pedestrian bridge will also be introduced to senators today.

Senators Paul Ray, Peter Normand and Patrick Richey will introduce the revised bill that lacks some of the specific conditions of the last proposal.

The points that remain make up the new bill. Some of these points state that students and faculty will design the bridge and it shall be compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The bill also proposes that the bridge be twice as wide as the current walkway and emergency call boxes placed on both sides of the bridge.

After the Sept. 4 USG meeting, the date the first bill failed, submitter Ray said he wants to use in-house contributions to land use design to keep design costs low.

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AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Above, from left, Arieyon Dellairo, age 3, her brother Deionta Dellairo, 8, and Bri Anna Snyder, 4, share the rings at Attucks Park Tuesday evening. Attucks Park, located on North Wall Street, received a much-needed transformation 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 Dellairo, 6, sways playfully 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.

Attucks Park receives upgrades

New playground equipment, track added to park

Kristina Hermdobler
Daily Egyptian

Attucks 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 different sections, one for children ages 2 to 5 and the other for 5- to 12-year-olds.

"The age appropriateness helps give parents a better idea of where their child should be playing," said Tami Muvin, recreation intern for the Carbondale Park District. "Plus, it better matches what the kids like."

In addition, Attucks Park now plays host

to a shelter pavilion, which can be rented out for parties or group picnics.

A new track has also been added and consists of fitness stations along the path.

The park's new additions cost almost \$200,000 and were paid for with the help of a 50/50 grant, said Sally Wright, superintendent of recreation for the Carbondale Park District.

The park district applied for and received a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$98,000, with the condition that it could match that amount.

The Carbondale Park District was able to come up with \$98,000 of its own with the help of tax dollars, activity fees and Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro.

Bost was able to donate \$10,000 in member incentive money through the Illinois House of Representatives.

"The park was in need of upgrading," said Richard Grant, director of Carbondale Park District. "This could not have been accomplished without the support of the Open

Space Land Acquisition and Development grant and the \$10,000 from Mike Bost. Now the park is one of the most heavily used parks in the system."

Along with Attucks Park, the district includes Turley Park, Evergreen Park, Oakdale Park, Greenway Bikeway, Parish Park Soccer Fields and Doug Lee Park.

The park district sponsors several activities, including horseback riding lessons, swimming lessons and aerobics classes, among others and can be contacted at 549-4222 for more information.

To announce the new additions at Attucks Park, the Carbondale Park District, along with the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, will have a Ribbon Cutting at 4:30 on Thursday. Bost, along with Park Board President Eden Thorne and Mayor Neil Dillard, will speak at the event.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Voter registration today at Trueblood Dining Hall

SIUC Undergraduate Student Government is sponsoring a voter registration drive from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Trueblood Dining Hall. Students should bring a photo ID. There will be another drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 in the Student Center, near the escalators.

Career workshops today and Thursday

There will be a resumé writing workshop from 5 to 6 p.m. today in Lawson Hall, room 231. There is also a Job Interview Skills Workshop on Thursday in Lawson Hall, room 131, from 5 to 6 p.m. The workshops are open to everyone and no advance registration is required. For more information, call 453-2391.

SIUC employee receives national research award

Beth Lingren, assistant director of New Student Programs, was awarded with a national research award. Lingren is the winner of a \$1,000 Outstanding Research Award from the National Orientation Directors Association. The award is given to graduate students in recognition of excellence in research. Lingren is invited to present her dissertation topic at the association's national conference.

Free self-defense seminar offered this Saturday

There will be a free women's self-defense seminar this Saturday. The seminar will deal with the psychology of attackers and victims. Many fighting techniques, both standing and on the ground, will be covered along with joint locks and chokes.

The course is for anyone, regardless of skill level. The seminar will take place on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Recreation Center's martial arts room.

Turfgrass Field Day set for Oct. 10

Those interested in turfgrass management are invited to attend the 22nd annual Southern Illinois Turfgrass Field Day on Oct. 10 at the SIUC Horticulture Research Center.

Registration before Oct. 3 is \$25. Vendor registration is \$35. For more information, contact Kenneth N. Diesburg at 453-1787. To register, contact Dianna L. Reusch at 536-7751 or visit the website at <http://www.dces.siu.edu>

CARBONDALE

City Council will have special meeting today

There will be a special Carbondale City Council meeting at 4 p.m. today in Conference Room A in the city manager's suite at the Carbondale Civic Center. The meeting will address the conveyance of land associated with the South Illinois Avenue and Grand Street Improvement Projects.

Speed limit checks underway

The Carbondale Police Department will conduct speed limit compliance checks in the vicinity of the 2400 block of Striegel Road during the next two weeks.

REGIONAL

Deadline for Oct. 10 Rend Lake Golf tournament is today

There will be a Rend Lake College Foundation golf tournament Oct. 10 at the Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington. Golfers may sign up individually or as a team for the six-person scramble. The cost is \$100 per player and the deadline to register is today. To register or for more information, call Lisa Payne at Rend Lake College, 618-437-5321 ext. 335 or toll-free at 1-800-369-5321.

Network complications continue; Spyware to blame

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

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

Spyware, also known as adware, a program component of free file sharing programs and demo games, among other free downloads, relays demographics and marketing information about the user to the home server that results in targeted ads, including pop-up advertisement and spam mail.

"It modifies system files so that the program doesn't show up in task manager," said Wes 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 aspect is causing the network problems.

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

But many students don't realize they've agreed to it.

"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 a sense said, "Yes, put this on my computer." He

said he has found only one program that puts information pertaining to spyware in laymen terms at the beginning of the agreement.

"You can't call it a virus because you've agreed to it," Will said.

Dan Strabley, a sophomore in new media arts from Gridley, said spyware is nearly impossible to remove, but he realizes that free programs cannot exist without it.

"The new Kazaa program even tells you that 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 student must supply is a disc.

He said the record for pieces of spyware on a single computer tops

300, and he would like to meet anyone with more.

However, Strabley said he doubts the program will do much good. While it may slow down spyware's invasion, it will not stop it.

"It's like spam mail," he said. "You can put out programs to stop it, but it never works. They're always going to find ways around it."

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

Earlier in the year, Charlie Campbell, associate director of Information Technology said people outside of the University utilizing file-

sharing programs were using just as much of the available bandwidth as campus network users.

Will said while he personally does not agree with file sharing, it is still allowed on campus, and there is little he can do to stop it.

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

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For more information about Spyware, contact the Information Technology Customer Service Center at 453-5155. A comprehensive list of programs containing Spyware can be found at www.virginiamobile.com/spywar/spyware.htm

Campus activism brings attention to concerns

USG encourages students to get involved with political process

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

For many decades in the past, social activism has sparked national and global changes for the good of the people. These days, that spirit is brewing on college campuses throughout the United States.

Mother Jones magazine ranked 10 universities as the most proactive campuses in regards to a variety of today's issues.

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

In the past two weeks, the Undergraduate Student Government, with help from campus and community volunteers, registered students to vote for the upcoming elections Nov. 5. Registration tables will be set up on 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 Landry, USG Chief of Staff.

Landry 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 non-voters of eligible voters," Young said. "But generally, they're the most progressive group of voters."

Landry said USG plans to set up more registration tables next week. Non-registered Jackson County voters cannot vote in Carbondale for November's election day.

Other than voter turnout, USG is also concerned about the housing policy requiring all single freshmen under the age of 21 to live only on-campus or commute from their parent or guardian's home. The passed resolution against the policy is being reviewed by the administration.

Meanwhile, Greg Padesky, a sophomore in journalism from Peoria, attends work sites with Habitat for Humanity every Saturday morning to help build homes for low-income families. He said the families pay for the homes at a reduced cost because the construction labor is volunteered.

"In effect, the houses are usually considered to be better constructed than regular construction site jobs because they don't know any of the shortcuts," Padesky said.

"I think people are gypping themselves by not participating in something like Habitat, because it is so rewarding and it is such a good cause."

On a more broad issue, four SIUC students recently made a journey to Washington, D.C., to protest against the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Raphi Rechitsky was one of them.

Rechitsky, a junior in sociology from Chicago, said he wanted to be a part of a movement that demands an

Top 10 Activist Campuses



1. Wesleyan University: anti-war protest
2. University of Michigan: affirmative action
3. Florida State University: anti-sweatshop
4. University of California-Berkeley: Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)
5. Harvard University: raising working wages for service employees
6. University of Northern Colorado: denouncing local high school's Native American mascot and establishing a Native American scholarship fund.
7. University of Massachusetts: Student resident advisers unionized; the first undergraduate worker's union
8. Morgan State University: demanding \$3.1 million for a new library
9. Rhodes College: anti-racism movement spread throughout campus after several black students were assaulted.
10. Hampshire College: The student body passed a resolution against the "War on Terrorism"; the resolution is believed to be the first and only campus action of its kind.

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JOSH MINKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

economic system in which developing countries can have a fair share of the world's wealth.

Developing nations are sacrificing domestic concerns to keep up with a globalized economy, he said.

"If you're standing on the side and being apathetic, you're not really being apathetic, you're reconfirming the system that's in place," Rechitsky said.

Hugh Muldoon, director of the

Interfaith Center, said college students should especially take a stand on social and political issues.

"It's their earth 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 literate about being peacemakers and knowing how

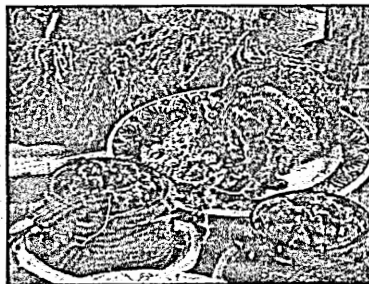
to keep a sustainable environment, or else you have to question the value of their education."

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For more information about voter registration contact the USG offices at 836-3381 or at the Student Center, third floor.

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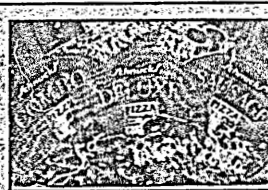
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OUR WORD

Make an effort to include Hispanics

Salvador Dali, Selena, Tito Puentes 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 sororities and fraternities on campus 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 are many areas of Hispanic culture 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 978,000 of those being age 18 or older and who could be higher education seekers. With those numbers, SIUC should have had a higher number of Hispanic students who enrolled over the past few years.

In 2000 the total number of Hispanic students enrolled was 583, out of a total population of 22,552 students, and in 2001 the numbers dropped to 573. That is not a significant drop, but out of the total state population, it is shameful.

Before the focus of retention can be addressed with the Hispanic population, recruitment techniques and enrollment 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 its 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

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

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 a 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 formats 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 SIUC.

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.



GUEST COLUMNIST

U.S. should ban landmines forever

Gina Coplon-Newfield
Knight Ridder/Tribune

The war on terrorism and discussion of a potential war in Iraq has raised questions about what weapons could be deployed in these efforts and whether the use of landmines is warranted. For the price of one air-dropped, laser-guided bomb or other sophisticated weapon of war, nations can buy tens of thousands of landmines. An estimated 80 million landmines lie beneath the surface of past and present war zones such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Sudan and Vietnam. Each of these landmines claim 15,000 lives; four out of five of those killed or maimed are 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. Two died immediately. The third, a girl, lay seriously injured in the field and was 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, this kind of situation is all too common in more than 80 mine-infected countries throughout the world.

Many retired U.S. military leaders maintain that there are alternatives to antipersonnel landmines. In fact, in May 2001, eight senior retired military commanders asked President Bush to join the Mine Ban Treaty. These generals said, "Anti-personnel mines are outmoded weapons that have, time and again, proved to be a liability to our own troops. ... We would not be encouraging (U.S. accession to the mine ban treaty) if we did not believe it would enhance our combat mobility and effectiveness, and most important, protect our nation's sons and daughters when we send them into harm's way."

Col. Buy Roberts argues that there is no need to worry because the United States, which has not deployed antipersonnel mines since the Persian Gulf War, now

primarily wants to retain 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 deactivate within a given period of time. But, unlike a gun pointed by a soldier or a bomb guided by a laser, all types of landmines are inherently indiscriminate. They can't tell the difference between the foot of a child and the foot of a soldier, between the foot of an enemy force and the foot of a friendly force. Refugees fleeing their war-torn village will not appreciate the fact that the minefields their children are running through are designated to become "safe" in a month's time.

The landmine treaty is not a symbolic, paper treaty; it is embraced by three-fourth of the world's nations, including nearly all U.S. allies, and has led to the saving of many innocent lives. In the early '90s there were 54 mine-producing countries; now there are 14. Landmine trade and production has slowed to a trickle, and 34 million antipersonnel landmines have been destroyed.

Most 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 instrument that guides the governments of the world in getting rid of this weapon.

Now, more than ever, the United States should exercise its leadership and cooperation with the world in protecting the innocent, bringing stability to developing nations, and in standing up for human rights. It is very important that the United States is funding de-mining and landmine victim 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 143 governments 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.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I make friends as easily as the Swiss Family Robinson made ice.”

Dennis Miller
comedian

WORDS OVERHEARD

“It's very clear that drinking excessively is not compatible with a successful college life and academic performance.”

Ed Pimentel
researcher at The Core Institute Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Studies

COLUMNISTS

Racism or irresponsibility?

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

Recently, six black students decided to bring a lawsuit against the Baltimore school district for requiring high school students to take a basic skills test to graduate. The six students failed, and now they are alleging that the test is biased. Basically, they are saying the test was racist.

But was it, or was it the fact that they were not prepared for the test? Another interesting feature to the Baltimore six is that several other black students passed the test. Therefore, how can it be racially biased if other blacks passed the test?

Moreover, it is quite noteworthy to mention that African and Hispanic Americans achieve and pass extremely difficult exams on a regular basis. There are excellent examples of academic success by blacks. All you have to do is go to the Recreation Center here on campus and see the distinguished alumni on the wall and read any book on great blacks.

I have often wondered how it was that Dr. W.E.B. DuBois and Dr. Charles Drew and thousands of other blacks were so successful, in light of the fact that their entire life was consumed with racism.

So how do we know when criticism is based on racism or truth

I am sure that a big part of their success was their study habits.

The problem with labeling every incident as racist is that when genuine racism occurs, it is not taken seriously. More importantly, the brutality of racism is trivialized.

Additionally, why is it racist when a white person criticizes a minority, but when a minority makes the same criticism, the reprimand is legitimized? I have thought about this matter for years, and I am convinced that there are people who simply fail to take responsibility for their actions, and when they are confronted about their irresponsibility they have to find an excuse and resort to being a victim.

Am I a racist for making these assertions? Am I a racist because I am irritated when people talk excessively in the theater? I don't care who is talking, but if I were a white woman and I complained about talking and the talkers were black would I be considered racist?

Would I have to be afraid to complain because I would be labeled as a bigot? But as a black woman I can complain. Could I even write a column of this nature if I were not black without fear of reprisal?

This is the problem with calling everything racist. People cannot be critical of anyone who



Having My Say

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is a minority for fear of being called a bigot. Or has racism permeated our lives so much that we are overly sensitive? Whose fault is that?

It must be stated that there are people who are more apt to judge blacks and Hispanics harsher, and that is bigotry. So how do we know when criticism 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 seen on videotape in Decatur, Ill., fighting and being unruly. Jessie Jackson went to Decatur to protest the expulsions, stating they were unfair and racially motivated. However, what was the truth?

They were disorderly and rowdy — 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 not be justified by so-called black 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 inner city youth who promised their teachers they would become doctors and went on to become doctors, should be celebrated and rewarded. I highly doubt if Reverend Jackson would have made the trip if Muslim or Asian students were involved in the melee.

As a black woman, racism is important to me. I will continue to speak out aggressively against genuine racism. Issues such as racial profiling, voting inequities, housing and employment discrimination, unfair practices that are targeted at minorities, police brutality, laws that are aimed at creating barriers to minorities and the most heinous of all acts: hate crimes.

However, I also want to strongly encourage personal responsibility and making good choices with our lives, so that we can fight racism — not make excuses for avoidable problems.

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Chicago is Never-Neverland without rural Illinois



Not Just Another Priddy Face

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We've all heard the old "When in Rome..." adage, and I admit there is some truth to it. But I think a more important rule of thumb is this: When surrounded by proud Spartans, do not tick them off.

Like many readers last Wednesday, I was startled by LeNie Adolphson's column attacking Southern Illinoisans' 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.

Adolphson writes, "Illinois without Chicago would be Wyoming." Maybe so, but let's go back a little in history, darlin'. The entire purpose for Chi-town's existence was spawned from Illinois' growing agricultural economy.

So it's kind of safe to say that Chicago without rural Illinois would be, conversely, Never-Neverland. The author also calls rivalry between urban and rural communities "petty and ridiculous." This is right before she proceeds to give the proverbial middle finger to local towns like Sparta and Du.

Qgo in on the grounds that their lack of science museum's and jazz festivals is, essentially, making her time at SIU boring.

I considered learing her my dog-eared copy of "Walden" for a new perspective, but she would probably lose interest without enough stimulating pictures to keep her amused.

And while you're still reading, Ms. Adolphson, I'd like to point out something that perhaps has never occurred to you. Do you know WHY Chicago and the rest of America doesn't know about most of Southern Illinois' greatest secret treasures? Because we keep them a secret, so that stumbling upon their charm and beauty can remain a meaningful experience.

See, unlike pompous, self-exploiting tourist traps, we leave the discovering to those willing to discover it. These are the type of individuals we want to find us.

Why would we yearn for all of Chicago to crave our rural experience? So that we, too, can be invaded by inner-city crime and yuppie adventurers ready to turn our home into another urban

nightmare?

Sure it's fun for a little while for people like you. You can lace up your hiking boots on your token one Giant City afternoon per semester and tromp through some weeds like you're posing for an L. L. Bean catalog. Bring the kids, too. It's important that they learn to scoff at God's natural gifts as well. While you're at it, make sure they learn how to litter, too. But stay on the paved walkways, city girl. I'm not sure you could handle stepping in the gift my dog left beyond for you off the beaten path.

In your years down here, LeNie, I bet you've never gotten a chance to enjoy Southern Illinois simply because you don't want to. You're afraid you'd like it,

and what would your fellow Chicagoans think of you then?

Well, I don't want you to know about it either. I hope you never enjoy the majesty of a sunrise from Bald Knob or the romance of a Camel Rock sunset.

I am officially uninviting you. It's a shame you'll never step down from that skyscraper of a soapbox you've built yourself. The air's much fresher down here.

I have only one concern for you, LeNie, and that is your welfare while you are staying with us. You wrote that when you heard someone defending Southern Illinois, you almost choked from laughing. That can be dangerous, my dear. After all, you wouldn't want to start choking only to find yourself surrounded by proud locals. Spartan or not, Lord knows I wouldn't give you the time of day.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears every Wednesday.

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LETTERS

Campbell column full of off-based conclusions

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the Sept. 30, 2002, column by Damien Campbell entitled "The past is the past, get over it." For him to make an exaggerated generalization that only women are affected by the many insecurities that the opposite sex may cause is ridiculous. You obviously have had little to no contact with actual women, but instead surround yourself with primetime television and use those programs as a crutch to support your warped interpretation. Just because you don't understand a particular group doesn't make it okay to stereotype them, and I would think you, of all people, should understand how that feels.

I also believe that the reason why women are described as the fairer sex is not all to do with emotions but mainly with communication. We don't necessarily

need a fistfight to express ourselves; just a simple conversation will do. But if you really feel the need to prove yourself, I'll go get the ruler and take the measurements so we can really settle this like juveniles. I'll agree that when men fight over a woman it's dumb and inappropriate, but note the double standard, because if the reverse is true, I guarantee that you, a man, would be the one waving bets and cheering, all the while filling up the mud pit.

In closing, I understand that you yourself might have been through relationships that have left you cynical, resentful, and yes, just a "little" bitter. Maybe the problem was instead of hearing about the evil boyfriend, you should have been listening to gain a better understanding of a situation, before you make off-based conclusions. Face the facts: It's not about women thinking the world revolves around us, but your problem, like many men, is that the world isn't just revolving around you anymore. We are living in the year 2002, and women's issues, no matter how out-

rageous they can be, are now receiving a little recognition. The answer to your dilemma, that I think you would appreciate, is best quoted with, "The past is the past, get over it."

Stepheena Jackson
junior in marketing and paralegal

Iraq's nukes a judgement day for the Bible

DEAR EDITOR:

After the U.S. victory in Kuwait against Iraq in 1991, the United Nations stopped the United States from invading Iraq to get Saddam Hussein, alias Mr. Insane. The United States had better not listen to what the United Nations says about Iraq in 2002.

There are only two other countries that will help the United States (the Baghdad Boogymen, the United Kingdom and Israel.

Today's modern Iraq is where Babylon was located 2,700 years ago in the Bible. It tells of Iraq's destruction in chapter 13 of Isaiah. Bible prophecy is on God's time clock, not man's. When the United States invades Iraq, it could be a nuclear war, described in Isaiah.

Over 2,500 years ago, the Bible prophecy in chapters 50 and 51 in Jeremiah warns of Iraq's destruction. This prophecy will be fulfilled in the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

The United States wins and Iraq loses. God's Holy Bible predicted it. Only the Heavenly Father knows best — the time when the future prophecies will happen.

Iraq's use of weapons of mass destruction will be a judgment day for the Bible prophecy to become a reality. To nuke or to be nuked — that is the question for Iraq.

George Culley
Pineyville

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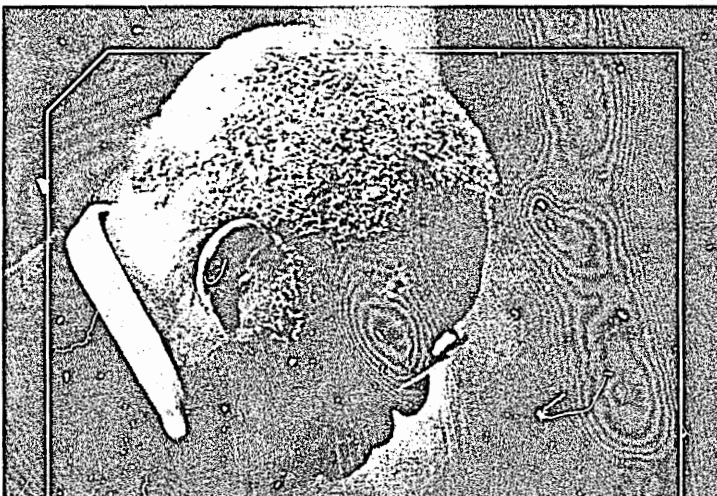
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U. Colorado racist flier investigated

Maria Bondes
Colorado Daily (U. Colorado)

BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE) — While anti-Semitic fliers were removed from billboards 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 reported," said Pauline Hale, a CU spokeswoman.

The incident was further reported to the CU Police Department, which is investigating the case, which was labeled as an unlawful 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, where they were posted, required approval," said McGraw.

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

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

In the wake of a number of hate crimes at CU, the flier, an anti-Semitic questionnaire was posted on bulletin boards around the CU campus late 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 of 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 bigotry 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 or values 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 incident does not indicate 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 so far this year parallels with 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.

"I certainly think that Ashrawi's speech probably may have provided some focus or motivation for people, but these things tend to happen once or twice a year, where particular groups are targeted," he said.

Similar incidents involving the same group have occurred at CU-Boulder and on other campuses in Colorado and throughout the United States in the past, according to the statement given by the CU Administration.

"One of the reasons National Alliance does that [the distribution of fliers] and does it here is because reporters pick up on it and report it," McGraw added. "My guess would be, if the media left it alone, they'd quit doing it."

Texas Tech professor given permission to file lawsuit

Michael Castellon
University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

LUBBOCK, Texas (U-WIRE) — The U.S. Department of Justice has given a Texas Tech University mechanical engineering professor and a former Tech professor the right to institute civil action against the university under the Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, according to the professors' USDOJ Right to Sue Letter dated Sept. 16. A third complaint is under investigation by the Department of Justice.

According to the notice, the USDOJ will not file suit against Tech based on the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's finding of discrimination in all three cases but will allow the two professors to proceed with their complaint in a civil venue.

Tech was found to have discriminated against three professors by the EEOC in separate complaints, according to EEOC letters of determination dated between May and July 2002:

Iranian-American Jahan Rasty, Ecuadorian-American Jaime Cardenas and Taiwanese-American Ming Chyu each filed separate complaints to the EEOC. The EEOC found 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.

Chyu's said his complaint is still under investigation with the USDOJ. Cardenas said the USDOJ finding is neither a victory nor a loss.

"In essence they didn't rule for us or against us," Cardenas said. "It was expected to some extent. If you look at the cases they (USDOJ) handle you can see they usually just take cases that are out of the ordinary or have been fought before."

USDOJ spokesman Jorge Martinez said lawsuits against state or local governments are generally not allowed without first being reviewed by the USDOJ.

Martinez said USDOJ employment litigations are investigated after the EEOC makes a ruling.

Following the USDOJ investigation, investigators can then decide to file suit or allow a complainant to file civil action, Martinez said.

Texas Faculty Association Director Charles Zucker said the USDOJ's ruling does not take merit from the EEOC's earlier determinations.

"The important point here is that the EEOC found discrimination in all three cases," Zucker said.

Professor puts students on cloud nine

Margaret Hopkins
Knight Ridder Newspapers

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (KRT) — Lee Grenici has gone to great heights in his dedication to his students — more than 100 feet above Atherton Street on the roof of the Walker Building.

Students in Meteorology 101, an online course developed by Grenici and Dave Babb, see Grenici perched on the meteorology department's observation tower for a lesson on wind. What they don't see is Grenici's discomfort.

"I freaked and didn't think I would make it up there, but I overcame it — anything for education," Grenici said.

Grenici and Babb take their students on other virtual trips. They go to Rec Hall, where Grenici climbs onto a stationary bicycle to show that low-pressure systems are weight-conscious.

For another lesson, Grenici, dressed as "Crocodile DunLee," appears in his bathroom to demonstrate that the Earth's rotation has no effect on the direction water spins down a flush toilet. (That's a function of the toilet or faucet, he said.)

The field-trip video clips are a small part of the course's electronic wizardry. Also spliced in are animations, 3-D manipulations and virtual laboratories. The goal of the interactive media is to immerse students in the text, so they can direct their own learning.

"This is not a textbook that we've put online," said Babb, also a meteorology instructor and the course's tech-

nology guru. "It's dynamic. We employ a lot of video and audio. We allow students to grab and move figures to explore scientific concepts."

Grenici and Babb took 18 months to design Meteorology 101. Last spring, the first time it was offered, 270 students signed up, with 10 more taking it through Penn State's World Campus this past summer.

Now, Grenici and Babb are working with 210 students whom they will probably never meet face-to-face. But faculty-student interaction is frequent.

In their virtual office hours, the two "weather weenies" — 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 answers," said Jim Berger, a Penn State DuBois student enrolled this semester. "And Grenici 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, Grenici 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 DiBiases, 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 Grenici and Babb's alter ego, forecaster Hale Stone, call 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, as we ask them to think critically," Babb said.

Babb and Grenici are learning, too. Initially skeptical about online courses, Grenici 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 put on a 2-D static overhead, and is actually manipulating and working with it," Grenici said.

And Babb is exploring new ways of doing that.

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U. Wisconsin activists' efforts face praise, criticism

Molly Borgstrom
The Daily Cardinal (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (UWIRE) — In the 1960s University of Wisconsin-Madison gained a national reputation as an activist powder keg following its fervent protests of the Vietnam War. Students marched with placards, occupied campus buildings and burned their draft cards amid chants of "hell no, we won't go."

"The intellectual ferment was just cradling in the air. Almost everyone was involved in some way or another," said Chancellor John Wiley, who attended UW-Madison as an undergraduate from 1964 to 1968. "I remember every night hundreds of students gathered around TVs in the dorm lounges and the union lounges — the social event was to watch the CBS evening news, to get the latest from Vietnam and to jeer [Secretary of State] Dean Rusk and President Johnson."

"That intoxicating climate may have made for a tough act to follow. Today UW-Madison still holds a reputation

for being politically active, but that reputation filters under criticism from those who think current students do not live up to the campus' legacy. At the same time, others praise the student body's dedication to social change.

This marks the first year UW-Madison has made the Princeton Review Books' list of "most politically active campuses" since the list began in 1992. The university ranked seventh out of 20 schools listed.

Yet according to Jeanne Krier of Princeton Review Books, the ranking is based solely on national respondents' subjective answers to one question on a survey, which implies UW-Madison's reputation as an activist campus.

UW-Madison sophomore Jess Herold shared the perception of UW-Madison as an activist community before coming here but found it to be less active than she had expected. Herold said she tried to join some student organizations, which "just bitched about things and never took any action."

John Laffler, a UW-Madison senior

who, like Herold, came to Madison partly because of its activist reputation, also said he was disappointed with what he actually found.

Laffler came here four years ago during the height of campus anti-sweatshop activism. Around that time, he participated in an impromptu tuition protest march to the Capitol.

"It had everything a good protest needs—numbers, commitment, it was extemporaneous," he said. Since then, Laffler said, activism on campus has decreased significantly.

But people like Laffler may overlook subtler, 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.

"Activism on campus today is a little less visible than it has been in the past, but the general concern of students about issues that tend to be labeled as activist is just as high as ever," said Kurt Ellison, a member of InfoShop, 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.

"You don't see the protests you saw in the '60s or even five years ago," she said. "Students are learning to push [issues] in different ways."

The largest visible presence campus activists have given to an issue in recent years was the anti-sweatshop sit-ins on Bascom Hill in February 2000. Students who wanted the university to join the Worker's Rights Consortium occupied Bascom Hall for 89 hours until then-Chancellor David Ward complied with 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 feel that worker's rights are universal rights. There's not 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, causing them to rally as they did during the Vietnam War.

But former Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, who was also a key figure in the campus' anti-Vietnam movement, said it is foolish to even try to compare campus activists today to those of his generation.

"It's different times, different eras, different issues. No issue gripped people as much as Vietnam. A lot of non-political students [today], thrown into the times of the '60s, they too would have been politically active," Soglin said.

However, some think the escalating 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 expect that if [the United States] were to take unilateral action against Iraq, there would be considerable student protests," Wiley said.

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One word describing her: "Outgoing"



Jenae Williams
Junior, marketing
hometown: Chicago
talent: vocals

One word describing her: "Creative"

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announced. Though the rehearsals have taken a toll on the contestants and performing in front of a large audience may cause a bit of anxiety, Gonzalez does not plan to have any regrets following the experience.

"It's been stressful," said Gonzalez. "But when it's all over I plan to sit back and say, 'Wow, look what I've accomplished.'"

Gonzalez and other participants will have the opportunity to cool down after the event at a party following the event. The After Set, which will take place at the Arena, will include a battle of the DJs featuring the talents of a DJ from St. Louis and Chicago.

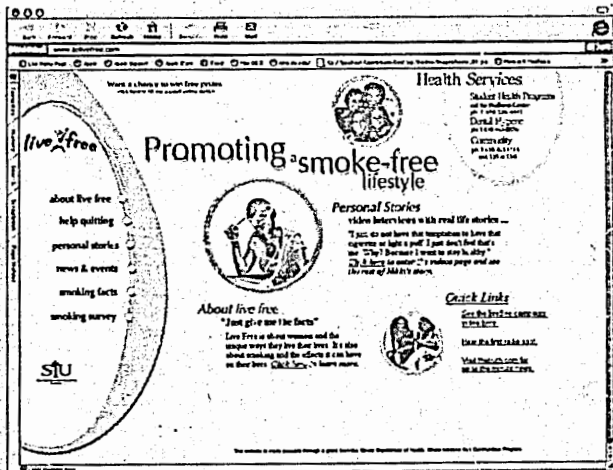
By this time Saturday, the seven girls will be anxiously waiting to discover which one of them is Miss Eboness 2002, but for now, they can all relax and grin as they stand together in Cafe Latte to take a picture for a friend.

It doesn't matter which one of the seven is chosen. "All of us are Miss Eboness," said contestant JaRisa Williams, a freshman in biological sciences from Ullin. "Everyone within themselves is Miss Eboness."

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

Students in Georgia and Tennessee can choose their dorm 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 Jessica Harrison, the director of public relations for WebRoomz.

"It was developed in-house out of needs," she said. "No one is ever happy with the roommates that are chosen for them, and every month the payment of rent slows down (housing) administration."

WebRoomz is a nearly 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 Place Properties, its parent company that develops student housing at universities. With WebRoomz, schools can customize the program to fit their needs 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 June Serjeant, 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 questions, like 'do you get up early or go to bed late?'" Serjeant said.

There are only 100 to 150 trades per 3,000 students Serjeant said, even though students at Cal Poly do not have the option to select a roommate from a pool of students, which WebRoomz would allow.

Students are wired for life, study finds

Leslie Brooks Suzukamo
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. PAUL, Minn. (KRT) — Susan Bush 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 computer network connections gave them autobahn-speedy access to cyberspace. But when they moved off campus this fall, they electronically screeched to a halt.

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

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

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

The Internet has become such a part of college students' lives that they can't fathom living 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 kick the Internet economy out of its doldrums, the researchers believe.

College students have long been in the vanguard of U.S. Internet users, and they've become its most pampered users. Colleges and universities nationwide have spent millions rewiring ivy-covered halls into 21st century information-technology nerve centers.

The University of Minnesota has just completed a \$63 million renovation of venerable Walter Library, part of which involved stuffing fiber-optic lines under floors and between walls to allow Internet access within 18 inches in any direction.

At Winona State University, in Winona, Minn., a policy of "an Ethernet port per pillow" in the dorms is contributing to a housing crunch — many students don't want to leave their high-speed access, says school spokesman Tom Grice.

And at St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict near St. Cloud, Minn., even computerless students can find Internet-connected machines in nearly every classroom, meeting room

and residence hall.

"Students in their pajamas can use them 24 hours a day. They're ubiquitous here," says Jim Koenig, director of information technology services for the sister schools.

The Internet has long been a college phenomenon, says Steve Jones, the Pew study's principal author and head of the Communications Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Professors developed the technology for the early Net more than 30 years ago. In the 1990s, students dreamed up its most popular tools — the browser, the search engine, music-file swapping.

Jones believes the online behavior of students now is a harbinger of things to come.

Researchers tracking the behavior of Chicago-area students at 10 campuses as part of the study saw a rush to embrace high-speed Internet access by recent graduates. "They were used to broadband in college and it was hard to let go afterward," Jones says.

While it's hardly surprising that college students like the Internet, Jones was surprised how deeply students have absorbed it into their daily lives. Nearly four-fifths of college stu-

dents say Internet use has enhanced their education. Nearly half say e-mail lets them express ideas to a professor that they wouldn't have aired in class, Jones says.

College Internet users are twice as likely as all Internet users to download music — 60 percent versus 28 percent in the general population — and to use instant messaging.

Nearly three-quarters of students depend on the Internet more than on their school libraries, leading library professionals to fret about plagiarism and sloppy research.

Bush and Armstrong, enjoying a recent summery day outside the Macalester Campus Center with friends, described how the Net is woven into their lives.

They take exams online. Professors e-mail them and post assignments or schedules on web pages. Some profs require students to e-mail papers or post them online instead of handing them in.

The web has boosted college social life, too. Not only do students use e-mail and instant messaging to stay in touch with family and college friends, but also to form virtual study groups and to maintain long-distance relation-

ships with high school chums, according to the Pew study.

The instinctive networking skills of today's college student could reshape the wired workplace of the future, the report suggests.

Multitasking, or running several programs at the same time on the same computer, also could drive adoption of technologies that blur the lines between work and home.

A strong online-gaming subculture could lead to more demand for super-fast connections, eye-popping computer graphics and robust interactivity, the report adds.

The new wired worker could turn out to be someone like David Chiu, a tech-loving Macalester senior. He started using the Internet in junior high before the web made it easy to navigate.

His silvery cigarette-lighter-size cell phone can connect a laptop computer to the web wirelessly. He uses the web for everyday tasks such as checking New York City subway and train schedules when he goes home to visit family. Online research and games are part of his life too.

"I think I do everything that everybody else does, but I do more," Chiu says.

Study shows college males need education on condoms

Ruth Padawer
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. (KRT) — If proper condom use were on a final exam, many college students apparently would flunk the test.

A study published this month found that an alarming number of male college students use condoms incorrectly, raising the risk of exposure to sexually transmitted diseases and the likelihood of unintended pregnancy.

Forty-three percent of study participants reported that in the preceding three months, they had put on a condom only after sex had begun, 15 percent said they removed the condom before sex was over, and 40 percent reported not leaving enough reservoir space at the condom's tip, among other errors. The study was published in the journal Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

"In all, at least half of the men in our survey made at least one mistake, some more serious than others," said Richard A. Crosby, an assistant professor at Emory University's school of

public health. "We saw more errors than even we anticipated."

The study's results dismayed public health experts, but did not surprise college students.

"All of my friends use condoms, and all talk about making the same stupid mistakes," said Alex Conte, 22, a fraternity brother and graduating senior at William Paterson University.

"Most of the time, the guy's drunk, he's in the middle of having sex and only then remembers, 'Oh yeah, I've got to put that on.' When you come right down to it, sex is a spur of the moment thing and you don't want to bother with a condom. You get a girl, and the last thing on your mind is stuff like remembering to squeeze the tip of the condom to leave enough space."

The study involved 158 male, heterosexual, unmarried, sexually active condom users enrolled as undergraduates at Indiana University. Their average age was 20. Crosby speculates that male students at other universities probably have similar rates of error and suggests more research be done. Another question for further study, he

says, is what sort of sex education the men received in high school.

Of the men in his study, three in 10 reported putting on the condom upside down in the preceding three months at least once, then flipping it over and unrolling it properly. The problem is that semen or germs that touch the condom's outer surface will then be introduced into his partner's body.

Sixty percent of the study participants said they had not discussed condom use with their partners before sex.

One-third of the men in the study reported losing erections from condom use, and nearly one-third reported condom breakage or slippage during sex.

Sex educators worry that the details of proper use will become even more lost with the rise of abstinence-only sex education programs. Since 1996, the federal government has committed nearly half a billion dollars to programs that promote abstinence and avoid mentioning any benefit of contraceptive use.

For their part, abstinence advocates say the study underscores how uncer-

tain condom use can be.

"Besides, even if people do put it on correctly, they still can get someone pregnant or pass on disease," said Richard Panzer, director of Free Teens USA, an abstinence group in Paterson. "To hang your faith and entire future on a piece of wafer-thin latex does not seem wise."

The head of health education at Rutgers University, however, believes education needs to be more detailed, not less. Fern Walter Goodhart sends peer educators into dorms, sororities and fraternities armed with condoms and anatomically correct models for practicing. The educators even encourage students to practice blindfolded or with the lights out to be sure they'll know what they're doing when they're fumbling in the dark.

"You want them to replicate the skill in the environment in which it's going to be used," Goodhart said. "And you pray that they'll be sober when they're doing it."

Ever since AIDS gripped the nation, health experts have called for consistent and correct condom use.

The American public has clearly heard the first part of that message; condom use has skyrocketed. But the public health campaign has not included details on how exactly to use them.

That knowledge gap accounts for the chasm between the theoretical efficacy of condoms and their actual success. When used correctly, condoms are 98 percent effective in preventing pregnancy. But, given user errors, the pregnancy failure rate among typical condom users falls between 12 percent and 14 percent.

"I rarely run into a teen-ager who uses condoms correctly," said Dr. Robert Johnson, head of the adolescent and young adult division at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. "Just last night, one youngster in my office told me, 'Oh, I'm safe because I always put it on just before I (ejaculate).' By the way, he was there to be treated for chlamydia. They don't realize you can get someone pregnant with pre-ejaculate fluid, and that they can contract or transmit disease by simple contact."

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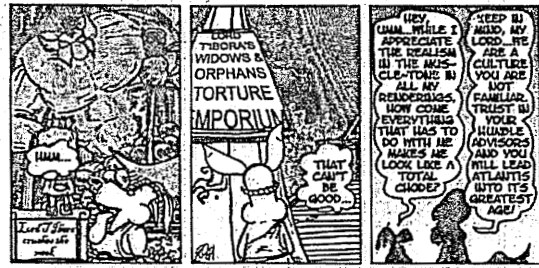
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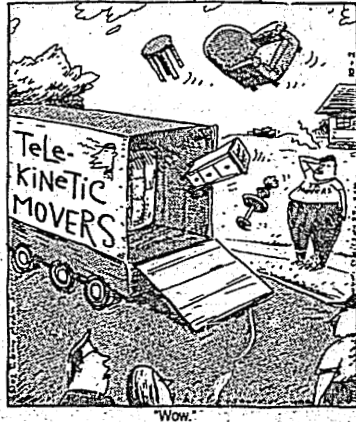
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The Quigmans

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Oct. 2): Go over your plans carefully this year, and make at least one big wish come true. Friends are enthusiastic and willing to help, but they won't always understand. Don't let that stop you.

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 costs 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 transitory. 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 incidents.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - A look through your recipe drawer could uncover forgotten favorites. Sort and file, and you might find something that spurs you to take action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - It may seem like there is enough money, but you still ought to spend it quite wisely. Think ahead before taking action. Spontaneity is too expensive now.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Others are having difficulty getting organized. This is a gold mine for you. Tell them you'll be glad to help them set priorities - for a price.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Complications arise as you discover an overlooked obligation. Haven't I found it yet? Better check your lists, and your calendar. It's always best to find it before you're reminded.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - You've heard the rumors. Now find the facts. It'll be easier than you think. A friend in the know will be glad to help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You don't have all the answers yet, but don't let it bother you. Continue to ask the tough questions and dig behind the scenes. You'll discover a new and very fruitful area of inquiry.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Other people may be doing without, but you have more than enough to keep you busy. Do it all just long enough to learn 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 stifling your true feelings for a while.

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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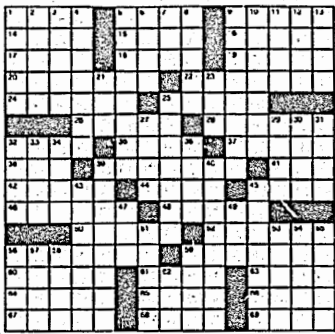
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ACROSS
 1 O'Neal of basketball
 5 Some summers
 9 Bureno
 14 Lima's land
 15 Reveal the inner man?
 16 Extend a suspicion
 17 Soprano Gluck
 18 Rain cats and dogs
 19 Writer Zola
 20 Perchod
 22 Makes current
 24 Muscle woe
 25 Say something
 26 VCR button
 28 Remington
 32 Health resorts
 35 Winter Hunter
 37 German city
 38 Experimental room
 39 Slow passages
 41 Sentence stretcher
 42 Arctic or Antarctic
 44 Transmit
 45 Smallest teams
 48 Quartet
 49 Part of RICA
 50 Bass and treble
 52 Chilled dessert
 55 Gold nugget
 59 Convinced pros
 60 Highways and byways
 61 Terrible ruler?
 63 Apocryphal or Tiant
 64 Archipelago member
 65 Easter
 66 Surinam
 67 Winkdown soi
 68 Drugs
 69 Comprehends

DOWN
 1 Bowspits
 2 Greek slave
 3 Inn clothes?
 4 Starlike objects
 5 Charged off



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Solutions

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 7 All the water of France
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 9 Comes before
 10 Does over
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 13 Cota denizens
 21 Craval
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 27 Tangany and Gabor
 29 Jacob's brother
 30 Late night Jay
 31 Comes to a conclusion
 32 Veg as machine
 33 Walk the floor
 34 Fence the loot, e.g.
 47 Baby Williams
 49 Charged particle
 51 Luxury
 53 Tenyaki, e.g.
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No Apparent Reason

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MVC MASTERS

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

STORY BY MICHAEL BRENNER

A fan walks 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 Schindler Hall.

This scenario is normal across the nation. Fans are denied a chance to see their teams in person because there just aren't enough seats to go around.

But what makes the Northern Iowa fan's situation unique is that he's not attempting to get into an arena or a stadium. He's trying to gain access to the West Gym — to watch volleyball.

Northern Iowa volleyball has turned Cedar Falls, Iowa, into a volleyball town as of late, routinely selling all 2,051 seats in the West Gym.

The Panthers have always received fan support but have never seen fanaticism of this scale.

"To know that people are actually having to buy tickets early, worry about getting a good seat and worry about even getting into a match is just a whole new experience for us," said Northern head coach Bobbi Petersen.

So why all the fervor? Why are people suddenly battling over volleyball tickets during football season?

Because the Panthers are now volleyball royalty.

Northern has lost only two games in the MVC in the last four years. It has won 51 straight home games. It boasts half of the MVC's pre-season all-conference players in Kim Kester, Jill Argenbright and Molly O'Brien.

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.

Southwest Missouri State was on the fringe of the top 25 earlier in the season. Bradley, because of its upset of Northern Iowa Saturday, received votes in this week's national coaches poll.

And the reaction from coaches across the Valley is unanimous.

It's about time.

"Our conference is finally getting some national recognition that it's deserved all along," said SIU head coach Sonya Locke. "[Northern Iowa's] success is helping all of us."

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 Bradley's Ratings Percentage Index, which raised SMSI's RPI, which in turn raises the RPI of every team in the conference.

Petersen said his team is glad to do anything it can for the Valley and the teams it routinely tramples.

"I think our conference is way overlooked and we're glad to have done something to get us on the map," Petersen said. "But there are a lot of other teams that are doing great things, and I hope that makes a difference because I think our conference is one that doesn't get the attention it deserves."

Petersen said SIU is one of those teams. The Salukis have been suffering from Rodney Dangerfield syndrome all season — they can't get any respect. But no one would overlook a team that beat the mighty Panthers, and SIU will get a shot at them Friday.

"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 Kemner. "Everyone thinks they're unbeatable and it's your chance to prove them wrong or at least take a moment of glory away from them."

SIU, like every other team in the MVC, has placed a bull's-eye on the back of Northern Iowa. It's the date most teams look forward to.

So how does Northern Iowa do it? How does a small school in the middle of Iowa recruit and maintain such intimidating personnel?

Northern Iowa does not recruit abroad or even outside of the Midwest. In fact, every member of the Panthers, including the coach, hails from the state of Iowa.

And that's the key for Northern recruiting — harnessing local talent before looking anywhere else.

Northern is able to lure the best recruits in Iowa in part because the state's two big schools, Iowa and Iowa State, tend to focus on players from across the country and sometimes overlook talent in their own backyard.

But more importantly, most girls that grow up in Iowa and play volleyball would rather play for the Panthers than go to a Big 10 or Big 12 school.

"We have a good tradition here and people that grow up in Iowa know about



Senior outside hitter Kim Kester is one of the main reasons Northern Iowa is ranked No. 10 in the nation. Kester was a pre-season all-conference selection.

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.

Petersen said the recruits athletes, 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 formed 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 else, along with a lot of other schools, didn't — raw, athletic talent that could be turned into volleyball skills.

Argenbright is 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 fight toe-to-toe with any program in the Midwest.

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

Iowa State was the first school to recruit her, but she declined the Cyclones and other schools including SIU, in favor of Northern.

"It's the reputation and the tradition of UNI volleyball that drew me to the University of Northern Iowa," Kester said.



Floor captain Jill Argenbright sets up a teammate for a kill. Despite not being heavily recruited out of high school, Argenbright is an all-conference setter for the Panthers this season.

Northern Iowa MVC Record				
Year	MVC Record	Overall	MVC Rank	
1992	11-9	17-9	3rd	
1993	13-7	24-6	3rd	
1994	18-1	28-2	1st	
1995	20-0	29-2	1st	
1996	14-4	20-8	3rd	
1997	13-5	18-8	2nd	
1998	19-0	25-3	1st	
1999	18-0	20-1	1st	
2000	18-0	25-4	1st	
2001	17-1	27-1	1st	

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Their father provided the example to follow.

"Our dad lived so much through God," Andrew said. "He was just a great leader in my life. Him and my mom, the Lord 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 brother 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 has 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 them as a sophomore, has a chance to go on to the next level.

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

But like his brother, he will only play as long as God provides the passion.

"I have been through a lot here at Western," Mike said. "And if God decides to take my passion to play away, well so be it. My number one goal, football-wise, is to be a champion at every level, and if it doesn't happen here, then it will be tough on me."

"I will always love football, but God will always be number one in my life."

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If I can't legally walk down the streets of Carbondale while drinking a beer, why should people be allowed to loiter in the parking lot during the game drinking beer and feigning support for the football team?

By encouraging tailgating, the University is also allowing underage drinking to prosper in the parking lots outside of the stadium.

If it instituted a wristband system and a one-beer at a time limit, underage drinkers would find it much more difficult to score a brew.

The current tailgating situation also encourages fans to remain outside during the game, where they can drink beer and eat cheap food.

In an athletic department that's strapped for cash, beer sales would bring in a healthy chunk of change.

If the Division II University of Northern Colorado can rake in \$19,000 per year in beer sales, then SIU could easily raise \$50,000 a year for its programs, and this doesn't even include the extra revenue from

increased attendance.

This doesn't even consider the sponsorships that the breweries would want to heap on the university.

Budweiser, Miller or Coors would literally 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 atmosphere?

Just add a family friendly area where alcohol is not permitted.

Yes, beer would cause a few more problems, but there's always going to be idiots 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 like 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 SIU students probably drink more per person than any Bears fan. And we don't even have to drive 150 miles to get home from the game.

Granted, Chancellor Walter Wendler would be about as likely to go for this plan as an SIU fan would be to root for SEMO, but this shouldn't stop the University from putting aside its personal bias and seriously study the issue.

Until that 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

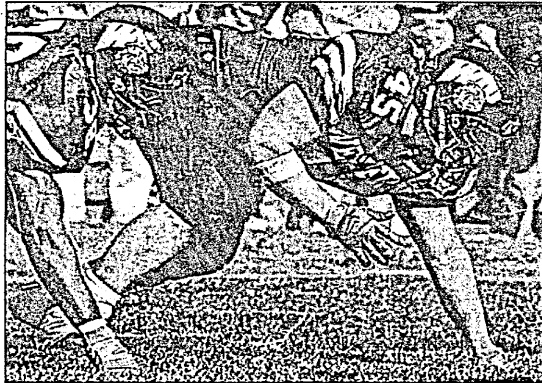


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Western Illinois junior defensive lineman Mike O'Brien was named preseason All-American in Division I-AA. O'Brien's twin brother Andrew is a linebacker with the Leathernecks. The two men have been using their strong faith for support since the death of their father in 1996.

went to heaven.

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

"There are passings in everyone's lives," Mike and Andrew O'Brien said. "To have such a strong role model for you pass away in my 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."

Andrew feels same way.

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

He is obviously closer to me than anyone else, because he has been around from being born up until now in college. He is the person I can talk to about all my problems."

While the twins gain a lot of strength from each other, God has been just as big of a supporter to them, as well.

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

Mike believes God has looked out for him and has helped him from ever straying away.

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Bottoms up!

Southern Illinois University has no plans to look into beer sales at athletic events, according to Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

Many universities decline to serve alcohol because of the negatives that come with this issue. But by not selling beer at its sporting events while allowing it outside, the University has no moral high ground to stand on.

Just as Fred's, the popular BYOB tavern, is no better than any bar on the Strip that sells alcohol, SIU cannot claim to be anti-alcohol when it encourages people to drink outside McAndrew Stadium before, during and after football games.

Underage drinking could be much more rigidly controlled by clamping down on tailgating while supervising all beer sales in and around the stadium. Tailgating could be cut off during the game, after all, if these people aren't even watching the game, why should they be allowed to drink in public on University property?

Who doesn't get a bit more boisterous after they've knocked back a couple of cold ones!

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Andrew O'Brien



Mike O'Brien

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 get by 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 and 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 left this earth and

Saluki running back Abdulqaadir named to Payton Watch List

SIU running back Muhammad Abdulqaadir was named to the Payton Watch List Tuesday. The award is given to the top player in Division I-AA. The Coffeyville (Kan.) College transfer currently leads all of Division I in rushing, scoring and touchdowns.

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Junior running back takes Koutsos' spot among top players in Division I-AA

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

First, Muhammad Abdulqaadir replaced Tom Koutsos in the starting lineup for the SIU football team. Now, he has replaced Koutsos on the Payton Watch.

Abdulqaadir was listed among the 16 players vying for the award, which goes to the top player in Division I-AA college football.

"I hadn't heard about it, but I was definitely thinking about it," Abdulqaadir said Tuesday after practice. "It's breathtaking. It brings tears to my eyes."

When the original Payton Watch List was announced Aug. 26, Koutsos was among the players listed, but he broke his wrist and radius in the Salukis' third game of the season and was lost for the year.

Abdulqaadir has been the main running back for SIU since Koutsos went down and has become one of the top backs in the nation. He leads all of Division I football in rushing (187.75 yards per game), scoring (17 points per game) and touchdowns (11).

The transfer from Coffeyville (Kan.) College has

earned I-AA offensive player of the week honors the past two weeks. On the season, Abdulqaadir has carried the ball 101 times for 751 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The other players on Payton Watch List include: David Confessor, Holy Cross; Ari Corley, William & Mary; John Edwards, Montana; Ryan Fuqua, Portland State; Chad Gessner, Brown; Brett Gordon, Villanova; C.J. Hudson, Eastern Kentucky; Ryan Johnson, Montana State; Robert Kent, Jackson State; Stephan Lewis, New Hampshire; P.J. Mays, Youngstown State; Carl Morris, Harvard; Willie Ponder, Southeast Missouri State; Tony Romo, Eastern

Illinois; Allen Suber, Bethune-Cookman.

The list will be updated again on Oct. 30 and in late November. The ballots will be mailed to voters on Nov. 25 and are due on Dec. 2.

The top three vote getters will be invited to attend the 16th Annual Division I-AA College Football Awards on Dec. 19 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Brian Westbrook of Villanova won the award last season after compiling 2,261 all-purpose yards and scoring 29 touchdowns in leading the Wildcats to an 8-3 record and an Atlantic 10 co-title.

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