Student campaigning affects voters

**AT THE POLLS:**

**City Council Elections**

**Jennifer Camden**

**DE POSITIVE EDITOR**

SIUC student Aubrey Chang voted for new Carbondale City Council members Larry Briggs and John Budslick Tuesday because their campaign volunteers convinced her to.

"The bombardment of all the flyers, phone calls, tons of people just constantly shoving it down my throat — it worked," said Chang, a freshman in radio-televison from Des Plaines.

"At the time, I thought it was completely unnecessary, but it worked, and they won. Student turnout really made a difference.

Budslick, who received 239 votes in Bush Towers alone, beat incumbent John Yow by 13 votes.

Budslick won with 1,816 votes, to Yow's 1,803.

Briggs, an associate professor of art and design, and incumbent Councilwoman Margaret Flatgian won the two four-year seats on the council.

Briggs' and Budslick's campaigns made much of topics some students say are their chief concerns about the city.

Both council-elects favor a 19-year-old bar-entry age and a controlled Halloween celebration.

They enlisted the help of student volunteers, who distributed thousands of flyers on those topics.

Any Malinowski, a freshman in zoology with a registered voter who was voted off by the campaign.

"I probably would have voted if they (campaign workers) didn't bug me so much," she said.

"It was just annoying. I guess advertising is good, but they overdid it. I just wanted to shoot the next person I saw who told me to vote."

Nicole Smith, an undecided sophomore from Naperville, watched University Hall's polls for Briggs and Budslick Tuesday.

"This whole thing really affects students, more than anything else," she said, adding that students in her precinct seemed excited about voting.

Overall, 3,857 ballots were cast in Tuesday's election, an increase of 1,154 votes from the 2,703 ballots cast in April 1995.

Briggs received 1,702 votes and Budslick received 1,644 votes, beating incumbent Councilman Loyd Sumner and challenger Ed Thorne.

Student voter turnout Tuesday was three times higher than in the 1995 city election.

In precincts 21-26, which include Brush Tower, Thompson Point and University Hall, there were 925 votes cast Tuesday.

In 1995, 291 votes were cast.

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**MAKING MUSIC:**

Kenny Muhammad, known as the Human Music Composer, hypnotizes the audience as he mixes, scratches, and solos his music with his voice at the 1st Annual Cultural Jam Tuesday in the Student Center.

**Kenny Stevens**

**Daily Egyptian**

**Cultural Jam spreads love, unity**

**DIVERSITY:** Event features Latin dancing, jazz and rap performances.

**La'Keisha R. Gray**

**Daily Egyptian Reviewer**

With peaks of laughter, squeals of enjoyment and looks of wonder, some SIUC students gathered a newfound interest and appreciation for black cultural diversity Tuesday at the Black Cultural Jam.

The event was established as a stepping stone for blacks to cling to unity and to learn the importance of celebrating their culture, said the event's organizer, Enoch Muhammad.

Muhammad, the founder of the Black Think Tank, said his organization sponsored the first Annual Black Cultural Jam 1997 because of the increasing lack of unity among blacks on campus and throughout the world.

The event's theme, "One Love," focused on promoting the love of God throughout humanity and the black community.

"We want to spread out to our brothers and sisters as far as Nigeria and as near as New York," he said. "We don't want to be separated by land, label or language, or by East Coast and West Coast."

True to its cause, the production of the event reached out to Blacks from all backgrounds.

To start the evening off is a collective and positive spirit, prayer was given from a Christian, Native-American and Latino-American perspective.

The African Percussionists performed a prayer with their African drums, sending a message of peace throughout the crowd of about 150.

And while he hoped the theme, "One Love," prompted a serious reflection for audience members, Muhammad also wanted to dazzle them with diverse talent acts.

The event's music director, Rita Warford, a vocalist, actor and music composer from Chicago, said her job was to help people become aware that they can...
**Southern Illinois University at Carbondale**

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**Today's headlines**

- **University Activities**
  - **Festive Saturday** Seminar, April 3, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library Room 1230. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2318.
  - **Rope Access Conference** The Cladding Conference will be held in the Main Campus Union, April 5, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 453-2318 ext. 236 for information.
  - **Non-Traditional Student Services Information Table**, every Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Multi-Function in the Student Center. Contact Michelle at 453-5714.
  - **Library Activity**: "Introduction to Converting Home Pages (HTML)" Seminar, April 3, 1 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 1036. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2310.
  - **University Career Services Workshop**: "How to Prepare for an Interview," April 3, 4 to 6 p.m., Engineering Room A111. Contact Joby at 453-1047.
  - **Sahh Voluntary Corps**: Judicial Affairs Hearing meeting, Monday, 3 to 7 p.m. Call 453-4534 for more information.
  - **University Career Services**: Biotechnology Job Fair, April 3, 5 p.m., Lemon 221. Contact UC at 453-2391.
  - **ACE**: "Yeh! With Young Children," workshops for teaching math concepts to young children, April 3, 5:45 p.m., Room 129. Contact Saira at 529-5112.
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  - **Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir** seeking new members and musicians, each Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., April 18. Contact Brian at 453-9521.
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- **Russian Table**: Fridays, 4 to 5 p.m., Charles Hall, 715 Ewing Ave. Contact at 453-4039.
- **Japanese Table**: every Friday, 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe. Contact Melissa at 453-8650.

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**FEATURETING**

- **Benson Recording Duo EAST TO WEST in concert!**
  - **CARBONDALE**
    - **Sewanee** versus Kent State, 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Monday at 600 W. Hall St. An uninterrupted concert designed for all ages.
  - **Merle 21** tickets estimated at $46.00. There are no exceptions.
  - **Ron Hutchcraft**
    - **Shryock Auditorium**
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**NEWS**

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**State could lower DUI limit**

**Center offers breathalyzer tests on Strip**

**SOBER? Students can check their blood-alcohol levels for free Saturday**

**LITTLE BROTHER TO WAR:**

Michael Tapperno, a sophomore from Orland Park, left and Josh Spencer, a sophomore from West Frankfort, work on footwork techniques to sharpen reflexes and sense during lacrosse practice in the Sam Rinello Fields Tuesday.

**Students find niche in lacrosse**

**CROSSED UP:** Intensity, athleticism required to play draws some to the game.

**Lacrosse, a French word meaning “the cross” and refers to the shape of the stick.**

**Carbondale**

**Advisory board to consider entry-age for liquor stores**

**Southern Illinois**

**CARBONDALE**

**Fraternity to sponsor vigil and march honoring King**

**CARBONDALE**

**Committee to display shirts created by rape victims**

**CARBONDALE**

**Performances, workshops to celebrate Irish music**

**MOSCOW**

**Russia, Belarus sign pact**

**Sitting back at the West for its planned expansion of NATO, Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin signed a pact Wednesday with Belarus to form a new union that will seek economic and political integration of the two nations.**
Robison’s comments raise questions about dinosaurs

Dear Editor:

Mr. (Josh) Robison, I’d bet if you asked the dinosaurs if comets were “harbingers of doom,” they may not have been so pleased with their arrival. However, on a more realistic side, you can’t ask the dinosaurs anything, and I’m not sure if it has been proven that a comet/meteorite destroyed their existence. But how quick are we to discount the theory of the “bigger picture”? We may never truly know or understand dinosaurs because their bones are not as vividly preserved as other species. And while we may never know or understand dinosaurs, it is unacceptable for our government to interfere with this business’ hours of operation for the express purpose of advancing a particular moral or religious agenda.

FURTHERMORE, MANY EXOTIC DANCERS depend on tips to support themselves and their families. By closing these bars on Sundays, the government would cut these workers’ hours — and a significant percentage of their weekly income. Many single mothers choose to work in exotic dance clubs to provide a sufficient income to support their kids.

WOULD THE POLITICIANS WHO SUPPORT this legislation prefer to see unregulated lewdly kids raising themselves because their mothers were forced into day jobs? Or perhaps we could just add these families to the welfare rolls after undercutting the breadwinners’ efforts to provide a sufficient income to support their kids.

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Bender misunderstands true meaning of religion

Dear Editor:

I was responding to M. Lionel Bender (March 31) about what he calls the growth of "imperialist Islam," which he claims the definition of Islam according to the Qur'an and Webster's Dictionary. Islam means "submission to the will of God." No more imperialism "means the policy of seeking to extend the power, dominion or territory of a state or nation by making war or by getting into relations of dependency or control with other states or nations."

I believe it would be safe for me to say Bender is incorrect. If the ex-professor does not know what the hell he is talking about. Personally, I believe there is no God but Allah (God, as listed in Arabia) with no associations. What I do not understand is how this so-called "imperialist growth of Islam" is a threat to world peace. I am 110 percent behind my policy seeking to extend the powers of any policy seeking to extend the will of God to any country or territories. So the will of God should be hard to find if a person believes in the teachings of the Qur'an, Torah and the Holy Bible. I am afraid of what he could be thinking of he is to have a "boon" to the entire region.

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Mailbox

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Creating a climate that is conducive to teaching effectively is the key to any educational institution. At SIUC, the majority of students come from countries that have a strong cultural background in their home country. With this understanding, educators must ensure that both primary and secondary curricula are designed to accommodate the needs of these students and to prepare them for success in their future careers.

International enrollment is a vital component of a university's diversity and richness. It brings a variety of perspectives and experiences to the campus, enriching the educational experience for all students. By attracting students from different cultures, universities can promote cross-cultural understanding and awareness, which is crucial in today's globalized world.

Moreover, international students often bring with them a diverse range of academic and professional skills, enhancing the pool of talent available to the university. They bring new ideas and approaches to various fields, contributing to innovative research and academic programs.

Therefore, it is imperative for SIUC to continue to focus on international enrollment. The university should actively seek to attract students from all over the world, recognizing the value they bring to the educational environment. This not only enriches the student body but also prepares students for the global workforce.

Dear Editor,

He claims that I criticize Simon for teaching at SIUC. This reading couldn't be further from the truth. Not only do I praise Simon for his personal accomplishments, but I refer to his affiliation with SIUC as a "boon." Simon is a superb choice as a professor at SIUC. This reading couldn't be further from the truth. Not only do I praise Simon for his personal accomplishments, but I refer to his affiliation with SIUC as a "boon." Simon has written 16 books and is the nation's youngest editor and publisher, but he did so only because he bought the facts and not because he was writing fiction. It is also true that Simon has written 16 books, but all that means is that I have written a book and not necessarily how to teach effective writing. Stephen King has written dozens of books, but I don't believe Simon is even better choice than Stephen King.

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LACROSSE

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The object of lacrosse is to get as many balls in the opposing team's net in a game of 15-minute quarters. The team that scores the most goals at the end of regulation time wins.

The intense and exciting sport requires agility, speed, and strategy from players. Each team consists of 10 players, including one goalie, who are responsible for blocking shots and preventing the opposing team from scoring.

The game is played on a rectangular field with two goals, one at each end. The object is to score by shooting the ball into the opposing team's goal. Players use a long-handled stick to pass the ball to teammates or to shoot directly at the goal.

The lacrosse stick is an essential tool in the sport, allowing players to control the ball and make strategic moves. The design of the stick and the way it is used can vary depending on the player's position and style of play.

In summary, lacrosse is a fast-paced, dynamic sport that requires physical endurance, strategic thinking, and teamwork to succeed.

ALCOHOL

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We could take into consideration not just the potential consequences of a single over-consumption incident but the long-term effects on the individual's health and well-being. It is important to raise awareness about the impact of alcohol on one's physical and mental health.

Upon receiving a report, Hunter's team is tasked with analyzing the data, determining the best course of action, and implementing it. The team then presents their findings and recommendations to the relevant authorities for further action.

The study highlights the importance of understanding the factors that contribute to alcohol consumption among students. It also underscores the need for targeted interventions to effectively address this issue.

In conclusion, the alcohol consumption study at Hunter's University in Illinois is a valuable resource for understanding the factors that influence alcohol use among college students. The findings provide insights that can inform the development of effective prevention and intervention strategies.
Roger N. Klam, M.D., Diplomate of American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Dr. Roger Klam leads a staff dedicated to giving their patients complete attention and compassion to achieve the highest level of care. A Carbondale resident since 1973, he was a member of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at the Carbondale Clinic until he started his own practice in January 1996. Infertility treatments receives heavy emphasis in Klam's practice which also specializes in treating menopausal and general gynecological problems.

"I went into private practice so that I could concentrate more on infertility and women's health," Klam said. "We're capable of treating all areas of infertility with the exception of those involving assisted reproductive technologies and we work with the clinics in St. Louis and Springfield if those treatments are necessary. So our patient may have the tests and most treatments she needs here and only has to go to those centers for advanced procedures, such as in vitro fertilization." Klam and his staff, while administering most levels of infertility treatment here in Southern Illinois, also do tubal reconstructions for those women "who have second thoughts."

"We place considerable emphasis on the services and convenience that we offer the women of the area," Klam said.

Dr. Klam is a board certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist. He is an active member of the American Fertility Society and is trying to establish a local chapter of the infertility support group, RESOLVE.

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Mice with most toys win

**BRAIN POWER: Study proves that mice with more toys are smarter.**

**NEWSPAPER**

California scientists have found that enriched environments — even those created for mice — can significantly boost the birth of new brain cells in a matter of months.

Fred Gage and his colleagues at the Salk Institute in the San Diego community of La Jolla said they have created mazes and placed them in different environments. The "deprived" and "enriched" groups were compared using a special test in which new cells were identified using a technique called 5-bromo-2-deoxyuridine (BrdU).

At the end of the study, the enriched group was shown to have nearly twice as many new brain cells than the deprived group. These new cells were identified in areas of the brain that are involved in learning and memory.

"The results are clear," Gage said. "Enriched environments are good for the brain."
HUNGRY YET?
"Biscuits and Gravy" CD release party brings local Carbondale bands together on one CD.

TROUBLE IN PARADISE
The Stage Company closes its 96-97 season with Neil Simon's romantic comedy "Barefoot in the Park."

BURN BABY BURN
The new Brad Pitt, Harrison Ford duo, "The Devil's Own" brings tension between two men who start as friends and become enemies.

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Skateboarding has become a popular past time recently, yet there are limited places to skate. Glyph explores the limited territory of "The Great Skate." story on p. 4-5
ground zero

LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS
The Wizard of Oz, including Dorothy and the munchkins, will come rolling into Carbondale at the Shryock Auditorium on April 19. All seats are $11.50 and can be purchased by calling 453-ARTS.

SHOTME AT SMILIN JACKS
The rap artist, Shotyme, is performing at Smilin' Jacks, 700 E. Grand Ave., tonight. Shotyme will perform songs from his new album, "It's About Time," as well as freestyle lyrics. The show begins at 10 p.m. For more information, contact Smilin' Jacks at 457-2259.

Go Country
AARON TIPPIN, along with special guests Doug Supernaw and The Kentucky Headhunters, are coming to the SIU Arena for a one-night engagement at 7:30 p.m., April 11. Tickets are $18.50.

Do You Believe In Magic?
THE MAGIC OF MGM AND THE ICE CAPADES IS COMING TO THE Kiel Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is $22 for VIP ringside and $11 for the general public. For more information call (314) 622-KIEL.

Learning Is Fun
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO THE Spring/Summer Learning Adventures Program at the University Museum beginning Saturday, with the Young Architects Workshop. The workshop meets from 1:30 p.m. to 4. For more information call Robert DeHoet at 453-5388.

Almighty At Dragon
ULTRASOUND is performing at Copper Dragon, 605 E. Grand Ave., tonight. Ultrasound, who was voted "Best Band Of The Year," is sharing the bill with Gary Hoey. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and the show begins at 10:30 p.m.

Go Ballroom
THE UNITED STATES AMATEUR BALLROOM DANCERS Association has announced that a chapter for ballroom dancers will be organized in the Carbondale area. A steering committee of local dancers will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. Interested? Call 1-800-447-9047.

just to mention
The deceased Notorious B.I.G.'s new album, "Life After Death," was released March 25. And soon another rap artist will giving new life, Lauryn Hill of "The Fugees" is pregnant. The makers of "Beverly Hills, 90210" and "Melrose Place" are at it again with a new show premiering Wednesday, called "Pacific Palisades." The Chicago based group, "Crucial Conflict" is performing at Shryock in April. We'll keep you posted.

Richard Grieco ("21 Jump Street") and Yasmine Bleeth ("Baywatch") are co-stars in an upcoming movie called "Heaven Or Vegas." Go figure.

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CARBONDALE BANDS RELEASE A COMPILATION CD

BY Lisa M. PAULUZZI

BISCUITS AND GRAVY.

Thoughts of Biscuits and Gravy, and thick parts of the town, is an opportunity of musicians who play in the Carbondale music scene is the focus of the new CD, "Biscuits and Gravyy" that will be released at 7 p.m., Sunday at Hangar 9.

Kevin Graham of Reception Records, 705 W. Main St., helped produce and master the CD. The name of the CD emerged because Graham wanted the title to have something to do with college.

"This is supposed to be college-town oriented," he said. "So we wanted something to do with college kids. "Biscuits and Gravy" comes out of that, and it stuck."

Graham said there were about 50 entries to be judged before the decision was made of what bands to put on the CD. "The main criteria is, the bands were judged upon artistic creativity," he said. "From all the bands that entered, about 19 were chosen."

Of the 19 bands and songs selected, St. Stephen's Blues, "Sunshine Happening," will appear in the mixture of talent and Noble Stokes, the guitarist for St. Stephen's, said this is his second time appearing on such a CD.

"St. Stephen's appeared on the "Carbonnation" CD that was released in '94," he said. "It was the same kind of thing, a compilation of local music."

Stokes said this CD proves that although there is a dwindling music scene in Carbondale, there are bands that shine. "It's amazing that in Carbondale, where the music scene gets darker every year, there are still a lot of good bands here," he said. "There really are, and I think the surplus of musical talent in town is very well represented on "Biscuits and Gravy.""

The CD includes bands that have been around for more than 10 years and bands just starting out in the local music scene. Graham said another positive aspect about "Biscuits and Gravy" is, it gives people a chance to hear songs that they never would have gotten the chance to hear. "The Slaplin' HenrY Blue song that is going on the CD was recorded live at Booby's Beer Garden (406 S. Illinois Ave.) in '93," he said. "This never would have been released if it wasn't for this CD."

There also are bands on the CD that either have recorded in Carbondale or play here frequently. Randy Crouch and The Flying Horse is an example of such a band.

Graham said because Crouch plays in Carbondale often and draws a large crowd, he will be a perfect example of what the CD is all about. "Even though Randy does not reside in Carbondale, he has some great music and he plays here a lot," he said. "The song we put on the CD was recorded in Texas, but he plays it here. So it belongs on the CD."

The CD also is a remembrance of bands that have played in town. "Even though the Bolestones don't play around here as much as they used to, they entered and the judges chose the song," Graham said. "There is a certain respect for the bands that played here, so the Bolestones deserved a spot on the CD."

The Boro City Rollers are a new band with a new sound, and Chad Miliner, trumpet player for the ska band, is honored to have been selected to be on the CD. "We're really happy with the CD," he said. "Having this CD proves that although we're not the bands that had recent releases we're still about."

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Curbs and sidewalks in parking lots make an attractive play ground for skateboarders.

Den Cody, a freshman in history from Edwardsville, practices on his skateboard at the First National Bank parking lot.

If someone requested such a thing, "a lot of care," he says.

Story By Brutt Mikelsen, Photos by Amy Strauss

As he flies along, surfing the gently black asphalt on his skateboard, he suddenly explodes into frantic action, desperately kicking his right leg. And as he rapidly accelerates to a spiraling speed, he slightly elevates his shoulder, and with a gentle bending of his knees, his arms become wings as he cuts into the air and descends to take a graceful journey along several feet of curb. With another hop, he again is on his way, continuing along the pavement. When people watch skateboarders in Carbondale, this is one of the many tricks they are likely to see. But people can not see tricks unless they first can find skateboarder.

Brandon Buck, a sophomore in geography from Edwardsville, has been skateboarding since sixth grade. When he arrived in Carbondale in August, he said finding a decent place to skate was all but impossible.

"The city of Carbondale's streets and sidewalks are all cracked," he said. "And the SIUC student police hassle you if you use them.

"We only ticket those that violate the Parking Division rules and regulations," he said.

SIUC Parking Division Coordinator Marilyn Hogan said the rules to which skateboarders must adhere are the same rules that prohibit other activities, such as the operation of bicycles on Campus. For example, Hogan said that one area where a ticketing is a problem on campus is the Janet Hall breezeway.

"That area is only for pedestrians only," she said. "Bicycles are not allowed to be operated there, so they (skateboarders) aren't either.

Sell the board and buy a skateboard?

Buck has found that there really are very few places to skate in Carbondale: the parking lot of Edwardsville Police Station, 401 S. Avenue I, and the sidewalk of the Edwardsville Police Station, 401 S. Avenue I.

"They're the only smooth sidewalks," he said. "And the Carbondale cops don't really F**k with you.

The lack of skating locales surprises Buck because he said with the rising popularity of skateboarding, there usually are many places to skate in big cities.

"It's made its way into the mainstream," he said. The Extreme Games (Olympic-style stunts featuring extreme sports) on ESPN really brought to the public's attention that it's a professional sport, not just a recreational activity or bunch of troublemakers trying to mess up the streets and sidewalks in people's ways.

Chuck Ruffing, owner of Illinois Skate shop, 402 S. Illinois Ave., said skating is in a trap, and unlike most other sports, there really is no place for skaters to practice.

"We'd like to see them get a place where they could go and skate," he said. "If the city would build some type of skate park, it would be a very positive thing. Instead of trying to get into a bar, the kids could go to a skate park to practice while they listen to music."

Ruffing said the people of Carbondale should be willing to do something for a group of youths that are engaging in a positive activity.

"These kids aren't doing drugs. They're not in gangs. They're just skating," he said. "They might look menacing hanging out in front of the Amtrak Station, but they're not trying to do goofball stunts or anything like that," he said. "No one has filed a formal request or something like this.

However, Ruffing said that skateboarders practicing around the city have given him an idea for the skaters to find a safe place to skate. Skateboarding is a big thing in town, I see them doing it all over," he said. "A lot of what they do seems dangerous. It would be a lot safer if they had a place cut out.

While a formal request to a skate park of some kind could be filled, McGlinn said because of the danger he associates with skateboarding, such a request would be scrutinized.
If someone requested such a thing, we would look into it with a lot of care," he said.

Crashing into barriers of misunderstanding

Ruffing said skaters in Carbondale are misunderstood by many members of the community who run into them (sometimes literally) while they are skating at the Amtrak Station and around campus.

"These kids are trying not to get in anyone's way, and all these people got mad and say, 'These skaters always get in our way,'" he said. "But if there was a place to do it, we wouldn't get in their way. If there was one little place to skate, you'd be special what should happen?"

To support his argument, Ruffing said Blazen Skates had a skate session together at a local church one night, and the number of attendees around him.

"We set up a couple of ramps at a church one night, and over a hundred skaters showed up. And this was just something people heard of by word of mouth," he said. "There really is a strong interest in it around here."

Ruffing said with all the talk of the bar-entry age raising and favoring any house parties all over town, city authorities should realize that skating is a great activity and should be promoted.

"It's a natural high," he said. "And I think that's something Carbondale is definitely lacking in."

Whatta gonna do when they come for you?

"As he stands talking with his skateboard in hand, Kyle Hershberger, a sophomore in elementary education from Danville, says he has been skating for eight years. When he came to SIUC, Hershberger found that skateboarding in Carbondale is possible as long as he doesn't roam, the campus where he will not be ticketed."

"I've been doing it on the way off campus and then on the way back," he says. "But the city cops have never bothered me since I've been skating here."

Carbondale Police Sgt. Chuck Doan said city police are not being lenient toward the skaters. He said if skateboarders are not being ticketed, that is simply because they are not breaking the law. Doan said the SIUC may have special rules for skateboarders, but when these are not used, the police only have to be concerned if they are not breaking the law.

"If there's a ticketing a last, there's obviously none that can be enforced on them," he said. "We have no special set of rules for anyone."

However, Doan said if police officers thought skateboarders were endangering themselves or others, they would be treated as anyone else.

"If anyone was doing anything unsafe, we would address that," he said.

Doan said the skaters are not getting any special treatment, but if skaters believe they are receiving favorable treatment, that is fine with him.

"If anyone happens to think the Carbondale Police are cool, I think that is great. Doan said."

With whisker sports like bowling, why skateboard?

Skateboarding is not just something that Hershberger and his friends do whenever they have spare time. It is a necessary coping tool that many college students rely on to stay in shape, both physically and mentally. Just skating around is fun, Hershberger said, but trick skating is the best remedy for his ills.

"It's a good way to release pinned-up aggression. You can get a lot of your tension out," he said. "You can just go really fast and grind a curb or something."

Hershberger does not enjoy team sports, and he said that, like him, many skaters are individuals.

"It's an easy access type of sport. You don't need a field or a team or a glove or a helmet — you can just step outside and go for a ride," he said. "You can focus on yourself. You don't have to worry about pulling through for other people."

The number of skaters in Carbondale seems to be growing, and Hershberger said Carbondale is the rule rather than the exception. He said the skate scene is growing everywhere there is cable TV.

"I think it's growing in popularity everywhere with the "Extreme Games," he said. "(The Extreme Games) just makes it more visible to people. People used to think skaters were good punks, now people have a chance to view it for what it is — a legitimate activity."
**Barefoot in the Park**

A TALE OF A YOUNG MARRIED COUPLE BECOMING ACCLIMATIZED TO THE TRIALS OF MARRIED LIFE IN NEW YORK IS COMING TO THE STAGE COMPANY.

The Stage Company is ending its 1996-97 play season with Neil Simon's 'Barefoot In The Park.'

Mary Boyle, the director of the play, said this romantic comedy has been modernized for 1997.

"This was the second play Neil Simon wrote, and it's very funny," she said. "Is is about the first week in the life of a newly married couple and the bride and groom getting to know each other.

Boyle said the play was written and performed in 1963, and she wanted to bring it up to date.

"We researched and updated the play from 1963 to 1997," she said. "The rent for the apartment in 1963 was $150. In 1997 for a top-floor walk-up brownstone, the rent would be $1,500. We were amazed when we researched the rent in New York City.

Boyle also did research on the area and the surrounding landmarks.

"We researched to make sure the restaurants were still there and if they weren't, we replaced them with restaurants that are still there," she said. "They also mentioned someone in the play who is dead, and we replaced him with someone who is living.

Boyle said one of the things that is funny about the play is the apartment itself.

"The couple lives on the sixth floor of a brownstone house, so everyone who walks into the house is out of breath," she said. "Everyone who opens the door heaves for a while until they get their breath.

Boyle said she had the cast running up and down the backstage steps of the Stage Company, 101 N. Washington St., so they would know what going up six flights of stairs felt like.

"I wanted them to know what it felt like to be so out of breath that they couldn't talk," she said. "We spent a lot of time puffing."

Boyle was happy to get a talented group of actors for the play.

"I wanted youth and energy, and Jennifer (DeVolder) and Andy (Babinski) (the newlyweds) are wonderful because they are a breath of fresh air at the stage company," she said.

Babinski, a senior in math education from Bradley, plays Paul Bratter, the level-headed and practical husband.

Babinski said playing the character is weird because of the funny things Paul says.

"He has the funniest lines in the whole show, and he's always making cracks. But he never laughs," he said.

Babinski said the troubles the newlyweds go through are caused because the two characters are so different.

"Corey (Paul's wife) is so full of energy and enthusiasm and Paul is so level headed," she said. "That's where the whole 'Barefoot on the park' thing came from. She wants her husband to go out at midnight in December with no shoes on, and it's only 17 degrees."

Jennifer DeVolder, an SIUC graduate who plays Corey Bratter, said her character is vibrant and full of life.

"There are problems with Paul because she doesn't think he is spontaneous, and he is always so perfect," she said. "She wants him to let his hair down and have some fun."

DeVolder said the play is upbeat, funny and will keep the audience laughing.

"The play is hilarious because it's energetic and unexpected and fun," she said. "I think anybody who watches it will have a good time."
**FI L M F I N D S**

*— by tim sanger —*

**TWO STARS FOR TWO STARS**

John Ford and Howard Hawks made movies like this. These two different filmmakers, in different circumstances, they would be kindred spirits. The Devil's Own may have this notion at heart, yet it has several other agendas as well. Too many fabics and too many side stories are spent dicing it out for screen time, when only one is necessary.

The film has an Irish immigrant (Brad Pitt) taking up residence with a decent New York cop (Harrison Ford). The bond formed between them is stretched as Ford discovers his house guest actually is an infamous Irish Republican army guerrilla "Frankie the Angel," sent to the United States for a shipment of Stinger missiles.

The film wants to concentrate on the tensions between the two men, both seemingly honor bound to their duties than their own emotions. Pitt performs admirably, and with a good accent, in the role, while Ford turns in his standard hard-bitten performance. Director Alan J. Pakula, with such classics as "Sniper" and "The Parallax View" certainly knows how to keep a thriller going. The film also has the welcome presence of a good supporting cast, including Treat Williams (one of my longtime favorites) and excellent character actors like J.K. Simmons and Steve Buscemi, who add depth to a film that isn't necessarily filled with it.

Yet what truly drags the film down is its various tangents. There are far too many subplots and side stories that they are competing against, rather than providing any insight. Perhaps the main problem is that the film wants the audience to like two main characters, where either one could have anchored the film dramatically.

Ford and Pitt are puppy dogs wrestling for the same bone, leaving no focus or tension to the story. Rumors of script revisions and tinkering have plagued the film since its inception and are unfortunately evidenced by the final product. What Ford and others knew was to keep it simple. Had "The Devil's Own" (the title is never explained) followed the same maxim, a much better film would have emerged.

**VIDEO PICK: "EXTREME PREJUDICE"**

What makes Walter Hill in my opinion, one of our greatest filmmakers is his tragic mythology. He knows most of his films a sadness not found in other action genres. This is the trail of a great Western, and "Extreme Prejudice" is his best Western, more so than those ("Geronimo," "Wild Bill") actually set in those times.

The film chronicles a stale Texas Ranger (Nick Nolte, at his finest) trying to bring down his old friend (Powers Boothe), now a drug czar south of the border. All the while trying to cross paths with a covert government team sent to take the drug lord down as well.

While the film has plenty of Hill's trademark visual powerhouses (he still makes the best action scenes), the real treat is to watch Nolte and Boothe go at it. They recall the great pulp heroes of yesteryear, right up to the violent finale, a near recreation of "The Wild Bunch" climax. One of the best Westerns of recent years.

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**CD CAPSULES**  

*— by tracy taylor —*

**Aaliyah**  

*One In A Million*  

Atlantic Records, 1996

As much as I hate to admit it, Aaliyah's "One In A Million" album keeps you grooving. Following up her R Kelly-Influenced first album, Aaliyah's proving she can keep up with the big wigs in the music industry.

Toppling the charts with "If Your Girl Only Knew," this ghetto love song was just funky enough to catch on to the masses. And if some people may not want to admit it, the girl can sing! Adjust yourself to the fact that Aaliyah is still going strong on the radio stations with excerpts from famous rhythmic sayings such as "You're The One" to the slow, sultry voices of Brian McKnight and Diana King and lyrics that spell out pride in the African community.

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**"When We Were Kings" Soundtrack**  

Polygram, 1997

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." Who ever would have thought that these words would be put to music to a movie soundtrack? The soundtrack for the upcoming film documentary about the life and times of Muhammad Ali features excerpts from famous rhythmic sayings of the fighter, as well as a host of talented rappers, singers, and musicians.

Songs including "When We Were Kings," that echo the name of the movie, use the sultry voices of Brian McKnight and Diana King and lyrics that spell out pride in the African community.

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**Dru Hill**  

*Island Records, 1996*

"Im so grooving on your track," is little comment to the one of the hottest R&B groups today. Their sound is very soulful, making you want to listen.

Songs like "In My Best" explore the possibility of infidelity in relationships and show a sensitive side to this group that you don't see too often.

Of course, they were sure not to break the rules and forget a re-make. This group's re-make "Love Train," however, is not just new verses to the same old music.

The beats and orchestration behind this old cut gives it a '90s swing. I don't really slow, but it makes you want to listen. But this CD still has some things we're not used to. Especially by Aaliyah.

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**SWV**  

New Beginning  

RCA Records, 1996

SWV is one of the few female groups out now that does not sound like everyone else. With their sophomore effort "New Beginning," SWV has come back with a sound that is fresh and funky as ever. From tune-hopping songs such as "You're The One" to the slow, sexy ballads such as "Use Your Heart," these divas of the music world are proving they have kept up with the changing times.

There are major differences in this album and the last, so the audience does not have to worry about hearing the same old thing.

Instead of just hearing the lead singer, Coko, throughout the whole album, the rest of the group has songs in which they take the lead, giving the group some variety.

The toe-tapping, head-bouncing goofy feeling you will get out of this album while listening to it is one of the reasons SWV continues to do so well. With Rhythm and Blues on their side, SWV will yet again make an album with much flavor.

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Wednesday's Pals solved

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PLAY DALL:
Thanks to Clinton's injury, Secretary of State opens baseball season for first time.

Baltimore — Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, all 5 feet 3 inches of her, strode to the pitcher's mound. Dressed in black slacks with an Orioles jacket and hat, she positioned herself to throw Wednesday's opening pitch.

Orioles catcher Chris Hoiles gave her a sign and moved to within 20 feet of her. Albright shook it off. She gave her another sign and moved to within 20 feet of her, strode to the pitcher's mound.

"I wasn't up for a curveball," she said, laughing after her overhand pitch had bounced into Hoiles' glove, about 15 feet away.

What she threw was, perhaps, a sinker. What it meant to her to do it, is another story. Albright, 59, arrived in America in 1965 with her family, fleeing the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia. From the moment Albright, then 11, set the ball to throw to the plate Wednesday's opening game, she was a baseball fan, but when asked if she was a fan, she hedged. "She is a baseball fan, but when asked if she is an Orioles fan, she hedged," said Albright, "she said, laughing after her overhand pitch had bounced into Hoiles' glove, about 15 feet away."

A Celebration of Irish/American Music

Two Performances, Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in McLeod Theater, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

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Symposium: Saturday, April 5: Participants will meet the featured musicians and other Irish experts presenting scholarly presentations, music and dance workshops, and a round-table discussion on the roots and future of Irish/American music. Activities will run from 9 am to 4:30 pm at SIUC's Quigley Hall. Admission is $50 and includes a ticket to Saturday's concert. Call 618/536-7751 for more information.

Sponsored by the Irish Studies Program and the Irish Discussion Group, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) and the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education in cooperations with the SIUC Division of Continuing Education.

Track

problem for the last few years, a solution has been planned by the Athletic Department.

Resurging is the track is one of the goals of Saluki Futures, a fund-raising campaign established by SIUC to raise $3.3 million for facility improvements and scholarship money for the Athletic Department through private donations.

SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs announced plans Feb. 26 to raise $2.5 million to resurface the track at the stadium next season.

But DeNooon does not expect the track to be resurfaced before next season. DeNooon said the University has not yet received its grants to the project.

"The initial plans were to have a new track in place by next year," he said, "But the way things are looking now, it doesn't look like that will happen." DeNooon said the earliest they could put it in would be after our spring season in 1998.

The Salukis were scheduled to play host to the 1995 Missouri Valley Conference Championship outdoor meet, but had to turn it down because of the track's condition.

Cornell said the meet is scheduled for SIUC in 1999, but if the new track surface is not complete, the meet will not take place there.

Despite a deteriorating track, both DeNooon and Cornell have had success at SIUC. In DeNooon's 14 years at SIUC, the Salukis have won five outdoor Missouri Valley Conference titles and three indoor conference championships.

The Saluki men's team has won four outdoor and four indoor championships under Cornell, who is in his 13th year and was honored as MVC Coach of the Year each of those championship seasons.

While both coaches have had success, DeNooon said the programs are in danger of losing recruits and opportunities for home meets because of the track's condition.

Our program just isn't promoted like some of the other programs on campus," DeNooon said. "This track has really hurt our chances to recruit.

Reducing the chances of injury is another important benefit to resurfacing the track.

Andrew Brita, a freshman distance runner from St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, said injuries are a big concern to the team.

"The biggest benefit is reducing the chance for injury," he said. "There's a lot of sports on the track now, and that keeps us from getting a good practice in.

Cornell said other teams are discouraged from coming to SIUC for meets because of the possibility of injuries.

Although a new track is not expected to be in place next season, DeNooon said the possibility of the improvements is a boost to the team's recruiting and opportunity to have more home meets.

"I never came down for an official visit, and it wasn't until I got here that I saw the track and went, "OMG," he said.

"As a coach, I would ask myself before I brought my team here, if I wanted to risk the possibility of my runners getting hurt. Some of the really good schools that don't want to come to SIUC are fully aware of what we're going through; we have this new track.

DeNooon said a new surface for the track would solve some of the team's problems for several years.

"A good track will last about eight to 10 years before a small rubber surface gets worn out around the track, he said. "Then it could last another five years. But a really nice track could last 15 to 20 years if it is well-maintained.

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background and strong arm have
made him a solid candidate for the
job.

"Skornia came from Missouri
and brings some experience from
that level," he said. "He has a quick
release, and he's got some football
savy."

Quarterless said Skornia, a junior
from Guntier, Miss., who trans-
ferred from Gulf Coast Community
College, has a lot of potential.

"Skornia is a battler," Quarterless
said. "I think he wants to compete.
He'll give a good fight for the job.

While the candidates are confi-
dent about the season, it is not an
easy process learning Quarterless'
offensive system, which places an
emphasis on a balanced running and
passing attack.

"It's been pretty complicated,
but mostly because it's new," Capone
said. "We've only had three
practices. But as we get going
through the spring practices, we
should get it down."

Although the Salukis do not have
a returning letterman in the group
of quarterbacks, Quarterless said
he wants to play the quarterback
that is the best leader rather than
have a rotation of quarterbacks, unlike
Watson, who rotated Steve Lace
and Phil Shellhaas in the spot last
season.

"I prefer to go with the guy
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said. "I think if you're truly a competi-
tor and compete well for the post, it's
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The guy who goes out and earns it
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"We've all pretty similar in that
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ROUGH ROAD AHEAD: Some parts of
McAndrew Stadium's track have holes
that are worn through to the concrete.

Breathing life into track

POTHOLExs!
Fund-raising plan
will repair McAndrew
Stadium's aging track.

BY RYAN KEITTH
DAILY ESYPTIAN REPORTER

Saluki track and field coaches
Don DeNoon and Bill
Cornell have had successful
outdoor seasons in their tenures
at SIUC, but a deteriorating
track at McAndrew Stadium is
threatening to change that.

DeNoon, the women's track
and field coach, said the stall-
ium's track has worn through in
several spots, leading to several
major problems. DeNoon said
the track is about eight years
old.

"There was a really poor job
done when they put this track
down," DeNoon said. "There's
a lot of major damage out there,
and there are some spots where
the concrete can been seen
through the track's surface."

DeNoon said he would not
put his athletes in competition
at shapes similar to SIUC's.

"I wouldn't take my team to
a meet where the track was in
such bad shape," DeNoon said. "If I
did take them, I wouldn't
'Do it back the next year."

Cornell, the men's track
and field coach and former Saluki
runner, said the track's condi-
tion has worsened significantly
over the last couple of years.

"Our track is in such terrible
shape we can't even take our
recruits down to see it," Cornell
said. "It's just become atrocious
over the years."

While the track programs
have had to deal with this
problem, SIUC's stadium has
worn through in several spots.

"If I did take them, I wouldn't
compete."

Cornell said his athletes
have dealt with this pro-
blem, while DeNoon said
his team has not.

"I know we don't have
the money," DeNoon said.
"But there is some money."

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DeNoon said the fund-raising
plan will repair the track's con-
dition and bring the university
one step closer to raising the funds
needed to renovate the entire
track.

"It's a long road," DeNoon said.
"But it's a good start."

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SIU Swimming

Teams earn academic honors

The SIUC men's and women's swimming and diving teams were honored by placing in the top 10 nationally for their team grade point average in the fall semester.

SIUC men ranked 13th in the country with a GPA of 3.158, while the women's team tied for 16th with a 3.0 average. Both teams were recognized by the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America. SIUC was one of eight schools to have both programs in the top 20.

"I think the ranking says volumes about the type of students we have in our program," said women's head coach Marcus Capone. "We had a strong season from start to finish. Williams was a six-year contract extension worth $61 million to make him one of the highest paid players in the NFL. San Diego and Oklahoma City won 142 million to make him the highest paid player in the NFL, and 550 RBIs in his six seasons with Milwaukee, San Diego and Oklahoma City. Williams became a free agent once he opted out of his contract and underwent surgery.

NBA

Williams going to Chicago

While the Chicago Bulls, who are without starting forward Dennis Rodman and reserve center Bill Wennington, try to win the Eastern Conference title, the Bulls will play in the Bulls system in the next 10 days. He should be ready for the post-season, when the Bulls try to repeat as world champions.

The 27-year-old Williams had a career year in 1996 for the Los Angeles Clippers, averaging close to 20 points and 10 rebounds a game. He has yet to play this season, as he is recovering from knee surgery last fall. Williams became a free agent once he opted out of his contract and underwent surgery.

MLB

Sheffield gets record contract

The Florida Marlins announced Wednesday that right-handed pitcher Gary Sheffield has agreed to a six-year contact extension worth $20 million to make him the highest paid player in major league baseball ever. Sheffield's contract surpassed Albert Belle's $20 million contract signed during the off-season with the Chicago White Sox.

Sheffield has hit 291 with 159 home runs and 550 RBIs in his nine seasons with Milwaukee, San Diego and now Florida. Sheffield earned $10 million per season from 1996 to 2002 and $11 million in 2003. Florida has an $11 million option for the 2004 season.

TAKING CHARGE: SIUC coach Quarless examines this year's crop of snap-takers.

BOB KEITH

DAILY EAGLE/REPUBLICAN

Completing spring football practice without a starting quarterback for the 1997 season is not a concern for SIUC coach Jan Quarless.

Quarless, in his first year as head coach at SIUC after 21 years as an assistant football coach at seven universities, said 15 days of spring practice is a short amount of time to determine the team's leader.

"The question mark that we have to answer is who is going to be the best leader and move the football team on a consistent basis," Quarless said. "There's no front-runner yet, and I don't believe coming out of spring ball that we will have one."

"I don't think 15 days of spring ball is long enough to develop a new football team with a near system to adequately assess who is going to be the No. 1 quarterback."

Three players are competing for the top quarterback spot during spring drills, which began March 23 and ran through April 19.

Marcus Capone, Kent Skornia and Mike Petriko are candidates for the team's top spot when the Salukis open up against Nicholls State University Sept. 5. Capone, a junior from Long Beach, N.Y., was on last season's Saluki squad but played in just two of the team's games because of off-the-field problems. Capone allegedly was involved in a mob action after an incident at a party Aug. 19.

Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wespie decided in October not to file charges against Capone. Capone had said he has put his problems behind him and is ready to open this season.

"I had some problems last year, but that's all in the past," Capone said. "I just want to go out and start from scratch this year."

Quarless said Capone's athleticism and his attitude have made him a valuable addition to the team.

"Marcus is a tall, rangy quarterback that has a physical make-up that allows him to be a fundamentally good quarterback," Capone said. "He's put a lot of competitive spirit into the quarterback position."

While Capone was at SIUC before Quarless took over in January for departed coach Shawn Watson, Skornia came to SIUC because of his ability to play for Watson.

Skornia, a junior from Washington, Mo., transferred from the University of Missouri-Columbia in January, said he was originally dissatisfied with Watson left, he is pleased with the decision he made to be a Saluki.

"The change was good," Skornia said. "Coach Q (Quarless) has gotten everything in order, and he is going to turn this thing around and get it going in the right direction."

Skornia threw for 701 yards and five touchdowns for Missouri while splitting time with starting quarterback Korby Jones.

Quarless said Skornia's..."