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Stuffed animal fanatic Mary Betts sits nestled in a small portion of her collection of over friends. Betts, whose collection began 24 years ago with a gift from a husband, plans to start donating her stuffed animals to needy children.

## Queen of felt

THORRIE T. RAINEY  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

One Christmas Eve more than 20 years ago, Mary Betts and her husband, Edward, sat on the couch in their home talking.

Stopping mid-conversation, Edward turned to his wife and asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

Angry that he waited until the last minute to ask, Mary answered in an annoying tone, "Just get me a stuffed animal."

That Christmas morning he presented her with a tan stuffed bear that was over five feet tall.

That bear, which symbolizes the beginning of her stuff animal collection, now sits with thousands of polyester, fiber-filled companions in what Betts calls the "Teddy Bear" room in her home on Glenview Drive.

Betts, 73, of Carbondale, now has over 3,000 stuffed animals sitting on her couches, laying in her bed and staring blankly out of her living room window.

"I'm a junk freak," Betts said. "When my friends come over, they always say, 'What's new in the museum?'"

All jokes aside, walking through Mary Betts' home is like taking a trip to

a museum.

Her husband's and son's military medals, honors and pictures hang on the walls in her hallway. Portraits of her children and grandchildren sit on the mantle shelf in her living room and on the dressers of her two bedrooms. Pictures Betts purchased from India and South America hang in her kitchen.

Born and raised in Carbondale, Betts' father worked as a faculty member at SIUC for more than 50 years.

Betts received her bachelor's degree in education and earned her master's

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## City Council asks railroad for upgrades

DAN CRAFT  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Carbondale City Council will ask for additional concessions from the merging Illinois Central Railroad and Canadian National Railroad to offset the effects of additional rail traffic through Carbondale.

The merger will increase freight train traffic through Carbondale by more than three trains per day, and the trains will carry a larger amount of hazardous material. They will run an average of 11 percent longer, but passenger trains will not be affected.

Although council members do not like the increase of hazardous material in the city, their only course of action is to contact the railroad with input about the change in rail traffic.

The Council unanimously authorized City Manager Jeff Doherty to request five concessions from the railroad, in addition to three conditions required by the Surface Transportation Board — a unit of the Department of Transportation.

The concessions include:

- allowing the railroad to help the community identify and fund any equipment needed to deal with potential hazardous material spills;

- limiting the speed of trains carrying a certain amount of hazardous material to 10 mph lower than that of other trains; and
- cooperating with the city in opening an additional railroad crossing between northeast and northwest Carbondale.

In addition, Councilman Larry Briggs suggested that wind direction indicators be installed at each crossing. He said this would provide a better estimate for emergency crews to identify the affected areas if a hazardous material accident would occur.

Councilman Mike Neill also asked that the city also request funding for building an overpass or underpass to alleviate the problems of blocked crossings in emergency

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## Landlord frustration ubiquitous

CHAD ANDERSON  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Conflicts and legal battles among landlords, tenants and city inspection departments are common throughout Illinois university communities, but the magnitude of the problems and the solutions vary from town to town.

A DAILY EGYPTIAN examination of the City of Carbondale's building inspection records revealed electrical wiring, plumbing, structural and fire-safety violations. Building inspection departments from Champaign, Urbana, Macomb and Normal reported similar problems in their respective communities.

In some cases, communities

have adopted new ordinances to combat decaying rental properties and save their communities, while others expressed frustration at the political power of college-town landlords and the lack of city resources and ordinances to punish poor maintenance practices.

However, inspectors were also quick to point out that every city has its good and bad landlords.

"Well, I think every town has landlords that just squeak by on codes," said Michael Nickols, an Urbana housing inspector. "Some landlords put more back into the residences than others, and some maintain them just enough to satisfy the tenants."

In Champaign, Urbana and Macomb, the cities receive help from the universities in solving landlord-tenant disputes, but

other cities wish they had more assistance — mainly in group housing complexes such as off-campus greek houses. And the city of Normal, home of Illinois State University, has one of the most extensive rental inspection programs in the state among university communities.

This story will feature the communities that have the potential for similar or greater problems than Carbondale's landlord-tenant disputes and those that have unique programs to resolve them.

With SIUC student government leaders looking for ways to improve landlord-tenant relations, the DAILY EGYPTIAN talked to officials from Illinois public university cities in search of examples and a statewide per-

spective.

### University of Illinois

In 1970, a university-wide student committee saw a need to create a tenant union for students. According to tenant union officials, students were having problems with consistently poor maintenance and being "cheated" out of damage deposits. There were also invasion-of-privacy issues, where landlords would "key in" without notifying the tenant. Both Champaign and Urbana have since adopted prior-notification ordinances.

"It started as a place where students could come in and

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Carbondale  
rental

Part 3 of 4

Today's installment of the DAILY EGYPTIAN's four-part series on Carbondale's rental housing explores the problems of other Illinois university communities and what they do to combat tenant-landlord conflicts.

Also available on the Internet are portions of the proposed ordinance changes student government presented to the City Council Nov. 17, and the results of a student government survey of random tenants in Carbondale. The student government ordinance proposals were borrowed from some of the communities highlighted in this report.

To view these materials, refer to our web site at [www.dailyegyptian.com](http://www.dailyegyptian.com).

# Police Blotter

## UNIVERSITY

- University Police investigated a two-vehicle traffic accident at 4 p.m. Tuesday in lot B9 north of the SUU Arena. Police said a vehicle driven by a 23-year-old SUU student struck a vehicle driven by a 31-year-old SUU student causing damage estimated at \$1,000 to each vehicle. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued in this incident.
- Dennis Coge, 21, of Maywood received a citation at 8:14 a.m. Tuesday for passing a school bus that was loading students on West Evergreen Terrace Drive. Coge was released on a recognizance bond pending a court appearance.

# Almanac

## THIS WEEK IN 1975:

- Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, author of "The Hell's Angels: A Strange and Terrible Saga" and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," was presenting a free lecture in the Student Center Ballrooms.
- The "enema bandit," who both terrorized and mortified University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana coeds for the past decade with his ski mask, gun and rubber bag, pleaded guilty to six counts of armed robbery. Michael Kenyon, 30, of Palatine was recommended for a sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison. The judge who presided over the case believed that Kenyon wanted to get caught because "he was just too good."
- Movies that appearing this week were "The Alce Cooper Show: Welcome to My Nightmare," "Pat Garrett and Billy The Kid," "Whiffs," "Mahogany," "Alfredo, Alfredo," and "The Godfather."

# Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311 extension 228 or 229.

# Saluki Calendar

## TODAY

- Student Development and Multicultural Programs & Services, Sister II Sister "Changing Images: Women in the Workplace," noon, Student Center Illinois Room, Student Development 453-5714.
- SPC Concerts Committee interest meeting, every Thurs., 4:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Brian 536-3393.
- Aviation Management Society meeting to meet guest speakers, take trips, and be a member of the organization that will help your career take-off, every Thurs., 5 p.m., CASA Room 9D, Dave 351-6508.
- Geology Club meeting, Dec. 3, 5 p.m., Parkinson #110, Ryan 529-3136.
- Criminal Justice Association meeting for the position of secretary, 5:30 p.m., Foner 1225, Erica 549-1706.
- AnimeKai will be showing Japanese animated films with English subtitles, every Thurs., 6 to 8 p.m., Foner 1125 New Media Center, Bill 536-6774.
- U.S. Air Force CAP meeting, 7 p.m., Marion Airport CAP trailer, Aaron 942-3991.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Fall Informal Informational meeting, 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Tuck-in Tables, 9 to 11 a.m., Grinnel, Sharon 529-3276.

## TODAY

- ACU "Should hate crime legislation protect sexual orientation," 7:30 p.m., Lesar Low Building Auditorium, Leonard 453-8770.
- Department of Applied Arts "the little grand architecture tour '99" will be previewed, 7:30 p.m., Modinow Room in Student Center, Denny 453-3734.
- Sailing Collegiate, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room D Student Center, Shelley 529-0993.
- Ananda Marga Yoga Society meeting, 8 p.m., Mississippi Room, Adam 529-4374.
- Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater informal showing, 8 p.m., Furr Auditorium Pulliam #42, Donna 453-3123.

## UPCOMING

- Library Affairs new ILLNET on-line seminar, Dec. 4, 9 to 10 a.m., Intermediate Webpage construction seminar, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to noon, introduction to construction Webpages seminar, Dec. 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, Undergraduate Desk 453-2818.
- Radio/television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio." Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6901 or at home 985-6209.

## TODAY

- Spanish table every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange 607 South Illinois Avenue, Ulininis 453-5425.
- French Table students come to practice French, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Booby's, 453-5415.
- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch science fiction and fantasy videos, Dec. 4, 6 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B, Mika 549-3527.
- Foreign Language Department Japanese table for informal conversation, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Cafe Melange, Shinsuke 453-3417.
- Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship commitment meeting, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209, Patrick 549-4284.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Founders Day Banquet, Dec. 4, 7 p.m., Old Main lounge, Malik 549-1482.
- The Southern Illinois Audubon Society meeting, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m., Charter Bank, Dove 457-5570.
- A Christmas Carol, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., tickets \$18.50/\$16.50, 453-2787.
- Saluki Volunteer Corps Christmas Cookie Cutter Club, Dec. 5, 1 to 5 p.m., Sara 549-4222, Future Hoopsters Basketball, Dec. 5 to Feb. 6, 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., Winkler Gym, Bridget 549-4222, WSU, Dec. 5-13, Communications Building, Frances 453-4343.

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### Southern Illinois Forecast

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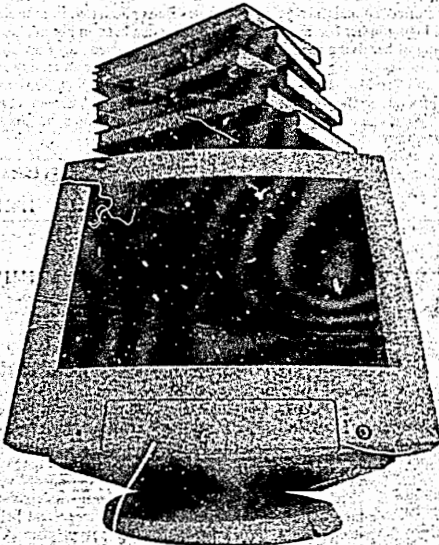
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# Master of puppets and memories

**LOOKING BACK:** Performer uses puppetry, symbolism to tell of his life experiences.

**NICOLE A. CASHAW**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Larry Russell sits and pauses for about 15 seconds before he answers the question, "Why is this play important to you?"

He looks at the puppet on his hand and begins to explain the significance of his play, "Peace Like a River."

"Telling the story of your life is important," Russell, a doctoral student in performance studies from Sullivan, Ind., said. "I feel much less, burdened and much freer. It feels like I'm letting go of something as I'm telling the story."

The play will be presented at 8 tonight at the Kleinau Theatre, located on the second floor of the Communications Building.

**TICKETS**

• "Peace Like a River" begins at 8 tonight at the Kleinau Theatre. It also plays on Dec. 4 and 5.

• Tickets are \$3 for students with ID cards and \$5 for general admission.



JESSICA ZAMORA/Daily Egyptian

Larry Russell, a doctoral student in performance studies from Sullivan, Ind., rehearses for "Peace Like a River," opening at 8 tonight in Kleinau Theatre.

up. I begin to realize the river is important in my life.

"The river is like memory itself. Memories are a part of your conscious and they're flowing like a stream, and I'm making stories from them."

Russell said the topic of the play is not about his life, but memory itself and how it operates.

"The basic theme deals with memory. I

don't mean nostalgia, I mean there's something important we do with our memories when we tell stories about ourselves. We tell who we actually are through these stories."

Russell said people frequently use stories to describe their personality to others

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# Greeks seek to kick party image

**OPEN FORUM:** Panel of Pan-Hellenic groups addresses public concerns about system.

**KAREN BLATTER**  
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Violent parties and hazing are not an accurate depiction of greek life, concluded six representatives from various Pan-Hellenic fraternities and sororities that met Tuesday night in a Student Center ballroom.

"Greek Life—Is It Worth It?" sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, was to provide a better understanding of the greek system, especially Pan-Hellenic's role.

The open forum was attended by more than 50 people who were able to ask panel members questions after they introduced their fraternity or sorority.

The forum was organized because of recent negative atmosphere surrounding the Pan-Hellenic fraternities and sororities, including allegations of hazing and violence breaking out at sponsored activities.

Hazing, and its place in greek life, was the first question asked by members of the audience.

Daniel Hall, of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, was the first on the panel to respond to the question

"We do not condone hazing," he said.

All others on the panel strongly agreed that hazing is wrong and said it had no place in the greek system.

But hazing is not the only problem people see in the greek system. The greek representatives, as well as those who attended, are concerned about the greek "party image."

Most of the Pan-Hellenic fraternities and

sororities are based on community service, among other standards.

Patrick Gant of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity said it is difficult to demonstrate that greek life is about community service, rather than parties.

"It's hard," he said. "All people want to do is kick it. We have a lot of power as greeks. We have to get the incentive to come out and show people that it's not about parties."

Kerilyn Merritt of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority said the view of the greek system needs to change at SIUC.

"We are not here just to kick it," she said. "We are here to get an education."

To promote education, many fraternities and sororities sponsor study tables, where

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## Southern Illinois

### CARBONDALE

Lecture on genes and aging today at Life Science III

A free public lecture, "Genes of Youth: Genetic Dissection of the Biological Aging Process" will be presented at 4 p.m. today in the Life Science III Auditorium.

S. Michal Jazwinski, a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the Louisiana State University Medical Center, will focus on his interest and research on the genetics of longevity.

Recent studies on the genetics of aging in yeast, roundworms, and fruit flies all reveal the roles of metabolic capacity and resistance to stress in determining life span. The lecture is presented by Sigma Xi, a scientific research society.

—Katie Klemmer

City, University to sponsor disaster exercise today

SIUC and the City of Carbondale are sponsoring a disaster exercise from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center, located on Pleasant Hill Road, in rooms 150 and 151.

The sponsors hope preparing for natural and manmade disasters will prevent confusion when people have to react to these situations.

About 40 people from the University and the city will participate in the reacting groups. The group will be presented with a disaster scenario, such as an earthquake, flood or derailed train, and must respond to the problems that may arise from the disaster.

After the group responds to two hours of disaster calls, it will debrief and evaluate the effectiveness of their actions.

The disaster messages can be heard by anyone with a scanner set to a University frequency.

—Katie Klemmer

New Carbondale Sears store to open in March

Capt. Cheese, Inc. of Carbondale teamed up with Sears, Roebuck and Co. to break ground for a new Sears Retail Dealer Store in Carbondale Wednesday.

The store, one of 620 nationwide, will be located at 1350 E. Mall Drive, off Giant City Road directly west of A.G. Edwards.

Sears Carbondale will join the more than 600 Dealer Stores nationwide when it opens in March 1999.

—Sara Beem

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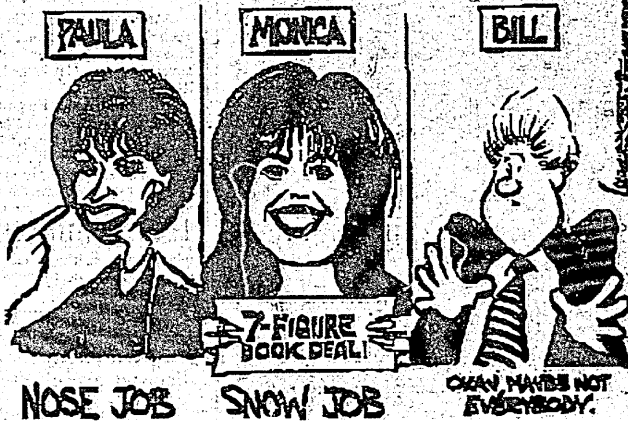
**SIUC Student Center**

Scheduling an event this Spring for your registered student organization?

Beginning Monday, December 7, 1998, Student Center Scheduling will take RSO requests to reserve meeting spaces and solicitation tables for Spring Semester. Requests must be made in person by authorized scheduling officers at the Scheduling/Catering Office on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. Prior to scheduling, all RSO's must check for good standing status with Student Development. For more info call 536-6633

**Daily Egyptian 536-3311**

EVERYBODY COMES AWAY WITH SOMETHING LASTING



Our Word

Some people just can't handle the truth

After the first installment of our rental housing series appeared in Tuesday's edition, a handful of landlords and tenants have contacted the newspaper with intriguing feedback.

Frankly, we weren't sure what the reaction to this series would be, but we seem to have struck a nerve in the community. One landlord called and voiced his approval of the series and called for additional landlord requirements, saying his past recommendations have fallen on deaf ears.

Another landlord called concerned about the damage the exposure might cause but was confident her company's reputation was strong enough to withstand this series.

We also received e-mail from student-tenants who experienced landlord-tenant conflicts similar to those in Tuesday's story.

And the comments are still coming. What this proves is that there are problems out there. Abraham Lincoln once said, "Give the people the facts, and the country will be safe." That's sound advice from a great Illinoisan and former president.

There needs to be a free flow of information about landlords and housing. Currently, anyone can march down to City Hall and request inspection and violation records from the city, but the request process is probably too lengthy for most people. We would like to see the City of Carbondale post these records on its existing Internet site.

The city also needs to beef up its personnel. With only four inspectors to cover more than 8,000 rental dwellings, we believe the city is not adequately equipped to ensure acceptable living conditions.

Under the program implemented in 1994, the city is supposed to inspect all the rental dwellings in Carbondale every three years. But that program has been extended to a four-year cycle because of personnel and time constraints.

Do the math: four inspectors examine more than 8,000 dwellings. And, these annual inspections are in addition to other inspection requests, complaints, follow-up visits, telephone calls and mountains of paperwork. City inspectors are simply spread too thin.

The burden, however, should not be placed solely on the city. Tenants should inform their landlord about problems or potential violations first, and then contact the city for an inspection if the problem continues. The Undergraduate Student Government also offers a landlords complaint catalog that can be viewed and added to by tenants.

Open lines of communication need to exist between the city, tenants and landlords, but communication alone will not correct code and ordinance violations or increase maintenance standards. Tenants need to respect the dwellings they live in, and landlords need to responsibly maintain their properties.

Where have you gone my sweet Christmas spirit?

I heard some of the better popular Christmas songs last week including Wham's heart-breaking, "Last Christmas." I sang along with the chorus because it was relatable, but I could never get into the Christmas spirit.

There were times that I came close, especially a few days before Thanksgiving, which I spent in Chicago. The lights, the trees and empty big boxes of present all looked good, but, reality somehow was in the back of my mind.

Reality then came to the forefront when I returned to Carbondale.

I threw in Donny Hathaway's "This Christmas" to try to cheer me up, but it didn't happen. Maybe it was because I couldn't relate to that chorus. I guess I should have let the Holiday spirit get to me in Chicago because now there are serious obstacles.

Even though it really has not felt like winter in Illinois during the past few weeks, it still looks like winter. The days are darker and gloomier.

With the winter season comes finals, the "crunch" time of the semester with four term papers due in one week, a time for reflection (and more often regret), all of this cumulatively to give one the winter blues.

In the battle between it and the Holiday spirit, the winter blues usually win. It didn't use to be that way, and the youthful joy of seeing the lights, trees and Christmas decorations used to be refreshing.

I still kind of want to sit on Santa's lap and tell him to give me what I want for Christmas (although I don't think he could give me those three things I want/need).

But then reality hits.

You realize that there is no Santa Claus but only middle-aged to old men with a fake beard capitalizing on the holiday season. You found that out moons ago, and you still have to survive the last few weeks of school. Santa (real or fictional) cannot do term papers or work out statistics.

Another part of the holiday season that makes me sick is the blatant excesses in commercialism and consumerism.

It totally bummed me that 98 percent of the stores I was shopping at were playing Christmas music (or Christmas songs on Muzak). The Holiday Spirit is not going to make me buy more stuff.

And why should people only be courteous, nice and jolly only at the Holidays?

People should treat people the way they want to be treated year 'round not just now until January 14th.

Anyway, those are my Holiday thoughts, if things go well, I will be so far from the excess of Christmas but still be close to what matters — my family.

If not, I'll try to give the lights and decorations another chance to put the Holiday spirit in me.



Paul Techo

Vanishing Point

Vanishing Point appears Thursdays. Paul is a senior in psychology. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Bill Mamer

TANSTAFL

Their Ain't No Such Thing as a Free Lunch appears Wednesdays. Bill is a senior in political science. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Are they solving the right problem?

Mailbox

Let's put aside whether we ought to allow people to own or carry guns or how difficult it ought or shouldn't be to get them and look at the political methods used against the gun industry by New Orleans and Chicago.

As you may know, both cities have filed wide-ranging suits against gun manufacturers and retailers. Much of the evidence: Daley brought against the industry was gathered by a three-month investigation of Chicago gun dealers.

In these investigations, Chicago police officers dressed like black and Hispanic street gang members and pretended to shop in various gun stores while making jokes about using guns illegally. When they made their purchases, they produced valid Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) cards as required by law. The owners found their records to be clean, and completed the sale.

"What?" we cry, "they just sold guns to people who look like gang members! Outrageous!"

But from the information the dealer had, these were law-abiding citizens carrying all necessary identification. Civil rights legislation does not allow a retailer to decide who they will and will not sell to based on their prejudices about a person's appearance. Had they refused a legal sale, any of these customers could file suits for violating their civil rights.

Instead, the City of Chicago is suing them for obeying the

law. Gun violence is expensive, not just in lives, but in the cost of treating gunshot victims whose bills are paid by Medicaid. In Daley's logic, somebody ought to pay for that; and that's the gun industry. This is the same logic which prompted recent government suits against the tobacco industry.

After all, shouldn't we make them pay?

The negative results of their products cost taxpayer dollars — why should we have to pay, can't someone else do it? In that case, why not sue McDonald's for the cost of heart-attack patients? And shouldn't we sue the alcohol industry for the tens and thousands killed and injured in alcohol-related car accidents.

Charcoal burning is a known carcinogen, so should the government sue Kingsford and Webber for the cost of Cancer? We could sue match manufacturers for the cost of accidental fires.

It is one thing when an individual is lawsuit-happy — last year, a milk-loving Seattle man sued the dairy industry for contributing to his clogged arteries and a stroke — but the government is another story. If the government wants to ban guns or tobacco, they can follow the law and amend the Constitution.

For the government to use lawsuits to change or control a legal industry leads down some very dangerous roads.

Think about it.

The government can afford to hire better lawyers than you, and more of them.

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# University Research Park close to becoming reality

**FUTURE PLAN:** City receives \$100,000 grant to set up business plan.

**KATE KLEMAIER**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Carbondale is proposing the future building of a University Business Research Park after receiving a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

The grant is being used to assess the feasibility of a research park. The feasibility assessment is similar to a business plan that determines possible costs, locations, funding and prospects for the project.

Ray Lenzi, executive director of the Office of Economic and Regional Development, said a University Business Research Park would provide an area for information technology, high technology and knowledge-based industries to be located together. The park possibly would draw more hi-tech industries into the Carbondale area.

Rhonda Vinson, executive assistant to the chancellor for International Economic Development at SIUC, said the research park would also accommodate research facilities that University grounds cannot. This would provide students and faculty with expanded research activity opportunities.

The vision of the research park has been on the horizon since 1986 when Carbondale built the existing

Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center on Pleasant Hill Road in Carbondale.

Vinson said that while planning the business incubator, it was realized that the task force had to "think

*"It takes a lot of people to keep that thought and that plan in mind, not only our faculty and researchers but our board of trustees, our president, our chancellor. You have to have everyone saying, 'yes, this is the direction we want to go."*

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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AT SIUC EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

five, 10, 15 years into the future" and plan the next step if the business incubator was to be a success. Between 1990 and 1995, the task force scanned the progress of research parks nationwide and concluded that a research park could happen if the business incubator turned.

Part of the business task force,

including Vinson and Lenzi, wrote a preliminary feasibility study for a business park about a year and a half ago.

The preliminary feasibility study passed, so the members of the task force wrote a proposal to rural development and the USDA that resulted in the \$100,000 grant.

Vinson said the task force is waiting for the conclusion of the final feasibility research. She said the process will take about a year, and then the project will be either approved or denied.

Vinson is optimistic that the project will be accepted.

"I think we'll probably say yes because the environment is right for going forward, and I feel like the pre-feasibility was really positive," she said.

Vinson said if a research park is given approval, significant movement would be seen within five years.

She said the business park would have economic advantages for businesses and industries located there because qualified students coming out of the University provide a knowledge base.

She said that through the years the research park would grow as land and buildings are added.

"It takes a lot of people to keep that thought and that plan in mind, not only our faculty and researchers, but our board of trustees, our president, our chancellor," Vinson said. "You have to have everyone saying, 'yes, this is the direction we want to go."

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Swing instructor Kitty Mortland leads a group of dancers during at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., 700 E. Grand Ave. during their Tuesday evening swing night. Lessons are free for anyone who wants to learn to swing.

# Queen of Swing

Carbondale dance instructor teaches the trend that's followed the return of the big band sound.

**T**he queen of the Carbondale swing scene, Kitty Mortland, twirls her partner around the wooden dance floor as two dozen people stand around and watch in amazement.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddies' horns are blasting through the speakers and the singer cries out "What do you mean it's last call? I just got here!" as the song comes to an end. Mortland, slightly out of breath and cheeks crimson in color, turns to the small crowd standing at the edge of the dance floor and smiles.

"If you're here for swing lessons," the SIUC alumna said, "come out to the dance floor."

But the reaction from the audience seems less than confident. Eyes shift uncomfortably along with nervous grins as people shuffle out onto the dance floor.

This scene has been a staple of Tuesday nights at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., 700 E. Grand Ave., throughout the semester. Mortland has offered free swing dance lessons at the Copper Dragon as well as on campus in the Communications Building on Wednesday nights.

Tony Barnett, a senior in photography from Vernon Hills, said it is an opportunity students should appreciate.

"It's hard to find someone to teach you," Barnett said. "That's why Kitty is so convenient. In the cities you have to search out lessons and pay for them."

The roots of swing music can be traced back to the late '20s, producing a sound that remained popular well into the '50s.

"In the '30s the dance was very smooth," Mortland said. "Guys just stood there and snapped their fingers and watched the girls spin around them. By the '50s it had become much more bouncier and the guys were into it just as much as the women."

Mortland said swing began to lose its popularity when the drug culture hit in the '60s, but it never completely died out. It stayed underground until earlier this decade when movies like "Swing Kids," "Swingers" and "Strictly Ballroom" brought the energetic dance form to a whole new generation.

The general consensus among those taking Mortland's lessons — learning swing is not hard. Most people can pick up the basic step in one lesson.

"Usually, I can teach the basic step and four turns on the first lesson," Mortland said, "and 70 percent will get it down."

Ivan Lee, a junior in art and design from Hawaii, started taking lessons in June and can already complete some impressive maneuvers.

"I took a ballroom class where I picked up the basics," Lee said. "It's not that hard. A little persistence goes a long way."

Barnett didn't start swinging seriously until April. In that short time he's learned enough to become Mortland's dance partner.

"It's hard work," Barnett said, "but it's a rush. At first you're nervous, but once you get the basic steps down you just run with it. Once you learn how to do it, you never have to feel embarrassed on the dance floor ever again."

Out on the dance floor, faces are shining with perspiration, feet are flying and lips are upturned in a permanent grin.

Mortland said she started chewing bubble gum when she was dancing to keep herself from smiling foolishly the whole time she was on the floor.

"It's better than really good sex," Mortland said. "You just fly when you're out there. It's better than any drug."

Lee also enjoys the feeling he gets out on the dance floor.

"It feels really nice," Lee said. "There's definitely a romantic feel to it. There's a hint of something more old fashioned. It's timeless."

Swing has hit big in San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis and Chicago, but local endeavors have met resistance and mediocre turnout. Some clubs have discontinued their swing nights.

Mortland said that since Carbondale is in a rural area, it takes longer for things to catch on.

"It's hard to get things into a rural area until 10 years after it's big," Mortland said.

Barnett's explanation for the lack of interest is a bit more skeptical.

"People just get stuck in their ways," Barnett said. "This is something that takes work and people just want to go out and get drunk."

Everyone involved in Mortland's dance lessons is baffled that it hasn't exploded in Carbondale yet.

"Everyone's really friendly," Mortland said. "It's easy to meet people when you're dancing with them."

According to Mortland, the benefits of knowing how to dance are immense.

"It's a huge turn-on to women to find a man who can actually dance," Mortland said. "It's not a turn-on to go up and just start bumping and grinding. Swinging leaves something left to the imagination."

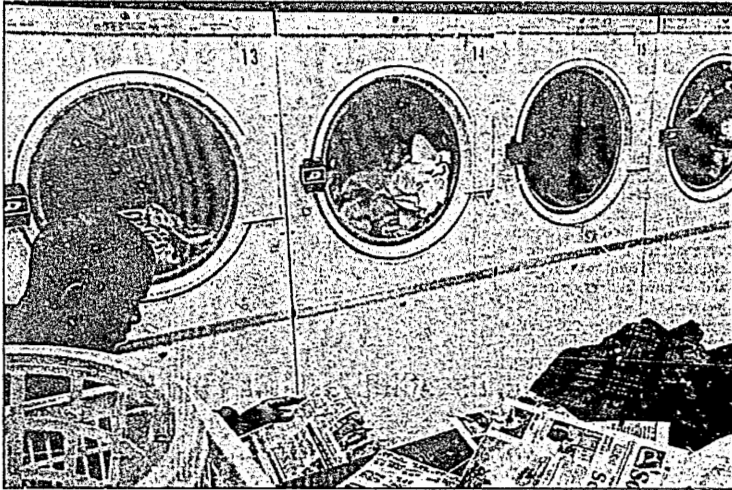
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Although students may look confused as Mortland demonstrates a few moves, they caught on more easily once they started dancing.



Barnett and Julie Leniezner demonstrate how experienced swingers can really move.



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Maurice Evans, a senior at Carbondale High School, passes line at Mama's Little Helper Laundromat, located in the Murdale Shopping Center on Route 13, while waiting on a seemingly endless load of laundry.

# All washed up

**SPIN CYCLE:** Students find laundry duty to be both time consuming, financially annoying.

**KENDRA THORSON**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Michael Noelkes says there is neither enough time nor money to devote to doing his laundry. Money is the main factor leaving students clothes soiled and stained when it comes to clean laundry.

Noelkes, a freshman in radio-television from Jakarta, Indonesia and resident of Mae Smith Hall, said he does his laundry around three times per month. Whenever he gets a chance, he takes home a bag of dirty laundry for his mother to wash.

"I sometimes attend class in dirty clothes because I am too cheap to wash my clothes," Noelkes said.

He said a majority of his dirty clothes can be found neatly tucked away in his laundry basket. When Noelkes takes on laundry duty, he makes the voyage from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Some students, however, have double-duty when washing clothes.

Niki Lathar, a senior in special education from Mounds, has double the responsibility because she is a mother.

Lathar can be found at the laundry mat on Friday afternoon twice a month. She said she never wears dirty clothes to class but said she is a bit more careless with the laundering of her clothes.

"I tend to combine clothes more often than I used to," she said. "I now wash towels with clothes. I never used to do that. I still separate whites and colors."

Lathar also seeks a break on her pocketbook when she visits home. She usually brings two loads of dirty laundry, both hers and her sons, when she visits her mother. Most of her dirty laundry can be found in her closet.

Pam Reeves, a freshman in Spanish from Kentucky, has her own opinions about laundry and campus life. She washes her clothes twice a month.

Reeves, much like Noelkes, said the evening is the best time to use the washers and dryers.

"I usually do my laundry at 3:00 a.m. on the weekends in the dorms, but if I go to the laundry mat, I go at 9:00 p.m.," she said. "It is less crowded that way."

Reeves believes cleanliness is

key because of the environment she lives in.

"I believe that I am cleaner now than in high school," she said. "It is important to smell good living this close to the other residents."

Reeves brings a bag of laundry every time she goes home for her mother to do. She said she accumulates roughly eight pounds of dirty laundry per week, and most of her dirty laundry can be found on her floor or in the closet of her room.

Noelkes realizes, as did the other two students, that clean clothing is an extremely important factor in college life despite the cost it may ensue.

"I find that washing my clothes is quite important though," she said, "because there is nothing worse than stinky clothes."

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# Where the creativity flows

## THE GLOVE: Converted factory provides students ample space for the arts.

RHONDA SCIARRA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

From the outside, the older industrial building, known by SIUC art and design students as the "Glove" looks intimidating. On the inside of the building, located on the corner of East College and North Washington Streets, a whole new world unfolds. The smells of art supplies, the various paintings and sculptures in hallways and the multicolored splatterings of paint everywhere add to the friendly environment. Built in the early 1900s, the building was home to the Good

Luck Glove Factory. During the 1960s, the factory still maintained its light manufacturing and office operations in the building.

The SIUC Art Department began to lease half of the building's second floor in 1968.

Sculpture professor Tom Walsh began teaching at SIUC in 1967 and has seen the building change dramatically.

"When I first came here, undergraduate sculpture was taught in what is now the men's restroom in the Allyn Building," Walsh said. "We were lucky to get the space."

The Art Department continued to expand its use of the building until the early 1980s, when the building was put up for sale by the D.B. Trust Company.

In 1986, the University began negotiations with the building's owners in hopes of buying it. In December of that year, the building was purchased for \$285,000

with the approval of the SIUC Board of Trustees.

During the next three years, more than \$1 million was spent on renovating the building.

Studios were widened, windows were modified, awnings were added to the exterior, the electrical system was replaced, and a new gutter system was installed.

Joe Feldmann, a professor in printmaking and graduate painting, witnessed the transformation that occurred.

"The building was refined and made a bit nicer," Feldmann said. "It lost some of its original raw creativity, but in the long run it became more functional."

The building today is known as the Good Luck Glove Building. It houses faculty offices and studios, sculpture classrooms, a woodshop, and metalworking facilities and studios for students in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

Andrew Rigbsy, a graduate student in two-dimensional work from Orland Park, has used a studio on the second floor for a year and a half.

"It is a great opportunity to work in this space alone," Rigbsy said. "It is a close working environment, so there is a lot of input from people who have broad areas of experience."

Kary Calabrese's studio, like most, is filled with art supplies, works-in-progress and personal mementos. As a senior in painting from Chicago, she finds support from the people around her.

"If you are frustrated, have problems or are upset, you can go next door to get help," Calabrese said. "There are always creative



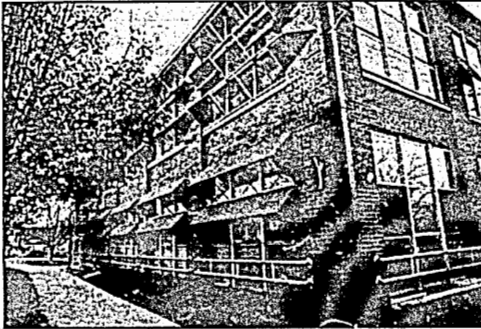
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Jason Holstine (left), a senior in art from Danville, and Rob Fulstone, a senior in radio-television from St. Louis, assemble an unfinished art piece made of old skateboards under a stairway in the "Glove."

juices flowing."

Walsh is pleased with the building's advantages over facilities at universities across the nation.

"There are not many schools whose students get this much studio space," Walsh said. "When students come here to interview they are usually amazed."



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Located on the corner of East College and North Washington Streets, the Good Luck Glove Factory currently houses studios for art students and faculty.

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people can go and study together. Many fraternities and sororities require their members to maintain a certain grade point average.

Joshua Polite of Delta Phi Pi said that when one member suffers academically, other members in the fraternity need to assist them.

"It's up to the individual to keep their grades up," he said. "But when one of us is falling behind, we need to provide some help."

Tyree Harper of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity said when people look at

the Greeks, they only see parties, but he feels that once someone becomes involved in a fraternity their view changes.

"When you are on the outside looking in, you don't know what is really going in the Greek system," he said.

Another problem the panel saw was that the Greek system is looked at in a negative, rather than a positive light.

The Greeks at SIUC participate in a large number of Saluki Volunteer Corps. hours, as well as other community service events that the fraternities and sororities sponsor.

Merritt said the main thing peo-

ple misunderstand is that community service is not hard work all the time.

"Many people are looking for the entertainment aspect (of being Greek) rather than getting their hands dirty," she said. "You can have a great time doing community service, and the work we do is not just for Greeks."

Rochelle Wilson of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority said the negative view needs to change in order to have a better Greek system.

"People don't focus on the good we do," she said. "We do make mistakes, and people only hear about the negative. As soon as you get involved, you will see the positive."

**TRAIN**

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situations and to help offset the traffic problems in Carbondale that could result from the additional train traffic:

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan said she strongly opposed bringing any additional hazardous material through the city but supported the measure to

allow Doherty to bring the community's concerns to the railroad's attention.

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Finally, the railroad would fund the training of two representatives of emergency response organizations at the Association of American Railroads' Transportation Technology Center in Pueblo, Colo.

**FELT**

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degree in business administration from SIUC.

After she married, Betts traveled with her husband in the military overseas. She was a substitute high school teacher in Europe and Panama.

Everywhere the couple visited Betts could not fight the urge to pick up a souvenir.

After many years of traveling, Betts and her husband were happy to return to their hometown.

"Carbondale was always home to me," Betts said. "That is why we wanted to return here."

Along with bears, Betts collected hundred of porcelain cats, Santas, candy dishes, saltshakers, magnets, and sterling silver teapots.

Ironically, her children did not appreciate Betts' love of stuffed animals.

"They didn't like stuffed animals, which really made me upset," Betts said.

"I'm an animal nut. I've always had animals all my life. There isn't a room in my home

that doesn't have a stuffed or porcelain animal in it."

Betts said she cannot pass a toy store without wanting to take a stuffed animal home.

"I see stuffed animals in stores and I think to myself that they will be more happy if they were home with me as ridiculous as that sounds," she said.

Betts hopes to begin distributing some of her stuffed bears and toys to children in orphanages.

"I get a real joy from giving out my stuffed animals to anyone who enjoys them as much as I do," she said.



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LANDLORD

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complain about their landlords," said Ester Patt, tenant union coordinator. "The union would contact the landlord and ask them to fix the problems."

Since then, the tenant union's professionalism and influence have grown. In 1978, the student committee created a student fee to finance the union, and university administrators created a position in Student Affairs for a full-time professional coordinator. Patt was the applicant who won the job, and she has remained in the position for 19 years.

The union maintains a landlord complaint catalog that students use to research landlords, reviews leases, helps students build cases against landlords and calls landlords on behalf of the students. It also works closely with Student Legal Assistance.

"We're really a pretty small operation here," Patt said. "I'm the only full-time here, and we have a staff of seven part-timers."

But that has not stopped the union from helping students and making a few landlords mad. The Champaign-Urbana landlord Apartment Association has tried to change the face of the tenant union. Its recommendations to limit the union's duties have been reviewed by the university and denied.

"Way back in the early '70s some landlords were complaining," Patt said. "And recently, the Apartment Association has started making some noise again."

With over 30,000 students at the University of Illinois and 11,000 rental dwelling units in Urbana alone, Nickols said the tenant union takes some pressure off the city.

"A lot of times they resolve problems we shouldn't get involved in," he said.

Urbana and Champaign have different inspection programs, though something that Patt said makes dealing with landlords difficult at times. Urbana has a somewhat systematic inspection system that examines 400 to 600 rental units a year in different geographic regions. Urbana also has an ordinance that allows inspectors to initiate examinations if they witness violations. But both programs are limited to the availability of personnel, and keeping up with a continuing three-year building boom makes inspections tougher, Nickols said.

In the last year, more than 1,000 rental dwellings have been built in Urbana.

Nickols said the city tried several years ago to create higher ordinances for higher maintenance standards and increased penalties, but the effort "fell through the cracks."

The landlord Apartment Association has political clout," he said, adding that there are about six landlords or management companies that own more than 300 rental units each.

Rental properties in Urbana have the same common violations as many other university cities in Illinois, Nickols said. Insufficient heat, roof and window leaks and absent smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are among them. Still, there are many other items in residences that should be fixed, Nickols said, which do not fall under city code violations.

Inspectors from throughout the state echoed that, saying meeting city code means meeting minimum standards.

"You'd be surprised at the number of things I see that I would complain about if I was a tenant," Nickols said. "But most people aren't the type to complain."

Champaign Property Management Supervisor Mary Vita Rosemarino said Champaign has higher property values than most

university communities, but the same problems still exist. The city has a large mix of apartments and single-family homes in the rental market, but even with the higher values, she is "hesitant to say they're all in good shape."

In 1994, Champaign adopted an enhanced code enforcement program, similar to Urbana's, that addressed a "lingering" dilemma—"problem" properties. This policy change allowed city inspectors to initiate an inspection when they witness code violations. Rosemarino, though, believes the city needs to get tougher.

Champaign does not have a systematic rental property inspection program. In 1997 and 1998, the City

year. "In single-family homes tenants have more control," said Jeff Feid, Normal building commissioner. "But in everything else, the use is intense, and it gets damaged more easily."

Feid said that landlord-tenant relationships are generally positive in Normal, and like many large university towns, the JSU community has a handful of landlords and management companies that own a large number of rental properties.

But Feid said the city struggles with only two or three landlords those who consistently are involved in disputes or code violations.

"We don't see too much wire splicing or plumbing problems,"

Illinois, rental property inspections only occur in Macomb at the request of a tenant or the landlord. But, the city of Macomb is changing its inspection policy because its council saw a need to ensure that aging rental properties remained safe.

In 1994, the council passed an ordinance that called for the mandatory inspection of rental properties every three years. Carbondale began implementing a similar three-year inspection plan in February 1994, but inspection delays have pushed Carbondale's plan back to a four-year plan. Macomb's new inspection policy will begin July 1, 2001.

"[Changing the policy] was a long, drawn-out process," said Gary Ziegler, Macomb community development coordinator. "The reason for the change is that the rental housing has deteriorated."

And like Carbondale, which found at least 2,260 of its dwellings in non-compliance with city code, Ziegler said he expects Macomb inspectors to find violations in about 70 percent of the rental dwellings.

Ziegler said the apartment buildings in Macomb, like Champaign and Normal, are in sound condition, but problems arise with once single-family homes that have been converted into "student housing."

A majority of those homes, he said, were built between 1900 and 1940.

But even though Macomb currently does not have a mandatory inspection program, Ziegler said the student-tenant union at Western Illinois University and Macomb landlords' association provide forums for complaints.

"The tenant union has been very active and very involved," he said.

The final installment of this four-part series will examine what Carbondale landlords, city officials and student leaders want to change about rental housing in the future.

*"You'd be surprised at the number of things I see that I would complain about if I was a tenant."*

—MICHAEL NICKOLS  
URBANA HOUSING INSPECTOR

of Champaign inspected a total of 186 rental units. Eighty-two of those were generated by tenant requests.

"Right now, the council just doesn't see a need to get tougher," Rosemarino said. "Houses can look great from the outside, but inside you never know what you're going to get."

Illinois: State University

But in Normal, potential renters and city inspectors know exactly what condition apartments, duplexes and group housing complexes are in. Single-family rental homes are only inspected at a tenant's request, but other rental properties must pass at least one annual inspection.

Duplexes and apartments are inspected once a year. Off-campus greek and group houses are licensed once a year and inspected twice a

Feid said. "The bigger landlords have good management companies."

In addition to the annual inspections, Normal city inspectors also drive and walk through the neighborhoods regularly. They enter and examine the commons areas in complexes whenever possible, and they keep in contact with landlords to make maintenance "a two-way street."

The relatively good condition of Normal's rental properties may be attributed to a movement by landlords during the last 10 years to tear down older homes and build newer apartment complexes, Feid said.

Western Illinois University

Like many communities in

PLAY

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and to themselves. Understanding this concept, Russell has connected a thread of stories depicting his inner thoughts, experiences and

decisions that created the person he is today.

"There are all kinds of things you talk about when you speak," Russell said. "The things that you think are most important, you usually string them together with some kind of narrative."

The puppets assisting Russell in

his storytelling represent the person he is today and the person he might have been.

"[Puppets] can show an audience voices and things inside people," he said. "The audience immediately knows the [puppets] are me. One is a guide to help me figure out what to do. The second puppet is a ghost."

"He's like a character out of Charles Dickens' 'Christmas Carol.' He's the ghost of me if I hadn't made certain choices in my life."

Keith Pounds, a doctoral student in speech communication from Texas, has been working on the technical aspects of the play with Russell. He said he appreciates the

methods Russell used to develop the play.

"I think it's a superbly crafted performance," Pounds said. "Larry has a good knowledge of a lot of different things, such as literature. It's nice to see these different literary references woven into his life experiences."

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WHAT'S WITH HIM?

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# With Aikman, Cowboys don't need great receivers

## SPORTING NEWS

As the Cowboys head into the stretch run, they line up Billy Davis, Pat Jeffers and Jeff Ogden as their second, third and fourth receivers. That's like marching off to war with a pea shooter, a rubber band and a squirt gun.

But if any team can get away with it, it is these Cowboys of Troy Aikman. Because of their passer, the Cowboys don't need Randy Moss playing receiver in order to be effective (a good thing, too, since the Cowboys passed on Moss in the draft).

Last season, many thought the Cowboys needed more than their skill position players could provide on offense. Give Owner Jerry Jones credit for believing the Cowboys could regenerate offensively mostly because of the abilities of his quarterback. He was absolutely correct.

Just last Thursday, Aikman put up 455 yards (despite eight dropped passes) against Moss' Vikings by throwing mostly to no-names. You've heard of "Y" receivers? Well these are "who?" receivers.

Dallas' leading touchdown catcher, Ernie Mills, was lost for the season two weeks ago. Davis was passed over in the 1995 draft and came into the season with three career receptions. There was no room on the Broncos' roster for Jeffers, who was shipped to the Cowboys before the season. Ogden, from Snohomish, Wash., is a rookie who slipped through the draft without any takers.

Of course, the Cowboys also have a guy named Irvin, who isn't bad. First name Michael. But he's been a virtual wallflower in this year's offense compared to years past. Irvin has caught one touchdown pass and has accounted for

only 31 percent of his team's receiving yards. If that holds up, it would be his lowest percentage since his rookie year in 1988, not including when he missed games because of injuries in 1989 and 1990, and a suspension in 1996.

The Cowboys scored 35 points at Arizona two weeks ago without Irvin catching a single pass. Just because there's a little dust on Irvin's gloves doesn't mean the Cowboys have not been able to throw the ball; however.

It used to be that if Irvin was shut down, so was the Cowboys' passing game. Now, in Chan Gailey's offense, Irvin often will clear out and take a safety with him. That opens up opponents' underbellies for the Davises and the Ogdens. The other safety often is occupied with run responsibilities, as the threat of the rejuvenated Ermit Smith consistently induces eight-man fronts.

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with each game.

"Big just has to let the game come to him," Weber said. "Maybe he needs to get some more minutes.

The VCU game, we finally got him back in there... and he really did something. So maybe he needs minutes to get something done."

Maraccini is hoping more minutes means a bigger contribution for his team in the conference opener Saturday.

"That's a good first game to step up," he said. "I mean, we could go in there and make a lot of noise and come out with a victory. And I think we can do it."

The SIUC men's basketball team travels to Omaha, Neb. to face Creighton University Saturday.



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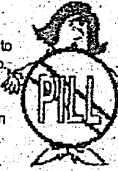
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## Four's Company



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We've seen "The Odd Couple," "The Three Stooges," "Three's Company," "Friends," and even ABC's current television show "Two Guys, One Girl and a Pizza Place."

But there are not many shows that feature three guys living with

their boss. The exceptions that come to mind are "Who's the Boss" and the '80s hit "Mr. Belvedere," starring Brewers' announcer Bob Uecker. But those shows only highlighted housekeepers.

In the Saluki men's basketball family, there is one group of four guys who share the same living space. They are former guard and assistant coach Shane Hawkins, guards Ryan Hammer and Lance Brown, and forward Chris Thunell.

Last year, the four lived together in the cozy comforts of Lewis Park.

But things are different this year, than from years past. Hawkins is no longer wearing his customary maroon and white on the court. He's traded it in for a suit and is the student assistant coach.

Although he does not see it that way most of the time, Hawkins is now the boss of his three roommates.

Or is he?

"It's like a roommate-friendship relationship," Hawkins said. "But at the same time, when we are on the basketball court, they respect me as a coach. They know I'm trying to teach and help them to get our team to where it needs to be."

After that statement, you would think that the four still might be as tight — but you would be wrong.

"With Shane being a coach we don't hang out as much," Hammer said. "I think he hangs out with the coaches more now. Chris, Lance and I tend to do our own thing now."

"We've seemed to go our separate ways a little."

Brown notices the difference most when talking about Saluki basketball. Brown says the group does not talk about basketball much around Hawkins anymore.

Could that be?

"We've got to watch what we say around him, too," Brown said, jokingly. "He's kind of got a little seniority over us now."

That Hawkins does, as he will graduate later this month.

But for these roommates, does talking about basketball now only refer to watching one of the Great Eight games on ESPN?

Well, they may not share as much as they did with each other in past years, but all agree that someone needs to step up and become the responsible one in the household. Brown believes he fits the bill, as he hands out the household chores.

"Chris is definitely the head cook, no doubt about it," Brown said. "Shane's the one that is most likely to do the dishes afterward."

With Thunell baking away in a hot kitchen and with Hawkins getting dishes hands, this household is going to have its ups and downs. These roommates, however, do not let the downs get the best of them.

"We get on each other's nerves every once in a while," Brown said, "but overall it's a pretty good experience."

As long as it does not affect their play on the court — that's what matters most. Right?

## As easy as ... Saluki assistant coach makes simple transition from player to coach

STORY BY MIKE BJORKLUND  
PHOTO BY DAN HENNEBERRY

In the 1970s, the Jackson-5 performed a song that spoke of things being as easy as A-B-C, and that is precisely how easy the transition from player to coach has been for Shane Hawkins.

Hawkins, the Saluki student assistant and 12th all-time scorer in the school's history, said making the move has been as simple as 1-2-3 this season. When the Pinckneyville native starred at SIUC from 1994-97, he was a leader then and has no problem doing the same now.

"It's very similar because the last four years here, and even the four years of high school, I was so much of a coach on the floor," said Hawkins. "I was kind of the mediator between the players and the coach. So, it's been a pretty good transition."

Said senior guard Ryan Hammer: "He has always played like a coach being a point guard on the court. So he has always been a leader."

But as easy as the transition may seem for the Missouri Valley Conference's career three-point record holder, there are still times when Hawkins wishes he could lace up his sneakers and throw on the old No. 21 jersey one more time.

Hawkins said he is still very competitive and even manages to get in a couple of shots every now and then in practice.

"I've had a basketball in my hand practically since the day I was born," he said. "I'm still around it in the aspect that I hope to be for the next 40 years, but as a player you have to give it up sometime."

That time came for Hawkins when he had opportunities to pursue professional basketball overseas, and he decided not to because of the difficulty of returning to school and finishing his degree in education.



Shane Hawkins, an assistant coach and former Saluki basketball standout, observes practice Tuesday afternoon at the SIU Arena.

"If I missed it that much and I needed that high of going out and being able to play and compete, then I would check into a team," said Hawkins, who graduates at the end of the month. "But right now I don't need that."

His days are already full of obligations to Saluki basketball and his duties as a student teacher for freshman health education classes at Carbondale Community High School.

The experience should help him in his pursuit to find another job next season. SIUC only allows three assistants on the bench, and Hawkins is the fourth.

"I'm probably going to wind up somewhere as a graduate assistant," Hawkins said, "probably at a Division II school, somewhere where I can go and go out and recruit. Going out and recruiting and meeting people, that's what the job is based on."

Former Saluki coach Rich Herrin saw that importance when he recruited Hawkins after leading Pinckneyville to a state championship in 1994. Hawkins was thankful for the opportunity to compete at the Division I level and as a coach.

Only Hawkins and assistant coach Rodney Watson, who has

roamed the sidelines for the past 10 seasons, remain from the Herrin era, and Watson said the only difference in Hawkins is that he is wearing a different colored uniform.

"He talks the same, he acts the same," Watson said. "He's got the same personality now that he did last year, as he did as a freshman."

As for his future coaching career, Hawkins has new coach Bruce Weber, his experiences from high school and his playing days under Herrin and Watson to guide him on his quest for a position.

"I'll rely on Coach Weber to a certain extent," Hawkins said, "and [with] the people he knows, maybe he can point me in the right direction. Maybe I can get something on my own, or maybe I can get one of them (the assistant coaches) to help me to get a job somewhere else."

Weber said Hawkins has done a nice job on the bench and has provided the players with the insight only a player knows.

"It's like sometimes the coach can say something twenty times in a row, and then Shane can come by and say the same thing," Weber said. "You know it's like a mom. She yells at you like twenty times in a row, and then your buddy's mom says the same thing and you listen to her because she's not the one harping on you."

Now, Hawkins can use his experience from this season and from years past to allow his coaching style to flourish and become as easy as 1-2-3.

"I hope I can take this and mold it into my own type of philosophy," he said. "Once, hopefully I'm fortunate enough to be a head coach, I can take bits and pieces of what I've learned from everybody and bind it into my own philosophy."

## Saluki transfer "big" on hardwood



DEVIN MALLEN/Daily Egyptian

Junior guard Gianandrea Marcaccini (10) attempts to grab a rebound, as junior forward Derrick Tilmon (42) and senior guard Ryan Hammer (24) try breaking up the play.

COREY CUSICK  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The nickname "Big" might mislead some basketball fans to think of a towering center or a muscular power forward. But for SIUC junior guard Gianandrea Marcaccini, the title has nothing to do with his hardwood credentials.

Marcaccini, the youngest of three brothers, was given his nickname at the age of 4 by his father, Giancarlo Sr. — ironically for being the baby of the family. "Big" was about the only English word Marcaccini's father could say at the time, so it just stuck.

"He just started calling me 'Big,'" said Marcaccini, a transfer from L.A. Valley College. "People ask me all the time, 'How did you get the nickname 'Big'? But I just let them know. 'Hey — my pop didn't speak any English. It just happened.'"

The baby of the family has grown up, standing a solid 6' 4" and weighing 195 pounds. He is only one inch shorter than his brothers, Giancarlo Jr. and Monte, who both play basketball professionally overseas in Europe.

But "Big" did not intend to follow in his brothers' footsteps. He was too busy on another court.

The youngest Marcaccini had solidified himself on the tennis court. He began playing the game at the age of 9 and became one of the top players in California by the time he reached Crespi Carmelite High School.

Earning rankings of No. 1 in singles and playing on the No. 1 doubles team in California's 16-and-under division, "Big" was working toward a professional tennis career. An elbow injury at the age of 16 ended that hope and forced Marcaccini to give up the game he loved.

"That's all I was thinking about," Marcaccini said of his shot at a professional tennis career. "My brothers were the basketball stars and I was the tennis player. All I did was play tennis — about three hours a day. I was looking to go all the way with tennis."

After the injury, he added basketball to his daily routine. Although a shot at a professional career in basketball is not as likely, Big does not complain about where it has taken him.

He averaged 12.5 points and 5.2 rebounds per game at L.A. Valley and has shown the potential of putting up big numbers early in the season, with a high of 10 points against Virginia Commonwealth University (Nov. 21).

He could see his first action as a starter Saturday at Missouri Valley Conference-favorite Creighton University (4-0) after sophomore Abel Schraeder suffered a foot injury last Saturday against the University of Oregon.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber is depending on Marcaccini to step up his play and gain some more confidence at the Division I level