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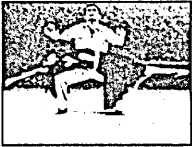
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Dance ensemble graces Shryock tonight.



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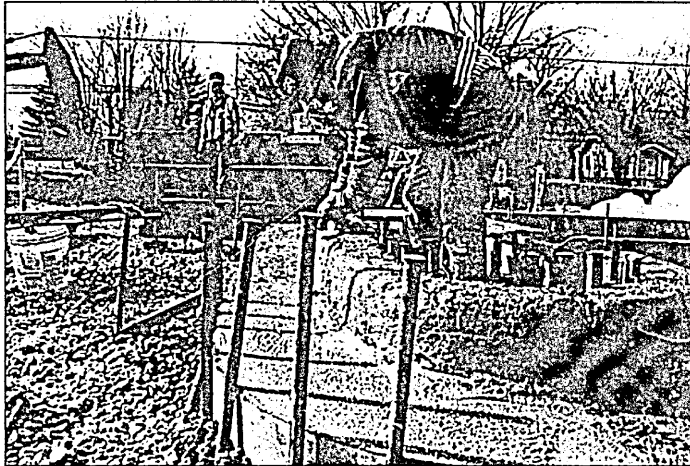
Blood battle:

SIU squares off with EIU in annual blood drive rivalry.



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Devin Miller/Daily Egyptian

SETTING UP SHOP: John Cooper, a union cement mason for L.E. Cecil Concrete Construction, completes finishing work on a curb for the future parking lot of West Teleservices, 2311 S. Illinois Ave.

Telewest expected to give area economy \$14 million boost

HELP WANTED:

Telemarketing firm creates 275 new jobs in Carbondale.

Kirk Mottram
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Just when you thought it was safe to pick up the telephone, West Teleservices, a direct marketing services firm based in Omaha, Neb., breezes into Carbondale and sets up shop.

The telemarketing company, one of the largest in the United States, was signed by city officials in December after six months of courtship by the Carbondale Business Development Corporation and will begin operations the second week of March.

City Manager Jeff Doherty is confident the firm's settlement in Carbondale will strengthen enrollment at SIUC while bolstering economic growth in the community. In an appeal for University support, Doherty asserted, "This will help SIUC tremendously. These jobs will keep people here. They will attract more people to SIUC."

West Teleservices (Telewest) will be housed in the Eurma Hayes Complex, 2311 S. Illinois Ave. It will create 275 new jobs at \$7 to \$12 per hour, 10 to 20 of which will be administrative positions. SIUC students, as well as job-seeking community members, will have an opportunity to hone their telemarketing skills as

40 percent of the positions will be part-time.

"You bring the voice, and we'll do the rest, said David Gilchrist, executive vice president of the firm, who addressed about 50 Telewest representatives and Carbondale business leaders at the Civic Center Tuesday.

Gilchrist touted his company's growth potential, citing a figure of \$400 million in revenues last year and a projected 25 to 30 percent increase over

Telewest will only employ more than 200 people, small business is, in fact, healthier for the community.

"It's going in the right direction," he said. "What you like is a lot of small industry (in Carbondale), so it doesn't have such an impact when it doesn't exist anymore.

"But, it'll have a definite effect on the overall profitability of the area."

Telewest, which employs more than 12,000 workers nationwide, maintains call centers and inbound operator services in Texas, Virginia, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Alabama and Arkansas. The Carbondale call center constitutes its most recent acquisition. The firm specializes in contact customer services, sales and automated response services for telecommunications companies such as AT&T, mail order, insurance and credit card companies.

You bring the voice, we'll do the rest.

DAVID GILCHRIST
TELEWEST EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

the next several years. Gilchrist said the firm chose Carbondale as an expansion site because of the city's "pro-business" philosophy and tenacious workforce.

"It looks good. It's a great facility. It's a great city," Gilchrist said.

City officials project a \$14 million impact on the economy, resulting from an estimated Telewest payroll of \$3.5 million.

Sen. Dave Leuchtefeld, R-Okawville, who attended the Tuesday press conference, is optimistic about the company's migration to Carbondale, reminding citizens that, though

Gus Bode



Gus says: Why do they always call me at 8 on Saturday morning?

Union possible for graduate and teaching assistants

HAROLD G. DOWNS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Graduate and teaching assistants may decide to unite this month, which could bring the University to another union bargaining table.

"We are still researching and seeing if there's support on this campus," Graduate and Professional Student Council President Tim Hoerman said.

The potential union is unprecedented for graduate and teaching assistants at SIUC but not for other campuses. Graduate and teaching assistant unions thrive at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the University of Michigan.

Attempts at unionization have also been made at the University of Illinois. According to an April 1997 story in the Chronicle of Higher Education, the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO) at the University of Illinois staged a mock election to unionize. They

also filed petitions with the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board for a union representative.

U of I administrators labeled the election a publicity stunt, reinforcing their opposition to a graduate student union. A judge also ruled that graduate students are not eligible to unionize under the Illinois Educational Relations Act. However, the decision did not render unionization attempts illegal.

The GEO at Illinois is recognized as a union by other unions but not the University, posing problems for collective bargaining talks.

The case was taken before the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board a year ago, and a decision is expected to be handed down this month.

Hoerman said a decision by SIUC graduate and teaching

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USG works to ease advisement headaches

SURVIVAL GUIDE:

Student government proposes handbook for advisement process.

SARA BEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Academic advisement should not be a painful process for students, and Undergraduate Student Government is looking into some ideas that could help ensure that it is not.

"There are too many horror stories from students about advisement experiences," said USG Vice President Megan Moore. "There shouldn't be this many. There should only be one or two at the most."

Moore and Kris Bein, USG Academic Affairs commissioner, are exploring measures to improve the quality of student advisement at SIUC by encouraging colleges to advise students at the departmental level. They have been attempting to conduct focus group meetings to collect student input on how to improve the advisement process.

Moore and Bein have met with several people, including

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost John Jackson and Admissions and Records Director Walker Allen

USG
The next meeting of the USG focus group will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 19 in Neely Hall.

Moore said they presented some ideas to them such as a survival guide explaining the advisement process more clearly and suggested more departmental advisers.

"Everyone has been really supportive of the ideas," Moore said. "The advisers were a little wary at first. I think they were a little confused about what we wanted to do."

"Once we made our intentions a little more clear, they seemed very supportive."

Jackson said he is very pleased with the ideas presented by Moore and Bein and looks forward to their report.

"I think this is a very excellent enterprise on behalf of USG," Jackson said. "Their ideas have been an excellent contribution to

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Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

• David W. Perrin, 52, of Carbondale was in a one-car accident at 10:38 a.m. Monday in the 800 block of East Grand Avenue near the exit of Lewis Park. Perrin was stopped in the center turn lane of East Grand Avenue when his car lunged forward across westbound traffic and hit a telephone junction box, a tree and then building No. 32 of 800 E. Grand Ave. The building had bricks knocked off of it. Perrin suffered a broken ankle and was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale. Police did not issue any citations.

UNIVERSITY

• An SIUC student driving a car collided with an SIUC student on a bike at 10:10 p.m. Monday on South Marion Street near lot 100. The bike and the car sustained minor damage. There were no injuries. Police did not issue any citations.

• An SIUC student reported Monday that the Industrial Education section of Pulliam Hall was broken into between 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. The student reported three polished, tool steel bars had been stolen. The estimated cost of loss is \$300. Police have no suspects.

Almanac

ON THIS DATE IN 1970:

• After a student protest against the Center for Vietnamese Studies and Programs occurred on campus five days earlier, SIU Chancellor Robert W. MacVicar said, "It is an act of super-arrogation on the part of a minority of students to say 'We know the truth; you shall teach only what the children of enlightenment shall permit.'" The confrontation at Woody Hall between students and police resulted in 12 arrests and several injuries.

Corrections

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 229 or 228.

Saluki Calendar

TODAY

• College of Science students can make appointments now for Summer and Fall advisement.

• Red Cross Blood Drives, February 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center, noon to 6 p.m., Lantz Hall, 3 to 8 p.m., Rec Center, free t-shirt w/! Taco Johns coupon for seniors. Contact Vivian at 457-5238.

• Christian Apologetics Club "Communicating the Truths of Christianity with Confidence," Wednesdays, noon, Student Center Thebes Room. Contact Wayne at 529-4043.

• Non-Traditional Student brown bag lunch, "EQ and You," presented by the Wellness Center, February 4, noon, Student Center Sangamon Room. Contact Michelle at 453-5714.

• Pi Sigma Alpha and ASPA meeting with guest speaker Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty on leadership and management styles, February 4, noon, Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Marvin at 453-3190.

• Library Affairs "Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)" Seminar, February 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 1030. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.

• Museum Student Group meeting, all majors welcome, February 4, 4 p.m., Foner 2469. Contact Adrienne at 453-5388.

• Student Orientation Committee meeting, new members welcome, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A. Contact Jen at 457-4339.

• University Career Services Basic Resume Writing Seminar, February 4, 5 p.m., Parkinson 202. Contact Kelley or Tiffany at 453-2391.

• College Republicans meeting, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Student Center Thebes Room. Contact Erik at 549-9771.

• SIU.EDU Web Technologies Club meeting, new members welcome, February 4, 5 p.m., Communications 1022. Contact Aaron at 529-7970.

• Golden Key National Honor Society member meeting, February 4, 5 p.m., Quatros. Contact Loreta at 536-6821.

• GLBF general meeting, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Rooms C and D. Call 453-5151 for information.

• Criminal Justice Association meeting, February 4, 6 p.m., Browne Auditorium. Contact Erica at 549-0070.

• Beta Beta Beta new membership meeting, February 4, 6 p.m., Life Science II 367. Contact Wendy at 536-3311 ext. 200.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon co-ed business fraternity general meeting, February 4, 6 p.m., Student

Center Ohio Room. Contact Alison at 529-8085.

• Phi Alpha Theta meeting to discuss Spring Trip, all History majors welcome, February 4, 6 to 7 p.m., Foner 2302. Call Anthony at 529-3255.

• Little Egypt Grotto caving club meeting, open to anyone interested, February 4, 6:30 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House. Call Geoff at 453-1285.

• Society for Advancement of Management new member night, free pizza and soda, February 4, 6:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A. Contact Keri at 549-4370.

• SIU Triathlon Club meeting, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Rec Center Alumni Lounge. Contact Karen at 457-1608.

• PRSSA general meeting, February 4, 7 to 8 p.m., Pulliam 34. Contact Torey at 457-4459.

• AAF meeting, presenting team auditions, February 4, 7 p.m., Communications 1744. Contact Carrie at 457-6940.

• Nation of Islam study group meeting, February 4, 7:30 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room. Contact Sis. Paula at 529-8093.

• SIUC Cycling Club meeting, February 4, 8 p.m., Rec Center TV Lounge. Contact Mike at 457-6802.

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Southern Illinois Forecast

TODAY:
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High: 50
Low: 34

THURSDAY:
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Speakers offer two views on liberalism

BOTTOM LINE: Lecturers agree African-Americans are shortchanged in political process.

KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Brian Clardy feels strongly about his race and is appalled by the unfair treatment of African-Americans by the political system.

He did not want to force his conservative views upon anyone. However, Clardy, a Black American Studies lecturer, did want to provide young African-Americans with a different way of addressing issues.

Clardy and Oladele Omosogbon, an assistant professor in Black American Studies, expressed their views toward liberalism during a symposium Monday in the Student Center. The symposium, titled "Liberalism and Black America," was attended by about 30 people and sponsored by the Black Affairs Council.

Clardy, who favors the Republican party, argued that African-Americans fall into the wrong

hands when voting for Democratic leaders. Liberals tend to guarantee the expansion of civil rights and liberties, which are often broken, Clardy said.

"Liberals are not taking the black vote seriously," he said. "When the liberals come into to the black community, what are we going to do? Are we going to ask them the hard questions?"

"Neither party has anything on their agenda. But, it is apparent that Democrats did not have the best view of blacks, even though 90 percent of blacks vote Democrat."

While Clardy debated his opposition toward the Democratic system, Omosogbon, discussed his view of liberals and African-Americans.

He said liberals are for change and have more contact with African-Americans than conservatives.

"If you have the choice between liberal and conservative, liberal is superior when you want to talk about Black America historically," he said.

Omosogbon used a Fortune 500 list to support his opinion that African-Americans are behind



Black History Month



DONATING: Patty Merritt-Ham, a donor care specialist with the Red Cross, prepares to draw blood from Cameron Decree, a junior in psychology from Portland, Ore., Tuesday afternoon at Lindegren Hall. The SIU/EIU Annual Blood Battle runs through Feb. 12.

Drawing blood

The fourth annual SIU/EIU blood battle comes at the right time, as blood supplies in Southern Illinois are reaching critical levels

JAYETTE BOLINSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

With the American Red Cross facing a critical blood shortage in the region, the annual Blood Battle between SIU and EIU comes at an ideal time this year.

SIU's last Blood Battle victory was in 1995. Although it is too early to determine which school will win the contest this year, Red Cross coordinator Vivian Ugent hopes this year will be different.

"We really need for 1,000 people to come out," said Ugent. "We have tried to provide a variety of days, hours, and locations to make it more convenient for donors."

The SIU-EIU Blood Battle was started in 1994 as a competition to increase awareness about the need for blood donations. This year, both schools hope to collect 1,000 pints.

Southern Illinois is one of 22 regions in the country for which an emergency appeal for donors was made in January. The February drives are expected to replenish the area's supply.

The Red Cross supplies blood to all area hospitals, but because of the shortage, blood was being transferred from hospital to hospital, and eventually a point was reached where demand exceeded the supply.

"We recently had less than a half-day supply of blood, and our deficit was 4,100 pints," said Ugent. "This region uses 1,000 pints a day, and, ideally, a two-day supply should be available at any given time."

"Because of the great need, we would like to see SIU set a standard for EIU and get the blood that is needed now."

SIUC has the largest donor group in

Cameron Decree, a junior in psychology from Portland, Ore., watches as his blood drips slowly from his arm. Decree was giving blood Tuesday during the SIU/EIU Blood Battle.



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Our Word

Voice of SIUC students can reach farther than city and campus

Since the beginning of the semester the Daily Egyptian has been closely following the process of choosing a new chancellor to replace the departing Donald Beggs. There have been reports about the candidates and their views and editorials urging the student body to actively participate in the process.

Also, the important role a chancellor plays in the running of this University has been stressed. But the chancellor is not the only one that determines what policies are to be enacted or how those policies are to be implemented.

As we all know, 1998 is also a state-wide election year with campaigns currently enacted for the positions of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer, comptroller, secretary of state, and county clerk. There also are senate and house seats, both state and federal, being contested. All play a role in politics and decisions involving SIUC.

Friday, both John Schmidt, gubernatorial candidate for Democratic nomination, and Peter Fitzgerald, candidate for Republican nomination for U.S. Senate, came to Carbondale to promote themselves and get voter support.

Their presence in Southern Illinois shows they need our support just as much as citizens

elsewhere in the state.

Those elected to state office have a strong influence on what programs may or may not be implemented on campus or what funds could be appropriated for SIUC.

Like the chancellor selection, it is equally important for students to become active and voice their opinions in the races for state and federal seats. It could be a simple contribution or keeping up on the candidates and voting on election day, but the bottom line is if you do not vote you have no right to complain or expect change.

In April, SIUC students elected people to the Carbondale City Council who would give students a voice and consider our interests. It is time we do the same with state government.

Many of the problems this University complains about can be easily eradicated if the individuals in power have students, and more importantly as citizens, in mind.

There is life outside of Carbondale, and who is elected this year definitely will affect tomorrow.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Recent sensations destroying music

Every February, my highly trained and devoted staff and I have a discussion concerning the state of contemporary popular music.

As a college newspaper columnist, part of my job is to give my readers, (both of you) a highly detailed report on where the music industry is going. (Hell, from the looks of it.) So, without further ado, here is your weekly dose of fluff.

Ladies and gentlemen of SIUC, the state of our popular music culture is FUBAR.

Case in point one: Marilyn Manson.

It is one thing to be a heroin-addicted-screaming sex pervert, like a considerable number of musicians. It is quite another, however, to be a self-proclaimed agent of the devil.

Of course, the strange thing about it is, he's been quite successful as of late, which I suppose proves that there is always room in this great country for a G-string-wearing Satanist. Or 3 Ultra-Fairies, which brings us to ...

Case in point two: Hanson.

Oh, how I would appreciate their demise. First of all, these might be the most effeminate trio of mega-trolls in existence. Second, their percussionist is a physical gradeschooler. Third, their most popular song is called "Mmmmmh!" We do not need this in our lives.

Case in point three: The Spice Girls.

The best thing about The Spice Girls is they are not ours. Yes, we have Devil Man and the Chippy Boys Trio, but at least the world cannot blame us for producing this quintet of hyperactive singy dolls.

Sure, they look good, and under certain circumstances and influences you can dance to their music. (I can't personally, but some of you out there with attributes such as "dexterity" and "sense of rhythm" probably can). But let's face it, they are not exactly contributing to the Western Canon.

Of course, neither am I, but no one has ever made the mistake of thinking I have talent.

Fourth and final case in point: Puff Daddy.

Last week I went to a history lecture titled "Peter the Great and the Westernization of Russia featuring Puff Daddy and Mase." I thought that was a bit much, and he didn't even give me an autograph.

I believe that should take care of my "Make People Angry for No Reason" quota for the semester, and I will be looking forward to your questions, comments and violent threats in the weeks to come.

Just remember this is a free country, and you have the right to listen to whatever you want. Unfortunately, I have the right to call you a twit for doing so.

WANTED: Your name, race and opinion here Tuesdays for Guest Columns. Bring typewritten, double-spaced columns, with your ID and phone number, to the Communications Building, Room 1247. Students provide year/major, faculty include position/department and non-academic staff include position/department. Community members include city of residency. All columns should be about 500 words and are subject to editing. The DE reserves the right not to publish any Guest Column.



Josh Robison

Cancel My Subscription

Josh is a senior in history/education. Cancel My Subscription appears every Wednesday. Josh's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

Mailbox

Administrators should lead by example

Dear Editor,
During the fall semester, the faculty senate, along with Chancellor Donald Beggs and Provost John Jackson and others held its annual all faculty meeting. At the conclusion of that meeting, I asked Beggs (publicly) how he could justify administrator's receiving percentage salary increases that were higher than the faculty's.

Chancellor Beggs said he was not aware of administrative salary increases being higher than the nearly 3 percent allotted to faculty but that faculty salaries were indeed low and the administration would have to look into that problem and do something about it.

Recently, a local television station aired a program in which Margaret Winters also acknowledged SIUC faculty salaries were low.

Despite the administrations' public affirmations that faculty salaries are too low (and that their respective increases averaged well over 3 percent over the past

five years), these same administrators now have the audacity to propose the faculty receive the same meager 3 percent increase again based solely on merit. (Merit pay is, of course, determined by administrators.)

Why do they say one thing yet do another? If you're going to talk the talk, walk the walk!

Joan E. Friedenberg,
professor, linguistics

Facts about proposed fee increase clarified

Dear Editor,
As the author of a recent GPSC resolution in opposition to yet another proposed \$20 increase in the athletic fee, I found last Thursday's article on the issue woefully lacking.

The issues behind student opposition to this proposed increase did not reach the public. In the hopes of rectifying the situation, I present the following facts:

- 1) Last summer, the administration presented a proposal to increase the annual student athletic fee by \$20 per year for four years, starting with FY 1999 (which begins July 1).
- 2) Undergraduate and graduate students strongly opposed the proposal.
- 3) The presidents of USG and GPSC, without consulting their legislative bodies or even student leaders closest to the issues, made an agreement with the chancellor of SIUC and the president of SIU. They agreed to support the \$20 increase for FY 1999 and the administration agreed to study, with full input from the student body, the need for future increases. A discussion of the need for certain programs to exist at all was to be part of this "study."
- 4) This promised study never happened. Discussing the various philosophies on the issue with a select group of student leaders doesn't count.
- 5) There is a 3 percent cap on the annual increase of the overall expense of education (tuition and fees combined) at SIUC. This is a good thing.

However, it also means that of the total

amount our tuition and fees will rise each year, more than 20 percent would go to the Athletic Department.

6) Other departments on campus desperately need that money.

7) About two weeks ago, GPSC passed a resolution which opposed the proposed increase in the fee for FY 2000 and expressed lingering opposition to the \$20 fee increase scheduled to take effect this fall. The resolution passed unanimously. This new proposal from the Athletic Department has not yet reached the chancellor.

If and when it does, I hope he will remember what he told all of us last fall. For those of you didn't pick up a Daily Egyptian that day, he said he had been studying the Athletic Department's budget and assured us he wouldn't need to ask for the previously projected \$20.

I hope GPSC's resolution helped remind him of that. That's why I introduced it. It's also the reason I wrote this letter.

Rob Neff,
graduate student, geography

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Program offers tips to help land job

J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Aiming to prepare students for the business world is what the American Marketing Association has in mind for its annual Marketing Week.

The week already has featured such events as a resume and cover letter workshop.

There was also a Microsoft Office workshop where students learned how to work with the popular computer software suite.

David Steck, regional marketing director for the American Community Mutual Insurance Company, will talk to students on "Job Search, Interviewing Tips, Time Management, and Undergraduate Involvement."

His lecture is slated for 6 tonight in the Student Center Illinois Room. Students are encouraged to bring their resumes.

On Thursday, representatives

from Coca-Cola, Xerox, WCIL-FM, and First National Bank of Carbondale will conduct mock interviews with students to critique the way students interview.

The interviews are scheduled for 6 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom A. Professional dress is required and students are asked to bring their resume.

Erin Christianson, vice president of programs for the American Marketing Association, said these companies and their representatives have seen many people come and go through the interviewing process.

"This is to benefit anybody who plans to get out in the real world and interview," Christianson said. "Anybody can come to polish up their interviewing skills, and the interviewers will critique the students."

"You learn skills that are necessary in interviews like eye contact

and hand gestures."

Christianson said this program is primarily for critiquing and he has not heard if this will be used in any way as a recruiting tactic.

"[The companies] haven't indicated to me that they will be recruiting."

The final day of Marketing Week, Friday, will feature Patricia Welch, a professor in Food and Nutrition, speaking at an etiquette dinner that is open to all students.

"The dinner that Dr. Welch is presenting us with is an overall walk through of steps for proper table manners," Christianson said.

Professional dress is recommended by the organizers for this event, which will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Illinois Room.

Christianson said there are 29 seats available for students at the dinner, which costs \$10.

These will be available on a first-come first-served basis.

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whites economically. He said when he scanned the list, the first African-American name appeared behind 200. Over the years, African-Americans have not gained as much as whites.

"Some of the white men on the list inherited the money," he said. "What did the African-American inherit from slavery?"

Darius Robinson, a graduate stu-

dent in manufacturing systems engineering from East St. Louis, provided a valuable insight, although he remained neutral in the discussion.

Robinson feels that neither political party has the answer to the problems that exist with African-Americans. African-Americans do not need titles to work together effectively.

"Black people need to change their behavior," he said. "Are we just looking at a title? We need to analyze the structure. We have not

come up with our own original method.

"No one has the whole solution," he said. "Why can't we look at the whole situation, fuse the two philosophies together to get what is best for our people?"

Clardy said that he does not expect everyone to accept his ideas but hopes people will consider them.

"I hope that if they didn't agree with my opinion that I got them to think about the issues," he said.

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Fernando Carillo, a member of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, said being part of such an artistically free group brings certain pressures upon the dancers. But this pressure helps the dancers gear up for a higher level of performances.

"There is pressure not just being a member and dealing with the competition of the other dancers, but when people hear the name Alvin Ailey they expect right away to see great choreography and dancers on stage," he said. "They expect high quality dance so we try extra hard to give it to the crowd."

The Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble, which will perform 8 p.m. today in Shryock Auditorium, is a group of 12 hand-picked scholarship students from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center who are instruments in the art of dance.

The late Ailey was once one of



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these allured "victims" of the arts. On a junior high school class trip to the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, Ailey fell in love with and became an instrument of concert dance.

Ailey launched his professional dance career with Lester Horton, founder of the first racially integrated dance company in the United States.

After Horton's death in 1953, Ailey was appointed director of the Lester Horton Dance Theater. There he began to choreograph his own works.

As director of Horton's Dance Theater, Ailey obtained the opportunity to study with many outstand-

ing dance artists from Broadway and abroad.

His drive to create a company dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance heritage and the uniqueness of black cultural expression led Ailey to give birth to the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1958.

Ailey's theater company was a success. He created 20 new ballets, and more than 170 works by 63 choreographers have been performed by the Ailey Company.

In 1969, Ailey founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, the official school of the

Ailey Company.

The Alvin Ailey Dance Center was constantly on the road, so Ailey needed a cohesive troupe of dancers to pick up the overflow of requests by smaller theaters and communities for Ailey Company appearances.

It was from this need that the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble was created in 1974. The ensemble has attracted dancers eager to perform since its creation.

Briana Reed, a member of the Ailey Ensemble, said her love for dancing led her to the ensemble though the road was winding.

"Ever since I was in kinder-

garten, I wanted to dance," she said. "I took a few lessons, but my mom didn't have the money at the time to continue the training that I needed."

But the power of fate would not be undone. Surprisingly, at a summer camp offering free dance lessons, a dance teacher who taught Reed dance when she was three remembered Reed from an earlier class.

The teacher asked Reed if she wanted to come to her school and train in the performing arts.

"I, of course, said yes. It all began from that one class and I will never forget it," Reed said.

Carillo, an ensemble member for two years, has been dancing only four years and already has made it as a member of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Dance Ensemble.

"Ever since I started dancing I knew it was what I wanted to do," he said. "I always knew in my heart something good would come from it."

Because of Ailey's legacy, many students with dance dreams have

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come to the Ailey school to train. But becoming a dancer, being the best and following a dream are no easy tasks as both Carillo and Reed have found out since becoming members.

When the ensemble is training in New York, they have a 10:30 a.m. class and a rehearsal period from noon to 6 p.m. The dancers are in the studio five days a week. "It's hard work and an extensive program," Carillo said. "But

the teachers make it easier. If you really want to be a dancer they can tell and they will help you.

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"The Ailey legacy always lives on because a lot of the work that we do is Ailey choreography," said Reed. "Performing 'Revelations,' one of his ballets, you get a certain feeling that no matter if you're a dancer or not.

"Even though I never met the man, just doing his work you can feel what he was trying to say."



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assistants to unionize would not hinge upon the outcome at the University of Illinois but acknowledged they are waiting to see what happens. A decision is expected to be made sometime this month.

"It looks like it's going to be a favorable decision," Hoerman said. "If we determine it's approved and we find a leader, then we believe all systems will be go."

But Richard Falvo, acting dean of the Graduate School, says U of I has about four times as many graduate and teacher assistants, so the decision may not be as relevant to SIUC.

Also unlike U of I, graduate students have a voting voice on

SIUC's graduate council, he said.

However, if the Board decides in favor of the fledgling Illini union, Falvo anticipates an attempt at organizing graduate and teacher assistants here.

"If that's what happens, then we'll deal with them the way the administration has dealt with the faculty union, but you can't say there is no other answer," he said.

Hoerman said if union organization is to occur, the leader in the collective bargaining process would have to be someone who is not directly connected to GPSC.

"We're trying to find a person to act as a point person," he said. "The leader would have to be a completely different entity."

Graduate students would unionize to put themselves on an equal footing with other unionized groups on campus, former GPSC

President Mark Terry said.

"The logic is at this point in time civil service employees are unionized and the faculty is unionized," he said. "We could be at a competitive disadvantage if we don't unionize."

Terry said despite the current haranguing between University officials and the faculty union association in contract talks, he does not expect that the University would impede unionization attempts.

"I would not anticipate any wholesale fight from the University," he said. "They realize the nature of the process."

Terry said although a decision is expected to be made sometime this month, there is no guarantee it will occur because previous labor board decisions have taken longer than anticipated.

Graduate unions at other universities have provided the same types of benefits enjoyed by faculty unions, which is why Terry says SIUC graduate students need a union.

"Without a union, we would be unable to work in the legislative process and the legal process to get our share of federal working benefits," he said.

Research shows that graduate and teaching assistants are a vital part to the University. As an example, Terry cited a study in which the University decided that having a doctoral program in history was less costly than not having one.

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the area, and the blood drives held on campus are vital to keeping the area's supply at a reasonable level.

Blood donors are needed not only locally, but nationally as well. Ugent cites several reasons for the national shortage, including extremely bad winter weather in the East and an influenza outbreak in the West.

Locally, the blood shortage is attributed to people taking unusually long holiday vacations in December and holiday breaks at colleges and high schools.

Considering most people will be in need of a blood donation by age 72, every pint is crucial, said Ugent. Premature babies, cancer and surgery patients and accident victims all require blood donations.

Every donated unit of blood must be tested, making it imperative to have a supply of blood on hand.

"Someone cannot just drive to

the hospital and expect to give blood on the spot to an accident victim," said Ugent.

There are very few requirements to be a blood donor. In Illinois, donors must be at least 17 years old to give without parental consent and must also weigh at least 110 pounds.

It is also acceptable to donate blood while taking many forms of medication, including blood pressure medicine, aspirin, oral contraceptives, insulin, and certain antibiotics, said Ugent.

Ugent added that certain recovering heart and cancer patients can give blood and there is no upward age limit for donors.

People can donate blood every two months, so Red Cross officials encourage anyone who donated in November to come out and give again. They also encourage people to bring a friend.

"If you come by yourself, a blood buddy can be assigned to you to hold your hand or offer support," said Ugent.

BLOOD

She added, however, that most first-time donors soon realize the experience is not as frightening as they anticipated.

"It feels like a pinch, and it takes about 5 minutes."

Dina Slavensky, a senior in history from Skokie, participated in the Blood Battle Tuesday afternoon at the Student Center. She said she has given blood ever since she was old enough.

"My mom always gave blood when I was young, and she taught me that it was a good thing to do," Slavensky said.

Ugent said regardless of which college wins the Blood Battle donating blood can be a very rewarding experience.

"We really and truly feel there are no losers," Ugent said. "The real winners, though, are the patients."

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the dialogue, and I want to see what they report."

"I want to take seriously their ideas and recommendations and see what we can do with those ideas."

USG has encountered some trouble with generating student interest and attendance for the focus group meetings. At the last sched-

uled meeting Jan. 29, only USG President Dave Vingren and Moore showed up. Moore said there needs to be a better turnout from the senators as well as the students.

In an attempt to improve student interest, Moore said USG will send letters to the Registered Student Organizations encouraging them to attend the focus groups. USG also plans to post fliers around campus advertising the meetings.

"We need to get input from the students. We don't want to make

any decisions about any ideas without the students' input," Moore said.

"There will be a whole new group of freshmen coming in next fall, and we would like the advisement process to be as painless as possible for them."

"Every problem we have seen has been a result of a lack of communication," she said. "We would like to see the lines of communication open up so that students will feel comfortable to approach faculty with questions they might have."

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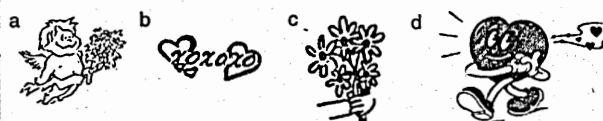


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Yankee GM resigns

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NEW YORK — Bob Watson will formally announce his resignation at a Yankee Stadium news conference, but the general manager of the New York Yankees actually told George Steinbrenner of his decision to step down Sunday night before the two attended a baseball awards banquet.

Watson could not be reached for comment, but a source indicated that the 51-year-old executive expressed a desire to "leave baseball" after a torturous two-year stint in the Bronx.

Team officials were stunned Monday when they learned of Watson's departure, even though the GM's relationship with Steinbrenner fluctuated between professional at best and hostile at worst. Watson apparently felt he could no longer work with Steinbrenner, who frequently shoved him aside when it came to assembling major trades or signing players such as Japanese import Hideki Irabu.

Steinbrenner said Monday night that he was surprised by Watson's decision, but he did not make any apologies.

"Nobody forced him to come here," Steinbrenner said. "He knew what he was getting into when he took this job. As far as I'm concerned, there's no malice at all between us. If he's not comfortable

with me, that's fine. I'm me. I can't help that. I want to win for New York in the worst way imaginable. For some people, that may not be their cup of tea. I think it takes a lot more or less than (Watson) was willing or able to give."

Assistant GM Brian Cashman, who has worked with Steinbrenner since beginning as an intern in 1986, was promoted Monday to replace Watson. Cashman becomes the 16th general manager in Steinbrenner's 25-year ownership of the Yankees, and also one of the youngest in club history. At 30, Cashman is considerably younger than many of the players now under his jurisdiction. But knowing Steinbrenner and his explosive tendencies should work to his advantage.

"I think Brian's going to do a good job," Steinbrenner said. "He's young, but he's very capable and very hard-working."

Watson labored long hours under Steinbrenner but never seemed to earn the credit or compensation he deserved. He helped construct a world championship team in 1996 and another playoff-caliber club the following season, yet always was stuck in the shadow of Steinbrenner and manager Joe Torre.

Watson came close to being fired after he obtained an injured Graeme Lloyd along with another injured player, Pat Listach, from

the Brewers for the stretch run two years ago. But Lloyd rebounded with an excellent postseason performance, saving Watson and making that one of the best — and few — trades of his Yankee career.

Despite the abrupt ending to his stay in the Bronx, Watson will be paid his \$450,000 salary for this year, which he received when Steinbrenner picked up his option at the end of last season. That sum, deemed low by industry standards, was perceived as one of the many insults aimed at Watson, who was the only black GM in the major leagues.

Watson reportedly began talking with other teams before the resignation was finalized, which would be considered tampering if other teams indeed already have talked to him about possible offers. One report Monday night indicated that Watson may take an analyst position with ESPN, certainly a job with less pressure than his previous occupation with the Yankees.

Even with his success, Watson appeared to be a poor fit with the Yankees. Six other candidates turned down the GM's job before Watson accepted it on Oct. 23, 1995, after leaving the same position with the Houston Astros. Steinbrenner orchestrated the biggest trade of that offseason — the one that brought Tino Martinez from the Seattle Mariners.

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HOOPIN' IT UP:

Schick's tourney allows students to showcase basketball talents.

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC junior Koby Fritts can only think of positives about his team's chances of winning the Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Tournament this weekend.

"I'm sure the competition will be good," Fritts said. "But I think experience will help my team. We've played mostly five on five, but we know how each other plays."

That time of the year is here again, when all the basketball junkies show off their talents and attempt to create their own early version of "March Madness."

The 14th Annual Schick Super Hoops 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be Friday and Saturday at the Recreation Center.

The winner of the weekend tournament will move on to the regional tournament at the University of Illinois at Chicago March 1. There are 54 teams in the Midwest Region, including Marquette University, Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

Last year's champions were

Illinois State University on the men's side and Evansville University on the women's side.

The men's and women's divisions compete among 550 colleges and universities nationwide, drawing almost 200,000 participants.

NBA rookie Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs is the spokesman for the Schick Rookie Game and Schick Super Hoops. In recent years, NBA stars such as Ray Allen, Jerry Stackhouse and Grant Hill have been spokesmen.

Intramural Sports graduate assistant Tracy Applebee said the tournament provides an inexpensive and competitive activity for the participants.

"It's just an outlet for intramural sports," Applebee said. "It's another sport that keeps students active, and it's free."

Applebee said the regional tournament creates a rival atmosphere with other schools.

"The tournament is good because the winner can go on to the regional tournament, and it brings schools together and starts competitiveness between schools," Applebee said.

Former intercollegiate athletes may participate in the tournament in Carbondale, but they will not be able to play in the regional tournament.

The team maximum is four players per squad, and a team can substitute after a basket, a foul shot or

any stoppage of play.

The tournament will be played in two halves with an eight-minute running clock and an intermission of one minute. If a game reaches overtime, it will have a two-minute running clock.

The games will be played at a fast pace, and any attempt to stall on a possession will result in a loss of the ball. The referee will issue a verbal warning before taking away possession. Time-outs will only be made by the referee for injuries or special circumstances. All other NCAA rules apply.

This year's tournament has moved from the fall semester to the spring semester in attempt to play it at a seasonal time.

Applebee said the tournament can be played anytime from December through February, and this year they wanted to wait until the spring semester to have the tournament.

"We tried this year to do it during basketball season for them to get a different type of competition instead of the five-on-five," Applebee said.

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SIUC SPORTS CLUBS

SIUC Triathlon Club meet set for Feb. 28

The SIUC Triathlon Club has an indoor triathlon scheduled for Feb. 28 at the Recreation Center.

The triathlon is open to the public, and beginners are welcome. There are entry forms in the Recreation Center or at the Triathlon Club meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

The triathlon will start at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a pre-race meeting at 10:15 a.m. downstairs at the Recreation Center. The center will open at 9:30 a.m. for early arrivals.

There will be four groups of competitors. The competition will start with a 10-minute swim, followed by 20 minutes of biking on the stationary bikes and finishes with a 15-minute run around the indoor track.

If interested, contact Eduardo Monge at 453-4283 or Karen Tabor at 457-1608.

MLB

Free agent Benes agrees to deal with Diamondbacks

Andy Benes, thwarted in his attempt to re-sign with St. Louis, reportedly agreed to a multi-year contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks Tuesday.

Benes and Arizona were set to announce the deal Tuesday, a baseball management official said on the condition he not be identified.

The 30-year-old right-hander, who went 10-7 with a 3.10 ERA last season, had agreed to a \$30 million, five-year contract with the Cardinals, but management's Player Relations Committee voided it, concluding the agreement was reached after the Dec. 7 deadline.

"Unfortunately, Andy doesn't get the same deal offered by the Cardinals, and I'm sure he's going to somewhere that isn't his first choice," St. Louis general manager Walt Jocketty said. "We're disappointed for the Cardinals. We wish him the best of luck. He was an important player for the club the past two years. We made a very substantial offer, which unfortunately wasn't able to get completed on time. We can't look back."

Benes' contract is reportedly for three years at about \$18 million. However, he has the option to terminate the deal after two years.

Benes becomes the ace of a rotation expected to include Willie Blair, acquired from Detroit; Brian Anderson, picked up from Cleveland; and Jeff Suppan, acquired from Boston.

Benes' best season was 1996, when he was 18-10 with a 3.83 ERA as St. Louis won the NL Central. He filed for free agency after the 1997 season and wanted to re-sign, but his agent and Jocketty were \$5 million apart as the midnight deadline approached Dec. 7.



WARMING UP:

Saluki Pitcher Adam Biggs, a junior from Cincinnati, throws a fastball during practice at Abe Martin Field Tuesday. The Salukis are preparing for the start of their season Feb. 13 at Las Vegas, Nev.

DEBRA MULLER/
Daily Egyptian

Milestone no concern for Hudson as 1,000 point mark approaching

RECORD: Seventeen points come between women's center and place in history books.

TRAVIS AKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC senior center Theia Hudson is unconcerned with the number of points she has in her career, even though she is approaching 1,000 points.

"I'll just be happy to get it over with," Hudson said.

Hudson is in her fourth year at SIUC and has 983 points in her Saluki career. When she reaches 1,000 points, she will become the 16th player to reach 1,000 points in SIUC history.

Hudson came to SIUC in 1994 after leading Bloom Township High School in Chicago to a sectional title. She averaged 19.1 points per game and 10.8 rebounds. She was a 1,000-point scorer in high school as well.

After joining the Salukis, she improved her totals year after year. In her second year with the Salukis, she led the SIUC in field goal percentage by shooting 56 percent from the field. Currently, she is the Salukis' leading scorer with 13.2 points per game and 6.2 boards per game.

Women's head coach Cindy Scott said

Hudson is a winner as a person and a ball player. It is her attitude that has made her a success at SIUC.

"Theia has had an outstanding career here, and I think it will be good for her to finish on a good note," Scott said. "She is a nice person to be around and is a good student. I know she will be successful, and I have seen her improve so much as a basketball player."

Scott would like to see Hudson get her 1,000th point at home to share the accomplishment with the Saluki fans who have watched her play.

Hudson will have that chance to score the remaining 17 points at home when the Salukis begin a three-game home stretch tonight against the University of Evansville.

Evansville has yet to win a game in the Missouri Valley Conference. They are 0-11 in conference play and 5-14 overall.

The Aces started 5-0 but have sustained a 14-game skid the Salukis would like to increase to 15. Evansville is in last place in the MVC, but Scott said they can give good teams fits.

"I don't think anytime is a good time to play them," Scott said. "They are due to win. What goes around comes around."

Sophomore center Melaneece Bartley said the Salukis are struggling too and need to take every game seriously regardless of who they play.

"I think [the Aces] play hard every game," Bartley said. "We need a lot of confidence whoever we play, whether it is Drake (No. 1 in the MVC) or Evansville."

Freshman Shyla McKibbin will be back in the Aces' starting lineup after battling mononucleosis. McKibbin is averaging 12.8 points per game and 7.7 boards per game, which is good enough for second in the MVC. Her 66 offensive boards for the season is tops in the MVC.

The Salukis come into tonight's game with a two-game winning streak and are looking to improve their eighth-place position in the MVC standings. They are 7-12 overall and 4-7 in conference play.

But the Salukis are 1-5 at home and have yet to win a conference game at home.

Bartley said the home record is not really a concern because the Salukis need to keep winning to keep their spot in the MVC tournament March 5-7 in Springfield, Mo.

"We are basically looking at every game the same," Bartley said. "We must win games no matter if we are away or at home. We struggled at both home and away, and now we are just trying to get back on track and stay there."

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