Program brings more women to engineering
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Shelley Schindler of Swansea High School puts the finishing touches on her hovercraft. High School students from all over Illinois and some from out of state built and raced hovercrafts as a part of their visit to SIU.

High school females experience the field, the department at SIUC

Bertie Holmes
Daily Egyptian

The fun of hovercraft racing is just one of the perks 30 high school girls received on Monday and Tuesday. They have also received an introduction to life as an engineering major and a taste of campus living at SIUC.

The Women in Engineering summer program is an outreach effort that has been approved by the College of Engineering since the early 1980s.

While the main goal of the program is to bring more outstanding women to the engineering profession, it also helps to promote a better awareness of the engineering programs offered by the University.

Dr. Janice Chism, coordinator of undergraduate recruitment and retention for the department, said the sessions aimed at women place the girls in the part of attracting and keeping female students.

The program accommodates up to 25 students, although this year only 30 applications were approved.

Participants are high school juniors and seniors encouraged to apply by their parents orPostsecondary institutions. Applications are accepted April 15 to May 1, and a class rank and a recommendation from their high school counselor is required.

As part of the application process, the girls must also complete an essay outlining why they want to participate in the program.

Hasan Scvim, associate dean of the School of Engineering, believes these factors help to ensure that those accepted together, they will be some of the most outstanding young women in Illinois.

"For the school, it's an opportunity for people to become aware of who we are and what we're doing," Scvim said.

"If you want to see some women entering the field, especially those under 14 or 15 percent of the student body is engineering because of women." The two-day symposium is always paired with innovative hands-on experiments that include circuit design, hydraulic jumps and a hovercraft competition.

Prefects and graduate students from the department volunteer to supervise the experiments or assist in any way possible to help the students stay open-minded and genuinely interested in what they're doing.

In the past two years, the department has followed through every effort, from physical activities to the lectures, to state taxes to come speak to the girls selected with care. In addition to the two-day event, all events are usually filled with campus tours, a barbecue and a limited number of trips.

"In just two days the girls are getting a flavor for the different disciplines in engineering and the opportunities that exist," Scvim said.

"Because of that, I have to have about five female students come speak during our luncheons.

"Instead of speaking, it is more of an interactive discussion about real professional experiences, incredible stories of women that are able to interest women already in the field." See OUTLOOK, page 5

University must fund increases

SIU ahead of curve following raises last year

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

With the new minimum wage increase on the horizon, Illinois universities will have to prepare for the $6.55 increase in 2005 and the additional dollar increase in 2006. SIUC appears to have a head start on the new increases.

When the bill is signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, institutions that fall under Illinois state law will have to follow the state guidelines for minimum wages.

SIU is already a year ahead of the new state wage increase. In fall 2002, Chancellor Walter Weidler increased the campus minimum wage by 50 cents, from $5.15 to $5.65. The pay raise was put into place by Weidler to benefit the students after an increase in tuition.

In 2004, SIUC will maintain its minimum wage of $5.65, 15 cents higher than the new minimum wage of $5.50 that will go into effect next year. In 2005, SIUC will legally have to pay its employees a minimum wage of $6.55, an 85-cent increase from the SIUC current wage.

With the new minimum wage increases, the classrooms and offices where the students are housed daily will also see an increase in the amount of money the employees take home.

"A reasonable minimum wage is a responsible investment," said L. Louise Eshleman, of the SIUC Parent Organization.

"It means a lot to the students. The SIUC campus is a safe environment for the students to learn and grow.\n
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Classrooms get much needed makeover

Newly remodeled rooms will feature new technology, equipment in addition to new chairs, paint job

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Step into rooms 161 and 171 in Lawson Hall this fall, and you’ll be in for a pleasant surprise. Step into rooms 161 and 171 in Lawson, Lindgren today, and you’ll be in for a stock.

A few cardboard boxes here, a sharpened knife there, and a clean black board labeled "Genie" inside, which seemingly ward off the classroom down, consumes the middle of the floor, plus a desk or chair in sight.

"Didn’t they change the pods used to be smaller?" Those standard pods have been replaced by larger, wider ones, which house some of SIU’s most expensive new toys.

Lectures in favor of low tech, better. It might get ugly for Lecture hall upgrades began May 19 and should be completed by Aug. 1 for the fall semester.

"Among the new equipment are liquid crystal display (LCD) projectors, for use with existing projection screens, digital document cameras, which project images from traditional transparencies and acetate sheets as well as hard copy documents or 3-D objects with more than three times the illumination power of traditional overheads.

There are also new computers and broadened instructor’s abilities including larger podums. From there, the teachers can control the computer or laptop, VCR and lighting in Lawson.

Another addition is the SmartBoard technology, which allows the presenter to write on an LCD screen at the podium using the attached pen-looking tool (called a stylus, and it is actually only made of bean acid and nylon) to control, edit and write to the new computer-based technology. Using this technology, instructors can hand-write notes on the LCD projector, save the notes and within minutes have them available online for students.

Audio system upgrades will include wireless microphones systems for ease of movement, an audio-visual system and a radio conferencing system which allows guest speakers from other campuses. The classrooms have also converted from mono to stereo sound.

All integrated into the new podium control system, with the exception of Lawson 161, is the new video distance learning system, which is keeping its existing DE equipment.

The following 21 auditoriums will see technological advances for fall — Agriculture 102, Foster 1326 and 1526, Lawson Hall (111 of Courtyard), Lindgren 430, 440, Parkinson 124, Pulliam 42, Quincy 1-10, Technology 111A and Wham 105.

Rooms 161 and 171 of Lawson will have new seats and desks that will be larger and more comfy, for students. Lights in the rooms are being replaced, a new tile floor is being installed and new acoustic wall panels are being added. The ceiling will cut down on echoing.

Next summer, rooms 141 and 151 of Lawson and Audio Visual Systems out of Charleston has made this all possible for SIU along with the DE equipment increase, which is funding the auditorium upgrades.

"We’re really trying to make it a more positive experience, something to be named at Lawson Hall," Supervisors Lyda and Lyda said.

Lyda said that in the past, professors have been wary of technology changes, preferring to have the new tech in prior to the current semester. She said that with new, high-tech equipment, professors are now looking for new ways to teach.

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Search continues for area teen missing since June 2

Suspected teen runaway may be in Murphysboro area

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The Carbondale Police Department is investigating the suspected runaway of a 16-year-old Carbondale girl who was last seen June 2.

Carbondale Police Detective Brad Boyd said Elizabeth Sage Hawthorne, who was last seen in Carbondale, is thought to be in or near Murphysboro.

"We’ve got a good idea that she’s in the Murphysboro area and even of some people that she’s perhaps hanging out with," Boyd said.

Hawthorne is described as 5-foot-8, 130 pounds with long, blonde hair. Police said she is referred to by her middle name, Sage.

Sage Boyd said that because Hawthorne is a juvenile, Carbondale Police can’t comment on where she might be living with or whom she was living with before her disappearance. Information on where she was last seen in Carbondale also cannot be released.

Police said Hawthorne has been entered into the statewide computer database system as a runaway juvenile.

Boyd said although Carbondale Police will be working hard to locate Hawthorne, the work of citizens can be just as useful.

"If you’re just hoping that someone tells you that she’s a suspected runaway we’re looking for and calls us to come and get her, Boyd said.

"We’re hoping for some information from the release," Boyd said.

Anyone with information regarding Hawthorne’s location should call 549-2111.

AAUP condemns South Florida

Valerie N. Donnals
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The American Association of University Professors censured the University of South Florida Saturday for firing SIUC alum Sami Al-Arian, a Palestinian professor charged with funding Middle-Eastern terrorist operations.

The AAUP described the university’s action as "arbitrary, non-educational, non-professional and non-supportive standards," according to an article in the Chronicle for Higher Education. It did not, however, criticize the university for firing Al-Arian, a Palestinian professor charged with funding Middle-Eastern terrorist operations.

The AAUP’s non-profit organization that promotes academic freedom by supporting tenure, academic freedom and process standards and processes of quality in higher education.

Al-Arian, a 1978 graduate in computer engineering from SIUC, was fired after being convicted of nine charges, including conspiracy to violate the Patriot Act.

According to the charges, Al-Arian used the university and two non-profit organizations, World Islamic Studies Enterprise and the Islamic Committee for Peace in the Middle East, to raise money for the Islamic Jihad.

The University of South Florida fired Al-Arian for "arbitrary, non-educational, non-professional and non-supportive standards," according to an article in the Chronicle for Higher Education. The university did not support the AAUP's censure of the university for firing Al-Arian.

Before his termination, Al-Arian was on paid leave for unspecified behavior and disruption of the university. The university cited a number of reasons for his firing, including his role in the Islamic Jihad.

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Reflecting on life in nature

The State of Nature

By Brian Ebers

The State of Nature

I greatly valued my time away from campus during intercession. I found time to relate to family, take pasture walks, do some pathways, and read a few chapters of the philosophy of Man and the natural history of civilization.

A lot of things happened, and I had time to reflect deeply into the nature of things. These are some of the things that happened to me while I stayed at home in St. Louis last month.

My dog, J. D., recently collapsed after 25 years of distinguished service. I wasn't there when it happened, but he reported an enormous hang in the motor followed by a great cloud of black smoke.

I washed a ton of dishes. One particular afternoon, a mouse fell into the sink compartment. I filled the cup with water and decided to set it on fire instead - there is just comfort that way.

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I washed a ton of dishes. One particular afternoon, a mouse fell into the sink compartment. At first, it scurried to little places far away from the beasts are caged.

I heaved several pounds of O' Roy brand dog food into a enormous plastic bowl from which they reluctantly ate.

Generally, I avoid the shed because it houses mul-titudes of furious millipedes, vengeful mosquitoes, malodorous spiders, abandoned hives, and those repulsive little pill bugs.

I will never forget the size of the wolf spider I destroyed in the shed last summer with a can of WD-40.

That scraggly creature defended itself with singular heroism, but ultimately it fell beneath the massive contents of engine lubricant.

I could try to describe that anomalous creature, but the thought of it still sends shivers crawling down my spine.

I played a lot of cards last month at my grandfather's house. He had a 125 - West pack, signed and smoothened as we played a continuous game called Hearts.

I learned that nothing is worse than misinformation at the end of the day.

I used to be liable to an occasional explosive and passionate outburst, but I have made it a point of my game to remain calm during times of misinformation and even to accept misinformation with a sense of gratitude.

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Currently, the program relies heavily on ACT scores and direct mail to high school counselors as the initial modes of contact, although applications and information about the program are available at the department's website.

Scvim has traveled to nearly 100 high schools across the state to personally increase awareness about the programs offered.

In addition to increasing awareness of the opportunity, Scvim also hopes to increase the number of experiment offers each day and to change the program's length from two days to three days.

While the school hopes the positive experience during the program will lead to the participants applying to SIUC, Scvim says that even in "any other there were" he would be pleased to know that "the summer program still brought more outstanding students to a field where their numbers are few."

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While SIUC appears to have an advantage on the wage issue compared with SIU-Edwardsville, which has a current minimum wage of $5.15, Steve Binder, the spokesman for SIU President James Walker, said that may not be true.

"Because of the continuous enrollment growth, SIUE has more new tuition dollars to draw from," Binder said. "If and when the state law requires a higher minimum wage, SIUE will follow suit."

Binder could not be specific about when the additional money would come from. He said that when the time for increases come, the University will find the money to make it happen.

The benefits and drawbacks of the minimum wage increase will reveal themselves as they go into effect in the near 18 months.

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this refund. To keep the bill within budget guidelines, a provision was made that excludes anyone who did not pass income tests from being eligible for the tax break because they did not make enough money.

The U.S. House and Senate have approved separate measures that would provide the credit for more than 6.5 million low-income workers who are now excluded.

However, the two measures do not completely agree with each other, so lawmakers must come to some common ground before these taxpayers see any break.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said that the child tax credit check is a reflection of the current welfare program, which provides financial assistance and services, such as daycare and job placement, to those in need.

"The welfare program pays you for having kids, just as this program does," Bost said. "But in order to receive money through the tax credit, people have to work."

Bost said he sees this credit as a way to increase national and state employment rates through financial incentives.

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West Nile virus: Will last year's trend continue?

Jacory Cain
Daily Egyptian

Summer has finally hit Southern Illinois, bringing with it sunny days, high temperatures and, unfortunately, mosquitoes. So break out the insect repellent and cornmeal wax or risk the threat of West Nile virus has returned.

Last year, the virus caused a major scare as it spread throughout the state infecting 877 people and killing 6.

Gifford Gillespie, director of environmental health for the Jackson County Health Department, said while no birds or mosquitoes have tested positive in Jackson County this year, three counties in Illinois—Cook, Henderson and Rusk—have each found a case with the virus.

So far, 19 states have had verified zoonotic, animal or mosquito infections during 2003, but no human cases have been reported.

Like Haramis, an entomologist at the Illinois State Health Department, said surveillance is still ongoing and it's too early to determine the virus' active status.

"There's just not enough time to predict whether this will be as bad as last," Haramis said.

Gillespie said surveillance taking place in Jackson County includes testing trapped mosquitoes and dead birds, mainly crows and blue jays.

"It's important that we have a surveillance program so track what's going on," Gillespie said.

The West Nile virus originated in the West Nile District of Uganda in 1937 and eventually spread to North America through infected birds. It was first reported in the United States during the late 1990s during an outbreak in Israel in 1957. In 1999, North America had its first true case of the virus, when a 51-year-old man in Montreal, Canada, died of encephalitis due to West Nile virus.

The West Nile virus can be contracted by the bite of an infected mosquito, which can infect people, horses, many types of birds and some other animals.

"Most people who become infected with the virus will have either no symptoms or only mild ones," Haramis said. "However, to people that are elderly or those that have low immune systems, the West Nile virus infection can result in severe and sometimes fatal illnesses."

"Mosquitoes are not effective against the virus infection, and a specific treatment has not been developed."

Because of the prominence of the virus in Illinois last year, the state was awarded $400,000 from the federal government to combat it.

Haramis said that this year the state received another grant to continue surveillance of the virus and how it fights it.

"The mosquitoes may not give money to help control the mosquito population, but officials hope that citizens will help join that fight."

"Laboratory Improvement Grant, which is going to be used for testing in laboratories to learn more about the spread of the virus and how to fight it."

The disease does not affect human beings because the virus is not transmitted from birds to humans. However, mosquitoes can be infected and then bite people, potentially passing the virus.

Fifth Annual Young Writer's Workshop begins today

Continuing Education prepares for annual writer's workshop for teenagers

Jessica Yoroma
Daily Egyptian

High school students will be fine-tuning their skills during the fifth annual Young Writer's Workshop at SIUC.

"The program, which is geared toward high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, allows these students to develop their writing skills in different genres of writing, including prose, poetry and fiction."

"We have ten goals," said Beth Lardan, professor of English and director of the creative writing program. "We want to give high school kids the chance to explore and develop their talents."

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The workshop was created by SIUC faculty such as Allison Joseph, who saw the need for a program for high school students and also wanted to make the program more affordable for people in the area.

According to Joseph, at her alma mater, a program of this sort would cost around $1,500 for a two-week session.

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In the evening, the 22 students attending the workshop will get the chance to hear from writers and other classroom settings. The program director hopes that the week of their instruction will help those in attendance to prepare for their own reading, which they will present at the 13th annual reading on Saturday afternoon.

All readings are open to the public.

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Veteran assistant coach Rodney Watson prepares to his third different head coach with SIU.

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The Last Leg

story by ADAM SOEBBING

Former Saluki swimmer Herman Louw juggling classes and a job while making one final attempt to earn a spot in the Olympics

Within a fair of realizing his dream at the 2003 trials. Coming in for a position on the 4x100 relay team, Louw came 0.2 seconds short of the final spot. While most would feel disappointed, Louw has continued to work hard for what will be his final attempt: "I am going to give it one more shot, and don't shut after that. I'm going to hang in and give it my all," Louw said.

His target is the 2003 Summer Games in Athens, and the rigorous workouts begin at the end of the summer.

"I am going to make a break from the pool this summer," said Louw, who wants to be a college swimming coach when he is all done. He plans on doing some cross training, mostly swimming and running. But over all he wants to use this summer to be back in training.

Whatever. may have the dream back the talent, there is no question Louw's, who has proven that he is not only in national and international competition.

In what he describes as the moment he is most proud of as a swimmer, Louw finished in second place in the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley at the national- ly recognized U.S. Open more than three years ago.

Louw was also MVC champ in the 100 breaststroke in 1999, as well as a 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley champ in 2000, his final sea- son at SIU.

"It's really talented. He was born for it," said Gustavo Lao, graduate assistant coach for the Salukis and a former teammate of Louw's at Indiana State. 'He's a big guy. He's strong, and his strokes are almost perfect. That's the perfect combination for a good swimmer."

No one knows Louw's skills better than former South African native and long-time friend Cemke Prozesky. Prozesky, a teammate of Louw's on the Northern California swim team, is giving one last shot at making the South African Olympic team. "Herman is a great swimmer. He can win any event there," Prozesky said. "From the butterfly to his weakeststroke, he can do that as well. He is an incredible swimmer."

But given Louw's hectic schedule, SIU men's swimming head coach Rick Walker said he had a tough road ahead of him. "He certainly has the talent," Walker said. "I don't know how with his current schedule, if he can put it together, but he has the potential if he's serious and up to a priority." See LOUW, page 11

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Perry, Jaehnke leave SIU women's basketball team

Perry and Jaehnke join freshman Aiden Gill, who quit in January due to medici- cal problems, and assistant coaches Alex Wellmark and Trista Floyd as the latest to depart the team, which had a 7-29 record last season.

Perry averaged 1.5 points and shot 33 percent from the floor in 26.2 minutes per game while bagging at starting point guard. Dan Pilkington last season.

Jaehnke scored a total of 10 points last year and played in eight games after transferring from Midway County College.

To fill the void, the Salukis have several new players signed for next season, six incoming freshmen and one junior college transfer.

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NCAA passes new regulations

Peter Spitzer

The NCAA is making it a lot harder to balance sports and academics in college athletics.

Starting Aug. 1, incoming student-athletes must complete 24 hours of student credit courses before they enter their second year. In addition, student-athletes must complete 40 percent of their classes before they enter their second year. Twenty percent must also be earned every year. In addition, student-athletes must complete 40 percent of their classes toward their degree by the end of their sophomore year. Twenty percent must also be earned during their third and fourth years.

"As far as the university as a whole, there's not a lot of special preferences given to student-athletes," said Kristina Therriault, coordinator of Student Services for SIU Athletics.

The NCAA also passed a new requirement that states high school student-athletes must have taken at least 14 core classes with a C average. The NCAA also passed a new requirement that states high school student-athletes must have taken at least 14 core classes with a C average. The NCAA also passed a new requirement that states high school student-athletes must have taken at least 14 core classes with a C average. 