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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Ten months ago, an unknown New Yorker inherited the position of chancellor and a university struggling to find its identity. From humble beginnings to the leader of Southern Illinois University, this is

The Education of Walter Wendler

STORY BY MOLLY PARKER

It's a '95 Oldsmobile, large and silver, with 82,500 miles and the faint smell of stale cigarette smoke buried deep in the leather seats.

In a six-year stretch, five chancellors have driven the car.

John Guyon bought it new in 1995 and relinquished it to Donald Beggs when he retired one year later.

"That is a big car for a big person," Guyon said.

Jo Ann Argersinger drove it in 1998 until she was fired in 1999. She nicknamed it the "silver bullet."

John Jackson then took the wheel of the beast, which he calls "a big ole boat of a car," for two years while a national search for a chancellor was underway.

Following the sudden firing of Argersinger and the feelings that erupted from this, the next permanent leader needed

to be someone from outside the University community, said Jill Adams, who chaired the chancellor search.

"Today, the man at the wheel of the car, and at the helm of the University, is Walter Wendler, the

son of a janitor and a high school cook from Northport, N.Y.

"This thing is a tank," he says as he opens the door to the car late last month outside his Anthony Hall office en route for the Lesar Law Building.

Wendler drives slowly, never tops 25

mph, and then parks illegally in the visitor's parking lot near the Law School.

"They don't give me tickets," he says as he heads inside to present the chancellor's saber to an Army ROTC Cadet at an annual award ceremony.

Maj. Tom Downey greets him at the door and tells him to take a seat in the front of the room. He directs Wendler to give the guy on stage a thumbs-up if he wants to give a speech following the presentation and a thumbs-down if he does not.

"Thumbs-down," Wendler says, later explaining this was a new award and he didn't know enough about it.

Shortly after, he heads back to his car — the "tank" that wears the legacy of a turbulent SIUC position and the challenges that have consumed its new driver in his first 10 months.

Wendler has made a series of decisions during his short time on campus that have been applauded and condemned but rarely stopped short of controversy. He lowered

the campus speed limit 5 mph after a student died from injuries she sustained when a car struck her bicycle in a crosswalk. Later, he proposed to a reluctant student body an 18 percent tuition increase and was forced to lay off 30 Physical Plant workers to deal with one of the toughest budget years in more than a decade.

Like those before him, he also wrestled with SIUC's tattered image, fueled by what Carbondale Strip.

In April, he floated to the community the idea of an alcohol-free campus, later saying that what could be used around here is "some good ole-fashioned Catholic guilt." He also threatened to pull the University's funding for summer Sunset Concerts at Turley Park if alcohol was allowed.

Wendler hails from Texas A&M where, before venturing to SIUC, he served as vice chancellor for Planning and Systems Integration for the university system. He

was working there when mishap at an annual bonfire party resulted in the death of 12 students.

That experience follows him to SIU. Although the tragedy was not alcohol-related, Wendler said he has a responsibility to the welfare of students.

"If a student gets killed on this campus, they're going to come to me and say 'Why did you let this happen?' he said, being productive in furthering a university's academic mission and therefore he said it serves no place on campus."

Some questioned if he was trying to push his personal beliefs onto the University when in December he initiated a student-led prayer at graduation.

Wendler's response is that good leaders do not detach their decisions from their beliefs.

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Many windshields go to hail in Jackson County during morning storms

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

Leaves littered the ground from Carbondale to Makanda after a hailstorm thundered through Jackson County early Thursday morning.

According to residents in the Makanda area, the storm struck about 6:30 a.m. and started with heavy rain, wind and lightning.

"I didn't know it was coming until I heard the wind and rain," Mark Holt, owner of Holt Tire in Carbondale, said. "Then I heard 'plunk, plunk' when it started coming down — it was unbelievable. In a matter of minutes, the ground was white."

The only damage at Holt's was to a tan Ford F150 truck. There were numerous impressions on the hood and roof left by the golf ball-size hail.

Holt said the hail only lasted three to five minutes.

The National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky., issued a severe thunderstorm warning for Jackson County several minutes before the storm hit Makanda.

Dan Spaeth, a meteorologist with the weather service, said Thursday morning's storms formed behind a cold front that came

through the area overnight.

"As the cold front passed, it lifted the warm, moist air that was in place on the surface up," Spaeth said. "The storms that caused the hail in the Makanda area developed between 2,000 and 3,000 feet off the surface."

Ken Grotts said he was taking his son to church Thursday and saw the sky turn black toward the south while he was in McDonald's in Carbondale.

"When I was driving back [to Makanda], there was hail all along the roads," Grotts said. "[The hail] almost looked like it came from an ice cube tray. It was flat with a little indentation in the center."

The storm caused the most damage on the west side of Illinois Route 51. Jerry Ragan, owner of Makanda Furniture, said the storm woke him up.

"I thought that any minute my skylight was going to break through," Ragan said. "It started about 6:35 a.m. and lasted for about 10 minutes."

Hail is formed in thunderstorms when the up draft, a column of rising air in a storm, reaches a point in the atmosphere where the temperature is below freezing. Rain droplets in the storm freeze and begin to fall until they are sucked back up into the storm and freezing

How Hail Forms

Freezing Level
32° F (0°C)
Strong Updraft



Source: usatoday.com

Updraft lifts water above freezing level. Ice chunks grow until hailstone is heavy enough to fall.



Large Hail: A stronger updraft keeps hail aloft longer, allowing bigger hailstones to form.

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temperatures, where a new layer of ice is added.

As the process continues, the hail stones become larger. The more powerful the up draft, the larger the hail becomes, until it is too heavy to remain aloft and plummets to the ground.

When hail falls, it reaches a velocity of about 100 mph.

Most hail melts before it hits the ground, but in some cases, it can become as large as softballs and cause injuries and significant property damage.

Thursday morning's storm was the only severe weather that affected the area from the storms that were expected Wednesday. Spaeth


said a cap, a layer of warm air above the surface, was too strong for storms to develop over Southern Illinois.

"The cap comes off of the higher terrain out west," Spaeth said. "As it moves east, it doesn't sink and ends up about 2,000 feet off the surface by the time it gets here."

But he said the potential for severe weather is still in the forecast.

"Starting Sunday night, we could run the whole gamut of severe weather," Spaeth said. "It's hard to tell now, but by Saturday, we should have a better handle on the forecast."

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Two die in fall at University of Kentucky

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Two men died early Thursday after they fell out a third-story window at a University of Kentucky dormitory while wrestling a school spokesman said. Jeffrey Pletzer, a 19-year-old University of Kentucky freshman from Villa Hills, Ky, was pronounced dead at the scene. Matthew Rzepka, 22, of Bowling Green, Ky, who was visiting his brother at the 23-story Kinwan Tower, died later at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

The two males were apparently wrestling in an open area of the third floor of the dormitory, spokeswoman Mary Margaret Collier said. "They smacked against a plate glass window, the window gave out and the two fell three stories to the ground."

She said she didn't know whether alcohol played a factor in the accident, which happened around 2:30 a.m. The window was a sealed, double-pane window, roughly 3 feet wide and 8 feet tall. Both of the men died of blunt force trauma to the head, according to coroner's reports. Rzepka had been a student at Western Kentucky University until the summer of 2001.

Vice principal on leave after thong check reports

POWAY, Calif. — A school official was placed on leave Wednesday amid accusations that she lifted girls' skirts in front of male students and adults — to make sure they weren't wearing thong underwear at a dance. Rita Wilson, assistant principal at Rancho Bernardo High School since 1997, was told Wednesday afternoon that she had been placed on administrative leave while officials complete an investigation, school district officials said. Students complained that they were told to line up outside the high

school gym before entering Friday's dance so Wilson could check girls' underwear.

Those wearing thongs were turned away. Students said the vice principal and a female counselor checked underwear in front of male students, teachers and two police officers outside the school. Wilson could not be reached for comment Wednesday. School officials continued to interview students and staff to determine what happened at the casual MORP dance, prom spelled backward. About 725 students attended in costume.

Army's \$11 billion Crusader on chopping block

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday he intends to cancel an \$11 billion weapon program that Army leaders say is vital to maintaining its war-fighting edge over the coming decade.

Rumsfeld also said his office is looking into reports that the Army's office of legislative affairs had sought to fight the planned cancellation by preparing "talking points" on lobbying members of Congress to save the Crusader, an artillery system that critics call a relic of the Cold War.

Rumsfeld said he was informed Wednesday that Army Secretary Thomas White had been told by Rumsfeld aides that he should produce a study within 30 days on ways to accelerate other Army capabilities, and that the study should assume that Crusader was canceled. When the study results are made available, a final decision on Crusader's fate will be made, he said. The Crusader is being developed by United Defense Industries Inc, a defense contractor controlled by the Carlyle Group, an investment firm led by Frank C. Carucci, a former secretary of defense.

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Arafat free; more shots in Church of Nativity

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Blowing kisses to children and flashing V-for-victory signs, Yasser Arafat toured his battle-scarred West Bank capital on Thursday, vacated only hours earlier by Israeli troops and tanks.

Even as the siege of Arafat's headquarters ended, the standoff at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, one of Christianity's holiest shrines, appeared to harden. During a 12-hour span, two shootouts and a fire broke out in the compound, though not in the 4th-century basilica itself, triggering angry accusations and counter-charges by Israel and the Palestinians.

Annan calls off U.N. fact-finding mission to Jenin

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan abandoned efforts Wednesday to send a fact-finding mission to the Jenin refugee camp after Israel first gave a green light but later said mission members were biased. In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, he said the team would be disbanded on Thursday. Annan initially appointed the three-member team of factfinders April 19 with the assurance of Israeli cooperation, but then ran into Israeli objections over the group's composition and mandate.

Annan said he regrets not being able to provide info-

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ration on the Israeli attack requested by the council, "and especially that the long shadow cast by recent events in the Jenin refugee camp will remain in the absence of such a fact-finding exercise."

U.S. troops mass at Afghan-Pakistani border

Several hundred U.S. troops, backed by Apache attack helicopters, are being deployed to the Afghan-Pakistani border to root out Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters regrouping there, U.S. officials said Wednesday. Soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division will join British marines already near the Afghan city of Khost, 20 miles from the Pakistani border.

The Army also is deploying AH-64 Apache helicopters to a base nearby. Pentagon officials say they believe hundreds of al-Qaeda fighters and their Taliban allies could be gathering in the area. They said they do not believe Osama bin Laden or his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, both blamed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the USA, are among the al-Qaeda regrouping near Khost.

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Calendar

Study Jam
6 to 10 p.m. Student Center Alumni Lounge
open to all majors - tutors available

Police Blotter

Spanish Table
4 to 6 p.m. Cafe Melange

Japanese Table
6 to 8 p.m. Cafe Melange

German Table
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. BooBoys

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- Kristy L. Holder, 21, and Jennifer B. Gale, 20, both of Murphysboro, were arrested at 1:18 p.m. Wednesday at Rural King, 1702 W. Main St., and charged with felony retail theft. Holder and Gale allegedly conspired to steal \$174.98. Both were taken to Jackson County Jail.
- Louise Al Dixon, 21, was arrested at 12:32 a.m. Thursday at 509 S. Wall St. and charged with aggravated battery; Dixon allegedly hit her boyfriend in the face. When police arrived, Dixon allegedly resisted arrest and kicked a police officer in the leg while he was escorting her to the squad car. Dixon was taken to Jackson County Jail.

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- A computer was stolen between 4 p.m. Monday and 3 p.m. Tuesday from Faner Hall. The loss is estimated at \$1,754. Police have no suspects.

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

Corrections

Thursday's Pulse Briefs were incorrectly reprinted from last week's events. All information from Thursday's printing should be disregarded, and an accurate list of this week's Pulse Briefs can be found on page in today's paper. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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Faculty, students push for Latino Studies in curriculum

Codell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

Bill Werlich remembers the good old days at SIUC when Delyte Morris was president and there were plenty of courses in Latino Studies.

Sure, the department had a small staff, no funding and was located in a small space in what is now Morris Library, but it was something.

"That was a favorite area of Delyte Morris," Werlich said.

Werlich said Latino Studies classes were quite common decades ago. When he joined the History Department in 1968, there was a doctoral program in American History and Latin American History. But as the years passed, the courses began dropping. When Werlich arrived at SIUC, he became the third Latin America historian.

"Now I'm the only one," Werlich said.

And it's not just faculty that have dwindled. Classes offered in Latino Studies at SIUC are down to none. Werlich said that when he asks Latino students if they would like courses concerning people like them, they are thrilled.

"What they're interested in are the Latino populations in the United States now," Werlich said. "They're interested in Latino literature, and we have nothing."

Werlich said the only class offered is a speech communication class that is only available as an independent study and does not appear in the course catalog.

Jennifer Willis-Rivera, an assistant professor in speech communication, teaches the course, which offers a one-on-one opportunity for students to learn about Latino communication.

Werlich said the class is turned into a regular lecture course, it would be a start and possibly pave the way for a Latino Studies minor.

"One of the things we're hoping to do is just to get some courses right away," Werlich said. "It would be nice to get that up as a regular lecture course and then get it into the rotation at a regular level."

Werlich said he and several other students and faculty members, including Carmen Suarez, assistant dean of the Law School, have been pushing for Latino courses for some time. He said they were originally working with then-interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Margaret Winters. Werlich said Winters was very supportive of the idea, but, unfortunately, she left for Wayne State University. However, Werlich said Kyle Perkins, who is temporarily filling the position, is just as supportive.

But while there are many people who support the idea of Latino Studies classes, there will always be those who ask "why?" Werlich, Willis-Rivera and Suarez said they can think of several important reasons why SIUC should have Latino Studies.

Other Schools Have Them

According to Werlich, SIUC is one of the only universities in Illinois that does not have a Latino Studies program. The University of Illinois Chicago has one. Northern Illinois University has one, as does the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Louis DeSipio, interim director of Latina/Latino Studies at UIUC and associate professor of political science, said he cannot understand why any of the universities in Illinois do not have a Latino program.

"I think universities throughout the state of Illinois have a responsibility to teach Latino



Latin American historian and faculty member Bill Werlich thumbs through his book on the exploration of the Amazon River in Peru by former Confederate soldiers. Werlich is one of the faculty members and students pushing for a Latin American Studies program to return to SIUC.

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issues," DeSipio said.

DeSipio said UIUC has offered Latino Studies as a minor for about six years, and he can understand Werlich's quest to catch up to other universities. He said the best advice he could give Werlich is to concentrate on getting the classes.

"Once you have the classes, then you can think about how to organize them," DeSipio said.

Werlich said it is especially important for SIUC to catch up to the other universities in Illinois because it has so many students from Chicago. Werlich said this is important because Chicago is tied with Houston for the fourth largest concentration of Latinos in a major city. With so many of its students coming from Chicago, Werlich said the University should be interested in using Latino Studies as a recruitment tool.

Recruitment & Retention

Werlich said Latinos make up 15 percent of the minority population at SIUC. But he said that while total enrollment has dropped about 13 percent between 1991 and 2000, Latino student populations have risen 25 percent. The Latino population is now 586 students.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said that with the Latino population growing — the 2000 census revealed that Hispanics are now the largest minority in the United States — he can understand why Werlich would like to get Latino Studies classes.

"I think it's a portion of the population in the state of Illinois that's growing rapidly," Wendler said. "I think it makes sense to attend to it."

Proponents of a Latino Studies program consider the recruitment and retention aspect to be particularly important for SIUC, especially with enrollment dropping by 1,566 stu-

dents from fall 2001 to spring 2002. Werlich said this could draw more Latino students to the University and convince the ones already here to stay.

Willis-Rivera said she asked her students about possible classes, and about 15 said they would be interested in taking Latino Studies courses. Suarez has already started compiling a list of students who want to take the courses.

She and Willis-Rivera said that while most of the students interested in taking the courses are Latino or Latina, students of all ethnic backgrounds should be interested in the classes. The main reason they should be interested, according to those who fight for Latino Studies, is education.

Education & Understanding

Delia Suarez, a sophomore in English and secretary of the Hispanic Student Council, is minoring in Black American Studies to cope with the absence of a Latino Studies minor. She said it is especially important to learn about Latino/Latina culture because of the rapidly growing population and the high chance of intermarriage.

"How are people going to relate to us?" Suarez said. "When you step off this campus, you are going to have deal with a Latino sooner or later."

Willis-Rivera said people have a lot of misconceptions about Latino cultures, which could be rectified with a Latino Studies program. She said one misconception is the assumption that Latinos are "foreign" and are often confused with Latin Americans. The difference is that Latinos are people of Latin American heritage who are born and raised in the United States. Latin Americans are those born and raised in Latin American countries.

"[A lot of people] don't think of Latinos when they think American," Willis-Rivera said.

She said another misconception that people have is that Latinos cannot speak English, when in fact, many of the younger generations cannot speak Spanish.

Willis-Rivera said courses in Latino Studies could also help educate people about Latino history. She said many people do not know that about one-fifth of the country used to belong to Mexico and that when the United States annexed territories, a lot of Mexicans became Americans, literally overnight.

"This should be interesting to anyone," Suarez said. "It's about being an educated citizen."

While the dream sounds good, there are obstacles that stand in the way of those who want to see a Latino Studies program become a reality. One major problem is the University's budget problem.

"This is not a good time to ask for resources," Werlich said.

Wendler said that while Latino Studies classes are something he would like to see, the budget cuts could get in the way.

"It makes it more of a challenge," Wendler said.

But despite a few bumps in the road, Suarez said Latino Studies is a program that the University should be seriously looking at because Latinos are becoming such a large part of the United States.

"If you want to understand the tapestry of the United States, you have to understand all its pieces," Suarez said. "To ignore Latino Studies is to ignore a big part of our U.S. development."

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SIU action hero joins TAO forces

Radio intern Grimace leaves smiles behind

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Grimace is not Ronald McDonald's purple, milkshake infatuated friend — he is an action hero.

Like Spiderman, he has a deep rooted love for chemistry and science. He disguises his true identity when he is in public. He has a way with the ladies — when he is in full costume.

But all action heroes cannot keep their identity a secret forever. With only three action sequences left, Grimace, one of two radio interns at WTOA-105.1 radio station's "Rock Hard in the Morning" with Critter and Pinto, will transform back into Dustin Cowan, a senior in radio-television graduating in May.

After fulfilling 16 credit hours and working two jobs, Cowan's alter ego will be left in the sound booth off Route 37 in Marion, perhaps appearing during the radio station's commercials. But Cowan's learning experience will leave a lasting impression on his career.

"When I think of Grimace, I don't think of that stupid McDonald's character anymore," said Cowan, a senior in radio-television from Chatham. "To me, it seems like an action hero ... Grimace."

The birth of Grimace

It is 6 a.m. and Cowan turned the wrong way on Route 37 in Marion, making him late for his debut on Critter and Pinto's "Rock Hard in the Morning."

After finding the small brick building, a receptionist made him wait in the lobby. Fifteen minutes passed when the radio hosts led him into the sound booth to introduce their new intern.

Curious to see the phone lines light up, Cowan realized Pinto had read an e-mail he sent to the hosts about what he would and would not do during his internship. Cowan immediately started to answer calls, and his radio personality came to life.

But Critter said Pinto and himself made his name, and Cowan's appearance speaks for itself.

"The first day was nerve-racking," Cowan said. "It was fun, but I knew I was in for a really weird experience."

Cowan's personality, started to form through the scapgoat antics Pinto and Critter made Grimace do in public and on the air. Cowan's initial fear of talking to a couple thousand listeners was immediately broken when Pinto's "fake rage" kicked in at 6 a.m.

"Whenever he makes us mad, we will turn on the mics and tell him to do something," Pinto said.

Critter and Pinto often make Cowan call random people, including 7-Eleven gas station attendants and comedian Jerry Lewis.

When Lewis answered his phone, Pinto said he was jealous Cowan was the one who woke him up. A short lived five minute conversation, ended with an upset Lewis. Cowan was not discouraged and received a second chance for a hard-hitting interview with one of John Wayne Bobbitt's ex-wives during the solo morning show Grimace co-hosted with fellow intern, Swallow.

"It was a complete train wreck," Cowan said.

The torturous antics continued for Grimace as he ventured out into the community for on-site contests and stunts. Cowan was watching listeners throw walnuts through the mouth of a Britney Spears cardboard cutout and made contestants drink a glass of toilet water after Cowan rinsed his boxers in it.

But Cowan's parallel lives clashed when his girlfriend, Liz, broke up with him on the air during their two year anniversary.

"It was a bad day — that happened, my car broke down on the highway," Cowan said. "But, people like my cousin and a mechanic heard it on the air and stopped by to help me."

Even though his weaknesses, such as his disgust for feet were revealed to his listeners,



Kunawaaay! Dustin Cowan, otherwise known as Grimace, avoids being touched by the foot of morning personality Pinto during WTOA's "Rock Hard in the Morning" show on Wednesday. Besides working on the radio, Cowan holds jobs at Staples in Carbondale and the University Bookstore.

Cowan said the whole internship has made him more acceptable of new situations.

"You see Critter is kind of like me, always laid back, but Pinto is pretty hyper and I am not like that," he said. "But Pinto has made me more tolerable for other people."

The experience that had the most impact for Grimace was when listeners would recognize his voice at places like Wal-Mart or when he is doing contests for the morning show.

"People will come up and say, 'Oh I heard that, about the Liz break-up, and ask, 'Are you guys back together,'" Cowan said. "They will remember it like weeks after it was aired — that's really neat when it happens."

The Man behind the Grimace

Chemistry was Grimace's first love. After transferring from Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Cowan had every ambition to pursue his interests in science.

But after taking a film class as an elective, his love of movies and mass communications altered his pursuit of mixing solutions. Making such films as "The Fart Heard Round the World," proved Cowan's ability to produce and act. But he changed his mind once again to the audio aspect of the media after talking with a WIDB DJ who lived in Schneider Hall two years ago.

"It sparked my interest, and I thought it would be a good chance to get on the microphone without the worry of people really listening," Cowan said.

"Captain DUI's Cinema Sunday" initiated Cowan's radio career and prompted the interest of Phyllis Johnson, an associate professor in radio-television. Cowan knew Johnson from previous classes and asked for her assistance in finding a radio internship. Finding Pinto when he was a student, she e-mailed the radio personality noting Cowan's capability for the morning show internship, which hires interns each semester.

"He is very creative and comes up with a sense of comedy in everything he does," Johnson said.

Through several e-mail exchanges between Pinto and Cowan, he landed his third job. Already working for University Bookstore and Staples Office Supply Store, Cowan's day now lasted from 5 a.m. to 2 a.m.

But Cowan's friends, mostly who work at the University Bookstore, make sure he enjoys his free time. University Bookstore manager Chris Croson, who has become friends with his employee, said he does not see how he has time to do all he does. But he still works hard at his job as receiving supervisor at the bookstore.

"He acts like himself, and has good people skills," Croson said. "You can sense that when he is on the air."

The end of the road

Brett Giliam, Cowan's co-worker at Staples, said, Cowan is hesitant to make announcements on the PA system at the local office supply store.

But, Cowan's bosses, Pinto and Critter, have opened the doors for Cowan to speak his

"The first day was nerve-racking. It was fun, but I knew I was in for a really weird experience."

Dustin "Grimace" Cowan
TAO radio intern

mind more freely.

"I am almost completely over my fear of talking in front of people, even though they are not right in front of me," Cowan said.

As Cowan moves into his new home, prepares to graduate May 11 and end all three of his jobs, his alternate identity, Grimace, will not be forgotten. He still has the Budweiser sign marked with the Ronald McDonald's character and the words, "The birth of Grimace was here."

The morning show hosts agree Grimace has risen above and shown the right charisma to succeed in the radio industry. But Pinto gives the intern advice for his future in the business.

"We wish Grimace the best of luck in his radio career, but if he gets a job in radio in the same town as us, we hope he fails miserably," Pinto said.

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Upsetting Jerry Lewis in a phone conversation and making contestants drink toilet water after rinsing his boxers in it are just a couple of the antics Cowan has done in his time at WTOA. He joins Critter, Pinto, and Swallow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on "Rock Hard in the Morning."

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Catholic Student Center offers free breakfast

To help nourish students cramming for finals, the Newman Catholic Student Center, 715 S. Washington St., is offering a free breakfast from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sunday.

J.C. Bagels will also be at the event to offer free bagels. Tutors will be available, and a special "Blessing of the Brains" mass will take place before the event at 9 p.m.

For more information, contact the Newman Catholic Student Center at 529-3311.

Administration of justice offers career fair

Anyone seeking a job in administration of justice can attend the Administration of Justice Career Fair from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, May 18 in the Student Center Ballrooms.

Representatives from more than 40 agencies will be at the event. Organizers say the agencies are interested in students with education in administration of justice as well as other areas. They are also interested in those who are bilingual, have strong communication skills, research skills and experience in laboratory work.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Michael Harbin at 453-2276.

CARBONDALE

Will Rogers tribute show comes to Carbondale

Lance Brown will present a one-man show, "Tribute to Will Rogers," at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Carbondale Public Library, 405 W. Main St.

The event, free and open to the public, will include accounts of Rogers' life, along with a few rope tricks and guitar music. Brown's performance is endorsed by Rogers' son, Will Rogers Jr.

Refreshments and a chance to meet the performer will follow the show. For more information, call 457-0354.

Gallery HQ plays host to art show

Gallery HQ, 211 W. Main St., will host a thesis exhibition from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday night. Dimitris Skinis, a graduate student in photography, will display his thesis work, "Skins: Pairs '2002." There is no cover charge, and refreshments will be served.

Insurance scam attempted last week

A Carbondale woman was the victim of an attempted insurance scam last week under the guise the insurance was being offered by a local business group.

The woman received a call from an unknown female pretending to be from Southern Illinois Healthcare inquiring about health insurance coverage. The unknown female offered to set up an appointment with a "state employee" who would come to the Carbondale resident's home.

The resident set up an appointment for later in the evening and called SIH Senior Advantage, which told her it was unaware of phone solicitations for insurance.

When the "state employee," a male, arrived at the resident's home that evening, she informed him she was not interested in meeting with him. The male did not have any identification and questioned why she made the appointment in the first place.

The resident told the "state employee" she did not believe who he said he was and that she talked to SIH and they knew nothing about any insurance.

No attempt was made to persuade the resident otherwise. The male left her home driving a newer model Sport Utility Vehicle with Texas license plates. SIH is not involved in the selling of insurance through phone solicitations, police said.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Don Priddy said this is the first scam he can remember involving insurance, but there are a lot of different kinds of scams out there.

He said because a lot of insurance companies do try to solicit via the phone, it is important to cover your bases by getting some background on the company.

"Try to check out the insurance company. Get a number where you can call them back, and if you set up an appointment, plan to meet at their office," Priddy said.

Anyone who has encountered a similar situation or has information on this incident is encouraged to call Sgt. Priddy at 451-3200 ext. 435.

Artists and bands flock to Makanda for weekend festival

Small town turns into an art venue

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

Ecuadorian performers, eclectic artists and local musicians will invade Makanda this weekend as part of Makanda Fest 2002. The 14th annual festival draws a large assortment of people from Southern Illinois for two days of culture and small-town fun.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

own candle making shop, art galleries and a couple of hand crafted jewelry stores.

McIntown Makanda revolves around its historic boardwalk, where visitors can stroll in and out of the open storefronts. It's a relaxing place that surrenders its serene image to the musicians and attendees each year for the festival.

Behind Rainmaker Art Studio, located on the boardwalk, is a beautiful garden that has been meticulously crafted with stone walls, ponds and a miniature castle tower. Several local bands are scheduled to play in the garden during the length of the festival.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Makanda? Isn't that where I got stoned and fell off a cliff?

"The music is what brings some people here, but we are hoping everyone comes to check out the art and handmade goods," said Anita Hayden, coordinator of the festival.

Known as the northern pass through the Shawnee Hills, Makanda serves as a refuge for a number of local artisans and craftsmen. The town is complete with its

On Saturday the New Jazz Quartet will perform from noon to 5 p.m. followed by Big Muff, an alternative rock group, from 6 p.m. to midnight. And on Sunday the George Macintosh Band will jam bluegrass tunes in the garden from noon to 5 p.m.

Makanda became a product of the railroad boom in the 1850s. Residents of the quaint town took advantage of the quick route the newly constructed

Illinois Central Railroad provided between Makanda and Chicago. Families harvested flowers and vegetables for the Chicago market, and soon the town became a transportation center for shipping green beans,



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Dave Dardis of Rainmaker Art Studio welds a copper leaf onto an elaborate 12-foot palm tree fountain that will be on display during Makanda Fest 2002. The annual festival gives local artists like Dardis a chance for people to see their work without having to leave rural Makanda.

peppers and poonies.

"Makanda is a child of Illinois Central," said Marion Mitchell, a Southern Illinois native who will tell stories about small towns and their characters at the festival at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Drury Creek. "The Illinois Central Railroad was laid out, and they had to have places along the way for water and fuel, and I'm not sure Makanda was a water and fuel stop, but it was a thriving community."

"It was the garden for Chicago for many years."

Mitchell will share stories about Boomer, the Makanda hound dog, and tell tales about the frontier days in Southern Illinois. His performance is one of four that was added to this

year's festival at the performance stage located along Drury Creek.

At 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, the Andes Cosmos, quichua-speaking Ecuadorians from Los Angeles, will perform music from the Inca culture. The group will also open each day at the pavilion downtown.

Bob Streit will take the stage at 3 p.m. on both days for "Hollerin' Down the Holler," a show that combines comedy and old folk songs to address issues of memory, legacy, mourning and recovery.

The festival offers several outlets for children, including various demonstrations in spinning, chair-making, stoneage tools and more. There will also be an African-

American folk art exhibit that will feature African baskets, quilts and herbs.

Mitchell said Makanda served a specific economic purpose before the days of telephones and highways, and the townspeople strive to maintain its old-fashioned roots.

"It's a surviving art colony now; the only businesses that have survived there are the arts," Mitchell said. "People who work there are aware of the history, charm and allure and are willing to sacrifice what most people consider the modern conveniences of life to enjoy the ambiance of the place."

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International Student Council elects new president

First female in council's history won top post

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

The International Student Council finally has a new president after its second presidential election in two weeks.

Anna Velitchkova, a graduate student in foreign languages and literatures from Bulgaria, was elected president, marking the first time in the council's history that a female won the top post. Velitchkova defeated two other candidates, Vinod Kaly and Laval Tshibanda. It was also the first time that the organization had an all female top staff, as graduate student

Munima Haque, of Bangladesh, was elected vice president for Financial Affairs, and Diana Camargo, a senior from Colombia, as vice president for Internal Affairs.

The original election for council president was postponed on April 17 after none of the presidential candidates received a majority vote.

Before Wednesday's election began, several issues were once again discussed concerning guidelines and rules of the council. Kaly, president of the Indian Student Council, was not eligible to run for the presidency because failure to meet the grade point average requirements. Since the council made exceptions in the previous election to not follow the guidelines he was granted the opportunity to campaign by a majority vote.

Many questions were raised to the candidates about what they could contribute to the

organization, and they each had great approaches, but at the end the lone woman shined.

Velitchkova addressed that many people did not think a woman could run the organization, but her strong argument in the final minutes of the election gained the support of the 14 voters on the council.

"I was fighting against all the prejudice, and against them telling me what I can't do," said Velitchkova. "I want to prove to the council that, although I am a woman, I can perfectly do whatever is required of the president of ISC."

John Li, election commissioner for the council, said whether a man or woman runs the organization makes no difference, and all committee members should be given a fair chance to prove their leadership capabilities to the council.

"I believe that the new people of this council will bring many new ideas, and I encourage that," he said.

With the election aside, ISC will continue to focus its efforts on the proposed tuition increase for the fall. Argus Tong, a senior in foreign language and trade and current president of the council, has made a petition for students to sign in order to combat the proposed 18 percent increase.

The council's next meeting is may 9 in Ballroom B of the Student Center at 9 a.m. to discuss their satisfaction with the proposal. All students are encouraged to attend and state their opinions on the issue.

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OUR WORD

BOT should have avoided this one

The Open Meetings Act does not allow for a lot of leeway. This is the \$30,000 lesson the University learned last week after five current and former SIU Board of Trustee members were ordered to pay the attorney of Jo Ann Argersinger for violating the act on two occasions relating to the former chancellor's termination.

On June 5, 1999, the board fired Argersinger, igniting protests and legal action levied at BOT members. Argersinger believes the fateful firing was really made during a closed meeting on May 26, rather than in an open meeting as required by the Open Meetings Act.

While it still is not clear if this is the case, the defendants did admit that a notice was not filed correctly in the board's office and that the meeting was incorrectly identified as an Executive Committee Meeting. This would mean that only three BOT members, those in the executive committee, would be in attendance. Instead, all five members attended the closed meeting.

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, trustees are allowed to close a BOT meeting for discussion of employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of a public body. However, notice of the meeting must be given two days in advance during an open meeting.

Besides the financial slap, Jackson County Circuit Judge David Wait ordered that the board and its executive committee adopt a proper agenda for notices and closures.

Surely the longtime board members already know the proper agenda and filing procedures. In making such a controversial decision in firing the chancellor, board members should have been doing every "i" and crossing every "t."

This is easily the most controversial decision the board has made in recent years and it's disturbing to find out they couldn't cover all their bases.

The admittance of guilt in this smaller form of misconduct could lead to the perception that the board is responsible for greater wrongdoing, and further implicate the BOT in the eyes of the public as Argersinger's final lawsuit against the board unfolds. She is suing the board in federal court in an attempt to be reinstated as the SIUC chancellor, and is seeking \$1 million in damages. The trial is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 5.

The current \$30,000 settlement will come out of SIU President James Walker's risk management fund, and not from the Carbondale campus. However, any amount used to pay for this easily avoided and embarrassing incident is a hard bite to swallow, especially when people are losing their jobs because of this budgetary chokehold.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Kids need the basics in education

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Someone who has spent most of his professional life evaluating elementary and secondary schools should be overjoyed about the new Federal education law. However, given a few weeks to think about the "No Child Left Behind" initiative, it seems wise to be concerned about what the national legislation lacks.

Yes, the law focuses on school accountability, higher standards for students and some of the very measurements educational evaluators advocate from coast to coast. But measurement alone will not bridge the learning gap that exists between children from homes of various socio-economic levels. Mandating standards and tests in and of itself cannot erase the fact that children from homes where parents have little education and minimal resources have many strikes against them. Some of the evidence:

- The "digital divide" gets larger each day. Children in homes with computers have huge advantages over those without such technology.

- While neurologists have proven that high-protein diets are necessary for brain growth and development of young children, the economically disadvantaged continue to be plagued with high carbohydrate diets, even in "Head-Start" and public school food service programs.

- More time on task helps advance learning, but the few efforts to increase the school year have mainly focused on poorly structured remedial summer programs.

A recent report from the Education Trust makes questionable claims that accountability measures alone can improve learning. The organization's slip-shod research dumps results from programs for gifted and talented students and magnet schools in: 20 unscientifically selected cohort groups. The study also includes schools with single year incidences of high scores, which researchers label an "anomaly." Well-meaning political leaders on both sides of the aisle, from President George W. Bush to Senator Edward M. Kennedy, supported the legislation. The fact these men are both products of privilege may have something to do with their lack of understanding of the needs of children in poverty.

The "No Child Left Behind" legislation regrettably suffers from many pitfalls. It is important to consider a basic flaw in the thinking leaders in D.C. That flaw: assumes all children can learn at the same level and in the same amount of time. The problem with such an unsubstantiated belief is that it may be used to deny sufficient financial support for those who come to school with environmental disadvantages. Certainly,

all children can learn, at some level. However, empirical research does not support the assumption that all children can learn the same curriculum, in the same amount of time, and at the same level. Not all children have high-quality nutrition, stimulating homes, and extensive learning opportunities prior to entering school.

Research in cognitive brain development shows that environment matters greatly in brain development. The period of early childhood is critical; and those who have high-protein diets and lots of sensory stimulation tend to have more synaptic connections. Brains that do not receive enough protein and stimulation lose connections, and some potential neural pathways shut down. This research clearly concludes that children who are disadvantaged have difficulty with cognitive development, acquiring adequate vocabulary and learning the sounds required for learning to read. These facts help to explain what educators have long observed: children from impoverished environments generally achieve at lower levels than children from more enriching environments.

This concrete evidence should be enough to convince us we should concentrate on improving the lives of children before they come to school. We live in a country where 10.5 million children have no health insurance. Most of them live in poverty. The child poverty rate in the United States is the highest among the so-called developed nations. Millions of our children attend "holding tank" child care centers that stifle creativity and hinder appropriate development. It is not enough to simply proclaim that "no child will be left behind" without enacting proper public policy to provide economic opportunity for families, healthcare for all children, and parenting education for young parents.

Intoning a slogan like, "No child left behind," never taught a child to read or compute. We need to do what we know must be done in terms of providing sufficient resources to educate all of our children successfully. The time has come for public policy leaders to abandon catchy slogans like "no child will be left behind," and stress the facts instead of the fallacy that have hurt so many of our children, parents, teachers and schools. We as a society must summon the courage to provide all children with basic human needs. Then, perhaps, all children can learn at higher levels and the gap between low-income and more privileged children can really be narrowed.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.”

Michelangelo

WORDS OVERHEARD

“This lawsuit has never been about Dr. Argersinger's employment. It has always been about the people of Southern Illinois' right to know what the Board of Trustees are doing.”

Ronald Osman
Jo Ann Argersinger's attorney

COLUMNISTS

Little Femme on the Prairie

First things first, I'm a sentimental nerd. That is why I have forsaken precious midnight study hours in this crazy pre-finals mayhem to instead soak up the PBS program, "Frontier House." If you're not familiar, allow me to explain.

Three families leave modern life to brave the Montana wilderness for six months, building an 1883 homestead armed with nothing more than calloused hands, nature's riches and the knowledge of a PBS team of historians.

It's a test really. The families will be judged afterward to determine if they would have made the shortlist, joining the 30 percent of pioneer families who did survive the ensuing six months of brutal Western winter.

Their choices will soon seem insignificant as the families wire their brains back to the computer age.

The community-crafted log cabins. The root cellars the youngsters helped dig. The magnificent mountain sunrise. The gardens and the chicken coops. Even the tear jerking memory of the death of Jo-Jo Pünkin, 8-year-old Logan's pet pig, sacrificed for the fall festival.

These modest accomplishments and life lessons will fade into the everyday striking of business deals, earning the master's, shuffling the kids off to soccer practice while they play their video games, and filling up the old family SUV for another round.

After all, the homesteaders didn't accomplish much in the way of material gain or corporate success. They were just surviving. Just getting by. Not knowing the real answers, and sweating out their mistakes. Jumping for joy when the outhouse was finally built. Up at 6 a.m. just to milk the cow, and make sure she doesn't wander over to the neighbors'. They hate that.

However meager this might seem in the modern world — where our cabins are pre-made and our milk's in the fridge where it belongs — this project touched the people involved more than anything ever had.

For the millionaire businessman, the frontier was the only place he truly felt job satisfaction. The children missed the livestock they raised and loved, the scuffles with wild animals and the one-room schoolhouse where they learned guitar and taught one another.

"The 21st century is boring," they would later lament.

Unfortunately, the upcoming graduates don't have a frontier house from which to learn joy in the trivial and pride in the less-than-glorious before navigating the wild world.

Chances are, we won't be satisfied if we don't rope in that dream job, that house on the hill, that modern American dream modeled loosely from pioneers' Lincoln Logs.

But our failed expectations don't really matter so much; I guess it's the attitude that counts. And those big victories like the first cool mil in our savings account — or that niche of suburbia we will call our own — won't be our biggest accomplishment.

It'll be the little things. The things we worked



The Femme Factor

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hard on, even when we were the only ones there to see the results. The relationships we built, and the ones we ended. Morning coffee and that pink Southern Illinois sunset. The way we shared in our community, and the way we retreated in our families and friends. The times we had to let our own little pig go, biting hard on the bitersweet meat of life and death.

Most likely, the most meaningful incidents will happen by accident. On the highway to our goals, they'll be the sidetrips.

The Femme Factor has been one of those sidetrips for me. I didn't think anybody would really care, or that I would. It was just something I was doing. Add it to the laundry list of everything else I do. Nothing special. Nothing that's going to get me an award, further my career, raise my GPA or my salary.

But here I poured my heart anyway, and worked through my insecurities. And, amazingly, people wrote their hearts back to me, and stored their own struggles.

Here I laid out my biggest pet peeves and my tiniest pleasures. And, amazingly, e-mails with grander pleasures and littler pet peeves crept unsuspectingly into my inbox.

Women of all kinds, colors, ages and aspirations shared in my sentiments, and helped me grow in theirs. A few brave men would courageously

flout their sensitive, cultural empathy. These incredible beings assured me that real gender equality is a real possibility.

When I walk the graduation plank in August, plunging into a murky future, I'll be thinking that it doesn't matter whether I end up a plain housewife mixing molasses or a powered-up publishing magne. Neither of those are necessarily recipes for the good life. Those things aren't necessarily what will determine my worth as a woman.

So I just have to survive happily, and be proud of the gardens I do raise — even when they're small.

I have to learn to veer off the 80 miles-per-hour interstate every now and then, and walk that dirt path back to the homestead. These contemplative strolls are not insignificant as they seem. If you follow, they always seem to wind toward a loftier view.

The Femme Factor appears every other Friday. Marleen is a senior in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



An in-depth look at encroachment and the party image that SIU can't seem to shake



The Way I See It

BY MATT BRENNAN
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Student activist Rob Taylor ate a burrito on the Strip at 2:15 on a Sunday morning last month. Moments later, the police cuffed him and brought him down to the station. The Daily Egyptian reported that a Carbondale police officer approached and arrested Taylor for blocking pedestrian traffic under the encroachment ordinance, which allows the police to force citizens to keep moving while on the Strip.

It seemed a little peculiar that he was hauled on an early Sunday morning for blocking pedestrians. Here is a series of FICTIONAL interviews with a restaurant owner, a bar owner and a police officer about the Sunday attendance on the Strip and Carbondale's controversial encroachment ordinance.

The purpose of these interviews is to draw attention to encroachment and our never-ending quest to put a halo on the head of SIUC. First, the restaurant owner:

"How much business do you get on a typical Sunday night?"

"I'd say we make between \$50 and \$1,000 on a Sunday," the restaurant owner said.

What is your opinion of the encroachment ordinance?"

"Until I bought this establishment in Carbondale, I thought that encroachment was just a football term. Now I realized that it means that the police have the right to chase your patrons away."

Was Rob Taylor eating your food when he was arrested?"

"No, but I hate to see anyone arrested on the Strip, especially for eating. It's bad for business."

The bar owner attested to similar business patterns on a Sunday evening.

"We sold more beer last Sunday night than we have the last three St. Patrick's Days combined," he said.

Could I get your opinion on the encroachment ordinance?"

"I think it's totally uncalled for, and it's bad for business. What student is going to want to drink in our establishment if he or she cannot wait for a friend or socialize in pub-

lic afterwards without being hassled by the police?"

Last, I talked to a police officer. He attested to the high arrest rate on Sunday nights and why the police enforce this encroachment law.

What day of the week are the most students on the Strip?"

"Oh, by far Sunday. Those students run around like heathens."

Sundays are worse than Friday and Saturday?"

"By far, no comparison."

Why have you guys been enforcing encroachment so tightly, especially with cases like Rob Taylor's?"

"Well, the Strip businesses came to us after Halloween and said that we needed to do more to protect them. So, we figured we'd just arrest anyone out there not moving. The encroachment ordinance was on the books before then, we just didn't enforce it. This gave us the perfect opportunity."

So you just arrest anyone on the Strip not moving their feet? "Yep. Fewer people, fewer problems."

Have you considered dropping this ordinance?"

"And go back to hanging out at the doughnut snop?"

And to think, with all that Sunday partying, the administration still wonders why we have an image problem. Dry out the campus, raise tuition and comb the Strip for people standing. We have to get to the heart of the image problem somehow. Pretty soon we'll look angelic in someone's eyes. Or fascist.

The Way I See It appears every other Friday. Matt is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Learning a matter of applying what you know

DEAR EDITOR:

Students seem to resist measures that might deny them access to the University as much as efforts to improve learning. The zeds of the debates on tuition and alcohol policies is skewed. The confusion arises by a failure to realize that the coveted "college experience" is a myth. One does not need to be in college or even live in a college town to drink a lot of beer. One can do volunteer work, make new friends, play sports and join clubs without paying tuition.

Instead of chattering about the so-called "college experience," students concerned with their futures need to think hard about the meaning of a college

education. If you are not studying five hours a day, you are not getting a college education. If your studies consist of memorizing material you do not understand and will soon forget, you are not getting a college education.

If you are not studying a foreign language, you are not becoming an educated person. If you cannot do high school math (e.g., solve $x/3 + x/5 = 1$ for x ; find the volume and surface area of a cube; two inches on each edge), you cannot benefit from a college education. If you are being examined with multiple choice tests, you are not attending an institution of higher learning.

If your adviser suggests courses to "help your GPA," you are being screwed by the system and yourself. If SIU students want the state to underwrite their efforts to become educated, they must convince the general public they are a viable investment. This

then is the crux of the debate.

Michael Sullivan
associate professor, mathematics

Campus has bigger problems than aesthetics

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to the recent letters regarding the appearance of the campus. I would like to thank the University facilities and grounds staff for the hard work it does on campus despite limited personnel and shrinking funds. Unfortunately, I believe that the campus' appearance is the least of the University's worries. How about making students

actually do some work? The 100-level classes are meant to provide a core for new students to build their remaining education on, but what happens when faculty "teach to the exam"?

Literally giving students questions that will appear on the test and reviewing answers in class only serves to enforce the idea that the class is not important enough to be taken seriously. What does this teach young people about the rest of their college career? It certainly does not prepare them for the responsibilities of higher level courses and expectations of other faculty. If a class is important enough to be on the core curriculum, then it is important enough to be taken seriously, by students AND faculty. And please get over the graduation!

Tina Hastings
senior, anthropology

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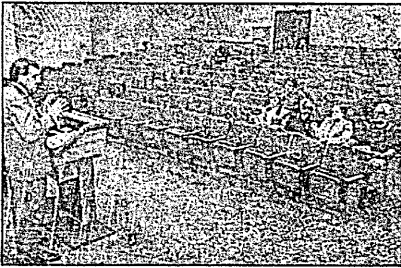
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Wendler planned two forums for students to address their concerns about the proposed 18-percent tuition increase. Three students attended the first; about 100 showed for the second.

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"The organization didn't hire me in spite of who I am. They hired me because of who I am," said Wendler, an evangelical Christian who gave up drinking and smoking years ago. "That doesn't mean everyone has to subscribe to my beliefs."

After 10 months on campus, he characterized SIUC as a place that has not lived up to its potential saying "the faculty, staff and students are better than they think they are, but not as good as they can be."

He wears a "Southern at 150" pin on his coat jacket, signifying his effort to hoist the University to where it should be. Knowing this task could not be completed single-handedly, he created a sizable committee to produce a blueprint that could carry Southern to its destination.

In his office, across from the four cushioned chairs where Wendler conducts meetings and occasionally sips water from an SIU Football glass, is a large print of Anne Coleman. It's part of an advertising campaign for crosswalk safety. He picks this one up from a pile of others.

"That was such a tragedy," Wendler says, mostly to himself. "She was such a beautiful girl."

“The organization didn't hire me in spite of who I am. They hired me because of who I am.”

Walter Wendler
chancellor

Coleman, 26, was struck by a vehicle mid-September as she rode her bicycle through a crosswalk on her way to her student job at the Dental Hygiene Department.

This and a series of less tragic crosswalk collisions that followed prompted Wendler to drop the campus speed limit 5 mph and order a series of signs reminding students to walk their bicycles through crosswalks.

Wendler has also struggled with the Undergraduate Student Government, which loudly rejected his proposal to increase tuition by \$611 in the fall. He appeared before USG twice before the governing body eventually passed a resolution against the plan.

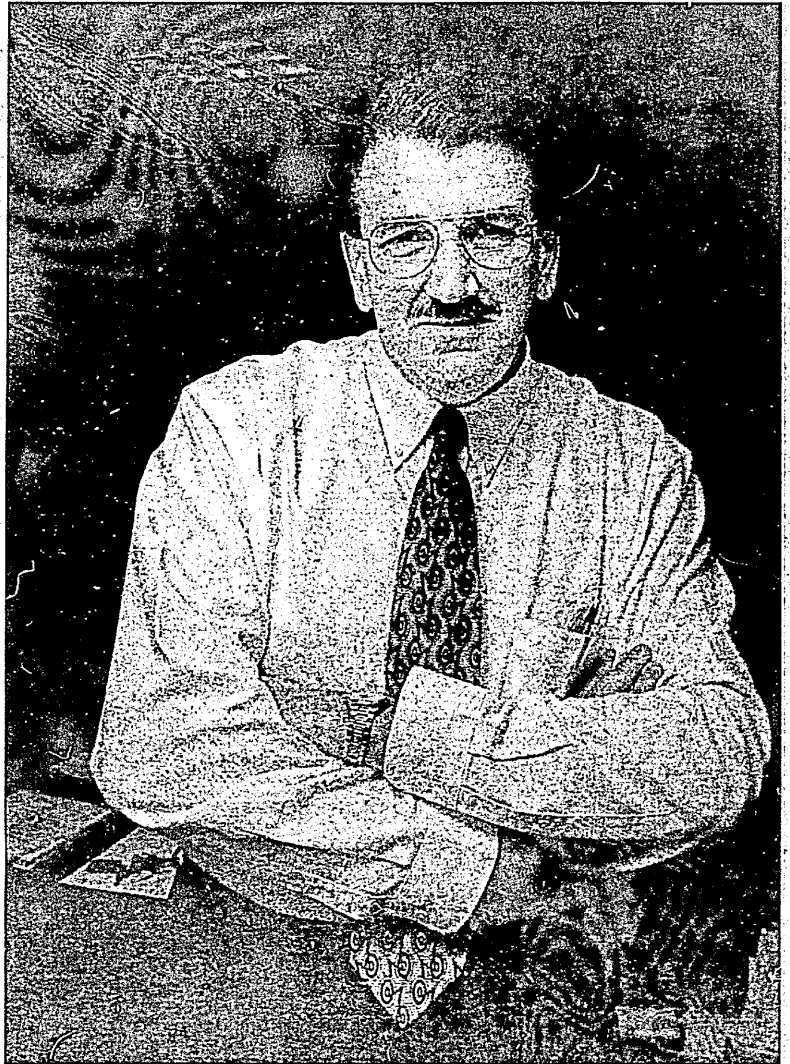
He then conducted a two-day forum to discuss the tuition increase with the student body. Only three students showed up for the first one. The second one drew a much larger and angrier crowd.

Wendler said an increase is necessary for the health of the University.

Wendler works 13-hour days, most of which he spends talking. When you talk that much, you're bound to tell the same stories at least three times. The same issues surface again and again.

"Some people would say I just sit around here talking, but it's part of the job," Wendler said.

His secretary entered the room to remind him it is time to leave for his next destination, the spring award ceremony



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - STEVE JAHNKE

There's a desk from K's Merchandise in Wendler's Anthony Hall office that clashes with the rest of the room's decor. He wants to replace it, but there is not enough money in the budget.

for the Army ROTC.

One day later, the chancellor's week comes to an end at Giant City Lodge for dinner and another spring award ceremony.

His wife, Mary, wore a red jacket that matched his red tie. Their hair is a similar dark brown.

"He asked me out on New Year's and we went out and that was the end of it—the beginning," she clarifies. The year was 1971. Two years later, they were married. They have two children, Walter, 26 and Brad, 22.

"Are you telling how we met?" Wendler said, flashing a large white smile outlined by a dark mustache.

It is almost the end of the week and the question of the night becomes, "Can Wendler put work behind him at home?"

"I'm pretty good about that," Wendler said. "Worrying won't fix a thing."

Mary challenges: "Walter has a rocking chair at home and he sits in it and rocks a mile a minute."

When the fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and iced tea (on this special occasion they had caffeine) was all gone — oh, and the apple pie too — the chancellor in him mouthed across the table "congratulations" to an award winner.

The husband in him leaned over to his wife and whispered, "I ate too much."

On the way out the door about 9:30 p.m., he commented that it was time to get to sleep. He opened her car door before they exited the parking lot in his '94 Oldsmobile.

Wendler said the University would

have bought him a new car, but he opted not to given the budget situation.

"I will be here after the car," said Wendler, who committed to staying on campus at least five years. "I'm going to outlast that car."

His size 14 shoes walked into the position 10 months ago and from the very beginning the challenge of leading the University never came easily.

The New York native walked around the perimeters of campus early in the morning during his first day on campus.

He got lost on his way back to the Stone Center, where he was temporarily living

with President James Walker.

Today, he finds little time for walking. Enrollment dropped 954 students. The University is \$9.5 million short. Factors beyond his control have made his 10-month legacy one of cutbacks rather than growth. The battle to raise tuition is ongoing.

Some look longingly to the days of explosive University expansion when legendary President Delyte Morris was at the helm. David Kenney, a former political

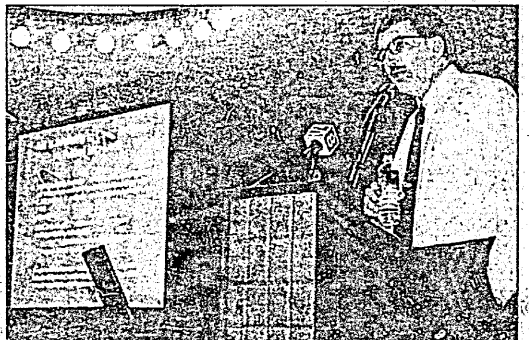
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The Walter Wendler Questionnaire

- Do you agree with an 18 percent tuition increase that would charge an additional \$610 in the fall?
Yes=88 No=5 Undecided=7
- Do you think the campus should be alcohol free?
Yes=27 No=61 Undecided=12
- Do you agree with the administration's decision to lower the campus speed limit by 5 m.p.h. (from 25 m.p.h. to 20 m.p.h.)?
Yes=49 No=34 Undecided=17
- Do you agree with a student led prayer at graduation?
Yes=41 No=21 Undecided=32
- Do you think alcohol should be allowed at Turkey Park during Fanner Sunset Concerts?
Yes=56 No=18 Undecided=26

This was an unscientific survey administered by the Daily Egyptian on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, in the Student Center. The survey took one hundred students opinions into consideration for this information.

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Wendler takes his tuition proposal to the Undergraduate Student Government at the March 27 meeting. USG voted against the plan.

Bill challenges current search & seizure laws

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

Police will be allowed to seize the vehicles of drivers who drive while their licenses have been suspended or revoked if a bill passed Tuesday by the Illinois House of Representatives becomes law.

The bill applies to drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked because of a conviction for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, leaving the scene of a personal injury accident or a conviction for reckless homicide. Illinois law currently allows police to seize the vehicles of individuals who rack up three convictions for these offenses.

Rep. Elizabeth Coulson, R-Glenview, one of the sponsors of the bill, said the bill came about at the urging of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, several sheriffs and chiefs of police. But, Coulson said, the bill was spurred on by five serious accidents in the Chicago area in less than a week involving drivers with suspended or revoked licenses.

The bill passed 74-22, with 19 representatives voting "present," and was approved unanimously by the Illinois Senate April 4.

The bill will now go to the govern-

nor, who has 90 days to sign or veto it. The governor can also amend the bill with an amendatory veto. The amended bill then must be approved by the General Assembly before it can become law.

Illinois' current law allows for police to seize a person's vehicle only after he or she has been convicted of driving on a suspended driver's license three times.

Coulson said she expects the governor to sign the bill, although there may be some changes.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he voted "present" rather than "no" because, while he supported what the bill is trying to do, he thought it was flawed. He said he hopes the high number of "present" votes will draw the governor's attention to some of the bill's flaws.

"I agree with the idea," Bost said, "but the bill needs adjusting."

Bost agrees that people who drive with a suspended or revoked license should be punished. And if the person is driving his own vehicle, Bost is not against government seizure, but he opposes seizure of a vehicle that is partly or wholly owned by another person.

For example, Bost said, if a car

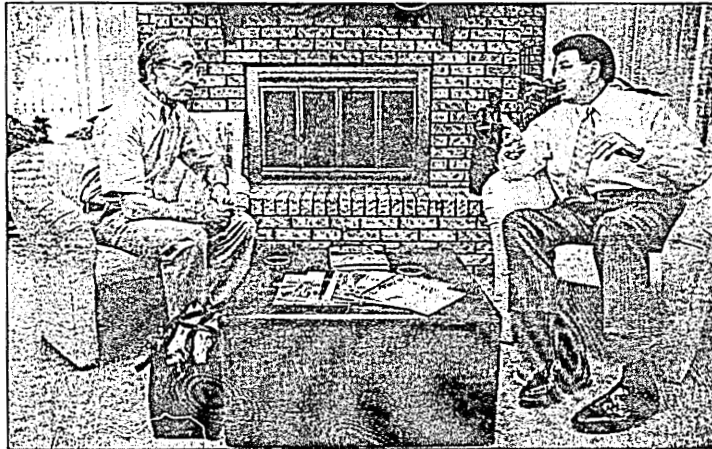
owned by a single mother was taken without her knowledge by her child whose license had been suspended, the car could be seized. The only way the mother could get the car back would be to prove that the forfeiture of the vehicle would cause financial hardship. But, Bost said, she would have to go through a long and expensive legal process to get the vehicle returned.

In the event the vehicle is the only source of transportation for a family and it is shown that financial hardship will result from forfeiture of the vehicle, the title can be transferred to a spouse or family member. Transferring the title may be done only once per vehicle or if the owner of the seized vehicle owns more than one vehicle.

Coulson said that in the circumstance where the mother owned the vehicle, it would be forfeited only if the mother willfully and knowingly gave the keys to the child.

The law enforcement agency that seizes the vehicle gets to keep and use it for its own purposes or sell it and keep the money, Bost said.

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Wendler and former interim chancellor John Jackson share a moment in the temporary chancellor's office in the Northwest Annex in July, 2001, on the day the torch was passed.

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science professor, said the University is just suffering from "a major inferiority complex."

Kenny has watched the University wear many different faces through the years since he began as an undergraduate in 1940. Tuition was \$17.50 per quarter. The University added 24 doctoral departments in seven years. Tuition skyrocketed as students piggy-backed to Southern on the G.I. bill.

"SIU rode the crest of that explosion," said Kenny, who retired in 1993. "Delyte Morris received the credit, and he deserved it, but almost anyone who had been president riding that crest would have been successful."

"Since that time, the University has had what I call undistinguished leadership. I feel that our University has the best leadership now that it has in the past 35 years."

Wendler classified his first 10 months as "OK, but I've made a few mistakes." He watched the men's basketball team on prime time television play in the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1977. In his latest venture, he shares his feelings for the University through regular e-mails with the campus community. This one is about reflecting on the roots of the University.

"I would suggest that one of the deepest roots is our attention to those who attend college as the first in their family. These people forever alter the course of family histories."

It's also about his own roots.

Wendler is a first-generation college student and the first in his family to earn a doctorate degree. His father was a bookkeeper until he lost his job and worked as a janitor for the last 25 years of his life. His mother worked as a high school cafeteria cook and in the canteen at a veteran's hospital. On

New York's north shore, they raised six children, including Wendler's triplet sisters.

He recognizes his humble beginnings. He reflects on his college experience.

"I don't see in my sons the way I saw it in myself," Wendler said. "They expected to go to college, graduate and get a good job. My father wasn't sure if that would happen to me."

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Wendler, former Board of Trustee member William Norwood, and "Superfan" bask in the glory of SIU football's sole victory.

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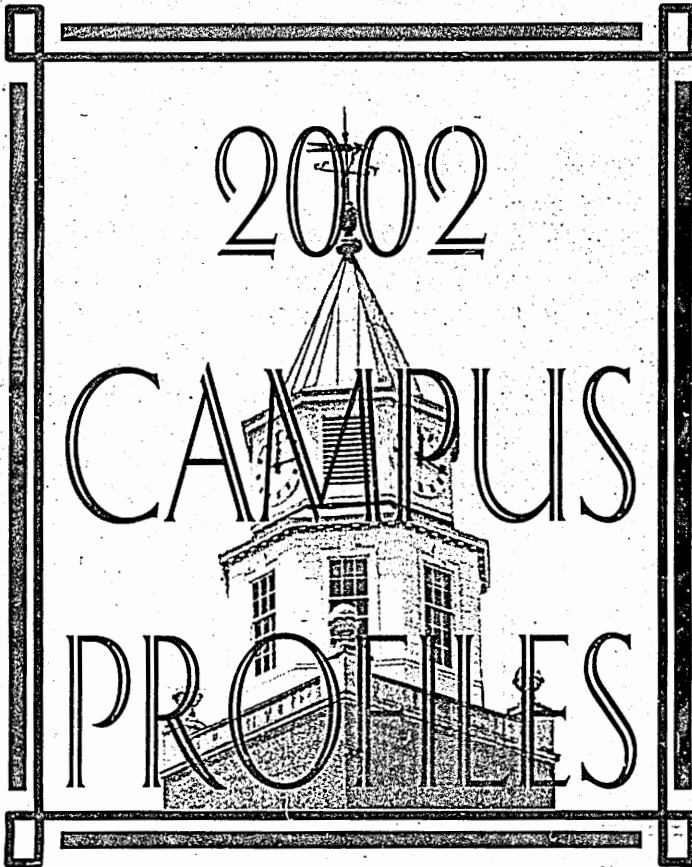
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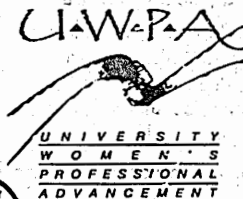
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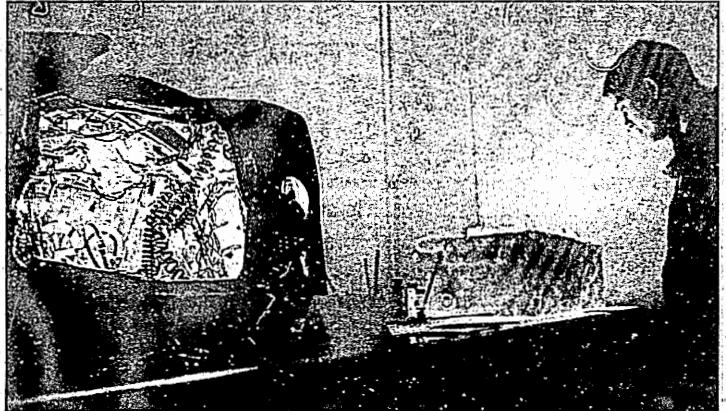
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Jennifer Williams, a freshman in music education from Mattoon, looks at 3D light sources at the School of Art and Design's open house from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Design Barracks Thursday night. "We want to get people over [at the Design Barracks]. No one knows what goes on here," foundations coordinator Carole Loeffler said.

Last USG meeting ends on good note

Senate says no to administrative costs coming from student account

Jane Hub
 Daily Egyptian

A kinder, gentler tone characterized Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting, the last of the school year, which culminated in a standing ovation for outgoing president Michael Perry.

But the lengthy debates that are typical of USG still caused the meeting to last past 11:30 p.m.

An amendment — championed by Perry — to allow Senate seats for presidents of umbrella and priority Registered Student Organizations failed to get ratified.

"I want to make sure these areas have input in student government because I don't think they're represented well enough in the Senate. This is a good step to that direction," Perry said before the meeting.

Senator Jody Dalzell-Roberts said the amendment gives the organizations unequal status among the other RSOs on campus.

Perry informed the Senate about a meeting he and Senator Mary Wallace had with Chancellor Walter

Wendler and Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, earlier that day. The meeting concerned USG's disapproval of \$75,000 being taken out of the student activity funding account next year by the Office of Student Affairs to cover "administrative costs," Perry said. The administrators agreed to reduce the amount to \$50,000, but if the Senate does not accept the deal, the figure will remain at \$75,000.

Perry told the Senate he would discuss accepting the reduced figure with the administrators if the Senate approved Student Affairs' extracting \$50,000 instead of \$75,000 from the account. Perry will meet with the chancellors Monday.

"In my professional opinion, I'm telling this is the best we can do," he said.

The Senate decided not to accept any amount being withdrawn from student activity fees and resolved to continue challenging the chancellor and the Office of Student Affairs on this issue next year.

"[Accepting the reduced amount] in a way, is going against the resolution that we approved," said Senator Erik Wiatt.

Chief-of-staff Philip Florey laid out USG's budget balance of \$34,440 for the next student government administration, which will be headed by the Freedom Party's

Michael Jarard.

Jarard and the next vice-president, Senator Neal Young, were sworn in as the next USG administration after the Senate ratified the election results that gave the Freedom Party candidates a 64-vote victory over the Fusion Party contenders.

"It feels great. I still haven't fulfilled the work that I have to get filled," Jarard said. "I don't think it has hit me yet."

The finalized spring funding allocations for the Windsurfing Club, Southern Illinois Metalsmiths and Agassadors were approved at the meeting, wrapping up the spring allocations process. That brings the total to \$410,000 in spring allocations funding for next fall. RSOs can continue to request more money through the general account, which totals about \$100,000.

Perry thanked the Finance Committee for its management of the allocations process.

"I'm very happy with the funding process ... thank you for making my job easier," Perry said.

Perry said he will enter the Air Force before completing an internship in St. Louis.

"I have done my job. Remember, this is just the tip of the sword," he told the Senate.

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Spoons+Forks=Sporks, the alternative utensil

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MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — To former President Bill Clinton, the spork served as the perfect analogy for his administration: "This is the symbol of my administration, a cross between a spoon and a fork. No more false choice between the left utensil and the right utensil. This is a choice in the middle and a choice for the future."

The spork's synthesis of spoon and fork has blessed school cafeterias across the country, as well as fast-food chains such as sister restaurants Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

According to Cookie Jackson, a supervisor at KFC, 2958 E. Washington Ave., the reason KFC uses the spork is to "cut down on food costs."

It is much more economical to

buy the combined fork-spoon than separate utensils.

"Forks and a case of knives together is probably \$25 where a case of sporks is like \$13," Jackson said.

The spork was patented Aug. 21, 1970, by the Van Brode Milling Co. of Clinton, Mass. However, the spork was first invented in the '40s by the U.S. Army, according to http://www.AboutDishes.com/. After World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur thought Japan's use of chopsticks was uncivilized, but did not want to "arm" them with forks. Therefore, the army invented the spork and enforced its use in the government and schools across Japan.

Despite its somewhat sinister original use, the spork is often used today for purposes other than food consumption, including a slingshot, a comb or an additional projectile in a cafeteria food fight.

"Sporks were used as a weapon in

the cafeteria in my middle school — but I don't know why, because they aren't particularly dangerous," said University of Wisconsin-Madison senior Regina Gullicksrud.

Though the spork appears to be a helpful, multi-purpose utensil, many complain about its lack of actual usefulness.

"You can't stab things because the prongs are too short, but you can't scoop things either because there are too many holes in the end," said UW-Madison junior Anne Lick.

Even the "Slightly Less than Official Spork Homepage" (http://www.spork.org) admits that the spork is "completely inappropriate as an eating utensil."

Despite the debate surrounding the effectiveness of the spork, its versatility and flair keep it quite popular across the country, especially at KFC.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Friends help you accept the things you can't change, and that's a huge blessing. Now, sort out the things that you can change. This will help you achieve your goals.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - An intellectual type is about to drive you nuts by proposing impractical schemes. He or she may have the educational background, but you have the common sense. Speak up.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Do you have travel plans for this weekend? If not, get some! The circumstances preventing you from going should be over and done with by then.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - It's not that you're weaker. Let's just say you're wise to hold back. Review your resources. Make preparations - covertly, not overtly. This talent is your secret weapon.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Feel like you can't do it all by yourself? You can't. Luckily, you don't have to. Let the others carry the load for a while.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Expect even the simple tasks to be a little harder. Be careful in choosing your words and your goals. Take your time and do it right.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - A very attractive person wants to get to know you better, and you feel the same way back - even if you've already known each other for years. Make time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Take a rain check on that night on the town. Stay home and recharge your batteries, instead. You'll need extra energy next week.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Stress isn't always a bad thing. Sometimes it's motivational. You're working too hard. Find a way to work smart.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Everyone wants your attention. Many are willing to pay for it, one way or another. Accept their gratuities. If you haven't earned them yet, you will.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - The party is at your house tonight. There's so much that you and your favorite people have to talk about. Enjoy your edictic assortment of friends.

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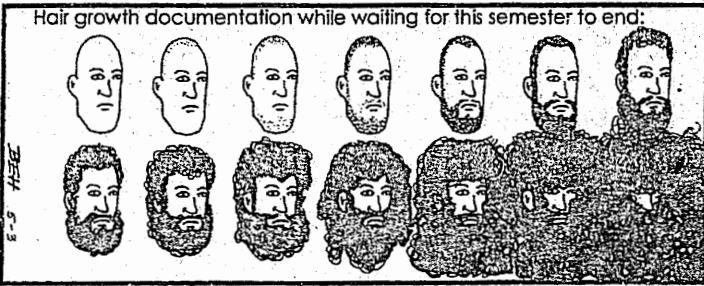
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- 4 A restman
- 10 Matured
- 14 Top-drawer
- 15 Kingdom
- 16 Silent performer
- 17 Jalopy
- 19 Agreement
- 20 Revised
- 21 Light, happy-lune
- 23 Maiden name - indication
- 24 Roman poet
- 26 Hen house male
- 28 Western
- 29 Hemisphere
- 32 Puppy bark
- 33 Quantity of moonshine
- 34 Daring feat
- 36 Daytime dramas
- 39 Particle
- 41 Night sound
- 43 Insect pest
- 44 Story of a fat
- 46 Two of a kind
- 48 Thirsty
- 49 Former

DOWN

- 1 Unlaminated
- 2 Install, as software
- 3 Not for
- 4 OTB customer
- 5 Foretells
- 6 Permit to
- 7 James ... Jones
- 8 British FIM
- 9 Put to use
- 10 Stereo part, for short
- 11 Large black-and-white mammal
- 12 Show host
- 13 Discourage
- 18 Jeans
- 22 Lower digits
- 25 Intimidate
- 27 Flood along
- 28 Not quite closed
- 29 Speechless
- 30 Self-absorbed
- 31 The ... of Kilimanjaro
- 35 Test
- 37 Play role
- 38 Eye sore
- 40 Long skirt
- 42 Whole enchilada
- 45 Animal hide
- 47 Lazy follower?
- 50 Error
- 52 Squaeled
- 53 Ballot caster
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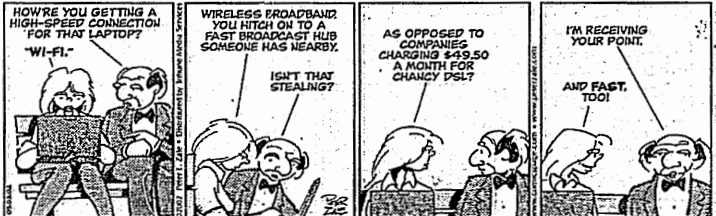
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Mavericks stir memories of the old ABA

Charles Polansky
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PORT WORTH (KRT) — With his wild hair and wilder shots, Steve Nash could've played in the American Basketball Association. Wild shots and wilder hair — that was the fun-and-gun ABA in a nutshell. There are some that would argue that's also this season's Mavericks in a nutshell.

The ABA, the "other" professional basketball league, went head-to-head with the NBA for nine seasons beginning in 1967 and left its mark in a relatively short period of time. Ultimately, the ABA gave the NBA four new teams (Denver, Indiana, New Jersey and San Antonio), the 3-point shot and flair from players such as Dr. J (Julius Erving) and the Iceman (George Gervin).

The ABA, which played its games with a funky red-white-and-blue ball, was high on style, high-scoring and fast-paced, not at all unlike the way the Mavs like to play. After all, isn't the 3-point shot one of Dallas' favorite toys?

"They're playing that ABA flavor where they push it up and shoot a lot of 3s," said Gervin, a Hall of Famer who played with the Spurs in both the ABA and the NBA. "They're running and gunning, playing that ABA style. That's fun basketball, and I really feel that's the history of the ABA, up-tempo basketball."

Nash, who was born in Canada, doesn't know much about the renegade ABA. In fact, four players on Dallas' 12-man playoff roster weren't even born when the ABA folded in 1976.

"I was too young to know much about it," said Nash, who was 2 when the league folded, "so I really can't say how we compare to those teams."

With their high-scoring ways, the Mavs are trying to buck a near-15-year trend of winning with defense in the

playoffs, a style made popular by the sluggish Detroit Pistons, who won back-to-back NBA titles in 1989 and 1990. At the February trade deadline, the Mavs added two scorers — Nick Van Exel and Raef LaFrentz — to an already-potent bunch and won a franchise-best 57 games during the regular season. Then, the Mavs swept Minnesota in the first round of the playoffs, cracking the 100-point plateau in all three games and averaging almost 113 points per game.

"It reminds me of the old ABA because it's wide-open, fast-paced and up-and-down," said NBC's Bob Costas, who once was the play-by-play voice of the Spirits of St. Louis ABA team. "But although the 3-pointer was an ABA creation, these modern guys shoot the 3 much more accurately than ABA teams did, including 7-foot guys that hit them with ease."

In the second round, Dallas faces Sacramento, which had the NBA's best record in the regular season. Dallas led the NBA in scoring this season with 105.2 points per game, and the Kings were second at 104.6. Basketball fans disillusioned by what the NBA has become in the past 10 to 15 years — a slow-down, physical, isolation game — likely will watch this series with intrigue.

"The Mavs are what basketball is all about to me," Hall of Fame player turned NBC analyst Bill Walton said. "They play relentlessly on defense and on offense. They pass the ball, and they have five guys that can score. They've got a Hall of Fame coach and a visionary owner who is determined to bring success to his town, his city."

They've quickly left the Heat-Knicks theory of winning the game on the final possession in the dust.

A Mavs-Kings series begs the question: Would the NBA consider rolling out the red-white-and-blue ball for

Saturday's opening tip?

"The rules have changed, and it's the best thing that ever happened to the league," Mavs coach Don Nelson said. "It got the isolation game out of there and let us play basketball. We have a better game. It's more fun to play and it's more fun to watch. The scores are higher. You can't control the game like you used to. It's encouraged ball movement, shooting, cutting and all of the things that are good for basketball."

"I sure think (it's good for the fans). I'm the biggest fan of the NBA in the whole world. There's nobody that enjoys pro basketball more than I, and I will have to admit during those isolation years, the game was boring for me. It's a breath of fresh air to watch teams play now and do the things we're doing."

The ABA in the Metroplex isn't a new concept. Once upon a time, there was an ABA team in Dallas called the Chaparrals. After an unsuccessful six-season run, which included renaming themselves the Texas Chaparrals and playing several "home" games per season in Fort Worth and Lubbock, the team moved to San Antonio and became the Spurs.

Though there won't be a "Bad News" or "Goo" running around the Arco Arena court on Saturday — just guys named Dirk, Michael, Peja, Vlade and Chris — there will be an ABA flavor, as Gervin put it, in this series.

"That's our style, and it's Sacramento's style," said Mavs assistant coach Rolando Blackman, a member of Pat Riley's Knicks team that reached the NBA Finals in 1994 playing a tight, slowdown, defense-first game. "Ultimately, it turns out great for the fans. They'll come out and watch a team go up and down the court, see shooters shoot the ball and take it to the basket. From a fan's perspective, it should be a lot of fun for them to see."

Minimum travel rule angers UCLA tennis

Greg Schain
Daily Bruin
(U. California-Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) — The NCAA Regionals, which are the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament, used to be a mere formality for the perennial dominant UCLA men's tennis team.

Every year around this time, teams with less talent and even less hope would come into the Los Angeles Tennis Center, looking for the upset that was, in the end, hopeless.

In fact, dating back to 1950, the Bruins have never lost a regional, and they don't expect this year.

A dark cloud, however, is hanging over the heads of the Bruins. There is a chance that when the brackets are announced Thursday, UCLA might not even play host to a regional tournament.

Every year prior to this, the top 16 teams were rewarded with the right to host a regional tournament, assuming every region hosted one.

But this year, under a new NCAA mandate regarding the Sept. 11 attacks,

seedings may no longer determine who gets to host regionals. Geographic location will be the primary factor because the NCAA doesn't want teams traveling more than 400 miles to play.

That means the NCAA will pick locations convenient for everyone and not necessarily reward top-ranked teams.

And it has UCLA head coach Billy Martin worried his No. 2 Bruins won't get a chance to host.

"All they are doing is taking 64 teams and pin-pointing them on a map," Martin said. "They don't care where you are ranked or what kind of facility you have."

This has him and many other coaches seething because playing host to a regional tournament used to be a reward to top teams.

"I don't know of one coach who isn't against this," Martin said. "Under the old system, you were ranked for being higher, and that helped keep the integrity of the tournament."

The brackets will be noticeably different from last year. In 2001, UCLA had to beat South Florida to advance past the second round.

This year, playing South Florida isn't a possibility. The Bruins likely will be matched up against somewhat tougher teams such as San Diego State, and Arizona State.

The Bruins could even have to travel to those schools in order to play, which would put UCLA at a disadvantage.

Some players are mad at the prospect of traveling, but others, such as sophomore Marcin Matkowski, would rather play a familiar team.

"I feel more comfortable if I've played them already," Matkowski said. "I have the confidence to know I can beat them."

This rule is more of a nuisance than anything else for the Bruins. They are still almost assured of advancing past the second round because it would be very unlikely that they would play one of the top 25 teams in the nation in regionals.

However, the burden of having to travel for regionals and then traveling again the following weekend to go to the NCAA Championships could contribute to fatigue.

"Staying home always used to be a reward that we've earned," Martin said. "But maybe not this year."

McLeod announces 2002-03 lineup

The Communication Building's McLeod Theater, fresh off last weekend's "The Beaux Strategem," announced next year's slate of shows earlier this week. First up will be Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" at the beginning of October, directed by Rebecca Fishel Bright, followed by Shakespeare's "King Lear" in November, with Bill Kincaid set to direct. The spring semester will see a yet-to-be-named opera in late February, directed by Tim Fink, and April will see a production of a play written by Theater Department professor David Rush, titled "Police, Dear Near, Far."

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Broken Grass releases debut

Local bluegrass band Broken Grass, whose electrified take on the traditional music form has been lighting up local bars and festivals lately, are ready to give their fans something to take home. At 10 p.m. Friday, the band will swing into Hangar 9 for a party to release their first recording, titled "Broken Grass." The six-piece band, is made up of music — acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bass and drums.

Shryock finishes up season

Shryock Auditorium will tie up the school year with three concerts by groups from the School of Music. The music starts at 7:30 tonight with a performance by the SIUC Concert Choir, Choral Union and Orchestra, with tickets set at \$3 for the public and \$2 for students. Friday will feature a free appearance by the Southern Illinois Youth Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Finally, on May 12, the Egyptian Suzuki Strings will appear at 3 p.m., once again with free admission. For more information on any of the concerts, call the School of Music at 536-8742.

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Saluki track and field teams look for the fast lane in Indianapolis

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

The men's and women's track and field teams will end the outdoor season with competition in two final meets.

Marked by the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, the close of the season will be two weeks from today. Until that day comes, the teams will participate in one of the last regular meets of the season at the Butler University Twilight in Indianapolis this weekend.

The Salukis will begin competition at 1 p.m. Saturday against athletes from approximately eight other Midwest universities.

Throughout the year, both teams have been plagued by injuries and common health problems that sidelined athletes during several events. This meet will be no different. There are a few athletes who may not participate because of muscle injuries and other various illnesses.

"We are trying to recover a few injuries and see if any of the athletes

will be ready to compete Saturday," hurdles and sprints coach Enrique German said.

Many of the injuries are minor strains that are not expected to keep the athletes from competition.

As in previous contests, the Butler meet will serve as practice for the athletes to help get them ready for the conference championships. With the last week of school and finals approaching, many athletes have cut down on practice time and replaced it with studying.

As the semester comes to a close, daily situations become a little hectic for the athletes because they have to spend more time studying than at practice.

"At this point it is about quality not quantity," junior Jeff Young said. "Everything is short and to the point."

Many of the athletes are enthused about competing, but are trying to keep focused on school at the same time as to not over-exert themselves.

"It has been a long semester," women's head coach Connie Price-

Smith said. "Everyone is tired, but ready to compete."

Price-Smith and men's head coach Cameron Wright said the athletes have been working hard and should be ready to compete in the upcoming weeks. They hope this meet will give their athletes confidence to continue working toward a great conference meet.

"The kids are looking good, and I see enthusiasm and their readiness to compete," Wright said.

Since the beginning of the season, both teams have shown improvement from week to week. The hope is to not end it at the MVC meet. The Salukis look forward to continuing until June to compete in the NCAA Championships.

"They are ready to roll and compete these last two meets and have their best performance at conference yet," Wright said.

Reporter Samantha Robinson can be reached at srobinson@dailyegyptian.com



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ATHLETICS

Joe Cross named academic counselor

The SIU Athletic Department announced Thursday the promotion of Joe Cross to full-time academic counselor. He will work under Kristina Theriault, director of student services.

Cross, the brother of former Saluki basketball player Josh Cross, is a 2001

graduate of the University of Illinois, where he majored in sports management and also played basketball. He is currently a graduate student at SIU seeking his master's degree in education.

BASEBALL

SIU adds signee

The SIU baseball team announced the signing of Nathan Boldt to a national letter of intent.

Boldt, a third baseman from Olney

Central College in Olney, hit .442 with 13 doubles as a sophomore. The 6-foot-3-inch, 200-pound Mount Vernon native hit .377 in his two years at Olney.

At Woodlawn High School, Boldt was an all-conference performer his final three years, hitting .468 as a junior and senior. He was named team MVP and was named to the All-Southern Illinois team. Boldt was also all-conference in basketball his final two years.

Boldt joins Erik Alvarez, Nathan Emrick, Brendan Lutz, Tyler Norrick and Adam Synder as Saluki signees.

UCLA second baseman returns to game with a fresh perspective

Dylan Hernandez
Daily Bruin
(U. California-Los Angeles)

LOS ANGELES (U-WIRE) - The ringing in Ryan Rasmussen's left ear is persistent, never pausing for a beat of silence.

Perhaps it's the call of sanity, telling the UCLA second baseman to stop playing baseball, to completely eliminate the possibility of getting hit in the head again and having to endure what he did last year.

But Rasmussen, now a 25-year-old senior, has learned to ignore the sound and forget about the fury that left a river of blood flowing out of his helmet during one of the Bruins' fall practices last season.

He's overcome any feeling of trepidation he had of facing a hard thrower and he's now hitting better than he has his entire life.

He's batting .343 this season, third highest among UCLA's regular players.

"There's still ringing right this second," Rasmussen said. "It's like a concert. It's really loud."

But he can deal with it. He dealt with losing almost all of the 2001 campaign, his first year at UCLA since transferring from Riverside Community College. After Rasmussen recovered from ear surgery last season, he returned to the field, only to find himself too scared to hit with any efficiency. The ringing in his ear continually reminded him of the potential danger he faced each time he walked to the plate.

"I told him to forget about it," head coach Gary Adams said. "However, there was a big problem. He hears it all the time. How could he

forget about it when you hear a bell ringing in your ear all the time?"

Hitting .135 in 12 games, Rasmussen called it quits for the year. He was dejected.

He asked himself, "Why me?" He asked himself the question over and over again for the next week. Then, one day...

"I realized nothing is really that bad in my life," Rasmussen said.

Suffering, he realized, was not what he was experiencing. He had seen real suffering. It was what he had seen in the impoverished villages of Chile during his two-year Mormon mission that ended in 1999.

How bad was his life, anyway? God was watching over him. He didn't question that.

Rasmussen's father, who had multiple sclerosis, still had enough energy to travel from Chino Hills to Westwood with his mother to watch him play.

He had reunited with high school sweetheart, Nicole, whom he now considers much more than a pretty face.

There was no reason for Rasmussen to feel sorry for himself. He had it all, it seemed, with the exception of baseball - and that was only a game.

"(The injury) got me back to my foundation," Rasmussen said. "I couldn't rely on baseball anymore. I had to rely on my family, my faith. Looking back, I never had a reason to complain."

Rasmussen married Nicole last June and planned his return to collegiate baseball.

At the suggestion of his coaches, he started out by playing in a Sunday beer league in San Bernardino the fol-

lowing summer. There, he rarely saw a pitch over 70 miles per hour. He still heard the ringing, but there was no longer a need to back away from the plate.

When Rasmussen returned to UCLA this past fall, however, the ringing bothered him at times.

"A few times, in practice when it got dark, I would think about it," he said. "When all of the elements that were there that day I got hit came back together, the thoughts of it would creep in."

But getting hit by a pitch was the least of Rasmussen's concerns.

Aside from being ribbed by his teammates about his advanced age, Rasmussen was preoccupied with reconstructing his swing.

Hitting coach Vince Beringhede noticed that Rasmussen had a habit of straightening out his front leg as he moved his bat across the plate. This caused him to uproot and swing for the stars, much the way Manny Ramirez of the Boston Red Sox does. Rasmussen, however, was not blessed with Ramirez' bat speed or power. The result: plenty of flyballs.

To fix the problem, Beringhede forced Rasmussen to hit with a tightened knee brace on his left leg.

Smiling, Rasmussen recalls today that the pitch that nailed him, for all the damage it did, hardly had anything on it. It was a curveball that didn't break, thrown by a pitcher who wound up getting cut from the team, traveling at less than 70 miles per hour.

He could not have woken up. He could not have lived to marry Nicole, who is now three months pregnant. He could not have lived to see his parents, his teammates or Gary Adams.

Skyhawks doubleheader marks calm before storm

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

The Missouri Valley Conference baseball postseason picture should become a little clearer this weekend as four important series take place. And SIU will not have anything to do with it.

This is the Salukis' off-weekend in the Valley, so the Diamond Dawgs will sit back and watch as the postseason picture unfolds.

Still, SIU will not be resting on its laurels. The Salukis (26-17, 12-12 MVC) will take on Tennessee-Martin in a doubleheader Saturday at Abe Martin Field in what the team looks at as both a time to rest and a time to pick up momentum for the close of the regular season.

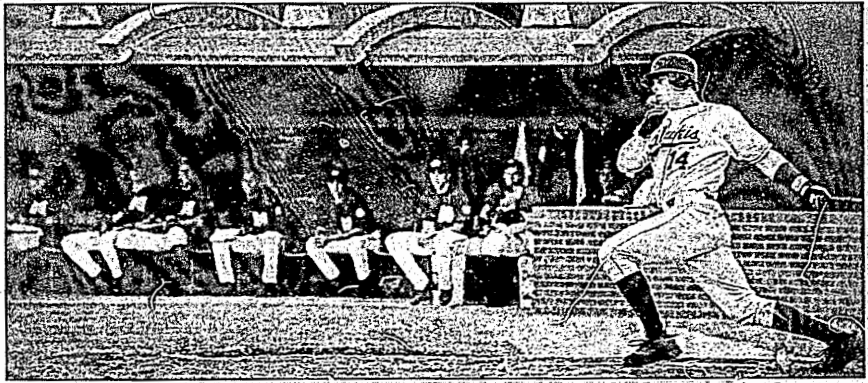
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Don Callahan
head coach, SIU baseball

“Of course you probably need rest,” Josh Joiner said. “But you want to win every game you play, so we're going to go out there and play hard, even if it is a non-conference game.”

Head coach Dan Callahan said he never wants his team to slack off for any games, but he does realize many of players are winded, “both mentally and physically.”

“We've got some guys that



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Catcher Tony Barnett takes a rip for the Salukis during a game against Murray State earlier this week. SIU will compete against Tennessee-Martin in a doubleheader Saturday at Abe Martin Field.

are just tired,” Callahan said. “We've got some guys that have just got some nagging injuries, nothing major, but things that just won't go away.”

“You've got guys like Luke Nelson. I'd love to see him not have to play this weekend. Nobody's more beat up than that guy.”

Nelson was scheduled to start Saturday, but because of a rainout this past Wednesday against Illinois, Jake Alley and Ryan Welch will start for the Salukis against the Skyhawks.

SIU defeated UT-Martin earlier this season in Martin, Tenn., 12-10. The starter for the

Salukis that day was Jerel Deitering, who may see some action Saturday after being out of the rotation for nearly six weeks with tendinitis in his right elbow.

“If the situation's right and we can get him an inning or even face a hitter on Saturday, then that might be good for him,” Callahan said. “Then maybe over the course of next week we can start getting him ready for Indiana State or maybe beyond.”

Deitering is not expected to make any more starts this season but could be a factor coming out of the bullpen as the Salukis make a run at the MVC tournament.

SIU has two more conference series remaining against Indiana State and Wichita State. The Salukis are presently fifth in the conference, which puts them in good position to make the postseason tournament. The top six teams will qualify.

But a lot of things can change in the next few weeks.

“I think ever since I've been in this league, nothing's been certain, even going into the last weekend of the season,” Callahan said. “That last weekend at Wichita, there'll be a lot riding on that. A lot can happen over the course of four games in this league.”

“We've got some guys that are just tired.”

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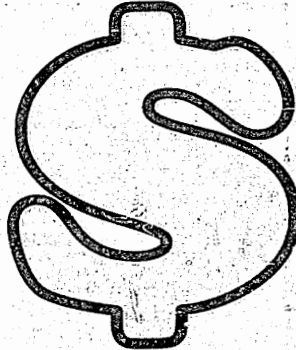
The SIU baseball team plays host to Tennessee-Martin this Saturday in a doubleheader at Abe Martin Field. The first game is set to begin at 7 p.m.

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All four softball eläers joined Salukis in unique way

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Besides being seniors, Karrie Fortman, Jen Guenther, Elissa Hopkins and Tahira Saafir have something else in common — none of them started their college softball careers at SIU.

Three of the four — Fortman, Guenther and Saafir — all eventually walked on, and Hopkins was recruited to SIU after playing at John A. Logan College.

"It's very cool. All of us kind of came to Kerri [Blaylock] in our own little way, and that kind of fits us because each of us is very different and unique," Saafir said. "We're the wild ones ... we bring a little spice, and that's just weird how none of us came together and we found Kerri and Kerri found us."

Despite none of them playing a full four years for the Salukis, all have had their impact on the team and hope to go out winning in the final regular season games of their careers, starting with a 6 p.m. contest tonight at Wichita State. The two teams finish their series with a doubleheader starting at noon on Saturday.

The four come to her as walk-ons and have worked so hard to earn their scholarships makes them a special group.

"They really appreciate the game just for the game," Blaylock said. "Their work ethic is unbelievable, and their leadership this year has been great also."

Two of the four, Guenther and Saafir, transferred to SIU from Butler and Lewis University, respectively.

“We're all really close. Me, Elissa, T, Guenther — we're really close and we come together. I'm going to miss that and the rest of the team will miss us.”

Both said they left their former schools after their freshman seasons because they found themselves in uncomfortable situations that took the fun out of softball.

Guenther said she immediately

noticed the differences from her former school when she came to Carbondale.

"Everyone got along and we're here to play softball," Guenther said. "We're here to win, but have fun at the same time."

Guenther, a native of Greendale, Wis., has been a key hitter for the Salukis all season, leading the team with 23 RBIs and ranking second in hits (30), home runs (2), doubles (5) and sacrifice hits (7).

While Saafir, who comes from South Holland, doesn't put up the numbers Guenther does, her gritty defense is an inspiration to the rest of the team, and she does all of the little



Clockwise from top left: Outfielder Jen Guenther, second baseman Tahira Saafir, outfielder Elissa Hopkins and catcher Karrie Fortman will graduate from the softball Saluki squad this year.

things the Salukis need from her as a leader this year," Blaylock said. "She's vocal every day in practice. She's vocal in the games. She's diving all over the place in practice and in the games. Even if she feels like she isn't hitting as well as she wants to, she's still out there busting her butt on defense, which I really appreciate."

Another senior known for her hard-nosed defense is Fortman, the team's starting catcher for the past three years. The Oak Park native came to Carbondale with the intention of being a regular student, but after a year away from the diamond, she realized how much she missed the game.

She went to Blaylock asking for a chance to play and has been a fixture in the Salukis' lineup ever since.

"I have such respect for her walking on and taking the challenge to come catch Carisa [Winters] and then [Erin] Stremsterfer and then [Amy] Harre, and she does a good job," Blaylock said. "She knows the game very, very well ... it's just been great for her to step up and do that for us when we didn't have a catcher."

While Fortman said she is ready for her career to be finished, she's still going to miss everything.

"It's going to be so different not playing," Fortman said. "I'm still going to be active and do stuff. I'm going to miss missing class for softball. I'm going to miss the road trips ... people traveling to watch us play."

For Guenther, the road trips are her fondest memories of her three years at SIU.

"Probably the bus rides and just the down time," Guenther said. "Hanging out with the people on the team, the

Hopkins, an Alto Pass native who is referred to as "Mu" by her teammates, has suffered through a couple of tough injuries throughout her career, but hasn't let it get her down.

"Elissa has had some tough knocks as far as injuries go, but she just smiles all the time," Blaylock said. "She's really come up with some big hits in big time games this year ... she's just a joy to coach."

Despite missing close to a month with an injury, Hopkins leads the Salukis in triples (2) and is one of the team leaders with a .393 slugging percentage.

Hopkins also excels in right field, where she possesses arguably the strongest arm of any of the Saluki outfielders.

Hopkins said she was given the nickname "Mu" by former Saluki Amanda Rexroat in reference to Hopkins' hair.

"She said I had big hair that looked like a mane, so she called me Mufasa from 'The Lion King,'" Hopkins said.

Mufasa is not the only name Hopkins has acquired because of her hair.

"I got called a walking Chia Pet today in the training room," she said.

Even though they joke about each other frequently, the four seniors are all close friends and said they will miss one another once their time at SIU runs out.

"We're all really close," Fortman said. "Me, Elissa, T, Guenther — we're really close and we come together. I'm going to miss that and the rest of the team will miss us."

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Small sports purgatory

Golf and tennis are typically relegated to the inside of the sports section, destined to have the majority of their matches described in briefs rather than stories.

They are the lonely little brothers of college sports, engulfed by the amoeba that is college basketball, football and baseball.

When the national media descend on Carbondale, they want a look at Jermaine Dearman and Kent Williams, not Erika Ochoa or Peter Bong. SIU's smaller sports are either forgotten or ignored completely by most of the campus and alumni.

And this year, it was probably for the best. This spring, Saluki women's tennis finished 1-18, and men's tennis wound up at 5-13. Those records would even make an old Cleveland Spiders fan blush.

The records themselves, though comparable to Evansville, (whose sports programs have recently gone the way of the lemming) don't do justice to the performance of Saluki tennis this season.

The women's team had a particularly horrid season. Perhaps it prayed to Joe-boo in an improper fashion, or maybe the tennis gods' cable went out and they needed to take revenge on a random subject. Either way, Mojo was not on the team's side.

The team had four players sidelined by the end of its last match at Indiana State, which was not the scheduled finale. The team had just run out of players and decided to Kevorkian the season.

Men's tennis was fortunate enough to have a full squad, but could only muster three conference wins, two of which were against perpetual MVC bottom-line team ... the season was filled with mental breakdowns. The coach even called out her team after a weekend tournament, saying it needed to play as a team and stop making freshman mistakes, such as losing games for swearing and whacking a tennis ball over the fence.

On the bright side, all that began to disappear at the conference tournament. But by then it was too late. SIU was seeded ninth and forced to face MVC tennis royalty Indiana State, which shellacked the Salukis.

Men's golf finished seventh in a conference in which only nine teams compete, despite possessing two all-conference players and one of the best golf duos in the conference in Brad Dunker and Brian Kolmer.

Women's golf, the team that was most likely to return respect to small Saluki sports, won its home tournament and placed second to the Illini at a tournament in Champaign going into the MVC tournament. Diane Daugherty's team was picked to win the Valley and go on to regionals in a coach's poll and boasted the best player in the conference in Alison Hiller, who had won her last two tournaments.

They placed fifth. Following conference, the team had sentiments similar to Brian Wilson after the break-up of the Beach Boys — catatonically perplexed. The performance shocked the Salukis, who normally have the confidence of Johnny Bravo.

Next season should be better. The early — and I emphasize early — forecast is that tennis will improve and golf may be stuck in sports briefs purgatory for another year.

Women's tennis will have a full squad, and men's tennis will be more experienced. On the other hand, both golf teams are losing their No. 1 players.

But unless they do something rather dramatic, such as win while balancing champagne bottles on their heads, they will always be overshadowed by Rolan Roberts dunking a basketball over someone's head.

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