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University files charges against faculty union

Administration accuses Faculty Association of bargaining shortfalls

Ben Botkin
 Daily Egyptian

SIUC filed an unfair labor practice charge Friday against the Faculty Association with three points the University's administration wants the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board to address.

The University is charging the faculty union with regressive bargaining, failing to bargain in good faith and threatening to strike about issues that both sides are not required to discuss during negotiations, Mark Brittingham, the attorney for SIUC, said Monday.

The University is asking the IELRB to rule that strike activity or threatened strike activity is illegal or unprotected if based on the points in question. Brittingham said he doesn't know how long it will take for the issues to be resolved.

The Faculty Association filed an intent to strike notice Wednesday, which allows the union to strike after Nov. 10. Despite the charges filed, Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, said in an e-mail that a strike is an option that remains open.

"We do not want a strike, but we will not relinquish our legal right to conduct one if forced to do so," he said, adding the union leaders will meet Thursday to plan their next step. A vote is still required for the Faculty Association to go on strike.

Negotiations, ongoing since February, have taken too long, Daneshdoost said.

"Good faith bargaining does not require capitulation," he said. "This publicity stunt by the board is simply an attempt to take attention off the fact that they have wasted so much of our time in bargaining. It shows that the board has no response to our realistic proposals."

The SIUC administration filed a charge of regressive bargaining because the Faculty Association asked for contract language in a portion of the agreement that both sides tentatively agreed upon, Brittingham said. That part of the contract covers the conditions for faculty if academic programs are merged or eliminated.

Since bargaining is done with the goal of both sides moving forward, the unions' proposed changes fall under the definition of regressive bargaining, Brittingham said.

Additionally, the University is charging the union for failing to bargain in good faith because SIUC believes the Faculty Association left the negotiations too soon to allow federal mediation the chance to succeed, Brittingham said. A federal mediator was present at negotiations on Oct. 25 and Oct. 29.

"Before the Faculty Association can strike, they have to participate in good faith in the mediation process," Brittingham said. "We don't believe any good faith mediation occurred."

And the union is also charged with threatening to strike about issues the University isn't required to bargain, Brittingham said. He said the union wants to jointly determine with the SIU Board of Trustees when a financial emergency—or crisis—exists.

The University requested that the IELRB rule that the union follow state labor law for bargaining, avoid bargaining non-mandatory items, and withdraw what the administration calls "regressive bargaining proposals"—measures SIUC officials believe would set negotiations back.

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DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A flier about the disappearance of 14-year-old Amanda Bolin hangs on a wall in Lawson Hall. Bolin was reported missing on Sept. 22; her body was found east of Murphysboro on Sunday.

Missing Murphysboro girl's body found

Sheriff's office investigating death of high school student as homicide

Greg Cima
 Daily Egyptian

The body of a missing 14-year-old girl was found Sunday on the edge of a wooded area east of Murphysboro.

Amanda "Mandy" Bolin, 109 S. 6th Street in Murphysboro, was reported missing Sept. 22. Police said the Murphysboro High School student's last known location was downtown Murphysboro Sept. 20.

Police said a hunter contacted the Jackson County Sheriff's office at 9:46 a.m. Sunday after he saw what looked like a human

skull while exiting woods on the edge of a farm field about 1.5 miles east of Murphysboro. Police said the skull was identified as human; and the skeletal remains of a human body were found about 10 feet away.

Jackson County Sheriff William Kilquist said the area has a variety of wild animals that could explain the distance between the skull and the body.

The skull and records obtained from Bolin's dentist were taken to Evansville, Ind., for identification. The records were determined to positively identify Bolin. An autopsy was

performed Monday.

Kilquist said the death is being investigated as a homicide because of where the body was found. He said the location is not a place where a person would have been out walking but rather where a person would have been murdered or transported to after a murder.

He said police found other evidence at the scene but that information would not be released at this time.

Kilquist said the evidence will be released when the time comes and he believes that time will be soon. He had no information about when any arrests could come.

"Making an arrest tonight is not out of the question," Kilquist said. "Making an arrest in the

next two to three years is not out of the question."

Kilquist said police have been interviewing numerous people but everyone is still a suspect.

Murphysboro police had been investigating Bolin's disappearance as a missing person and possible runaway.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is working with the Murphysboro department to develop leads from the previous investigation.

Police are asking anyone with information about Bolin, her acquaintances or her last known location to contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 687-1303.

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Professional thieves target airbags, again

Vogler Ford hit for second time since August

Greg Cima
 Daily Egyptian

Airbags were stolen from 11 vehicles at a Carbondale Ford dealership this weekend, the second such instance in less than three months.

Vogler Ford, 1170 E. Main St., was hit with more than \$15,000 in losses after seven Ford Mustangs and four Ford Ranger pick-up trucks were burglarized between 6 p.m. Saturday and 10

a.m. Sunday.

Six of the Mustangs each had a window broken and the other vehicles were either left unlocked or were unlocked by the thieves. The Mustang alarms would have gone off if the doors had been unlocked, even if unlocked from inside.

Dennis Rathjen, general manager of Vogler Ford, said it is unlikely that five vehicles were left unlocked.

The airbags will cost between \$1,000 and \$1,200 per vehicle. The windows will cost about \$300 apiece and the vehicles will require about \$200 in labor.

Eight Ford Mustangs and one Ford Ranger were previously broken into in early August.

Windows of seven vehicles were broken and two of the vehicles had unlocked doors. All vehicles are 2000 to 2002 models.

Airbags were stolen from all vehicles in the previous burglary and the Ranger also had a six-disc in-dash CD changer stolen.

Rathjen said the perpetrators were obviously professionals and were obviously the same people as the first burglary.

He said the vehicles were not scratched and all the mounting bolts from the airbags were left behind.

Rathjen said the airbags of Rangers and Mustangs might be easier to steal, but it could also be related to the models' popularity. Rathjen said he believes

Vogler has repeatedly been targeted because of escape routes.


He said Vogler has numerous entrances and exits, and Marion Ford-Mercury, for example, has only one entrance and exit. He said a single police car could block off the escape route in Marion, whereas it would take more than half a dozen for Vogler.

Auto technicians at Vogler are currently on strike, but Rathjen said the strike will only slightly slow down the repairs. He said the theft is not connected to the strike.

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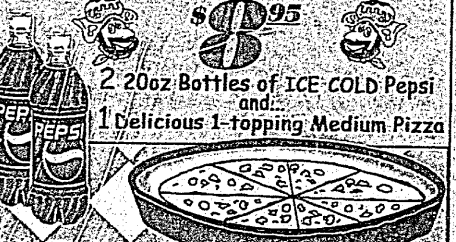
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NATIONAL NEWS

Major earthquake shakes Alaska

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — A major earthquake struck 75 miles south of Fairbanks, cracking roads, crumbling support mechanisms for the trans-Alaska pipeline and triggering mudslides, but there were no immediate reports of injuries, officials said Sunday.

The U.S. Geological Survey estimated the quake's preliminary magnitude at 7.9.

"We have heard of items being knocked off shelves," geophysicist Dale Grant said.

The earthquake struck at 4:12 p.m. and was felt throughout the state, the Alaska Earthquake Information Center reported. It was centered 45 miles east-northeast of Cantwell in the state's remote interior.

Loretta Herman, a dispatcher for the Cantwell Fire Department, said there were no reports of injuries there. The town is located near Mount McKinley, North America's highest peak. The area is not heavily populated, and there are rarely tourists this time of year.

Officials shut down the trans-Alaska oil pipeline to check for leaks, but there were no reports of any.

"There are no ruptures or damage to the pipeline, but we did suffer some damage to the pipeline support mechanism," said Mike Heatwole, a spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, operators of the pipeline system.

One dead, dozens homeless in fire

BOSTON, Mass. — An elderly woman died and at least 60 people were left homeless after a massive fire burned down a block of half-completed townhouses slated to be sold to low-income families, authorities said.

About 160 firefighters were called early Sunday to the fire, which started in a condominium development that was under construction, said Boston Fire Department spokesman Steve MacDonald.

The blaze later spread to two adjacent buildings that were occupied.

The neighborhood where the fire occurred once was notorious for violence. It became widely known in 1988 when 11-year-old Darlene Tiffany Moore was killed by two bullets fired from a passing car as she sat on a mailbox.

The Franklin Estates townhouses were composed of two- and three-bedroom units expected to sell for \$78,000 to \$142,000, according to Patricia Mayo, president of the neighborhood development group building the project.

"You rode by last week and saw the nearly completed townhouses.

"This morning, you see flames ripping through the air and you say, 'God, why?'" said Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

The blaze caused an estimated \$4.5 million in damage. The cause of the nine-alarm fire was not known.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Two killed by bomb in Israel

KFAR SABA, Israel — An explosion set off by a suicide bomber rocked a shopping mall in this town near Tel Aviv Monday, killing two people and the bomber, police said.

Hospital officials said at least 20 people were wounded, one seriously. An infant and a 2-year-old girl were among the wounded, the officials said.

Police said the two people killed were a security guard and a shopper.

The blast took place inside the Canyon Arim mall next to an electronics store and near a restaurant called the Burger Ranch, witnesses told Israeli television.

They said the bomber detonated the blast as he stood near a group of people.

In calls to news organizations, a group identifying itself as the Jerusalem Brigades claimed responsibility for the bombing. Jerusalem Brigades is apparently a new group with possible links to both Islamic Jihad and Hamas.

The caller said the bombing was in response to the killing of two Hamas members whose car exploded early Monday at Nabulus, West Bank.

Palestinian sources identified one of those killed in Nabulus as Hamed El-Sader, 37, from the Askar refugee camp.

Sources: U.S. kills al Qaeda chief

SANAA, Yemen — The CIA launched a missile at a car in Yemen early Monday killing six suspected al Qaeda members, including the terrorist organization's chief in that country who was wanted for the bombing of the USS Cole.

The Hellfire missile was fired from a CIA drone. Pentagon and U.S. intelligence officials refused to discuss the report.

It was the first direct U.S. strike against Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network outside Afghanistan since the U.S.-led war on terrorism was launched in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States.

The blast happened in the oil-rich northern province of Marib, about 105 miles east of the capital, Sanaa.

Sources identified one of the dead as Abu Ali, also known as Qaed Senyan al-Harhi, who was believed to have played a major role in the October 2000 attack on the destroyer Cole that killed 17 sailors.

Ali once served as one of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's senior bodyguards and was the group's top leader in Yemen.

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Mostly cloudy with rain most of the day, wind shifting to the northwest.

CORRECTIONS

The election guide on Monday was supposed to report that Rich Whitney supports the "living wage law" that would require all businesses that have a state-paid contract to pay workers \$10.70. He separately supports a proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$8.

Monday's outline with the story "Embracing life while celebrating death" misidentified Lisa Feldman in the photo.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

- Kayak Club**
weekly meeting
Student Recreation Center Pool
7 to 9 p.m. today
- SPC Concerts**
weekly meeting
Student Center Activity Room B
5 p.m. today
- Campus Shawnee Greens**
weekly meeting
Interfaith Center, Corner of Illinois and Grand Avenue
5:15 p.m. today

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POLICE REPORTS

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•Three men were arrested and charged with illegal transportation of alcohol just after midnight Sunday at the intersection of West Hill and South Coplar streets. Sherard Anthony Jones, 26, Glenwood, and Lyle Melan Rivers, Chicago, were released on personal recognizance bonds. Ronnie L. Tewolde, 21, Carbondale, was additionally charged with unlawful use of a weapon and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court for resisting a peace officer. Tewolde was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

•A laptop and case were stolen between 8:40 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. Wednesday from a residence in Schneider Hill. The loss is estimated at \$1,900.

•Russel S. Muller, 18, Aurora, and Joseph D. Welter, 18, Lombard, were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1:36 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot north of Washington Square. Muller was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Muller posted \$100 bond and was released. Welter was released on a personal recognizance bond.

•Football jerseys, a watch, a Playstation memory card and controller, video games and DVDs were reportedly stolen from a residence in Mae Smith Hill between 4 p.m. Wednesday and 12:30 a.m. Thursday. The loss is estimated at \$480.

A new start to a new year

Children of all ages help bring in the new Hindu Year as part of annual Diwali Festival of Lights

STORY BY SAMANTHA EDMONDSON • PHOTOS BY STEVE JAHNKE

Priya Viswanathan peered out from behind the electric-blue curtain and gazed in anticipation at the wooden stage of the Carbondale Civic Center Ballroom Saturday night.

The aroma of mixed vegetable pakoda lingered in the air as more than 400 guests seated at their tables for the 20th annual Diwali Festival of Lights celebration.

Local Indian families reunited with old friends in the Civic Center Ballroom, welcoming new and old SIUC Indian students to the event.

The scene was a familiar one to Viswanathan. Although she is only 14, Viswanathan has glided across the wooden platform before, performing different traditional dances for the Indian community at previous Diwali festivals.

But for the first time, Viswanathan briefly hesitated to show her dancing skills in front of the largest crowd to Diwali.

The excitement and support from the audience encouraged her to not give up on something new: her duty as an MC at the event for the first time.

Viswanathan led the annual tradition that is the Hindu New Year, a significant part of the Diwali celebration.

Celebrated on a grand scale in most regions in India, the Diwali festival was believed to have originated in a variety of ways. Some say that Diwali celebrates the marriage of the Hindu religion's goddess Lakshmi with Lord Vishnu.

In Bengal, the festival is dedicated to goddess Kali, and other origins indicate the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after defeating the demon Ravana.

But irrespective of their religious and economic background, the festival is celebrated throughout the country to ward off the darkness and welcome light into life.

Traditionally stretched during five days of celebration, local Hindu and Indian participants in Diwali hold the annual festival to gather and worship the goddess Lakshmi.

Aside from giving each other gifts, lighting firecrackers and decorating their homes and the Civic Center with diyas, or mud or clay candles, everyone is involved in a two-hour cultural program.

After a welcome address, prayer and classical dance, Pushpanjali, to open the festival, Viswanathan stepped up to microphone for the first time on her own.

She announced the "Tini Tots Rhythm" dance, one she could remember from her participation in past Diwali programs. As three female toddlers, adorned with gold, red and green fabrics joined hands to sing, Viswanathan exited the stage and rushed to her mom, Rama.

"Did I do OK, did I sound OK," she exclaimed.

Her mother assured her she did beautifully, grabbing hold of her hands.

Rama, the president of the Indian Association of Southern Illinois, has helped organize the cultural program and Diwali festival for the last 16

years. She said of the 10 dances in the program, many are traditional ensembles that have been performed in India for many years.

One dance, which she helped choreographed, the Tlugu Folk Dance, is supposed to use three boys and three girls. But this year, three girls decided they would like to be a part of the classic dance.

Rama said there were also many modern dance numbers, most performed by older Indian children and adults. Some of the dance numbers were adapted from popular Indian movies and soundtracks.

Taking a break from her new position, Viswanathan danced in "You are my Sonia," a dance from film, "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham."

The audience, particularly the parents, also liked the smaller children's programs.

Sumeer Lal grinned from ear to ear watching his daughter, Supriya, dance with five other girls in an Indian Folk dance. Coming from Canada three years ago, the Lal family has participated in the local Diwali festival before. And Lal hopes the event will continue.

"Carbondale is a multicultural community," he said. "It represents what the United States is; this event is part of that."

Marvi Lalvani, 14, congratulated her on a job well done as Viswanathan had completed a new experience and was pleased with the outcome.

She had helped bring in the New Hindu Year for the entire Southern Illinois Indian community. But then it was time to bring the light into her life — with some authentic Indian food.

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Radha Jeyaratham watches intently as several youths dance to the love song "You are my Sonia" from the Indian film "Kabhi Khushi Kabhi Gham."

Priya Viswanathan (left), one of the organizers for the Diwali festival, takes a moment to talk with her friend Marvi Lalvani in between one of the numerous dances performed Saturday evening at Civic Center in Carbondale.



(From left) Hina Dave and Sanjana Marikunte perform an Indian Folk Dance during the 20th annual Diwali Festival of Lights celebration Saturday night. Celebrated in many parts of India, the Diwali is the Hindu New Year and is celebrated to ward off the darkness and welcome light into life.

Daily Egyptian wins national recognition during convention

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

SIUC's student newspaper, the DAILY EGYPTIAN, was awarded the annual National Pacemaker for general excellence along with four other college papers.

Student journalists returned from the annual National College Media Convention with the nation's greatest honor for their work completed during the 2001-02 academic year.

Jennifer Wig, editor-in-chief of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, said she felt like a "kid at Christmas" when she walked forward to accept the award. She said the hard work put into the newspaper last year was inspiring and gratifying.

"We had a really good year last year and I know that the DAILY EGYPTIAN is a quality newspaper, but to see that recognized is just incredible," Wig said.

The five winners were announced Saturday at the convention in Orlando, Fla. The other four Pacemaker winners were college papers from Harvard University, the University of Pennsylvania, Northwestern University and the

University of Illinois.

Walter Jaehnig, director of the School of Journalism, said he expected no less from the newspaper.

"It's a tremendous honor and it places us in the front rank among the very best campus newspapers in the country," Jaehnig said. "We've known that for some time here in the School of Journalism at SIU, but it's nice to see the rest of the country recognize that as well."

The Associated Collegiate Press and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation have co-sponsored the Newspaper Pacemaker competition beginning in 1971, and ACP began the awards in 1927.

Pacemakers are selected by coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics. The Orlando Sentinel judged the 2002 entries.

"We always had great pride in the students that work here to put out a quality professional newspaper day in and day out," said Lance Speers, general manager of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. "Winning the Pacemaker helps affirm and actu-

ally give them the recognition that I feel that they deserve."

The Pacemakers were judged in three categories: four-year dailies, four-year non-dailies and two-year papers.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN also won five other awards sponsored by the ACP. The newspaper placed third for Best in Show. Judged by the executive staff of the ACP, the special Sept. 11 anniversary issue placed third in the special section for 4-year categories.

Brett Nauman placed second for Reporter of the Year and competed against college journalists from all four-year colleges and universities. Nauman received his degree in journalism in May and is completing an internship at the Peoria Journal-Star. He also won first place for Feature Story of the Year. His feature commemorated the 20-year anniversary of the unsolved murder of SIUC student Susan Schumaker.

Alex Haglund placed second for Photo Story of the Year. Haglund is a junior in photography from Oak Park and competed against photographers from two-year and four-year colleges and universities. He entered a photo spread on the

Rainbow gathering in the Shawnee Forest last year.

Derek Anderson placed third for Photo Story of the Year. He is a junior in photojournalism from Galva and entered a photo spread of his grandfather's daily routine of caring for his dying wife.

Speers said the achievement is timeless.

"It's a big accomplishment and for all the students that have worked here in the past and all the students that will work here in the future. This is something that they can hold up with pride and say that they were indeed part of the best college newspaper in the nation," Speers said.

"The DAILY EGYPTIAN also received a third place honor for the Newspaper Diversity category awarded by the College Media Advisers, Inc. The CMA recognizes three college newspapers for their efforts in promoting diversity among the newspapers' staff and taking a leadership role in covering minority issues in the campus community."

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Who said dogs can't fly?

SIUC's precision flying team a hit with members

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

While the past two years in the airline industry have been a complete nightmare, it's safe to say that it's been anything but a nightmare at the Southern Illinois Airport the past 30 years.

You won't find disgruntled passengers in long lines, metal detectors or small bags of peanuts, but if you look toward the sky you might see SIUC's aviation team, the Flying Salukis, practicing their routines.

Using four-passenger Cessna 142 airplanes, members of the squad train for an annual regional competition and — if they're good enough — the national competition, which next takes place in May.

Competing in events such as power-off landing, short-field landing, navigation, and message drop, the team flies yearly against some of the top aviation schools in the nation, including the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Purdue University.

But not all events take place in the air. Aircraft recognition, pre-flight and computer accuracy take place on the ground and involve more test questions than the flight events.

Tim Staab, a junior in aviation flight and co-captain of the Flying



PHOTO PROVIDED

Michael H. Coffman of Maquon, a sophomore in aviation management and flight, inspects his aircraft prior to take-off at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's regional competition.

Salukis, said the team not only makes him a better pilot but also helps build friendships among team members.

"It's like family," he said. "We practice four nights a week until 10 or 11, so we definitely see a lot of each other."

The strenuous practice schedule and mounds of homework can be tough to balance, according to second-year team member Michael Coffman, but with persistence is well worth the trouble.

"I do my homework in between practice flights at the airport," he said. "Then it's to my dorm where I'm up until midnight and on the weekends I'm writing papers. It never ends."

Staab said that while it's a lot of fun being part of the team, it's "down to business" come competi-

tion time. Recently the Salukis narrowly missed finishing in first place by five points at the regional competition, extending the team's stretch of making it to the national competition 30 years in a row — a streak teammate Doug Gibbs never wants to see end.

"This year there was a lot of pressure," he said. "We did not want to be the team to break the tradition."

In one event, known as "message drop," a pilot flies at a low altitude over a runway that has a 55-gallon drum on it. The objective: while one pilot flies, the other leans out the window and at the right moment, drops a wood block aiming for the drum. The closest to the drum gets the most points.

"We used to call it dropping a

bomb," Staab said. "But now we have to call it a message. We can't say 'bomb' over the two-way radio anymore."

In another event called "pre-flight," judges rig a plane with 30 defects and the competing pilot's job is to find the abnormalities in just 15 minutes.

When the team makes the trek to the finals competition this spring at the University of North Dakota, they're hoping for a first-place finish to put the icing on the cake.

"Last year we were sixth," Coffman said. "I'm hoping for at least top five, but I don't want to jinx it."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

SICHE scholarships available

The Southern Illinois Chapter for Healthcare Engineering has announced the availability of scholarship funds for full-time students in the studies of engineering, architecture, biomedical technology, building operations, maintenance or related fields.

Correspondence courses are not eligible. Applicants must be Illinois residents. SICHE scholarship winners will be determined by scholastic achievement and financial need. SICHE scholarships are awarded annually in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 payable directly to the student as a lump sum.

Applications will be accepted until Nov. 30 and are available by calling 549-0721, ext. 65580 or by writing to SICHE, PO Box 192, Carbondale, Ill.

Carbondale resident awarded business scholarship

The \$300 Louis Wides Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Amber Steams of Carbondale. The scholarship, awarded since 1983, was endowed by the Wides family and is given to a John A. Logan College student who is a resident of Jackson County, majoring in business.

For more information concerning his scholarship or other scholarship opportunities at John A. Logan College, contact Steven Arthur, coordinator of scholarships and donor relations at 618-985-3741, ext. 8437.

REGIONAL

'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes' opening at Rend Lake Thursday

Tickets are now on sale for "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," a Rend Lake College play which runs Nov. 7 through 10.

The production opens at 7 p.m. Thursday and runs through Saturday, followed by a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday. All tickets are \$9 reserved.

For ticket information, call 618-437-5321. You can also send e-mail at web@rlc.edu. If using the e-mail option, please include the date, number of tickets and seating preference.

Recreation Center celebrates with trip back to the disco days

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

Lyra and leg warmers may no longer be a part of the typical exercise gear in 2002.

But employees of the Recreation Center hope to bring back the spirit of the '70s during its 25th anniversary celebration from 6 to 7 tonight in the Recreation Center dance studio.

The building will celebrate its birthday with games and giveaways, in addition to a nostalgic Disco Dance workshop and a '70s spirited Parent's Nite In.

"It'll be a good time to learn some of the dance moves of the '70s and some of the stuff that your parents used to do," said Gillian Robertson, a senior in marketing from Decatur who will be instructing the workshop.

Robertson, a former Saluki Shaker and dancer since age 3, said she does not plan to wear '70s attire, nor does she expect participants to. While there will be no disco ball, Robertson promises an entertaining routine to the music of the disco era.

For those who cannot make it to the disco workshop, the spirit of the '70s will live on the following night with an opportunity for children to enjoy the era.

Parents Nite In, a free childcare program offered for SIUC students' children ages 3 to 12, will rekindle the spirit of the era Wednesday.

During the program, which occurs every Monday and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., parents have the opportunity to enjoy the Recreation Center facilities or even get some studying done in the building while Recreation Center employees watch their children.

As part of the '70s theme, children will have the chance to contribute to a flower mural, design a "pet rock" and participate in other activities reminiscent of the era.

Hollister, assistant director of intramural recreational sports, said she is looking forward to seeing employees dressed in the attire of what she said was a pre-fitness era.

"Back then fitness wasn't a thing," said Hollister, an employee of the Recreation Center for the past 20 years. "Everybody did their own thing."

The Recreation Center has seen a lot of changes through the years as fitness has gone from an interest of few to a mainstream idea to an almost essential part of life.

Although marketing coordinator Gary Tisdale is too young to recall the '70s and knows little of the era aside from the "really bad clothes," he has seen a lot of changes in the nine years he has worked there.

From the skateboard park to roller hockey and various sports clubs and programs, the center has hosted several activities that Tisdale feels have helped to increase student usage during the years.

"If you look at the programs we've had over the years, you'll see that we offer a great deal of services and equipment compared to other universities," said Tisdale. "We've offered a variety of dance programs over the years from Greek dancing to hip-hop. I don't know when the last time we had disco was, though."

Although employees of the Recreation Center are excited about the activities of the week such as the disco workshop and Parent's Nite In, a highlight of the week is undoubtedly the return of SIUC alumni and past employees this weekend.

"The center plays an important part in student's lives," said Bill McMinn, Recreation Center director. "It's a good way for students to get involved and learn in a work environment where they have the opportunity to deal with different groups of people."

Until the weekend, when employees of the Recreation Center past and present gather to celebrate the anniversary, employees hope that students will take advantage of the week's activities.

And even if the trip to the '70s isn't as successful as workers hope, the Recreation Center will undoubtedly survive.

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The University focuses on gerontology as baby boomers prepare to retire

Networking may help spark grant proposals

Lindsey J. Mastis
Daily Egyptian

For SIUC, the upcoming baby boom generation of soon-to-be retirees means that the University is researching more issues that deal with aging.

Guests met for "Focus on Aging," an event that looked at gerontology. SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and Keith Hillkirk, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, both spoke at the meeting.

The meeting, along with the presence of members from the interdisciplinary committee, gave those with a research project or idea a chance to network with their peers. One of the main goals was to provide a place for people to group together and pursue research grants as well as brainstorming.

With the concerns of the baby boom generation retiring, gerontology has become important to the country and thus has allotted more funds to help with the research of aging issues.

Wendler said that the meetings help people in different fields connect with each other.

"The challenge is that there is a

lot of forces at work in our own culture that drive us to stay in our own disciplinary boundaries," he said.

Robert Raidos, chairman of the graduate gerontology certificate, said collaborating with other disciplines will result in a better understanding and possible partnerships.

"If you have a lot of things to do and you have a team, it's a lot better," he said. "You can get a lot more done in a group."

Raidos said he hopes that people will team together and be able to obtain more grant money by dividing up work. He said that the next step was for the group to better understand the role and some specifics of each project. He is working on an e-mail list for people to share their personal information and ideas.

Hillkirk recognized a need to focus attention to gerontology, specifying the potential for problems with social security when baby boomers retire.

"I heard a statistic a few years ago that at the time there was 17 workers for every one retiree person in the population and when the big wave hits, the ratio will drop to three workers," he said.

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OUR WORD

See you at the booths

For many, Election Day is a day like any other. Work, school, homework, eating and sleeping — with little regard for the enormity of the power held in the right to vote. The Daily Egyptian would like you to consider what it means to be able to vote, and then go out and do so.

Women, you've only had the right to vote for 82 years. While that may seem like a long time in comparison to our short lifetime, that means that our great-grandmothers did not have the option of voting for a period of their life.

In 1965, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act that outlawed many of the Jim Crow laws that kept blacks in the South out of the voting booths. Thirty-seven years ago our parents may have been fighting with fists and guns for this right.

There are people that exist in countries today who have never voted and probably will never have that option. Many of these people would literally kill to vote.

And yet, today, the majority of the population of the United States of America will not make it to the polls.

As we hear over and over, we are the future leaders of this country. We are also the most apathetic group of voters in this country. Our generation proves that the things that come easiest in life are never appreciated as such. We didn't have to fight for the right to vote — we were born into it.

But it's time to stop taking things for granted. Sept. 11, 2001, was the most adversity we've experienced in our lifetime, and it should have said to the "future leaders" of our country that there are much more serious issues out there that we need to be aware of.

And voting is the quickest way we can exercise our right and duty to select the best leaders, who we hope will make the best decisions for our country.

There are many neck and neck campaigns going into Election Day — the biggest being the gubernatorial race between Republican candidate Jim Ryan and Democrat Rod Blagojevich. Vying for the attorney general position, Democrat Lisa Madigan and Republican Joe Birkett are also extremely close.

Locally, there are many tough decisions to be made also. Don't leave our future up to someone else. Exercise the right our ancestors fought for us to have on Election Day 2002.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Let's cheer the young who do vote

Jane Eisner
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Sometimes it's as basic as postage stamps. The civics books and surveys commissioned to study America's deplorable voting habits; the woe-is-me reports detailing citizen apathy among young people; even the well-meaning exhortations by columnists such as yours truly — all tend to overlook such things as postage stamps.

Kids today don't do postage stamps. Virtually every communicative act they undertake is electronic, on the telephone or computer or some nifty hand-held device. Paperless, one-step transmissions.

Filing an absentee ballot, though, requires a stamp. Requesting an absentee ballot requires a stamp. That means if you're 18 years old and living on a college campus somewhere, or in the military, or otherwise away from home, the act of voting demands a stamp and an envelope and a lick or two.

This, college students say, is why they don't bother to vote. It's one of the reasons, anyway.

A lame excuse? Perhaps. Young people are far more likely than older Americans to offer justifications for shirking their civic duty on Election Day, a fact that has actually been documented by the research organization Public Agenda.

But put aside the sneering judgments for a moment and think about what a postage stamp represents: distance and detachment. What's driving the worrying decline in voter participation among young people is a disconnection, both physical and civic, from a political process that is increasingly negative, expensive, superficial and distant.

Voting is one of the last tactile communal acts left in America, and anything that lessens its real-life touch depresses turnout, especially among those who have not developed the habit of closing the curtain and exercising a precious franchise once or twice a year.

You'd think making voting easier would make it more attractive, but you'd be wrong. Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, examined states that have adopted early voting-by-mail systems and have liberalized their absentee ballot procedures. Here's what he found: Those reforms don't increase participation.

"They hurt turnout," he says. In election after election, states with more liberal voting procedures perform worse than other states. The intensity and focus of voter-mobilization efforts are diffused. Voting becomes an act not unlike putting a bill in the mail — hardly a heart-thumping experience, and surely not the enduring civic ritual that exerts a psychic pull (for some of us, at least) year after year.

For newly eligible voters, this disconnect is created by more than just physical absence. It's not only that they're on Mars and the ballot box is on Venus.

"They're still watching MTV at 28. They're still not thinking about things in an adult way," says Donna Frisby-Greenwood, who once ran Rock the Vote and now directs Inner-City Games Philadelphia.

Consider: You're more likely to vote when you get married, have children, buy a house and a lawnmower and sink roots into a community. But young people today are delaying marriage, delaying childbirth and wandering from job to job. Is it any wonder that America's prolonged adolescence has civic consequences?

There's no galvanizing national issue for young people, no Civil Rights Movement, no Vietnam, no military draft of the sort that, 30 years ago, forced the voting age to include 18-year-olds. (Then the argument was if you were old enough to fight, you were old enough to vote. Shall we bring back the draft to re-establish that equation?)

And there is something more insidious: A political campaign process awash in money that benefits certain interests and certain states, and leaves everyone else with sound bites, negative TV ads and the dregs of discourse.

Studies done by Harvard's Vanishing Voter project show that while older people bemoan the state of modern-day campaigning, they're more likely to hold their noses and vote anyway. Young people, with no history of voting and no allegiance to the process, just stay home.

"For them, the message is: No thank you," says Thomas E. Patterson, the project's director. "I don't know any electoral process in the world that does more to depress voting than ours."

The cynic would say that's exactly what victory-hungry politicians want: Since young people are more independent and less ideologically predictable, why encourage them to vote? If they can't even find a 37-cent stamp, why should they help shape the future?

Because they "steer" the future. While the demographers and marketers who care contemporary campaigns argue that their clients should focus on more predictable voters, they're missing the chance to woo a whole new electorate, an untapped market, the China of the political world.

Meantime, the more younger Americans refrain from voting, the more a toxic cycle is created: Politicians won't attend to young voters' issues, so they won't vote, so the disconnect grows. And what will we have a decade from now? A political landscape painted by the past.

To those who will break the cycle on Tuesday and vote for the first time: You go! Let your names be read on radio stations and in school assemblies. Let your parents send you red, white and blue floral bouquets. Let a stranger at the poll buy you a cup of coffee.

But as a real gift to the majority of young Americans who likely will stay at home, let's seriously begin to reform a political process that distances itself from the very people who hold our future in their hands.

Jane's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“A politician is a man who approaches every problem with an open mouth.”

Adial Stevenson
former presidential candidate

WORDS OVERHEARD

“He's going to fill out and gain weight. With his ability to handle the ball and play more than one position, he'll have a lot of success with the Salukis.”

Jim Sutherland
head coach, Columbia Hickman High School
on new Saluki recruit Jamaal Foster

COLUMNIST

GUEST COLUMNIST

Know what you want in a mate

"I always just envisioned the right one being someone I can see myself growing old with."

-The Wedding Singer

A friend of mine wonders why all of her relationships have been failures, and I keep telling her she has to make "the list."

This list is sort of a record to keep track of the weird things that happen when you are involved with someone else.

At the start of the relationship, make a list and literally write down, on a piece of paper, what is bugging you about that person. In fact, it doesn't necessarily have to be the stuff that disturbs you; try making a positives and negatives list.

On that note, make the list according to your feelings — you don't have to limit yourself to pros and cons, but keep the list going.

I think the list does a couple of things for you: 1) It teaches you more about yourself. You learn what you can tolerate and what you just can't stand. 2)

Not that being neurotic is a bad thing; in fact, it allows the mind to think about the mysteries of dating.

The list gives you the chance to step back and observe how others behave. Hopefully, you'll be able to figure out why people do certain things.

Writing the list doesn't make you a judgmental person because everyone has a preference. I mean, if you don't care for a person who smells bad, why date someone who stinks? With that example, you could write, "smells terrible," under the negatives column. However, if you really like them, aside from the bad odor, you could just buy them a stick of deodorant and say that it's for the both of you.

The length of the list obviously depends on how long you stay in the relationship. From a week to a month, you may have plenty of list material or none at all. You should try to be ambitious in both the list and the relationship. The list isn't necessarily a "rule book" as to how one should handle relationships, but rather a tool used to fix a breaking relationship.

Go over the list in your head and think about everything you have written down. Do these things bother you? If they do, you have the option to leave, or if you're



Check Please!

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slightly more daring, confront your significant other and see if there is something you both can do to fix the situation.

The list gives us an outlook on contemporary relationships because they tend to be a little more neurotic than before. Not that being neurotic is a bad thing in fact, it allows the mind to think about the mysteries of dating. And it gives you the freedom to decide whom you want to be with in regards to what satisfies your needs.

Are you a morning bird or a night owl? What type of movies do you watch? These are things I speak of that affect how a relationship functions. It's like a schedule and the person you choose to be with fits right in; of course, sometimes they don't, even though you really like them. In that case, a sacrifice must be made — a rescheduling, so to speak.

If you find yourself partial to the things on your list about the other person, then maybe you should throw your old schedule out and work around his or hers. But don't make that kind of sacrifice unless you are sure they would do the same for you.

Often times, people move in and out of relationships too fast and they never really get the chance to know the person — that's where the list comes in. The list will always make you question things about the person and the relationship you hadn't considered before.

And it is in the opinion of this columnist that the list will help you decide if you can grow old with that person or not. I only hope the list makes more relationships than it breaks.

"And so I said to the waiter, "Can I get the check please?"

Check Please appears every Tuesday.

Bill is a senior in cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

It's simple - servers should be tipped no matter what

Jiye Kim
Ka Leo O Hawaii (U. Hawaii)

HONOLULU (U-WIRE) — Picture this: You take your date to one of your favorite bars in town and have a great time. Both of you drink merrily and grind hard on pupus. Your server has been very pleasant, giving you great service and attention. The bill comes, and it's \$60. What are you willing to tip as a token of your appreciation?

Well, if you answered 10 percent or a "couple of dollars," you need to get your tipping etiquette straight. The ideal tip is 15 percent or more, depending on the service.

First of all, expect to tip if you are planning to go out. Going out equals spending money. If you plan to be stingy with your money, why even go out in the first place?

Tipping your server shows them how much you really appreciated their service. Of course, if they gave you terrible service, no one expects you to give the standard tip; however, if they do extra things for you, that's all part of great service.

There are many little things a server does to make your time more enjoyable. For example, how many of you like it when your server asks you if you want another drink or dish before you have to get their attention? How about when your area is always neat and clean (no empty glasses, cleaning up spills that you make, etc.)?

All these perks are what make a guest feel comfortable and welcome, but you have to show your gratitude as well. Of course, it is a part of the server's job to make every guest feel welcome, but I guarantee you that if you take care of your server, chances are they will remember that. Consequently, the next time you come back to have a great time, you'll have the best service ever with extra bonuses.

With a good tip, servers will definitely remember who you are. By knowing who you are, that will make a big difference in priority of customers. That means getting your items faster without having to wait a decade. By being recognized, you both have an understanding of each other and know what is expected.

Don't expect your server to be attentive to you or your table if you are giving her a few dollars or nothing at all. Nobody likes to be stiffed on a tip. Being stiffed is like a

slap in the face. With all the attention they give you, it's like a waste of their time.

When customers leave no gratuity it basically puts them in one of three categories: A) They are ignorant or just don't know how to tip, B) They are not from here or C) They know the standard tipping but are just "change" with their money.

I know tipping is just a "gratuity," but in Hawaii it is a custom as standard as saying hello or goodbye. I don't know anyone that never tips his or her servers.

Here are a few facts about waitresses and waiters. First of all, they all get paid a minimum wage, meaning they live off their tips. If you don't tip, they don't get paid.

They are also expected to tip out other members of their staff. If your tip is inadequate or if you give nothing at all, they pay out of their pockets. So please be kind to your server.

Get to know who your server is. Know their name and call them by it. Never shout "hey there" or flag them down with wild waving hands. That type of behavior is offensive to servers. Of course, there are exceptions to the rule, for instance, when servers aren't giving you the time of day. To avoid this, make conversation with your server and treat them like a friend, not just a servant at your beck and call.

Try to order from the server whose section you're sitting in. For example, if you want to order from the bar, sit at the bar. Servers have sections they are in charge of, so if someone keeps on ordering from the bar and sits in their section, it makes them feel a little agitated. They could save other customers who may want to sit there and give them business, versus the person giving the bar their business but taking the server's section.

What I am trying to say is you should take care of the people who serve you. This is not meant to offend anyone. It is merely a way of showing respect to others that work in this kind of business. Servers want to get treated with sincerity, just as how you as a guest want to feel. I guarantee that if you keep these points in mind, there will be a big difference in the way your server treats you. It'll make the difference between good service and the best service ever.

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LETTERS

A working man for the working family

DEAR EDITOR:

The DAILY EGYPTIAN states that your paper is a "student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives." I truly respect your right to endorse whomever you choose. However, I take exception when you accuse me of not telling the truth. Had your editorial staff done their homework, proving that they really are a trusted source of the news, they would have found that the Senate Legislative report show that senators Luchefeld and Frank Watson were the only two legislators south of Springfield that voted for the Governor's original budget which included the closing of Vienna Prison as well as the layoff of several hundred employees.

What the senator is doing is exactly the same as if I had pushed you into a deep well, coming back the next day to throw you a rope and then taking credit for saving your life. Granted, "Empower

Illinois" legislation is a step in the right direction. It is obviously not enough however, since not one coal or power company has taken advantage of it.

I will grant you that I am not an educator, nor am I a public speaker — I am a working man. I, however, did not fumble my way through the three terms I spent in the General Assembly and resent the implication that only college graduates should bother to run for public office. My glory days, as you called them, "may" have passed, but I will continue, win or lose, to fight for the working families of Southern Illinois.

Charles Wayne Goforth
Democratic candidate for state senate

Campus party was great

DEAR EDITOR:

I'd like to say a BIG thank you to TPEC for the Halloween party Wednesday night in Thompson Point. I took my kids, ranging in age from 7 to 14, and they had a fantastic time. I must say I was so impressed! I REALLY hope they do it again next year and get the word out I enjoyed the festive and fun atmosphere. I must say my older kids really

enjoyed dancing in the street. I know that wasn't part of the plan, but it might be something to consider making a part of the celebration if it is done again next year. Again ... THANK YOU for a fun and festive alternative! PS. The kids say make the spook house spookier next time.

Barbara B. Jett
Residence Hall Dining, Lewis Hall

Students will be most affected

DEAR EDITOR:

Our feeling as students about the strike is that it is unfair to all 21,873 students attending SIUC. If the strike does occur, the students who have been attending class would have been wasting their time for the last 12 weeks. Students have been working to earn their credit hours, and if the semester is canceled, then students will lose credits that are needed. Another point we would like to emphasize is the matter of tuition that students pay each semester. If the semester were canceled, would students be refunded for the money already paid? We don't think

so. Many students pay for their own tuition and cannot afford to lose thousands of dollars because the faculty needs a raise. Also, if this strike occurs and we come back to school during this semester, the students will most likely have to make up the time lost during breaks. This wouldn't be fair at all. Why should the students be punished for something they have no control of?

All of these things are very serious issues and will most likely become something all students will have to deal with if the faculty goes through with a strike. As students at SIUC, we advise the faculty members to take some time and think about the big picture. Think about everyone this will affect and not just yourself. At least think about holding off until the end of the semester to strike so that students can finish what they started and so they can make arrangements for the spring semester in case this issue isn't resolved by then. One last thing to consider for the faculty and SIUC is that many students will most likely transfer if this does happen, and then there will be another money problem.

Briaden Crestani, freshman, pre-major
Jason Brown, freshman, pre-major
Torge Ortega, freshman, pre-major

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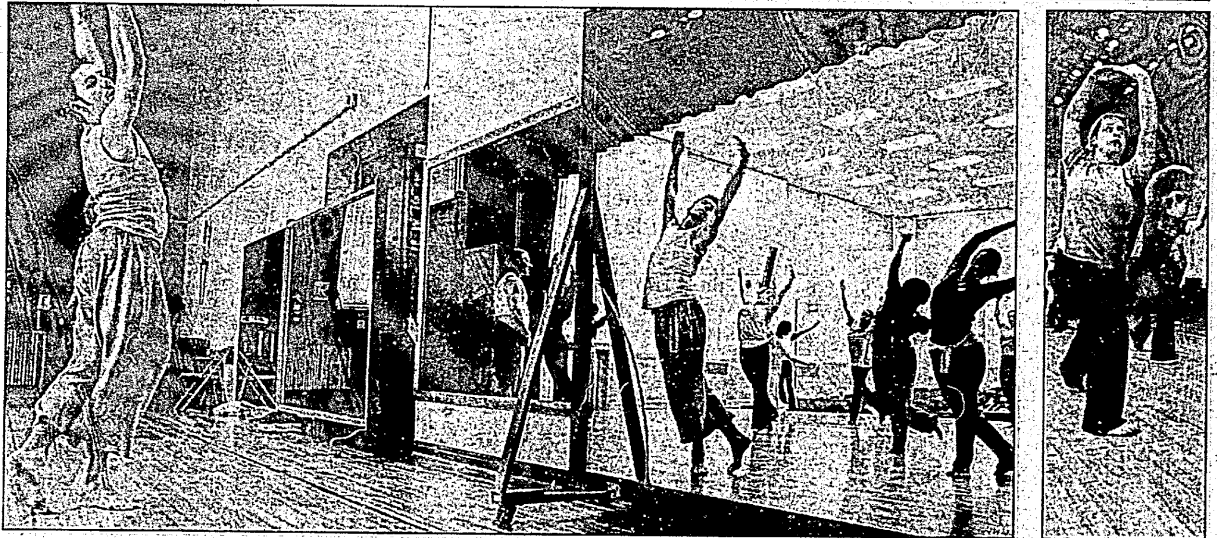
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Center Stage: Lee Scoggins of the Bruce Wood Modern Dance Company helps demonstrate moves Friday afternoon at a workshop in Furr Auditorium. Area dancers from the Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater, Susan Barnes Dance Studio and The Black Fire Dancers attended the workshop and gained the chance to dance with Wood and company. The Bruce Wood Modern Dance Company show was Saturday evening at Shyock Auditorium.

Elizabeth Bowman of the Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater dances during the workshop Friday afternoon. Three different area groups showed up for a chance to dance with Bruce Wood and two members of his dance company. SIRDY has an upcoming show at 7 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16, and on Dec. 5 the Black Fire dancers will perform at 8 p.m. Both shows will be in Furr Auditorium.

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Chinese leadership will change, but few predict major reforms

Michael Dorgan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING, China (KRT) — The process of picking new leaders for China's 1.3 billion people is so secretive that if a shot were fired in anger, the country and the world might never know it.

After months of rumor and speculation, however, the assembled bits of evidence reveal a picture of the new national leadership that will be announced at the 16th Communist Party Congress, which begins Friday.

Despite an apparent behind-the-scenes bid earlier this year, President Jiang Zemin, the general secretary of the Communist Party, is expected to pack the powerful Chinese Communist Political Bureau with loyalists and retire. That will assure that Jiang will remain powerful and his policies will continue.

The 76-year-old former engineer has led China through 13 years of economic reform without political reform. After giving up his most powerful position, party chief, he is expected to step down as president in March. It remains unknown whether he also will give up his third powerful position, the chairmanship of the Central Military Commission.

Also assumed to be on the way out are Premier Zhu Rongji, the chief architect of economic reforms, and legislative boss Li Peng, who was widely despised in China as the engineer of the bloody 1989 crackdown on democracy protests at Tiananmen Square.

Li and Zhu are the party's second- and third-highest ranking members, respectively, which gives them positions in the most powerful ruling body, the seven-member Standing Committee of the 21-member Political Bureau.

Two-thirds of the Political Bureau positions and as many as five spots on the Standing Committee are believed to be up for grabs as Li, Zhu and others retire.

Vice President Hu Jintao, a 59-year-old career politician who has been groomed for more than a decade to

succeed Jiang, is expected to take the top party post as well as the presidency.

Hu's rise through the ranks of officialdom has been characterized by extreme caution, leaving few indications of his political views and goals. But neither Chinese nor foreign analysts expect much change in major policies for at least the next few years.

"I think China's policies will remain stable, because there is a greater consensus among leaders," said Chu Shulong, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies at Tsinghua University.

On such crucial matters as continuing China's integration with the global economy and preserving stable relations with the United States, Chu said there was overwhelming agreement that there was "no need for change."

Even if Hu wanted to veer off course on such major policies, he would not be able to do so for at least a year or two, because it will take that long for him to consolidate his power, Chu said.

Over the long haul, however, Hu seems destined to play a key role in shaping China's future, if, like Jiang, he remains in power for more than a decade.

Joseph Fewsmith, a China expert at Boston University, sees the transition as a "mixed picture."

The bottom line, in his opinion, is that "Chinese politics are not yet to the point many people would hope, but they have made progress over the past decade."

Fewsmith said policy continuity was "a good thing," and that if Jiang stepped down as expected, he would set an important precedent for an orderly transfer of political power. But Fewsmith said he found it "discouraging" that the leadership change was not occurring in a more "open and competitive manner."

So secretive is the process that, China's citizens have not even been told that it is under way.

The official media have been filled in recent weeks with articles and broadcasts about the upcoming Communist Party Congress, the 16th since the People's Republic of China was found-

ed 53 years ago. But none has mentioned that a major leadership change will take place.

Instead, the government-controlled news media focus on the party's glorious history and the stunning achievements of China's current leaders.

A feature story on the China Daily newspaper's Web site Monday, for example, reported that a "red readings" fever had broken out in Beijing. Sales were brisk, it said, on 100 "important publications" commemorating the upcoming party congress.

The more than 2,000 delegates who will attend the congress are drawn from the elite of the 65-million member Chinese Communist Party, which holds an unchallenged monopoly on power. But even most delegates will have no real voice in the key leadership changes, experts say, they already have been negotiated by the party's inner core.

"Everything's been decided; but they still need the official process," said Chu at Tsinghua University.

Despite the way they are chosen, China's fourth generation of leaders will be more open than their predecessors, Mao Tse-tung, Deng Xiaoping and Jiang, predicted Richard Baum, a China specialist at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Baum described the new leaders as "market technocrats" rather than "socialist bureaucrats," and said they would be "less constrained by the dogmas of the past."

That difference could clear the way for renewed political reform, but neither Baum nor most other analysts are predicting democracy in China anytime soon.

"China's new leaders seem willing to try out a number of institutional innovations designed to increase governmental transparency, accountability and rule of law," Baum said.

"Of course, this willingness falls short of anything like a multiparty system with direct election of leaders. But baby steps are being taken to open the system to pluralistic points of view and wider popular participation."

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TALLAHASSEE, FL. (U-WIRE) — There was an old lady who swallowed a spider, that wiggled, and jiggled and tickled inside her. She swallowed the spider to catch the fly, but what's everyone else's excuse? It is said that each year, the average person swallows up to eight spiders in his or her sleep. This is quite an alarming idea. In people's most vulnerable position, drooling on a pillow, they are prone to an arachnid invasion.

"I think I'd know if I had swallowed a spider," sophomore Aaron Catz said.

Many students are skeptical about this fun fact, which may not be completely valid. Like the cousin who was left in a tub of ice with his kidneys removed, spider swallowing could easily be the next big urban legend. Like other urban legends, the details vary incredibly. Some say four spiders, some 17 and others swear by 57 per year. Also, there is no origin of this statistic.

"My room could be loaded with tarantulas and barking spiders," junior Dave Gutos said, "just waiting to attack me as I lay peacefully." Who is at risk for a mouthful of eight-legged sleepmates?

For one, the sleeper must lie with his or her mouth open. For a spider to land in a person's mouth, it would have to drop from a long distance. Spiders are afraid of breath, which also lessens the probability of a creepy-crawler sneaking into the mouth. But what about those who breathe through their nose with their mouth open?

"Spiders scare the bejeesus out of me," senior Mandi Aldridge said.

The horrific image of a large spider slowly descending from the ceiling into a sleeper's unaware mouth is possible, although the odds are still pretty slim.

Just when slumbering students thought they were safe, biology offers an unsettling proposition: ballooning. When an egg sac hatches indoors, hundreds of baby spiders leap into the air and attempt to ride air currents to a spot where they can land.

If a sac were to hatch in a bedroom, dozens could be swallowed at a time. Fear not, unsuspecting sleeper. These baby spiders would be under a millimeter in size; so small that they wouldn't be felt even if a person were awake.

Plus, the air would have to be blowing just right for a bunch to end up in front of an open mouth.

Even if science proves just how improbable it is to swallow one, the thought of a spider crawling into one's mouth is enough to really freak out many students.

"I squish all insects like bugs, even in my sleep," Florida State graduate Jayson Virostek said.

Although the possibility of unknowingly inhaling arachnids may frighten some students, it should not cause rampant insomnia. After all, that peanut butter sandwich before bed had its share of insect parts.

More specifically, 30 insect fragments are in a 3.5 ounce jar. Eleven rodent hairs sit inside a 1 oz. jar of ground cinnamon in the cupboard. No, this isn't America's filthiest household.

Rather, it's the minimum allowance of animal parts allowed by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Suddenly, swallowing eight spiders a year doesn't seem that improbable.

Study: college gun owners prone to bad behavior

Jake Parkinson
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

SALT LAKE CITY (U-WIRE) — College students who own guns have lower grades than their peers and are more likely to drink excessively, vandalize property and get into trouble with police more often than students who do not own firearms, according to a Harvard University study.

Recently published in the Journal of American College of Health, the study titled, "Guns and Gun Threats at College," shows an association of firearm owners to risky behaviors, but does not list the cause for the action.

Lead author Matthew Miller and co-authors David Hemmenway and Henry Wechsler compiled the self-response surveys of 10,000 students from 119 public and private colleges across the country.

Researchers reported that 4.3 percent of college students own a firearm — half of whom say they carry the gun

for protection.

Only 1.1 percent of females own firearms compared to 8.8 percent of males, and 5.3 percent of whites carry guns compared to 1.6 percent of blacks, according to the study.

Student gun owners are more likely to put others and themselves in harm's way by binge drinking and using illegal drugs. Of those who drink, 12 percent of college gun owners admit to driving drunk compared to 2.7 percent of their unarmored peers.

University of Utah administrators say the statistics reinforce the university's no-gun policy for students and employees.

"The statistics [in the report] are consistent with behavior I observed growing up in Southern Utah," said Fred Esplin, university vice president for university relations. "The study points out the increased risks to the health of the university and safety of the students and faculty with an increase in arms on campus."

But law student Arnold Astorga disagrees.

"I have to question [researchers'] methodology in gathering these numbers," said Astorga, who is also vice president of a law school gun rights student group. "I'm not sure why they would try to link gun-owners and these actions together unless they have their own agenda."

Astorga said the gun owners he knows are law-abiding citizens, not alcohol abusers.

University administrators await U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball's decision on the university's gun policy. Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said the university's gun rule was illegal last year, which led U President Bernie Machen to file a lawsuit in March.

Last Monday, university of Arizona student Robert Flores, who was flunking out of nursing school, opened fire in a class, killing two professors and a third person before killing himself.

The event sparked a new discussion

on campus because the gunman was a concealed weapons carrier and the Arizona System of Higher Education bans students from carrying guns on campus.

Gun advocates at the U, including Astorga, say no-gun policies like that at university Arizona make students and staff defenseless victims.

"The only people affected by such a policy are law-abiding citizens who have lost the right to protect themselves," Astorga said.

However, university administrators have their own take on concealed weapons used for security.

"There was a concealed weapons permit holder in the room where the shootings happened," Esplin said. "But gosh, [Flores] unfortunately didn't protect anyone, including himself."

In addition, "You don't want to get students caught in the crossfire of a gun fight between two students who shouldn't have brought their guns on campus in the first place. Guns just don't belong here."



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Protesters call for apology from San Diego State U. student newspaper

Raven Tyson & Leslie Hackett
The Daily Aztec
(San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE) — More than 6,000 copies of The Daily Aztec were taken from racks around campus Thursday and piled on the Free Speech Steps by San Diego State University students angry over two recent political cartoons published in the paper.

For about an hour, more than 30 students made requests for an apology from the newspaper and said the cartoons, published on Sept. 25 and Oct. 22, were racist.

The pile of newspapers were closely guarded by the protesting crowd, who told onlookers, "If you want to read The Daily Aztec, you have to come through us."

Chants, such as, "What do we want? An apology! Who do we want it from? The Daily Aztec! When do we want it? Now!" could be heard along Centennial Walkway and throughout Aztec Center.

Protesters also taped down a few dozen copies of the paper to outline the word "racism" on the top stair of the steps.

The students were angered over one cartoon where Yasser Arafat and Saddam Hussein were depicted as camels. President George W. Bush is in the middle of the figures dressed as a cowboy saying, "Definitely time for a regime change." The other cartoon, published Oct. 22, showed a large man labeled as China speaking in broken English and denying knowledge of North Korea's nuclear arms.

Omar Behnawa, one of the organizers of the protest, said the Sept. 25

"Camels gone wild" cartoon was stereotypical of Middle Easterners. He said the cartoon turned his stomach.

"It hit my nerve," Behnawa said. "It hurts me to see that more students don't understand."

Behnawa explained that to Middle Easterners, being called a camel or camel jockey is derogatory and insulting. He compared the term to someone calling a black person a nigger.

"We're supposed to be intellectual about this — we're supposed to be open-minded," he said. "We shouldn't promote hate and things that fuel that hatred."

Another protester, psychology graduate student Marwan Arakat, said that people have used Middle Easterners as an easy target since the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Everyone has taken a hit on Middle Eastern people because they see it on the media every day — police and terrorists, police and terrorists," he said. "There is the connotation that Middle Easterners are the terrorists. They think they can get away with anything. They think they can say anything about Middle Eastern people and get away with it."

Daily Aztec political cartoonist Dan Carino wrote a column Oct. 22 explaining his reasoning for choosing cartoons to portray Arafat and Hussein.

In his response, he said it wasn't to represent the people of the Middle East as camels. He said if he had intended this, he would have labeled the camels as Iraq and Palestine, or left them without labels.

"As the cartoonist, I did not create a controversial cartoon just for the

sake of being controversial," Carino wrote. "It was supposed to be a poignant commentary utilizing visual metaphors."

He also said that the title, "Camels gone wild," was used in the context of evolution because both leaders have evolved throughout the years to attain "perverted causes to the full disadvantage of their people."

When asked why he didn't use another animal such as a tiger or bear, Carino said that it doesn't fit the context of the message.

"Let's be honest, I really haven't seen a polar bear living in the desert," he wrote.

Editor in Chief Jessica Zisko said she understands that political cartoons can ignite passion from readers, but The Aztec will not print an apology.

Zisko said she supports students using their right to free speech to voice their disapproval. However, she said she is bothered that the protesters destroyed newspapers and took thousands of copies off the racks.

"The cure for this type of situation is more speech, not less speech," Zisko said. "This is not an effective way of dealing with complaints."

Zisko called University Police after receiving reports that papers were being destroyed. However, police couldn't force protesters to return the newspapers to the racks because no one saw them deposit the pile at Aztec Center, University Police Sgt. Claudia McDaniel said.

McDaniel said that if she were to force them, it would only make the problem worse. She said then not only would protesters be upset with The Daily Aztec, but with University Police as well.

Students at ASU, Indiana busted for shooting porn films

Gram Webster
Daily Northwestern (Northwestern U.)

EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Here's the proposition: A carload of porn stars drives on to campus and try to coax students and others into performing various sex acts for use in a movie.

As Girls-Gone-Wild as it seems, just that has happened at two universities. But officials say it would not be tolerated at Northwestern.

Students at Indiana University and Arizona State University have been disciplined or threatened with disciplinary action for their parts in pornographic films, parts of which were filmed on campus.

An NU administrator said a porn film company would not be allowed to shoot on campus, according to Alan Cabbage, vice president for university relations.

But Cabbage said students do not need to ask for permission to shoot a film. The NU Student Handbook does not specifically prohibit lewd or indecent conduct, but authorization is required for commercial filmmakers to work on campus.

At Arizona State, Brian Buck, who was featured in "Shane's World 29: Frat Row Scavenger Hunt 3," was stripped of his position as the student government executive vice president and has had other sanctions imposed, including permanent probation.

Buck and other students were identified as having participated in a shower

scene that took place in an Arizona State fraternity.

Indiana administrators said Shane Enterprises, based in Van Nuys, Calif., recently filmed on Indiana's campus without authorization.

Richard McKaig, Indiana's dean of students, said students involved may face disciplinary action ranging from sanction to expulsion. The Indiana code of conduct prohibits "lewd, indecent or obscene conduct."

NU has had its own "Smut Lord," Adam Grayson, Medill '01. Grayson has not starred in any pornographic stories but has run a search engine for pornographic films.

He gained notoriety after The Daily published a piece he wrote about his experiences as a smut lord. Newspapers such as USA Today and the Chicago Sun-Times ran their own stories, and a string of radio and television interviews followed.

"The administration definitely wasn't fond of me," Grayson said. "At the time when I had my 14 minutes of fame, people would call the university (asking for an official statement)."

Grayson, whose company catalogs specific data about actors and sex acts performed in pornographic films, said he knows the owner of Shane's World and does business with them.

Grayson said Shane's World is "not (pornography production house) Vivid. Video or anything, but they have their niche."

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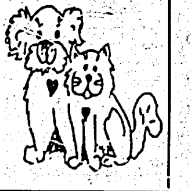
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Nov. 5). You'll get to rely on your wits a lot this year, but that shouldn't be a problem. You're smart enough, and you're unlikely to act impulsively, even under pressure. Actually, truth be known, you work best under pressure.

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 a 5 - You can figure out what to do, but don't just follow a friend's advice. What worked in different circumstances isn't likely to work now.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Scorpios will be even more forceful than usual now. If you want something done, hand it over to one. But remember, sometimes they think the ends justify the means. And the favor won't be inexpensive. You'll pay, one way or another.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Do you love your job? Look forward to the challenge? If not, pretend you do. This will make the day go by faster and more successfully.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Romance will go much better if you can avoid an argument about money. But how? By not making promises you can't keep, for starters. Goals you share are better.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - One person in particular is resistant to change. That's fine, as long as this person agrees with you. If not, either compromise or get reinforcements.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - When you get your mind to it, you can do amazing things. You just have to settle down and focus your energy. If you find something others won't like, hold onto it until you have your plan worked out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Gather, sort and file. Figure out how much you've made and how much you owe. You won't end up with as much as you had before, but it should be enough.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You'd be accomplishing even more if people would simply do what you say. But they have opinions. They want to be convinced. Humor them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Secrets are being revealed, and your delusions won't last much longer, either. Don't make assumptions or take anything for granted.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Keep your cash locked away - and your savings, too - for the next few days. Actually, your savings probably ought to be cash, or a reasonable equivalent. No gambling now.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - Hold off on almost everything you had planned. Follow someone else's agenda instead. This may not be easy, but it's smart. If you can't do that, stall.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - You still have a few considerations. You'd be wise to ponder the possible outcomes of various actions, especially if those actions are related to your work. Make your mistakes on paper.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arglison

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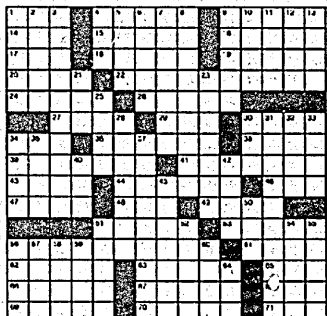
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(Answers tomorrow)

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 9 Stage scenery
 14 Fuss
 15 Mates of 1D
 16 Flux product
 17 Sun, follower
 18 Elite social category
 19 To the extreme
 20 Church recess
 22 Living in
 24 Word with engine or iron
 26 Fix solidly
 27 Short exam
 29 ... du Diablo
 30 Correct test
 34 Gambler's marker
 36 Word with acid or oxide
 38 Went on horseback
 39 Bridge support
 41 Curtail
 43 Skin problem
 44 Soapy foam
 46 Make lace
 47 Tardy
 48 Crail



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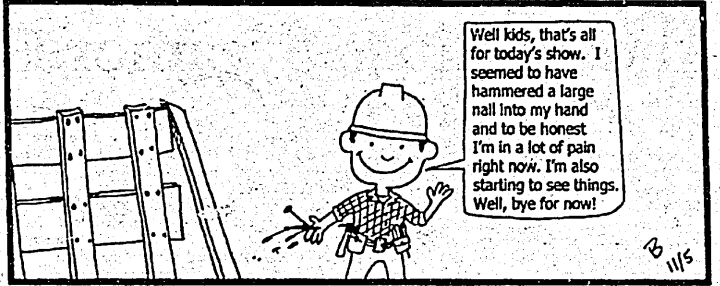
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 31 What to sign on
 32 Trap
 33 Hiker's housing
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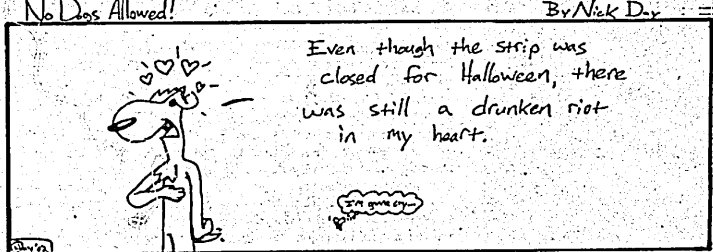
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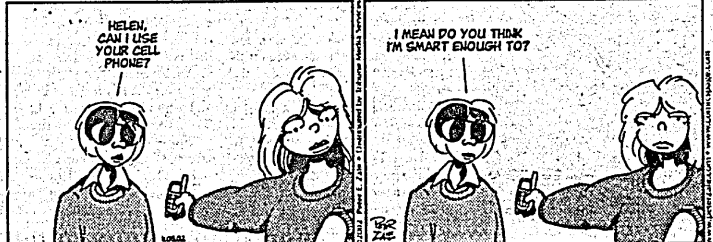
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Salukis hope to snap slide against Sycamores

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Earlier this season the SIU football team defeated Western Illinois 54-52 at McAndrew Stadium and snapped the Salukis' 18-game losing streak to the Leathernecks.

At the time it was the second-longest active losing streak to one team in Division I-AA football.

This Saturday will look to snap another such streak, one that is not quite as long but just as annoying. SIU has not beaten Indiana State in eight seasons dating back to 1993, when the Salukis defeated the Sycamores 35-26 in Terre Haute, Ind.

SIU's losing streak to the Sycamores is tied for third longest in Gateway history. During five other periods in con-

ference play a team has lost to the same team eight years in a row.

Saturday's game, which kicks off at 1:37 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium, will be televised regionally on Fox Sports Midwest and will locally be shown on WDKA.



Striving for .500

With its 21-9 loss last week at Youngstown State, SIU was mathematically eliminated from the hunt for the Gateway crown. Now the Salukis are simply striving for mediocrity.

The Dawgs are currently 2-3 in the conference and 4-6 overall and, with two games left in the season, are attempting to finish at .500 for the first time since 1991 when it finished 7-4.

The Salukis have not won at least six games since 1991 and have only finished above .500 twice since 1983 (1986 and 1991), when it won the national championship.

A foursome for all

When Indiana State defeated Northern Iowa last week, it earned its fourth victory of the season.

All eight teams in the Gateway now have at least four wins on the season, headed by Western Illinois' eight victories.

This is the fifth time that every team in the conference has posted at least four wins and the first time since 1995. The other seasons it occurred were 1985, 1991 and 1992.

The Gateway has never had all of its members post five wins in the

2002 Gateway Football Conference Standings

	Gateway		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
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Southern Illinois	2	3	4	6
Indiana State	2	3	4	6
Northern Iowa	1	4	4	5
SW Missouri State	1	5	4	6

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same season.

Everhart dosing in on mark

In the Salukis' loss to the Penguins Saturday, SIU senior place-kicker Scott Everhart booted a 32-yard field goal and added an extra point, which gives him 228 points for his career.

He is now only four points shy of the all-time school record of 232 points set by place-kicker Ron Miller in 1986.

Everhart's field goal boosted his career total to 35, an SIU record.

The kicking game

Everhart is not the only kicker in the Gateway rewriting the record books. Western Illinois' Justin Langan and Northern Iowa's Mackenzie Hoambrecker are currently tied for the league lead with 19 field goals apiece.

Both kickers are likely to eclipse the 20-field goal plateau by the end of the season, something that has been done only three previous times in conference history.

Langan hit four field goals for the second straight game last week in the Leathernecks' 28-23 victory over Southwest Missouri State. His 19 field goals is a new school record, breaking the former mark of 18 set by Joe Lopez in 1998.

Hoambrecker has kicked five field goals in a game twice this season and has earned national special teams player of the week honors both times.

Langan and Hoambrecker will go toe-to-toe this week when Northern Iowa plays host to Western in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

A-Mays-ing

During Youngstown's victory over

SIU, senior running back P.J. Mays rushed for 210 yards and set a school record with his fourth career 200-yard rushing game.

Mays also closed out the scoring with a 14-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. The score was the 41st of his career.

Mays is now three touchdowns shy of breaking the Gateway's all-time record. Northern Iowa's Jeff Stovall (1993-1996) has the record with 44 scores in his career and is followed by teammate Dedric Ward (1993-1996) with 43.

Gateway hardware

For his efforts against SIU, Mays was named the conference Offensive Player of the Week. Joining him this week are Indiana State outside linebacker Dietrich Lapsley and Western Illinois return specialist Reggie Gray.

Lapsley posted 11 tackles, including one for a loss, broke up a pass and intercepted another in the Sycamores' win over Northern Iowa.

Gray returned six kicks for a total of 210 yards, including a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 95-yard kickoff return that set up a field goal.

Perfect on the road

In four of the past six seasons the Gateway champion has gone undefeated on the road during league play.

Western Kentucky is the only team that still has a spotless conference road mark this season.

The Hilltoppers are 2-0 away from home in league play and will go for the trifecta in the season finale when they take on SIU Nov. 16 at McAndrew Stadium.

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Baylor fires Steele; coach will finish out the season

Keith Whitmore
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (RPT) — Baylor football coach Kevin Steele was fired Sunday after compiling a 9-33 record over four seasons. Steele has agreed to finish the season, which stands at 3-6 with three games remaining.

Athletic director Tom Stanton announced the move in a press release and did not field questions from the media.

The move is an about-face for Stanton, who had given Steele a vote of confidence after a 70-22 loss to California in the season opener and said there would be no discussion with Steele about his future until after the season.

Two weeks later on Sept. 20, Baylor president Robert B. Sloan, Jr. and board of regents chair Drayton McLane, Jr. issued a joint statement that Baylor would maintain its "long-standing" practice of not reviewing head coaches until the end of the season.

The board of regents met again the weekend of Oct. 26, when Baylor lost its Homecoming game to Kansas State, 44-10. The Bears lost again last weekend to Texas Tech, 62-11.

Steele had been lauded for his internal improvements to the football program, but progress was not being made on the scoreboard. Baylor, 1-4 in the Big 12, has lost its last four games by an average score of 45-5.

Stanton will be hiring his third football coach since being named athletic director in February of 1996. Stanton said he will not comment on the coaching change until after the season. Baylor, a private institution, does not reveal coaches' contracts.

Under Steele, the Bears have not won more than three games in a season and were winless in the Big 12 until a 35-32 win over Kansas this season.

Steele did not talk to the media after the firing was announced. He was informed of his dismissal Sunday afternoon and chose to finish out the season after meeting with the players and staff.

The dream is finally a reality

SIU volleyball clinches tournament berth after a three-year absence

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

When a Bradley kill attempt sailed out of bounds to end Friday's match, three years of obscurity and frustration went with it.

For the first time since 1998 and for the first time in the collegiate career of every member of the SIU volleyball team, a berth in the Missouri Valley Conference became a reality.

It wasn't a surprise since the Salukis needed only one victory to secure a tournament spot with five games remaining going into last weekend. But it felt good to make it official.

"I had no doubt we were going to make it this year with all the hard work we put in and how much better we've gotten," said senior outside hitter Tara Cains. "This is definitely our time. We deserve it."

"I'm just thrilled that we get to experience the conference tournament because we've never experienced that, and that's something I really wanted to do before I left here."

Kristie Kemner, who put up an astounding 28 kills in the tournament clincher on her way to breaking the all-time Saluki kill record, saw Friday's victory as long-awaited relief after three years of failure.

"It's great," Kemner said. "After three years of being so close in the sense that the talent was always there, and the people really have not changed throughout the whole time. I have been here, it's finally happening."

"We're finally maturing; we're finally playing some good ball regardless of what happened at Northern Iowa." The No. 8 Panthers clobbered SIU the next night, but the team really did not care. To the Salukis, the weekend was a success the second they vanquished Bradley.

Friday's win placed SIU (19-8, 10-5 MVC) one-half game behind the third-place Braves (17-7, 10-4 MVC). Because they swept the season series from Bradley, the Dawgs will own the tiebreaker between the two teams.

The conference standings have turned the team into temporary fans of Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State, the two teams Bradley plays this weekend.

With a little assistance, SIU could enter the tournament as a No. 3 seed, which would most likely pit them against Wichita State in the opening round of the six-team contest. The Salukis have already defeated the Shuckers once this season in Wichita, Kan., and close out the season against them Nov. 16 at home.

First place became a mathematical impossibility when the Dawgs fell to the Panthers Saturday.

"We might need some help from our friends, but third place is definitely what we're shooting for," Cains said.

Because the Salukis will need help, head coach Sonya Locke has prepared her team for the prospect of completing the season behind Bradley despite beating the Braves twice.

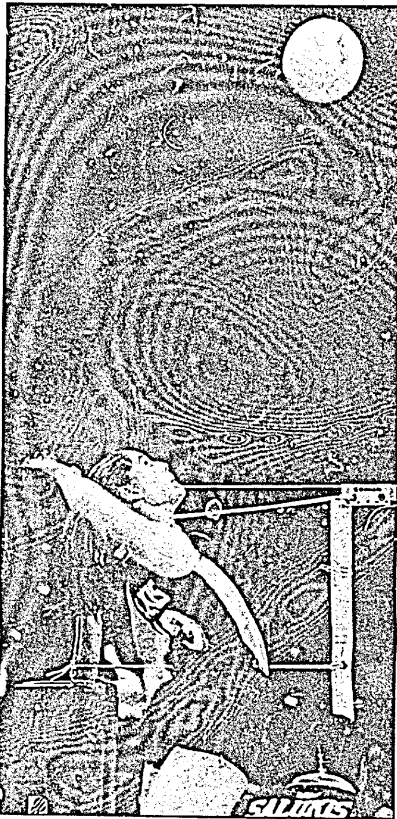
"Sonya told us she doesn't want us to be devastated if we beat Bradley and then don't get third place," said junior setter Britten Follett. "There are some things that are out of our reach, we can't control. We just have to be realistic and say that we took care of our business, we beat Bradley, and now we just have to focus on the rest of the matches in the season."

SIU's road to the tournament continues at home Saturday against Evansville. The Salukis take on the Purple Aces at 7 p.m. in Davies Gymnasium.

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Kristie Kemner eyes the volleyball as she prepares for a kill attempt during a game earlier this season. Kemner broke the all-time kill record for the Salukis during the upset of Bradley University Friday. SIU defeated the Braves and clinched a berth in the conference tournament for the first time since 1998.

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2002 Missouri Valley Conference Volleyball Standings

	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Northern Iowa	13	1	24	2
SMS	13	1	19	4
Bradley	10	4	17	7
Southern Illinois	10	5	19	8
Wichita State	8	6	15	11
Illinois State	8	6	11	11
Indiana State	5	9	11	12
Drake	2	13	5	23
Evansville	2	12	5	23
Creighton	1	14	1	21

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Future Saluki athletes to face academic changes

Minimum scores removed from standardized tests

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The NCAA Division I Board of Directors passed a set of proposed changes to academic standards for incoming student-athletes Thursday that put more weight on grades in high school core courses than standardized test scores.

The changes, which take effect Aug. 1, 2003, will affect current high school seniors by increasing the number of high school core courses required from 13 to 14.

The sliding scale, which is the relationship between core courses and standardized test scores, will be extended, eliminating the current minimum test score.

If a student misses every question on the SAT, that person could still be eligible for Division I athletics with a 3.55 grade point average.

The NCAA cited research that core courses are a better predictor of college success than standardized tests, which some say are unfair to minorities and those from low-income families.

Seymour Bryson, SIU associate chancellor for Diversity, said these tests are relied upon too much.

"The makeup of the test has never said that it was a predictive test," Bryson said.

He said that standardized tests should be used as a diagnostic tool to determine a student's weaknesses and not as a large part of making a college admissions decision.

Bryson also said that these tests are unfair for students who come from schools that have inadequately prepared them or for students who are poor test-takers.

The board also voted to increase the percentage of degree requirements that a student must complete from 25 percent after two years to 40 percent. For SIU students in degree programs requiring 120 hours for graduation, this means they will have to pass 48 hours in their first two years rather than the current 30.

"Whenever you increase academic standards, it's a good thing," said Kristina Theriault, coordinator of student services at SIU.

She added that students with an undecided major might be forced to major in a certain area just to remain eligible because only classes that go toward the degree will count toward the 48 hours.

Academic changes for student athletes

1. Increases the number of high-school core courses required from 13 to 14.
2. Eliminates the minimum test score.
3. Requires 24 semester hours of academic credit before the student-athlete enters his or her second year of collegiate enrollment; 18 semester hours per academic year; and six hours of academic credit per term.
4. Increases the minimum percentage of degree requirements a student-athlete must satisfy to be eligible for competition from 25/50/75 to 40/60/80.
5. Holds two-year college transfers who were partial qualifiers or non-qualifiers to the same percentage degree requirements as those who enroll in four-year institutions as freshmen.



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After three years, a student in a 120-hour degree program will need 72 hours completed, and 96 hours after a fourth year. This is meant to ensure that student-athletes will be closer to graduation when they finish their eligibility.

Theriault said that transfer students would be most affected by the changes.

"If a student spends three years at a junior college, they will have a difficulty transferring," Theriault said. If some of the student's hours don't

transfer, they could have a hard time gaining eligibility.

Student-athletes will also be required to pass 24 hours of academic credit in their first year.

The NCAA also increased the minimum GPA required to be eligible for athletics, but this won't affect SIU, which has a higher standard.

A GPA of 2.0 is required for SIU student-athletes to be eligible. This is the same GPA required for graduation at the University.

The maximum number of credits

in remedial coursework allowed was also decreased, but SIU only offers one remedial class, Math 107, so student-athletes here won't notice a change.

The panel is also considering increasing the number of high school core courses required to 15 or 16 as well as stricter punishments for schools that don't measure up academically.

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