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Total enrollment: 21,873 students

# Fall enrollment grows despite tuition increase

Samantha Edmondson  
 Daily Egyptian

## Fall 2002 Enrollment Figures

Fall Semester	On-Campus	Off-Campus	Total Enrollment
1999	19,924	2,389	22,313
2000	20,047	2,505	22,552
2001	19,441	2,157	21,598
2002	19,560	2,205	21,873

RANDY WILLIAMS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Walter Wendler and fellow administrators exhaled a sigh of relief to see an overall fall enrollment increase of 275 students from last year, totaling 21,873.

In 2001, overall student enrollment had dropped to 21,598 students from 22,552 in 1999. In the past 10 years, the University has seen a steady decline in enrollment with few small increases since a high headcount at 24,766 in 1992, according to the Office of Admissions and Records.

"There were concerns about tuition increase and the effect it might have on enrollment and concerns we might drive people away, but numbers are up and we feel pretty good about it,"

Wendler said. "We are providing excellent learning opportunities to our students, and now because of funding opportunities, we have provided for scholarships and other on-campus opportunities for students."

On-campus student enrollment increased by 119 students totaling 19,560 students, and off-campus enrollment is up 163 students, totaling

2,205 students.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said the University's freshman class has increased 9 percent from last year and the graduate class level has gone up by 4.6 percent.

"It is very close, freshman growth of 212 students and grad growth of 203; both ends of spec-

trum are working positively."

Wendler said besides assistantships and the minimum wage increase, the University has offered scholarships for valedictorians among other merit-based awards.

"We have 51 valedictorians and salutatorians from around the state that are coming here, and we have 62 new freshmen with ACT scores with 30 or above," Wendler said. "That is a very strong and we are pleased generally with the quality of our students at every level."

Dietz attributed the enrollment increase to areas of longstanding academic programs and nationally recognized programs, but also new programs such as 50,000 calls student telecounselors made to prospective students and expansion

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## University classrooms to see \$4 million in improvements

Technology on top of the list

Greg Cima  
 Daily Egyptian

The University will spend an additional \$4 million on improvements to classrooms during the next two years despite budget woes that are plaguing the school.

Chancellor Walter Wendler announced Wednesday the University has dedicated \$2 million per year to begin classroom and laboratory improvements.

"I had promised while I was out talking with various groups regarding tuition increases that \$1 million would be used for classroom upgrades," Wendler said. "We've been able to do that and because of some commitments that have been made by Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard, we have been able to double that figure so that for the next two years, we will be able to put \$2 million each year into classroom upgrades."

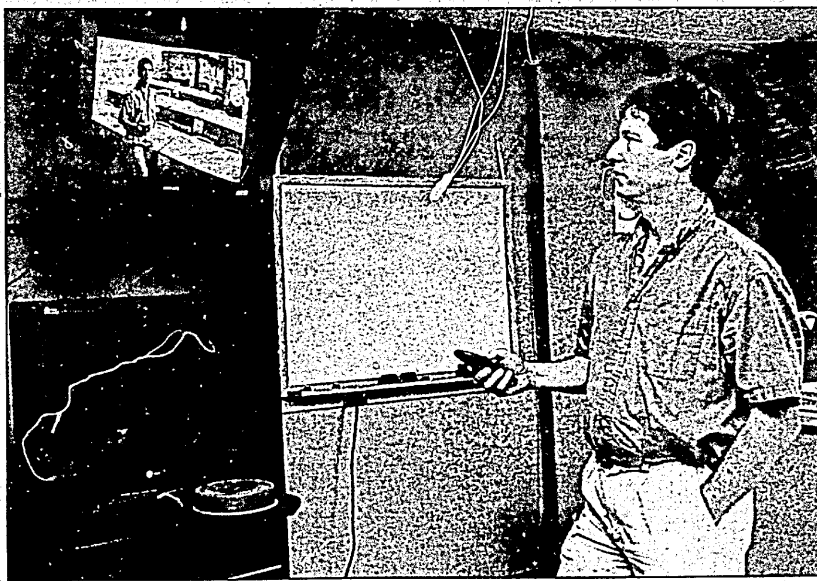
The first \$2 million comes from this year's 18 percent tuition increase, and the second \$2 million comes from Physical Plant operations.

Poshard said the University will be "shifting priorities away from certain types of maintenance toward these upgrades in classrooms and laboratories."

Poshard said the improvements were decided by consulting departments in the University and that the University is "picking the projects that most affected our

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## Keeping teachers connected



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Carroll Walker, telecommunications manager for Instructional Support Services, looks at a camera to demonstrate how videoconferences work to connect classrooms throughout the world. ISS communicates with South Africa and Europe with videoconferences for classes. The ISS office is located in the basement of Morris Library and supports more than 500 course websites for faculty, and it takes an active role in video conferencing. See related story, page 4.

## Alt.news makes Chicago PBS debut on Sunday evening



PROVIDED PHOTO

The alt.news crew produces a half-hour student-run program that will begin airing on the PBS affiliate WTTW-TV (Channel 11) at 11:30 p.m. for four consecutive Sundays starting this week.

Katie A. Davis  
 Daily Egyptian

Chicago natives will be able to see information on religious bikers, "Chicago v. New York Style Pizza" and much more during their weekends at home.

Alt.news 26:46, SIUC's alternative news program, will air on the PBS affiliate WTTW-TV (channel 11) at 11:30 p.m. for four consecutive Sundays, beginning this weekend.

"This is our biggest landmark since the pilot won a national award," said Brian Ehman, a senior in radio-television and one of the executive producers for alt.news.

Ehman said alt.news 26:46 could find a permanent spot on PBS if the pilot goes well. However, the only way PBS rates the two-year-old pro-

gram is by caller response.

"We just want to encourage anyone who sees and likes the program to call in with their support," he said.

However, Jan Thompson, faculty adviser for the half-hour student-run program, said this might not be possible. Alt.news submitted the best of its best for the spot.

Thompson said WTTW-TV is trying to broaden its reach and bring more 18- to 24-year-olds to the station. She had been in contact with WTTW-TV and PBS for some time about the program.

"This is big, not only because it is the third largest network, but because WTTW-TV is very cautious, and they're taking a chance with the program," she said.

Ehman and Otto Arsenault, another executive producer, said

Thompson had been dropping hints for sometime but that the announcement was still a big shock.

"We're running with the big boys now," Arsenault said.

He pointed out that with the push to a larger audience, the program is under greater restrictions. It must be done according to broadcast laws and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations.

He also said that since alt.news is student-run, the program is ever changing.

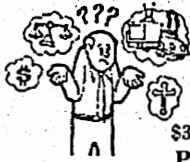
"What we decide to do tomorrow may not be what we do a week from now," he said.

With the start of the fall semester, alt.news is seeking a "new batch" of students to help with production.

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Teen sex: Moms may have big impact on girls**

A close relationship with their mothers is a strong factor for girls who delay having sex for the first time, but the same doesn't hold true for boys, researchers at the University of Minnesota announced Wednesday.

Their report is based on data from the largest existing databank on adolescent health, which includes surveys with 90,000 teenagers and which the National Institute of Child and Human Development sponsors.

For the report—several thousand follow-up interviews were conducted with mothers and teens in their homes, said lead researcher Dr. Robert Blum, a pediatrics professor with the University of Minnesota's Center for Adolescent Health and Development.

The research, said Blum, suggests a strong relationship helps convey a parent's values to a child. "Kids who are close to their moms are much more tuned in and in sync with what their moms' values," he said.

Researchers also found that kids often don't get the message when their parents strongly disapprove of them having sex.

When mothers strongly disapproved of their kids having sex, 30 percent of girls and nearly 50 percent of boys didn't think that was the case, the report said.

**Government considers reviving smallpox vaccinations**

Americans haven't been routinely vaccinated for smallpox since 1972. But the federal government is debating whether a program should be restarted.

"The White House is reviewing my recommendations, and hopefully we'll have a decision in the near future," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

The World Health Organization declared smallpox eradicated worldwide in 1979, but experts said they are concerned the existing virus from labs could fall into the hands of terrorists.

"I would say that the risk of a smallpox attack is very real," said U.S. Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tennessee, who is also a physician. "I would say that that risk is increasing compared to say five or 10 years ago, and I would say as a nation that we do remain highly vulnerable if smallpox is used as an instrument of war."

Most Americans under 30 haven't been vaccinated, and it's questionable how long the vaccine protects those who have been. For example, one study found that of 621 microbiologists in Maryland who received smallpox revaccination between 1994 and 2001 as a precautionary measure, 6 percent remained immune from their previous vaccinations.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Powell heckled at Earth Summit**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell has faced a stormy reception at the Earth Summit in Johannesburg as he sought to defend America's record on the environment.

Powell was repeatedly forced to halt his speech to delegates as he was booed and heckled on Wednesday, the last day of the conference.

The U.S. is taking action to meet environmental challenges, including global climate change," Powell said, but the conference chairwoman was forced to intervene several times and plead for order as some delegates from non-governmental groups repeatedly interrupted him, chanting and shouting "Shame on Bush."

South African Foreign Minister Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, who was chairing the session, called on the hecklers to stop and called the outbursts "totally unacceptable." Many environmentalists and other delegates at the conference have been angered by the U.S. refusal to sign up to the Kyoto treaty on global warming, which sets targets for nations to cut greenhouse gases.

President George W. Bush's absence from the summit has also drawn much criticism and many delegates have voiced anger at what they claim is a campaign by the U.S. and big business to hamper attempts to try and counter environmental damage and bridge the wealth gap between rich and poor nations.

**Blair to attend U.S. Iraq summit**

BERLIN, Germany — Prime Minister Tony Blair is preparing to fly to the U.S. for urgent talks over Iraq with U.S. President George W. Bush.

Blair will discuss the threat posed by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, his alleged programs to develop weapons of mass destruction and what steps to take.

Bush is taking his case on the need for action to oust Saddam to the U.S. Congress, and vowed to make the case against Iraqi leader on the international stage as well.

His weekend meeting with Blair, a key ally, at the President's Camp David retreat will be seen as a step to win international support for air strikes against Iraq.

Both leaders say that no decision has yet been taken on military action.

On Tuesday, Blair made clear his determination to stand squarely with the U.S. president over the Iraqi issue, describing Saddam as a "real and unique threat" to the Middle East and the wider world.

On Wednesday, the prime minister's official spokesman said the Camp David talks would provide "a useful opportunity to go over the issues flowing from Saddam's continuing violation of the U.N. resolutions."

In Washington, Dush said he looked forward to talking with the prime minister about "our mutual concerns about how to make the world more secure today."

**Today**

High 90  
Low 58

Mostly sunny with east winds around 10 mph.



**Five-day Forecast**

Friday	Mostly Sunny	91/58
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	88/61
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	89/65
Monday	Partly Cloudy	85/64
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	85/64

**Almanac**

Average high: 86  
Average low: 62  
Wed. precip: 0.00 in.  
Wed. hi/low: 93/62

**CORRECTIONS**

Wednesday's story "Man found dead in bed of truck," should have read that Randall Yancy died early Tuesday morning.

A page four photo cutline in Tuesday's paper should have identified people participating in the ceremony as Hindu.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors

**TODAY'S CALENDAR**

BAC, Ladies of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Study sessions  
Big Muddy Room, Student Center basement  
8 to 10 p.m.  
Every Thursday  
All Welcome

Music Business Association  
new members meeting  
Sangamon Room, second floor, Student Center  
6 p.m.  
Today and next Thursday

Dept. of Theater  
Public reading of a new play by David Rush  
Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater  
7 p.m. today

**POLICE REPORTS**

**University**

• A tool box containing a turbo torch kit and several cutters was reported stolen from a vehicle between 2 and 5:45 a.m. Tuesday at the south overpass near the Physical Plant. The loss was estimated at \$200.

• A bicycle was reported stolen between 5 p.m. Monday and noon Tuesday at the Bloomer Hill bicycle rack. The loss was estimated at \$300. Police said they have no suspects.

**Carbondale**

• David E. Porter, 33, was arrested and charged with residential burglary Tuesday night. Police were called to an apartment in the 700 block of East College Street after a resident awoke to find a man, later identified as Porter, in his living room. Porter fled the scene before the police arrived. The resident discovered 32 DVDs missing. Police located Porter in the area and recovered the DVDs.

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# SIUC professor concocts hog waste reactor to lower odor

Brad Brondsema  
Daily Egyptian

Hog waste really stinks and pollutes groundwater, but one SIUC professor may have developed a solution to a problem that has long plagued farmers and annoyed their neighbors.

Borrowing from an idea that has been around for 30 to 40 years, SIUC Professor James Blackburn designed a reactor that removes the odor and harmful bacteria from hog manure. A \$250,000 grant from the Illinois attorney general's office funded the project.

Blackburn's machine speeds up the heating rate of manure, which diminishes the offending odors. During this heating process, bacteria help remove the ammonia — the source of the manure's smelly odor.

The work begins when the hog waste is dumped and sealed in the reactor. Steamy water temperatures of 130 to 140 degrees Fahrenheit run through coils in the reactor to remove the harmful elements that cause the horrendous odor and pollute groundwater.

The heated water can then be used to serve several functions at the farmers' discretion, according to Blackburn.

"It can be used to heat nurseries — also some air conditioning units use hot water to function," he said.

After about six days, the manure is removed and dried. The remaining product is virtually odorless and environmentally safer than in its previous state, Blackburn said.

The reactor being tested is located in the Swan Center and can manage about 1,000 gallons of hog excrement. But to adequately service an average hog farm, the reactor would have to be about 30,000 gallons.

Blackburn said a reactor of that size would be the same height of the current model but larger in diameter.

Blackburn recently participated in a study at the University of Illinois where researchers used his treated hog waste in an odor test. More than 90 percent of the students tested could not smell the manure.

The only obstacle Blackburn has run into so far is farmers' willingness to participate in the study. No farmers are currently



James W. Blackburn, an engineering professor, stands in front of a pilot-scale model of an odor-cutting manure treatment system he designed.

slated to participate in the study; a problem Blackburn said he anticipated.

"We don't have hog farmers that are considerably close," he said. "And the price of hogs is low right now, so they're afraid of anything cutting into their profit margins."

Until a farmer is willing to give the reactor a try, SIUC Assistant Professor Stuart Walters is testing the manure on cabbage, squash, cucumber and broccoli growing on the college's farms.

"The plants are really looking good,"

Walters said. "There has been no evidence of chlorosis [yellowing of the plant] so far."

Blackburn said students assisting in the reactor program have been a key to its success. He said it was difficult finding students willing to participate because they were unwilling to work with animal waste.

"When it's all done what's coming out is something different than what went in."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### REGIONAL

#### Autopsy of Williamson County man reveals death by self-inflicted gunshot wound

The autopsy conducted on a Williamson County man found dead in the bed of a truck early Tuesday morning revealed that he died of a self-inflicted single-gunshot wound to the chest.

The autopsy of Randal S. Yancey did not indicate foul play, according to a Williamson County Coroner Mike Burke. Yancey was the husband of Melissa Yancey, a dispatcher for the Williamson County Police Department.

His body was found in the parking lot of the Pin Oak Motel, 1200 Pin Oak Drive, in Carterville.

An inquest will be scheduled at a later date.

#### Arcade and billiards hall opens

Murphysboro Chamber of Commerce invites the public to a ribbon cutting at Sunshades, 9 N. 10th St. in Murphysboro. Sunshades, an arcade and billiards hall, will open today at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 684-6421.

### CARBONDALE

#### Volunteers needed to plant flowers

Carbondale Main Street is looking for volunteers to help plant mums in flower beds around Carbondale's Town Square from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 7. Free soda, water and pizza will be provided to volunteers. Contact Carbondale Main Street at 529-8040 for more information.

### ON CAMPUS

#### SIU playwriting professor honored

SIU's playwriting professor David Rush has been honored with an award for Outstanding Playwriting Teacher of the Year. The award is given annually by the Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE). The nominating process has to be initiated by fellow teachers, students and colleagues. The award, now in its second year, can be a pleasant surprise for Rush, who has been teaching full-time for about six years.

Rush was notified of the award back in April by the chair of the ATHE committee. He was unable to attend the award ceremony that took place in late July because it conflicted with the opening of Playwrights' Workshop in Carbondale.

A colleague who read his speech at the ceremony accepted the award for him. Rush was also given a plaque that is now displayed in his office.

#### Writing forum offered in Student Center today

Deborah A. Smith, assistant professor of health education and recreation, will lead a Forum on Writing and Service Learning from noon to 1:30 p.m. today in the Kaskaskia Room of the Student Center.

She will discuss the role that writing can play in service learning and describe how she has incorporated writing assignments to facilitate process learning in a service-learning course.

There will be a question and answer session and an open forum following the speech.

# Denny's sued for sexual harassment

EEOC claims 16-year-old waitress unrightfully terminated from Carbondale restaurant

Molly Parker  
Daily Egyptian

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Denny's Inc. for the alleged sexual harassment of a 16-year-old-employee at the Carbondale restaurant.

The EEOC sued on behalf of Becky Hilliard of Murphysboro, claiming she was sexually harassed by a general manager and another co-worker, both male, and unrightfully terminated from her job in July 2001. Hilliard was hired by Denny's, 1915 Sycamore St., in April 2000 to work as a waitress.

The lawsuit claims Hilliard was retaliated against for complaining about the sexually harassing conduct by reducing her scheduled hours and later terminating her employment. The EEOC sued in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois and Hilliard is personally represented by the Carbondale

firm of Rhode and Jackson, P.C.

Hilliard is seeking monetary relief and injunctive in compliance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, according to her lawyer Shari Rhode.

Denny's spokeswoman Debbie Atkins said Denny's handled the complaint properly at the time of the complaint one year ago by terminating an employee and retraining the staff on sexual harassment policies. She said those actions were made in reaction to recommendations by the EEOC.

"We have worked in good faith with the agency to resolve the matter and are baffled by their decision to file a lawsuit," Atkins said. "We will defend ourselves vigorously."

Robert Johnson, regional attorney for EEOC, said Denny's did not take proper action at the time of the complaint to deal with sexual harassment and instead terminated the teenager in retaliation for complaining.

"They did exactly the opposite of what an appropriate response would have been," Johnson said.

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# CASA interim dean candidates will take questions today

Forum gives students opportunity to know more about candidates

Jane Huh  
Daily Egyptian

Fred Isberner and Paul Sarvela will both have busy mornings today and Friday.

The two selected candidates for the interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences will speak both days from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in a forum open up to students, faculty and staff of the college at the University Museum Auditorium in Faneer Hall.

The current CASA dean, Elaine Vitello, retires at the end of this month.

Isberner and Sarvela said people should take advantage of the informative event.

"[It is an] opportunity to learn about candidates and what we have to offer the students," Isberner said.

Thursday's forum is open to faculty and staff, and the Friday forum is for students.

Isberner came to the University in 1979 as a visiting instructor in the department. He is a professor in the department of health care and has served as the associate dean for the college of Applied Sciences and Arts since 1992. Isberner earned a doctorate in philosophy in health education in 1984 from SIUC.

Sarvela said he wants students to get to know what his views on leadership and how he would

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Paul Sarvela  
interim dean candidate

manage the college.

"First of all, I think they'll get an idea of who I am and there may be some questions about my philosophy in terms of leadership," Sarvela said. "I think this is not your usual interim job because of the tasks that have to be handled over next year or so. It's really important for people to come and ask questions."

Sarvela arrived SIUC in 1986 as an assistant professor of health education. He has chaired the school's department of health care professions since 1999. Sarvela earned a doctorate in health education in 1984 from the University of Michigan.

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Isberner will speak from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Sarvela will speak from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. at Thursday's forum. At Friday's forum, Isberner will speak from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and Sarvela will speak from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

# Four categories rank SIUC in statewide survey

Honors for SIUC and Carbondale in Illinois Magazine's Best of Illinois

## University nominated in 'Best of Illinois' finals by magazine

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

SIUC may have the best artist and mascot. It may also be deemed the best place to watch beautiful people and best place to catch a rising star — if it gets enough votes in Illinois Magazine's "Best of Illinois" survey.

The staff at Illinois Magazine, a publication out of Springfield, realized people tend to think of Chicago when they rank the best in Illinois.

But Illinois Magazine staff decided a survey, including all regions of the state, was the best way to allow people to express their ideas on the "best of Illinois."

"Every region has something; they are proud of," said Penny Zimmerman-Wills, editor of Illinois Magazine. "We wanted to give people the opportunity to have bragging rights and tell what makes their part of the state great."

In March, Illinois Magazine asked readers to submit their opinions on "the best of Illinois." Readers were asked to split their choices into three areas: central, northern and Southern Illinois.

Breaking the state into three sec-

tions allowed readers an opportunity to recognize the strengths of different areas of Illinois in fairly ordinary categories such as "best mall" and "best actress or actor" as well as not so common areas such as "best place to blow your diet" and "best mascot."

The nominees, which will be narrowed down to one from each category, will be announced in October and include the unusual nomination of the Saluki as "best mascot."

Although the Egyptian hunting dog received some press during the successful 2002 basketball season, there are still those who are not fully aware of what exactly a Saluki is. Of course, everyone on the SIUC campus can easily paint a visual picture of the dog known for its speed and hunting skills, but many are not aware of the history of the dog.

More specifically, many are unaware that the quick, slender canine has represented SIUC for almost 50 years, defeating such perspective mascots as the Rebels, Knights and Flyers.

"We're unique in that we're the only university that has the Saluki as a mascot," said Tom Weber, director of Media Services. "It helps make the school distinctive and identifiable to others."

### So much drama

While there was not a long line of students wishing to contribute their

input on why SIUC has the best mascot, theater majors gathered in the Communication Building were eager to express their thoughts on McLeod Theater's nomination in the category of "best place to catch a rising star."

"I auditioned at school all over and all of them had heard of the theater department at SIUC," said Kaeli Schiedes, a junior in theater from Louisville, Ky. "There are so many opportunities here, even for the kids who don't get cast in plays."

"Even though these two guys didn't get cast in this play, they let them use the theater to put on a play they wrote; they let us use the theater when my friends and I got together and created this play called 'Monsters.'"

Students such as Erin Callahan, a senior in theater from McLeansboro, credit strong student and teacher relationships as part of the success of the theater.

In addition to the intimate relationship teachers and students share, theater majors such as Damon S. Jacob, a senior in theater from Springfield, also credit the opportunities allotted to undergraduates, as well as the experience they receive while working with the theater.

"It doesn't matter what your emphasis is in the theater," said Jacob. "You make sure that during plays, you work backstage and with the costumes, so you get experience in differ-

- Best college mascot: SIUC Saluki
- Best place to watch a concert: Copper Dragon, Carbondale
- Best Illinois artist: Cheonee Kim, SIUC
- Best place to catch a rising star: SIUC McLeod Theater
- Best place to shop if you win the lottery: The Hundley House, Carbondale
- Best shopping mall: University Mall, Carbondale
- Best place to get gardening advice: Family Tree Garden Center, Carbondale
- Best place to watch beautiful people: SIUC Campus

RANDY WILLIAMS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

ent parts of theater and your not just molded to do one thing."

With such commitment from faculty, it is no wonder that the spotlights of McLeod Theater have focused on such actors as Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" and Peter Michael Gutz.

Though members of the department take pride in the accomplishments of famous alumni, they are always thankful for any recognition the theater receives.

"We're absolutely thrilled about the recognition," said Lori Merrill-Fink, acting chair of the Theater Department. "The students have been working hard, and its great that the quality of their work is being recognized."

### What can we say?

Though beauty is often equated with the theater, individuals who submitted their votes to Illinois Magazine see it as a part of the SIUC campus as a whole, and, as a result,

nominated the campus as the best place in the region to "watch beautiful people."

"[There's] definitely a lot of attractive people here," said Les Reed, a junior in theater from Zion. "There's so many different people here and such a diverse population."

The nomination for "best place to watch beautiful people" and "best artist" bring the total for SIUC to four, in addition to another four for the city of Carbondale.

In the end, will the "best of" Southern Illinois be able to hold its own against the best of Chicago in the competition?

Only the results in the October issue of Illinois Magazine will tell. But even if the best of Southern Illinois is defeated by "Goliath" Chicago, as the teary-eyed stars sit on their journey back down the red carpet, "it was nice just to be nominated."

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# Insurance company's 'hit list' cites dangers of munching while on the road

Lisa Gutierrez  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Before you take your next road trip, chew on this:

That uncovered cup of coffee in your cup holder could kill you. Or at least your bumper.

So could all that other road food. Ooey, gooey chocolate. Jelly and cream-filled doughnuts. Chili. Fried chicken. Tacos. And — nothing personal, Kansas City — barbecued foods.

Hagerty Classic Insurance in Traverse City, Mich., has rated foods commonly eaten behind the wheel and issued a "Ten Most Dangerous Foods to Eat While Driving" hit list.

With state after state banning cell phone calls while driving, other distractions like eating, putting on make-up and yelling at the kids escape much discussion, said company president McKel Hagerty.

"We kind of touched a nerve that people didn't really want to look at," he said.

As many as 69 percent of motorists enjoy meals on wheels by some survey accounts, a trend that fast-food restaurants and convenience stores have duly noted.

Witness the growing number of meals and snacks designed to be eaten easily with one hand. (Could there be any other reason for French toast sticks at Burger King?)

Taco Bell has improved the "portability" of its tacos with thicker shredded cheese and shell — easier now to

leave at least one hand on the wheel or stick shift. (Hagerty found that the odds of a food-related accident can double if you're trying to eat and shift at the same time.)

Earlier this spring 7-Eleven introduced Go-Go Taquitos, deep-fried tortillas stuffed with spicy fillings and packaged in a paper sleeve. It took the company more than a year to develop a portable version of notoriously messy Mexican food.

When the chain test-marketed its new Candy Gulp, a resealable plastic cup of gummy candies, customers asked that the cup be made a little wider at the top so it would stay in cup holders. In some markets, the new on-the-go sweet outsold even chocolate candy.

The National Restaurant Association estimates that one-third of consumers age 18 to 24 and one-fourth of people 25 to 34 eat more frequently in their cars now than two years ago.

Other surveys suggest that more than 10 percent of all meals in America are eaten in the car, and more than half of all fast food is sold in the drive-through lane.

The government doesn't keep statistics on how dangerous eating on the run really is. But the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 25 percent of all automobile accidents that cause injury or fatalities are caused by distracted drivers.

A quick check of police in the Kansas City area turned up little evi-

dence that food is a major contributor to fender benders here, unless McKel Hagerty is right: "People are embarrassed to say, 'I was eating a hamburger and that's when I hit the wall.'"

Andy Norris, a computer programmer who lives in Baldwin City, Kan., grabs at least a drink every time he's going to travel in his Chevy Venture minivan for more than 30 minutes. His favorite libation is the 44-ounce cherry Vanilla Coke from Sonic Drive-In, which he sometimes holds in his lap instead of the cup holder.

"That's a risky maneuver in winter. Bulky coats put him closer to the steering wheel, which can catch the lid and tip the cup over. So he either pushes the seat back or puts the drink in the cup holder."

He didn't care that the Hagerty survey called soft drinks a deadly distraction. "I'm not going to give up anything," he said. "This is America."

If the discussion is about dangers on the road, what about all those people who turn and change lanes without signaling, said Norris, a religious blinker. He won't order tacos or fried chicken in the drive-thru, so he can leave his left hand free to use the turn signal.

"I break that rule when I eat chicken strips," he admitted. "I've got the ranch dressing in the left hand and the chicken strips in my right. But I can still hit the turn signal with my left."

The same people who have problems eating while driving are the same ones who can't talk on the cell phone and drive at the same time, Norris said. "And they shouldn't even be talking and walking at the same time," he said. "It's all based on the individual person and how much appetite they have."

Hagerty Insurance is not suggesting that people put down their Big Gulps and step away from the car. "Obviously we're not advising anyone to think other than common sense," said McKel Hagerty, who has banned the wheel on occasion.

But since issuing the hit list a few weeks ago, he's gotten a lot of negative feedback from law enforcement officials across the country. "I'd like to hear an update on this,"



LINDSEY J. MAISTIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Roberta Reeves, instructional evaluation, feeds bubble test sheets into the scanner.

# ISS has global mission

## Distance learning offered both locally, across continents

Lindsey J. Maistis  
Daily Egyptian

Ever wonder how professors find the time or obtain the skill to produce their interactive website, organize a videoconference or teach a course overseas?

Chances are they had help from one of the experts at the Instructional Support Services office (ISS) located in the basement of Morris Library.

Their specialties range from grading the bubble sheets for exams to connecting students to other classrooms in places as far as the mind can imagine.

"Most of the things we do are related to faculty and their instruction," said Howard Carter, ISS manager. "Anything that has to do with technology and instruction — we're probably the best place to start. We are a one-stop shop for faculty members."

Faculty can fill out a work order that will be completed by one of more than 40 student workers. ISS supports more than 500 courses, websites for faculty and has an active role in videoconferencing.

Technology staff addresses the growing distance learning classes in the campus. Carter said, "We can have somebody in one of our classrooms teach a course via TV

monitors, video cameras and connection to the Internet," he said.

ISS also communicates with South Africa and Europe with videoconferences for classes.

While ISS has the ability to converse overseas, they still help students and faculty on a local level.

The telecommunication system is sometimes used to help graduate students obtain a job by interviewing for positions through the videoconferencing system.

The office also records grades from "bubble sheets" by utilizing a Scantron machine. Roberta Reeves, instructional evaluation, often operates the Scantron.

"[Scantron sheets] go through this machine and everything is stored on tape and then we load up to the mainframe and run our stuff on the main frame," she said.

ISS tries to keep up with technology by updating software and hardware. Because of budget cuts, Carter said they have to update in smaller quantities and cut down on some staff.

But Carter said that the ISS staff is capable to meet those challenges.

"We have some of the most talented students and staff members in the University here," he said. "They're incredibly enthusiastic about the things that they do. They create high quality work in often very short time frames."

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## most dangerous foods to eat while driving

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| 1. Coffee           | 6. Anything Barbecued           |
| 2. Hot soup         | 7. Fried Chicken                |
| 3. Tacos            | 8. Jelly/cream-filled doughnuts |
| 4. Chili            | 9. Soft drinks                  |
| 5. Jumbo hamburgers | 10. Chocolate                   |

SOURCE: Hagerty Classic Insurance (KTI). DAVID TREMBLEMAN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Internships help advance women in administrative positions

Program provides women opportunity to intern at administrative or chair office, gain experience

**Kristina Dailing**  
Daily Egyptian

When Marjorie Morgan, the department chair and associate professor of history, participated in the Chair Internship program, women occupied four department chair positions out of the 75 offered at SIUC.

Even fewer women occupied administrative positions on campus at that time.

But the department of University Women's Professional Advancement (UWPA) has been

working for the past 17 years to increase these numbers by offering internships for women working at SIUC.

And the department succeeded in increasing the numbers of women serving in administrative positions and chair positions on campus.

At SIUC in 1990, 201 men and 62 women held executive administrative positions. In the past 11 years, the number of women holding administrative positions increased by 30, totaling 92 positions held by women in 2001.

The UWPA offers an administrative internship program and a chair intern program that allow women to work with an administrator or chair of their choice to help them gain on-the-job experience.

Both programs are designed to give women and opportunity to get skills in administration and also to figure out for themselves if it is something they are good at or something that they want to do," said Linda Gannon, coordinator of the program.

The program is open to women

administrative professionals, faculty and civil service employees that have worked full time at the University for five consecutive years.

Women interested in the program must fill out an application for either the administrative program or the chair internship that includes a statement of career goals as well as a resume and two recommendations from a person familiar with the applicant's job performance.

The person chosen for the internships is decided by a three- to four-person committee of individuals, chosen by the coordinator of the program.

For the administrative program, the person selected for the internship will spend 50 percent of the academic year working in the administrative office of their choice. The UWPA will reimburse the individual's department, financially, for the person's absence. The individual can intern in a dean's office, a provost office, or a vice president's office.

For the Chair Internship program, the intern selected works with a chair who works in a department similar to the applicant's. The intern

spends ten hours a week for one semester working with their assigned chair, and UWPA will reimburse the intern's department for her absence.

Gannon said the programs are not only important for women to learn skills for administrative positions, but they also to allow women a chance to see if they want to work in administration.

"A lot of people wind up in administrative positions and are surprised at what the work entails," Gannon said.

During the past twelve years, 28 women have participated in the administrative program and 18 have been advanced in their responsibilities since their involvement in the program.

Gannon is encouraged by the participation in the program and the participants' advancements in their careers because of the internship opportunity.

"As a whole it's been fairly successful in terms of getting women in higher administrative positions which is what our goal is," Gannon said.

Morgan participated in both the administrative programs as well as

the chair internship and said she felt the experience was beneficial.

"I got to see what went on at higher levels of administration within the University as well as state levels," Morgan said. "I was given the opportunity to think about my department in a larger context."

Morgan said she thinks any woman interested in how the University works and wanting to work in an administrative or chair position should take advantage of the opportunity, because it allows the intern to work hands-on in a department.

"It also gives women the chance to work on individual projects that are beneficial to your college or another college."

Morgan said it also allows women to decide if the position is something they want to pursue. She also sees the program as benefit for the University as a whole.

"Any program that encourages and supports women in administration is important for SIUC," Morgan said.

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**"I got to see what went on at higher levels of administration within the University."**

Marjorie Morgan  
department chair, history

## PBS

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Students from all over the University are encouraged to participate.

The program has received numerous awards, including two consecutive first places in National Academy of Television Arts and Science College Television Awards for News/Sports Magazine show.

"It's not really work, you're having too much of a good time for it to be work," said Jon Hayes, a radio-television major who has been a member of the altnews staff for two weeks. "It is an incredible opportunity and just the coolest thing."

Anyone interested in participating in altnews 26:46 this semester should attend the informational meeting at 7 p.m. every Thursday night in Studio B of the Communications Building.

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## CLASSROOMS

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students and particularly projects that would improve the experience for freshmen and sophomores with an eye toward retention.

"We spent a couple months here picking the brains of our respective deans," Poshard said.

The focus of the improvements will start with Lawson Hall and will spread to other buildings across the University.

"Lawson Hall will be returned to a state-of-the-art facility," Poshard said. "Back in the 1970s when it opened it was a showcase for technology; today we're going to retrofit it with technology improvements, with wireless Internet access, with video projection systems, smart boards, better lighting, seating, acoustics and so on."

Poshard said the University will continue

work on large auditoriums across the campus. Poshard said Davis Auditorium in the Wham Education Building, Furr Auditorium in Pulliam Hall, Quigley Hall Auditorium, Brown Auditorium in Parkinson Hall, the large classrooms in Rehn Hall and other similar large lecture halls across campus are on the top of the list.

Also expected are wireless activity in Pulliam and Lentz halls, Morris Library, the Student Center and Quigley Hall.

"There will be improvements to the Glove Factory, the Pulliam Hall industrial arts wing and the art and design departments," Poshard said. "Many other improvements in small classrooms range from new window shades and computers to better sound facilities for students with disabilities and improvements in equipment."

Poshard said the list is long but SIUC will work "past the two-year effort to complete all of those things the deans have given us."

**"We will turn over a lot of stones as we work through this effort to find any kind of implication of waste on the campus."**

Walter Wendler  
chancellor, SIUC

Wendler said the University is still looking for ways to cure its budget woes. "We will turn over a lot of stones as we work through this effort to find any kind of implication of waste on the campus," Wendler said. "We're trying to find ways that we can deliver excellence in an effective and efficient manner, and it's going to be tough."

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sion of open houses.

Despite an overall increase in undergraduate enrollment, international student enrollment has dropped modestly, said Dietz.

"We anticipated that would be the case because of the sensitivity on the VISA situation," Dietz said. "Many are coming back this spring, they are getting through immigration and naturalization issues."

Wendler said he has heard a gen-

eral tendency that when the economy tends to be soft, higher education and enrollment tend to go up a little bit in college admission and enrollment.

"We are riding a wave other colleges are riding right now," Wendler said.

Other colleges such as Northern Illinois University and the University of Illinois in Chicago have ridden the wave to see increases more than 1,000 students for fall enrollment.

UIC's fall enrollment preliminary numbers total 25,387, which is

up about 1,389 from last year. Northern Illinois University's preliminary numbers are also up and the final numbers could exceed 24,500.

Julie Smith, director of UIC Office of Data Resources, said that even with the tuition increase, the cost of state universities is still less than private institutions.

"The reasons for this is because there has been a continuing increase of high school graduates, and our campus has had significant changes in recruiting methods."

However, other state universities are experiencing some decline in

enrollment. Illinois State University's fall enrollment is about 20,975 compared to 21,035 students enrolled last year.

Wendler said classroom upgrades will help improve the academic programs for future enrollment to increase and said the University is still looking for ways to improve budget difficulties.

"We will turn over a lot of stones as we work through this effort to find any kind of implication of waste on the campus," Wendler said. "We're trying to find ways that we can deliver excellence in an effective

and efficient manner, and it's going to be tough."

Wendler said he has not eliminated the possibility of combining academic programs. He said administration would have to "look carefully at programs that are very productive and in high demand and other programs that may not be producing as many students and may not be as in high demand and ask ourselves the hard questions."

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## OUR WORD

# Planning takes time

The proposal for a University-sponsored Halloween event to prevent rioting on the Strip is a noble idea but an unrealistic vision for this year.

An event large enough to be considered an alternative to prior Halloween activities would require much consideration, money and most importantly, time.

With less than two months to Halloween, plans are still sketchy and details about location, allowing alcohol, rules and regulations have not been given, raising questions of feasibility for a celebration this year.

The Undergraduate Student Government is considering setting aside funds, and student groups are pitching in ideas for activities, with the city and administration giving the final say-so on all proposals.

Collectively, these groups of individuals must factor in a lot of variables to end up with the celebration they hope to achieve.

Outside of the foundation planning, they must consider whether to admit individuals who have been drinking, decide if people are allowed re-admittance and determine what time the celebration will let out — all things that could potentially mean trouble.

Most importantly, planners must think of who they are targeting with this party.

All practicality tells us that the same alcohol-inspired rioters of years past are probably not the same people to show up to an alcohol-free school party.

And with this tidbit of insight, the original intention of the party falls by the wayside.

Instead of organizing a Halloween baby-sitting service every year, next year we should have a celebration just to have a celebration.

We could call it the Fall Party in memory of the fall break we used to get. We could leave the word Halloween out of all planning propaganda and maybe even pretend Halloween is just another semi-normal day, like in every other town across America.

We could call it Fall Party in memory of the break we used to get.

Fall Party could follow the theme of Spring Thing, a popular alcohol-free event that brings students and community members together for a free concert in a feel-good, laid back atmosphere.

Maybe we could bring in a few bands, maybe have some competitions, give away some Spring Break trips and perhaps along the way we could even mend some of the community's fences we torched, trampled and urinated on with our past behavior.

It is time for a long overdue change.

While we support the idea of a campus party and understand that the proposal for a celebration this year was made with the best of intentions, anything worth doing takes time.

Just like your teachers tell you about your school assignments and projects, when you throw something together at the last minute, it shows in the end product.



## GUEST COLUMNIST

### Advancing prosperity

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The largest U.N. meeting ever held is taking up a critical issue for the 21st century: how to advance prosperity, especially for communities that depend on the land for their livelihood, while also protecting the environment?

More than 60,000 officials and non-governmental representatives have convened in Johannesburg, South Africa, to explore this challenge at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Many participants will wrangle over words, trying to prepare a definitive sustainable development document. The United States, instead, is focusing on building on-the-ground partnerships.

At the Interior Department, we are building partnerships through what I call the Four Cs: communication, consultation and cooperation, all in the service of conservation. We are co-sponsoring a World Summit exhibit that features Greenstar, an organization that has provided community e-commerce centers to bring economic opportunities to villages on several continents, and now has a pilot project in conjunction with Sandia National Labs working with a small Navajo community in To'Hajilee, N.M.

The e-commerce centers are self-contained, 20- by 10-foot modules powered with solar energy. Easily transported and deployed, the structures are now being used as community medical centers, with refrigeration for drugs and testing equipment as well as computer-based education centers for agriculture, digital production, and marketing of cultural products — music, art and crafts.

The centers also include video and voice telecommunications equipment that use satellite technology to bring villagers closer to a world of opportunities. Solar-powered water purification systems in the centers can provide enough clean water for a village of 20,000 people.

The Department and its Bureau of Indian Affairs are partners with Greenstar in introducing these community centers to America's Indian communities. As a small start, the Navajo village at To'Hajilee in New Mexico will be linked by a center web east with Johannesburg, during the World Summit so residents can interact on summit issues and broadcast a series of musical performances.

As the nation's leading conservation agency, the Interior Department achieves its goals through 4 Cs partnerships. Through our treaty obligations, these partnerships extend internationally.

For example, the Convention on the International

Trade in Endangered Species, inaugurated in 1973, now has 160 countries as partners, including the United States. This treaty enables individuals to trade in animal and plant species, while assuring that endangered ones are protected. Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service has developed a state-of-the-art, Web-based database that enables agencies to track permit applications for import and export of certain species. The legal international trade in plants and animals provides tens of thousands of jobs around the world and generates hundreds of millions in revenue, while protecting endangered species.

Interior also protects the habitat of migratory birds through a partnership that blends environmental and economic goals — the crux of sustainable development. The partnership includes the U.S. Agency of International Development, the Agriculture Department, the Smithsonian Institution, Conservation International, the Rainforest Alliance, the Specialty Coffee Association of America, Starbucks and others.

It builds upon the growing market demand for sustainable (organic, shade-grown, Fair Trade, "Bird Friendly") coffee. These markets provide opportunities for increasing incomes of coffee farmers, while protecting the environment and conserving biodiversity. The forest-like habitat of shade-grown coffee is especially important for migratory birds and other wildlife. The program assists farmers in Central and South America, the Caribbean, East Africa and South East Asia, while advancing goals of the migratory bird treaty.

The National Invasive Species Council, co-chaired by the Interior Department, works in partnership with other federal, state and local government agencies, universities and non-governmental organizations around the globe. Sharing expertise on the effects of invasive alien species on sustainable development issues such as biodiversity loss and effects on ecosystem services (e.g., water security), the council is addressing invasive species problems. One study estimates that the total cost of dealing with invasive species in the United States alone amounts to more than \$100 billion.

The United States has taken the lead in exchanging expertise on invasive species as well as other issues that rely on an information technology infrastructure and organizational infrastructure. User-friendly, web-based access to data and analyses allows users to link, integrate, analyze and visualize the vast amounts of available biological data and research.

Interior Department's partnerships have a common thread — they make a real difference in the lives of people while advancing conservation goals.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“It is the ordinary women that know something about love. The gorgeous ones are too busy being gorgeous.”

Katharine Hepburn  
actress

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“We threw some of those young rookies out there, and shoot, they kind of surprised me.”

Head Coach Jerry Kill  
after last Thursday's thrashing  
of Kentucky Wesleyan

COLUMNISTS

GUEST COLUMNIST

A letter to the non-reader

People, I know this isn't a popular topic, but let's talk books. No, not how the local bookstores screw you every semester when you buy and screw you again even worse when you sell back — you get used to that eventually. No, I'm talking about recreational reading — reading that's not assigned to you, reading just for fun. No Cosmo, no Maxim, don't even count the DAILY EGYPTIAN. Just real, solid books, preferably longer than 200 pages, because you need at least that long to get a good story going.

I'm the first to admit I used to read too much. As a kid, it was nothing to me to go to the town library, check out twenty books, read them all within a week and then go back for more. I was the class brain, a big geek with no friends — you get the picture. I think I'm recovering nicely from that, and even (amazingly enough) learning how to talk to people, but I still read, and a lot more than most people. I get the feeling that a lot of you out there haven't read a book in years outside of your assigned reading (if you even read that). I find that appalling.

I'm not advocating a total slavish devotion to books. There's too much going on in real life to make that your life. It is, however, an undeniable fact that reading makes you smarter. It's good for you and healthy, like jogging for your brain.

It's hard to have a passionate belief without sounding cheesy.

If you feed your brain on nothing but television, e-mail forwards and magazine fluff, you will have cause to regret it. Your brain will atrophy into sludge, and you will be left staring into the metaphorical endless void of a "Full House" rerun for eternity.

Look, I solemnly swear that there are books out there that are entertaining, even to people who aren't total geeks like myself. A really good book, a story well told, can take you away from everything and give you an experience of a story more impacting and unforgettable than even a movie, because it happens in your mind.

A book and a reader have a personal, intimate relationship of the imagination that can give you new insight into the world, or yourself.

It's hard to have a passionate belief without sounding cheesy. I'm sorry. I'll



Show Me the Dummy

BY CRYSTAL MOORE

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roped it in now, and recommend two books that I think even the most determined non-reader could find compelling. If you are a boy (or a boyish girl), read "Intensity" by Dean Koontz; if you are a girl (or girlish boy), read, "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling.

They're both decent stories by mainstream, bestselling author, told interestingly, and compelling enough to pull in even the most recalcitrant mind.

"Intensity" is undeniably Koontz's best work. Koontz reaches his peak in this action-adventure about one woman's struggle to escape from a serial killer. Lunatic villains are truly his forte, and while his protagonists are usually bland and interchangeable from book to book, he only has one to focus on here and manages to give her a distinct personality. It's a harrowing, tense tale and one of the few Koontz books that doesn't provoke a wince.

The "Harry Potter" series, on the other hand, is children's literature. The books are written simply but have a complex enough storyline to keep the attention of many adult readers and are charming enough to have won over even a die-hard anti-trendy like myself who shudders to admit to liking anything popular. I won't condescend you by going over the basic plot of the first novel, surely everyone has the gist by now. The storyline continues in an additional three books (to date) of varying quality and the same general amount of adorability.

If even one person who read this goes on to read something they wouldn't have before, then I've achieved something — and all of you muttering "geek" under your breath: better turn on the TV and pacify yourselves again.

Show Me the Dummy appears every Thursday.

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Don't forget the other heroes of Sept. 11

Onkar Ghate  
Ayn Rand Institute

On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack on our way of life, justice demands that we acknowledge an overlooked hero: the businessman.

Fittingly, in the wake of Sept. 11, there is increased appreciation for the vital importance of our police and our military in defending us against attack. But the terrorist assaults should have also underscored the crucial role of another group of American heroes. The deeds of those individuals, unfortunately, continue to go unrecognized.

Remember that as admirable as our men in uniform are, we would be better off if their courage were not needed. If there were no criminals to jail or foreign aggressors to defeat. Their actions derive meaning from the values they dedicate themselves to protecting the values commonly described as the "American way of life." But what is that exactly, and who is responsible for creating it?

To those who caught even a glimpse of daily life in Afghanistan, the contrast to life in the United States is shocking. In that primitive country there are few cars or paved roads, no shopping malls or bountiful grocery stores, virtually no high-rises, little in the way of entertainment — be it television or movie theaters or concert halls — few hospitals, no high-tech devices.

What there is, in abundance, is the backbreaking labor of a subhuman existence. Unlike America, Afghanistan has scant material wealth and virtually no industrialization.

Why? What explains this lack? Only one factor: the absence of freedom. Afghanistan has been a country without liberty. Its citizens had no right to think for themselves: The Taliban dictated their "thoughts." They had no right to property; what meager goods they managed to produce were looted for the nearest warlord. They had no right to pursue their own happiness; their lives were supposed to belong to God and to the state.

The American way of life is, fundamentally, a life of individual liberty. Devoid of the freedom that America's men in uniform safeguard, Afghanistan lacked the type of person who flourishes only under freedom: the businessman. It is the free mind of the businessman that

raises the capital and creates the methods by which the discoveries of science are transformed into commercial products.

It is the businessman who invents assembly-line production and turns the automobile from a curiosity to a necessity. It is the businessman who figures out how to deploy the latest discovery in chemistry into a fertilizer that boosts agricultural yields. It is the businessman who coordinates and directs vast amounts of capital and labor in order to build transcontinental rail-ways, colossal dams, ocean-hopping passenger planes, and electrical generating stations. It is the businessman who is among the first to recognize the value of innovations, patiently waiting for others to see what he has seen and so builds an IBM or a Microsoft, which raises everyone's standard of living.

The businessman is the one who devotes his mind to producing wealth. The businessman is the creator of the American way of life — a life of prosperity and progress made possible by freedom. Without his present and past actions, our daily lives would resemble the dismal existence of the Afghans.

The terrorists, who, in their words, "love death like Americans love life," understand the connection of business to life. That is why they struck at the symbols of commercial success — the skyscrapers of the World Trade Center. It is time we grasp that same connection.

Rather than denounce businessmen whenever the price of gasoline rises (and, when it falls, take that as proof that the price was too high in the first place), rather than habitually cast businessmen as the villains in our TV shows and movies rather than smear all businessmen for the dishonesty of a few who want to get rich not by production, but by fraud: we should praise the producers.

The attacks of Sept. 11 have made people more acutely aware of the value of the American way of life — and of those who defend it. But the many businessmen who perished on that date and their thousands of brothers-in-spirit who survived are the individuals who make that way of life a daily reality.

In justice, as we commemorate the anniversary of that tragic day, should we not also pay tribute to these heroes?

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LETTERS

Visit Little Egypt and see what it has to offer

DEAR EDITOR:

Little Egypt in Southern Illinois in the summer of 2002 has been hotter than a camel in the Sahara. Ungodly heat without rain has taken its toll on man, and the crops have suffered dearly. The corn is without ears, and people don't want to hear what the Lord has to say. The green, green grass of home has turned brown. Could this be the beginning of seven straight years of drought in Little Egypt?

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Illinois. Walk like an Egyptian, explore Southern Illinois and go on the adventure of your life. The journey in little Egypt on earth is a taste of Heaven in the hereafter.

George Culley  
Frankfortville

Research will get you more respect about opinion

DEAR EDITOR:

I think it was most unfortunate to read Ethan Erickson's column on SIU football after just one game. No, Kentucky Wesleyan will not be the best team Southern plays; Southeast, Murray State, Eastern Michigan and the first two conference games at home against Western Illinois and Northern Iowa will tell the story for the most part. Prior to the 1993 season, NCAA college football programs had to make a choice to either be classified

as a Division I-A or the newly created Division I-AA. It is important to note that the 1993 season was the first year of Division I-AA football. Prior to that, NCAA football had three classifications; Division I, II and III. In 1982, SIU was a member of Division I Missouri Valley Conference and played five MVC games going 4-1. The remaining six games, which included Florida State, also were against Division I opponents and the 11th game against Division II Southeast Missouri State.

The MVC is now a Division I-AA along with many other programs in the country that were formerly Division I. Note the schools Southern played against in 1993: Western Illinois, Eastern Illinois, Northern Iowa, Arkansas State, Drake, Indiana State and Illinois State. In the playoffs, we played against Indiana State, Nevada Reno and the championship Western Carolina. The team went 13-1; the lone defeat was at Division I Wichita State. Southern did schedule down, and in all

probability, had its schedule determined several years in advance of 1993. Prior to 1993 coaches recruited players for Division I programs. Again, keep in mind that there was no Division I-AA or I-AA in 1982 or prior to.

As far as today's Division I-A conferences are concerned, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is made up of six conferences: PAC 10, Big 12, Big 10, Big East, Atlantic Coast and Southeastern (Notre Dame as the lone independent). Perhaps, Ethan, you should go tell Clemson University that its national championship in 1983 against the University of Nebraska should not have counted, that all ACC and Big East have weak schedules and impotent programs. Southern is trying just like everyone else. In your next attempt in writing about Southern football, please do some research. It will go a long way in the respect you will earn.

Doug Salmon  
Cantabula

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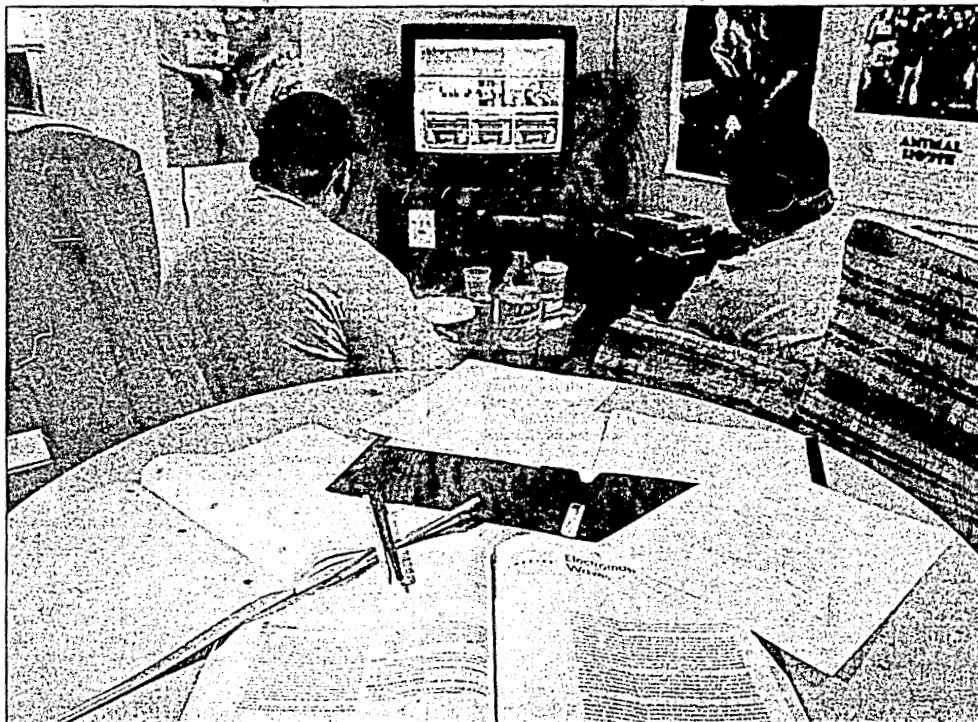


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While playing video games, watching television or hanging out with friends can seem more attractive than getting work done, procrastination can lead to excess stress and can ultimately be unhealthy.

## PROCRASTINATION . . . **Think about it later**

Procrastination can cause students to have problems getting tasks done, but there are ways to be more time efficient

STORY BY KRISTINA DAILING

**L**ee Allen once spent the night sleeping on a hard wood floor in an unheated house in the middle of winter.

He slept like a baby. Allen, a senior in visual communication from Eldorado, had not slept for several nights before, so the floor was not a bad place to finally get some urgently needed "zzz's."

Allen, like many other college students, owed his sleepless nights to something called procrastination.

Barbra Elam, a stress management counselor at the Wellness Center, defined procrastination as intentionally or habitually putting off tasks that could be done sooner.

"Procrastination is a big problem with students," Elam said. "They will finish a big project and say that the next time they will start sooner, but they don't."

"Then they feel stressed and become overwhelmed."

Procrastination can be a reflection of a student's personality and is caused by different personality traits of a student, said Elam. Students may be spontaneity junkies and not like to plan ahead or they may be fearful of making decisions or they don't care. Sometimes students let things build up because they like to look busy in front of their peers.

But once students get into the habit of procrastinating, stress can cause a student to have anxiety, feel down on him or herself and lead to anxiety disorders, Elam said. This stress can then cause emotional and physical problems.

"If anxiety builds, it can weaken an immune system, causing the student to not be able to fight illness," Elam said. "Stress also affects thinking because stress hormones are released in your body that can interfere with your thinking, making it hard to concentrate."

Emly Paschke, a junior in biological sciences from Dupe, moved into her house for

school on Aug. 14.

She still has several opened boxes stacked in her room that she has not gotten around to putting away.

"My roommate is getting a little irritated because the boxes use to be in a neat pile. Now they are just all over the place because I pull things out when I need them," Paschke said.

And Paschke said unloading the boxes is not the only way she procrastinates. She puts off waking up in the morning, doing homework, getting ready for work and actually leaving for work.

She has worked at Walgreen Drug Store for the past year and can't remember a time she got there early.

"I have to be at work by 5 p.m.," Paschke said. "And the people at work know that I will be there right at 5 or by 5:02."

Elam has helped many students try to beat the procrastination habit and gives students several tips to keep things from stacking up. Elam said she encourages students to keep a planner or list of things that need to be done.

"Break it down and write it down," Elam said. "If a teacher gives you a paper that is due in two weeks, write down when you will go to the library, when you will write the first couple of paragraphs and when you will write the final draft."

She also suggested fighting the urge to be a perfectionist and just give it your best shot and then be done with it.

Elam also said students need to be realistic about what needs to be done and to realize that not every task will be enjoyable.

"Do the most important thing first or spend time doing the things that aren't fun," Elam said.

Elam also said she tells students that they need to make time-filler tasks, such as checking e-mail and making phone calls, as a reward for when all the important things are done.

"College is a special time because it is the time to learn how to manage your unstructured time," Elam said. "There is nobody here to stand over you and make sure you get things done."

Allen said he procrastinates in everything. He has gotten several speeding tickets because he couldn't turn off the television and leave for work a little early.

When he gets home from work he needs to wind down for a while. He sits down, turns on the television and grabs something to eat. Then he falls asleep, putting off everything he needs to do until tomorrow.

He even gives his friends tips on how to get things done at the last minute.

Allen knows he could do better in his classes if he just did not wait until the last minute to do assignments and projects. But he has spent so many years waiting until the last minute that he said that he feels he works best under a crunch.

"Procrastinating is bad," Allen said. "But if done effectively, it can at least get you a 'C.'"

Reporter Kristina Dailing can be reached at kdailing@dailyegyptian.com

**How to keep from procrastinating**

1. Don't be a perfectionist. Give it your best shot and then be done with it.
2. Do the things that aren't fun first.
3. Write down what you need to do step by step.
4. Make e-mailing and phone calls a reward after you're done.
5. Do a little bit whenever you have free time, even if it is for 15 minutes.

JOHN MISKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Wellness Center provides free services to students having problems with time management or anxiety because of procrastination. For more information call the Wellness Center at 538-4441.

# Video game addicts hit the dance pad

Jenee Osterheld  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KRT) — Forget the fascination with the eye-dazzling graphics of the Xbox and PlayStation 2.

Many sit-and-play video game addicts are getting up and out, heading for the nearest arcade to jump on the interactive rhythm game "Dance Dance Revolution." They've traded their tired fingers for crazy legs in an eye-ear-foot coordination challenge.

The video game-dance union started in Japan a few years ago and is turning America's video gamers into a rhythm nation of sorts. The "DDR" craze has ignited the creation of clubs everywhere, from California to a club in Kansas City known as DDRKC.

DDRKC isn't a traditional club with meetings and officers and minutes and dues. This organization is strictly for the sport of rhythm games. At the meetings, gamers swap techniques while playing the games.

Ryan Edwards, a 27-year-old software engineer, founded DDRKC in April because he wanted to generate some interest in the area. Edwards even owns his own "DDR" arcade machines in Play Central Station, an arcade in the suburb of Overland Park, Kan. DDRKC helps encourage new players and provides a forum to address local game issues, Edwards said.

"It generally adds to the following of such games in the U.S. and worldwide," he said. "Besides, it's more fun to play with friends than alone."

"DDR" friends gather in groups as large as 20 every Thursday at Play Central Station to take turns playing and watching. "DDR" is fun for the players, but to the spectator it looks as serious as a boxing match. There are three levels based on speed, beat and precision: basic, trick and maniac. Players keep a straight face, they barely move their arms, and it's all about precision. Feet on arrows on beat for four songs straight.

It's hyper-aerobic. By the fourth and final song in a game, the dance maniac is wearing a sweat-soaked shirt. The first move they make as they step off the machine is toward the concession stand where they guzzle water so fast it gushes out of their mouths and down their chins.

"It's incredibly fun and a great workout," says T.J. Vehlewald, 17. "I am in better shape than I used to be and before I started playing this. I sat around doing nothing."

Bud Crittenden, a "DDR" maniac, and some of his co-workers at Sprint in Kansas City, Kan., enjoy a game of "DDR" during lunch breaks. "In addition to his lunch-hour fun, Crittenden says he comes out on Thursday nights for a little fun exer-



AARON SHOWALTER - KANSAS CITY STAR (KRT)

Players try to keep their feet moving on the correct arrows in the arcade game "Dance Dance Revolution," being played Aug. 17, in Kansas City, Mo.

cise that's cheaper than a membership at Bally's.

"Since I've been doing it, I've been slowly losing weight, and I'm toning up," says Crittenden, 33, who's been playing for more than a year.

For others, the beat's the thing. "These games are fun because everybody likes music. It's not like using a controller, it's about using your body," said Duncan Oliver, a senior at Blue Valley Northwest in Overland Park, Kan. "It's pretty addictive. People who like it should probably get the home version because once you start you'll end up using lots of tokens," said Oliver, 17.

Each player gets four songs for \$1, but eventually this adds up. Which is why many "DDR" fanatics have the home version of the game on PlayStation (\$30). Some play with their fingers by controller, others buy the pad set (\$50). A PC version is available as well, and some dance fiends even have the actual arcade version at home.

Like Jon Effertz, 15, who got the actual arcade machine for his birth-

day earlier this summer.

"My mom sees it as really good exercise, and it's so much fun," Jon said. "My mom is actually getting good at it. The whole family plays, and it's good entertainment for company."

The next step for DDRKC fans is competition.

"It seemed like you had to travel out farther west to get some solid competition, so we decided to hold our own tournaments here," said Vehlewald, a high school senior.

Tournaments are divided into technical and performance. Performance competition is about freestyle dancing; technical competition is based on precision. And there are competitions for basics, tricks and maniacs.

"Competing in a tournament would be about seeing how I rank," said Drew Miller, a 21-year-old "DDR" freak. "There's a challenge about it."

"There really is no preparation for tournaments other than practice," Effertz said. "The hardest part of the game is getting exactly on beat."



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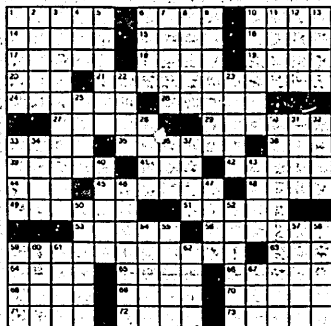
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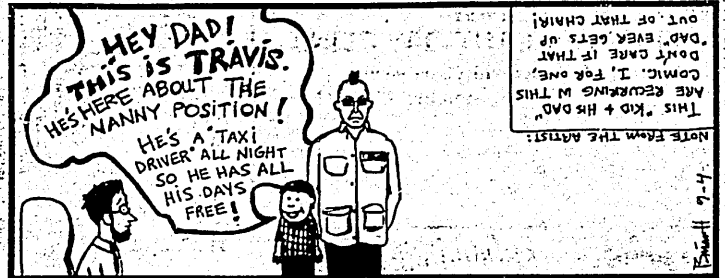
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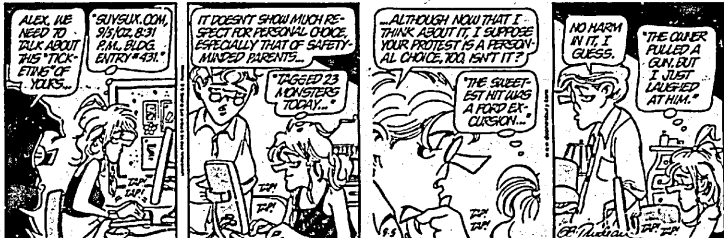
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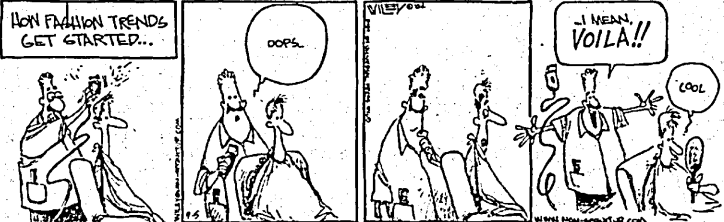
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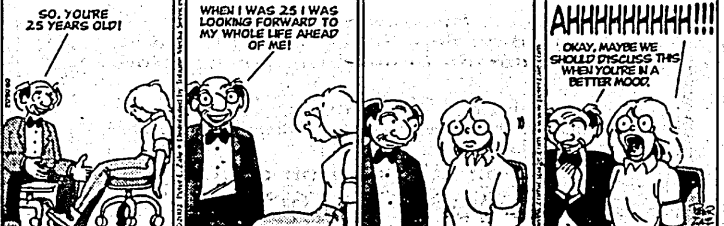
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# Illinois punter ready to go after illness

**Chris Neubauer**  
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Last summer, Matt Minnes was fighting for his life in Massachusetts.

Last week, the Urbana native was fighting for the starting job at punter for the Illinois football team.

And last Saturday, Minnes was fighting to kick Missouri into poor field position.

Minnes luckily won all three battles. But it was the first battle that really put the other two battles into perspective for the sophomore.

"It's just a blessing that I'm still alive," Minnes said. "So this really makes you think."

Minnes' troubles began last summer about a week before the opening of Camp Rantoul when he contracted a near-fatal bacterial infection.

Just before Minnes was set to embark on a family vacation to Cape Cod, he began displaying symptoms

of streptococcus. Minnes was given medication to treat the disease commonly known as strep throat and then he proceeded with the vacation.

When his family reached Pennsylvania, Minnes' condition worsened, and he had to be hospitalized to receive fluids intravenously.

Minnes spent about a month in the hospital between August and September of 2001. In that month he lost 35 pounds from his already slender 6-foot-2-inch frame.

Minnes says he finally regained all of his strength and weight by last March. He recovered just in time to begin a six-month long battle with redshirt freshman Steve Weatherford for the starting punting position.

"It made me work even harder because I came from nothing," Minnes said.

And Minnes finally beat out Weatherford for the starting nod last week, only days before the season opener against Missouri.

Minnes responded to Turner's decision by punting seven times for an average of 39.4 yards. He impressed his coach, even if his own criticism was a bit harsher.

"Matt did a good job for us on Saturday," Turner said. "I was pleased with his poise and confidence out there. We're pleased with his progress."

Minnes admitted to having a few nerves before his first collegiate start. But his performance was one of the more consistent by an Illini player on Saturday.

"I had some butterflies before my first punt," Minnes said. "But in the second half I felt pretty much settled in. And that's when I had most of my good punts."

Minnes' first punt of the second half was a career-long 49-yard boot that pinned the Tigers back at their own 10-yard line.

"We knew he had a good leg," Turner said. "He's a good kid, and he's got a great work ethic. So we knew he would be back."

# Iowa running back nurses ankle sprain

**Todd Brommelkamp**  
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — The thought of losing his job as Iowa's starting running back never crossed Aaron Greving's mind.

Not even after watching backups Fred Russell and Jermelle Lewis have their way with Akron's defense during Iowa's season opening victory Aug. 31.

"I don't think things have changed that much," Greving told reporters Tuesday.

Still nursing the high ankle sprain that kept him from taking the field against the Zips, junior tailback Greving likened his current situation to missing spring drills with a similar injury. Despite not participating in Iowa's spring game,

he remained atop the Iowa depth chart.

His status remains day-to-day as the Hawkeyes gear up for a grueling road test against Miami (Ohio) University this weekend, but coach Kirk Ferentz remains high on the talented Ames, Iowa, product.

"Aaron hasn't done anything to take away from what he's done [in the past]," Ferentz said.

That reassurance comes as welcome news to Greving after watching backups Fred Russell and Jermelle Lewis each turn in 100-yard-plus performances against the Zips.

"It makes me feel better," Greving said before receiving one of the twice-daily treatments on his right ankle. "The coaches are telling me they don't doubt me."

Not wanting to bring Greving

back too soon and risk losing him for more games, including Iowa's much anticipated Sept. 14 showdown with Iowa State, Ferentz said Tuesday he would once again take a wait-and-see approach for Saturday's game with the Red Hawks.

Both Russell and Lewis said they are more than ready to continue carrying the load for the Hawkeyes if Greving misses more time while recuperating.

"All three of the guys we're talking about here we've seen once in game situations," Ferentz said attempting to keep the so-called running back controversy in perspective.

Regardless of who starts in the backfield this weekend, Ferentz said he knows his team will face a stiff test at Miami.

## SPORTS FLASH

### Baseball team tryouts on Sunday

The SIU baseball team will have open tryouts at 10 a.m. Sunday at Abe Martin Field. Those who wish to try out need to bring their own gloves, spikes and any other equipment they may need.

Those trying out who are under the age of 18 must call the baseball athletic trainer, Lee Land, at 453-4163 for liability purposes.

For more information, call the baseball office at 453-3794 or 453-2802.

### Schultz named MVC player of the week

Lindsey Schultz, a senior on the SIU volleyball team, was named the Missouri Valley Conference player of the week Monday.

Schultz had a .415 hitting percentage

while leading SIU to first place in the Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic.

She was named the tournament's most valuable player and powered the Salukas to a 4-0 record in SIU's first tournament win since 2000.

### Meehan and Giat earn MVC athlete of the week

SIU's Doron Giat and Katie Meehan were named the Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country's Athlete of the Week following their first place wins at the Saluki Fall Start Open Saturday.

Giat, a junior from Israel, finished the men's 6K race in 19 minutes, 14 seconds, while Meehan, a senior from Sedalia, Mo., placed first in the women's 4K race in 14:42.98.

Both runners will be competing again Saturday, Sept. 14 at Columbia, Mo., at the University of Missouri Challenge.

## Blackout in Las Vegas gives Wisconsin win over UNLV

**Ben Robinson**  
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — Las Vegas may be the City of Lights, but in Sam Boyd Stadium, situated far from the glittering strip on the northern edge of the city, luminance was in short supply Saturday night. After dominating the UNLV Running Rebels for three-and-a-half quarters and posting a 27-7 lead, the power literally went out on the Wisconsin Badgers and the Nevada state-record crowd of 42,075 in attendance.

With 7:41 remaining in the fourth quarter, the large banks of lights ringing the field simultaneously shut off, stopping play and causing commotion throughout the stadium. When power failed to be restored after approximately 25 minutes, referee Clair Gausman called the game, handing the Badgers the 27-7 victory and concluding what had been a dominating effort by UW against the

bungling Rebels.

"We were originally told by the officials to wait and then see if the lights would come back on," UW head coach Barry Alvarez said. "But once the kids started to cool down, we didn't want to take the chance of an athlete getting hurt, and we agreed to end the game at that point."

Prior to the power outage, UW played solidly on both sides of the football while making the most of five first-half turnovers by UNLV, including four by quarterback Jason Thomas, who fumbled twice and threw two interceptions.

Wideout Jonathan Orr, who set the UW single-game record for receiving yards by a freshman, was the offensive catalyst, while the Badger defense kept UNLV at bay throughout the contest. The UW defense allowed 305 total yards and gave up several big gains on the ground to the mobile Thomas but clamped down whenever the Rebels ventured into UW territory.

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 Brennan Manning

# Scott Mahon: Without limits

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Scott Mahon is a sophomore on the SIU cross country team. Mahon, who is also a member of the track squad, finished eighth at the Saluki Fast Start Open Saturday. He recently took time to speak with Christopher Morrill of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

**Daily Egyptian:** What got you started in cross country?

**Scott Mahon:** Started doing it back in grade school. I was pretty good at it, so I kept doing it. I don't really know. My dad ran too, so he got me into it when he was running on his own.

**DE:** How good will the cross country team be this year?

**SM:** I think if we do what we're capable of, we should get third. Third in conference or better. That's the minimum we will do.

**DE:** How do you prepare for a race?

**SM:** I get up and listen to some music. Eat some bread or some no-

des or some carbs. I just come out here and run. Run my best, I guess.

**DE:** What things are going through your head when you are running?

**SM:** Nothing. It's blank. "This hurts." (laughs)

**DE:** Do you have any superstitions about running?

**SM:** Not really. Perhaps no junk food the night before a race. I don't run well after I've eaten some.

**DE:** What types of land do you prefer to run on?

**SM:** I like a few hills. I seems to hurt other runners. I also like to run on grass.

**DE:** Do you have a favorite moment from a race?

**SM:** In college? I ran the IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University at Indiana) 1500 with Doron Giat and Joe Zeibert. My time was like four minutes and I don't remember the exact time. It was a good race.

**DE:** You're from Effingham. Can you compare it to Carbondale?

**SM:** I like Effingham. Carbondale is better because of the people. Effingham would be great if it had a college.

**DE:** What is your favorite part about Carbondale?

**SM:** Probably the people and the coaches here. I like the coaches here. I like the coaches a lot. The running coach, the track coach.

I have a lot of friends that go down to school here. Probably just the night life.

**DE:** Any places that you like to go to?

**SM:** WiseGuys. I like the \$2.14 sub. Turkey.

**DE:** Do you have a sports idol?

**SM:** That's a tough one. I probably have to say Bob Kennedy. He's a runner. He used to run for Indiana University. I liked the type of guy he is.

**DE:** How do you like the school?

**SM:** It's pretty good. I like the professors. My classes are pretty good. I get pretty good grades. I like the atmosphere. I'm a country kid. I grew up in the country so it's out of the city a little bit.

**DE:** Thinking ahead to after graduation yet?

**SM:** I want to get into medical school. I have to finish my physician's assistant classes first.

**DE:** What is the last DVD you bought?

**SM:** Steve Prefontaine. "Without Limits."

**DE:** That's a running movie?

**SM:** Yep. I got it on VHS, but I got it on DVD a couple of days ago.

**DE:** What is the last CD you bought?

**SM:** Dave Matthews Band. "Busted Stuff." His new one. It's pretty good.

**DE:** Is there a certain song on there you like?

**SM:** "Where Are You Going?" It's pretty good. It's on the radio all the time.

**DE:** Favorite TV show?

**SM:** I have a lot of favorite TV shows. "X-Men."

**DE:** Do you like the comic book, too?

**SM:** Yeah, the comic book is pretty good, too.

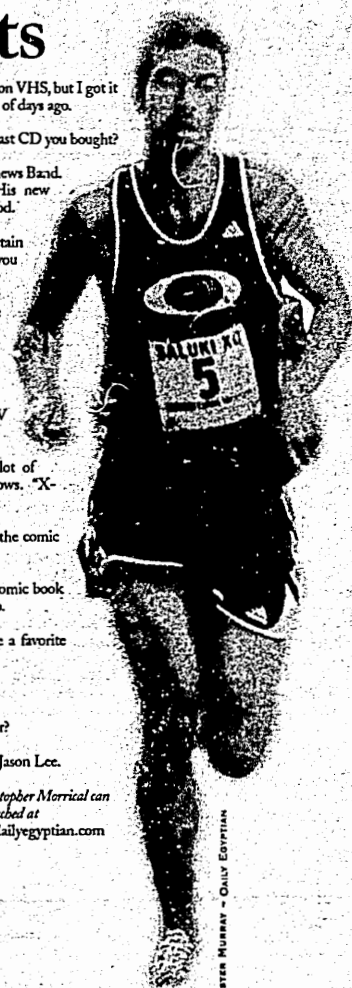
**DE:** Do you have a favorite character?

**SM:** Wolverine.

**DE:** Favorite actor?

**SM:** I would say Jason Lee.

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LESTER MURRAY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

**FOOTBALL™**  
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**Scott Mahon**

Year: Sophomore  
 Hometown: Effingham, Ill.  
 Major: Pre-Physician Assistant  
 Stats: Placed eighth at Saturday's Saluki Fast Start open with a time of 21:24.44

MARY WILLIAMS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Jackson stars, Michigan pass defense far behind

**Joe Millh**  
 Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) - Washington sophomore wide receiver Reggie Williams is known for his swagger and brash trash talk.

But Michigan star corner Marlin Jackson didn't hear a peep from him on Saturday.

That's because Jackson virtually shut down the All-America candidate, limiting him to just three catches for 29 yards when the two went head-to-head.

Jackson said he studied film on Williams, and noticed opposing corners had success aggressively jamming him at the line — a style Jackson loves to utilize.

"That's the kind of corner I am," Jackson said.

Williams' other three catches came when Jackson either left the field due to injury, wasn't covering Williams or blitzed quarterback Cody Pickett.

Williams finished with six catches for 72 yards, but zero touchdowns.

"I believe I did, if I recall, win the battle," said Jackson, who posted a career-high six pass breakups. "He was a great player, but it wasn't his day."

It wasn't just that Jackson held Williams in check, but the timing of the cornerback's breakups.

Minutes after Michigan had taken a 14-0 lead with a deep ball to Braylon Edwards, Washington tried

to answer the call with a bomb to Williams. But Jackson stayed in Williams' hip pocket, and swatted away the pass.

Late in the second half, with the Huskies threatening, Jackson shadowed Williams on one of his patented fade routes into the end zone.

But Pickett's pass was underthrown and Jackson knocked the ball out of harms' way.

"He's just a great cover corner," Williams admitted.

Even though Jackson locked down Williams, the Wolverines still gave up 318 yards passing.

"We can't do that," said defensive end Dan Rumsheik. "If you expect to win against good teams, you can't give up over 300 yards passing."

Rumsheik said the main reason Pickett picked apart Michigan's secondary was the lack of pressure the Wolverines highly touted defensive line could put on the junior quarterback.

Michigan, which broke a school record with 50 sacks last season, sacked Pickett just twice Saturday.

Rumsheik said he was surprised how much Washington utilized three-step drops, which left Michigan pass-rushers painfully so close, yet so far from Pickett.

"I cannot tell you how frustrating that was," said defensive tackle Norman Heuer.

"You always want to get there, but if you cannot get the sack you want to put a hit on him so he knows that you are there."

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# Weber inks three-year extension

SIU basketball coach signed through 2005-2006 season

Todd Merchant  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU Athletic Department announced Wednesday that men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber had signed a three-year contract extension that would keep him roaming the sidelines at the Arena through the 2005-2006 season.

Weber's contract, which was to expire at the end of this season, includes a base salary of \$245,388 as well as several incentives.

There are incentives for postseason play and additional incentives for the coaching staff if the team makes the NCAA tournament.

According to Weber, the contract puts him in the upper echelon of head coaches in the Missouri Valley Conference. The money, however, was not a factor, he said.

"If money was a factor, I could have left; I could have doubled my salary," Weber said. "To me it's being at a place where you have a chance of being successful, you can be happy, your family's happy, you continue to have a chance to win."

Weber has amassed a 79-47 record in his four years at SIU and led the Salukis to a 28-8 campaign and a Sweet 16 appearance last season.

Athletic director Paul Kowalczyk said the contract extension will benefit the University.

"[Weber's] created a lot of positive PR," Kowalczyk said. "He deserves it. We're doing what we can

to stay competitive."

Weber's contract includes an automatic rollover that will take effect July 1, 2004. The rollover adds another year to the contract after each season and basically amounts to a perpetual three-year contract that can be voided by either the University or Weber.

When contract negotiations began last spring, Weber was being wooed by several programs across the country, including St. Louis and West Virginia. He was set to stay in Carbondale and only had a few "demands."

Weber wanted to add a fourth assistant, which he recently acquired with the addition of graduate assistant Shane Hawkins. He also wanted to see a continued commitment to marketing the team as well as a commitment for the sake of recruiting.

"Initially when they gave me a contract two or three years ago, that was my biggest goal in the whole thing," Weber said, "to show that there was a long-term commitment so when we went out recruiting we didn't have to fight that all the time."

Weber has said time and again that his future at SIU has been a disadvantage during recruiting.

One recent recruit, redshirt freshman Stefan Jabkiewicz, is delighted with Weber's contract extension.

"I'm happy for him; he's a great coach and he's a great motivator," Jabkiewicz said. "He has a positive attitude about a lot of things. He's well respected, a guy you look up to."

Although it appears as though he will be with the Salukis for several years to come, he has not ruled out ever moving somewhere else, especially to the University of Purdue, where he was an assistant for 18 years.



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber signed a three-year contract extension that will keep him with the Salukis through the 2005-2006 season. Weber led the Dawgs to a 28-8 campaign and a Sweet 16 appearance last season.

"I think you always consider things, I considered things last spring," Weber said. "I've always said I never say never."

"Everyone always says [Purdue's] a done deal, but you never know. A

lot of things can happen in this business. I just take it one year at a time."

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## What a difference a week makes

I checked, I double-checked. I called and sent an e-mail. I used a fax machine, a passenger pigeon and a telepathic Haitian priest.

I talked to Genghis Khan, Joseph Stalin and the guy who invented the designated hitter rule, and they all assured me that hell had not frozen over and that, in fact, it was a comfortable 120 degrees, despite what happened this week.

Saluki sports went undefeated. Seriously, I wouldn't mess with you that way. For what seems like the first time in modern history football, volleyball and cross country are undefeated following a full week of play by all teams.

Football crushed Kentucky Wesleyan Friday. Or, more accurately, they killed the Panthers, dismembered the corpses, burned them, put the ash in a titanium safe and deposited it in the middle of a glacier at the South Pole.

Volleyball's wins were not worthy of a homicide reference, but they were impressive. SIU beat four teams in Texas last weekend including Mississippi State, which plays in the Southeastern Conference.

And Saluki cross country was responsible for the men's and women's winners at last weekend's

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# Trio of Salukis go global during the summer

Dearman, Warren and Williams voyage to Europe to sharpen games

Jens Deju  
Daily Egyptian

Get a team composed of college all-stars. Then throw in professional teams from England's Budweiser League.

Put them all together in London and you have part of Jermaine Dearman and Josh Warren's summers.

The two forwards from the SIU men's basketball team spent a couple of weeks overseas playing for former Indiana State and current Portland Trailblazers scout Tates Locke on a team consisting of players from colleges such as Georgia Tech, Rutgers, Mississippi State and Villanova.

Besides being able to learn NBA workouts and techniques from Locke, Dearman said he also gained an appreciation for the coaching staff here at SIU.

"That dude was tough man, he was pretty hard-nosed," Dearman said of Locke. "He's kind of similar to Bobby Knight. He gets fired up pretty easily. I guess you've got to be able to play for different coaches and as a player you have to be able to adjust so

that's something I gained from it."

Dearman and Warren join teammate Kent Williams as Salukis who got the chance to play against professional teams overseas during the summer. Williams played in Poland for Athletes in Action in June.

Williams said it's a good gauge of where you are as a player to go up against professional players.

"You come in here and play against each other day in, day out and it gets kind of old guarding the same guy everyday," Williams said.

"It's good to play against professionals over there that are pretty good and they're all in game shape and it pushes you throughout the summer and it tests you to see where you stand as well."

It was the first time both Dearman and Warren have gone overseas to play. Dearman said he enjoyed the chance to get to learn other cultures even though some things, such as driving on the left side of the road, took some getting used to.

"I got a chance to do a lot of sight-seeing," Dearman said. "I got to see Buckingham Palace and the embassies, seeing where the Queen stays at. I got a chance to see the South African Embassy and different stuff like that so it was pretty fun."

This isn't the first time the Salukis have sent their players overseas to play summer ball.

Last year, Rolan Roberts and Darren Brooks played in Australia

while Brad Korn played in a league in China.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he tries to send as many of his players as he can to play in summer leagues.

The main reason for this is because of a discovery he made.

"When you watch Duke and the great programs, their kids are playing in summer basketball," Weber said. "It's kind of like a revelation. 'Hey they're good. Their kids play all summer, they're getting extra basketball and they're playing greater competition. It's got to help you.'"

Ordinarily, Weber tries to send players who redshirted the season before so that they can get back into playing shape.

"This year's redshirt was Warren.

Warren played sparingly his freshman season and sat out last season. He, along with fellow red-shirted big man Stefan Jabkiewicz and juniors Sylvester Willis and Korn, will be the players counted on to fill the void left by the graduation of Roberts.

Roberts was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference first team and garnered Newcomer of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors.

"[Warren] needed to play some games just to feel good about himself, to get mixed up in the action, get your feet wet, whatever you want to call it," Weber said.

Warren said he needed the chance

to play again and even though the all-star team beat up on most of the competition, he still is glad he got to get out on the court again.

"I'm just happy to get games in, working, running and stuff so that was the good thing for me, to get out there and play games," Warren said.

Weber said Locke was impressed with Warren's play, but told him the same thing SIU coaches have been saying the past two seasons. He needs to shape up.

"Josh, he said he didn't back down, he was very physical," Weber said. "But Tates Locke just said that he needs to get into shape. He shows little spurts of being a pretty good player. He's got good skills, but then he doesn't get down the court, he's out of position, gets fouls or whatever."

With Dearman and Williams earlier on, Weber said he sent them because he felt they had earned the chance.

He also wanted them to get their names out in Europe in case they end up trying to play professionally overseas.

"Obviously they all, the NBA's their goal and dream, but it's hard," Weber said. "So maybe some of the experiences like this might help them have some opportunities down the road."

The closer benefit though is help-

ing the players prepare for the upcoming season and what is sure to be a tough run through the MVC, since the bull's eye is sure to be on SIU's back.

Williams said one of the best things about playing in the overseas leagues is that it is a chance to play against teams that are strong and ready to play.

"You come in here and it's basically you do in down street ball all the time," Williams said, "and then you go play over there and it's the same thing as Creighton."

"Guys are real precise about what they do. It really makes you think when you're moving."

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Dearman



Warren