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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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## Truth-in-tuition rate raises 15.9 percent

Current students receive promised 7-percent hike

Katie Davis  
Daily Egyptian

The truth-in-tuition is that incoming freshman at SIUC may have to pay 15.9 percent more for tuition next year.

But at least that will be a four-year flat rate.

The University has come up with a plan for next year as Gov. Rod Blagojevich's truth-in-tuition, which requires state universities to set a flat rate for incoming freshmen for four years of college, sets in — and it's \$4,924 for tuition alone.

"We looked to the budgeting people to take a look at what would achieve roughly the same ends to the best of our ability as the plan we had in place," Chancellor Walter Wendler said. "This is the result."

Wendler said it was important for the University to develop the plan early in the year because it's important for students to know what they're going to pay before they apply for the next school year.

Students have already begun sending applications for the next school year, and Wendler said he wishes the plan could have been completed sooner.

Students currently enrolled at the University will also receive a 7-percent increase, bringing tuition to \$4,545, as Wendler promised two years ago.

But SIU is one of few Illinois universities that have publicized figures for the first

truth-in-tuition class.

Eastern Illinois University spokeswoman Vicki Woodard said the Charleston college is still grappling with four-year projects and the new law.

Western Illinois University spokesman John Maguire said the institution, which has set four-year flat rates for tuition, fees and housing since 1999, will not set tuition for next year for a few more months.

Maguire said that the Western administration will look at a tentative budget for fiscal year '05 during a meeting Sept. 12 but will not set a tuition rate until spring.

"It's very important to set rates for those of the incoming class of fall 2004 that we're comfortable that the rate structure will fund the University costs of instruction," Maguire said. "And that's somewhat of a challenge given the state's current eco-

nompic picture."

Wendler said it was difficult to predict how much and education will cost over the next four years, but he understands the importance of upfront knowledge to both students and parents.

Bonnie Kleiss, a senior at Tuscola High School with intentions to come to SIUC next year, said tuition was a big factor in deciding where she would spend the next four years.

Kleiss said she is only applying to SIUC, and money helped dictate that decision.

"Schools around here keep raising tuition every year, and it gets more and more expensive," she said. "Most colleges have been raising tuition yearly, so 15.9 percent isn't that big of a deal, if it's the

Gus Bode



Gus says:  
Do they call it a tuition freeze because I won't be able to pay my heating bill?

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## University enrollment down 463 students

SIUC officials satisfied with enrollment despite slight decrease

Jessica Yorama  
Daily Egyptian

Official enrollment figures for the fall 2003 semester were released Tuesday, revealing a decrease in the number of students attending this semester. The official figures showed University enrollment to be 21,387 students, down from 21,873 in the fall semester of 2002.

The decrease in enrollment translates to a drop of 463 students enrolled at the University this fall. The majority of the loss was suffered by the College of Education and Human Services, which lost 580 students in off-campus housing from the previous year.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said the overall decrease in student attendance could be attributed to several factors. Wendler said he believed a drop in military enrollment to be a primary factor in the decrease.

The University operates the largest military base degree programs on a cost recovery basis, with 10 percent of its students involved in the armed forces. These numbers, according to Wendler, have been greatly affected due to the current situation overseas. In addition to students unable to attend because they are on active duty, he also sees the economy as a reason for the decrease in figures.

Wendler pointed out that Southern Illinois, already a poor region, is being hit particularly hard by the less-than-desirable economy. He suggested that instead of driving individuals back to school as it often does, the current economy is driving many individuals to further pursue a place in the workforce.

Wendler emphasized the decrease was hardly considerable and encouraged concentration on the positive aspects enrollment figures have brought. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Anne DeLuca said the figures also shed light on several positive changes.

"The on-campus news is good," DeLuca said. "Enrollment is up for freshmen, in the Law School and the Med School. We would have

## Chico's search



JESSICA EDMONO - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Charles 'Chico' Vaughn takes a moment to reflect on the losses of his wife and son, both of which occurred in the past 13 months. Behind him is a photo from when he became SIU's all-time leading scorer. See CURRENTS, page 10.

## \$1 million housing program enabled

Nicole Sack  
Daily Egyptian

Prospective developers are now able to benefit from a \$5,760 incentive package after the city of Carbondale's City Council approved the million-dollar Home Owner Program Tuesday night.

The program's goal is to develop 200 new homes in Carbondale during the next three years by creating incentives and benefits for people to build new homes in the city limits. The city's investment into this new program will be more than \$1 million.

The program, which was a collaboration between Mayor Brad Cole, City Manager Jeff Doherty, real estate agents, developers and home buyers, determined that Carbondale is lacking development of single-family homes in the \$100,000 to \$140,000 price range.

"The program is available to all price ranges of houses," Doherty said, "but the \$100,000 to \$140,000 price range is what we are really targeting."

Before the approval of the program, council members voiced concerns about the price ranges that were targeted. Council members Corinne McDaniel, Sheila Simon and Chris Wissmann all expressed concern about whether prospective homeowners in price ranges less than the targeted \$100,000 would be able to receive the same benefits. Wissmann asked the mayor if the program would extend to someone who wanted to build a \$70,000 home.

"The program would give the same opportunity to build a \$60,000 home or a \$260,000 home," Cole said. He added that there would be a greater percentage of benefits to lower

income homeowners.

While there are no restrictions on the cost of new structures, there is a restriction on the type of structures that will qualify for the program. Only single-family homes, owner-occupied townhouse developments and low-density units will qualify. The benefits will not be extended to rental properties.

McDaniel expressed concern for the residents of Carbondale who have better opportunity of affording a modular home, but according to Cole modular homes are considered real property and would be eligible for the program.

Simon was also curious as to why the program was targeting development of homes in the higher price ranges. Simon raised questions to whether the program was really the

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**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Appeals court tosses out 111 death sentences**

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Citing a 2002 Supreme Court ruling that only juries can impose the death penalty, a federal appeals court overturned 111 death sentences Tuesday that had been imposed by judges in Arizona, Idaho and Montana.

In an 8-3 vote, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, Calif., said inmates sent to death row by judges should have their sentences commuted to life in prison.

Tuesday's ruling covers only cases in states within the appeals court's jurisdiction: 89 in Arizona, 17 in Idaho and five in Montana. The cases in Idaho and Montana include everyone on those states' death rows; Arizona has others who are not affected by the ruling.

Those three states, along with Colorado and Nebraska, all changed their laws to specify that only juries can impose death sentences. But the issue of whether the high court's ruling was retroactive to death sentences previously imposed by judges is the focus of the federal appeals court argument.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the largest of the 13 federal circuit appellate courts in the United States.

**John Kerry formally enters presidential race**

CHARLESTON, S.C. (KRT) — For Vietnam veteran John Kerry, the political battle for the presidency is turning out much differently than planned.

Once an odds-on favorite for the Democratic nomination, the Massachusetts senator now has to fight off the charge of former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean.

Kerry sought to kick-start his campaign with a two-day "formal announcement" tour that began Tuesday, arguing that his military background and foreign policy experience make him the best bet to stop the "radical new vision" of President Bush.

While stressing foreign policy, Kerry also joined his Democratic competitors in attacking the Bush administration over job losses and "lavish tax breaks for those at the top."

Kerry volunteered for Vietnam despite an upper-crust upbringing.

He also became increasingly disillusioned with what he called an unnecessary war. Returning to the United States, Kerry became spokesman for Vietnam Veterans Against The War.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**20 dead in China after storm**

HONG KONG, (CNN) — A powerful storm slammed into southern China, killing at least 20 people in the city of Shenzhen.

The state-run Xinhua news agency said thousands of trees had been uprooted by fierce winds from the Dujuan storm system, which caused extensive damage to parts of the bustling metropolis.

Dujuan, which was downgraded from a typhoon to a tropical depression early Wednesday, caused the worst damage to the region since 1979, Xinhua reported.

Sixteen people were killed when a workers' dormitory collapsed, Xinhua said, and dozens were injured.

There were no details on the other fatalities. Xinhua said more than 100 people had been injured while 5,000 people had been evacuated to storm shelters.

Dujuan threatened Hong Kong on Tuesday after it swept past Taiwan earlier in the week.

But Hong Kong was left relatively unscathed as the system weakened considerably and altered its course hitting land further east of the territory.

**UK: Shots fired at Iran embassy**

LONDON, (CNN) — Britain says it temporarily closed its embassy in Iran's capital after shots were fired at it from the street.

The Foreign Office said no one was hurt in the shooting, which comes amid tension between the countries after a former Iranian diplomat was arrested in Britain over the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center in Argentina that killed 85.

The main building inside the embassy's one-block compound was hit by the gunfire, which broke windows and caused damage, according to an embassy spokesman who was inside the building at the time of the shooting.

The Foreign Office would not speculate how long the embassy would remain closed. The building has been on a heightened state of alert since the current diplomatic crisis with Iran began.

The incident took place just hours after the announcement that Iran had temporarily recalled its British ambassador, Morteza Sarmadi, for consultation over the dispute over the arrest of former diplomat Hadi Soleimannpour.

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**POLICE REPORTS**

**University**

Robert A. Glasco, 40, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:10 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road. Glasco posted \$100 cash plus his driver's license as bond.

Gregory M. Conrad, 20, of O'Fallon was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and speeding at 1:26 a.m. Saturday in the 300 block of East Grand Avenue. Conrad posted \$100 cash plus his driver's license as bond.

Brian Roger Smith, 18, of Calumet City was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 3:18 a.m. Sunday in Carbondale City Lot 3. Smith posted \$100 cash plus his driver's license as bond.

Martin Luis Gibbs, 18, and James R. Ralph Jr., 18, both of Morton Grove, were both ticketed for underage possession of alcohol at 8:50 p.m. Sunday at Abbott Hall. Both Gibbs and Ralph were issued Carbondale City pay-by-mail citations.

**CALENDAR**

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7 p.m.

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Lecture/Slide presentation by photojournalist David Burnett  
7:30 p.m.

Lawson Hall room 171

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First meeting  
8 p.m.

Interfaith Center (corner of Illinois and Grand avenues)

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# Freshmen adjust to SIUC two weeks into semester

Freshmen share opinions on new life at SIUC

Jennifer Rios  
Daily Egyptian

Making it to class on time, living with a person you just met and trying to find your classroom in Faneer Hall are all a part of college life SIUC students have learned to accept.

Yet, as a freshman these changes, along with other new aspects of college, may be a little overwhelming at first. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Anne DeLuca said there are 2,478 freshmen enrolled this year.

This number is 6 percent larger than last year's freshman enrollment, which makes them a considerable part of SIUC's student body.

After experiencing college life at SIUC for the past two weeks, freshmen are starting to adjust to the college experience and form opinions on college life as a whole.

"It's definitely easy to adjust. Right now classes seem easy, but I am sure I will have to study more," said Laura Downs, an undecided freshman from Jacksonville.

Downs has met a lot of people by participating in band and simply sitting outside the dorms and talking to new people.

She said the best part of college is freedom and independence from being away from home.

Downs, who lives at Wright 1 in University Park, said she has developed mixed feelings about dorm life during the past two weeks.

"It's ok. It can be loud, but there are also a lot of people to talk to," Downs said.

Downs said that in spite of the social opportunities dorm life



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Freshman Kyle Marcum takes a lunch break after his trigonometry class with his friend, senior Angela Saunders, who he met the second day of school. Marcum said the first week of college was frustrating and challenging but enjoyable. Marcum is taking 15 credit hours and is now adjusting to his new schedule.

offers, she does not plan to live in the dorms next year.

Amber Shaw, a freshman in chemistry from Sandoval who lives in Thompson Point, said she is enjoying dorm life so far.

She plans to live in the dorms next year as well because she wants to continue to meet new people.

"It's different than living at home. It's a new change, but a good change," Shaw said.

Shaw graduated from a class

of 22 people, a huge difference in comparison to SIUC's student body of 21,387 students.

"It's a big change. I knew most of the people at my high school.

There are so many people I don't know here," Shaw said.

Shaw thinks the worst part of college for freshmen is adjusting to being away from her parents and facing responsibility.

She also believes these to be helpful aspects of college because

responsibility helps gear her for the future along with her prospective career.

As a whole, both Downs and Shaw said they have had a good college experience.

"College will help me with my career and to make lasting friendships," Shaw said.

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"It's ok. It can be loud, but there are also a lot of people to talk to."

Laura Downs  
freshman, undecided

## Recording industry cracks down on file sharing

College students in the line of fire

Rachel Lindsay  
Daily Egyptian

DuVale Riley has never downloaded a song from the Internet. The photojournalism freshman said he prefers to buy a CD when he likes a song to show his support to the artist.

But not every college student would agree, especially those who download most of the music they listen to.

The Recording Industry Association of America recently announced its intentions to take legal action against those who download music and participate in substantial file sharing. This includes college students.

"It's treated very seriously," said Wes Will, a network specialist for SIUC.

"You can lose a lot of access."

When a student downloads music using file-sharing programs such as Kazaa and Morphueus, they are violating copyright laws. File sharing happens when a student allows others access to download files, including mp3s, from his or her computer.

"The first round [of lawsuits] will target individuals who upload music," said a spokeswoman for the RIAA.

When a student is caught file sharing, the penalties can be stiff.

The industry has left the punishment up to the courts but has asked for reparation for damages and injunctions against

downloading for the individual. Damage costs can range from \$750 to \$150,000 per song.

No lawsuits have been filed yet, but many colleges, including the Illinois Institute of Technology, have been subpoenaed for information.

"[SIUC] has not been contacted that I know of, but that does not mean we won't be," Will said.

In an attempt to stop copyright violations, the University has blocked all file sharing applications.

The penalties include loss of network access and an appearance in front of the judicial review board.

"It sucks for the college students because they can't download stuff anymore," said Kyle Mensing, a junior majoring in electrical engineering technology.

"College students don't have any money to buy a CD for just one song."

Though many songs fall under the range of illegal, there are legal alternatives to downloading off peer-to-peer applications such as Kazaa.

One such application is e-tree.org. On this website, students can download a number of songs for free from bands who allow taping at their concerts.

"We don't care what people download as long as they're not violating some law and they're not hurting everybody else," Will said. "When you download illegally, it hurts a lot of people."

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## Illinois is one of nine states that reported decrease in inmates

Quarters remain tight despite less prison inmates

Jackie Keane  
Daily Egyptian

The United States adult inmate population may have risen, but Illinois remains one of the few states with a decline in prison population within its 27-adult correctional facilities.

According to a U.S. Justice Department report, the nation's prison population rose 2.6 percent, while Illinois inmate population dropped 116 people from August 2002 to August 2003.

It is one of nine states that reported a decrease.

The number of inmates may have dropped, but according to Sergio Molina, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Corrections, the state's decrease is not a targeted result of anything done by the department.

Abby Ottenhoff, spokesperson for Gov. Blagojevich, said hopefully the numbers indicate fewer people being involved in illegal activities.

It is possible that fewer people are involved in illegal activities, but according to Molina, the department has not initiated any programs or initiatives directed towards decreasing inmate population.

"We did not predict it would decline," Molina said.

"This was just nothing we predicted when we did our population project."

Adult inmate population has decreased, but prisons have not gotten any more

accommodating.

Prisons continue to operate at 158 percent.

"158 percent — that means 58 over ideally what those facilities are to hold," Molina said.

Molina said what has happened is because the inmate population has declined, but, in actuality, the population number has remained stagnant within the last three years because facilities have closed.

He said although prisons are over-occupied, DOC has still been able to maintain a safe and secure environment.

In January, things might get even safer with the re-opening of Sheridan Prison as a drug treatment center.

The center will bring forth 1,600 new, empty beds. This is one way over-crowdedness can decrease.

Blagojevich announced last week that Grayville and Hopkins Park, two unfinished prisons that were previously going to open as a way to accommodate more inmates, would no longer serve as a place for the incarcerated.

While this would cut down on the over-crowding, Ottenhoff said it is not something the state can afford.

She said it is currently unknown as to what will be done with the incomplete facilities.

"Opening and operating a prison is not feasible, and when we are seeing incarceration rates go down it doesn't make sense," Ottenhoff said.

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# Shryock may merge with SIUC Arena

Recommendations  
combine auditorium  
and Arena

Kelsey Marland  
Daily Egyptian

The Shryock Auditorium has been in service since 1917, but due to school synergy, it may have to share its management with the 40-year-old SIU Arena.

The budget and planning task force has set its sites on the auditorium as one of many areas that could use some revamping.

The task force, which began filing through cost-saving recommendations in January, wrapped up their report in June with 79 recommendations. Though this is not the only merger listed in the report that included dissolving the accounts payable and controllers, this is believed to be one of the more smooth reconstitutions.

Shryock Auditorium Director Bob Cerchio says mergers are nothing new to SIU.

"The University and Glenn Poshard always had an eye out to improve efficiency," Cerchio said. "It was not predicated by a budget crisis but because a director was retiring."

Though Shryock Auditorium and the Arena have been planning to utilize a combined administration for the last two years, it has only begun to take shape during this budget crisis. According to Cathy Hagler, executive director of Facilities and Business, the Shryock merger was first put in place by her predecessor two years before being recommended also by the budget and planning task force.

But the Shryock management promises that there will be no outside changes, though there may be some internally.

"We have more staff, and we're also doing more activities, [but] that's just for Shryock Auditorium," Cerchio said.

Technical Director Matt Shackleton has yet to see any big changes either.

"The only change I've had is my bosses have different names," said Shackleton, who's been with the Shryock for a little over year.

Shackleton was told when he was hired that there would be change in management.

"Seems to be a smooth transition, most of the changes haven't really been seen," Shackleton said.

He said he also hopes that the merging of the two budgets will bring some technological advances to Shryock Auditorium.

Jason King, the assistant director for facilities and athletics, said the Arena side of this merger seems to have gone just as smoothly.

"We get along very well. Both sides see that we have a purpose here to bring events to the community," King said. "I look forward to working with the Shryock and Bob Cerchio."

Though the running of major events will change, the intercollegiate athletics will remain the same, but there will be more power behind them. Beginning July 1, the intercollegiate Athletics Department took full control of the Arena. King says that this will mean no changes to the average person, but the Arena that once stood alone is now under the umbrella of athletics. Despite all the changes, Cerchio said that he saw no big problems on the horizon.

"It's like when you change your e-mail program, you'd have to learn how to accomplish what you needed to accomplish the same is true for the restructuring."

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## Poster search



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Michael Williams, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago, looks through posters in Lentz Hall while Ronald Sandifer, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago, waits for him. Williams and Sandifer took advantage of the special being offered by the Chicago Tribune in which both received two free gifts for signing up for an eight-week subscription.

## CASA considers restructuring programs

Budget Task Force  
recommends eliminating  
associate degree programs

Valerie N. Donnals  
Daily Egyptian

More than 300 students enroll annually in the College of Applied Science and Arts associate degree programs, but they may have to consider a change of major or a change of school if the college eliminates the programs in response to a recommendation by the Budget and Planning Task Force.

CASA currently offers four associate degree programs: dental technology, physical therapist assistant, respiratory therapy technology and aviation flight.

The task force, a 22-member group assembled to compile ways to increase the quality of education while decreasing expenses at the University, encouraged the college to consider departmental reductions, saying it "seems appropriate and consistent with the mission of the University and direction of CASA."

Several associate degree programs have already been eliminated in the college. Over the past 10 years, CASA has changed from 30 associate programs and four bachelor's programs to four associate programs and 14 bachelor's programs.

Interim Dean Paul Sarvela said those associate programs were converted to bachelor's programs because of changes in requirements in the profession.

He added that no plans are in place to change the status of the current programs, and the college was simply encouraged to review its associate courses to see if reductions could be made.

CASA lost 4.8 percent of its budget, about \$400,000, as a result of the University's 8.2-percent budget reduction and a \$5 billion state shortfall. Almost 33 percent of the cuts to the college came from administrative lines.

"It's a balancing act because in everything we're doing, we're trying to make changes in light of the Southern at 150," Sarvela said. "We stand strongly behind the chancellor's 11 commitments of Southern at 150, and we're all working very hard to try to align our programs and our future goals and activities with that."

One of the cost-saving actions that has already begun will reduce the number of associate deans from two to one and possibly reduce the number of departments in the college. CASA currently operates with seven

departments; the proposal would restructure the programs into four schools.

The proposal was part of a plan the college submitted last year, like all colleges on campus, that was based on faculty, staff and student input in anticipation of how to persevere through possible budget cuts.

The task force recommended other colleges on campus follow their proposed administrative structure to "help focus the colleges and to provide greater clarity to others as to the mission of the college."

"Some of the things the chancellor talks about are reallocation of resources which may not lead directly to savings but allow us to do a better job in certain things," Sarvela said. "Everyone is scrutinizing what their organizational structure looks like to find more ways we can do a more efficient job in a better manner."

Another possibility to improve efficiency was to combine programs that may be partially duplicated in other colleges. For example, the task force suggested merging the architecture and interior design program into the School of Art and Design.

"CASA has done a very fine job over the last several years of reshaping and refocusing itself and has really moved rather dramatically to bachelor's programs and even some master's programs," said John Dunn, chair of the task force and provost and vice chancellor for the University.

Sarvela said the college has been cut about \$1 million over the past two years, and eliminating the associate degree programs was one of the considerations.

"We're working on those efficiency areas, but there's a point where you have to look at other things," Sarvela said. "That's why we're taking a look at various programs such as the associates, but we're going to let quality be the deciding factor on things."

CASA is the only college on campus to have associate programs, but Sarvela said it is not uncommon for larger universities, such as Michigan State, to offer them because they provide training in much-needed areas.

John Winings, director of Dental Technology, said their graduating students are in high demand in today's work force and are often able to find a job anywhere in the United States.

"[The program] meets the needs of the students," Winings said. "They do not come for the associate degree specifically but more for the body of knowledge. Students who already have a bachelor's or even a master's will enroll in the program to learn the necessary skills."

The college is in the process of gathering input from faculty, staff and students, but

"Some of the things the chancellor talks about are reallocation of resources which may not lead directly to savings but allow us to do a better job in certain things."

— Paul Sarvela  
interim dean, CASA

Sarvela said he anticipates the evaluation process to occur throughout the year.

Dunn said some of the recommendations of the task force are already being implemented, but several, especially those concerning reductions, will require time to follow University protocol.

"Our main effort is to look at how best we can serve students in terms of our mission as a comprehensive research university," Dunn said. "Resources are tight in all directions, and everyone's committed to do what we can to serve our students and serve them well in our region."

He said if the programs are eliminated, they would undergo a teach-out, which would allow the students already enrolled to finish the course outlined until degree completion. The faculty would remain at the University and become involved in similar programs assisting others with high workloads.

"No decisions are going to be made quickly," Sarvela said. "We are going to listen to what everybody has to say. Having said that, we realize that we are not out of the woods in the state of Illinois."

"It's going to be tough footing in this economy for the next couple of years or so, so we realize we will have to make some changes."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

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### Cahokia recognizes Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month

The Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is offering a variety of programs and events in recognition of Illinois Archaeology Awareness Month. Activities include a program on experimental archaeology, Southeastern-style stomp dancing and crafts from the Choctaw Indians in Tennessee and nature hikes. For more information, call (618) 346-5160 or visit [www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com).

## Southern Illinois receives DCFS Grant

School of Social Work receives \$1.6 million for Educational Partnership

Kelsey Marland  
Daily Egyptian

The Educational Partnership at SIUC is making life in Southern Illinois better for both students and local communities.

The \$1.6-million grant that began in 1997 has helped SIUC and five other universities engage their students in both their educational knowledge, clinical experience and skills they need to enter the work force.

"The partnership is in the trenches. They can give us cutting edge information on child welfare," Graduate Program Director Elaine Jurkowski said.

The five other universities, Aurora University, Loyola University, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago, do not receive the same amounts in their grants, but SIUC covers more ground than the other schools, including certain sections of Chicago, said Director Shari Selander.

The grant has steadily risen since 1997. Though all schools received budget reductions, SIUC was not hit that hard by the cuts.

The partnership continues to thrive; they have a faculty liaison from the

School of Social Work, a full-time training coordinator, five field teachers, three graduate students and an adult education and distance-learning specialist.

Despite massive retirements within DCFS, the partnership has remained relatively intact, only adding new field workers to their already young mix.

The education partnership, which includes student and faculty, travel within the Southern Illinois region, training both public and private social services for their Child Welfare licensure exam.

The foundation training for the students is uniform, but once the students are actually involved with their individual teams, they tailor their work to their individual offices.

"The other thing we're able to do is to go into the local field offices and work with them on enhancing their clinical skills," Selander said.

"Typically we will provide ongoing training around clinical issues and underlying conditions such as domestic violence, substance abuse, sexual abuse and disabilities."

The school has also been asked to develop a two-day training curriculum of child fatalities to look for indicators and interventions and help local agents working with families with the goal of preventing child fatalities.

Selander said she hopes the educational partnership can give the DCFS programs in the area some much needed help in the fight for child welfare.

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## Associate vice chancellor for research named

Prudence Rice to take post in October

Andy Horonzy  
Daily Egyptian

A familiar face is taking on a bigger role in the Office of Research and Administration, although it is admittedly not much more than a title change.

Prudence M. Rice, acting director of the Office of Research and Administration and associate dean of the Graduate School, has been named associate vice chancellor for research and permanent director of the Research Development office.

Rice, who has been acting director of the research development office since last November, will begin her new positions Oct. 1, pending ratification, by the SIU Board of Trustees.

A faculty member since 1991, Rice previously headed the Anthropology Department from 1993 to 1999, at which time she joined the research office.

Although the change in her duties will be minimal, Rice said the appointment would offer her more involvement in higher-level decisions.

"The changes are the kind of thing where the vice chancellor will be likely to ask me to participate in more meetings and more in-depth research," Rice said.

"It's really not so different, but I'm glad it's permanent."

Vice Chancellor for Research John Koropchak said Rice was chosen from a nationwide pool of candidates in part because of the financial results she has produced during her four-year stint as acting director.

"During her tenure we have seen substantial growth," Koropchak said.

"Our external grants and contracts have risen

from some \$45 million in the mid-90s to nearly \$70 million today."

Another factor in Rice's selection was her research experience at the University of Florida, one of the top 25 public research universities in the nation.

Koropchak said that experience, coupled with her 12 years at SIUC, made her the applicant best suited to help the University reach the Southern at 150 goal of being recognized as one of the top 75 public research universities.

"She brings with her a big-school mentality that I think is definitely one of her strengths," Koropchak said.

"That's part of what has helped make her one of the most highly respected researchers on our campus."

Rice's revered reputation was further enhanced in 1997, when she became the first and only woman to win the University's annual Outstanding Scholar award.

In addition to her work in research development and administration, Rice is also an internationally known expert on prehistoric Latin American pottery and Mayan civilization.

She has also authored a 559-page volume on pottery analysis considered by many to be an indispensable guide.

While Rice continues to pursue her outside interests, including serving on the boards of directors of the Consortium for Advanced Radiation Studies at Argonne National Laboratory and the Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market, she leaves no doubt about where her focus lies.

"I am fully committed to the field of research because I feel that it is such an invigorating and rewarding part of education," Rice said.

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## OUR WORD

# Amtrak plan needs revision

With about 25 percent of SIUC students coming from the Chicagoland area, it is no surprise many of them count on Amtrak to make their way home and back.

In fact, during the last fiscal year, 54,842 people got on or off the train at the Carbondale service station.

Such high passenger numbers made the Carbondale station the fourth most used station in Illinois. Still, Carbondale is certainly not one of the most profitable Amtrak lines in the United States. In fact, it could be one of the lines cut if Congress passes a newly proposed plan.

The Bush administration recently proposed a plan that would require financially struggling states to assume more of the burden of funding Amtrak.

The President's budget proposed only \$900 million for Amtrak in the fiscal year 2004, which begins Oct. 1.

Although such a plan may seem like an enormous help to the company, it is only half of what Amtrak President David Gunn has said is needed to keep intercity passenger rail running. And it is a far cry from the \$33 billion a year the federal government spends on highways and \$12 billion a year on aviation.

We learned on Sept. 11, 2001, of the immense need to maintain diverse transportation options. With such options, our economy and national security thrive.

However, we all know this is not a time of booming economical situations for the federal government, much less state governments.

Illinois, like most other states in the nation, has had to balance a \$5 billion deficit. Getting Illinois back in the black has been no easy task for Illinois lawmakers. They have cut funds from healthcare and education to ease the deficit, and those cuts will only be sharper if states have to take on the funding of Amtrak, too.

For the us, the issue of Amtrak is not whether the government should subsidize the company; it is by which sector of the government.

However, the trouble at Amtrak is more than an issue of government monies. The company must also step up to the challenge of providing more accommodations to its passengers, which would make riding the train more appealing than driving.

Thus far, we do not believe Amtrak has made adequate attempts internally.

On Sept. 1, a train left Chicago slated to arrive in Carbondale at 1:21 a.m. It arrived more than five hours late, at 6:36 a.m., causing many students aboard to miss their 8 o'clock class.

Marc Magliari, spokesman for Amtrak, said the company apologizes for the delay, which he said was due to engine trouble. He promised such delays are not a normal occurrence for Amtrak riders and said if passengers of that train call and complain to the company's customer communication office, they may be compensated for their inconvenience.

Other issues, including derailments and high-ticket prices, have caused some students to quit riding Amtrak trains altogether.

We don't think these issues would come as any surprise to the Amtrak Reform Council.

## Amtrak needs to step up, acknowledge its internal problems and work harder

The Council is an independent bipartisan federal commission made up of 11 members whose statutory mandate was to make recommendations to Amtrak, helping it reach operational self-sufficiency and report annually to Congress on Amtrak's performance in several areas, among other things.

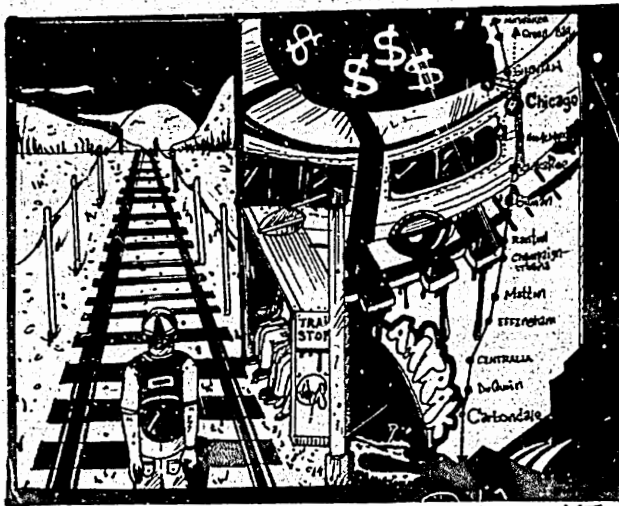
According to the Council's website, after 26 years and approximately \$22 billion in federal operating subsidies and capital investments, the Senate passed the Amtrak Reform and Accountability Act of 1997, which provided Amtrak would have to achieve operational self-sufficiency (i.e., to no longer receive federal operating grants) within five years of the implementation of the Act.

In 1999, the Council sent its first letter of recommendations for improvement to Amtrak.

In 2001, the Council sent another letter with more recommendations, one of which revisited those made by the council two years prior, which according to the website were not adequately implemented.

Despite the Act of 1997, Amtrak did not even come close to self-sufficiency, and they continued to rely on government subsidies to keep operational.

Yes, the United States needs Amtrak, even if it means subsidizing it with taxpayer money. No, the states cannot afford to fund those subsidies at this time. And yes, Amtrak needs to step up, acknowledge its internal problems and work harder at trying to attain its long-time goal of self-sufficiency. Maybe in the process, it can even make a profit.



## GUEST COLUMNIST

# Studying abroad gives students new perspective

Erica Zarra  
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (U-WIRE) — Last May, like many other Penn Staters, my plane landed on American soil, ending my time as a student studying abroad in Manchester, England.

I returned with 18 rolls of film, an obnoxious obsession with UK culture, 10 trashy souvenir British tabloids and a borderline-unhealthy obsession with Damon Albarn, impish front man of the Britpop staple band Blur.

I also continued to integrate British slang such as "cheers" and "blast" into my otherwise strictly American vocabulary. This hasn't exactly gone over well with family and friends, since what had subconsciously become habit in England now unfortunately comes off as blatant pretension. I also tend to begin stories with, "This one time in England," which is almost always received with sighs and rolled eyes from listeners.

However, I returned from England with much more than just Union Jack flags and old copies of *The Guardian*. As cliched as this is, I came back a different person. Living overseas is quite possibly one of the most beneficial and satisfying experiences a person can have.

Those studying overseas learn universal communication and reasoning abilities, and they gain an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and customs, not to mention invaluable life skills such as tolerance,

resilience and flexibility.

Living in an international flat with students from Spain, China, Ireland and, of course, England, exposed me to many different political, ideological and ethical ideas.

Traveling across Europe, especially as an American during the war with Iraq, also forced me to grow up both personally and intellectually. I had to answer questions such as "Did you vote for George W. Bush?" and "What do you think of the war?" I also had to put up with being mocked for my American idiosyncrasies like saying "good morning," and "thank you very much." My classes would break mid-day for tea, and we were encouraged to travel and gain more from the culture than from the text.

For many, having to immerse oneself in a new culture with different attitudes and ideas is a tough transition. But surviving and learning from the process is a reward in itself. Hearing Europeans' diverse and often conflicting perspectives on current events and America's role in world influence didn't corrupt my own idea of this country but simply allowed me to understand theirs better.

It's pretty impossible to stay the same when living as a foreigner.

So if you can, study abroad. And if it's financially impossible or doesn't fit into your college blueprint, then at least make a date to visit overseas in the near future. You'll learn more about yourself and the world than in any college course.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Every child must be encouraged to get as much education as he has the ability to take. We want this not only for his sake — but for the nation's sake.”

Former President Lyndon B. Johnson

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“We're trying to build up our program here, and to do that without state funds isn't really a realistic expectation.”

Paul Kowalczyk  
athletic director,  
on the Athletic Department becoming self-supported

COLUMNISTS

# International grad students not welcome at SIU

For years, America needed their brains and created a dream to lure them. The most educated youth of the world responded to the call and came in this country. Every new generation took the promise for granted and strove for excellence. The best of them would have the chance to make the great leap across the ocean.

They do not expect much: just the opportunity to work hard.

They usually come for graduate studies, and at SIU, they represent as much as 20 percent of the graduate student population. It has been a great deal for the universities; for an assistantship position offering a tuition waiver and a humble stipend, they get cheap substitution for the regular faculty. Everybody looked satisfied. International students had a future to build and look forward to. The universities managed their budgets with more students and less faculty. The faculty could concentrate on their research.

Now, the attitudes seem to have changed and international students are not welcome anymore.

They have become too many, and American students have started questioning their being here. As a result, preference is given to American students.

More and more international students do not get the financial assistance they need. It has become usual to see waves of them go from office to office and search, ask, beg for jobs. Some employees, already having comfortable positions, get annoyed with this presence.

They often forget that it's only the need that makes these people neglect their pride. They have left the poverty at home only to replace it with another one here that combines with loneliness and despire.

Even if a student is admitted with an assistantship and has indicated on the Graduate School application form that he or she is entirely dependent on this assistantship, there is no guarantee that student will keep it. Thus, at least two students found themselves penniless and hopeless in the middle of their studies. Two identical stories come from COBA and from the College of Engineering.

"I had an assistantship and I was doing well my job. There were no complaints. When it was time to renew my contract, I was told that because of budget cuts I could not keep the assistantship any longer. Later, I found out that the position was given to somebody else. People told me that this happened because my supervisor didn't like me," said a laid-off student.

These two guys are still wondering what was wrong with them that made their supervisors not like them. They cannot understand why.

They felt ashamed talking about it and prefer to forget it. They don't know each other. When I heard the first story, I felt sorry but didn't pay much attention. A month later, after I heard the second, I knew there was a pattern.



Eye on Earth

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This has not an exception any more. How many other similar stories are getting forgotten out there?

If you have one of these stories, don't hide it — share it with the chancellor, the Daily Egyptian or the University ombudsman! There is no reason not to be liked because you look or speak differently!

Graduate students are not the only ones experiencing different treatment. Nowadays, most campus student-worker jobs require federal work-study. Again, the explanation is "budget cuts": if a student has a federal work-study, the hiring department pays only part of the salary, the rest being paid by the Federal Government. International students cannot get federal work-study and therefore cannot get these jobs.

At the same time, according to the immigration regulations, international students can work only on campus. Moreover, they cannot start working until they have a Social Security Number. New students have to have been in the country for 15 days before they are able to apply for a SSN. After these 15 days, most of the few available positions not requiring a federal work-study are already taken.

The paradox is obvious: international students can work only on campus — where they cannot find jobs — so they cannot work! Here we have a new policy in practice. We welcome foreigners in the American universities, but we only want them to spend their money here without giving them our jobs! In 1993, 75 percent of the undergraduate students at SIU were international; in 2002, their number fell to 3 percent.

American higher education is the most expensive in the world. Even Americans who have a higher income than people in other countries can hardly afford it. How can people from poorer countries afford the expenses of out-of-state tuition, which usually is twice as much as the in-state tuition without any help? They cannot. Then, what about cultural exchange?

What is this?

*Eye on Earth appears every Thursday. Ana is a graduate student in foreign language and literature from Bulgaria. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

# PartySIU.com is ridiculous

I can't believe how out of the loop I am these days. I hadn't seen PartySIU.com until last night and it was by complete coincidence. If I hadn't, I'd probably still be sitting in my chair thinking about what to write about.

The website brings out so many mixed emotions that I don't know where to begin.

If you're like me, a big loser, that is, and are unfamiliar with the site, then you're sure to love all the wonderful amenities it has to offer. It has a drinking game page, and an in-depth, insightful bar listings page, but my personal favorite is the photo gallery.

For some reason, I just don't think the girl, who passed out and peed all over herself, will appreciate how much of a "community service" the website really is.

One might ask, "How ridiculous can it get? Who could possibly benefit from a website like this?"

My answer to them would be, "all the half-wits in the pictures."

I recognized some of the faces and realized I'd actually been at a few scattered, but highly select, social events with some of the very same feeble-minded, fraternity folk I now had on my computer screen.

And let me tell you, I felt ever so privileged, then and now. But definitely not as privileged as I would feel, if I could log onto the web at anytime and see how many people viewed a picture of me doing a keg stand or winning wet t-shirt contest.

To which, I might add, is something you probably don't want to see, unless that is you had just finished posing for one of the keg stand pictures for a couple of minutes.

Knowing my luck, the picture of me doing the keg stand would be taken just as I begin to choke and beer starts spraying out my nose.

Even still, it would probably be worth it since I'd feel so cool when I could say to random people, "Hey dude, did you see me on PartySIU.com? I'm picture 39, and I have 81 hits."

I would feel so much better about myself as a person, definitely more so than if someone had read and enjoyed



Sorry Charlie!

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this, my first column.

Because, I mean, let's face it, in this day and age with all the crazy stuff going on in the world, if you're cool enough to be at a party where there are keg stands and wet t-shirt contests, who needs things like the ability for abstract thought, anyway.

After I e-mailed about three dozen of my buddies

the picture of the poor girl passed out on the floor, I thought to myself, "If peeing in your pants is cool, consider me Miles Davis."

So, I set up a camera with a timer, I covered my half-naked body in permanent marker and powdered sugar, urinated all over myself, and then laid down on the floor next to an empty keg I found in some dumpster.

The pictures turned out wonderful, and I was sure I'd have a couple thousand hits within a few days.

But, when I sent my super-cool, party pictures to the website, all I got back was an e-mailed response that shattered my dreams of SIU superstardom.

It said, "Please stop sending us your pictures. You're definitely not cool enough for PartySIU.com, sorry Charlie!"

*Sorry Charlie! appears every Thursday. Charles is a sophomore in cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

## GUEST COLUMN

Matt Kennicott  
Daily Lobo (U. New Mexico)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — Youth influence in politics is on the rise in the United States. Politicians are recognizing the increasing influence the 18-32-year-old vote may have on their candidacy, especially at the national level.

You may be asking yourself, though, why are people my age so interested in these stuffed suits who don't really care what I have to say anyway? The answer lies in the organizers of the 18-32-year-old age group. These young leaders are gaining influence over some of the most powerful people in the world, especially on the conservative side of the political spectrum.

# GOP youth may shape future

One such organization is the College Republican National Committee.

After a long 110 years in existence, the committee is the oldest, fastest-growing and largest youth political organization in America. In only four years, the organization grew from a political group on life support to one that now has chapters on over 1,500 campuses in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and our territories abroad. It is the organization that coordinates the republican youth movement.

At the CRNC National Convention held in Washington, D.C., this summer, Karl Rove, chief strategist and political guru to President Bush, compared the College Republicans of America to the unions that

strongly support the left and provide manpower on the ground during elections. Rove's words echo so true in today's political landscape, as the "Greatest Generation" withers, and voter apathy among the baby boomer generation continues to grow every day. The void must be filled; today's youth and tomorrow's future can only accomplish this daunting task.

Our call is clear. The young conservatives of today must pick up where the baby boomers and the members of the "Greatest Generation" have left off. This group of activists must battle not only the stifling liberalism that continues to infect our campuses, but also apathy and ignorance among our own age group.

It is this challenge that the CRNC strives

to meet by motivating and inspiring young conservatives to action, working on campaigns and educating their peers on the issues of today. The future lies with us, and we must accept our calling as it: activists of today and as the leaders of tomorrow.

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ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

While at a Rush Week workshop held Wednesday night, Kari Kinsall, a junior majoring in radio-television, explains to the members of the various SIU sororities why she decided to join a sorority. The workshop explained to the sorority members the rules for Rush Week.

## Panhellenic Council sororities prepare for another rush week

Linsey Maughan  
 Daily Egyptian

nizations show 85 percent of SIUC community service is done by greeks.

community organizations because it allows easier access to positively impact things. She explained that greeks also have outreach opportunity to things such as blood drives.

Those interested in having a bigger sister and a larger family should get ready to work to make that happen.

Kinsall said that all of the chapters are different and will give women the opportunity to tour each of the houses Thursday.

Panhellenic Council sorority member Jeanie Rieckenberg said she supports the greek system because being involved has helped her know people both on and off of campus.

The Panhellenic Council sororities, which include the Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma, are preparing for rush week, which will run from Sept. 10 through 13.

Friday night will be theme night. Sorority members will wear costumes and perform mini-musicals involving singing, dancing and skits. This will enable the women to see the personality and fun side of the sororities.

"I transferred from a junior college and didn't know anyone," she said.

Kari Kinsall, recruitment director for the Panhellenic Council, said the \$15 fee required with applications would help to fund pizza and Subway for participants, in addition to information booklets given to the women.

Kinsall said strong academic standing comes with being involved in the sororities. The SIUC sororities have a minimum GPA requirement, which they push to maintain and rise above.

Being involved with the greeks has also helped her to become involved in many other organizations, in addition to her sorority.

Kinsall said rush recruitment enables women to get to know the sororities beginning on Wednesday, when activities begin.

"Year after year, our GPA is considerably higher than the all women's average GPA," she said. "I think the most important aspect is the emphasis on academics here."

The Panhellenic Council fraternities attempted to increase enrollment through the rush week conducted last week.

The pledges will make "get well" cards for children in local hospitals that will later be delivered by the new members. Each sorority will discuss the community services that they do, as well as what greeks do as a whole. The women rushing will have the opportunity to make their contribution to a sororities' community service.

Panhellenic sororities focus on academic achievement resulted in the group winning the Academic Honor Roll Award in the past.

Zac Sutherland, a junior in English, was among those to rush the Phi Kappa Alphas.

Kinsall said statistics from the University's registered student orga-

Other benefits of the greek system are social activities such as "Greek Sing," a musical event on the steps of Shryock performed for parents, and a variety of ways to make new friends.

Although rush week is over, Sutherland must go through a few more interviews in the coming week or two.

"It's definitely a cool time," he said, "Hopefully, it works out."

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only raise we'll see."

As for SIUC's current students, Wendler said the 7-percent increase would continue to fund the projects he promised when the tuition hike was proposed two years ago.

"We'll still have undergraduate assistantships. We'll still fund scholar-

ships," he said. "We're going to do everything I said we were going to do because it's the right thing to do. I made a promise."

The University will present the 15.9 percent and 7-percent increases to the Board of Trustees during its meeting next week, but the board will not vote on any increases until its October meeting.

"We're concerned about the

complexity of this equation," Wendler said. "We're wrestling with it, trying to figure this out, but I'm not sure how this will play out."

SIU-Edwardsville is also proposing a 13.4-percent tuition increase for its first truth-in-tuition class.

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# U.S. resolution seeks more international help in rebuilding Iraq

William Douglas and James Kuhnenn Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The Bush administration began circulating a draft resolution Wednesday among United Nations Security Council members that calls for foreign countries to donate more troops and money to help stabilize and rebuild Iraq.

With U.S. soldiers dying daily and anxiety rising across America and in Congress, administration officials pressed Wednesday to sell the draft U.N. measure that would put multinational military units under U.S.-led command and require the United States to report to the United Nations about operations in Iraq on a regular basis. It also would urge Iraqis to set a timetable for elections and establishing self-rule.

"Today we have begun a new effort with respect to our diplomatic efforts to generate international support for Iraq," Secretary of State Colin Powell said during a hastily arranged news conference. "With this resolution, you're essentially putting the Security Council into the game."

Bush's decision to seek U.N. help, a dramatic shift in administration policy, was well received internationally and in Washington. But the administration's resolution faces several hurdles both at home and abroad. Domestically, the measure could run into fierce opposition from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has insisted heretofore that the United States must run operations in Iraq effectively alone.

Rumsfeld met privately with

Bush Wednesday; he was not present Tuesday when Bush gave Powell the green light to seek broader U.N. support.

"Rumsfeld and the vice president (Dick Cheney) ... want political, military, and economic control to remain entirely and absolutely in the hands of the Americans," a senior administration official told Knight Ridder.

Seeking help from the United Nations in Iraq was a major turnabout for the Bush administration, which has resisted ceding it much of a role since France and Germany led U.N. resistance to invading Iraq last winter.

Powell spent much of Wednesday phoning key Security Council members seeking support for a new U.N. resolution. He spoke with foreign ministers Dominique de Villepin of France, Igor Ivanov of Russia and Joschka Fischer of Germany.

Some political analysts believe the United States could encounter a "payback" factor at the United Nations, with countries that vigorously opposed the war placing obstacles in the resolution's path to punish the Bush administration for its stance on Iraq.

When asked what country would do that, a State Department official gave a quick response: "France."

But French officials indicated Wednesday that they do not intend to put roadblocks in the way of the administration's new resolution.

"We are in a positive mode, we have no problem with a multinational force under a U.N. mandate," a U.S.-based French diplomat said. "We are willing to have a European approach to reconstruction — we want a coordinated approach with coalition

(countries) and at the same time an independent approach for funding reconstruction."

The White House hopes the resolution will persuade other countries reluctant to get involved in Iraq without a U.N. mandate to send troops and dollars to Baghdad. Administration officials pointed to India, Pakistan and Turkey as countries poised to contribute to the Iraq effort if the Security Council approves the resolution.

Both Pakistan and Turkey — the two largest potential contributors of Muslim troops — are willing in principle to put their troops under a U.S. general, as long as the security and political efforts in Iraq have a clear U.N. authorization, according to diplomats from both countries.

Pakistan is considering sending more than a brigade of 9,000 to 11,000 troops, and Turkey is contemplating a substantial contribution. Turkey, which has a long and sometimes bitter history with its Iraqi neighbors to the south, has sent several delegations to Iraq to test the waters, according to a senior Turkish diplomat who requested anonymity. The Turkish contribution would focus on humanitarian assistance to the Iraqis, with combat troops for security being a lesser focus, the diplomat said.

On Capitol Hill, Bush received broad support for a greater U.N. presence in Iraq.

"I'm very pleased that the administration has made the decision to go to the United Nations. It's been a long time in coming," said Tom Daschle of South Dakota, the Senate Democratic leader.

# Identity theft spreading

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HACKENSACK, N.J. (KRT) — More than 27 million Americans have been victimized by identity thieves over the past five years, the Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday.

And the problem is growing, with almost 10 million people victimized in the past year, to the tune of \$53 billion.

"A fair number of thieves have found this is an easy way to make money," said Howard Beales, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, in announcing the results of the first national consumer identity-theft survey.

The survey is intended to help federal, state and local law enforcement, the business community and consumers know the extent of the problem and to work together to combat it, Beales said.

"For several years we have been seeing anecdotal evidence that identity theft is a significant problem that is on the rise," Beales said. "Now we know."

With several laws limiting consumers' liability from identity theft, most of the losses — \$48 billion — came from businesses and financial institutions.

But consumers also lost \$5 billion in out-of-pocket expenses, much of it by the 38 percent of victims who never reported the incident, Beales said. Almost two-thirds of victims had no out-of-pocket costs.

The findings are based on a telephone survey of more than 4,000 consumers conducted for the FTC this spring, Beales said. "The survey was as large as it was because I thought we would have a hard time

finding victims. Unfortunately, that was not the case."

In its most common form, identity theft involves making charges on a stolen credit card, which consumers often spot quickly, Beales said. Such thefts had almost 6.7 million victims — about two-thirds of the 9.91 million total — costing businesses \$14 billion and consumers \$1.1 billion, he said.

The biggest losses — and the most frustration for victims — resulted from thieves using a victim's personal information to open new accounts. They involved only a third of the victims — 3.2 million — but accounted for \$32.9 billion in losses to businesses and \$3.8 billion to consumers, the FTC said.

In addition, new-account victims needed an average of 60 hours to clear up problems, compared with 30 hours for all incidents, Beales said.

Among other findings: The average loss to businesses was \$4,800 per incident, including \$10,200 for new-account fraud and \$2,100 for card misuse.

Only 51 percent of the victims — about 5 million people — said they knew how thieves obtained their personal information.

The FTC has proposed that bank regulators establish and enforce red flags to identify better the likelihood of fraud, and that fraud penalties be strengthened.

In addition, victims need to protect themselves by guard receipts and dealing only with secure Internet sites. They should report incidents promptly to their local police and credit-reporting agencies, Beales said. "You need to file a police report to get the recovery process started."

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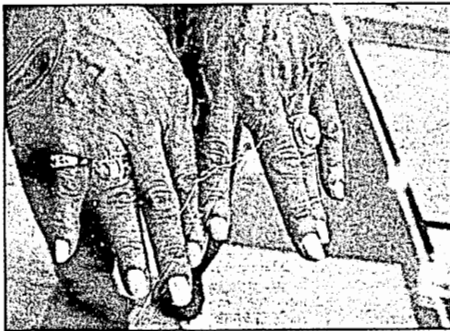
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SIU alumnus Chico Vaughn shows off his SIU basketball rings Friday, Aug. 22 in the gymnasium at Meridian High School, where he works doing security and as an attendant clerk. Later that day, Chico walked around the gym talking and joking to the kids who were in P.E. class.



## a father searches for himself

After losing his wife and son in a 10-month span, SIU hoops legend Chico Vaughn is putting his life back together

story by ETHAN ERICKSON • photos by JESSICA EDMOND



Chico Vaughn, one of SIU's Hall of Famers, sits in his late son's bedroom Friday, Aug. 22 and gives a tour of the room that are displayed on the wall. Chico said he sleeps in the room some nights and has not moved who come around at all times of the day to check on him and to keep his spirits up.

It's 11:10 here. ¶ It's always 11:10 here. ¶ The red sheets are still spread loosely across the bed in the linoleum-floored room near the front of the house. ¶ The black and gray marble texture headboard sits motionless against the west wall. ¶ A black Biggie and Tupac video case lies to the left of the television in the room that used to be the TV room. ¶ The last photograph Chico had taken with his wife and son is hanging to the left of the doorway. ¶ The clock always reads 11:10; the battery remains unchanged. ¶ "I just don't touch nothing," Chico says.

Justin "J.C." Vaughn's bedroom is frozen in time, just as it was the day that left his father, Charles "Chico" Vaughn, alone in the big brick house along the brick street with the tree-lined center parkway in Cairo. Just more than a year before, he shared the house with his wife and son.

Now it is occupied only by Chico.

### The call

It was a warm day on Thursday, May 15, and Chico was going through his normal routines — patrolling the halls and dealing with problem children while working as a security and attendance clerk at Meridian High School in Mounds, one of Illinois' southernmost communities.

Forty minutes after Chico talked to his 22-year-old son, the school's main office received a call from nephew Randy Edwards. Chico was paged to the office.

"What's wrong?" Chico asked. "Justin's dead," Edwards answered. "No, no, no!" Chico screamed. "They killed my son."

Gym teacher Eric Imhoff, who had just left the office, came running back when he heard the screams and volunteered to drive Chico home.

The two jumped in Imhoff's tan 1999 Chevy Monte Carlo and sped south on Interstate 57, passing through swampland and farmland in the Southern Illinois delta region.

The two men, fellow SIU alumni who frequently talked Saluki sports at work, had nothing to say to each other until Imhoff finally broke the silence.

"Chico, what happened?" Imhoff said. "They killed my son," a visibly shaken Chico said.

The two arrived at Chico's home where a crowd had assembled and police had taped

off the scene.

He wasn't allowed inside because police didn't want him contaminating the scene where his son was shot to death. He was left outside to ponder the tragic path his life had recently taken.

### Little Charlie

Growing up in tiny Hodges Park in deep Southern Illinois, Chico was one of seven children. He shared a bedroom with three of his siblings.

But after spending hours on a dirt court at a neighborhood school, he shared the spotlight on the basketball courts of Southern Illinois with no one.

At the now-defunct Alexander County Central High School in Tamms, Chico started on the varsity basketball team as a freshman. Though opposing defenses keyed on him, they couldn't contain him. He averaged 32 points per game in his high school career and was an All-American during his senior campaign.

He was a legend. So much so that younger brother Milton's identity was a mystery to many.

"I didn't have a name until I was really 15 years old," Milton said. "Everyone called me little Charlie. I used to tell people, 'I have a name.'"

College coaches knew Chico. Hundreds of them jockeyed for his services and, after short stints at Bradley and Dayton, Chico was lured to SIU by head coach and former New York Knick Harry Gallatin.

The only thing that could keep Chico from scoring in bunches were academic troubles; which caused him to miss part of his junior season and most of his senior year. Chico only played 85 games at SIU, but that was enough to set the career scoring mark at 2,088 points, a record that still stands.

Leaving SIU without his degree, Chico spent five seasons in the NBA and three more in the ABA. He played for the St. Louis Hawks and the Detroit Pistons in the NBA and the Pittsburgh/Minnesota Pipers in the ABA.

He enjoyed the social aspects that accompanied his life in spotlight, partying with the Supremes, the Four Tops and Gladys Knight and the Pips. Milton called Chico's life then "just a big party."

"Playing basketball was [my first priority]," Chico says. "All the other ones came after."

That included his family.

He met his first wife, Jeanne, in Los Angeles, and the two had a daughter, Gina. They divorced soon after.

During his time with the Pipers, Chico met his second wife, Kizetta, and the two parented Charles Jr. and Jyhae. A divorce soon followed.

Chico also fathered a daughter, Rachel Huff, 29, and a son, Craig, outside of marriage.

And then, after returning home to Southern Illinois, Chico met June.

"She was the one," Chico says, a sly smile daring across his face.

The two had J.C., and while June worked as a special education teacher, Chico cooked and cared for J.C. The father and son were rarely separated.

June and Chico followed J.C. to numerous youth sports contests including bowling, baseball and basketball.

Things were going well. Chico even returned to SIU and finally earned his degree in recreation in 1988.

But Gina, Charles Jr. and Jyhae only saw their father sporadically.

"My sisters had their dad, and so I used to always wonder why [Chico] wasn't around," Gina said.

He was also distant from his sister Charlene and their 91-year-old mother, Lavern. The four, including Milton and Chico, are the last remaining members of the group that grew up together in Hodges Park.

"He's always wanted to be in that nucleus of the family, but until [the deaths of June and J.C.] I felt that he felt that he just didn't have a real place 'cause he didn't grow up with anyone," Milton said, referring to the

age difference between Chico and his siblings. "He used to tell me that."

Things started to change when June was diagnosed with cancer in March 2001 and eventually passed away in the summer of 2002.

"He was in the public eye all the time, and he enjoyed it," Milton said. "But at the same time he missed the things that he knew were valuable, and I think he started regaining that when he found out his wife was sick with cancer and losing her."

### Change

The small room near the front of the house on Washington Avenue wasn't always J.C.'s. Chico was forced to convert this TV room to a bedroom because J.C. couldn't easily climb the steps after being partially paralyzed in a shooting the previous spring. He was expected to walk again in November.

Though J.C. always seemed to find trouble as a young man, family members say change was afoot in Chico's son. Charles Jr. saw J.C. wanting something better from life, and Chico agrees with those sentiments: "He was changing. I mean, [the killer] came to my house, it wasn't [J.C.'s] fault."

### Soul Food

Thanks to leave-days donated by staff at Meridian, Chico didn't return to school for the last two weeks of class after his son's death.

A native son of deep Southern Illinois, many friends and strangers tried to help Chico through his travails.

One hot Saturday afternoon in July found Chico sipping a can of Coors in his carport with friends Sonny Hill and Dirk Posey.

Hill repeatedly brought smiles to Chico's face with his off-the-wall comments about how he'd recently been hired as an assistant coach of the Chicago Bears and his upcoming bout with Sugar Ray Leonard.

"Always somebody come by and check on him or see how he doing or say hello," Posey said. "That's what friends do."

When he wasn't sitting with friends, he was barbecuing his specialty, baby-back ribs, for them on a custom-made grill with dual smokestacks that keeps the 6-foot-4 Chico from bending over to tend to his meats.

On July 4, dozens of friends of Chico's

"Always somebody come by and see how he doing or say hello. That's what friends do."

— Dirk Posey  
friend of Chico



Chico Vaughn and his brother, Milton, rest at the kitchen table at Vaughn's house Friday evening, Aug. 22, where they talked and joked. Many of Chico's friends and family come by the house to keep him company.

and gives a smile after looking around the room and talking about the photographs moved any of the furniture since the loss of his son. Chico has friends and family

and J.C.'s congregated at his home for a barbecue the two had been planning long before the tragedy. Friends still grieving the death of J.C. enjoyed each other's company and Chico's barbecue.

"They've been very supportive," Milton said of J.C.'s friends. "It wasn't like he saw them and got down because J.C. wasn't there. He just enjoyed their support."

cuing and bonding with grandchildren Tristin, 21, Timothy, 17, and Kirstin, 16. It was his first meeting with the two younger children.

Gina said her children just seemed to naturally fall in love with Chico, and Chico fell in love with them.

"He took them school shopping," Gina said. "He did so many different things, all

the things that I wished that he had been able to do for me and he actually did it for his kids, so it really was a turning point."

In fact, Tristin made the move to Cairo in late August and moved in with Chico. She's thinking about possibly attending SIU.

Chico also frequently teaches basketball to granddaughter Heavenly, who lives in Cairo with Chico's daughter, Rachel Huff.

"I guess he's more family-oriented now," Rachel said. "He's more involved with his grandkids. Like my daughter, she's 13 and plays basketball. He's really involved with her."

Milton believes the family rediscovery happened for a reason.

"They've all bonded, so that's God," Milton said. "I just think everything happens for a reason, that's what I try to instill in him, that a lot of good has come out of his loss."

and works in the area of the state with the highest percentage of single mothers. More than one-fourth of the residents of Alexander and Pulaski counties live below the poverty line.

One former student's picture is tacked to the bulletin board in the dining room near the back of his house.

But none of the schoolchildren are as close to Chico as Meridian senior Robert "R.J." Williams. He lives with his mother in a brown and white mobile home sandwiched between old U.S. highway 51 and the Canadian National Railroad line on the north edge of the tiny town of Pulaski, population 274.

Williams, who rarely speaks to his biological father, talks to Chico almost daily and called him about twice a week during the summer. Chico calls Williams his son.

When Williams gets angry, Chico takes him off to the side and talks to him.

Chico even encouraged Williams to go out for the football team for the first time this year, saying it would help keep him occupied and out of trouble until basketball season arrives. Williams will play fullback

**His new children**

After J.C.'s death, letters poured in from local children professing their adoration of Chico.

"This girl wrote him a beautiful letter, and it just let him see that these kids really love [him]," Milton said.

It is a familiar role for Chico, who lives

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**Mending wounds**

"I done changed," Chico says now. "You got to change when you lose both of them in 10 months. It's a life-style. When you get up, you ain't got nobody but yourself. Only cook for one person now. I can travel more."

Chico spent a week in late June in Pittsburgh visiting with Charles Jr. and Jyhae.

He barbecued and visited but, most importantly, worked on his relationship with the two. He divorced their mother when the two were just youngsters.

"Growing up, I didn't have a real strong relationship with him because he was there and I was here, and we just didn't have a real strong relationship," Charles Jr. said. "We're going to try and get on the right track and hopefully become better friends."

Charles said he can see Chico making an effort, and the two speak about twice a month after only speaking sporadically prior to Chico's losses.

Gina, who lives in the Los Angeles area, also saw improvements in their communication, especially after a telephone conversation in May.

Gina was busy with work and a home purchase, so she was unable to attend J.C.'s funeral. Chico became upset. She told Chico he shouldn't be the one upset with her. She had made many attempts to visit him and bond with him while he never came to see her in California.

"When I got all that off my chest he cried and I cried and he said, 'You know, you're right. I may not have done right by you, but I love you and I'll try to make things better,'" she said. "Even though he had said that to me once before when I was out there, I think this time it really made a difference because from that point on he called me. He did make arrangements to come out here."

Chico spent a week with her in California the first week in August, swimming, barbe-



SIU alumnus and SIU all-time leading scorer Chico Vaughn takes a break from his security and attendance clerk job at Meridian High School to put his SIU college ring back on his key chain that fell earlier Friday, Aug. 22. During the day, Chico secures the classrooms and makes sure the high school students are attending their classes. He said he likes his job because he likes being around the children and the children like him, too.

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and defensive end for the Cairo-Meridian co-op team.

Chico told Williams how J.C., who was much smaller than Williams, played football, so he should, too.

There's another benefit to this, as R.J.'s daily after-school trips to Cairo for practice give him an opportunity to visit Chico after practice.

Even though he reaches R.J. through sports, that is the least important venue in which he impacts the young man, according to Sheila Mack, R.J.'s mother.

"If it wasn't for Chico, R.J. probably wouldn't be in school," Mack said.

When Chico returned to school Aug. 15 at 7:15 a.m., after a three-month absence, a smile stretched across his face.

As children began streaming through the front doors, Chico playfully patted one boy on the behind with

his black metal detector wand. After joking with another boy, he pushed him along with a friendly shove.

After tending the metal detector at the school's main entry, Chico sat in on a class for children with behavioral problems. Sitting quietly in the back of the room, Chico observed and determined which child was going to cause the most trouble. He then began to establish a relationship with the boy by helping him assemble his binder.

"One girl in that class later called him "Daddy Chico."

**Emptiness fades**

That small room near the front of the house still sits unchanged, and the ramp built for J.C. still leads off the front porch to the sidewalk. Though the room is still frozen in time, Chico continues to move forward with the help of family, friends and the children he sees his son in.

He no longer lives alone, as Tristin has moved into the large brick house

with him, occupying the upstairs room that used to belong to J.C. before he was paralyzed.

He still plays basketball frequently with Heavenly, who is hoping to earn a college scholarship with the tutelage of her grandfather.

Chico speaks with Charles Jr. about twice a month, much more frequently than before tragedy struck. The same can be said for Gina, with whom he speaks at least once a week, a significant improvement from the monthly chats they used to have.

Gina is hoping Chico will return for Thanksgiving, and she hopes he'll stay for at least two weeks this time. Chico doesn't know whether to visit Gina or travel to Pittsburgh, where Jylnae and Charles Jr. want him to attend Thanksgiving with them.

Whatever he chooses, he knows he's not alone.

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loved to have seen enrollment go up, but it's not all about recruitment. It's about availability, too."

Freshman enrollment was up six percent, according to statistics. This is not to mention a 33-percent increase in freshmen who received a 30 or higher on the ACT exam.

Wendler said an increase in these scores illustrates a rise in the quality of students coming to SIUC and, as a

result, indicates an increase in the quality at the University as a whole.

Aspirations to concentrate on the quality and not the quantity of students at the University are a goal specifically mentioned in SIUC's 10-year plan, Southern at 150.

The plan aims to concentrate on the retention of students as well as an increase in the number of graduate students attending the University.

Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz does not view the decrease as a significant loss and said he is satisfied with

the progress the University has been making toward its plan.

"Southern at 150 calls for stability in undergraduate and growth in graduate students," Dietz said.

"I think the future's bright. Changes have developed SIUC into a strong institution academically. This is attracting strong students, which is being reflected in the profile of the new freshman class."

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best use of such a "big chunk" of the city's money. She was also dissatisfied with the lack of information on where the new developments would be located.

Simon, the only opposing vote, said she was not able to support the program because of the lack of time and community input.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan questioned if the required 18-month time period for owner occupancy to qualify for the programs incentives was too short.

Flanagan suggested a three-to-five-year owner occupancy might be more appropriate.

Flanagan echoed Simmons concern

of the programs funding. Flanagan said that reconsidering the property tax might be something the council will have to keep in the back of its mind.

Flanagan, who did vote in favor of the program, compared it to the risk the city took with the University Mall's redevelopment.

"Now we must be prudent in our planning," Flanagan said. "We have to jump off the edge at some point."

Undergraduate Student Government President Neal Young said the program was a successful plan but was quick to point out that there was a large city population that was not included.

"We know that this town, it is built on a huge number of rental units," Young said.

According to the Carbondale 2000 census, 74.5 percent of the city's popu-

lation lives in housing that is rental-occupied.

"I do understand the importance of a single-family home in this town, but we must keep in mind what we have currently and what that looks like," Young said.

Young voiced serious concern about the living conditions that students encounter in Carbondale.

"I think this program is a good idea and will spur economic growth that is sorely needed, especially in Southern Illinois," Young said.

"But please keep in mind that if this is successful that we've got to be able to turn around later and apply these principles toward rentals and especially for students that live in those rentals."

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# Government investigating sharp rise in gas prices

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**WASHINGTON (KRT)** — The federal government is investigating the recent 12-cent-per-gallon spike in gasoline prices to an all-time high, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced Wednesday.

Last week, gasoline prices hit an average of \$1.75 a gallon after the one-week surge, raising concerns that the oil industry might be taking advantage of the Northeast power blackout, the war in Iraq and other factors.

"The nature of this [price] fluctuation struck me as being unusually large ... and in need of greater explanation," Abraham told the House Energy Committee. He said his department's

toll-free consumer hot line (800-244-3301) had been flooded with complaints about soaring gasoline prices.

Market factors could be to blame for the spike, Abraham said, citing temporary shutdowns of oil refineries during last month's electricity blackout in the Midwest and Northeast. In addition, a gasoline pipeline in the Southwest was disrupted and late-summer vacation driving pushed up the demand for gas.

Deputy Energy Secretary Kyle McSlarrow said some increase in gasoline prices was predictable but not one so big and fast. The Energy Department and the Federal Trade Commission will work together to investigate why gas prices rose so

quickly. "The question is, and what we'll look into and work with our colleagues at the FTC about, is whether anybody took advantage of the situation in terms of market manipulation," McSlarrow said.

"We'll hopefully get some additional insight into whether or not this was really a market reaction only or if other factors were involved," Abraham said.

Their comments came during a hearing into what caused the massive electricity blackout Aug. 14 that plunged millions into the dark in New York, Ohio, Michigan and Canada. Abraham and other officials said they hadn't finished their second-by-second investigation into what happened.

The governors of Michigan and

Ohio urged lawmakers to pass legislation quickly to require upgrades of the nation's electrical transmission grids, the privately owned networks on which power is distributed. Some parts of the grids date from the 1950s and can't handle today's power demands.

"Congress must respond swiftly to institute measures to stabilize and protect our electrical transmission systems," said Michigan Gov.

Jennifer Granholm, who blamed human error, inadequate maintenance of the power lines and deregulation of the utility industry for the power failure.

Granholm joined Democrats in the House of Representatives in calling on Congress to pass stand-

alone legislation mandating that utility companies upgrade the grid. Congress' Republican leadership and the Bush administration prefer to push for a broader "comprehensive energy policy" measure that would give tax incentives to utility companies to modernize their electricity networks voluntarily.

The Republican-backed approach would include controversial measures unrelated to electricity reliability, such as opening the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling and authorizing a 3,600-mile natural-gas pipeline from Alaska to the continental United States. Retaining such controversial proposals threatens to delay or block any energy measure aimed at improving the electrical grid.

# At Berkeley, students form one of first South Asian fraternities

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**SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT)** — These fraternity brothers at the University of California-Berkeley wear Greek letters with a Sanskrit design, have no plans to share a house and say they won't serve alcohol at any of their gatherings.

Members of Alpha Epsilon Zeta, a new fraternity on campus, are a far cry from the slovenly, drunken frat boys of "Animal House" that for many is still the prevailing image of Greek life.

Sundeep Chanana pledged two fraternities, but each time he backed out. He doesn't drink, and was one of the few Indo-American students going through the fall ritual known as "rush." That led Chanana and a group of friends to form the first South Asian fraternity at UC Berkeley, one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Their demeanor is pointedly professional

— the 12 current members are all business or computer science majors. Founding members introduce themselves with corporate titles, like "Marketing VP." In many ways, they treat the fraternity, which was recognized by the university in the spring of 2003, like a Silicon Valley start-up.

"It's been kind of hard to explain the concept to my parents, because we don't really have frat in India," said Chanana, who grew up in Fairfield. "I just told them it's like a club. They'll learn about the Greek part of it eventually."

Ethnic-specific Greek organizations — from black fraternities to Latina sororities — have expanded in recent years as the nation's college campuses become increasingly diverse. No umbrella organization tracks Asian-American fraternities and sororities, but California campuses often lead the way in pioneering new chapters. Kappa Delta Phi, an Asian-American sorority founded at Cal in the fall of 1989, now has 35 chapters at universities across the country.

AEZ appears to be the first Greek organization in the region that caters specifically to South Asians, students whose families are from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh. Most of the current members are Indo-American, but students of any ethnicity are welcome to join.

It's not clear how many other South Asian fraternity chapters exist in the United States. Like other student groups, some are formed with enormous enthusiasm only to fold a few years later, when key students graduate. On the West Coast, the only other South Asian fraternity that Greek advisors are aware of is Beta Chi Theta, which began at UCLA in 1999. But there are certain to be others in the works: the University of Rochester in New York recognized Sigma Beta Rho, their first South Asian fraternity, this spring.

AEZ abhors hazing rituals, but it plans to be rigorous when selecting new members. Potential pledges will be asked to write a personal essay about what they would contribute

to the fraternity, and freshmen who rush AEZ have to turn over a copy of their high school transcript. Honors courses and GPA's of 3.4 and above are thought to be a baseline, but students who are taking exceptionally challenging courses might be cut some slack.

"We're looking for quality individuals," said Mohit Jain, 19, a sophomore who went to Mission San Jose High School in Fremont. "Our idea of a brother isn't someone who stays up partying. It's someone who stays up until 4 a.m. working on a project."

Other South Asian student groups are excited at the idea of AEZ starting at Cal, where 44 percent of the freshmen are Asian-American.

"When I was a freshman, I was totally lost," said Vikash Mishra, 21, a senior and the president of Indus, a popular club with nearly 500 members. "I joined all of these South Asian clubs, but it still took a long time to make friends. A fraternity is smaller, and it provides an instant niche."

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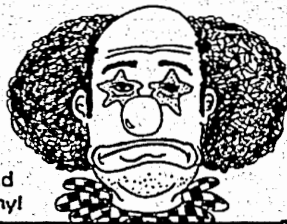
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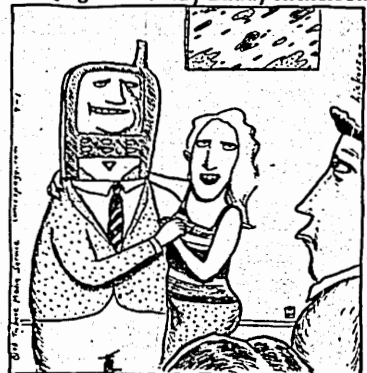
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**Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (Sept. 4).** Don't stress if you're asked to accept a result that's not quite what you had in mind. You'll soon be more interested in love and less worried about the little things.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 4 - Your recent advances may have been thwarted, but don't let that knock you off track. A careful and respectful demeanor will work much better than hasty action.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - You don't cave easily under pressure, and most likely won't again. A treat you can afford will be much more fun than the one you can't have.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 4 - A recent setback may have shaken your confidence, but you won't be down for long. Reevaluate your plans. It's now easier to see what you really need.

**Cancer (June 23-July 22)** - Today is a 7 - Although your schedule is disrupted, you can make the necessary adjustments. Don't argue with the way things are. Adapt.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 5 - You hate to feel like there's not enough to go around. To avoid that sensation in the future, slash away more now.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - With Mercury, your ruling planet, still retrograde in your sign, it's a little more difficult to get the story straight. Check and double-check before passing along any news.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 5 - It's quite possible that you don't understand the lesson you're being taught. Just because it doesn't make much sense now doesn't mean that it never will. Hang in there.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Don't make promises you can't keep. There's an easy way around this: Carefully word your promises so that you can keep them.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Others may not agree with you, but you're making a good impression. Your insistence on revealing the truth will turn out to be profitable.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Conditions get more favorable for travel as the day progresses. Tomorrow and the next day will be even better. That should be all the excuse that you need.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 6 - Your list of obligations keeps getting longer. That gives you good excuse to pass up an invitation to go somewhere you really can't afford.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - Conditions are changing in your favor already, as you knew they would. Try not to get too impatient. Tomorrow will be more fun.

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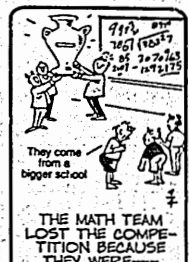
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Yesterdays' Jumbles: SCARF AWASH HAIRDO ANKLET

Answer: What the creatures of the deep called the winning player — A "CARD SHARK"

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



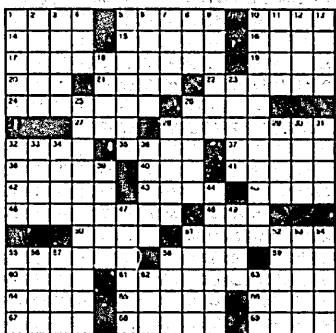
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(Answers tomorrow)

# Crossword

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  - 5 Occurrence
  - 10 Turn over
  - 14 Heart rival
  - 15 When pigs fly!
  - 16 Charismatic glow
  - 17 Ohio city
  - 19 Musical or Mikita
  - 20 Tiger's peg
  - 21 Oymopus group
  - 22 Powerful
  - 24 Work for a handyman
  - 26 Wild canine
  - 27 Internet odd.
  - 28 Emergency fund
  - 32 SL Lewis' team
  - 35 Old-time oath
  - 37 University of Maine setting
  - 38 Egg-shaped
  - 40 Grabbed a bite
  - 41 Goodman's musical style
  - 42 Olympic prize
  - 43 Element #80
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  - 51 Multiplication table



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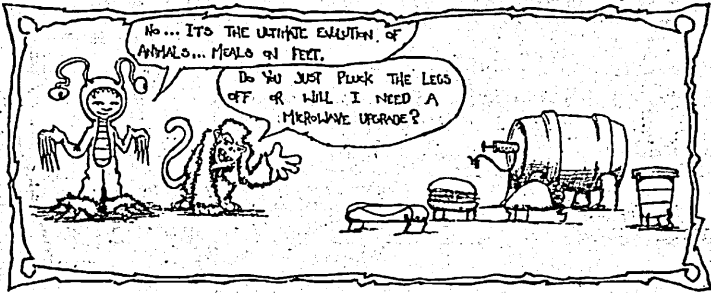
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  - 8 Butterfly snare
  - 9 Camera stand
  - 10 VCR built-in
  - 11 Pipe sealant
  - 12 Shah's realm
  - 13 Gase in
  - 18 Frankenstein's he'per
  - 23 Edward James of 'Miami Vice'
  - 25 Hey, wait up!
  - 26 Angle's boot
  - 28 Australian pals
  - 29 Glass in Burgundy
  - 30 Gender-based suffix
  - 31 Tranquility discipline
  - 32 No-sweat win
  - 33 Declare
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  - 53 Secs
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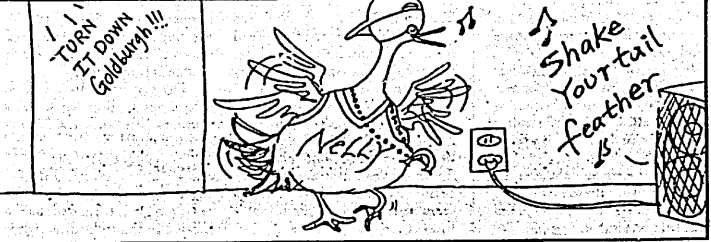
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# Freshmen add spark to SIU women's cross country

New recruits add stability, improve depth on roster

Todd Merchant  
Daily Egyptian

Noa Beitler has an interesting take on the changes the SIU women's cross country team has gone through during the past two and a half years.

The only member remaining on the squad from 2001, Beitler has had three different coaches and has seen a slew of teammates come and go while running with the Salukis.

*"You want to do better in practice, and that will help you do better in the meet because you're constantly having competition and constantly having to prove yourself to coaches."*

— Sarah Rinker  
women's cross country

five is the minimum."

Two years ago, the Salukis' head coach Don DeNoon retired, leaving volunteer Jeff Jones to run the team. Due to injuries and members quitting, Jones often fielded a squad of just five runners and once could only muster four healthy athletes.

This season, however, the program has been energized by the youth movement, and there

is a new positive atmosphere surrounding the team. Sparks said this could be the beginning of a new era for SIU and that as the freshmen develop together, so to will their results.

"Those freshmen will kinda build up through the program together," Sparks said. "They all get along really well, and that's also a key component. They're really supportive of each other, and they want to see each other do well."

"This is the future of the program." With only Beitler and sophomore Ty-Nica Davis returning from last year's squad, the freshmen will be called upon right away to contribute to a team that finished fifth at the Missouri Valley Conference meet last season.

Rounding out the Salukis' top five will be Sarah Rinker, Lindsay Wagner and Katie Birn.

Rinker, who qualified for the state meet three times while at Pontiac High School, foresees positive results this season simply from the efforts she has seen from teammates during pre-season training.

"It's competitive even in practice," Rinker said. "People are pushing to get on the traveling team. You want to do better in practice, and that will help you do better in the meet because you're constantly having competition and constantly having to prove yourself to coaches."

Fighting for a spot in the top five are Britanny Whitelock and Britanni Christensen, who are expected to compete this weekend when the Salukis head to Columbia, Mo., for the Missouri Cross Country Challenge Saturday.

Neither Beitler nor Davis will run this weekend for the Salukis. Having participated during the track postseason in the spring, the pair had to alter their summer training and are not yet in cross country form.

Sparks is not too worried, however, and considers the Missouri meet more of a pre-season meet. He will use it to gauge where the team is at in its development and to find out

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
09/06	Missouri X-Country Challenge	Columbia, Mo.
09/19	Eastern Illinois Panther Open	Charleston
10/04	Indiana State Invitational	Terre Haute, In.
10/11	Saluki Invitational	Carbondale
10/18	Illini Challenge	Champaign
11/01	MVC Championship	Des Moines, Iowa
11/15	NCAA Regional Championships	Stillwater, Okla.
11/24	NCAA Regional Championships	Cedar Falls, Iowa

## ROSTER

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Noa Beitler	SR	Rehovot, Israel
Megan Binney	FR	Staunton
Katie Birn	FR	McHenry
Brittany Christensen	FR	Belvidere
Ty-Nica Davis	SO	Madisonville, Ky.
Shalini Gogawale	FR	Shorewood
Katie Ringlestein	FR	Bloomington
Sarah Rinker	FR	Pontiac
Cherylynn Schilling	FR	Moores Hill, In.
Lindsay Wagner	FR	Mt. Vernon
Brittany Whitelock	FR	St. Petersburg, Fl.

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what aspects it needs to improve.

With so many young runners, there will likely be many improvements made this season. But Sparks and Beitler are eager to see what the freshmen can do and how much they can add to the Salukis, both at meets and during practice.

"I'm really looking forward to this season,"

Beitler said, "not only to have people to train with but also to have such great teammates. You come here and you really want to be here."

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# Florida State's Booker knows death, destruction all too well

Stephen F. Holder  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (KRT) — It's not real. This isn't happening. It's a dream.

That's what Lorenzo Booker's mind kept telling him.

The young man has faced so much recent heartache that when the latest in a rash of recent tragedies occurred, it seemed surreal to the Florida State tailback.

Who wants to believe one of their best friends is on the verge of death? And how could this happen to him — again! — after he has coped with the deaths of four friends in the past year?

Finally, reality forced Booker to accept the truth: His roommate, 23-year-old FSU student Sevag Davidian, died Monday after a horrific car accident on Aug. 23 left two others critically injured.

All Booker must now do is keep his erupting emotions in check, and, oh, dominate on the football field.

That last task is the easy part, though. Linebackers, defensive ends, safeties? This fleet-footed back can outrun most of them. You have to do better than that when trying to stop a player who has faced a plethora of problems he can't run from.

And in Booker's first collegiate game on Saturday, the North Carolina defense learned this the hard way. Playing an extensive role after an injury to tailback Leon Washington, Booker rushed for a game-high 87 yards and a touchdown, giving him something to celebrate at a moment that was otherwise dim.

"I wasn't going to go out there and be denied after everything I've been through in the past year and the past

week," Booker said.

Booker, 19, said doctors had already prepared him that goodbyes were in order for his friend, one of five roommates in an off-campus home. It is just the latest of several sad events for Booker.

Four friends from his native Ventura, Calif., area have died in the past year, leaving him to wonder why. One died of a drug overdose two months ago. Another committed suicide, shooting himself in the mouth after a breakup with a girlfriend. And still two others were shot to death in separate incidents.

This has all left Booker emotionally drained, though one can hardly tell. He has handled Davidian's accident like a man twice his age, using the misfortune to fuel his desire.

"I know that I'm going to do anything in my power to see that we go to New Orleans and win the national title for him," Booker said.

Said Booker's cousin and confidant, Curtis Richardson: "He's playing for a higher purpose."

Davidian, from Sebastian, Fla., was ejected from a Mercedes SUV driven by Keith Schmalz of Vero Beach. Another of Booker's roommates was also thrown from the vehicle, but, like Schmalz, survived with severe injuries.

The impact sent the vehicle airborne and reportedly shoved a parked car 160 feet down the street.

It was a shocking incident for Booker, but his maturity has played a part in him weathering this latest storm.

"It gives you a sense of reality," Booker said. "I feel like I've been in a dream land for the last 18, 19 years of my life."

And it's not the first time he has

exhibited great maturity. Coming to FSU as the nation's top running-back prospect, Booker did not arrive in Tallahassee demanding the ball.

He instead asked to be redshirted in 2002, stunning coach Bobby Bowden and his staff.

"These kids, they think they're the answer," Bowden said. "They're going to play the first year, probably start, probably win the Heisman the second year. That's what these kids are thinking."

"And here comes Booker, the highest-profile recruit. And we don't have to ask him to redshirt — I wouldn't even think to ask him."

Bowden was so impressed with Booker's decision, that when injuries decimated the backfield and it appeared Booker might have to be utilized — thus eliminating the possibility of the redshirt year — Bowden went to bat to preserve Booker's wishes.

In a November game at North Carolina State, with the Seminoles down to a skeleton crew at running back, Maddox was injured. Running-back coach Billy Sexton immediately grabbed Booker.

"Coach Bowden comes over, the fastest I've ever seen him run," Booker said. "He said, 'Don't put him in the game! Don't put him in the game! I'm not wasting this kid's year!' It made me feel good."

Davidian will never see his dear friend continue his budding career. But he might have seen the beginning of it. The massive stroke that resulted in the fatal brain damage had a peculiar timing to it.

"He had the stroke right after my first touchdown," Booker said. "To me, that's weird. I kind of want to feel like he held on for that."

# Clemson's Bowden in trouble?

Wendell Barnhouse  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH, Texas (KRT) — Papa Bobby was starting his resurrection campaign with a 37-0 victory over North Carolina. Brother Terry was comfortable and cool in a television studio, analyzing and second-guessing for a paycheck.

Tommy Bowden, meanwhile, was sweating on a spit. The fifth-year Clemson coach, whose office will feel like a sauna this week, moved to the top of Coaches On The Hot Seat list. A 30-0 home loss to a depleted Georgia team puts Bowden in an early-season hole.

"We're stunned," Clemson linebacker Leroy Hill said.

"We were expecting a great game."

There are losses, there are bad losses and then there are losses like the one Clemson experienced. It stung on a number of levels:

Clemson has lost its past two games by a combined score of 85-15. The Tigers had vowed to expurgate the bad taste of their 55-15 loss to Texas Tech in the Tangerine Bowl.

Bowden abandoned the spread offense for a power-running game. Clemson's smash-mouth strategy produced a mush-mouthed 35 rushing yards on 24 carries.

Clemson hadn't been shut out since losing 48-0 to Florida State in 1998, the last season for Tommy West, Bowden's predecessor. Bowden had never had a team shut out in six seasons as a head coach.

Even though Georgia came into the game ranked No. 11, the Bulldogs started an inexperienced offensive line and were missing 12 players because of suspensions and injuries.

Many of the mistakes Clemson made — turnovers, penalties, missed assignments — mirrored mistakes made in last season's 7-6 season. Fans will tolerate some things, but seeing the same errors committed year to year can be devastating to a coach's future.

There was one wrinkle, though. One of Clemson's turn-overs came after center Tommy Sharpe vomited on the ball just before snapping it to Charlie Whitehurst. Not surprisingly, Whitehurst fumbled.

"We practice a lot of things, but we don't practice that," Bowden said.

Bowden's 13-0 season at Tulane in 1998 seems like decades, not just six seasons, ago. Clemson fans, perhaps unrealistically, remember another perfect season: the Tigers' 12-0 national championship season in 1981.

When a team has won a title, its fans always believe it can happen again. From 1987-90, the Tigers won 10 games each season; they haven't reached double figures since.

"I'm sure (Clemson fans are) discouraged," Bowden said. "I'm discouraged, and the team is discouraged."

"We've got 11 (games) left, and it's a long season. I'd like to think we can do the things necessary to get it turned around and headed in the right direction."

## TIGHT ENDS

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on the field last season outside of special teams, they were able to learn from the experience of sitting behind McAllister and Rashid.

"You pick up on a lot of techniques they used just by watching them," Turner said.

"Just little tricks and stuff that the coaches don't tell you."

They have used those techniques and tricks as well as some of their own specialties to give the Salukis hope for the future of the position.

"I think Micah will probably concur on this with me, but we definitely have a little bit more speed than them," Kupec said before erupting into laughter with Turner.

Physically, Turner and Kupec are no slouches, either.

Turner appears to be a man among boys, coming in at 6-foot-4

and 250 pounds. Kupec, a converted wide receiver, checks in at 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds.

Limegrover said Turner, who he thinks has the body of an NFL tight end, and Kupec, who can bench-press more than 350 pounds, bring plenty of athleticism to the position and should allow the Salukis to keep things running like usual.

"They've really come along and allowed us to do a lot of the same things we did last year," Limegrover said. "Now it's going to take a little bit longer for them to get into that rhythm, but they're both real good players, and hopefully we won't be ruing the loss of Ryan and Bilal."

Despite not yet being at the level of McAllister, it is possible Turner and Kupec could put up better numbers.

On an offense that features numerous explosive players such as Muhammad Abdulqadir, Tom Koutsos, Joel Sambursky, Courtney Abbott and Brent Little, it is easy

for the tight ends to get lost in the shuffle.

Turner and Kupec said they should be able to sneak up on opposing defenses because of all the other offensive firepower in the Salukis arsenal.

"It happened a couple of times last game where we had tight ends running right down the middle of the field, and nobody was within 20 yards of us," Turner said.

"A lot of team; don't account for the tight ends, and right now we've got two great running backs, so everybody's trying to move everybody up and stop the run."

Another time defenses might leave the tight ends alone is when the Salukis go to the play-action pass.

"It sucks them in and it makes our job easy," Kupec said.

"All we've got to be able to do is catch the ball."

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## BRENNER

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SEMO, and if these letters don't melt their hearts, they may as well join the Republican Party.

Dear Joel Sambursky,

You are a grate team leader. You are a good player in the game aginst Quincy.

Do you like playing foot ball with out all the politicks? What is your faveest play?

I like you a whole bunch. I your dad a soldier? My dad is a soldier. He lives in Irak.

Did you ever jump off a roof before? I hope you don't get tackled to much this season.

Your friend,

Kodee

You may have noticed she asked Sambursky if his father was a soldier. She asks everyone that and was particularly confused about what the subject of her next letter did for a living.

Tom Koutsos was featured on the back page of the Daily Egyptian earlier in the year, accompanied the headline "Unforgotten Soldier." This confuses her, and it took a

great deal of time for me to explain to her that he had never been to Iraq.

Because of his alleged soldier status, along with the fact I told her he was a player worth watching, she thinks the world of Koutsos. She was relieved to find out he was all right after what could have been a horrific injury last week.

Dear Tommy Koutsos,

How long have you been a foot ball player? How big are you?

Do you like to play tag foot ball? I do but me and Jake like to put our uniforms on a play for reil.

Did your leg bert hre bad wen you bert it? Do you think you will last all resin?

I like you a hole bunch. I liked it when I got to see you play.

Your friend,

Kodee

She also has a spot in her heart for Abdulqadir, who amazed her last week against Quincy. She may overestimate his speed a bit, but even a child can see the obvious — Mojo is fast.

I'm not sure why she asks Abdulqadir if he tackles people. It might be because she only sees him run the ball, or she may have

noticed how short he is compared to the behemoths on the field.

She seems to like him more than any other player.

Dear Mo,

I rily like you a hole bunch. You scored three touch downs in the Qinsy game.

You run so fast you probly can not run a theta. Do you like to tackle people? I do wen I'm a foot ball player.

Michael rily likes you. I do to. Can I talk football with you? Can I meet you for reil? You are like a superhero.

Do you get out much? Is your dad a soldier?

Your friend,

Kodee

So there you go. It's not exactly "win one for the Gipper," but by Division I-AA standards, it's pretty good.

Armed with Kodee's inspirational letters, SEMO could have its hands full for the first time in three years and receive a pummeling from big brother in its own back yard. Or, their hearts, as well as their muscles, may turn to mush, causing a catastrophic loss.

Either way, all three players have letters they may remember the same, if not more, than Saturday's SEMO game.

## ATHLETICS

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random cuts and compromise the quality of your program," Richard said. "The goal is to avoid hurting us from a competitive standpoint or having to cut back on areas such as team travel."

One possible solution that Richard said has been brought up is possibly raising student fees, but EIU is hesitant to hike up costs that have already skyrocketed.

"Student fees and money from the NCAA is our major sources of revenue, but I'm not sure it's really

fair to students to ask them to make up the difference," Richard said.

While EIU toys with ways to raise an extra \$1 million for their athletic program, Wendler said it may take some time before SIUC's task force is able to fully examine the matter.

"It's not something we want to rush into because we'd hate to do something that won't be beneficial to the University," Wendler said.

And the welfare of the University is exactly what has Kowalczyk concerned about the recommendation: handed down by the budget report. He said one

of the ways his department has been able to decrease their deficit has been through ticket sales, but another budget cut could have an adverse effect on fan turnout.

But no matter what changes may eventually be made to the athletic program, Kowalczyk said he and his staff will abide by the decision of Wendler and rest of the task force.

"We're just one part of team SIU and we're all in this together," Kowalczyk said.

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## SPORTS FLASH

## Men's tennis clinic scheduled Saturday

The SIU men's tennis team will sponsor the annual Saluki tennis clinic and singles challenger fundraiser at the University Courts on Saturday.

Participants in this year's fundraiser will be taught a range of strokes and shots that will help fine tune their tennis game. The clinic will be taught by Saluki head coach Missy Jeffrey, along with the players from her team.

Along with being taught the different shots of the game participants will also get a chance to try returning

shots being hit at them by the top servers on the team. The clinic will wind down with community members participating in the fundraiser having a chance to challenge any Saluki team member in a singles match. Prizes will be given out to those participants that score the most points against the Saluki squad.

The tennis clinic is available to all ability levels from beginner to advanced. The clinic will last from 10:00 a.m. to noon and a \$30 donation is required per participant.

To register, please contact head coach Missy Jeffrey at (618) 453-7247 or by email at [jjeffrey@siu.edu](mailto:jjeffrey@siu.edu).

## Baseball team tryouts this 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 baseball athletic trainer Ed Thompson at 453-5161 for liability purposes.

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- \$3 20oz Stoli Flavors

# Tight ends inject new blood into team

Kupec, Turner have big pair of shoes to fill this season

Jens Deju  
 Daily Egyptian

There was a strange sight at McAndrew Stadium last Thursday night.

As the Salukis were finishing off a 50-point beat down of Division II Quincy, someone was noticeably absent from the Salukis' sideline.

Where was Ryan McAllister? After completing his fifth year as a Saluki in 2002, McAllister finally ran out of eligibility.

He played in 48 games during his time in Carbondale and had at least one reception in 28 of them. For his career, the 6-foot-3, 255-pound McAllister reeled in 41 catches for 487 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Now he is gone, and the Salukis are left with some big shoes to fill.

"Ryan's been one of my favorite players to be able to coach since I've been here because of the intensity," SIU offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover said. "He just played the game so hard and had such a passion for it."

But if McAllister's shoes were not big enough to fill, SIU also has to replace those of Bilal Rashid.

Though not as well known as McAllister, Rashid, a former defensive lineman, was a solid second-string tight end for the Salukis last season.

Together they gave SIU a talented one-two punch at the position.

In the game against Quincy, the Salukis unveiled what they hope is an even deadlier combination in sophomores Micah Turner and Chris Kupec.

In their first extensive action at the tight end position, both reeled in 13-yard receptions with Turner's going for a touchdown in the third quarter.

While the young duo rarely got



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Tight end Micah Turner rolls to his knees after diving for a touchdown against Quincy. Coaches expect Turner, along with fellow sophomore tight end Chris Kupec, to be a major contributor to the Saluki offense during his career at SIU.

See **TIGHT ENDS**, page 19

## COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

BY MICHAEL BRENNER  
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## A little bit of inspiration

SIU has plenty of reasons to light a fire under its collective tail at Southeast Missouri State Saturday.

Jerry Kill has never won on the road with SIU.

The Dawgs need to prove they can beat a real football team.

It's unsettling to constantly lose to a school that one of my past editors called our "little brother."

But there is another reason for the Salukis to snuff SEMO, and it has nothing to do with wins or losses, yardage gained or enemies who need to be smitten.

Those of you who read the Voices page yesterday saw a column documenting what may have been the longest 50 minutes of 8-year-old Kodee Kennings' life.

You may remember Kodee from a May 6 article about how difficult her life has been, or from a Jack Piatt column during the summer.

After Saturday's ordeal, she asked me to make sure I delivered three letters to her favorite football players — Joel Sambursky, Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir. Practice occurs at the same time I have to edit stories, so I gave all three letters to our football beat writer, who delivered them yesterday.

She really wants SIU to beat

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# SIU considers self-supported Athletic Department

Recommendation part of recent budget task force report

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In an era of ultra-spending where student-athlete scholarship costs, postseason competition fees and sports program expenditures nationwide are spiraling out of control, another problem could soon be facing the SIU athletic program — how to pay its employees.

At least that is what could happen if a recent recommendation issued by the University's 19-member budget task force suggesting that athletics become self-supported goes into effect.

The recommendation, part of last month's 79-item report detailing ways to increase education while decreasing expenses, suggested athletics become self-reliant by

increasing ticket sales and corporate sponsorships.

The University is in the midst of grappling with an 8.2 percent budget reduction stemming from a \$5 billion state budget shortfall.

The report also called for a continued reduction of the athletic department's current \$490,000 deficit while simultaneously reducing state funds earmarked for athletics by approximately 25 percent. Athletics currently receive about \$1.3 million in state appropriated funds, nearly all of which Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said is devoted to staff compensation.

"That's all salaries," Kowalczyk said. "We bring in the rest by ourselves through fund raising and ticket sales."

The athletic department's

total budget currently sits at \$6.3 million, which Kowalczyk said comprises about 1.2 percent of the University's overall budget. But that is still well below the national average of 3.5 percent, a figure that Kowalczyk said shows SIU's athletic program is still lagging behind its peer institutions.

"We've already been trying to make up lost ground by reducing our deficit from \$800,000," Kowalczyk said. "We're trying to build up our program here, and to do that without state funds isn't really a realistic expectation."

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the task force is perusing each item on the report and that it is too early to tell if the recommendation will become a reality. But he did say that if athletics were to become self-supported, it would join a select few institutions to make such a move.

"There are only a few schools out there that are actually self-supported," Wendler said. "Even among the larger schools in the Big 10 and Big 12, the institutions, you see on

the news, you don't find many that don't rely on state funds."

But there are some high-profile schools that have been able to survive and even flourish while remaining self-reliant, most notably Big 10 members Wisconsin and Indiana and Southeastern Conference stalwart Mississippi.

Mississippi Chancellor Robert Khayat said that his school's athletics program has been self-supported for over 50 years and has still managed to remain competitive in the often cutthroat SEC.

"It requires a lot more work on the part of our athletic department, that's for sure," Khayat said.

Khayat also said his athletic department relies mostly on ticket sales to fund its \$26 million budget, which is nearly four times that of SIU, but still \$20 million less than conference foe Florida. And though a lack of state funding may not allow Mississippi the financial freedom of some powerhouse schools, Khayat said he prefers it that way.

"I'd rather see those funds go for

educational programs, and if athletics can support itself, then it's better that way," Khayat said.

Khayat's mindset seems to be echoed by the budget task force team at Eastern Illinois University, which last month began considering making their athletic department self-supported. EIU, whose state appropriated funds represent 20 percent of their athletic budget, has since been experimenting with ways of eliminating the need for internal funding.

Gail Richard, EIU's NCAA faculty athletics representative and task force chairwoman, said her chief concern is finding a way to trim the school's budget without cutting any programs. EIU currently fields 22 intercollegiate teams, a staggering figure for a school of little more than 10,000 students, and a number that Richard said makes her team's job all the more challenging.

"It's difficult because the last thing you want to do is make

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