Students, faculty urge Beggs to stay

New student group recreates romantic past

CHIVALRY:
RSEO puts on show of knighthood prowess, Middle Ages culture.

"TAEY TAYLOR
DEPUTY EDITOR

Dressed in full battle gear from the Middle Ages, Brian Perdue engages in a medieval weaponry with an opponent while defending his lady's honor.

Perdue, an undecided sophomore from Carbondale, is part of the College Of St. Michael, the SUC chapter of The Society for Creative Anachronism. The group performed for crowds at the Student Center throughout the afternoon Wednesday.

"I've been a part of it for about a year, and we have a good time," he said.

The non-profit group, also known as SCA, is a newly formed Registered Student Organization dedicated to reproducing lifestyles and art pieces of the Middle Ages, when knights in shining armor defended their kingdoms against pillagers and opposing armies.

"We recreate all aspects of combats, food, clothing jewelry, all the ruffles and cuffs, silversmithing dance, music, ages and poaching," Wes Will, the group's faculty advisor, said.

"St. Louis native Ted Kocot has been part of the SCA for 14 years and is visiting the Carbondale group to assist it in recreating the historic time period.

"Kocot said that although it is a lot of fun to engage in battle, there are occasional mishaps.

"When you get hit, sometimes it stings a bit and most people don't like that," he said. "We teach them how to throw bows and block."

Perdue is no stranger to occasional battle scars.

"I've got a couple of bruises," he said. "But it's fun. It's just a bunch of guys getting in armor and bashing each other."}

FOR HIS LADY'S HONOR: Ted Kocot (from left), a St. Louis native; Christian Eisenhauer, a senior in jewelry and blacksmithing from Du Quoin; and Brian Perdue, an undecided sophomore from Carbondale, demonstrate a medieval sword fight Wednesday at the Student Center.

Student enrollment figures increase from last year

PLEASANT SURPRISE:
Recruiting efforts pay off better than expected.

WILLIAM HATFIELD
DEPUTY EDITOR

The news of a possible increase in SIUC's enrollment has caught the attention of admissions officers who reached Wednesday with excitement and cautious optimism in the report.

Walker Allen, director of Admissions and Records, said that as of Monday, the on-campus under-graduate enrollment has increased by 527 students — from 15,056 to 15,583 — since last year at this time. No further enrollment figures were available.

"There's a lot of reluctance on anyone's part because last year's figures change within a week," SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs said. "But there's been a lot of interest in this year's figure, and we have been working hard to make sure that figure is accurate."

"There was a number of changes this year, and no two years are exactly alike," Allen said. "But I am confident that we have met our target level. I am optimistic about the future, but we are not claiming that we are 100% optimistic." He said the official numbers will not be available until after the third week of the semester.

Beggs said the success of the new student orientation program helped student retention, and made students feel welcome. He said an increase in the number of high school graduates also contributed to the possible increase in the implied.

"Along with enrollment and retention, we have also had a positive effect on the number of students who have been accepted," Beggs said. "That's good news for us, and everyone is optimistic about the future."

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Funds needed to equip annex

MORE MONEY:
New Friction Center seeks donations from alumni and friends.

SARA BEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The College of Engineering is seeking funds necessary to adequately equip the high-tech addition of the Engineering Building, although the new $14 million wing was dedicated Monday by Gov. Jim Edgar.

The college is seeking $1 million from alumni and friends of the University during a year-long fund-raising campaign which began in February. About $740,000 has been raised so far.

"With the amount already raised as well as a couple of really good proposals, I would say we are ahead of schedule on reaching the $1 million mark."

Founding for the design and the building were provided by the state, but additional funds were not allowed for purchase of equipment for the classroom and research labs. No classes are being taught in the annex yet.

The school has received $460,000 in cash donations and $250,000 in equipment donations from various sources.

Contract negotiations come to a head

COMPROMISES:
Administration makes final offer to faculty.

WILLIAM NAYTIELD
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The administration has made its final offer for an interim agreement to the faculty union, and contract negotiations, which have been deadlocked since July 1, "are going to be resolved," William Capie, associate vice chancellor for Administration, said. "These are the last compromises we can make at this time, and when you get to that point it's serious."

The proposal was given to the faculty union Monday after a six-hour negotiation session with a federal mediator. Richard Kirkpatrick, a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, met with representatives of the administration and the faculty union Monday and Aug. 18.

An interim agreement details issues that can be dealt with before a full agreement is reached.

We had different visions of what an interim agreement would include," Capie said. "They had very high expectations."

"We felt it was a vehicle to get the issues that can be dealt with before a full agreement is reached, he said.

In May, the SIU Board of Trustees approved a 3 percent salary increase based partially on merit for all University employees. The 340 tenured and untenured faculty were not included in this agreement as they are represented by a bargaining unit.

Jim Sullivan, the SIUC Illinois Education Association/National Education Association president, would not commit to the proposal and said he will discuss the proposal with deans and representatives before responding.

"There are a number of options available to us, but it would be premature to speculate on how we would respond," Capie said. "It is in their hands now." Sullivan said that about 90 letters requesting donations have been sent out to alumni who are now chief executive officers and partners of companies and presidents and vice presidents of corporations.

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"We're getting the news out about the department and the center," Murray said. "We're not looking for handouts, we're looking for partnerships.

Carnegie's fund-raiser will continue until February.
House Bill 110 dangerous for Civil Service workers

If you are an SIU employee with at least five years but fewer than 20 years of service credits, you have an important decision to make in the next three months.

With the passage of House Bill 110, any commitment the state of Illinois made to you when you were hired regarding health care was rescinded in July. You have the choice of getting your affairs in order and resigning before Dec. 1 — taking with you the full benefits you promised, or you will face paying 5 percent for each year under 20 years of service that you have earned out of your own pocket.

For example, if you have worked for the University for six years, instead of the 100 percent coverage you were guaranteed for five years of service, the state will now pay only 30 percent coverage and you will pick up the remaining 70 percent of the premium.

A human resource worker that I contacted used S300 as the current paid monthly figure for an employee covered by Quality Care. Seventy percent of that figure would mean that to have the same coverage you have at present, you would be required to pay a monthly premium of S210. With health care costs escalating, this premium can only go up.

Medicare becomes the primary policy and your SIU coverage is secondary. Not everyone has paid Social Security, however, so for these people the price rate continues.

Hundreds of employees statewide will be affected similarly. But they, like us, lack a strong voice to lobby for them.

More frightening is the fact that many of the people adversely affected are too young to be aware of their situation. They are neither financially nor emotionally ready to retire and face limited job prospects available to them.

Politicians respond to numbers. It is imperative, that you communicate your concern and demand that the state of Illinois stand behind its commitment to you. Demand that the new law be amended for Grandfather coverage for employees hired before Jan. 1, 1998, the date that the new law goes into effect. Tell Gov. Edgar (who had the luxury of choosing his own time to retire), Rep. Mike Ross, (person of House Bill 110), Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, legislators of your district and others statewide. Tell them that while you support rewarding long-term employee for their years of service, benefit enhancements cannot be made at the expense of people like yourself. Your interests were not represented by the aggressive lobbying of groups such as the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council (AFSCME), the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) and the State University Retirement System (SURS).

Time is of the essence. Petitions to amend House Bill 110 during the October session are available upon request, along with a list of the names and addresses of legislators. Everyone is busy, but if you wait, you may not find someone to support you. It’s your job and your financial security that’s on the line. Apathy got us where we are now. It’s time to stand up and be counted or suffer the consequences.

Don’t blame logging on rider

Dear Editor,

Freedom of the press does not relieve editors of responsibility from reasonable truth and honesty in their printed material.

The View From Here column of Aug. 20, "No trees? Blame Congress," is a sorry example of editorial responsibility.

The mendacity and slander of Rob’s Guest Column clearly justified the DE invoking its right not to publish his material.

The selective removal of exotic pine trees on campus create native hardwoods in the Rob Smith Springs area is not under the Salvage Logging rider. An earlier court order cut back that area on the back of taxpayer money.

Other examples of mendacity are the statements that the legal rights of local environmentalists are suspended and that there were no legal challenges, no court orders. Still another court order had just been issued based on a suit by local activists.

Examples of slander are that the Republican and Democrat are environment destroying and deceptive facades. Isn’t our president, who signed the law in question and administers the USDA Forest Service, a Democrat?

The whole fabric of a university is based on input and collaboration from the views of others. Unfortunately, columns such as “No trees? Blame Congress” are not fit to print.

Clark Ashby

professor emeritus, plant biology

Our Word

Consider Beggs

Current chancellor qualified for permanent top position

SIUC CHANCELLOR DONALD BEGGS HAS tackled a number of overwhelming issues facing the campus since taking office a year ago, technically as an interim chancellor. He has established a trend-setting rapport with the student body. An overview of his work provides an excellent blueprint for future SIUC chancellors with a genuine desire to improve SIUC as a whole.

For these reasons alone, Beggs should be considered as a candidate for the permanent chancellor position.

When former SIUC Chancellor John Guyon retired from the presidency last summer, SIUC, the new interim chancellor also had a lengthy teaching career at his alma mater, beginning here as an assistant professor. His roots as an SIUC undergraduate, graduate student, faculty member and, later, administrator would serve him with the needed insight to steer our institution as it was bombarded with heavy-hitting concerns.

WHEN HE ASSUMED THE CHANCELLOR’S position, Beggs’ foremost assignment and concern was turning around SIUC’s declining enrollment. Soon, other concerns demanded the new chancellor’s attention as the enrollment decline showed signs of leveling off last fall.

Members of the Faculty Senate questioned the method by which Beggs was selected as chancellor, claiming that faculty input on the decision was not sought. Later, SIUC Chancery Office members joined in the criticism and Beggs felt singled out for his efforts in attempting to unionize the campus.

BECKS TOOK THOSE PROBLEMS IN STRIDE and made good on early promises to use input from students and faculty in his decisions. Beggs organized focus groups in attempts to strengthen the University’s image. His agreement with SIU President Ted Gundersen that SIUC is a good institution headed by a chancellor who truly cares.

Despite his agreement with SIU President Ted Sanders not to seek the chancellor position in 1998, his accomplishments should place him high among any list of candidates for the chancellor’s seat. At least he is making the best of it.

Both Faculty Senate President Steve Jensen and Undergraduate Student Government President Dave Vingen also believe that Beggs should be considered.

"Our word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

"I think the amendatory veto effectively ends the democratic process on campus. It’s an un-American system."

SIUC Student Trustee Pat Kelly, an Upperclassman vetoed a SIUC Senate Bill 925, which calls for selection committees to choose Illinois university students to sit on the Board.
University of Virginia report blames balcony tragedy on rust

COLLAPSED: Officials estimate state will lose $1 million even if no lawsuits are filed.

WASHINGTON POST

The University of Virginia released an engineering report Wednesday concluding that the hidden rust caused a balcony to collapse this morning in a commencement day tragedy that killed the grandmother of a medical school graduate and injured 18 people.

University officials said they believe the accident will cost the University of Virginia at least $1 million even if no estimate is made by the insurance companies.

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Offering new degree

MORE COLLEGE: College of Science makes its graduates more attractive to employers

LINDA A. KRUEGER DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A new bachelor's degree with an emphasis on management skills should make College of Science graduates more attractive to potential employers, professors and career specialists say.

The bachelor's of arts degree in computer science was approved by Illinois Board of Higher Education July 1. It is expected to be available as early as next spring.

After obtaining the degree, a student could then go on for an additional year to earn a master's degree in business administration with a strong background in computer science.

"Automated positions are decreasing in the business world," Nandar Mogharreban, lecturer in computer science, said. "It is vital that students have the management background to enhance their technical skills.

The management courses are designed to fulfill a student's need for background in the financial areas, enabling them to meet future challenges with confidence."

"One of the problems faced by information technology people is the barrier between the language that technology uses and the dollars and sense language the rest of the company uses," Mogharreban said. "Technology people often lack the financial skills and all too often overlook key financial considerations.

Mogharreban said management people also skew the benefit of tying both areas together to meet the needs in information and technology.

"Employers attend job fairs to recruit people with skills," Vickie Elam, Career Center specialist, said. "Prospective employees with technology and management skills would be heavily sought after."

Of the 200 students enrolled in CS 212, "Introduction to Business Computing," Mogharreban expects about 125 to take advantage of this program.

"Businesses expect their employees to do more and more," said David R. Zaremba, chairman of computer science. "We are just trying to meet that demand.

Challenges go public

CHINESE SECRETS: Announcement of 15th party congress a surprise

THE BALTIMORE SUN

BEIJING — One of the biggest guessing games here ended Wednesday when the Chinese Communist Party announced it would open its most important meeting in years on Sept. 12.

In most countries, such information would have been a matter of public record months, if not years, ahead of the event. But until Wednesday, the timing of China's 15th Party Congress was something of a state secret.

The country — which is part convention, part national election — is in the first since the death of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping. During the meeting, which could last a week, the party will choose its top officials and map policy for the next five years.

A lot of good people have worked hard to turn this around," Jackson said. "Faculty, staff and students worked to get this thing off the ground and thus far it's all good news for us.

"It's been very frustrating work and we've all worked very hard. And instead of discouraging news this semester, it seems very encouraging."
Review names Florida A&M
No. 1 college
TOP HONOR: Officials hope award will translate into more money for university programs.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Frederick Humphries, Florida A&M University’s latest national honor to emulate into more money to keep the university’s programs and campus going well into the 21st century.

On Monday morning, Humphries, FAMU’s president, surrounded by administrators, deans and state officials on the steps of historic Lee Hall, talked about FAMU’s most recent accomplishment, being named “College of the Year” by Time magazine and The Princeton Review.

In the new worldwide book, “The Best College For You,” FAMU was credited for its aggressive recruitment of black students and unwavering commitment to providing a competitive alternative to largely white schools.

Humphries put the honors in perspective, however, by saying the university isn’t ready to rest on its laurels.

“Ameri­can schools, and we win­ners,” he said. “We’re just going to set higher goals. We’re going to get 15,000 students enrolled. FAMU is going to make its mark all over the world through its outstanding students.”

To reach those goals, Humphries said, the 110-year-old university will need increased monetary support for its various programs and professional schools.

“I hope people will be more willing to invest in us,” Humphries said.

Earlier, during a news conference, Humphries praised faculty and staff both past and present for tirelessly working on its status.

“All of this hard work has culminated in this honor,” he said, while students streamed across the adjacent quadrangle during the first day of fall classes. “This is a powerful tribute to the men and women who have made more commitment than resources. . . . Now the nation is aware something remarkable in higher education is happening at Florida A&M University.”

Charles Reed, chancellor of the state university system, said 13 years ago when he and Humphries walked the campus with then 3,200 students enrolled, today enrollment is over 16,000.

“You went out and recruited the best students,” he said. “This institution outdid the best of the best (schools).”

Other universities in the running for the annual honor included: Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts; University of California at Los Angeles; Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. and University of Iowa.

Barrett Seaman, Time’s special projects editor, said a panel of education experts evaluated the “best college for you,” including FAMU.

“The Best College For You” editors assembled a list of almost a dozen schools across the country that were trying new ideas to advance the cause of higher education.

The panel agreed the most urgent need in higher education is for greater access especially for minorities.

Four months ago, Florida A&M University was honored by the Washington Post for being the most affordable private college in the nation.

The university offers 84 programs that are competitive, Humphries said, and more than 2,000 students are on the waiting list.

Humphries said that although the university isn’t ready to rest on its laurels, “I’m going to try to be the one who makes the armor and the jewelry,” he said.

Maggie Ferrer, a senior in ceramics from New York, called her interest in working with the classics is what makes the armor and the jewelry,” she said.

“It’s a part of history that has always intrigued me,” she said. “Like the people (in the group), and I’ll probably be making the medieval pottery.”

VIII said the only requirement to join the RSO is being a pre-med student or current college student.

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LSU officials investigating alcohol death
OVER THE LIMIT: Student dies with blood alcohol level of 0.588 per cent.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Officials say a criminal investiga­ tion is being conducted into the death of a 20-year-old Louisiana State University student just days after the school was named to the Top 10 Party College list.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledge Benjamin Wynne had a blood alcohol level of 3.88 percent well above the .10 percent level to be considered drunk when he was taken to Baton Rouge Medical Center early Tuesday morning.

LSU Chancellor William Jenkins says there is no ev­idence of busing or forced drinking, but officials are consider­ ing whether there should be tighter restrictions on and off campus drinking.

It is illegal to sell alcohol to persons under 21 in Louisiana.

Authorities believe Wynne may have consumed 25 to 30 drinks in one hour during a binge drinking fest.

Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived at the SAE house shortly after midnight to find two dozen fraternity members and pledges in various stages of unconscious­ ness. Wynne and three others were hospitalized, including 21-year-old Donald Hunt of Mandeville who remains in guarded condition.

Authorities say there was no evidence of drinking at the house, but they believe Wynne went to a private party and an LSU-area bar before his death.

A favorite college nightspot, Murphy’s Bar, was selling "Those Wise Men" by the pitcher. The drink is a combina­ tion of Bacardi 151 rum, Jagermeister liqueur and Crown Royal whiskey.

The fraternity, meanwhile, has been suspended by SAE fraternity headquarters while an investigation is completed. Students can live in the SAE house, but they may not con­ duct fraternity activities.

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(called brawling). It’s like a brawl, but it’s dancing.”

Alschuler said that although the brawling is a big part of him being in the group, he also is able to apply what he knows in class.

“I’m going to try to be the one who makes the armor and the jewelry,” he said.

Maggie Ferrer, a senior in ceramics from New York, called her interest in working with the classics is what makes the armor and the jewelry,” she said.

“It’s a part of history that has always intrigued me,” she said. “Like the people (in the group), and I’ll probably be making the medieval pottery.”

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BLIND DEMOCRAT:
Lack of debate on civil rights enables Chinese chief to relax.

WASHINGTON POST

HONG KONG — Nearly two months after China assumed control of this prospering capitalist enclave, Hong Kong’s first Chinese chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, is finding quiet comfort in all that is mundane and ordinary.

There are great debates about democracy and civil rights. There are more concerns about a sluggish stock market, reported p-b-s-tion-foul-ups in a local hospital, and a series of floods and landslide and by two months of record rainfall.

As Tung sets out on his first overseas trip as chief executive — one that will take him next month to Washington and a planned meeting with President Clinton at the White House — news is good news.

The message he is taking to a skeptical American audience is that life has changed here with the advent of Chinese rule. The sky did not fall in. And the predictions of Hong Kong’s imminent demise have been greatly exaggerated.

“It’s business as usual,” said a relaxed Tung, who talked with reduced political temperatures to American reporters Wednesday over lunch in a typical summer doldrums, as assertive as before: challenging the American audience to do its homework.

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Chief Executive

expected influx of tens of thousands of children from China who have the right to live here.

Some have attributed the reduced political temperatures to typical summer doldrums, exaggerated this year by the intense springtime hype leading up to the handover.

But for Tung, who has said repeatedly that one of his goals is to lower the political noise level in Hong Kong, the first few quiet weeks of Chinese rule mark a welcome period of calm, and a handy one from which to begin his first foreign venture into potentially hostile territory. Tung will visit Washington and New York from Sept. 8 to Sept. 12.

Demonstrations are likely to be raised in Washington about Tung’s new electoral arrangements for Hong Kong which will reduce sharply the franchise that was expanded in the waning days of British control.

The first legislative elections under Chinese rule, due to be held next May, will be conducted under a proportional representation system that critics say was designed specifically to limit the number of seats the popular opposition Democratic Party can win.

But Tung defended the new electoral law. “A lot of thought has gone into it,” he said. “We will do it in a fair and open manner.” He added, “We received all sorts of options. I believe it is the right way forward.”

Tung said he has no plans to accelerate the democratization timetable laid down in the Basic Law — the mini-constitution that governs this territory — which does not allow for fully democratic elections even to be considered until 2007.

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University officials agree that the scarcity of minority students is a direct fallout of new prohibitions on racial preferences that could affect the university’s makeup for years to come.

The experience of Texas is being watched closely around the country because its universities are the first under court order to dismantle affirmative action policies. That court ruling, the so-called Hopwood case, named for the white student who brought a discrimination suit after being denied admission to the university’s law school, says that race cannot be used as a factor in admissions. Texas Attorney General Dan Morales ruled that this basic ban on affirmative action also must include financial aid, recruiting and undergraduate programs.

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BLUE MEANIES set to rock Copper Dragon

EENY MEANIE: Former Carbondale disc jockey Boro City Rollers Friday.

BRENT WILCOXON, Times-Record

There won’t be any toothless, burly, "Unfriendly Schoolkids" sporting blue jeans, biker boots and skis downhill in circles, but there undoubtedly will be some fast-paced Rollers and other new Meanies playing at the Copper Dragon Friday night.

The Meanies, who originally formed in Carbondale in 1997, played a few local and mail the show after the local- favorite Boro City Rollers stop on it.

Some easy remember the light-hearted, inane tunes Meanies served up for easy digestion during the band’s stone age — forget it. Meanies lead vocalist Billy Spunk said the band’s early tunes were simply about having a good time.

“When we first started, we did a lot of covers,” he said. “The first original stuff was kind of a funk, punk, jazz thing.”

All of this has changed through the years. With the release of their right- resistant 1997 sophomore effort “Stiff Throttle,” the Meanies show they can dry-swear away any beautifully madevon’s best efforts.

For those who have been under a rock since the ’60s, ska is the music from which reggae originated. Ska has many faces, but is basically characterized by the use of normally-slow horns and a heavily accented offbeat.

Spunk said the band’s direction is totally rooted in the creation of a fresh sound.

“It’s just Blue Meanies now. It’s loud, it’s fast, it’s a little more articu- late,” he said.

“Now it’s about trying to create a type of music that’s never been done before.”

This metamorphosis may be in large part because, after eight years, Spunk is the only original band member still exercising his Meanie-kong.

Spunk said coming back to Carbondale is always an experience. “The first time I went back it was like taking a step backward, now I’m interested in what people are thinking and the changes,” he said. “It’s great.”

Spunk added that he is glad to be doing the show with a band that has a lot of talent and potential.

“It’s amased that Murphysboro could spawn something like that,” he said.

Friday will be the second time the Rollers have opened for the Meanies. The first time was a show at the now-defunct Java coffeehouse, 611 S. Illinois Ave. Rollers trumpet player Chad Minier said that show was one of the memorable they have played.

“It was a great crowd. There were a lot of people dancing, a lot of people going crazy having a good time,” he said.

“And there was a big variety of age groups, from first boy to punk rocker.”

Minier said the Rollers are pumped about the chance to do a repeat show.

“They’re great guys, great musicians, and they like to have fun,” he said.

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“When things come in, it’s going to be a complete high-energy night,” he said. “I can guarantee that.”

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WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK — André Agassi made his previous unexpected visit to the U.S. Open in 1994. He had hair, he had humor, and he had Brooke Shields in the stands, happy to tell the world that he was her "zen master." He won.

Three years after that title, two years since he held the No. 1 ranking and less than a year since he married television star Brooke Shields, Agassi rolled back into National Tennis Center Tuesday night — a day late, according to those who expected him at the Arthur Ashe Stadium ceremony the previous evening. This time, he was basically bald, in questionable humor, and with Brooke rather than Shields.

This version of Agassi did, however, have two things in common with his 1994 celebration: He was once again unseeded, and he was once again the most unpredictable player to step on the court.

Playing in his first Grand Slam match since he played here last year, Agassi was a tormentor in the first two sets, a mess in the third, a picker-upper once he put away fellow American Steve Campbell in the fourth. After clearly getting tense down the stretch, Agassi playfully toyed with Campbell’s hoop earring — on ear rings even bigger than Agassi’s — after he closed out a 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 victory.

Agassi had put on the final one on a day when the U.S. Open included several runaway victories by the favorites during afternoons play — one of the biggest coming, to no one’s surprise, from No. 1 Steffi Graf, who in 86 minutes, using her magical left hand, innerself sliced an astonishing 32-minute demolition of Tami Manino Hingis, who is 3 months pregnant and clearly在京 from her 6-0, 6-2 victory over Sweden’s Patrik Edberg. And the other top seeds needed to play Tuesday — No. 3 Yevgeny Kafelnikov on the men’s side and Jana Novotna (No. 3), Jana Novotna (No. 3), Iva Majoli (No. 4) and Amanda Coetzer (No. 5) among the women — also won in straight sets.

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assists give her the third highest total in MVC history. Barr set the conference single-match record for assists (133) at Western Illinois University Nov. 12.

Moreland was named second team All-Conference last season as she averaged 4.18 kills per game. Her 493 kills broke the SIUC school record for kills in a season, set by Nina Brackins (475) in 1989.

Locke said that when Moreland completes a successful kill, the home team's crowd reacts.

"Marlo is a really good athlete. She's quick and hits the ball hard," Locke said.

"The players have a lot of confidence in her. As a hitter, they'll work harder to make themselves available for a kill because they know they're going to get a good set from her."

With the return of six starters, the expectations are high for the Salukis. Last season, the team finished fifth in the conference, losing to Southwest Missouri State University in the first round of the MVC Tournament in November. Curt said that the added experience will be the main factor if team plans on improving last season's 14-19 record.

"We aren't all freshmen who have never played collegiate tennis," Auld said.

"We have worked very hard this year in the preseason. Everybody believes we can win."
Saluki sports share connection

SIDEOUT: Communication the key to chemistry between setter and hitter duo.

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The SIUC volleyball outside hitter Marlo Moreland compares the on-court chemistry between her and setter Debbie Barr to the basketball tandem of the Chicago Bulls’ Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen.

Like Jordan and Pippen, Moreland said she and Barr possess the ability to know each other’s position on the court at all times, giving them a clear-cut advantage over opposing teams.

Moreland, a junior from Lancaster, Texas, said Barr’s presence allows her to anticipate the opposition when positioning herself for a kill.

A kill is awarded to a player for an attack that is not returnable by the opposing team and results in a side-out or a point.

“She (Barr) looks at me before the ball comes over the net and gives me a signal with her hand,” Moreland said. “I know it’s time to hit the ball down. I have a lot of confidence in her.”

Communication is a key component in Barr’s relationship with Moreland.

“We communicate together very well,” said Barr, a sophomore from Muncie, Ind. “We kind of know each other’s tendencies; it makes us click. Marlo is very energetic. We look to Marlo for fire. She provides us with a lot of energy.”

Saluki volleyball head coach Sonya Locke considers herself fortunate to have a working relationship at the positions held by Barr and Moreland.

“Having the opportunity to play together last year, they were able to develop that chemistry,” Locke said. “Any time you have good chemistry between a setter and a hitter, it’s a plus for your team.”

Last season Barr became only the second Saluki to be named Missouri Valley Conference Newcomer of the Year. Her 1,433 assists ranked her second in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Saluki men’s volleyball player Debbie Barr, a sophomore from Muncie, Ind., sets the ball during practice Wednesday at Davies Gymnasium.

Added depth strengthens women’s tennis team

ADVANTAGE SIUC: Netters earned All-Academic honors with spring GPA of 3.46.

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The SIUC women’s tennis team lacked the depth of previous seasons, but head coach Judy Auld says the Salukis have solved the depth problems of the previous season by increasing the roster to eight players.

First, the Salukis had only six players to fill six singles spots and three doubles teams for dual meets. In tournament play, the number of players allowed for singles and doubles can vary.

Because the team had only six people, there was no depth in the events of injury.

“One thing is important is that we have eight solid players and with that kind of depth, we can be a strong team,” Auld said. “We haven’t had the numbers of players we needed.”

Auld said all of the players will have the opportunity to be impressive this fall during the preseason tournaments the Salukis will play.

“Nobody is assured of a position,” she said. “We play all tournaments, and all eight (players) should be able to play. That gives the players a lot of experience right from the beginning.”

Auld’s goal for the preseason is to help the team continue to develop its skills and continue to improve throughout the season.

“The team has to learn how to (continue to) build,” Auld said. “I don’t want the team to peak the first weeks of the season.”

The Salukis finished with a record of 9-9 last spring. One highlight of the season was Helen Johnson’s championship finish at the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tennis Championship.

One of Auld’s plans this season is to increase the amount of conditioning the team does to get into shape for the matches.

“Even the pros do conditioning off the court.”

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