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SIU-sponsored Halloween party considered

City, University administration begin planning for riot-free Halloween 2002

Molly Parker Daily Egyptian

University-sponsored events for Halloween 2002 are being considered by administrators and student groups to prevent riots on the Strip because the University will not close for the Halloween season for the first time since 1995.

Joel Landry, chief of staff for the Undergraduate Student Government, said USG is considering putting aside money for student organizations that would host a positive event during the Halloween season. He said the USG Senate season. He said the USG Senate supported a similar event last year but it was vetoed by then President Michael Perry because it did not have administrative support. With campus remaining open this year, Chancellor Walter

With campus remaining open this year. Chancellor Walter Wendler said he would support a University sponsored. Halloween event for students by providing necessary space and safety recourses.

"It's fine if student government wants to do something, and we'll try to help as much as we can," said Wendler, who believes that

said Wendler, who believes that Halloween is just another night of the wrek and made the decision squash fall break in October 2001, just months after beginning at SIUC.

The elimination of a fall break allowed for a longer Thanksgiving break, which will span from Nov.

23 to Dec. 1.

Landry said USG currently has \$100,000 in funding available and will consider putting aside a portion of that money to support an orga-nized Halloween event. Ideas for alternate events range from a party

in the Arena to utilizing the Strip for a community-wide sponsored

USG is charging student groups with thinking of possible events, which will require necessary administrative or city approval before money is allocated.

Bars on the Strip will be closed during Halloween, which this year falls on a Thursday, and the fol-lowing Friday and Saturday. The city made the decision to close the bars during this time period after Halloween 2000 ended with violent rioting on the Strip. It was the first time in five years the city allowed the bars to be open for the

allowed the bars to be open for the Halloween season.

Although former interim Chancellor John Jackson considered eliminating the instituted fall break in 2001, he quickly rebutted that, plan after Carbondale riots made national headlines. The cityle reconsided similarly by writing to responded similarly by voting to close the bars Halloween night and the weekend following Halloween

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said city and University officials talked informal-ly about Halloween at their weekly breakfast meeting Friday. He said they will begin formal discussions in the near future with the hopes of having a plan in place to deal with Halloween by mid-September.

We will be prepared for either good or bad, but we are praying that this will be a time where student government steps up in a major way and sends out a diff-rent message about this University," Poshard said. "They

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Evan O'Donnell blocks a shot on the goal during an SIU Soccer Club practice late Monday afternoon. The club practices for tryouts at 5 p.m. every day this week at Stehr Field.

SIU sued over new freshman housing policy

Stevenson Arms owner Acres, 607 E. Park, both dormipetitions for injunction against University

Katie A. Davis Daily Egyptian

Stan Lieber, owner of S&M Enterprises that operates Stevenson Arms, an approved off-campus housing unit for freshmen, petitioned for an injunction Aug. 9 in St. Clair County Court against the SIU Board of Trustees regarding the policy change for Linius Housing ages that

for University Housing next year. Lieber filed for an injunction so that SIUC "won't be able to make the policy change without following the

proper procedures."
Under the new policy, freshmen will be confined to University
Housing effective fall 2003, while omore restrictions will be lifted.

However, the consequences to approved off-campus housing units could be drastic. Stevenson Arms, 600 W. Mill St., and Garden Park Acres, 607 E. Park, both dormi-tory-style housing operated by S&M Enterprises, will be dramati-cally affected if the changes occur as planned. Stevenson Arms and Garden Park were designed and built accord-

ing to the University specifications.

Lieber said he is unsure how
Stevenson Arms and Garden Park
Acres will survive if the housing policy goes into effect.

Edward Jones.

Edward Jones, director of University Housing, said the changes would promote retention and aca-demic success for freshmen.

However, Lieber and his attorney, Thomas R. Peters of Belleville, believe Jones' motives are incorrect and that the decision was contrary and had no credible factual basis.

"We feel the reasons for the change were unjustified," Peters said.

Beth Scally, associate director for marketing and conferencing in University Housing, said she believes the University is doing the right thing and should continue with the change.

"University Housing provides the best opportunity for success," she said. "We're

just trying to do what's best for students." Lieber and Peters also contend the University did not follow their own procedures or those outlined by Illinois statutes in making the change.

According to Peters, the University should have conducted a hearing or public forum to discuss this decision with those affected by it.

"It was considered in May and June, and finalized June 12, before USG could even discuss it," Lieber said.

Shari Rhode, chief trial counsel for the University, said she expects the petition to be dismissed, though he is not surprised it was filed.

In 1993, Lieber was granted a temporary in the period of the period of

porary injunction by Jackson County in regards to a similar policy change. Though the injunction was eventu-ally repealed in Appellate Court, University Housing policy remained the same.

A hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

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Assistantship process nearly complete

Samantha Edmondson Daily Egyptian

The undergraduate assistantship process is about 75 percent complete, but it will still take an unidentified amount of time before students can apply for the

Daniel Mann, director of the Financial Aid Office, said the committee to review and approve the assistantships sched-uled another meeting for 8 a.m. today to look over the remaining requests from departments and colleges. He said an exact date when the assistantships will be posted could not be decided at this time.

Hasan Sevim, associate dean of the College of Engineering and committee member, said th committee has already identified about 75 percent of the assis-tantship projects the committee

would like to approve.

But they still have another
25 percent to identify and they
will have a final discussion of have a final discussion of their choices before submitting a ecommendation to the Office of Student Affairs and Enrollment

"I think we will be able to finalize it [Tuesday]," Sevim said. "They were certainly good proposals, but we are struggling."

Sevim said if there were only

150 or 200 proposals to rank and approve for funding, the process would be faster. But he said, fortunately, it is a good competition between departments and

colleges.
Shanna Miller, a sophomore in social work from Lanark, does not mind waiting a couple weeks to apply for undergradu-ate assistantships if the delay

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Deadline To Apply For A Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee Refund Is Friday, August 30, 2002!

The DEADLINE to apply for a Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee refund is Friday, August 30, 2002. To apply for a refund, a student must present his/her insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits along with the insurance wallet I.D. card to Student Health Programs, Student Medical Benefit (Insurance) office, Kesnar Hall, Room 118. All students, including those who have applied for a

Cancellation Waiver and whose fees are not yet paid, must apply for the refund before the deadline. Students 17 and under need a parent's signature.

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NATIONAL NEWS

MIT assigns all freshmen to on-campus housing

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is assigning all freshmen to on-campus housing for the first time in its 137-year history. The move comes five years after a freshman drank himself to death at a fratemity initiation. Since Scott

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Krueger joined Phi Gamma Delta to obtain housing, his parents said, After a hazing during which he drank large amounts of alcohol, he slipped into a coma and died three days later. MIT later reached a settlement, agreeing to pay the family 34.75 million and establish a \$1.25 million scholarship fund in Krueger's memory.

Scott Krueger's death was a wake-up call, "said Larry Benedict, dean of student life. Fraternities will feel the

brunt of the new housing measures, particularly the loss of their freshmen. They already have been operating under stricter regulations, including one that requires live in

supervisors.

About one-third of last year's 4,200 undergraduates lived off campus.

Senator urges more JFK customs inspectors

NEW YORK — U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, ald customs officials should hire more inspectors at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Cargo inspections at IPK have dropped 40 percent from their peak two years ago, Schumer said at a news conference Sunday, He urged the U.S. Customs Service to investigate and hire more inspectors.

"The fact that cargo inspections at IPK are down since Sept. 11 defies common sense," he said. "Customs should be inspecting more cargo since Sept. 11, not less."

"Lustoms is the first line of defense in preventing terrorists from smuggling in radioactive, chemical or biological materials, and cutting their resources means placing ourselves at risk".

Schumer said cargo inspections were down 20 percent

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Schumer said cargo inspections were down 20 percent in the first half of the year compared with the first half of 2001 and down 40 percent from the first half of 2000.

The senator blamed an increased focus on passenger processing, resulting in fewer customs inspectors. Two inspectors joined Schumer at the press conference in his office.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Taiwan maps direct China transport links

CHINA TRAINSPORT LIMES

TAIPEL Taiwan — President Chen Shui-bian said Taiwan hopes to end a 53-year ban on direct air and shipping links with China despite icy relations between the mals. Efforts to hold talks to end the ban were shewed earlier this month after Chen angered Beijing by asserting Taiwan and China are separate countries.

Beijing views Taiwan as an inseparable part of the mainland that should eventually unity or face war. Chen is under pressure to forge direct transportation links to China to facilitate the booming trade between the two sides.

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Taiwanese companies can only ship their products to China via a third place, mainly Hong Kong, increasing costs and hutting their competitiveness.

"Agencies concerned should proceed with plans, and assessments on direct transport links" with China as soon as the sides reach an agreement on it, a government statement quoted Chen as saying.

Chen made the remarks as he concluded on Sunday two days of meeting with top officials aimed at boosting the island's economy while coping with a hostile China.

Taiwan has been concerned that its economy is becoming too dependent on china, which recently replaced the United States as Taiwans largest market and is increasingly luming away the island's capital and talent.

Taiwanese exports to the mainland are expected to exceed \$29 billion this year.

Spain moves to outlaw Basque party

MADRID, Spain — Spain's parliament has voted to seek a total ban on the Basque political party Batasuma over its links to armed separatist group ETA.

Pailiaments lower house overwhelmingly approved the process on Monday evening, hours after a court imposed a three-year ban on the party.

Judge Baltasar Garcon said Batasuna was part of ETA and that as a result it was associated with "crimes against humanity."

The vote asking the government to initiate proceedings for the Supreme Court to declare Batasuna illegal was passed by 295 votes to 10.

The vote ceme during a special session of Parliament convened during summer recess, with Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and his entire Popular Parry government present.

Maria Aznar and his entire Popular Yarry government presents as a mask of ETA ... that justifies ETA's crimes, Luis de Grandes, member of the ruling Popular Party, told the session.

The bill was also backed by the opposition Socialists. However, legislators from parties in the Basque, Catalonian, Galician and other small regions either abstained or voiced against the motion. Our party will voice unanimously 'No because we disagree on the method and we don't think it's the solution, said an agitated Basque Nationalist Party speaker Inaki Anassagasti.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

SIU Aikido Club stration and Student Orientation Martial Arts Room, Student Recreation Center 6 to 8 p.m.

University Choirs Choral Auditions for Choral Union, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers Northwest Annex, Building A, Rm. 0133 Today and Thursday

College of Education and Human Services Returning picnic-COEHS students Wham/ Pulliam Breezeway 4 to 6 p.m. 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday Free food and giveaways

POLICE REPORTS

A TV and videocassette recorder were reported stolen between 7:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 7:30 a.m. Aug. 22 from Pulliam Hall. Police said there was a forced entry and they

Pulliam Hall. Police said there was a forced entry and they have no suspects.

Marcell Edward Mitchell, 25, Carbondale, was arrested at 240 a.m. Sunday at Mae Smith Circle and charged with aggravated battery and resisting a police officer. Mitchell was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

A bicycle was reported stolen between 1 p.m. Aug. 21 and 5 p.m. Aug. 22 from the Student Center bike rack. The loss was estimated at \$1,500.

Carbondale

• A man woke up in his home on the 400 block of West Oak Street and saw an unknown male in an orange jack walking out of his bedroom at 10:40 a.m. Sunday. The man later discovered his wallet and a camcorder were missing

Illinois ACT scores bring down the national average

Illinois law mandates all high school juniors take ACT

Kristina Hermdobler Daily Egyptian

Good News: If you are a junior in high school in Illinois, the state will pay the \$25 fee, for you to take the ACT.

Bad News: If you are a junior in high school in Illinois, you have no choice but to take the ACT.

The graduating class of 2002 was the first which Illinois law required all students to take the ACT."

1 And it showed.

Illinois ACT scores fell last year, bringing down the national average with them.

One of every three Illinois students scored a 17 or lower on recent ACT or lege entrance

exams. The exam is on a 36-point scale.

Typically, only college-bound students take the ACT exam, but last year, llinois became the first state to mandate the exam for all high-school juniors. The new requirement added the ACT to the states Prairie State Achievement Exam, creating a seven-hour, two-day exam. The students were given the

exam free of charge.

About 129,000 Illinois high schoolers took the exam, sharply above the 89,000 students

who took the exam the year before.

The majority of the new test takers were not enrolled in college preparatory classes, according to ACT officials.

With the increase of students to the ACT taking population, the state's overall composite dropped from 21.6 to 20.1.

The national composite fell to 20.8 from 21.0 the year before. Twenty-seven percent of

scored a 17 or lower. students Nearly 35 percent struggled to perform one-step arithmetic problems, understand basic science terms and draw conclusions about the main idea of a given paragraph, the test

the main idea of a government of the main idea of a government of the average composite score declined to 16,5 this year, from last year's score of 17.8, leaving a difference of the score of the score

last years score of 17.8, leaving a difference of over 5 points between Chicago and Carbondale public high schools.

"We have a tradition in Carbondale of doing very will on these tests," said Steven Sabens, Carbondale High School District 165. Superintendent. "We scored very well and I am very comfortable testing all our kids."

Carbondale High School composite ACT scores dropped to an average of 22.2, only slightly from the year before when the average

Illinois and the National averages.

In the beginning testing all the students brings down the average scores, but over the long-haul, it actually raises the bar of expecta-tion for education," he said.

Even though Sabens is comfortable giving the tests, he admits that not all his students are

so happy about it.

"There is some apprehension coming from the students," he said. "And honestly, if I'm the kid, I don't think you should have to take it. My on is that most students would rather not

And the students may not be the only ones
who aren't thrilled about taking the test. Some teachers also disagree with the testing man-

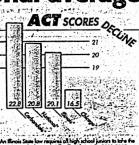
According to Sabens, some teachers in his district and across the state are frustrated with the time involved in preparing for the state's

testing policy.

The constant opinion is that they don't like lose instructing time to state mandates," he said. They may not appreciate those man-dates, but they do understand the need for a them.

And the need for them includes the chance that the state may give or take away morey based on the scores, Sabene said.

But that large basis has standardized testing



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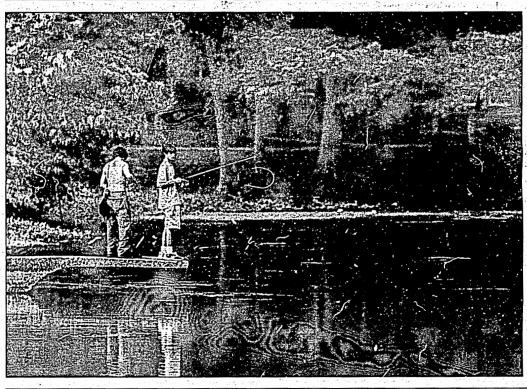
RANDY WILLIAMS

and college exams such as the ACT and its counterpart, the SAT, under question recently because of disparities in performance of blacks

and Hispanica versus that of white and Asian students:

Reflecting national trends, Asian-tudents in Illinois had the highest a length composite ACT score of 22.1, white students

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Hook, line and sinker

Loren Johnson (left) and Ine Schmelter (right), both of Ottawa, III., spend Monday afternoon fishing at Campus Lake, Despite their assortment of lures and the couple of hours spent trying, the two were able to catch only three fish, which they released immediately back into the lake. 'No, we don't eat what we catch out of here," Schmelter said.

STEVE JANKE DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sex offenders will need to notify University of crimes

University will make information available to public

Greg Cima Daily Egyptian

Convicted sex offenders who work for or attend Southern Illinois University will have to notify the University and SIUC police of their convictions beginning Oct. 28.

The new requirement is part of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, a federal law enacted Oct. 28, 2000. It expands on current requirements for sex offenders to register with local police.

The University community and

surrounding community have an interest in knowing if an individual who is convicted of sex crimes will be living or working where they will be," said Lt. Todd Sigler of the SIUC Police. [The information] provides them with an opportunity to make an informed decision about their safety."

Sigler said police are always helped by an increase in available informa-

"Information is our lifeblood,"
Sigler said. "It's what we do."
Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said that while he is in favor of "whatever we can do to make the campus more safe," there is the

issue of student rights and privacy.

Dietz said if a person is jailed and released, that individual is said to have paid a debt to society. He said sex crimes have been singled out as so grievous the individuals must continue to let people know who they are and where they live.

Carbondale and SIUC police said

registration of sex offenders is a service that has been helpful to the com-

Carbondale Police Officer Dan Reed said the registration of sex offenders is an "excellent idea" because of how it helps public awareness. Reed recommends checking the sex offender list before moving into an

"If a family with young children is planning on moving to an area, you might want to check the list," Reed said. "If you find out you have a sex-ual predator living next door you

might want to reconsider.

If they fail to comply with any

part of it, they get criminal punish-ment plus an administrative punish-ment, Reed said.

Reed said the administrative punishment is restarting the 10-year peri-od the sex offender has to be regis-tered. Sex offenders are required to register with police, report any changes in address and check in annually for 10 years. If a sex offender is visiting Illinois for more than 10 days, the offender must register with local

The new law expands on Megan's Law, which requires public informaavailable about registered sex offenders. Megan's law is named after Megan Nicole Kanka, a 7-year-old girl from New Jersey who was allegedly molested and killed by Jesse K. Timmendequas, a parolee who lived across the street and had been

ricted before on charges of sexually molesting a 5-year-old and attempted sexual assault of a 7-year-

Registration with local police is required and offenders' information is available to the public. A person in Carbondale can find out person in caroonaue can find out what sex offenders live near them from Carbondale police or visiting the Illinois State Police website. The website provides the name, address, date of birth, height, race, sex, and recent picture of sex offenders.

x offenders' information will b available to the public through SIUC police and the University when the law goes into effect.

> Reporter Greg Cima gcima@dailyegyptian.com

Prizes, sales part of bookstore's grand opening

Revamped store pleases students, Administrators

Brian Peach Daily Egyptian

If there's anyone who realizes how much the University Bookstore was in need of a makeover, it's Karen Zelten, a 30-year employee of the Student Center store

Zelten was excited to be a part of the change, even as she spent four hours Monday making more than 250 balloon animals for employees and customers at the store's grand-opening cele-bration that will take place all this week.

Giraffes, bees and a deformed spider were a few of Zelton's creations, but she said gray Saluki Dawgs were the most popular choice of students as they checked out the store's new look and did

some book shopping.

"It's been a long time coming, and they did a beautiful job," Zelten said. "It's really brightened

up a lot."
The University Bookstore has been open all summer and catered to student's book needs the past week, but to celebrate its \$600,000 in renovations, store manager Chris Croson said a week rhould be set aside to celebrate the grand opening.

"We want students to know that the store is

Gus says: Three

years since they started planning

the renovation

and they still

don't have the

book I need.

new." Croson said. "It's Gus Bòde a lot more shoppable and everything's to find."

The grand opening was pushed back to avoid the hectic first week of school when students are rushing around trying to find classes, buy books and not get lost in the shuf-

Monday's ribboncutting ceremony wel-comed students and University Administrators into the store for free cake, drinks and a chance to win a new 14-inch television/VCR combo.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, spent two hours at the store Monday and said he wanted to



Jack Miller, a freshman from Wheaton, and Leslie Delaih, a freshman from Springfield, fence with their free Saluki-shaped balloons during the grand opening of University Bookstore Monday afternoon. Every day this week, the bookstore will feature activities such as movies, literature, Saluki Spirit Day and music.

show his support and approval for the changes while mingling with students.

"It looks great," he said. "It's got a clean new look, new lighting and the new point-of-sale system makes it easier to check out."

Croson said the long lines have caused some students to complain, but he pointed out that with four registers, the lines are moving much

with four registers, the lines are moving much faster than they used to.

Dietz said he was also happy to see both new and past employees come in to celebrate the store's grand opening. Retired managers and long-time workers were among those who showed up to see how much the store has changed since they worked there years ago.

The store's workload searched includes

The store's week-long age nda ii drawings for different prizes each day. T-shirts

and small SIU basketballs are among the run-ner-up prizes, while a different grand prize will be given away each day. A digital camera, a \$100 gift certificate, a mountain bike and a DVD player are the remaining prizes for the

Each day also has a theme associated with it. Tuesday is "Movie Day," with different flicks being played throughout the store and 20 per-cent discounts on all DVDs. Wednesday is "Literature Day," and customers can get dis-counts on general books and bestsellers. "Saluki will prepare students for the first SIU football game Thursday evening with dis-counts on Saluki clothing and gifts. With Friday being "Music Day," the special will be 20 percent off CDs, and a free concert featuring Trim will take place from 12 to 2 p.m. Croson said the band is a mix between alternative and

Rina Natalie Bahamundi, a junior in business lministration from Chicago, visited University Enokstore to get her books again this sem and was pleased with the new changes. After semesters of wandering through the dark and cramped University Bookstore of old, she found

the new look refreshing.
"I'll be stressing out because I need my books," Bahamundi said. "The new look is a bit more organized, brighter and it's easier to find things."

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Requirements for teacher certification become tougher

Illinois recently added new. more challenging tests

Lindsey J. Mastis Daily Egyptian

With recent certification requirements, becoming a teacher will now take more than a love for children.

Illinois recently changed requirements to become a certified teacher, which include an additional education test, a tougher content test and an enhanced basic skills test.

The pedagogy test, new for students, begins in July and will probably include hypothetical class-room situations, according to E. John McIntyre, associate dean for Teacher Education and School Partnerships.

McIntyre, who discussed the test with Illinois deans and the State Board of Education, has yet to see the test and is not positive about the content of

the exam.
"I believe what it is going to end up being is more in the lines of case studies where the stude or has to identify what the problems and issues are and how they would deal with them in the classroom," he they would deal with them in the classroom," he said, "I think there is going to be questions that deal with your knowledge about child development or adolescence — the age group you're teaching."

McIntyre hopes National Evaluation Systems Inc., the company hired to create the test, pilots it at

some institutions this fall.

Student teaching is a requirement for education ors, but students must first pass the content test. McIntyre is concerned about the timing of the con-tent test because most students test in December and the results don't reach SIUC until after the spring ester student teaching has begun

"Either we don't allow the students to start student teaching, or we allow them to start. And if they are unsuccessful on the test, we make them withdraw and that's been pretty tough," he said.

McIntyre hopes the testing service will either rovide more testing dates or report the scores

The enhanced basic skills test went into effect this semester, but SIUC began requiring the test last October, according to McIntyre.

The test is a requirement for admission to a teacher education program and is an assessment of the applicant's math, reading and grammar skills. McIntyre said the test can be compared to the ACT

required for college.

Shondella Madden, a junior who will be majoring in education, said she favors harder tests, which will help her 2-year-old son Michael when he attends

"Anything that is going to challenge the people teaching my children I'm in favor of," she said.
"Harder tests mean better teachers."

But McIntyre said that education majors, although expected to be a role model for children. are being held to a higher standard compared to other majors.

"Here you have a profession that now [students are] taking three tests in addition to their coursework," he said, "I understand the necessity to be able to guarantee that you have competent teachers, but they've [already] gone through four years of college."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Police offer safety classes for women

The Carbondale Police Department is offering free Personal Safety for Women classes this fall. The program is designed to teach women sexual assault prevention methods and how to escape from an

attack should one occur.

The classes will be taught by
Carbondale Police Officers and consist of one lecture class and two hands on workshop classes. The workshops will teach techniques for escaping from an

Participants can sign up for one of the following series of classes:

• Tuesdays, Aug. 27, Sept. 3 and 10,

- 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, Aug. 29, Sept. 5 and 12,
- 6 to 9 p.m.

 Saturday, Sept. 14 (one-day class)

 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

 Mondays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30,
- 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and 9,
- 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 (one-day class),
- B a.m. to 4 p.m.
 To sign up or ask questions about the course, contact Dan Reed at 457-3200 ext. 428 or Sgt. Dan Priddy at 457-3200 ext. 435.

ON CAMPUS

Forestry professor wins award

An SIUC assistant professor of forestry won the American Water Resources Association's 2002 Pyramid Award and

will be recognized Nov. 6 at AWRA's con-ference in Philadelphia.

The award recognizes Karl WJ.
Williard for demonstrated achievements and leadership potential in the field of forestra

and leadership potential in the field of forestry.
Williard, who joined the SIUC faculty in 1999, specializes in forest hydrology and watershed management.
Since joining the University's faculty in 1999, Williard's "search interests have included water quality and river buffer zones. He also formed the American Water Resources Association's first student chapter at SIUC.
Williard earned his bachelor's degree in 1994 from Lehigh University and received his master's degree in 1996 from Penn State.

Ballroom dancing classes offered at **Davies Gymnasium**

The SIUC Division of Continuing Education is offering ballroom dancing classes on the second floor of the Davies classes on the second floor of the Davies Gymnasium. Beginning Ballzoom Dancing will feature the foxtrot and waltz from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Aug. 28 and ending Oct. 2 Rumba and swing will take place at the same time Wednesdays from Oct.16 to Nov. 20.

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To register or for more information, call the Division of Continuing Education at 539-7751 or visit them online at www.dce.siu.edu. The cost is \$30 per participant for a six-week course.

At ground zero, churches do the heavy lifting - of spirits

Sanctuaries help New Yorkers cope with terrorist attacks

David Jackson The Dallas Morning News

NEW YORK (KRT) — When the World Trade Center fell to the earth, the Twin Towers destroyed huildings, smashed cars, crumpled subway tunnels, cracked streets and sidewalks -- and silenced church pipe

The musical pipes in historic churches that ring ground zero were clogged by the thick cloud of terrorist debris: dust, burnt paper, tiny chips of steel and stone, and, horribly, inciner-

"The pipe organ has no voice," sau' William Littles, a member of Trinity Church, a neo-Gothic institution at Wall Street and Broadway. "We're electric now, It's not the same thing, not for a place that was used to great music."

But terrorism stilled only the

music, not the mission.

The churches of ground zero, among the city's oldest and most his-toric structures, have been instrumental in helping New Yorkers cope with

the modern scourge of terrorism.
Whether feeding rescue workers or offering trauma counseling, these spiritual sanctuaries found new ways

to play traditional roles.
"I absolutely think they have been the backborie of this community. I don't think people realize what they did," Audrey Harkins, a resident of neighboring Battery Park, said after an afternoon Mass at St. Peter's Calestic Characteristics.

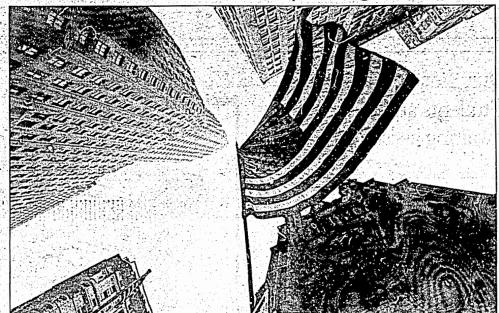
Catholic Church.
The churches suffered varying degrees of damage on Sept. 11, when two hijacked airplanes crashed into the Twin Towers. St. Peters had to seal a hole in its roof from the landing gear of one of the planes. Trinity Church was closed for seven weeks

because of structural problems.

One church paid the ultimate price: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, a 35-foot-high breadbox in the shadow of the massive towers, collapsed that day. The diocese is raising money to build a new sanctuary a part of the overall redevelopment of the World Trade Center area.

"It will be a place of international pilgrimage," said Bishop Savas of Troas, chancellor of the archdiocese. "It will be witness to our faith in the power of good to overcome the forces of evil." Nearly all neighboring buildings

suffered some injury; some remain sheathed in black gauze and could face the wrecking ball. One structure, how-ever, was relatively unscathed: St. Paul's Chapel, the oldest building of them all, across the street from where the right across the street from white Trade Center's north tower once stood.



Trinity Church, which closed for seven weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks because of structural problems, "has been like a beacon, one member said.

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Opened in 1766, the sanctuary where George Washington prayed after being sworn in as the nation's first president, St. Paul's lost the use of its pipe organ. But it suffered nary a foundation crack nor a broken stained-glass window.

"One of the sisters working here said God put his hand over the church," said Joan Quilter, a native of England who moved to the neighborhood as a World War II bride.

While residents saw the surviving church as a sign of divine providence, city officials looked at it in more secular terms, as a rest stop for rescue work-ers. Officials from Trinity Church, which operates the chapel at Broadway at Fulton Street, agreed to serve.

Within three days, volunteers began distributing food, clothing and other supplies to workers who trudged over from the disaster. Soon, e, firefighters and emergency medical workers began napping on the wooden pews and the black-andwhite marble floor. Chimpractors and masseuses worked on kinked muscles, while Washington's prayer box became a podiatry center.

"It became a cafeteria and a sleep-ing quarters, something of a hostel, really," said the Rev. Vincent Abisi Achaah. "There was also counseling here. It was amazing."

Officials closed St. Paul's to the public as volunteer workers poured in from parishes around the world. Some grilled hamburgers and hot dogs; others counseled the rescuers. All contributed to a ministry that meant as much to the volunteers as it did to

meth to the volunteers as it that to those they helped. "They wanted to be of service," said the Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, vicar of Trinity Church. "People from Texas, from Kansas,

from Europe, from California from all over the world came to work at St. Paul's."

They continued working as the neighbor hood returned semi-nor-

maley, as high-rise investment houses reopened and street vendors began selling Sept. 11 mementos.
St. Paul's became a beacon for peo-

ple from around the plobe who came to gape at ground zero. Visitors cov-ered the wrought-iron fence with personal tributes: pictures, letters, posters, T-shirts, flowers, Army boots and stuffed animals - even a 15-foot canoe, a tribute to the boating interest of someone caught in the tower-

The tributes included general appreciation of the firefighters and ice officers who gave their lives, as well as specific messages to frie and lovers. An American soldier recently returned from Afghanistan

recently returned from Afghanistan wrote to the ghost of a victim: "We will conquer their hate every time."

"Look at all the people who put something on the fence," said Don Singleton, who has carried the chalice at St. Paul's services. "They're all attached to the World Trade

Center because they lost some one or felt the loss of some-

Though the

Joan Quilter New Yorker

cleanup at ground zero ended in May, St. Paul's has remained closed to the public most of the time as it underoes a thorough cleaning. The chapel open once a week, for Eucharist on day mornings.

During a recent service, a 30-member delegation from Holy Comforter Episcopal Church of Charlotte, N.C., took communion as the subway rumbled beneath the mar-ble floor. Youth minister Lisa Shanklin said her charges wanted to

go to ground zero because the attacks left them "overwhelmed, like the rest

of the world."

"This is the transforming event in their lives," Shanklin said. "It made them realize that life is a gift and it's precious, and we should appreciate each other and love each other. And hopefully we can share that love with other people."

ouner people.

St. Paul's Chapel is set to reopen full time on Sept. 11 as part of a daylong commemoration organized by Trinity Church, six blocks south

Trinity Church, six blocks south on Brordway.

an addition to its neo-Gothic spire, once the highest point in Manhattan, Trinity Church is best known for its cemetery, with graves that mark the history of early America.

Those laid to rest include

Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first treasury secretary, and Robert Fulton, steamboat inventor, both major contributors to the capitalist system that rached its apotheosis in the towers of the World Trade Center.

The Trinity cemetery will soon receive a new symbol, a bell being forged by the same British company that produced the Liberty Bell. A gift from the city of London, the bell will be dedicated and rung during Sept. 11



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2002

OUR WORD Students anxiously awaiting assistantships

As students, faculty and administrators settle in to daily routines and become accustomed again to classes, work and paying the bills, one group of students hoping to land assistantships are still hanging, wait-

ing to hear how their semester will go.

Chancellor Walter Wendler's new undergraduate assistantship program is a win-win situation for this University. Students will make more money and benefit by doing work in positions related to their major. In turn, the University will receive quality work at a cost much less than if they were to hire someone to fill the position.

Assistantships also offer students who have been unable to obtain an internship similar experience and something to put on their resumes.

An assistantship could mean up to \$800 a month for undergrads filling the 20-hour a week position. The 15-hour position brings in \$600 and the 10-hour position \$400. This means students with assistantships will be making \$10 per hour compared to the \$5.65 other campus jobs afford.

With any new program, there's bound to be some kinks.

As promised, Chancellor Wendler made good on his word that students would see funds generated from the \$8.5 million generated from the tuition hike. He allotted \$750,000 for the assistantships, funding enough for 100 positions.

Departments then applied for the positions, and an eight-member committee consisting of deans, administrators, USG and GPSC presidents were to left to distribute the positions based on need by before the first day of classes.

The committee was then to begin weeding through student applications. The original start date for students is slated for early September.

But the committee was unexpectedly flooded by departmental requests, bonibarded with 479 applications for the 100 openings, making the decision process more calculated and challenging.

The process is already backed up a week and a half, and September is looming larger in our path.
Decisions that were to be made before school began are still in question.

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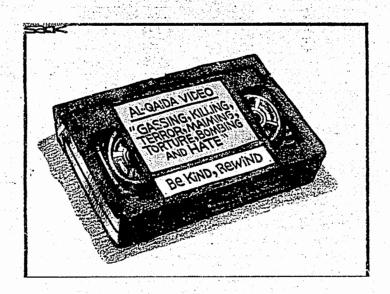
And students who hoped to The process is receive an assistantship are growing hungry, their lights are flickering, and Mediacom has long since shut off HBO and

> We give much appreciation to the committee for carefully

studying and reviewing each assistantship request. But it all boils down to the most basic of princiles: Students need to know if they have a job or not. ples: Students need to known truey have a job or not.
Many have held off on applying around town or for
other campus jobs out of respect for any potential
amployers they would short if they unexpectedly quit a few weeks into the job to take an assistantship.

Bills are piling up, rent is due in less than a weel, and Ramen noodles are starting to look like a delica-

We do not want to rush the process and risk slighting any department of a much-needed assistantship, but we do strongly encourage the committee to make their decisions in a timely manner, with the many jobless students in mind.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Ozone isn't just from cars

Angela Ledford Knight Ridder/Tribune

The rash of ozone alerts in major cities this sum-mer drives home the realization that air pollution directly affects enormous numbers of us every day, especially children and the elderly. Typically, on code red days, we're told to drive less, not use gasoline-powered lawnmowers, and wait it out indoors. But powered awinnowers, and want to du indoors. But cars aren't the only source of the problem, and in fact perhaps not even the most easily addressed. Congress can help when it returns, if it doesn't ignore the issue once the ozone subsides.

Although it varies by region of the country, power plants — particularly the oldest and dirtiest — contribute significantly 10 all forms of air pollution. Nationally, about one-quarter of all ozone smog is generated by power plants. For nitrogen oxides, one of the two main precursors of ozone, cars and light trucks account for about 11 percent of the total, while electric utilities contribute 25 percent. Of that 25 percent, nine-tenths of it comes from coal-fired

percent, nine-tenths of it comes from coal-fired power plants.

Ozone smog, as most people know, isn't good for them. A recent study estimated that ozone pollution tengers more than 6 million asthua attacks each year. Children, who make up 25 percent of the population but comprise 40 percent of the asthma cases, are especially at risk during the summer since they breathe 50 percent more air per pound of body weight than adults.

Ozone, by itself, is invisible. As smog it creates a faint smudge around the horizon, but the rest of that grimy, gray haze we see is from particulate matter, chiefly sulfur dioxide, which also serves as the main culprit for acid rain. And fully two-thirds of sulfur-dioxide emissions come from power plants, again

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The haze we see is the haze we breathe. Not only does it obscure everything from sunsets to national parks, but it also lodges deep within our lungs, interfering with breathing. For healthy adults it may like ozone smog, cause discomfort. For those who already

have breathing problems, or whose lungs are either

have breathing problems, or whose lungs are either among the youngest or oldest, the results can be fatal. The fine particles of haze can be inhaled more deeply into the lungs than larger particles, causing serious damage. Health concerns associated with fine particle exposure range from difficulty breathing, to lung tissue damage, to respiratory disease and premature death. Fine particles from power plants alone have been linked to more than 30,000 American deaths each year. American deaths each year.

The danger, from a policy perspective, is that we think we have more control over cars, because individually we make decisions every day about driving. But time and again, we've seen that as a society, driving behavior is much hurder to shape. It may do no more good to say, "Why can't we all drive less?" than to say to enemies at loggerheads, "Why can't we all set along."

On the other hand, we can do much more about cleaning up power plants than many realize. The oldest, dirtiest, coal-fired power plants were sup-posed to have gone the way of the dinosaur years ago. The only reason they were given a free pass under the 1970 Clean Air Act, exempting them from most poliution control, was that utilities argued such plants would soon wear out.

Before Congress adjourned for the summer, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed a bill sponsored by Sen. James Jeffords, I-Vt., the Clean Power Act. It would reduce not only smog and haze, but also, for the first time, mandate cuts in toxic mercury emissions and carbon dioxide—the primary global warming pollutant—from power plants. Perhaps most important, it would set a date certain for the oldest, most 62 regiously polluting power plants to finally clean up. The next step, when Congress returns, will be consideration by the full Senate.

Let's hope that as heat diminishes, as the code red days cease, and as the park vistas grow more visi-ble, that Congress doesn't forget what the bad air days of summer are like. For many people, life and health may depend upon it.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

66 As long as people will accept crap, it will be financially profitable to dispense it. 99

WORDS OVERHEARD

66 I've tried everything, and nothing gets my adrenaline going like [paintball].99

COLUMNISTS

Who's truth will you believe?

Paradox. n. 1) A statement that seems contradictory, etc. but may be true in fact.

2) A statement that is self-contra-

dictory and, hence, false.
When looking at the two definitions of a paradox the very definitions make it a paradox in it of itself. I want to look at the first defini-

tion for a moment.

I put a lot of emphasis on what is said to me and what I say.

It may be a fault of mine but a

It may be a fault of mine but a person is only as true as their word in my eyes.

I stand by everything that I say.
Everything I speak of is true, as I know it to be:

This is not to say that there are

not those rare times in which I may

incorrectly argue a point of mine.

Still, I pride myself on the knowledge that I've acquired and the information that I give based on that

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very important to understand semester I plan to say many different things and speak

on many different issues, mostly for the benefit of my folks and for the most part I will not sugarcoat what I

I know that it is necessary to get my point across and being nice about it will only take away form its reality. Most of the subjects that I will

touch on are taboo, only because people don't want to see the truth for what it is.

I must admit that there are some things for which I am stuck in my things for which I am stuck in my ways; nonetheless I am always open to see a different point of view as long as it has logic and/or facts to back up that point of view. I tell you this only because I know

for some of the subjects that I touch there will be more people than ever before that pray on negativity to sur-round me, simply because I want peo-ple to wake up.



The Power of Words

BY MARGARET JAIYEOLA SIMPLIBEAUTYFUL@hotmail.com

I want anybody intelligent enough to listen to what I have to say to spread the truth, however my goal is to help my people make some real

progress.
Do not take what I say and try to misconstrue my meaning. I am not here to brainwash anybody.
Don't believe what I say because I

said it was so, do some research of your own and then come back to me with a similar or different point of

Which takes us back to the first

definition of a paradox.

Things that I will say may at times seem paradoxical in the beginning but as time goes on those whose judg-ment is not clouded will see that these are serious issues that need to be addressed.

I understand that when a person has been taught something from the time that they were born it is hard for

them to accept an alternate view of that particular something. The only thing that is harder than learning is relearning the information that you have been taught to acknowledge since the beginning of

your life. If feason is staring you in the face what will you do? Will you refute the lies that you

have been taught or will you be a

messenger of ignorance?

Cn that note, just think about the word ignorance and what it means to

The power of words appears every Tuesday.

Margaret is a senior in speech communi-cations. Her views do not necessarily resicet those of the Daily Egyptian

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Lawsuit is outrageous

Grant Gannon

Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

OXFORD, Miss.(U-WIRE)

You've got to be kidding me.

Saudi Arabians suing us for "psychological and financial damage" caused after the Sept.

The lawsuit alleges that the U.S. government and U.S. media outlets are responsible for casting a negative light on Saudis in the United States.

The publicity resulted in Saudi students having to leave their studies at American uni-versities and return home

Hey thanks for playing — let's go get a beer after I carpet bomb Baghdad. Sorry folks, but there were 19 hijackers. Fifteen of them were Saudi Arabian. I think our suspicions are well founded.

Sure, we've always nurtured residents of other nations as an American principle, but

it's now time to take care of our own people.

I am pretty sure the stepped-up security
and suspicious eyes cast toward those who fit
the profile of a hijacker prevented follow up

If you got your feelings hurt and had to go home, sorry. Hopefully your terrorist-sup-porting, oil-filled, money-laundering desert oasis of a country provides you the opportunity to continue your pursuit of a degree.

Even if the students who were "forced"

home were legitimate in their studies, the blame does not rest on a U.S. entity. They can look no further than their countrymen.

The media didn't fly a plane into the World Trade Center, Saudi Arabians did. It's racial profiling, but for good reason.
I'm not talking black-kid-in-a-nice-car

racial profiling. That's deplorable. I am talking Iranians in flight school or Saudis at CVS.

If you watched CNN this week, you saw that these people know how to make chemical weapons. The knowledge was probably learned on a campus somewhere in the United States.

These chemical weapons aren't your stan-dard Drano bomb, Video shows a small drop of some unknown substance killing a small

dog in mere minutes. We need to make sure that would-be ter rorists are terrified of being in this country. If a few innocents get caught up in it all, so be

So, Saudi Arabian countrymen plotted and pulled off the most heinous attack in the history of the world. Saudi Arabian students

nstory of the work and hateful calls and went back home. Tough.

Something tells me a random Christian or two was persecuted in the Middle East dur-ing the Crusades, and there werent any lawsuits there.

This lawsuit is a response to one filed ear-lier this week by the families of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. That suit alleges that members of the Saudi royal family, banks and businesses funded al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden's activities. The families are suing for \$100 trillion.

While the amount of money being sued

for is almost unthinkable, the message is not.
The pain and suffering families experienced is immeasurable. The debt owed to them is one that could never be repaid.

These Saudi Arabian students can go elsewhere for their degrees and can continue

But there are over 3,000 people who can't.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN invites readers to submit their thoughts, memories and reflections about the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, to us for possible publication in our upcoming commemorative edition.

Essays and letters should be limited to no more than 250 words and will be subject to editing by our staff. To submit a piece, e-mail it to Geoffrey Ritter at gritter@dailyegyptian.com, or bring it to the Daily Egyptian newsroom, 1247 Communications Building, by no later than Wednesday, Sept. 4. Please include your name, year in school, major, hometown, and a phone number at which you can be reached. We look forward to hearing from you.

LETTERS

Please do your part

DEAR EDITOR:

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Those round receptacles on campus marked "cans," planic" and "trash?" They aren't there for decoration. They are there to keep the campus clean. It's only been a week, and trash is everywhere! People, if you're walking to class, you see trash in your path, it won't hart you pick it up and throw it away. If all the students picked up trash just along the paths they took to classes, think of how clean campus would be. It does not make you the garbage main, and it won't set you back a level in society if someous sees you picking up someone clear trash. If anything, it's making this r lace look a let better.

for better,

It would be great if people didn't litter ir, the first
place, neally, what's the point? When you're in your ear,
you just got McDonald's and take the paper off the
straw, Your carvinck is a wee, kinside, but you throw
the paper out the window anyway. I see it all the time.
Or opening a new pack of eigenrettes. Got peckets? Use
them until you get to a trashean. Or just throw those
things in your car and wait until you clean it out.

copie are unconscious that they are littering they have been doing it for so long. Litter is because they have been doing it for so long. Litter is rited as the biggest pollution problem in our country (eigarette butts being the worst form). It does not take much to do our part in keeping this place clean, as any-where else you go. Knowing that you've helped, even if only a little, makes you feel better, and the place looks a lot better. And you realize just how bad the problem is. So show a little pride and help keep campus clean. Elisa Grafford

Take heed to message

DEAK ENTINE:

It's a senseless tragedy. I'm not only speaking of the tragedy of the young man that lost his life over the weekend, I'm speaking of the tragedy of how many college students lose their lives in the glamour of college life. There has been an increasing amount of students missing out on the rewards of a college degree. Accidents, murders, suicide, pregnancy; STDs, arrests

and even academic failure are all real. I remember my first semester. After being sheltered in Chicago for 17 years, I lowed the freedom and the excitement. Carbondale then is not Carbondale now. I send condo-Carbondale then is not Carbondale now. I send condenses to that family, I send a message to new and continuing students as well: REMIEAIBER why your parasits sent you to collegs—to learn. REMIEAIBER why you came here—to graduate REMIEAIBER those who came before you follow you and are looking up to you. Know your limits and be a note model. If you see someone falling by the waysik, stop by and pick them up. You may not think that it matters, but it does.

LaTonia Richmond mental bealth professional

Don't question Christianity

DEAR EDITOR:

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What is being a Christian! After reading the columnist who asked the same question, I couldn't help but think of some fundamental truths for this question. First, it would be about for me to overlook history and say that bad things have not happened in the name of

Christianity. The historical examples are numerous. The Crusades, the Inquisitions; the witch-burnings the Holocaust, etc. The fact that the people who were doing these acts in the name of Christianity does not mean they were Christians. For example, Adolph Hitler tried to color his movement as being Christian, but obviously he didn't present what Jesus stood for. (The Case For Faith, Lee Strobel, 2000) So, thinking you are a good person, going to church, giving an officing in church and reading the Bible, these are good things to do, but they do not qualify you to call youself a Christian. This takes us to the original questions, "What is being a Christian? Being a Christian means you are a follower and believer in Jesus Christ. Nothing more! Nothing Less! I am a Christian and a believer in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9-10"...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus a Local, and believer in Jesus Christ. Romans 10:9-10"...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus a Local, and believer in your with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in heart that God raised Him from the dead, you saved, for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, result-ing in salvation."

Jonathan Davis

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Koran lawsuit raises debate in classes

Religion courses nationwide check to seperate scholarship from promoting faith

Ben Fischer Daily Kent Stater (Kent State U.)

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE) - A KEN 1, Ohio (U-WIRE) — A discussion forum for new freshmen at the University of North Carolina went ahead as planned Aug. 19, despite a lawsuit against the university trying to stop the class.

The issue was the assigned reading — a book analyzing the Koran, the Islamic holy text. An expredical

ing — a book analyzing the Koran, the Islamic holy text. An evangelical Christian organization sued UNC in May, arguing the assignment amounted to an endorsement of the religion by the public institution, which would violate the First Amendment.

A federal court denied a motion to stop the class from happening Aug. 19, and a final ruling on the case

several weeks away.

In the wake of the controversy.

academics across the country have lined up to defend UNC. But using holy texts in classes and discussing religion always demands a delicate balance, said Jeffrey Wattles, Kent State University associate professor

of philosophy.

Wattles teaches Comparative Religious Thought classes and constantly struggles to teach about the world's major religions without

world's major religions without endorsing — if even unintentionally — any particular one.

"I make it my business to respect and support the freedom of my students," Wattle said. "I don't presuppose students have any religion, and I don't my to talk them out of or into anything. I make it my business to challenge everybody to think critical-ly about religion."

A handful of English classes at

State are taught from the Bible, and Wattles' class is the only one to use the Koran. Professors said while the principles of academic freedom allow them to teach nearly anything, a basic level of fairness and serious scholarship demands a neutral view-

The North Carolina lawsuit, filed by the Family Policy Network, argues the book in question the book in question — "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early

ed to create a favorable opinion of the religion of Islam." The plaintiffs say the book included passages from the Koran that promoted peace and love while intentionally omitting those dvocating violence.

Wattles said one of the most popular texts used in college religion classes, "World Religions," written by Huston Smith, uses this strategy. This traditional mindset says all religions have imperfect and violent histories, but to gain an academic understanding of them, one must

focus on only the positives.

Wattles does not does not use this approach. In his classes, the curriculum includes both celebrations and criticisms of the faiths.

"After 9-11, if you talk about Islam without talking about the neg-ative, people say, What is this?" Wattles said. "And if you're going to do it with Islam, you have to do it with every other religion. Now, p ple demand more, and they are right to demand more."

English professor Lewis Fried has taight a freshman honors colloqui-um since 1969, and the Old Testament has figured prominently every time. He said any religious messages students take from studying holy texts are their own creation.

"When you teach a work in the light of modern scholarship, you're not teaching a faith," Fried said.

"You're teaching a world outlook that that text provides to its followers. Then it can become a crisis for them because they can't seem to distinguish between faith and scholar-

Fried, who is Jewish, said he is confident he's not promoting his faith when he teaches the Bibl

"I do worry that inadvertently my students think I may be doing that," he said. "I can rest reasonably am not proselytizing. I hope that I've been successful."

Students should not worry that st because someone is talking about his or her own faith, they're necessar-ily promoting it, Wattles said, pointing out that some of the fiercest criticisms come from believers.

Modern scholarship, separated from faith, is necessary for real understanding of any religion, Fried

That's why we have to rely on modern scholarship, to make these texts intelligible and clear as possi-ble, Fried said. "Certain passages can only be seen in the light of interpre-

E-book popularity, availability increases

Grace Agostin
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) -Students may soon be able to take a break from hunting for the cheapest textbooks. That is, if they are willing to download their textbooks from the Internet.

After Stephen King's electronic novels became a success with readers because of their low cost and printon-demand capability, textbook publishers have slowly been entering the virtual market.

Websites offer digital textbooks for subjects ranging from account-ing to psychology. The sites allow professors and students to purchase and access the books virtually with the capability to highlight their books, search the text by subject and take practice exams.

About two years ago, Joe Moxley, University of South Florida professor of technical writing, began adding electronic text-books to his list of required reading

"It's extremely simple for all the features it has," Moxley said. Multimedia features such as chat

rooms, supplemental notes and search tools make the book a worthy investment on the Internet, Moxley

"If the book is straight, linear text it has no value," Moxley said. "If it's interactive, that's what makes it worthwhile."

According to the Website, an etextbook can take anywhere from 15 minutes to two hours to download, depending on the amount of the source the student needs to

For some courses, students may only need to purchase separate chapters, which allows them to save time and money. However, Moxley said virtual textbooks don't always benefit the student.

"Sometimes there's a value lost because you have to go get it from the Internet," Moxley said.

Digital textbooks that do not

include interactive features and only deliver the text to students are for-matted for handheld PCs.

Moxley added that students and

professors have to consider that etextbooks can't be easily brought into the classroom unless they are

Other reading materials students may need including novels or reference books are available electronic cally for college students through University libraries can subscribe to the service and select eBook titles for students the same way printed titles are selected for library

Monica Metz-Wiseman, coordinator of electronic collections for the USF Library, said USF sub-scribed to netLibrary about two years ago, and it has become a useful tool for students because there is no

"It is popular among students,"

"It is popular among students,"

Metz-Wiseman said. "We have people out there using it."

As more students take advantage

of e-textbooks, student bookstores will need to offer the digital text-book software in order to stay in business said Todd Urbansky, manager of The Bookcenter for USF.

"It will be interesting to see how the pricing structures change," Urbansky said. "I would say it will be another five years."



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College endowments in Philadelphia area suffer big losses

James M. O'Neili Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) The shell-shocked stock market has swept more than \$300 million in endowment money off the books of colleges in the Philadelphia area in the last year, forcing some schools to boost tuition more than usual and trim budgets by millions.

And with the stock market still in doldrums, colleges expect more dire budget struggles next year.

Of the 33 area colleges with figures

in hand, only two saw their ende ments rise during the fiscal year that; just ended in June.

just ended in June
The next couple of years are going to be tough ones for us, said Jerry Berenson, treasurer at Bryn Mawr College, where the endowment dropped by \$15 million and tuition, room and board are going up by \$1600 to compensate. \$1,600 to compensate.

Swarthmore College took one of Swarthmore College took one of the largest hits, seeing its mighty endowment shrink by \$53 million last year to \$897 million. That follows a \$14 million decline the previous year. Lehigh University in Bethlehem,

Pa., lost \$69 million in endowment value. The University of Delaware lost \$54 million. Haverford College in Haverford, Pa., and Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., each lost \$26 million.

On the other hand, some colleges that endured criticism for conservative investment strategies during the boom 1990s are now enjoying the benefits while, their peers suffer. Temple University, for instance, heavily invested in bonds and saw its endowment

hold steady last year. And Drexel University saw a net investment return of a half percent, after adopting a more conservative

"I'm a happy camper," said Drexel
President Constantine Papadakis. "I
only wish I had invested my own port-

folio that way."

Despite their sizable losses, most colleges enjoyed such huge investment gains in the late 1990s that they remain well ahead of where they stood our years ago. For instance, Swarthmore still has \$63 million more in its coffers than it did in 1998.

But a few schools are back where they started. Moravian College in Bethlehem had an endowment of \$66.3 million in 1998. It had grown to \$86 million by 2000. By last June, it had fallen back to \$67 million.

Until now, colleges hadn't suffered two consecutive years of endowment. losses since the early 1970s. The ospect of a third bad year casts a pall in budget offices because the money they can take from endowments t help run the schools is usually based on a three-year average of the endowment's value.

Most limit themselves to taking about 5 percent of the endowment's value for operations each year. Endowment, money, while usually restricted to a use designated by the donor, often boosts funds for scholar-

ships or specific academic programs. In a given year, alumni donations help to cover endowment losses or off-set the money that's withdrawn to dget expenses. But these days, donors also hammered by the stock market are giving less.

There are going to be some tough decisions this fall on how these colleges can cut costs. If they haven't, started those talks already, they'd better ger into it. fast," said John S. Griss, and Jr., a senior vice president at Commonfund, which manages endowments for 1,600 colleges.

Bryn Mawr relies on its \$413 million endowment to produce about a quarter of the college's annual operat-ing revenue, or \$22 million. But with ing revenue, or \$22 million. But with the endowment shrinking and the school's trustees capping what can be taken out each year to 5 percent, the endowment is producing less for the budget. To cover the loss, tuition, room and board will rise nearly 5 per-cent, to \$34,970, compared with 3.5. Percent in previous years.

The University of Delaware found

itself in a similar situation. With a smaller endowment now producing less money for the budget, the school had to cut cost by \$3 million and raise tuition 'y 6 percent, compared with 4 percent in the past.

Even as endowments decline, col-

leges face rising costs, particularly in employee health-care benefits, as well as in insurance after Sept. 11.

Despite, its endowment losses. Swarthmore has been largely unaffected because it doesn't limit what it can take from the endowment the same way other colleges do. While Bryn Mawr, for instance, won't take more than 5 percent of the endowment's value, even when the value is declining, Swarthmore takes the same dollar amount as the previous year, then takes a little more, based on inflation.

That prevents the dips in revenue that other colleges are grappling with, said Swarthmore treasurer Suzanne Welsh even though Swarthmore uses its endowment to cover an unusually

high 39 percent of its budget.
Still, Swarthmore painfully saw alumni gifts drop to about \$18 million for the year, compared with \$27 million and \$20 million the prior years.

Some schools did manage to score new highs in alumni giving, despite the economy. La Salle University raised more than \$2 million, an 11 percent increase.

Some colleges also managed to avoid serious endowment erosion by moving more assets out of stocks and

Drexel's Papadakis said trustees decided a year ago to reduce the share of the university's holdings in large cap stocks from 45 percent to 20 percent, and to increase real estate holdings to 15 percent from 4 percent. That allowed Drexel to sneak through the year with a net investment return of just under a half-percent not much of a gain, but better than the losses all

The University of Pennsylvania heard griping when it shunned riskier investments such as venture capital in the late 1990s and didn't score big returns. But the strategy paid off last year, as Penn preserved its endow-ment at \$3.3 billion.

Gifts to the university and a slightly positive investment return offset the \$120 million Fenn removed for operating expenses, leaving the endowment virtually unchanged.

Many colleges with tiny endow-ments are sailing, along unscathed, since they rely so little on endowment money for operating expenses. At Delaware Valley College, for instance, the endowment contributes less than a percent to the

budget.
Shrinking revenues have Bryn
Mawr and others toying with the idea of using a larger percentage of the endowment than in the past.

'/ Commonfund's Griswold says that makes sense as long as the colleges have the discipline to reduce the proportion they take once the economy improves.

"If the endowment is designed to be a rainy day fund, and it's raining, why not use it?" he said.

Cheney urges swift action against Iraq despite lack of ties to al-Qaida

Ron Hutcheson Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) -Vice President Dick Chency on Monday presented the Bush-administration's most forceful case yet for a pre-emptive strike against Iraq, urging swift action to head off the danger that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein will attack first.

Cheney told a group of veterans that he has "no doubt" that Saddam is preparing to use weapons of mass destruction against the United States. He dismissed war critics as victims of "wishful thinking or willndness."

"We will not simply look away, hope for the best and leave the matter for some future administration to resolve, Cheney said in a speech at a Veterans of Foreign Wars con-vention in Nashville, Tenn. "The risks of inaction are far greater than the risks of action.

A new Knight Ridder poll indicates that most Americans are gung-ho for the global war on ter-rorism and a solid 67 percent favor teking it to Iraq, according to the survey, conducted by Princeton Survey Research.

Much of the support seems to be sed on the belief that Saddam is

in league with terrorists.
With painful memories from Sept. 11 still strong, 77 percent of Americans say they support military strikes against any country that harbors terrorists associated with Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network. About 57 percent consider Iraq an enemy in the war on terror-

ism.
"The American people felt gravely wounded by 9-11 and the urge to take eteps to prevent some-thing like that from ever happening again is extremely strong," said again is extremely strong," said Evans Witt, president of Princeton Survey Research, a polling firm that surveyed 2,003 adults between Aug. 5 and Aug. 18. People think of things through that prism. 9-11 is the context of all discussion of Iraq.

The Bush administration has not produced any evidence linking Iraq to the Sept. 11 attacks or al-Qaida. The link is important because it would make it easier for the Bush administration to win support for military action from the American people, allies overseas: and Congress.

Experts say scant evidence ties.
Iraq to al-Qaida.
I am not aware of any demon-

strated link between Iraq and al-Qaida, said Jonathan Tucker, a for-mer U.N. weapons inspector in Iraq who is now with the Monterey Institute of International Studies, a research organization. "There's no link between Sept. 11 and Iraq that has been well documented."

Opponents of military action, including several prominent essive for-Republicans with impressive for-eign policy credentials, increasingly are warning against pre-emptive strikes against Iraq. They urge Bush to take time to rally support from

Congress and allies overseas first.

Over the weekend, former
Secretary of State James Baker
joined former National Security Advise: Brent Scowcroft in urging Bush to seek another round of U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq before going to war. Both men were confi-dants of Bush's father, former President George Bush, during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

"Although the United States could certainly succeed, we should could certainly succeed, we should try our best not to have to go it alone, and the president should-reject the advice of those who coun-sel doing so," Baker said in an opin-ion piece in Sunday's New York Tames, "The costs in all areas will bemuch greater, as will the political

On Monday, Cheney bluntly rejected the possibility of trying to restart U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq. "A return of inspectors would provide no assurance whatsoever of his compliance with U.N. resolu-Chency said.

U.N. inspections ended four years ago when Saddam forced the inspectors to leave Iraq.



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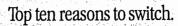
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Porno video features Arizona State U. U. Illinois ranks 15 for student government vice president

Rachel Schick Arizona Daily Wildcat (U. Arizona)

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — Arizona State University president Michael Crow said Thursday that disci-plinary action would be taken against ASU fraternities and fraternity members including the executions of the con-ASU traternutes and traternty memoers including the executive vice president of the student government at the Tempe University — who took part in making a pornographic video that included sex on a campus lawn, porn stars and a sexual seawners hunt. scavenger hunt.

Members of the UA community said a similar event couldn't and shouldn't hap-

pen here. The The September production of "Shane's World #29: Frat Row Scavenger Hunt 3" featured ASU fraternity mem-Print 3 reatured ASU traternly mem-bers — including a shower scene with Brian Buck, Sigma Nu member and exec-utive vice president of the Associated Students of ASU — performing sexual

The ASU student body president and vice president said they didn't see the production of the video as a big deal, and it rould most likely not .Ecct any leader-

Members of Theta Chi, Sigma Phi
Epsilon, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu
were all involved in the film, featuring a
"sexual scavenger hunt" by the film crew.
Sex toys and other objects were used

as the hunt moved from bedroom to living room, from limousine to poolside, and even to a public campus lawn and the front of a residence hall.

Two women were in each of the two teams that performed sexual acts with the fraternity members. The teams earned points in the scavenger hunt via sexual acts, and the team with the most points won the hunt. There was no sexual inter-

The video was brought to the attention of ASU administrators in early July. Administrators said the sexual acts violated the code of conduct.

ASU President Michael Crow had consulted with the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the campus police department regarding the appropriate

department regarding the appropriate disciplinary response.

UA student body president Doug Hartz commented, "Students at the UA should know that this type of thing will not be tolerated at our institution."

UA fraternity officials have also distanced themselves from the event.

"The sad fact is that it was a few people who couldn't control themselves," said losh Surridge, Public Relations represen-

Josh Surridge, Public Relations represen-tative for UA Interfraternity Council. "We definitely have confidence in our fra emities here not to pull a stunt like

fratemities here not to pun a stunt me-that."

Hartz said leadership at ASU was very different from that of the UA student government's and added the possibility of a similar event here is not likely.

"We hold our leadership to a higher degree," Hartz said. "As leaders you have to meitating a professional image."

degree, Hartz said. As leaders you have to maintain a professional image." Andy Quinn, a UA pre-business sophomore, said he thought most guys would say yes to an opportunity to be in a porn video, but not if it jeopardized their

organizations reputation.

"It's a little inappropriate," said Quinn, member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. "I would feel weird if it was going

on at our house.

Surridge said if "a case as serious as this" occurred at UA, the participants would be immediately referred to the

nities involved would be reprimanded by the Greek Judicial Board and by their

individual national organizations.

James McGovern, a French and computer engineering junior, said pornography makes life more interesting and would not affect a leadership role.

would not affect a leadership role.

He referred to Italy, where an ex-porn star is a member of parliament.

"As long as people don't get hurt [it's OK]," McGovern said.

The University of Arizona Code of Conduct prohibits public sexual indecency and indecent exposure but is not specific enough to include anything related to the production of pornographic videos. According to the Code of Conduct, however, the board may take "necessay and appropriate action to protect the safety and well-being of the university."

Punishments ranged from a warning to expulsion.

to expulsion.
Alexis Hernandez, associate dean of students, said he was not aware of past similar occurrences or what the dean of students would do if it were to occur now at UA.
"I know of no policy related to that,"

Hernandez said.

Hartz expressed concern that the conduct of ASU leaders would harm the reputation of UA student leadership. Both campuses are linked by the Associated campuses are inneed by the Associated Students of Arizona, a student lobbyist group, and both student governments lobby the State Legislature for more funding of higher education.

"As leaders we have to prove constantly that our opinions are credible," Hartz

"We will have to work cooperatively [with the leaders of ASU] to try to reestablish the professionalism."

greek life in Princeton Review survey

Joan Wagner Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) - University of Illinois students didn't top the lists as the happiest, the most "stone-cold sober" or the most nostalgic for Ronald Reagan in a

new book by the Princeton Review.

But the University did rank No. 15 for "major frat and

But the University did rank. No. 15 for "major first and sorority scene," No. 10 for "great college radio station" and No. 19 for "great college newspaper" in the Princeton Review's 2003 edition of the Best 345 Colleges.

Northwestern University ranked No. 1 for best overall academics, Indiana University ranked as the biggest party school, the University of Michigan ranked No. 1 for students most supportive of their college sports teams and Washington University had the best campus food.

Rankings were determined through a 70-question online survey. Students answered questions regarding academics, campus life, the student body, politics and opinions. About 100,158 surveys were submitted, with about 300 surdents responding from each of the 345 colleges featured.

About 100,136 surveys were summer, with about 300 students responding from each of the 345 colleges featured. Each school in the book gave permission to be included in the publication, aid Eric Olson, the book's senior editor. Olson said the book's purpose is to give a more complete view of the selected schools. In addition to academic rank-

ings, the environmental rankings can help students find out about things they might be afraid to ask, such as how accepting the school's students are of alternative lifestyles, he said. He noted it is important to note results are student opinion-driven and called students the "real college

experts."

"College is a huge investment of time and resources,"

Olson said, "We want to make sure (prospective students) have the best resources to find out what's best for them. The rankings are able to show campus differences in a fun

The rankings are able to stow campus differences in a fun and informative way."

University spokesman Bill Murphy said the University generally does not take much notice of the rankings.

"These are entirely unscientific and don't represent any type of scientific sample," Murphy said.

Murphy said the U.S. News & World Report academic rankings often are taken with a "grain of salt" because the methodology changes slightly each year.



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continues. She said she could see undergraduate students quitting their current jobs if they had the chance to acquire

like to find a job at school.

"The slow process is discouraging, but it is a good idea and program to offer," Barbaglia said.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and

Enrollment Management, said he would make sure posi-tions are spread across campus when the recommendation

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scored 21.5, Mexican-Americans, as well as Chicago students scored 17.5, American Indian students scored 16.8, while African-American students scored 16.5

African-American students scored 16.5.

These differences may be because of the lack of college prep classes offered to minority students, quality of those courses or the number of students who enroll in them.

At Carbondale Community High School, 42 percent of all students were not enrolled in "core" curriculum, or classes that are aimed to prepare students for college. The state average of students enrolled in core curriculum was only 36 percent for thispanic students, 36 percent for black students, 39 percent of white students and 60 percent of Asian-Americans.

Knowing this, Sabens said administrators and teachers could expose every child at the appropriate time and level to

could expose every child at the appropriate time and level to

the same, important information.
"Our approach is different," Sabens said. "We hope to not only reach, but exceed standards."

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Don't sweat it - salt is important, too

Laura Hobbs Daily News (Ball State U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. (U-WIRE) - Drinking plenty of water while exercising is important, but what most

don't know is how important
salt can be during a workout.
Kent Bullis, medical
director for the Ball State
University Health Center,
said people should eat lots of
salt after a workout because
the body loses a lot of salt through sweating.
"If you crave salt after a

workout, it's your body telling you to eat more salt," Bullis

Exercising in hot sun weather can be helpful as long as people stay as cool as possible and don't exercise for

Bullis said wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and light-colored hats actually keep people cooler when exer-cising because lighter clothing doesn't absorb as much heat.

Better times to exercise are early in the morning and later in the evening, Bullis said.

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are the ones that have the influence to make it happen. If leadership comes from the student level this year they can turn this whole thing around."
Poshard said the University would

do whatever they could within the limitations of its budget to support a Halloween event, as long as students

Palmoven even, as long as students obliged to certain guidelines.

"It's a time of the year when people party, or whatever, but it doesn't have to be a negative experience," he said.

The traditional Carbondale down-

town Halloween street party turned from a relatively calm event to out-ofcontrol chaos in the 1970s. Attempts to tame or eliminate the party failed and the University instituted a Halloween break in 1990. The break was eliminated in 1993 and 1994, and again the party broiled. In 1995, the city and University collectively made the decision to close campus and the bars on the Strip during the Halloween season.

Despite the warning of Mayor Neil Dillard, the city voted 3-2 to keep the downtown bars open during Halloween 2000.

The result of that decision was disastrous, and the events that transpired downtown led to more than 150 arrests and extensive damage to businesses in the area. With SIUC in session for the first time in seven years, administrators and student groups are struggling to find alternative events that will dissuade rioting on the Strip.

Carbondale is not the only University forced to deal with rioting and its aftermath. Many other universities have found ways to get creative when it comes to keeping parties at the University and within the city limits under control.

The University of Colorado at Boulder struggled with Halloween riots in the late 1980s in that city's

downtown area. People would "be drunk, get rowdy and it would turn it into a riot situation," said Peggy Bonner, director of the Matter of Degree program at the University of Colorado. The Matter of Degree program is part of a grant awarded to 10 universities aimed at managing and studying the environment that leads to a culture of heavy drinking on college

campuses.

Bonner said the university did not shut down the campus during the noting season, but instead restricted access to the city to those that had a driver's license proving they were from the city. She said that a large number of people causing problems were from outside the city and not students at the university. The city of Boulder also increased its police presence in the area where problems occurred and after a couple of years the tradition died, Bonner said.

Carbondale has implemented sim-ilar procedures to deal with problems

on the Strip. In November 2000, the Carbondale Police began enforcing an encroachment ordinance, meant to keep people moving along the 500 block of South Illinois Avenue and also stepped up police presence

City Manger Jeff Doherty said he believes the ordinance and the iz-reased presence of police have eliminated many of the problems traditionally associated with the Strip. Doherty said he is optimistic that there will not be a repeat of Halloween 2000, but added that time has proven that the only sure-fire way to control Halloween events in Carbondale is to close the bars and the University.

He said he would reserve judgment on a University-sponsored event until more details are ironed out.

Bonner said the University of Colorado has also responded to the riots, or more broadly, alcohol abuse, with a series of University sponsored events that began this year. On the

first Friday of every month, a different student organization sponsors an alcohol-free party. This Friday, the university is sponsoring a foam dance

party.
Washington State University
offers similar alternatives to drinking, although on a more limited budget. Jesse Keene, spokesman for the university, said they keep open the recreational center until 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, offering free food, music and events. Keene said some 1,500 students of the on-campus population of 18,000 stu-dents show up per night for the event. It is paid for through the student

activity fee.

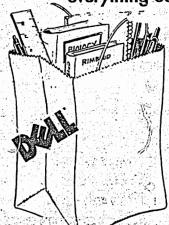
"There's always the concern for something happening," Keene said.

The university has really started to take a look at providing alternatives for students. for students.

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alif. cigarette tax may rise

Alvin Shen The California Aggie (U. California-Davis)

DAVIS, Calif. (U-WIRE) - A new tax proposal presented in the state Assembly, while alleviating the state's budget problems, may also create complications for California smokers.

Assembly Speaker Herb J. Wesson Jr., D-Los Angeles, first presented the new eigarette tax increase on Aug. 6 as a mechanism to end the budget gridlock.

"My proposal is a win-win for Republicans, for Democrats, and for all Californians," Wesson stated in a press

"Either people quit emoking — which is good for everyone — or their habits help us balance our budget."

The bill proposes to raise the price of cigarettes by \$2.13 to \$3 in taxes per pack.
According to a press release from Wesson's office, an estimated \$1.7 billion could be generated by the new tax increase.

erated by the new tax increase.

Daniel Robovsky, an Assembly Budget
Committee consultant under state Rep. Jenny
Oropeza, D-Long Beach, said that the
money brought in by the new cigarette tax
would go directly into the state's General
Fund, which provides state appropriations for
public education, healthcare and corrections.
According to Assembly Speaker Wesson,
"this is the only tax (that will savel lives" and

"this is the only tax [that will save] lives" and is entirely voluntary, only affecting those who choose to continue smoking. However, the new tax also means addi-

tional inconveniences for those who sell tobacco products.

"The tax doesn't necessarily hurt our business, but it does create more of a hardship," said Janis Lott, co-owner of Newsbeat, a local

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periodical and tobacco shop in downtown Davis. "We always have to figure out how much to charge for cigarettes.

Lott and other opponents of the tobacco tax are not opposed to its intent but believe that revenue should not go toward balancing

the state's budget.
"We should at least use the money to fund prevention and counter-prevention programs to counter those promoted by tobacco com-panies, "Davis High School's registered nurse

"It certainly is a deterrent," Hawkins con-

*Teen smokers are affected by the price increase. Most kids don't have unlimited funds; if they do smoke, they smoke less as prices for cigarettes rise."

If Wesson's proposal is included in the state budget, California will be joining a long list of other states that have substantially increased tobacco taxes as a way of closing

budget gaps.
According to a press release from Wesson's office, 20 states have increased tobacco taxes in 2002. Louisiana, for example, increased its

tobacco tax by 300 percent.

If California's Assembly passes the tax increase, cigarette prices could jump 245 per-

One smoker, who did not give his name, said the tobacco increase may potentially gen-erate increased revenue for the state, but cigarette smokers will find a way around it.
"That tax may sound like a great idea at

first, but many smokers like myself already choose to buy our cigarettes online," he said. "It's cheap and more convenient. If the tax goes up to \$3, I think even more [smokers] will buy online instead of getting their ciga-rettes from stores.

Russian space flight set to take off — with or without pop star

'N Sync member Lance Bass misses payment deadline for mission

Mark McDonald Knight Ridder Newspapers

MOSCOW (KRT) — Officials at Russia's space agency said Monday that an upcoming mission to the International Space Station would blast off as scheduled, with or

Station would blast off as scheduled, with of without American pop star Lance Bass.

Bass, 23, a singer with the boy band 'N Bass, gird up to join a Russian Soyuz crew on its O. 28 flight to the space station. But an agency spokesman said Monday that Bass' group of backers, which includes MTV and Radio Shack, missed Friday's deadline to pay

*20 million for the trip.

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*We realize Lance Bass might not find enough money to go, said Konstantin Kreidenko, a spokesman for the cash-strapped Russian Aviation and Space agency. "We are in constant talks with the American side, but our patience isn't limitless. Except for their ises, we've received nothing from them. Nothing at all.

This mission does not depend at all on Lance Bass. We are going anyway.

Kreidenko said Russian technicians were

preparing a special cargo container that would be added to the spacecraft in case the singer bailed out of the trip. The container and its goods will weigh the same as Bass, reflecting the tight weight restriction aboard the spaceThe singer recently completed training at the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center out-side Moscow. On Monday he began a week of flight training at the Johnson Space Center in Houston after flying in from Moscow over the weekend with the rest of his crew.

"The training part (in Russia) went in a satisfactory manner, but the final results will be seen in a preflight test that he will have to pass," Kreidenko said. "There was never any question of removing Mr. Lance because he wasn't up to it. In Russian circuses, even bears can be taught to ride a bicycle."

Bass' sponsors, which include television and film companies that are interested in producing a series, a documentary or a feature film about the singer's trip, could not imme-diately be reached for comment. But one of his backers, David Krieff, a Los Angeles producer, said recently that the final payment was merely being slowed by bureaucracy. The deal, he said, was "100 percent going for-

But with just two months before launch,

time could be getting short.

"We have to make a new spacesuit for him, and we need to make a special chair that exactly fits his dimensions," Kreidenko said. "The work involved can't be done in a day."

If the trip comes off, Bass would be youngest person ever to go into space and the world's third "space tourist."

American millionaire Dennis Tito went up in 2001, and Mark Shuttleworth, a South African Internet tycoon, paid for a ride in April. In their taxi rides to the space station, the tourists joined two-man crews of cosmonauts, the Russian term for astronauts.



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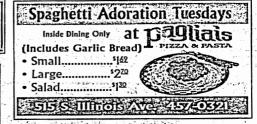
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The cell phone factor

Cell phone choice depends on mainly use, expert says

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(KRT) - As students are starting back to college with a cell phone, which plan to use will

require some study on their part. What carrier should you sign up with? Who is paying for the phone? What is the coverage area?

They are all good questions, id Allan Keiter of said Allan Keiter of MyRatePlan.com, an Atlantabased online resource for consumer services in the areas of credit cards, travel, insurance and long distance But topping the list, he said,

should be,
"What's it primarily going to be

If the phone is mainly for long distance calls home, tailor the plan for that, said Keiter. If the student travels frequently, consider a plan with a regional or national coverage area. Another plan might be best for a student whose calls are mainly for around the school.

"A lot of plans have free long distance," said Keiter. It makes sense then for a student who is going to be away most of the year to get listed in the market where the school is located so they can make local calls and take advantage of the freebie.

A student might have to deal with roaming charges for calls outside their coverage area when they return home for holidays or breaks, however, said Keiter. If the trips e are frequent, consider goi

with a regional or national plan.

If parents are paying for the phone, they might want to look at utes, Keiter added. "It's good for budgeting purposes." The airtime is programmed into the phone and operates on the same principle as buying a phone card with a designated block of time.

Students who buy their own phones and pay their own bills will be required to undergo a credit check by the service provider. You must be 18 to qualify to buy a phone in the first place, said Keiter.

With the right plan, having a cell phone at school "could actualan opportunity for the family to save money" and forgo the expense of having a school-sup-plied phone in the dorm, added

Face it, cell phones are becoming ubiquitous. There are approximately 140 million users nationsaid Keiter. The convenience of dialing up anyone at anytime in anyplace makes them a m item for business, pleasure or

emergency:
A cell phone is "a good thing for the younger person with a mobile lifestyle," Keiter said.

He suggested visiting his or SimplyWireless.com, or providers like Verizon, Sprint, Nextel, VoiceStream and AT&T to see what plans are available and how they compare in cost, coverage, fees, extras and phones.

Plans may be purchased from the site or at a retailer or carrier's store. Some people like to see and handle the phone they'll be using and prefer to do their shopping in

Environmental pressures contribute to depression in college students

Grace Agnostin The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) Exams, social events and work hours have always been priorities for college students. But now, counseling sessions are making their way

Students, are adjusting their schedules to treat symptoms of depression that are spreading across college campuses, according to a report from the National Mental Health Association.

The report states that 10 percent of college students across the nation were diagnosed with depression in 2001, whereas only 7 percent were

diagnosed the previous year.

And while the issues that contribute to depression such as academic demands, family dysfunction, and financial issues, remain the same, more students are accepting that they have the psychological

Dale Hicks, associate director of the Counseling Center for Human Development at USF, said one of the main reasons depression is at its highest for college students is "simply because they're admitting to it."

In the past, Hicks said students were hesitant to seek advice because was difficult to come to terms with behavior considered abnormal. such as lack of interest in daily activities, loss of energy and feelings

"More students are acceptable to depression, and so they come into counseling. Hieks said. They don't feel badly about coming in to get help."

Counseling at college campuses has become a first choice of assis-

tance for students experiencing depression, according to a report in Psychology Today's March issue. In 2001, about 1,700 students

received individual counseling at USF, Hicks said, an increase of 100 students from the previous year. But the numbers reflect those seeking elp for not only depression, but personal concerns including anxiety disorders and relationship proble

"We see students for about virtually everything," Hicks said.

Sophomore Allison Brauner said she is not surprised that depression and anxiety are increasing among college campuses, especially for

It's the whole independence and responsibility of being on your own," Brauner said.

The NMHA quoted a study that 30 percent of first-year students tend to feel overwhelmed.

"They definitely feel a lot more worried," said Brauner, remembering her freshman year at North feels less stress attending USF. cause it's closer to home.

And as reports show, depression 13 percent higher among women. Brauner said though she is not one of them, she can understand why it is more common among them.

"Colleges have always been open men," Brauner said. "I guess it's because of the roles left in society

Hicks said there is no particular

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demographic group that dominates the USF counseling center. Students from ages 17 to 50 receive treatment, and only about half are among the traditional college age of 17 to 22.

Hicks added that the increase in students seeking assistance can be contributed to faculty and resident assistants being able to recognize the symptoms of depression. "We do training with RAs on

how to recognize a crisis or anxiety, Hicks said. The best thing for any

body to do is show a genuine con-cern for that person."

The National Institute of Mental Health reported that treat-ment helps at least 80 percent of

depressed patients improve.
"Our statistics are consistent with the statistics that have been reported in the media that 70 to 80 percent experience signs of improvement, Hicks said.
Students who need medical

treatment such as anti-depressants for psychological conditions someneed to take medications before arriving at college to ease

medications These have wed students to attend college, Hicks said.

Besides the daily issues that contribute to stress anxiety, Hicks said people have to realize that level has changed after Sept. 11. "With all the world events going on, students are more in touch with

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Daily Horoscopes By Linda C. Black

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trouble.

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Koutsos on Payton Watch

SIU running back vying for Division I-AA's version of the Heisman

Jens Deju Daily Egyptian

Throughout the preseason Southern Illinois University running back Tom Koutsos has received award after award.

First he was recognized as a preseason All-American.

Then, surprising no one, he was named to the preseason All-Gateway Conference

Now, the 5-foot-11, 220-pound senior from Oswego has been named to the watch list for the Walter Payton Award, which honors Division I-AA's top player.

Despite all the recognition, Koutsos isn't

letting it go to his head.

these honors, Koutsos said.

Koutsos is the SIU career leader in rush-

ing yards (3,531), rushing attempts (764), rushing touchdowns (32) and 100-yard rushing games (17). He also ranks near the top in career yardage (fifth with 3,793 yards) and is second in career touchdowns, just five behind former standout wide receiver

Cornell Craig.
Craig was also on the Payton Watch back

Another career milestone Koutsos is closing in on is the Gateway career rushing

He currently stands 701 yards shy of

breaking the record.

The Payton award will be presented on Dec. 19, the day before the Division I-AA

National Championship game.

The watch list will be updated three times throughout the season before members of the media and I-AA sports information directors turn in their ballots Dec. 2.

The top three vote getters among the final group of 16 will be invited to the

final group of 16 will be invited to the awards ceremony in Chattanooga, Tenn.

There really isn't any extra pressure,
Koutsos said about living up to the hype surrounding the Payton award.

It's just an honor to have your name mentioned among the best football players in the country.

Also awarded on that day will be the Buck Buchanon Award for the top defensive player, the Eddie Robinson Award for th top coach and the Sports Network Cup for the top I-AA mid-major program. The Sports Network, which is the most

widely recognized information service for I-AA football, will provide updates on the

website at www.sportsnetwork.com. Last season's winner was Villand ning back Brian Westbrook. Westbrook, the NCAA's all-time all-purpose yards leader, was a third round draft choice of the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFL Draft in March.

Other notable winners of the Payton Award include former New York Giants Towson, former NFL starting quarterback John Friesz in 1989 of Idaho, current Tennessee Titans starting quarterback Steve McNair in 1994 of Alcom State and current Chicago Bears Jerry Azumah in 1998 of New Hampshire and Adrian Peterson in

1999 of Georgia Southern T. ... A two-time. All-Gareway first team

A two-time. All-Gareway, first team member, Koutson is used to teams keying their defenive efforts on him. Sophomore—wideo-receiver Jason Hollingshed said: it if important for the receivers to step up their play to that defens-es can no longer just stack up against the teams star rusher.

"It's very important because everyone knows Tommy Koutsos," Hollingshed said. "He's our back, he's our man."

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Senior running back Tom Koutsos was recently named as one of the finalists for the Payton Award, which goes to the top football player in

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your right foot if you're right-hand-ed and your left foot if you're left-handed.

Try to jump near the baseline and swing through the ball, snap-ping your wrist at the last second to create topspin. When the ball is struck, the server should ideally be

at the peak of her jump.

"If you can contact the ball over the court, it doesn't have to travel so far to cross the net," Locke said. "You want to make sure that your contact is high, you want to make sure that you're hitting right in the center of the ball so that you can get as much power behind it as possible. Then, it's a lot of wrist snap

Kemner, a jump server since her sophomore year in high school, has a simpler way of looking at it.

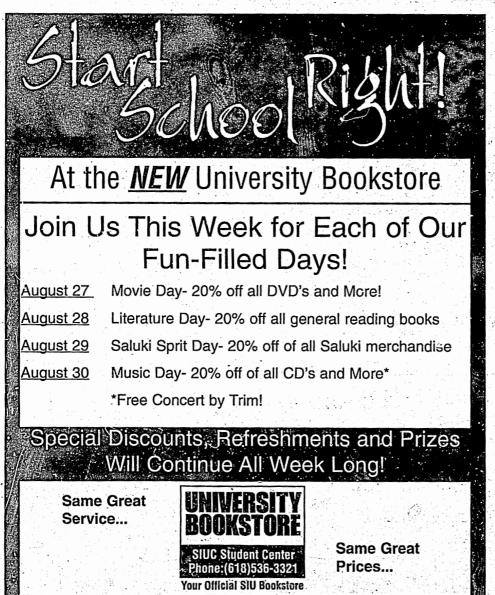
"You're setting yourself up for a kill, but you're your own setter," Kemner said.

If done correctly, the jump serve is an effective weapon and the type of serve most likely to produce an acc. If done incorrectly, it's like serving a Nerf ball across the net. Accuracy is crucial.

"A jump serve is one of the easiest balls to pass if it con es right to you," Kemner said. "But if you make it move half an inch to the left, the right, back or forward, it's one of the hardest serves."

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Follett set for return to court

Junior setter returns to starting role after two years on the sidelines

Michael Brenner . . Daily Egyptian

Average setters are not tall. They are not powerful.

And they usually don't fit into a team's blocking scheme.

But Britten Follett is not an ordinary setter.

Follett was heavily recruited out of high school because of her exceptional setting skills coupled with a 5-foot-11-inch frame. Because of her height, Follett, unlike most setters, was a skilled blocker—and it nearly killed her collectors.

During the title the match of the 2000 Saluki/Best Inna Invitational, Follett went up for a block and came down on the foot of an opposing player who had strayed across the net. The result was catastrophic.

Touldn't walk, I couldn't stand, I felt like I was going

to puke, honestly. Follett said.

Though originally diagnosed as a sprained ankle, it was later discovered that Follett had three ankle fractures. She spent the rest of the season on the bench, watching helplessly as her team finished last in the conference.

But after two seasons on the shelf, Follett will once again take the reins of the Saluki offense, starting with this weekend's Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classi

"It was really frustrating to have to sit through a whole season and a half and knowing there was nothing I could do, Follett said. "I tried to be a guidance from the bench, but you can't lead a team from the bench. It's great to be nere running the offense.

After three disappointing seasons, the Salukis finally have an experienced setter to organize their attack. Senior Tara Cains, who played with Follett during her

freshman season, is among those who are thrilled to see her return. Cains said that every time Follett sets the ball, it's in the right place.
"We trust her," Cains said. "We trust her to set the ball

where we're not going to have two blockers. She's going to set the ball in the best possible place for us to get a kill. Follett and Cains stayed in Carbondale all summer with seniors Kristie Kemner, Lindsey Schultz, Qiann Nelson and Yoko Hatton: The group, which hant played a full season together since 1999, hopes the extra practice time will familiarize them with Follett's style.

Cains said the effort is already paying off. The team could receive sets blindfolded if it had to.

"We were working with her all summer, and it's almost like we know what's going to happen," Cains said.
Although her setting appears fine, Follett is still battling to regain mobility in her ankle.
Follett jokingly said her leg was about an inch wide after the injury, which may not be much of an exaggera-

When she played her first game last spring — a year and a half after her injury — Locke described Follett's foot as a hunk of lead. It has improved since then as it continues to heal, and Follett has learned to work around it.

Two tons of tape doesn't hurt either.

"My ankle is taped so well that they say I could drop a 100-pound brick on it and it wouldn't move," Follett

Despite the tape, which takes trainers a half-hour each day to apply, Follett insists she will be pain-free this sea-

son.
"I'm doing well, all things considered," Follett said. I see it a little bit in my jumping and a little bit in my reaction time getting to the ball, but as far as pain goes on a regular basis, I don't have it."
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The injury will not affect Follett's accurate setting,



Britten Follett adjusts her technique to set a bad pass during practice Monday at Davies Gymnasium. Follett has missed the last two seasons with the

which she attributes to having soft hands that size partially developed from playing basketball in high school. But according to Locke, Follett's contribution on the court goes beyond her soft hands.

Salukis because of a broken ankle.

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Follett is an Abbott on a team of Costellos.

"She's just a real flat-line type of player," Locke said.
"She doesn't allow anybody to know she might be rattled or anything like that. If you look at her, you really don't what she's thinking.

"You need that calmness effect on the court. It keeps erything under control."

The team describes Follett 2s 2 consistent person and off the court — who it can always look to for a big word, in part because she's the only Saluki with a perfect grade point average.
"She's very level-headed," Kemner said of Follett. "She

doesn't get excited, she cloesn't get under-excited. She's a mainstay.

Follett should be a mainstay at setter for her remaining two years of eligibility, although Michelle Pagnano, a freshman from Naperville, could keep her on her toes. Follert has won the starting job for now, but the posi-tion is not promised to her forever. With her efforts this

summer, however, she has a leg-up on Pagnano.
"Sonya will let the best woman win," Follett said. "She

said that all along, but I stayed down here all summer with the team and worked out with the team. I think we have the team and w a chemistry, and the players respect my setting."

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Former SIU basketball player Troy Hudson recently agreed to a three-year contract with the Minnesota Hudson recently agreed to a uncerpen-contract with the Minnesota Timbenwolves, according to a Minneapolis Star Tibune report. The third year of the contract would be at the player's option, according to the month.

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Hudson averaged 11.7 points and 3.1 assists last season with the Orlando Magic. He has played 251 games during five seasons with three different teams — Orlando, the Utah Jazz and the Los Angeles Clippers.

SIU ticket office extends hours

The SIU Athletic ticket office has extended its hours to help meet demand for single-game tickets for Thursday's opening game against Kentucky Wesleyan.

The ticket office, which is located in Lingle Hall adjacent to the SIU Arena,

will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. this week. at 453-2721.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children high school age and under. For group ticket packages, call Julie Beck at 453-2000. Former Saluki star released by NFL team

453-2000.

Thursday's game, which begins at 7 p.m., will be the first night game at McAndrew Stadium since 1973. It will be 'Union Workers Night' and there will be a fireworks show following the Jon Pendergrass, a member of last season's SIU football team, was released Sunday by the Seattle Seahawks. Pendergrass, who transferred from Northern Illimois to SIU last fall, played in all eleven games last season and was

in all eleven games last season and w sixth on the team in tackles with 43.

NCSN signs deal with I-AA football

The National College Sports Network announced Monday an exclusive seven-year programming agreement with the top Division 1-AA conferences including the Gateway Football Conference.

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The new contract would allow the soon-to-be-launched 24-hour college sports network to air the "best-of-the-best". Division I-AA football games on a weekly basis beginning next season.



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Thurs. Aug. 29 Kentucky Wesleyan (Carbondale) 7 p.m. Volleyball

Aug. 30-31 at Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic (San Marcos, Texas)

Fri. Aug. 30 Air Force 9 a.m.

Fri. Aug. 30 Mississippi State 1:30 p.m. Sat. Aug. 31 at Southwest Texas State 11 a.m.

Sat. Aug. 31 North Texas State 5 p.m. Cross Country

Sat. Aug. 31 Saluki Fast Start Open (Carbondale)



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- Tuesday 7p.m. Mardi Gras Night @
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SIU hopes to ride backs to victory

Running game looking to once again lead Salukis

Jens Deju Daily Egyptian

If there is one position where the SIU football team is loaded, it is at

running back.

Senior Torn Koutsos is the SIU career rushing yardage record holder and is closing in on the Gateway Conference's all-time mark.

Muhammad Transfer Abdulqaadir once ran for 381 yards in

a single game. Brandon Robinson averaged a team high 5.9 yards per carry in a back-up role as a sophomore last sea-

Brad Brachear, a redshirt freshman, averaged 13 yards per attempt at Harrisburg High School. All of this sums up to a hard time

for opposing defenses.

"We feel like we've got some depth at running back," said SIU head coach Jerry Kill with a smile. "It could go away pretty quick with an injury or two, but we feel pretty good

Koutsos is the undisputed star of the team and has already been named All-Gateway the preseason

Conference first team All-Senior Tom Koutsos American team and is one of 16 players to watch for the Walter one of 16 players on watch list for the Payton Award as the Walter Payton Award top player in Division I-AA. See story, page 18

Koutsos raeked up 1,222 yards and nine touchdowns on 273 attempts.

It was the third straight season he had topped the 1,000-yard plateau. Koutsos, who holds SIU career records for rushing yards (3.531), attempts (764) and rushing touchdowns (32), enters the season just 701 yards shy of owning the Gateway's career rushing record, which was set by Willie High of Eastern Illinois in 1995.

While Koutsos admits he craves the record, he said he's not going to dwell on it too much because it would take away from his concentration.

"I'm going to get that." Koutsos

"Not only is that proving that you're the man, not only on your team, but you're the man in your con-

Backing up Koutsos is Brachear. The local product ran for 1,181 yards and 15 touchdowns during his senior season in high school and also caught chdowns.

"He's a young man that we just feel like's going to be a tremendous player," Kill said.

Brachear has also played wide receiver and defensive back since ming to SIU.

"You get used to it," Brachear said about switching positions, "Whatever the coaches need you to do, you just do it for them to help the team

Abdulqaadir, a two time JUCO
All-American at Coffeyville
Community College, rushed for a
combined 1,901 yards and 31 touchdowns before a knee injury ended his

2001 season prema-

turely.

Despite being injuries, Abdulqaadir has made already teammates.

"Muhamm great back," Brachear said. "He'll be able to help inside, out-side, whatever they need him to do." Tailback isn't the only spot the

Salukis are stacked as they also go four deep at fullback.

SIU running back Brad Brachear takes the handoff from quarterback Joel Sambursky during a recent scrimmage. Brachear is just one of a loaded group of running backs who will lead the Dawgs this season.

Robinson makes the switch from tailback and will be the starter. Joining him are seniors Curtis Jones and Walter Bucki and freshman J.T.

The competition between all the fullbacks helped bring the players closer together and also led the players to improve their games.

"It was a challenge for all of us," Robinson said. "You couldn't make mistakes because if you did, the other person was going to step up in front of you, so we tried to strive for per-fection and that helped us out a lot." Koutsos said he feels this is the

deepest the running back position has been since he arrived in Carbondale and it allows him to take a breather during games without worrying about the backup not being able to fill

"This is by far probably the most depth we've ever had at the tailback and fullback positions," Koutsos said.

Monday:

... A new corps of speedsters will stretch defenses and produce se big plays each game.

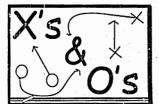
Running Backs ... The backfield is stacked with record breakers and breckout players who will carry a large load of the offecse.

Wednesday: Quarterbacks
... Two redshirt freshmen and an experienced senior will battle for the starting spot to lead the team this season.

"E rery player's got a different niche in different situations so that's a key and every player may be better at one thing than the other guy.

"Coach Kill has got a lot of weapons in the backfield he can use to our offense.

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The Jump Serve

Volleyball's version of the home run swing

STORY BY MICHAEL BRENNER

A jump serve is intimidating. It looks cool and can literally knock an opponent on the

But it can also make you look like an idiot and hurt your team if it has not been practiced and perfected.

"You have to do it over and over," said Kristie Kemner, the most notable jump server







any decent serve.



(left) SIU senior outside hitter Kristie Kemner cradles the ball in her hitting hand as she takes her first step with her right foot. (center) She tosses the ball in the air, applying backspin so it comes back to her. (right) She leaps before reaching the baseline, hitting the ball as it comes down. When Kemner hits the ball, she snaps her wrist to put topspin in the

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"Nour toss is really, really important," Locke said. "You always have to have a toss that's nigh enough. If you have a consistent toss, you can train yourself to deal with any-

Once the location of the toss is perfected, take three steps toward the line, starting with

Sonya Locke, a good toss is the lynchpin of See SERVE, page 18

depend on the person doing it, but there are a few basic steps to a successful jump serve. First off, make sure there is enough distance between yourself and the baseline to

on the SIU volleyball team. "Timing is the biggest thing, and the only way you can get your timing is to keep practicing and testing it

The exact mechanics of a jump serve

take three steps. A jump serve is useless if you step onto the court before hitting the ball. Toss the ball about five feet in front of you

and 12 feet above you. Height and distance may vary, but the toss should be the most heavily practiced element of any jump serve.

According to SIU volleyball head coach