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# Daily Egyptian

### Wednesday, August 11, 2010

#### Student Support Services Program grants SIUC \$290,000

LINDSEY SMITH Daily Egyptian

SIUC received a grant of \$290,376 Monday from the Student Support Services Program of the U.S. Department of Education, according to a press release from Congressman Jerry Costello's office.

The grant will provide money to the

university's efforts to provide academic and other support services to lowincome, first-generation or disabled students to increase retention, and graduation rates, ease their transfer from two-year to four-year colleges and promote an institutional c'- sate supportive of the students' success, according to the release.

ication is the key to success, especially in the economy of the 21st century," Costello said in the release. "I will continue to support efforts to make a quality education more attainable."

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HEAT WADE Darren Harris, 25, of Chicago, takes a minute to blow air into floaties for his five-year-old daughter, Darlan Harris, Tuesday at the Lewis Park Apartments' pool. Harris said the weather has been unbearable for him and his daughter lately. I used to live in Louisiana, though, so I guess I'm kind of used to the heat now," Harris said. According to The Weather Channel, temperatures are expected to stay in the low 90s for the remainder of the week. See page 2 for a 5 day weather forecast.

## Sunset Haven: a rich, mysterious history

**LAUREN LEONE** Daily Egyptian

Today, it is simply known as Building 207.

For years, various professional paranormal investigation groups have asked permission to enter the building owned by SIU, said Todd Sigler, director of the department for public safety.

But the answer has always been 'no," he said. "If we were to allow a ghost investigation on the property, that's just going to cause a spike in curiosity," he said.

Building 207, more commonly known as Sunset Haven, has a reputation for being haunted, said Michael Kleen, historian and author. Located south of campus, he said the building is hidden behind a veil of trees but appears on top of a hill at the end of the long driveway.

Hithink the thrill of being in a place at night, searching for paranormal activity, wanting to discover something, getting that tingle up your spine, is why people do this. Michael Kleen

eye on the building to make sure no one enters, Sigler said.

Although SIU police use the building for drills, it is not safe for the public, he said.

The Little Egypt Ghost Society, a paranormal investigation group, recently asked permission to investigate the building but was denied by both SIUC police and the Physical Plant.

Bruce Cline, the founder of the group, said the investigation would most likely prove the building isn't haunted. He said the majority of the group's members are skeptical of the paranormal.

"We usually try to find a logical

he said. "We debunk our own evidence."

The building was once home to the Jackson County Poor Farm where bankrupt people could go if they had nowhere else, he said.

It became Sunset Haven in the 1940s, serving as a nursing home until it closed in 1957. Although there have been rumors of the building being an insane asylum at one time, Kleen said it never

\*Because of the nature of nursing homes and private care facilities, many people living there did suffer from mental illness," Kleen said.

... Campus police have a constant ... explanation for what is going on." ...... I'm sure there were plenty of

times when Sunset Haven (the nursing home) seemed like an insane asylum for the people living

historian and author

SIU purchased the building after the nursing home closed, and turned it in to the Museum Research Corporation. Sometime later it became the Vivarium Annex and was used by the university for animal research, Kleen said.

This atmosphere lent itself to rumors of medical experiments gone awry," Kleen said.

Sunset Haven's reputation has caused many locals to illegally enter the building. It has long been a proving ground for local teens and college students, Kleen sald.

Sunset Haven is Interesting because it has so many layers of history and its atmosphere just lends itself to spooky tales," he

Increasing its reputation for being haunting, two cemeteries surround the building with multiple unmarked graves, Cline

In the 1970s, SIU tried to place names with all the unmarked graves and were able to name 86 of the burials, Cline said.

"All you'll find are indentations in the ground, he said.

The graves are marked "tramp", "veteran" or "insane", idlot. common titles for those who died in the poor house.

Cline sald paranormal investigation is not all about seances and Ouija boards - it's about research.

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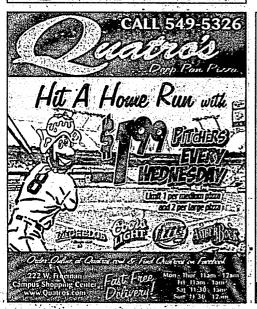


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#### MAD for Animals

- Six bands will play and light
- refreshments will be provided. 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Turley Park
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- will be given to the benefit of animals.

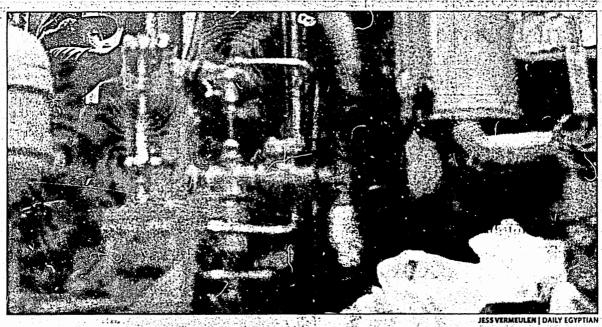
#### The Laramie Project Auditions

- · A re-enactment of interviews with residents of Laramie, Wyoming
- 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday and Tuesday and Aug. 23; 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Varsity Center for the Arts
- Presented by The Stage Co. · Carbondale show is Oct. 8.9.10.15.16.17

#### SIU vs. U of I

- There will be a SIU football gam against U of I at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 in Champaign
- Bus will load at Fashank Insurance/ Immanual Lutheran Church parking lot on Walnut Street in Murphysboro.
- The bus will leave at approximately 1 p.m. Bus fare/ticket is \$65.
- If interested, please contact Darrell Ewbank at 687-1921.





CHILLER CAUSES HEAT WAVE Harry Diggs, of St. Louis, works to repair the 3,500 ton centrifigal chiller Tuesday in the basement of Neckers Building. The chiller stopped working Monday due to collapsed oil filters which resulted in the destruction of metal bearings. As a result of the damage, the air conditioning compressor stopped delivering air to 11 buildings on campus, including the Student Recreation Center, SIU Arena and Faner Hall. "We had high hopes the air conditioning would be orking by (Tuesday) morning," said Dave Degenhardt, a mechanic repairing the damage. Repairs are expected to be completed before Thursday.

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JUNEAU — A float plane carrying former Sen. Ted Stevens, and ex-NASA the Sean Offseth crashed into a remote mount; and the in Nasia, stilling the longrime senator and focu others, authorities said Tuesday.

Offsete and his teernage son survived the carsh with broken, boxes and other injuries, said former NASA spokesman. Glenn. Mahone. The Offsete's spent Monday night on the prountals with, several valunteers who discovered the virectories and tended to the hipfixed furth recovers anthred Tuesday morning.

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And with Sunset Haven's rich history, the group wanted to find out the truth, he said.

Kleen said he has researched haunted locations all over the Midwest, but Sunset Haven is one of the creeplest places he has ever been.

Its forbidden nature only adds to its allure, he said.

"I think the thrill of being in a place at night, searching for paranormal activity, wanting to discover something, getting that tingle up your spine, is why people do this, Kleen se'd.

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# Bears beef up backfield with free agency additions

The Associated Press

BOURBONNAIS - Many running backs would be a little anxious if their team signed another proven back during free agency.

Not Matt Forte. The Chicago Bears back has welcomed the addition of former Minnesota Vikings back Chester Taylor as needed relief, the kind he could have used during a forgettable 2009

"He's a good guy and easy to get along with, and he's a good running back," Forte said. "So when he comes in there's no really drop-off in talent."

Last year, Forte suffered a knee ligament sprain in Week 3 against the Scattle Scahawks after getting over an offseason humstring pull that had slowed him in preseason. Forte said little publicly about the injury, and continued carrying the ball on the way to a disappointing 929 yards and 3.6 yards-per-CATTY INTERIOR

You have to play through injuries," Forte said. "This is the NFL People get injured."

Forte didn't merely play through the injury. He finished his first two seasons with 694 combined carries and receptions, a team record. Now Farte acknowledges the 309-yard drop in rushing rom .

his 1,238-yard rookie season had a great deal to do with the knee injury, which required offseason arthroscopic surgery to repair.

"When you can't make the type of cuts that you want to and burst, that really hampers your running style," Forte said. "And with my running style, there are a lot of power cuts and acceleration. Once your acceleration is down, your level is not going to be where you want it to be.

Coach Lovie Smith says he sees the 2008 ralthy, faster version of Forte this year.

You want to play at your best, but a running back in the league carrying the ball as many times as the Chicago Bears tailback will carry, you need to be in tiptop shape," Smith said. "He's there, he's focused. He's put himself in a position where he deserves to have a good year by the way he has

Having Taylor could help keep Forte from bearing too much of the offensive burden.

"It works for Matt because Matt wants to be the best and he's got somebody pushing him, trying to take some of his reps so he's going to push," running backs coach Tim Spencer said. "And Chester wants to gets reps. he deserves to get reps so it's a good, healthy competition."

#### PRACTICE

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lunior center Bryan Boemer said the offensive line has come together despite the loss of three starters. He said it is tough being outside in the severe heat but it helps build team chemistry.

"All we can do is grind through these practices and cet what we can done." Boemer said.

He said the first practice in the new stadium was much different than practice at McAndrew Stadium.

"It was awesome," Boemer said. "After the practice we went back into the locker rooms and that's all we could talk about for the next 30 minutes."

Senior Korey Lindsey said the team is excited to be out playing football again and working hard. He said practices have become smoother and the team has started to develop a bend.

We're getting back into the flow of things and the team seems happy to be back out here playing again," Lindsey said. "There was some struggling today with having pads on, but I assume guys will come back out with better intensity tomorrow here for the two-a-days"

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#### COLUMN

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Out of the two teams, Cincinnati has played more consistent baseball and has boasted a 7-3 record in its last 10 games, compared to the 6-4 record of St. Louis. However, there is plenty of time for it to change because the Reds also have a tough schedule ahead of them as they face Florida, Arizona and Los Angeles in consecutive series.

Cincinnati has a great batting lineup with Joey Votto, Scott Rolen and newly acquired Jim Edmonds, but the pitching is still a little shaky with Bronson Arroyo, Johnny Cueto and Mike Leake, as they all have an ERA well above 3.00. St. Louis starters Chris Carpenter, Adam Wainwright, and Jaime Garcia all have an ERA under 3.00.

While Cincinnati has been more consistent lately, it has a tougher schedule coming up and an average pitching staff. St. Louis fans should not lose too much sleep over the close race. With Dusty Baker managing the Reds and the lack of solid pitching. Cincinnati is sure to give up first place to St. Louis in weeks ahead.

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#### 15 MINUTES

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DE: Where is your favorite place to eat in Carbondale?

JB: Dimaggio's Pizza, it's something different

DE: What is your favorite sport besides basketball?

IB: Football. I played every sport growing up, but it would be football.

DE: Who is the funniest player on the SIU basketball team?

IB: Kendal Brown-Surles - my room-

mate - has me laughing all the time. DE: If you're not in class or on the court,

what are you doing in your free time? IB: I make R&B and rap music, and during the season I model. I try to stay busy; it keeps me out of trouble."

DE: Who is your early pick to win the NRA Championship?

JB: The Miami Heat. I want to see if they can pull it out in the first year with the nev team. I hope it's not the Lakers — anybody but them.

DE: When your done playing basketball and your child or grandchild asks 536-3311 ext. 269. you to tell them something about basket-



**Justin Bocot** men's basketball senior guard

ball, what is going to be the first thing you tell them?

JB: Girls can play basketball, too. My dad wasn't around and didn't play much but my aunties played. I grew up playing with them. My auntie Silvia took me to the courts everyday. She still beats me in HORSE.

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Ryan Voyles, Campus Editor -

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Be careful to not mislead readers

I find myself deeply concerned by the headline for the front-page story on Aug. 3 describing the financial situation at SIUC.

Among the many potential implications is the notion that SIUC will close come the beginning of November. This is without grounds based on the quoted information as reported for Rod Sievers. In fact, additional avenues for financial resources are clearly specified.

This type of reporting is misleading, coun-

ter-productive and irresponsible. Raising such fears may cause students (and parents) to reconsider enrollment for the fall. Enrollment reductions will only contribute to our financial difficuities. Although I can appreciate the desire and effort to disseminate information, I feel it should be done in a more accurate and responsible manner.

> Mary Louise Cashel associate professor of psychology

#### No alcohol needed in new stadium

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to be a part of those who oppose the selling of alcohol in the new stadium. Selling alcohol, even on a limited basis, opens a door that will be hard to monitor.

Why must we continue to make it easier and cultivate the bad habit of consuming alcohol? Our school already has achieved a reputation of being a party school so why should we further validate this point? It is not as though alcohol is not already being accommodated in Carbondale

in several ways so why can't we just leave sports/ te tainment out of the equation?

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However, if alcohol is allowed. I think it will be big mistake. To me, it will be like comparing it to the old saying that going down a one-way street the wrong way will always lead to disaster, and it doesn't matter how educated you are or how broadminded you may be, the end result is the same.

> A. Lynn Biggs Carbondale resident

#### Thanks for great camp

DEAR EDITOR:

Last week a truly amazing group of young women participated in a unique experience on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Faculty from the departments of cinema-photograpny and radio-television and the School of Journalism volunteered their time, energy and considerable talents to offer girls from all over the state of Illinois (and Detroit, Mich.) the opportunity to be part of the very first Girls Make Movies Camp.

The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts would like to thank everyone involved, especially SIUC faculty members Angela Aguayo, Susan Felleman, Sarah Lewison, Anita Stoner, Jan Thompson, Michele Torre and Deborah Tudor; SIUC alumnus and Hollywood producer Liz Ralston; graduate students Dasha Bondareva, Victoria Carter and Dan Elgin; cinema major Danielle Williamson; WSIU Broadcasting Service and the many SIUC staff members who went above and beyond their normal duties to sixist in this effort.

V/e are especially appreciative of Mr. Dennis Lyle and the Illinois Broadcasters

Association for providing the grant funds that enabled us to offer this experience at very low cost to campers, and to the folks at Flyaway Farm and Dayshift Boutique who permitted the girls to interview and

Finally, our thanks to the campers for. giving this experience their all, and for learning more not only about the moving image, but about themselves.

> Clare Mitchell assistant dean of student affairs for MCMA

#### Unfair attacks to northeast residents

DEAR EDITOR:

As I was reading the Aug. 3 DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial page, in particular the letter from Pawel Sawicki, I began to take offense to the material and tone of the letter. Not all of the residents of the northeast side are skeptical of city services or of government. Some of us support our community and are very proud of the fact of where we were born and raised and take pride in our community. So the next time Mr. Sawicki decides to belittle, defame and derogate an entire race and community based on his contact with a small percentage, he should take time to open his eyes and mind.

> Steven Havnes City Councilman

#### **GUEST COLUMN**

### Northeast residents important part of community

JAMES & SANDRA MCKINLEY Carbondale residents

On subsequent weeks, the DAILY EGYPTIAN'S editor has published letters that purport to show the identifiable characteristics of persons who live on the northeast side

Ms. Niemeyer and Mr. Sawicki have described residents as 'lazy', 'threatening' and 'persons who need to be coddled by the city government. These "correspondents" - who indicate being volunteers who are members of Keep Carbondale Beautiful - do not indicate where, how, nor when they were harassed.

The northeast side of Carbondale is an area stretching from Main Street to Koppers Tie Plant on the north, and from Illinois Avenue to east of Wall Street. Ninety percent of the residents live in single-family homes and families occupy many of them with both parents present and who work full-time jobs. There are many churches, a city park and an elementary in school in this "area."

Ms. Niemeyer, in the article "Residents of northeast side skeptical of city services, said the northeast side has been designated as a 'public housing area'. Where did she see that designation? There are several small public housing units on the northeast side: two on East Oak Street; one on East Chestnut Street: one on East Birch Street and one on East Fisher Street. These in no way comprise the northeast side.

Ms. Rasp of Keep Carbondale Beautiful was quoted as saying efforts were made to clean up the area. What area? Where in the area and how was it different (worse) than other areas in the city? Have you been on the northwest or southeast sides lately?

Many residents who live on the northeast side work for SIUC, the city of Carbondale, the public school systems, and the state and federal correctional systems. There are graduates of SIUC and other universities - some with Ph.D.s and other advanced degrees - preachers, teachers, law enforcement officers, business owners and other occupations. We own property on the northeast side and have family and friends who live there and our families have lived there for generations.

The city does have an obligation to provide essential services to all areas, and all areas of Carbondale need extra attention from time to time. All citizens have the right to expect this focus, no matter where they live. We too pay taxes Mr. Sawicki, probably more

Like any community, there are some "sore" spots, which need solutions, not a tarring of the entire population because you report being harassed while on a mission to help those who are "too lazy" to clean up after themselves. It would be interesting to know where these incidents happened, how many times they happened and what you did when they occurred.

Quoting an ever-popular workplace kitchen sign indicates to me just where your head and heart are.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Chicago strengthens backfield

#### **FOOTBALL**

# Salukis sweat it out in two-a-days

RYAN SIMONIN Daily Egyptian

The SIU football team is already kicking up the intensity of its 2010

The team will start two-a-day practices at 9:15 a.m. today and continuing with an afternoon practice at 3:15 p.m.

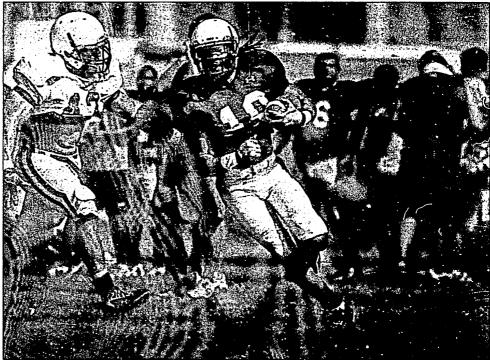
Head coach Dale Lennon said the five-day acclimatization period was harsh considering the high temperatures, but it was a success.

"I have heard this is one of the hotter weeks that a lot of people remember, which has been a challenge, but overall I think the team handled it pretty well," Lennon said. "We are trying to be smart and to not put anybody at risk by doing all the little things, like breaks and making sure they get water."

Lennon said the team has taken snaps and run plays to prepare the offense and defense for the season. He said the feeling is different within the team because there are fewer upperclassmen returning this

"Last year we had a lot of experience and this year we have experience, but we also got some young players coming in," Lennon said. "The young players bring enthusiasm, which is nething that is a little more genuine and it is something that is contagious."

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scripted plays Tuesday on the practice field south of Saluki Stadium. first scrimmage game will be from 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m Aug. 12.

The football team begins two-a-day practice sessions today. Their

#### STAFF COLUMN

# St. Louis ready to surge to first in division



tional League Central Division is home to one of the hottest first-place battles in all of

baseball and it is sure to keep fans hanging on to the edge of their seats for the next

The battle between St. Louis and

Cincinnati is nothing new this year as both teams have experienced ups and downs in the standings, but now time and consistency have become major factors.

With less than two months remaining before playoffs start in October, which team has the guts and glory to capture the National League Central Division?

After beating Cincinnati on Monday in the opener of one of the biggest series this season, St. Louis shows signs of resurgence as it pulled within one game of firstplace Cincinnati, but St. Louis has an abundance of work to do this week. After playing Cincinnati, St. Louis has to play the Chicago Cubs, a team the Cardinals cannot seem to win a series egainst. Last time out, St. Louis must have forgotten the bats at home because the hitting performance was dismal. If St. Louis is going to take the lead in the division it is going to have to sweep Cincinnati and Chicago or at least take two out of three games in both series.

St. Louis has to have more hitting production from its middle infielders if it wants to make a stab at first place. Second baseman Skip Schumaker and shortstop Brendan Ryan have to start consistently hitting the ball

as they have a batting average of .260 and .220, respectively. St. Louis is also hurting physically as they have six players on the 15day disabled list with the recent addition of reliever Jason Motte. This is a big problem because St. Louis must rely heavily on inexperienced players.

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#### Men's Basketball



### with: **Justin Bocot**

Daily Egyptian

The DAILY EGYPTIAN caught up with SIU basketball guard Justin.

- one of five seniors on the revamped Saluki ream.

The Bloomington native scored double figures in 13 games last season; and, was, ranked No., 12 ... gone for the Salukis?

in three-point shooting in the Missouri Valley Conference. He played in all, of the Salukis' 30 games, averaging nine points and four rebounds during 26 minutes per game.

Bocot talked about the Salukis, professional basketball and what he will tell people about basketball when he is older.

DE: How has the off-season

JB: It went well. We worked out with the football team, which gave us motivation in the weight room; they're big guys. No one was complaining; we did it.

DE: What kind of impact will the new recruits have on the team this season?

JB: A lot of impact, every player down the line brings something different to the table. The new

the rest of us to work harder.

DE: Who is your favorite current NBA player? All-Time?

IB: I'm a LeBron fan, even though a lot of people are criticizing him. I wasn't a Cleveland fan, just LeBron. I like Kobe, but I hate the Lakers, Michael Iordan is my favorite player of all-time.

people want to play, so they push . . Please see 15 MINUTES | 5 ......