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Student assaulted near Campus Lake

Victim says suspect was naked, wearing only socks

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An SIUC student reported to campus police she was sexually assaulted around 11:30 p.m. Monday near Campus Lake by a naked man who was wearing only white socks.

According to SIUC Police, the female victim said she was jogging on a path just west of the beach house at Campus Lake when the suspect attacked her. She said the suspect grabbed her around the waist with both of his arms and carried her a short distance before she struggled

out of his arm lock and ran free. SIUC Police Capt. Todd Sigler said because the area of the alleged assault was very dark at the time of the incident, the victim could only describe the suspect as a naked white man.

"Having something like that happen to you can be very traumatic," Sigler said. "It's also very dark in that area. Lighting is very limited. In some places, it's very difficult to see very far in front of you. I would think the combination of the stressful event and the darkness really hindered her ability to come up with a helpful description."

The victim did indicate to police that two people in a car parked near Thompson Point saw her shortly after the alleged attack.

One of the witnesses, who wished to remain

anonymous, said she did not know about the assault until she saw the victim running toward the car and never saw the alleged attacker. "She ran up to the car and banged on the side windows," the witness said. "She was very stressed and emotional."

"There really isn't anything else to go on," Sigler said. "She was re-interviewed the following day to try to help develop more of a description. Unfortunately, that's all she was able to provide."

The sexual assault is the first reported on campus since an 18-year-old female SIUC student said she was raped Oct. 17 in her Mae Smith Hall dorm room. The victim did not

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Dean supporters meet at SIUC

Student Center Group wants to gain local support, to travel to Iowa

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As voters in Iowa and New Hampshire prepare for upcoming caucuses in late January, Citizens for America are campaigning for Howard Dean's presidential race across the nation, including in Carbondale.

Fighting the SIUC basketball game, nine Dean supporters met Wednesday at the Student Center as part of Dean's national meet-up the first Wednesday of each month. Despite the minimal turnout, their concern was strong — how to continue to gain widespread support for Dean.

"I got interested in Dean back in the single digits," said Jonathan Koren, president of Dean's Carbondale constituency.

While their efforts on campus have only begun, Koren said attempts at getting students involved will continue through Election Day. He is working on his first campaign and said he got involved because he could relate to what Dean said.

The group made it clear it had intentions on not only getting student involvement but community involvement as well. As the empty seats were enough evidence, they discussed the possibility of not having an informative table during SIU basketball games and high-profile community events.

There was also discussion of leaving Dean literature at coffeehouses throughout the area. But the Carbondale members also spoke about traveling to Iowa, as a way to extend their campaigning to persuade voters to vote for Dean March 16 in the Illinois primary election.

They will knock on doors and spread the pledged support the man they believe is the best candidate to battle current President George W. Bush. But before they leave, they are scribbling handwritten letters to registered voters in Iowa to promote Dean.

Lara Hughes, Carbondale meet-up chairwoman and local resident, sat wearing her navy blue Howard Dean hat. She said she got involved in campaigning during her college years in the 1980s when John Anders was running.

"I strongly believe in Howard Dean because he's honest and direct; he's very different than most politicians," Hughes said. "He does not answer by using political rhetoric." She has been a Dean supporter since July, when she first heard he was running for president.

"The conservative movement in this country is trying to pigeonhole him as a radical left-wing Liberal, and he's not," Hughes said. "He's critical of Bush where Bush is most vulnerable, which is his unilateral view of decision-making and unilateral view of the world."

Carbondale's meet-up group will have its next meeting Jan. 7 and is planning to travel to Iowa during that month.

"Let's go up for a long weekend and do some work," Hughes said.



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David Conrad, a member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2506, can't help but smile as he receives a check for \$8,206 from the Carbondale Main Street to assist in the funding of the Veterans Memorial Wall Wednesday afternoon. The memorial will be located in the Town Square and construction is scheduled to start in the spring.

VFW receives funding assistance for wall

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Carbondale veterans received not only a boost in funding Wednesday afternoon but also recognition from the city.

Carbondale Main Street presented the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2506 with a check in the amount of \$8,206 to assist in the funding of the Veterans Memorial Wall.

"The memorial wall will be a constant and

enduring reminder of what our veterans have given," said Craig Reeves, Main Street director, during the presentation.

"If Carbondale is the capital of Southern Illinois, then the town square is the center of the capital," he said.

Reeves said more than 20,000 drivers would see the future memorial every day as they drive past town square.

VFW Commander Harry Schauwecker thanked Main Street for the financial assistance.

"We are really proud to be part of Town Square," Schauwecker said. "We are really excited to see the area grow."

On Oct. 21, the Carbondale City Council unanimously approved the plans for the 18-foot-wide and 3 1/2-foot-tall Veterans Memorial Plaza wall. Two weeks later, the Carbondale City Council postponed the VFW's pre-application request until all

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Suspects missing in two separate robberies of delivery drivers

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A pizza deliveryman lost more than his share of tips after an armed robbery Tuesday.

Police responded to a call of a man being beaten at 9:45 p.m. on a lot at 701 S. Wall St. No one was at the scene when police arrived, but a representative from Quatro's Deep Pan Pizza, 2188 W. Freeman St., reported to police that one of their deliverymen was robbed at that location.

A Quatro's manager would not comment on the incident but did say that the deliveryman was "fine."

The victim reported to police he was returning to his car after a pizza delivery when two unidentified men stepped out from behind a van and sprayed him with mace. They demanded money, and when the victim tried to flee, he was struck with a baseball bat. The two men reportedly took his pizza money and wallet.

Police describe the suspects as two white males in their 20s, about six feet

tall and weighing between 180 and 200 pounds. They were both reported to be wearing ski masks and dark clothing. The total loss has not been estimated.

Carbondale Officer Dan Reed said this has been the second incident in the past week involving an armed robbery and a pizza delivery driver.

A Domino's pizza deliveryman was robbed at 9:20 p.m. Sunday at 230 S. Hansman St. Reed said the driver reportedly was called to a "bogus" delivery and was approached by two

men with handguns.

Police describe the men as two black males, both about 5-foot-10 with slender yet muscular builds. They were wearing items similar to bandanas to cover their faces, police said. Pizzas and money were reportedly taken from the delivery driver.

Cases of deliverymen being robbed in Carbondale are not unusual.

About one year ago, a Jimmy John's delivery driver was allegedly threatened at gunpoint and robbed.

The suspects in that case were caught after leaving their footprints in recently fallen snow.

In November 2001, a Papa John's driver was allegedly robbed in an area trailer park after a resident accused the driver of short-changing him. (The resident allegedly threatened bodily harm and took money and pizzas from the driver.)

In September 2000, two men allegedly robbed another Papa John's delivery driver at gunpoint, taking cash and pizzas.

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For further information regarding this coverage, please refer to the "2003/2004 Extended Medical Care Benefit Plan Brochure" or visit the SHP web page at WWW.siu.edu/~shp. The Student Medical Benefit Office (student insurance) is located at Room 118, Kesnar Hall or can be reached via phone at 453-4413.



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NATIONAL NEWS

Workers found dead at construction site

PATASKALA, Ohio (CNN) — Three workers were found dead Monday in a house under construction, where they had spent the night to get an early start on the job, authorities said. A fire chief said carbon monoxide poisoning was suspected.

West Licking fire Chief Jim Weber said a kerosene heater was out of fuel in the unfinished room where the men were found wearing winter coats, and the only vent was an open window in the basement.

A fourth worker was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Firefighters received a 911 call reporting four people were, possibly frozen in a room of a house in the new subdivision about 17 miles east of Columbus, where temperatures dipped to 52 degrees overnight.

Only one of the men, who were in their late 20s to early 30s, was authorized to work on the house, Pataskala police Chief Chris Forshey said. That worker, a drywall installer, was among the dead.

Authorities said two of the men had identification cards saying they were from Mexico.

Groups sue to change name of 'Jap Road'

DALLAS, Texas (CNN) — Several civil rights groups filed a discrimination complaint Tuesday trying to get a small community in southeast Texas to remove a racial slur from its city maps by changing the name of its "Jap Road."

The Anti-Defamation League, Japanese American Citizens League and others filed a discrimination complaint on behalf of two Japanese-Americans with two U.S. government agencies asking for them to suspend paying federal tax dollars to Jefferson County in Texas until the county renames Jap Road.

The three-mile stretch of road in Fannett, near Beaumont, has been around for about 100 years. It was named to honor a Japanese family that moved to the area and helped introduce the region to rice farming.

Over the years, the name has remained the same but the meaning of "Jap" has changed to become a racial slur.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saudi royals targeted in foiled car bombing

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (KRT) — Members of a suspected al Qaeda cell that plotted a foiled car bombing last week were planning to kill senior members of the Saudi royal family and also had staked out a Western-style residential compound, according to U.S. and Saudi intelligence officials.

The disclosures came amid new fears of terrorist violence in Saudi Arabia, already rocked by bombing attacks that have killed more than 50.

American Embassy officials warned Tuesday that the Seder Village residential compound in eastern Riyadh remained a target. Saudi security forces uncovered a videotape of the compound after the raid Nov. 25 that disrupted the car-bombing plot.

U.S. and Saudi intelligence officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, stressed that the targets of the attack were top members of the Saudi monarchy — not the compound. Militants had rigged a disguised truck with 2,000 pounds of explosives before security forces stormed their rented hideout. Two suspects were killed but others escaped.

Clark to testify in secret

LONDON (KRT) — The Bush administration has imposed heavy secrecy and censorship measures on the testimony of retired Gen. Wesley Clark, the former NATO commander seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, when he takes the stand later this month at the war crimes trial of Slobodan Milosevic.

The administration's action will blunt the drama of what many expected to be a crucial moment in Milosevic's lengthy trial and perhaps one of the defining moments in the presidential campaign of Clark, who defeated the Yugoslav leader in the Kosovo campaign.

At the insistence of State Department's legal office, the courtroom's public gallery will be cleared when Clark is called to testify Dec. 15 and 16 in The Hague. Cameras that normally broadcast the proceedings on closed circuit television and the Internet will be blacked out.

There also will be a 48-hour delay on the release of the trial transcript that will enable State Department lawyers to examine Clark's testimony and request the deletion of portions that they deem harmful to national interests. U.N. prosecutors are unhappy with the arrangement, but said they had little choice but to accept if they wanted Clark's testimony.

Today

High 46
Low 35

Showers.



Five-day Forecast

Friday	Snow showers	40/26
Saturday	Mostly sunny	44/19
Sunday	Mostly sunny	44/26
Monday	Mostly sunny	45/35
Tuesday	Showers	48/36

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Average high:	48
Average low:	29
Thursday's hi/low:	72/12

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POLICE REPORTS

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A debit/ATM card was reported stolen between Nov. 16 and Nov. 18 from Allen J. Police said \$109 was taken from the account. There are no suspects.

Carbondale

A residential burglary reportedly occurred between 8:30 a.m. Nov. 21 and 12:30 p.m. Monday on the 1200 block of East Grand Avenue. Several DVD movies were reported missing. Police have no suspects.

Michael Balla, 21, of 7778 W. Monroe St. in Forest Park, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery at 1:26 a.m. Wednesday on the 100 block of West College Street. He was arrested after he threw rocks at the manager, aouncer and patrons of Sidekick's Bar and Grill on 101 W. College St. Police said Balla tried to kick out a squad car window. He was taken to and remains in the Jackson County Jail.

CALENDAR

Today

International Student Council and International Programs International Forum: How open are our borders? 3 p.m.

Kaskaskia room in the Student Center.

Saturday

Voices of Inspiration's Fall Concert 3 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom D 55 /this/pt

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Christmas Nativity Open House 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Governor to limit state business with 5 drug companies

Blagojevich to continue lobbying for lower-cost prescription drugs

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich showed his disapproval of U.S. drug companies limiting supplies to Canada when he announced last week the state would look into alternative drug supply options.

Blagojevich said he believes five major drug companies — AstraZeneca, Eli Lilly, GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer and Wyeth — have attempted to stop American consumers from crossing the border to purchase their drugs.

Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich, said the governor hopes to send a clear message to drug companies: you cannot cheat consumers in Illinois.

"He wants the companies to know that they can't muscle our consumers and cut off one of the few options for a lot of people who need to find lower-price drugs," Ottenhoff said. "This is the governor's way of letting them know that we're not going to just sit back and let them treat consumers the way they are."

The governor asked the Pharmacy and Therapeutics committees from 12 state-sponsored managed programs to find alternative drugs for those provided by those companies.

In addition to the nine managed programs, there is a non-managed care plan that serves both state and retired employees. The alternative drugs will be provided at the lowest co-payment price, while the brand-name drugs made by the companies that restrict Canadian sales will be

offered at the highest co-payment level.

The Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Department of Human Services have preferred drug lists as well. Drugs replaced by safe alternatives will not be covered unless the physician gets approval from the health plan.

The committees must report their alternative suggestions to the two-member task force appointed by the governor within 45 days. The task force will then make a final decision on which drugs will be replaced.

The U.S. Senate passed a new Medicare drug package with a 55-44 vote, and President George W. Bush has vowed to sign the legislation into law, which will be the first makeover the program has seen since it was created almost 40 years ago.

Beginning next year, seniors can save anywhere from 10 percent to 25 percent on prescription drugs purchased with the new prescription drug card.

The cards would be in use until 2006 when a long-term plan goes into effect.

Illinois announced a similar prescription-buying club this summer that will save seniors, regardless of their income bracket, at least 20 percent on prescription drug costs.

Ottenhoff said the governor was very disappointed the U.S. House did not pass a previous version of the Medicare bill, which included a provision for importing drugs, and will continue to lobby for lower-cost prescription drugs.

"We're very excited about being able to offer seniors some much-needed help, but in the long run, this doesn't address the fact that we are still paying the highest drug prices in the world," she said. "That's the heart of the problem. And the new Medicare bill fails to address that."

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— Abby Ottenhoff, spokeswoman for Blagojevich

Students in HED 434 get crash course in training exercise

Advanced first aid class uses simulated disaster for final exam

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Peggy Wilken gives students in her advanced first aid class a final exam that is drastically different from most — creating real-life situations to test their abilities.

Wilken, clinical assistant and professor of health education, simulates disasters to test the skills of her students.

"As paramedics, you have to demonstrate your skills as well as have knowledge of the area," Wilken said. "It's OK if you know it, but you have to show it."

Wilken has been doing this for seven years, and in previous years, she has simulated mock plane crashes, school shootings and school bus accidents.

Thursday, Wilken is staging a methamphetamine laboratory explosion at the building known as Sunset Haven, 2775 Chautauqua Road.

The SIUC Police Department's Tactical Response Team, Dowell firefighters and an ARCH Air Medical Service helicopter and crew will also be participating.

Members of the SIUC police team will enter the house and secure it before the students begin searching and rescuing live victims, who will have injuries made up by make-up artists.

Cpl. Kenneth Sneed of the Department of Public Safety said members of the SIUC police team will be role players serving a search warrant.

During the course of serving the search warrant, there will be an explosion, and victims will have sustained injuries corresponding to their position in the house at the time of the explosion.

Sneed said a flash bang device will be used to stun the suspects and give the tactical team a chance to apprehend them.

"It's a device that they have been trained to use," Sneed said. "It's designed to have a very bright flash and a loud explosion."

Sneed said the flash bang is not designed to cause any damage and

is similar to shining a flashlight in someone's eye.

After the scene has been secured, students, who will be put in four groups with three members, will come in to evaluate and treat the victims' injuries.

"The idea is to have it as real as possible," Wilken said. "It's training for students, the fire department and the SWAT team."

Wilken said one student, who is now 27 years old and has been doing this type of training since he was 15, said her mock disasters were the toughest he had been through.

Students who pass will become first responders through the National Safety Council and the Illinois Department of Health. First responders are the medically trained personnel first to arrive on the scene of an accident.

"It's quite an extensive program, and our kids work extremely hard," Wilken said. "This is a life-threatening situation, and I want to make sure if they are working on you or me, they can deal with the situation; you only get one shot with somebody's life."

University Housing plans renovations

Additional housing possible for future

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For the majority of the year, the dorms are students' home away from home. With student requests in mind, University Housing prepares changes that will both directly and indirectly affect current SIUC students.

University Housing plans to make minor improvements to the resident halls for the spring semester along with more major changes over the summer for next fall.

University Housing also hopes to gain board approval from the college for a master plan, which will provide new housing on campus.

Lisa Schemonia, the associate director of Housing, said that for the most part business will continue as usual for next semester,

but several projects will continue progressing such as the building of a new entrance sign in front of University Park, an outside dining area at Lentz Hall and gates in front of Brush Towers to block off traffic in the circular drive.

More projects will occur over the summer. One of the largest changes will occur in Grinnell Hall.

Schemonia said the lower level of Grinnell Hall will be divided into several sections to include a study area, conference room and meeting area for large activities. A new ceiling, furniture and paint job will also be a part of the undertaking.

Two other renovations for the summer are electrical upgrades for Thompson Point and new elevators in Mac Smith.

"The electrical upgrades are something students have been wanting to happen, which will be much better than the outlets they have now," Schemonia said.

University Housing, the Resident Housing Association and a contracting firm are working together to form a master housing plan.

If the plan meets board approval, the construction will take place over a 15-year period and will accommodate an additional 2,000 students.

If the project is approved, Schemonia said the first University Apartments will be built on the corner of Wall and Grand streets. These will most likely be built by 2007.

Joe Robinson, the president of RHA, said he has attended meetings when the consulting firm was present, and the whole plan revolves around the "living-learning concept."

"Even though the master plan will not affect current students, the changes will be great for everyone," Robinson said. "It will be something to look forward to as loyal patrons."

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Alumni Member Appreciation Night to take place at Student Center

Reception to occur in conjunction with orchestra and chorus
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Members of the SIU Alumni Association will have the opportunity to socialize and attend a holiday program as part of the fifth Alumni Association Member Appreciation Night.

Member Appreciation Night begins with an eggnog reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner in the Old Main Room in the Student Center. Members will be treated to a dinner menu that includes a chicken rice dinner, vegetable salad, sugar snap peas, apple dumplings and tea.

Alumni members also have the opportunity to attend the holiday program, Christmas With The Mantovani Orchestra And Chorus, at 7:30 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium.

Robert Cherchio, director of Shryock Auditorium, said the Mantovani Orchestra

is always well-received and uses a technique that creates an interesting ripple sound through their strings.

"We try to vary our Christmas program, and we couldn't have found a better orchestra than Mantovani for this type of seasonal event," Cherchio said.

Edward Buerger, assistant director of the Alumni Association, said the association sponsors cultural events to reach out to those alumni who have a variety of interests and to encourage alumni and their families to return to campus.

The Alumni Association sponsors member appreciation events in conjunction with home football and basketball games but began offering member appreciation nights in conjunction with holiday programs in 1998 to increase its variety.

Greg Scott, director of alumni public relations, said it is important to provide activities for its members other than sporting events.

"You need to have diverse activities," Scott said. "A lot of times you see people at that event that you don't see at the basketball game, and then again you may see both."

Alumni members had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the dinner and concert for \$32. Concert tickets were \$22, and dinner-only tickets were \$10, which included a \$6 discount for Alumni Association members. Buerger said the allotment of tickets available to members for the dinner and the concert have sold out.

Scott said Alumni Member Appreciation Nights are well-received by those who attend.

"I've always had people come up to me and say, 'Thanks for offering this,'" Scott said. "When our alumni enjoy this event, I do as well. It's the holiday season, and it's an opportunity for everyone to come together for a holiday meal. It's kind of a nice way of getting to be in the spirit of things."

Doris Rottschalk, alumni association member and former president of the board of directors, said the main purpose of the event is to give alumni an opportunity to socialize with other alumni in the area.

"Alumni support our University in many ways," Rottschalk said. "We want to show them they are appreciated."

Market clerk's maintains secondary job as California State University system trustee

Marla Jo Fisher
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. (KRT) — Alex Lopez leans over and pulls out a lottery ticket from under the counter, then rings it up on the cash register — something he'll do dozens of times today. He's been at work for several hours now, after opening his family's tiny El Progreso market this morning at 8 on First Street. The market will stay open until 2 a.m., when Lopez's father will close it after selling a good supply of lottery tickets, beer, phone cards to Mexico and groceries to residents in this working-class Santa Ana neighborhood.

Few of the customers realize that the pleasant young man in the Cal State Fullerton sweatshirt is one of the most powerful college students in California.

Appointed by former Gov. Gray Davis in 2001, Lopez is the voting student trustee for the 23-campus California State University system, which means he makes decisions on behalf of more than 400,000 students.

As student trustee, Lopez spends about six days each month on CSU business, talking to CSU students around the state about various issues, attending board meetings and reading up on topics affecting the university system.

And every weekend, Lopez, 23, helps out at his parents' store, where he has spent much of his life since kindergarten.

"We even had Thanksgiving dinner here the other day," Lopez said, pointing to a line of boxes that formed a makeshift table. "We

always eat Christmas and holiday dinners here together so we can keep the store open."

A senior at Cal State Fullerton who spent two years as the Associated Student Body president, Lopez believes he can make a difference in the lives of students, particularly those who come from immigrant families like his.

His family valued education so much that his parents, originally from Guadalajara, Mexico, sacrificed financially to send their children to Mater Dei High School, a private Catholic school.

"None of the kids in my neighborhood went to college," Lopez said. "The talk around their dinner tables wasn't about how you did in school that day or how you're going to prepare for the SAT. It was about how the family was going to pay the rent."

Earlier this year, he was one of only three trustees to vote against raising student fees. And he is a voice that strongly opposes raising the minimum grades and test scores required to get into CSU, though that would be an easy solution to the enrollment crunch currently underway.

Currently, students in the top one-third of their high school classes with a B average are eligible for CSU.

Lopez himself said he only earned 1100 on his SAT and a B average — respectable but not stellar marks that wouldn't have qualified him to get into the top University of California campuses.

Lopez said he was helped by a California

State University outreach Educational Opportunity Program that would have its entire funding removed under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's midyear budget cuts.

"It's going to make a tremendous impact to have that cut," Lopez said. "The program helped both me and the other student trustee (Eric Guerra of Cal State Sacramento) whose parents are migrant farm workers."

The CSU program helps minority and low-income students by providing extra counseling and mentoring.

Lopez had no student government experience when he arrived at CSUF five years ago, but joining a fraternity and reactivating the campus Latino Business/Student Association helped him learn about campus politics. He got involved with the finance committee that runs the Associated Student Government's \$7 million annual budget and was then elected president.

Lopez said he got his work ethic from his father, Malaquias, who works 365 days a year, keeping the store open until 2 a.m. every morning.

He remembers hearing playground jibes like "Mexicans are lazy," and "You're dumb"; he encourages other Latino students to rise above the stereotypes.

Although he's planning a career in marketing when he graduates in June, Lopez said recently he's been thinking about someday owning a business. "I'd like to be a business leader in the community and be on some non-profit boards," Lopez said.

GPSC approves amended tuition plan

Dietz discussed proposed e-mail policy

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As the semester comes to a close, the Graduate and Professional Student Council worked to tie up some loose ends such as proposed tuition increases and e-mail policy.

GPSC President Amy Sileven said the University's proposition showed promise, but the council members voted against the University's policy to raise the tuition multiplier for international and nonresident students.

The graduate tuition increase proposed for 2005 would be 7.3 percent, while 2006 and 2007 increases would be 12.5 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

The University had indicated prior that the proposed increases would raise 16.5 percent for 2006 and 16.1 percent for 2007.

The University's plan also stated only non-resident students entering SIUC would pay the 2.5 times that of a resident student. Continuing non-resident students would remain paying only twice the tuition amount.

The GPSC approved to accept the proposed plan with the exception of the international and nonresident multiplier.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, addressed concerns GPSC had regarding a proposed electronic mail policy. The University drafted a policy in October that was designed in hopes to better communicate with SIUC students.

"We were looking into a faster, better quality and more reliable means of communication," Dietz said. The official SIUC student e-mail policy dictates students would receive an account from the University upon enrollment. The account, which could also be used for educational purposes, would provide a way for the administration to send important messages to SIUC students.

The policy also said the University would not have responsibility for unchecked messages.

Dietz said the increasing cost of postage was also a factor in drafting the policy.

GPSC disapproved of the draft for the policy at its Nov. 18 meeting, citing concerns of soliciting e-mails from outside advertisers and student accessibility to computers.

Dietz said he believed the only e-mail provider the University would accept is one distributed by SIUC.

"I would not think the institution would support anything other than the institution itself," he said.

Dietz said the concerns and questions of GPSC members would be seriously entertained on this issue.

Sileven suggested council members e-mail suggestions and possible alternatives to the e-mail policy at the council's Hotmail address. Any future legislation on this issue will be drafted for vote at a later meeting.

In regard to the tuition issue, she said she believed the University's new figures showed progress from earlier proposals.

"This indicates that they were at least willing to listen to our concerns and make their adjustments in their number of projections based on those, which maybe is the best we could have hoped for," Sileven said.

Birth control pill may become accessible in stores

Rachna Sheth
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration this month will consider making an emergency contraceptive pill often known as the "morning-after" pill available over-the-counter.

Two advisory committees to the FDA will meet Dec. 16 to discuss whether the drug Plan B should become available without a doctor's prescription.

The emergency contraception pills are currently only available by prescription. The pill must be taken within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse to reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancies by 75 percent, according to the FDA's website.

The Nonprescription Drugs and Reproductive Health Drugs advisory committees are made up of experts in various scientific and social fields that are not employed by the FDA.

Sherri Stodghill, the clinical manager of the women's health clinic at the University of Texas' University Health Services, says emer-

gency contraception is requested almost every day on campus despite its prescription status, but there would be benefits to making the pill available without a prescription.

"I think it is better to have it available over-the-counter, so that when women need it, it is available even to women who cannot go to the doctor because the office is closed or cannot afford a doctor's appointment," Stodghill says.

"Any disadvantages to having it available over-the-counter are far outweighed by the advantages — anything is better than [an unwanted] pregnancy."

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, an organization that promotes sexual and reproductive health, there were about 1.3 million abortions performed in the United States last year, some of which could have been prevented by the widespread availability of emergency contraception.

Opponents such as the Concerned Women for America stress the possible health risks of making the drug available over-the-counter.

"Our concern, especially with this drug becoming available over-the-counter, is there is no regulation on how often a person uses the

drug," says Rebecca Riggs, spokeswoman for the group. "Just because the government says ... this drug is legal doesn't mean it is safe."

Riggs says the drug has high levels of hormones which should not be unregulated — especially if a prescription is required for a normal daily dose of birth control. The group also has moral opposition to the drug, as it may encourage promiscuity, she says.

But proponents say increasing availability of the drug could help reduce abortions and unplanned pregnancies.

Planned Parenthood has been pushing to make the drug available over-the-counter for five years, says spokeswoman Danielle Tierney.

"In some way, emergency contraception is still a best-kept secret," Tierney says. "It's a safe, effective back-up birth control method. There really is no reason for it to be only by prescription."

Tierney says there is evidence that with widespread availability of the drug, abortions could be reduced to one-half of the current number due to the time-sensitive nature of the drug's effectiveness.

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— Larry Dietz
vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment

Russia says Kyoto treaty still under consideration

Alex Rodriguez
Chicago Tribune

MOSCOW (UPI)—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has said that the Kyoto climate pact is still under consideration. Putin said the pact is "not yet ready for signing" and that the government is still working on it. He said the pact is "not yet ready for signing" and that the government is still working on it.

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Bombers capable for more attacks

Dave Montgomery
Chicago Tribune

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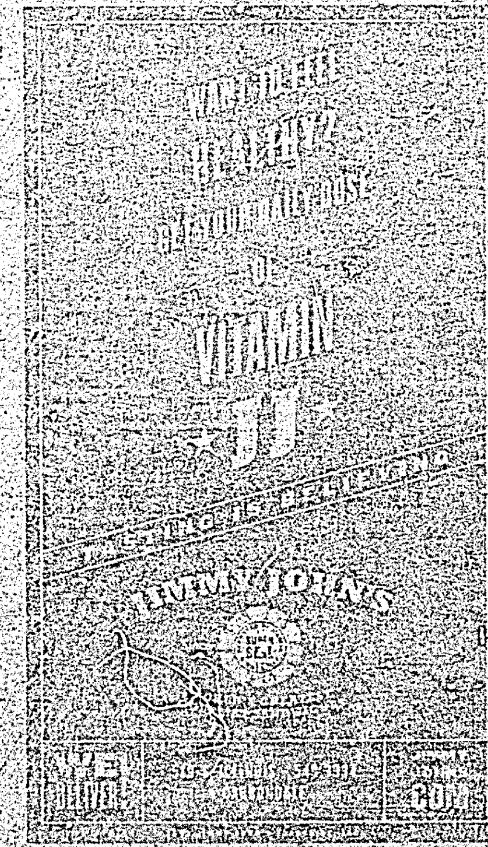
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OUR WORD

Munchy Man tradition should continue

A University tradition spanning four decades could become merely University history if the Munchy Man is forced to stop serving up slices between Brash Towers.

James Rockman, who is certainly better known on campus as the Munchy Man, received the equivalent of a pink slip from the University recently. A letter, which came as quite a surprise to Rockman, informed him that as of Dec. 31, his business would no longer be allowed to maintain its presence on campus.

Edward Jones, director of University Housing, said crowd control issues as the primary reason behind the proposal of his exile from campus property.

The University says the tradition, which James Rockman has continued in his father's legacy, may be discontinued from the currently vacant gas station on the corner of Wall and Grand streets.

But that, of course, is easier said than done. Rockman cannot just open shop on the private property of another. Rent, insurance and other details would make this a possible but expensive and complicated proposal for a man whose sole income comes from his evening food sales. But an expensive and complicated as it might be, businesses all over Carbondale are proving it is not impossible.

What is impossible, according to Carbondale County Clerk Janet Vaughn, is for Rockman to participate in sales on public property, as a Carbondale city ordinance prohibits it.

Another idea the University has offered Rockman is the revocation of a vendor's permit so he could deliver food on campus upon request. This is how many other food food vendors, such as Dunkin' and Jimmy John's, operate.

The Munchy Man tradition is one worth preserving

While we understand the University's reasoning behind the proposal to ban Rockman's vendors from selling on campus property, the Munchy Man tradition is one worth preserving. Although student crowds caused rockman's food stand to be taken down late evening hours, it is not the occasional problem, the sheer quantity of his presence must also be limiting.

It is not the nature of the students who purchase food from Rockman's stand that is the problem. While the possible cause of distribution may vary around the campus, the maintenance of his stand helps bring in more, but insurance is a problem from getting behind the vision to venture out for a bite to eat.

While many students do have the option of ordering from restaurants that deliver it is, however, that China Express does not deliver, nor does Papa John's, deliver pizza by the slice.

There has been some talk recently about allowing Rockman back on campus, and we certainly hope that is the final decision of the University. However, we do believe a compromise between Rockman and the University might be a fair compromise for both parties.

While Rockman's services do provide a clear benefit for students in Brash Towers, it seems fair that the University should recover some for the space he occupies. Students do not all get to park on campus property.

While other such a contract is a possible solution for the conflict, we want the University to be reminded of the large financial gets Rockman's family have given to SIUC. SIUC's new softball field is named in honor of Carbondale businessman Warren Rockman, James' father, because of his significant contribution to the softball program.

The University certainly needs to weigh the pros and cons of his presence and decide if the Rockman family tradition at SIUC is enough to allow his business to continue in its current form.

We think the benefits of maintaining a friendship between the University and the Rockman family clearly outweigh the "harm" his business's said to cause.



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COLUMNIST

My Thanksgiving break

Editor, Now Thanksgiving is looking forward to it, but Dan Kenning never got to 1500, but, although it will cost to be home to us, we'll try to get a little bit of it in. He is not in the DAILY EGYPTIAN, but we'll try to get a little bit of it in.

Well, Thanksgiving is here, and it's a day to be thankful for. I got to see a fake Santa in the Wall Mart parking lot. He was the kind you talk to about getting stuff he was asking you for stuff. He wanted money and lots of it. Then I saw another Santa driving a car in a car wash. That was funny. He said he would have to tell the real Santa about the car wash, because the day needs wash after Christmas and he's tired of doing it. I'd wash his slay for cheaper than the car wash.

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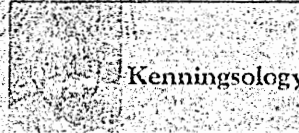
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I sent my dad a Christmas tree and presents to all his soldiers. My dad doesn't get to come home until every one gets to come home because the government is short a letter. He has a tree and lights and when Christmas comes Santa won't get him. He had white and blue like my tree. I'm going to remind Santa that there is a war and not to forget deployed soldiers. Does Santa have the power to declare a stop line? Maybe he knows Nato and can talk to him about ending the war. Maybe Nato can make the president bring the soldiers home. Some body has to be the president boss.

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Kenningsology

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Then Linda had to come borrow Matt's ladder so Tom could get down off the roof. We forgot he was up there. He was decorating the roof.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

66 In America, nothing dies easier than tradition

WORDS OVERHEARD

66 I thought we had been grandfathered in, but apparently not

Warren Baker
founder

James Rockman
also known as the Munchy Man,
on the 40-year tradition of the Munchy Man on campus

COLUMNISTS

SIU future in Santa's hands

While most of us are too busy with final papers, exams and preparation for the holidays to think about the future of the University, officials are working toward deciding tuition and fees for next year.

The Board of Trustees will vote on tuition and fees for next year in the next few months. If you care, you can come and help them make a good decision.

Here's some background: According to the SIU Fact Book, in 2001 tax money constituted 72.2 percent of the total funds needed to run the University. In 2004, the tax support to this public institution will drop to 64 percent.

Not that the state doesn't want to support education, but it depends on the federal level. On the federal level, other sectors, such as the military, have priority. Also, tax cuts seem to benefit the economy.

At the same time, the University needs to run normally and even plans growth, outlined in Southern at 150. Therefore, not only it has to find additional funding, but also it has to compensate the reduced state support. There are two options: find other sources of funding or increase tuition. As beneficiaries so wealthy and generous as the state are difficult to find, the University has been raising tuition.

Due to similar situations at many universities, the citizens have been unhappy and requested the state to take measures against the uncertainty families face when financing their children's education. The result of the complaints is a regulation obliging public universities to keep the tuition at the same level for four years for all new entering resident undergraduate students starting from fall 2004.

This regulation does not solve the problem, though. With it the state washes its hands and leaves the door open for the universities to explore any other funding option.

The SIUC administration proposes to increase 7.1 percent the tuition of the returning undergraduates, 15.9 percent that of the new undergraduates as it has to stay the same for four years.

Moreover, the revenue still does not seem to be enough.

According to the same proposal, all new non-resident students would have to pay two and a half times the tuition of the residents. Why would the state taxpayers care to support a diverse student population?

For the new undergraduates from out-of-state, this is a 45-percent increase. Then, hopefully, the revenue would be enough.

The uncertainty in the proposal is whether students could afford this increase, and if they could, whether they would



Eye on Earth

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choose to invest at SIU. Is there really going to be enough revenue?

The planned tuition increase obviously aims at changing student demographics.

The number of richer kids choosing SIU has to increase in order for the budget proposal to work. Do the University and the city have the image and the resources to meet the higher expectations of these richer kids? Can SIU afford in the long run whatever is needed to maintain the desired higher ranking?

While trying to attract richer students, would SIU continue to be "an affordable people's university"? Isn't there a danger that groups traditionally attending SIU, such as first generation, minority, disadvantaged and international students, who usually are not wealthy, would not feel welcome any more? In such a case, diversity would suffer.

For example, some programs, many of which are research-oriented, such as engineering and computer science, depend on international student enrollment. Without support and given the proposed increased tuition, international students are unlikely to choose SIU.

If SIU is not able to attract richer students and meanwhile loses its traditional students, total enrollment would drop dramatically.

What would an enrollment drop bring to the University, to the city businesses and to the region's economy and reputation? Terminate the dream of Southern at 150?

The main student bodies, USG, GPSC and ISC opposed the proposed tuition. Does this matter? Does anybody else have an opinion?

Let Santa bring a lot of wisdom to the Board of Trustees because their task is not an easy one. Also, let him make education a priority in people's minds and in decision-makers' agendas.

Those interested in what I had to say two weeks ago could find my unpublished column (my fault) on the DAILY EGYPTIAN website.

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How the Liberals stole Christmas



Political Hot Zone

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Although Christmas has been recognized by Congress as a federal holiday, some public schools around the nation have found the word "Christmas" to be so atrocious, that they had it removed from school calendars. Again, NewsMax.com reports that the ACLU (who else?) threatened to sue a school board in Covington, Ga., for placing the word "Christmas" on its school calendars.

England had established the Anglican Church as the official church of Britain. Americans were not too impressed with that idea, so when Thomas Jefferson spoke of a "separation of church and state" in a personal letter, he simply meant that CONGRESS (see the First Amendment) had no right to establish an official, nation-wide church. In no way does this imply that students cannot freely express their beliefs in a school. (On a side note, it also means that a judge can display the Ten Commandments in his courtroom if he so chooses. Is the judicial system the same as Congress?)

It is perfectly clear that in the cases cited above, these students' right to freely express their religious values were being blatantly violated by people who claim to support "religious tolerance." More than that, it is a violation of a person's right to free speech by preventing them from sharing their beliefs with others. It does not matter where a student chooses to share his or her beliefs; that includes a classroom.

The ACLU, who supports free speech for the North American Man-Boy Love Association (an organization of pedophiles) and the Ku Klux Klan, has attacked the rights of other citizens to celebrate Christmas. Hypocritical? You bet. And typical, I might add.

So if you see any hairy green creatures creeping around Whoville this Christmas, do not be alarmed; they may just be disgruntled Liberals.

Political Hot Zone appears every Thursday. Alex is a senior in microbiology. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTER

Privacy is American right

DEAR EDITOR:

I just read a letter by SIUC alumnus Andrew Felovich which was printed in Monday's edition of DAILY EGYPTIAN in which he states that there are no provisions in the U.S. Constitution that guarantee privacy.

Therefore, the ACLU's defense of the Roe v. Wade (1973) decision, on the grounds of privacy is irrelevant, and the ACLU makes constitutional arguments when the document is completely silent.

It should be noted that the Fourth, Ninth and 14th amendments to the Constitution have been interpreted to offer guarantees of the right of privacy.

This guarantee of privacy has been upheld in a number of Supreme Court cases, thus

creating common law provisions, in addition to legislative and constitutional law.

The Fourth Amendment, citizens are protected from unreasonable search and seizure.

The Ninth Amendment states that rights guaranteed by the Constitution will not disrepect other rights held by citizens.

The Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment guarantees that all citizens of the United States are entitled to equal protection under the law and shall not be denied the right to life, liberty or property without due process of law.

In Mapp v. Ohio (1961), it is noted that the Fourth Amendment creates a "... right to privacy, no less important than any other right carefully and particularly reserved to the people."

This decision makes the Ninth and 14th amendments relevant to the idea of privacy,

and was evoked by the court for the 1963 decision of Griswold v. Connecticut.

In the court's decision of Griswold, which tested the constitutionality of a Connecticut law that banned the use of contraceptives and was a basis for Roe v. Wade, Justice Douglas wrote in the majority opinion of the Constitutional issue of privacy, "The present case, then, concerns a relationship lying within the zone of privacy created by several fundamental constitutional guarantees."

In a more recent case that applied the Griswold precedent, Lawrence et al. v. Texas (2003), Justice Kennedy, writing for the majority, noted, "[I]n our tradition the State is not omnipresent in the home."

Justice Kennedy continued, "We conclude the case should be resolved by determining whether the petitioners were free as adults to engage in the private conduct in the exercise

of their liberty under the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution."

In the end, the Court reversed a decision that sexual conduct between consenting adults in the privacy of their own homes is not subject to the prosecution by the law whose jurisdiction the home is under and, in fact, is protected by the liberty provision of the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment.

So you see, Mr. Felovich, that privacy is, and has been, a right that the United States offers to its citizens through both constitutional law and common law.

And without much effort, you can easily find laws relating to privacy that are offered via legislative law (see the do-not-call registry).

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Amid chaos, life goes on in Israel

Laura Mehl & Jennifer Bauser
Washington Square News (New York U.)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writers attended the United Jewish Communities' General Assembly conference in Jerusalem in November. Here, they share their impressions on the conflicted region.

JERUSALEM (U-WIRE) — She put on three sets of gloves. With all the people she'd be helping, she wouldn't have time to put on another pair if they broke. She stepped out of the ambulance, ready to assess the scene.

Becca Goodman, a 20-year-old medic for Magen David Adom, Israel's National Emergency Medical Service, arrived at Cafe Hillel in Jerusalem's German Colony the night of Sept. 9, 2003, in the wake of chaos. A suicide bomber from Hamas, an Islamic fundamentalist movement, had just set off a bomb, killing six people and wounding more than 40.

She performed an amputation on one victim and moved on. When she couldn't save the next person, she knew she had no time to waste, immediately looking for more people to help.

"Every time it's different," Goodman said. "Even though you know what you're coming to, you can never really prepare yourself."

Goodman moved to Israel from Los Angeles over a year and a half ago. After spending the summer as an emergency medical volunteer for MDA in Israel three years ago, Goodman was so affected by her experience that she chose to make aliyah (the Hebrew term for permanently moving to Israel) and trained to become a medic.

Bombings are a part of life in Israel. Since this intifada started in September 2000, thousands have died.

But contrary to depictions in the American media, life has not come to a standstill in Israel.

People do not dodge bullets to get to work. They go grocery shopping and see movies. Kids go to school and take finals.

This reality was discussed at the United Jewish Communities' General Assembly, which gathered 6,000 delegates from the United States, Canada and Israel last month to discuss Israel's affairs.

The Jewish Agency for Israel, the World Zionist Organization and American Jewish Press Association sent 21 student journalists from North America to the conference through a program called "Do the Write Thing."

The program offered Jewish student journalists the opportunity to learn the dynamics of Israeli and North American media coverage of Israel.

Do the Write Thing participants visited many sites in Israel, including an exclusive trip to the police headquarters in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The station has TV screens wall to wall, which are connected to over 270 cameras, some hidden and some in plain sight, that monitor the city's streets.

When one student journalist asked if the American media had access to the information collected at the station, such as tapes of suicide bombings, Chief of Police Rappi Bardugo said yes, but that "the foreign embassy does not ask [to see them]."

Another image unseen by the media, and even by many Israeli citizens, was on the group's trip to Gilo, a town bordering the Arab cities of Bet Jalla and Bethlehem.

Until recently, Gilo had been under fire from its neighboring cities. Their houses still show signs of the violence with gaping

bullet holes.

Several months ago, groups visiting Gilo were not even permitted to get out of the buses.

Magen David Adom often received emergency calls from Gilo. In this Jewish town, both Jewish and Arab volunteers came to help.

"Every worker and volunteer, regardless of their backgrounds or religious beliefs, is aware of the importance of his [or] her job, and treats it accordingly," said Yael Quinn-Holtzberg, the 25-year-old MDA overseas volunteer coordinator who moved to Israel from New York in 1983.

Magen David Adom is volunteer-based, with over 6,000 volunteers from all over the world. In 2001, there were 62 international volunteers.

This figure more than doubled to 204 volunteers from seven countries in 2002, and is expected to break 300 in 2003.

The images media shows of Jewish and Arab relations are often violent, angry and one-sided. But the social reality in Israel is much more complex.

In MDA, for example, Jews and Arabs work together, whether it is to save the life of an Arab, Jew or any other individual in need of help.

"A medic is a medic, a doctor is a doctor, with purpose and responsibility," Quinn-Holtzberg said. "There is a sense of appreciation between all volunteers and workers."

While there are undoubtedly many issues left to be solved in Israel, it is still a functioning country with people going about their daily lives.

"If Magen David Adom is any indication of what this country is capable of," Quinn-Holtzberg said, "then there is hope for us yet."

Camera found in U. Illinois shower

Jeff Fijol
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — A small camera and transmitter were found Nov. 18 underneath a bench in the women's shower room on the 10th floor of a residence hall at the University of Illinois.

According to a police report, the camera was discovered by a building service worker.

Capt. Kris Fitzpatrick of the University Police Department says no arrests had been made as of Tuesday and that the case is still open.

"If someone does have information about this, they should be willing to step forward and provide the police with the information," Fitzpatrick says. "It's obviously a crime."

Fitzpatrick said she does not recall any reports of similar incidents in university residence halls.

Fitzpatrick says students who live in residence halls should try to be more aware but not paranoid of their surroundings.

"It's unrealistic to think that people should go in and search a shower room prior to using the facilities," she says.

The hall's resident director declines to comment on the incident but says the 10th floor residents and their resident adviser have been told not to discuss the incident with the press.

New devices make Oregon State U. safer for disabled

Elia Unverzagt
OSU Daily Barometer (Oregon State U.)

CORVALLIS, Ore. (U-WIRE) — In many emergency situations, stairs are the only way out. This can be extremely difficult and time consuming for the injured, elderly or disabled.

With hopes of making the Oregon State University campus more prepared for emergencies and welcoming to students with disabilities, the university has purchased a pair of evacuation devices to help escort persons with restricted mobility safely and with dignity during an emergency.

"Purchasing these two evacuation devices is a beginning," said Prudence Miles, an associate in the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity. "We were only able to buy two this year, but that is two more than we had before."

"Ideally, we would like to buy more every year until each building has one," she said.

The Garaventa Evacu-Trac devices are helpful in escorting persons with restricted mobility down stairs during earthquakes, fires and even the breakdown of an elevator.

"There are many older buildings on campus and elevators break down frequently. This can be problematic not only for persons with disabilities, but anyone who may be injured or

unable to walk themselves down the stairs," Miles said. "Sometimes during fires people with asthma or smoke allergies may not be able to get down stairs, either. There are many situations where the Evacu-Trac can make a huge impact."

The Evacu-Trac devices cost \$2,195 apiece and can safely transport a person weighing up to 300 pounds down many flights of stairs.

"During a demonstration, we saw a 120-pound woman easily escorting a 200-pound man down a series of stairs," said Miles.

The decision to purchase the evacuation devices was made by a group from the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity. The group looked at a number of different devices before making the decision to purchase the Garaventa Evacu-Trac.

"The Evacu-Trac was chosen because of its effectiveness, portability, convenience and price," Miles said. "Other devices were heavy and hard to transport to different locations. The Evacu-Trac, however, weighs only 40 pounds and fits in the trunk of a car."

According to Miles, "The more people that know that these devices are available and will get to use them, the more people that will know to use them. It is also important that people who need them know that they are here."

A similar device helped one wheelchair user escape from the 69th floor of the World

Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

Companies all over the world have been recognizing the effectiveness and need for evacuation devices such as the Evacu-Trac, and their clientele has grown to include the U.S. Department of Justice, Boeing, Intel, U.S. Navy, U.S. National Guard, the Food and Drug Administration and General Electric.

Miles said it is important for all students to be aware of these evacuation devices because anyone could be in a situation where help is needed and everyone should know how to respond.

One device will be kept in Kerr Administration Building and the other one with Public Safety.

To try to increase awareness of the evacuation devices, Miles is sharing information with building managers and office staff as well as hosting demonstrations on how to use the Evacu-Trac for students and faculty.

The university is also updating its emergency evacuation plans to better serve persons with disabilities.

"During a medical emergency, we will still call 911 and rely on paramedics for treatment and transport," Miles said. "To know that these devices are available will also help people know who to call."

Before the availability of the Evacu-Trac,

during emergencies fire department personnel would carry persons who could not transport themselves.

Other people could just walk to safety, but persons with disabilities would have to wait until help arrived in order to be carried to safety.

The Corvallis (Ore.) Fire Department has expressed success with the Evacu-Trac since its purchase of one. Not surprisingly, firefighters also found a reduction in back injuries since there has been less of a need to transport people on their backs.

The Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity is involved in the hiring processes at OSU and in discrimination and harassment issues.

The Office is also in charge of administering the Americans with Disabilities Act on campus.

As part of the ADA, the office administers a fund for small projects that are disability related. The purchase of the Evacu-Trac is its most recent.

Some past projects have included paying for interpreters when they could not be afforded and helping to make bathrooms disability friendly.

To paraphrase the movie, "Field of Dreams," Miles said, "the more accessible our campus, the more people will come."

U.S. eases registration requirements for Middle Eastern visitors

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AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — Middle Eastern visitors to the United States will have an easier time going in and out of the country now that the government relaxed a national security registration requirement Tuesday.

The requirement forced thousands of Middle Easterners to give personal information, be fingerprinted and have their pictures taken.

It also required registering with the federal government one month after their initial entry into the United States and once more a year later.

The measure was part of the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System, a program that was implemented after the Sept. 11 attacks, which was used to identify visitors from 25 countries, the majority of which are

Middle Eastern.

But changes implemented by the Department of Homeland Security lifted this requirement.

"We decided on the change after a review of the NSEERS process," said Bill Strassberger, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security. "We needed to work more efficiently and effectively utilize our resources."

However, the government will continue to monitor international visitors from 150 countries at ports of entry, such as airports, seaports and land borders, said Strassberger.

"A country has the right to establish requirements for its visitors for national security reasons," said Strassberger.

NSEERS, although intended to protect the United States, has caused problems for international students at the Uni

to students so they could comply. It wasn't really very clear for students on what to do. A few students had to turn around and get new visas because of incorrectly processing out," said Deane Willis, director of international student and scholar services at UT's International Office.

The onset of the requirement spurred an outcry from the Muslim community. Some agree with the government's change, but still feel the Muslim community was unfairly targeted.

"I think it was the right move," said Abdul Mitha, vice president of the Muslim Students' Association. "The government policy obviously wasn't working. A single terrorist [had] wasn't found. It was counterproductive and unnecessary."

In an effort to be more effective in finding suspected terrorists, the Homeland Security

Department will implement a new, more all-inclusive registration system Jan. 5.

"The new program is a culmination of effort over several years," said Strassberger. "It will be a comprehensive entry-tracking system that will include digital photos, fingerprints, bio-data and will cover everyone who arrives on a visitor visa."

However, some Muslims are just as wary of the new measure as they are the former one.

"They're going to implement an even wider rule that's going to be even more restrictive for everyone," said Soofia Aleem, a Pakistani-American journalism senior. "When I interviewed someone from the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] office, he said what they're planning to do is make everybody register eventually. It sounds like it's going to be like a 'Let's get rid of the aliens here' rule."

Coffee is hottest commodity during Oregon State U. dead week

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CORVALLIS, Ore. (U-WIRE) — Oregon State University students are no strangers to the sweet-smelling world of coffee.

By the time early morning comes along and most are headed to class, the sophisticated coffee drinker is up and in action.

With a latte or mocha in one hand and an umbrella in the other, they can be seen weaving in and out of student traffic, taking care not to spill.

What is it about coffee that has OSU students hooked? And where exactly do students go to satisfy their coffee desires?

Second-year exploratory studies student Jonari Mori, 19, explained, "I enjoy the variety of cold coffee drinks Starbucks has to offer. I especially enjoy the caramel mocha. It is sweet and refreshing."

Sean Anderson, assistant manager of Starbucks at 425 S.W. Madison Ave., said that a great deal of OSU students come through his doors everyday.

"Starbucks sees at least 100 regulars per day and OSU students make up half of our customers," he said. "Our partners make it an enjoyable place to come in to and our products are consistently high in quality."

In keeping with the friendly atmosphere, Starbucks has extended its hours until midnight during dead week.

"We are trying to get more students to come in and study," he said. "It is peaceful and quiet in the evenings."

Students who choose this alternative over studying at the library can

enjoy holiday drink samples, such as the festive gingerbread or egg nog latte, which will also be available for purchase.

The current popular drink of choice at Starbucks seems to be the caramel macchiato, a mix of foamed milk, espresso, vanilla and caramel.

Iced drinks are also very popular and Starbucks' extensive choices of tea also get a lot of play. Still, many come in for a nice, original cup of warm coffee.

The Beaney, at 2541 N.W. Monroe Ave., is also a popular destination for the avid coffee drinker.

"The Beaney is so good," said first year student and pre-interior design major Alaina Nimmo. "The coffee is great."

Besides the coffee, Nimmo enjoys the relaxing and inviting atmosphere.

"It's always fun to be there," she said. "There is always a diverse group of people."

Beaney assistant manager Amy Rayevic added, "The atmosphere is a study atmosphere and the students are friendly."

The charm of this coffee company by no means outshines its coffee.

"Quality is our biggest concern and that is why we are such a small franchise," Rayevic said. She also described their coffee as being a "strong European coffee."

If students are lucky enough to beat the morning rush, The Beaney offers a breakfast special of coffee and a pastry for \$2.50.

A mixture of students, professors and adult regulars flood the shop between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. The Beaney also occasionally prints coupons in the paper.

Many earth-friendly students can

be seen enjoying organic coffee at Interzone, just off campus on 1563 N.W. Monroe Ave.

"Because it's organic and better quality, our prices are a bit high," employee Tara Rogers explained, "but our customers don't mind paying for it."

Organic coffee means that the beans were grown without any added chemicals or pesticides.

Students often take advantage of the open atmosphere at Interzone to study alone or in groups.

"It's a pretty comfy place to study and nobody looks down on you," Rogers said.

When some students get the call of the freshly ground roast, they seek out the variety of flavors that on-campus coffee shops have to offer.

Second year political science major Maria Vuong, 19, finds herself constantly drawn to Java II on the first floor of the Valley Library.

"I like on-campus coffee shops because it's convenient and it tastes alright," she said. "Allann Brothers coffee is not the best, but it's not bad."

Still, for other students, there is nothing like a good homemade brew.

"No matter how hard coffee shops try, there's nothing more relaxing than a nice cup of coffee on your favorite couch," said Austin Biel, 19, a second year math major. "I am a college student, so I have to keep it cheap. Coffee should always be a cheap item, yet companies put their logo on coffee products and profit a lot from it. I don't care for it."

It seems that no matter where or why students reach for a warm, heaping cup of caffeine, one thing is certain: OSU students are enjoying coffee and drinking plenty of it.

Threat of illness looms over finals at U. Kentucky

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) — As University of Kentucky students prepare for finals, they should also be ready themselves against the cold and flu, health officials said.

Gregory Moore, director of University of Kentucky Health Services, said about 35,000 Americans die each year because of influenza. He said that usually these patients are either very young or very old. Still, there are about 100,000 Americans who end up in the hospital due to the virus.

In some states, doctors are diagnosing more patients with the flu earlier in the season this year than in the past. However, there has not been a significant change in numbers in Kentucky yet, Moore said.

Moore said there is a difference between the cold and the flu.

"(When you have the flu) you feel like you're going to die," he said.

He said that the flu will cause the head and whole body to ache, whereas the cold will have symptoms such as a runny nose and cough.

The expert's tips on staying healthy throughout finals week are getting plenty of sleep, eating healthy food, exercising and getting a flu shot.

Jill Kindy, a UK student health educational nutritionist, said it is important to have good time management and eating habits during

finals week.

"Try to stay on top of things so you don't have to pull all-nighters ... (and) try to eat healthy snacks like peanut butter crackers, etc. so you aren't running on empty," she said.

Both Kindy and Moore said the most effective way to prevent getting the flu this year is to have a flu vaccination. This vaccine was available at different locations on campus earlier this semester, and are now available at the UK Chandler Medical Center by appointment. Moore said about 1,800 UK students took advantage of the \$5 shot.

Jacquie Lucas, a nutrition junior, has been getting flu shots since she was young — she got one this year through University Health Services.

"I'd rather be proactive than having no defense against it," she said.

The common cold does not have a vaccine, but Moore said it is important for people to wash their hands as much as possible since the cold is spread from person to person.

Someone is more likely to catch the flu or a cold if his or her immune system is run down. Stress, unhealthy eating and lack of sleep, which occur during finals week, can all affect the immune system, Moore said.

Ryan Bradley, an undeclared freshman, took a test while having a 102 degree fever.

"It was miserable," Bradley said. "It was really hard to focus because I wanted to throw up the whole time."

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DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL

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A FORCE on the Road

When it comes to drinking, and driving there is no such thing as get out of jail free card

story by • NICOLE SACK



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Murphysboro Police Officer Gib Bastien has made nearly 80 DUI and zero tolerance arrests this year alone. "I'm not one who like to frighten people in anything," Bastien said. "But my momma taught me that if you can't take telling you're gonna take feeling."

As the nighttime hours turn into the early hours of morning, one police officer patrols the streets of Murphysboro searching for crime.

Working his preferred shift, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., the one crime that Murphysboro Police Officer Gib Bastien watches for particularly closely is driving under the influence.

During the past year, Bastien has made nearly 80 DUI and zero-tolerance arrests. During a typical weekend he makes three to four arrests. And there are also "hat trick" nights when the DUI arrests occur in threes.

Bastien has been with the Murphysboro Police Department for 18 years. He became a full-time patrol officer in 2002. Since then, he has honed his senses to pick up on the telltale signs of DUI.

One of his greatest assets is that he likes to arrest drunk drivers.

"When I conduct a DUI traffic stop and in turn make an arrest, yes, I am very gratified," Bastien said. "I'm pleased. I think driving drunk is the most dangerous thing that can be. When you are impaired, you're a threat to motorists all over as well as pedestrians. You have in your power a weapon that is greater than any weapon I have in my power as a police officer. You have a 2,000 pound projectile," you can do a lot of damage with that."

Two accidents that stick out in his mind occurred this year when drunk drivers slammed their vehicles into other cars and into embankments. One accident involved a pick-up truck that was waiting at a stop sign when a vehicle driven by drunk driver collided with the stationary pick-up.

"The intoxicated driver came down the street, and he didn't even slow down," Bastien said. "The driver was going 35 to 40 miles an hour."

Bastien said a way he catches most of his DUI arrests is with the speed their vehicles are traveling. Most drunk drivers have a difficult time with the speed limits driving in and out of town.

"Intoxicated people have a tough time processing the information they are perceiving while they are driving down the road," Bastien said. "They may be driving too fast into town or too slow out of town, simply because they can't perceive what's going on."

Once he stops the driver, his nose literally helps him sniff out drunk drivers.

"I do have and I have always had a keen sense of smell when it comes to alcohol," Bastien said. "There have been very few times in my career that I have been fooled. When I think I smell alcohol, I'm pretty much right."

While he has a knack for pinpointing those who are driving impaired, it is his observation of the driver's vehicle that justifies him turn-

ing on the bright blue and red lights, the wailing siren and asking the dreaded question: "License and registration?"

Bastien said while he is patrolling, he pays attention to people who are impaired to the point that they can't keep their car on the road.

"Driving over the center line or driving over the fog line, speeding up slowing down, failing to dim their headlight signal, making wide turns — all the things in your life that you would normally take for granted that you could usually do without any problem at all, an intoxicated or impaired driver can't control that," Bastien said.

Besides the use of observation, Bastien said cell phone have become an added assistant to identifying drunk drivers.

"Cell phones have been one of our best adversaries in the regards of DUIs, reckless driving and speeding," he said. "In law enforcement, cell phones have been a great asset. We get about four calls a week that give a description of car and license. It gives us something to start on."

Bastien said about 20 percent of the drivers who get apprehended from cell phone tips are drunk drivers. He was quick to point out that not everyone is stopped for illegal driving.

"I found tired people, people talking on their cell phones, eating food, putting on makeup, cleaning their nails," Bastien said. "Many things could cause them to make an illegal act on the road, but they are not intoxicated. So therefore you give them a good warning and tell them, 'You need to pull over when you eat your lunch.'"

While his serious approach to law enforcement consumes hours of his time, Bastien is not disconnected to the everyday pleasures of dinner with drinks or having a cocktail on a Friday night.

"When my wife and I eat Mexican food, I want a nice margarita," Bastien said. "My wife, on the other hand, does not drink anything stronger than Pepsi Cola. If I have one margarita, she drives. That's the way it's been all my life."

"I'm not going to tell you I've never been intoxicated. I have been, but I've never driven, simply because I don't think I could live with myself if I injured someone else."

Bastien knows how to enjoy himself, but he also knows how a good time can change into a situation when critical decision has to be made.

"I like to dance," Bastien said. "We all know how it is when you get some place. You have a beer, the dance floor is heated up, the music is good and the next thing you know you've gotten plum out of hand with alcohol," Bastien said. "That is when you're inner self

has to come to life. It is your inner self that controls."

Bastien said if that self-control does not come from wisdom, then it should come from fear.

It is not necessarily a total rejection of alcohol. But it is a total rejection of drinking and driving. The price of getting a cab or a tow truck to take an impaired driver home heavily outweighs the costs of a DUI.

He said if you get behind the wheel, you are going to get caught, go to jail and pay a big bill.

"I'm not one who likes to frighten people in anything I do, but my momma taught me that if you can't take telling, you're gonna take feeling," Bastien said. "And people are starting to feel it."

"We are seeing more and more drunk driver arrests. You're hearing more about it; you see more about it. We get more money for patrolmen. We have more money to work with."

There has also been a change in attitude toward drunk driving and its categorization as a crime.

"DUI is not an accident, it is a crime," Bastien said. "It is a crime; the same as burglary, theft, it is a crime. We are beginning to accept that as a crime. Under the laws today you can't use 'I was drunk' as a defense," Bastien said. "That is your life. That is your responsibility."

Does Bastien think that every intoxicated person he arrests intended to get that way? No, but he thinks they made bad decisions. But there are some drivers Bastien sees who never have good intentions when it comes to driving.

"There are diehard drunks out there who drink every day, and they operate their entire lives under the influence of alcohol," Bastien said. "Those people you'll never stop. You can arrest them five times, six times. You'll never stop them. They don't have a driver's license. It doesn't matter. They drive anyway."

But do not think he will not keep trying to keep those and all drunk drivers off the road.

"Not everyone intended to get drunk, but it's still a crime," Bastien said. "We're not going to just pat you on the shoulder and send you down the road."

"I am particularly wicked. I have the right to let you call someone to come get you or to release your car to some one else. But I'm pretty much a stickler about driving while drunk. If I catch you, I'm going to arrest you."

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DRUNK BEHIND THE WHEEL
DAILY EGYPTIAN SPECIAL REPORT

RSO devised to help fight drinking, driving

Organization provides students with opportunity to make streets safer, get job experience

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While police officers across Illinois are doing their part every day on the streets to prevent drunken driving, a new SIUC student-run advertising organization is attempting to warn students of its dangers.

Social Norm (SONOR) is a new Registered Student Organization on campus that is funded by the Illinois Higher Education Center at Eastern Illinois University and the Great Plains Advertising Agency at Springfield. The group's goal is to increase student awareness to the potentially damaging effects of binge drinking and driving under the influence.

Group organizer and SIUC doctoral student Joe Baker said SONOR is designed like an advertising agency with a student management and working budget.

"SONOR is really an organization that is going to be based upon the same lines as any other marketing advertising company out in the real, wonderful world," Baker said.

The student organization is ready to get off the ground, but Baker said SONOR is in need of new members with the time and passion to volunteer to work within the organization. SONOR is non-paying.

The group needs specialists in public relations, marketing, graphic design/desktop publishing and artwork and also a general specialist to help with planning committees and provide help in any other areas.

Baker said student volunteers within the group would determine how SONOR would

use its money in the most effective ways.

In addition to providing help in educating the public about the dangers of drunk driving, volunteers would also attend a one-day workshop at SIUC on social marketing and social norming and participate at the two-day Campus Alcohol and Traffic Safety Conference in Springfield in February 2004.

SONOR is funded by a grant that is supported by both the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Great Plains Advertising Agency.

"The person who founded that company, the founder and founder, is very interested in doing what he can to support the efforts to reduce alcohol use, binge drinking and especially the driving under the influence issue," Baker said.

"The unnecessary crashes and loss of life is

just too much. This is one of his ways of giving back to the community and trying to help a local cause to save lives."

In a college town like Carbondale, Baker thinks SONOR could have a tremendous impact in deterring students from driving after having too much to drink.

"Most of us know, but not all of us know, that it's foolish, it's dangerous and it's irresponsible," Baker said.

"You can jeopardize not only your own life but also friends in your car, people in the street, people in other automobiles.

"Just in a moment's time, a poor judgment can ruin your life and others. If you're lucky enough just to simply get caught, that can be itself a very long and painful and expensive process."

Reporter Zack Creglow contributed to this story.

SONOR at SIUC

SONOR is a new student-run Registered Organization on campus whose mission is to save lives by reducing binge drinking and driving under the influence through the development of impactful media campaigns.

SONOR is looking for talented individuals in these fields:

- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Specialist
- Graphic Design/Desktop Publishing Specialist
- Art Specialist
- General Specialist

Questions? Call Joe Baker at 453-4433 or E-Mail at jabaker@siu.edu

FRANK SOLAKES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Many students still uneducated about alcohol's effects

Wellness Center teaches students how little it takes to impair their ability to drive

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Many hear about how alcohol impairs a person, but what they know is often vague. Few are aware of how alcohol actually affects a person at certain levels.

Most people are aware of .08, because it is a level that if they drive on the road, they could wake up with a bill in the thousands.

But even at .06, a person's chances of crashing while driving home is doubled than what a sober person's are.

"Not a lot of students know the effects of alcohol," said Ken Culton, coordinator of the Wellness Center. "It's relatively simple to do the right thing and that is to keep yourself under .08 or if there's any doubt whatsoever, you simply don't drive. What I encourage students to do is to take control of that before you even go out."

One problem that factors into the mix is many students may have a high tolerance and don't realize what BAC they are at.

With many factors not calculated in, for an average-size male around 5-foot-10, 165-pounds to stay below .08, they should only consume one drink per hour. The Wellness Center offers apparatuses for free that a person can use to calculate their BAC and be more accurate. Culton said he suggests drinking a non-alcoholic beverage for every alcoholic drink.

At the .09-.14 BAC level, motor skills are impaired substantially, along with judgment. A person will begin to talk louder than usual and may become belligerent. People typically overestimate their skills at these levels and believe they have the capabilities to still drive home, a drive that is now six to 10 times more likely to end in a crash.

Many people believe they are at lower levels because they have been consuming beer instead of hard liquor or wine. That is one of the biggest

misconceptions regarding the students Culton lectures.

"Students don't seem to know that beer does not represent a safer drink or less alcohol than a shot," Culton said. "They contain the same equivalent amounts. I'll have kids who tell me they only drink beer and think that that's a safer thing to do."

"By no means is that the case."

In the fall semester, Culton has lectured over 1,200 students during his 40-plus lectures. One of the hallmarks of Culton's lectures is the danger of binge drinking, which is a big problem at SIUC and all college campuses.

"When students do binge drink, it disrupts their life in some way," Culton said.

Binge drinkers are people who typically don't drink often. When people binge drink, they are usually consuming alcohol to celebrate the end of a hectic, busy week. This weekend is typically a week where people are in those situations

where they feel they should celebrate by drinking copiously.

"A component of binge drinking that could be lethal is alcohol poisoning," Culton said. "It's actually overdosing on alcohol. Usually, if a student is going to o.d. on something it will be on alcohol."

The level of risk in drinking begins to rise exponentially after .15 BAC, when a person becomes in danger of blacking out. With a BAC level of .35, a person is at the level of anesthesia given during surgery. At .40 a person is probably in a coma and has a heightened chance dying.

"It is hard to notice a person in that kind of trauma, because they look like they are apparently sleeping," Culton said.

As for drinking and driving, Culton offers a simple suggestion to alleviate any doubts.

"Just to be safe, if you have one drink, then don't drive," he said.

BAC In percent	ALCOHOL AND WHAT IT DOES TO YOU
.01-.04	Feel mildly relaxed and your inhibitions are slightly loosened, making you friendlier.
.05-.08	Feel warm and relaxed with a mild sense of euphoria. Balance and motor skills are slightly impaired. You may slur.
.08-.14	Are likely to overestimate your driving level. Emotions are exaggerated. Men may have an erection.
.15 and up	May have trouble walking, talking, or driving. May black out or vomit.
.20 and up	Feel disoriented and may need help to stand or walk. Probably wouldn't feel pain or attend to an injury.
.30 and up	Coma or death from alcohol poisoning are possible. A BAC of .35 is the level of surgical anesthesia.
.40 and up	Probably in a coma. Heart beat and breathing slow down to dangerous levels, or stop.

FRANK SOLAKES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Programs attempt to curb DUIs
Many local options available to students

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With nearly 700 motorists killed in Illinois each year in alcohol-related car crashes, alcohol awareness and prevention programs have long been staples of many college towns. And Southern Illinois is no different.

There are numerous programs available in Carbondale to those who have received a DUI or are simply seeking treatment. One such outlet is Carbondale DUI and Counseling Associates, which offers many options for those interested. Colleen Antonacci, a DUI specialist with Carbondale DUI and Counseling Associates, said while a majority of those who visit her office are court referred, she welcomes others as well.

"The main focus of our program is to identify what triggers a person's substance abuse," she said. "We try to gear our counseling and programs in a way where we can best raise awareness. Right now the way our society is, it seems like we have more awareness of what's in a McDonald's hamburger than what's in a can of beer."

Some of the ways Antonacci and her staff are trying to raise local awareness is by providing a mix of group and individual education. Carbondale DUI and Counseling Associates offers alcohol/substance abuse evaluations, DUI risk education classes, group alcohol/substance abuse counseling, consultation and guidance and individual counseling sessions.

Antonacci said alcohol/substance abuse evaluations typically cost \$125, risk education classes \$120, and group counseling runs close to \$20 per hour.

"Anybody can get a DUI," Antonacci said. "I've done evaluations on doctors, nuns, priests and lawyers. It can happen to anybody. That's what we want to try and get across to our clients."

Antonacci said the main problem facing today's society is that alcohol is held in such high esteem.

"Liquor commercials don't miss an audience in terms of their advertising," she said. "We preach drunk driving awareness, yet we sell alcohol in gas stations and have drive-thru liquor stores. It doesn't make sense."

While Antonacci deals with a variety of members of the community, Ken Culton, coordinator of the SIUC Wellness Center, deals solely with students. He said his department's two principle concerns are providing students with clinical treatment and preventive education about alcohol.

"Getting that knowledge out there is the single most important thing you can do as a treatment center," Culton said.

In addition to individual counseling, the Wellness Center also offers substance abuse groups, aftercare groups and services for those who have been impacted by the alcohol abuse of others. The Wellness Center is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and all the programs offered are free to students.

Culton and his staff also do a lengthy lecture series that preaches preventing substance abuse problems before they can begin. The next one will be in the spring semester.

"We do about 40 a year as kind of a proactive measure," Culton said. "Actually, the vast majority of college students aren't problem drinkers and don't have addictions. But the small percentage of those that do are the ones who are impacted profoundly."

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

- AT THE WELLNESS CENTER
 - Preventive education
 - Clinical treatment
 - After-care groups
 - Abuse groups
 - Children of Alcoholics Support group
- AT CARBONDALE DUI AND COUNSELING
 - Alcohol/Substance Abuse Evaluations
 - DUI Risk Education classes
 - Groups Alcohol/Substance Abuse counseling
 - Consultation and guidance
 - Individual counseling

Applications jump with new policy at Stanford, Yale

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. (U-WIRE) — Three of the nation's top colleges that defied admission regulations to institute single-choice early action policies saw big changes in the number of students applying this year.

Harvard University, Stanford University and Yale University all adopted early action policies this year that prohibit college applicants from applying early to other schools, but not from applying elsewhere even after they are accepted.

Last year, Harvard's early action program permitted students to apply simultaneously to multiple early action schools. But now Harvard early applicants may not submit any other early applications, although they are not committed to matriculate at Harvard if accepted.

The change has caused a significant drop in early applications to the Harvard Class of 2008,

with the number of applicants falling from 7,615 last year to 3,894 this year.

At Stanford and Yale, the new policy has replaced binding early decision policies, bringing a 62 percent increase in applications to Stanford and a 42 percent increase to Yale, according to the New York Times.

Harvard expected the policy change to decrease its applicant pool. "The people who were applying to multiple other places are no longer in our early system," says Harvard Director of Undergraduate Admission Marlyn McGrath Lewis. "So the number of applications has declined to just about where we expected it to."

For Stanford and Yale, the change to single-choice early action marks the end of binding early decision policies at both schools, resulting in an increased early applicant pool for this year.

The possibility for single-choice early action at Brown University is "certainly something that

we're talking about," says Michael Goldberger, the school's director of Admission.

"Officially, right now those three schools are out of compliance with NACAC, which is the governing body of college admission," he says.

According to NACAC's current guidelines, an early action school cannot limit the number of early applications submitted by a student, as long as these are to other non-binding programs.

Brown will probably not make a decision until NACAC determines whether the new admission option is acceptable, Goldberger says.

"I don't think we'll make any changes this year," he says.

Goldberger says he was satisfied with Brown's early decision program, saying he believes such changes do not significantly affect the end result of the process.

"In the end, I don't think whether you're early action, early decision or multiple early action changes who ends up in your class by more than

half a dozen kids," he says. "Kids are pretty sharp about where they want to go, how they're going to apply and what the policies are."

Because the applicant pool is smaller under early decision, more attention can be given to each application, Goldberger says.

But critics of early decision say the policy can lead high school seniors to make premature decisions or limit their financial aid options, according to the New York Times.

"Stanford's change I think signified a recognition that binding people early in their senior year is not good for students, and wrong, as we believe it is," Lewis says.

Goldberger says he agrees early decision may pose problems and is not a commitment to be taken lightly.

"We always advise kids that if they think that early decision is going to limit their financial options from other schools, then they shouldn't apply early," he says.

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Students earn college degrees early

Ashley Dickson
The Daily Universe
(Brigham Young U.)

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) — Trenton Little was halfway through earning his college degree at the time of his high school graduation.

Little, a 19-year old freshman at Brigham Young University and a group of his friends from Auburn, Wash., earned their associate's degrees while they were still in high school.

"They had a program called Running Start at our high school," Little says. "A bunch of kids at our school didn't really like high school very much. So we were like, hey, it's a good chance to get college credit."

Little and his friends traveled to a local college during their junior and senior years of high school and took classes that gave them high school and college credit.

"I ended up getting my associate's degree at the end of high school," Little says. "It's pretty nice how it works out. Every five-credit college class counted for a year of high school, so I got more than enough high school credit."

Little is one of many BYU students who earned college and high school credit simultaneously.

Russell Bryant, assistant director of Independent Study, says high school students have several options to gain college credit.

"We see a lot of students who are either not challenged with the high school curriculum or they want to get dual credit," Bryant says. "That means they enroll in a college course and when they complete that, they get credit for a college course and a high school course."

Kirk Strong, director of school relations at BYU, says high school students interested in getting ahead usually inquire about concurrent enrollment.

"Concurrent enrollment means that a student has one foot in one program and another foot in another program," Strong says.

Options include taking college courses online or by mail, going to a college campus to participate in a class, or having the high school invite college faculty to incorporate college curriculum into their high school campus, Strong says.

Independent Study provides high school and college courses online or through the mail.

"It's not just for students who are precocious or advanced," Strong says.

Don Liddiard, a counselor at Springville High School in Springville, Utah, says administrators inform students about concurrent enrollment at orientation before school begins.

Springville High School offers concurrent enrollment in two forms. One option is to take college courses through Utah Valley State College and get one high school credit for a three-credit college class. The alternative is a Long Distance Learning Program — a dedicated classroom at the UVSC classroom where students watch a UVSC instructor on television.

"We have a large percentage of students who do this [concurrent enrollment], and each year it grows," Liddiard says. "It's an easy way to earn high school credit."

Liddiard says the program is very positive.

A negative feature, however, is that failed courses appear on both high school and college transcripts.

Students at Springville High School can also take courses at BYU, though this option is mainly for students who are looking for classes the high school doesn't offer, such as languages like Mandarin.

Bryant says some students take college courses because they finish their

high school credits early and want to move on to more advanced courses. Other students want to do it on a concurrent basis, or dual enrollment, where they take university courses mostly in their senior year to get a head start on their university education.

Little says taking college classes during high school was stressful at first.

"It was really weird to have all these old people in your classes, and you're this little junior in high school," he says. "But you get used to it. It was more work, but it was worth it."

Little notes a few down sides.

"There are some high school things you miss out on," he says. "You never go to the assemblies because you have [college] classes during that time. Some of the other high school things you just don't find about cause you're not really there."

One of the benefits of taking college courses in high school is shorter time spent in college. How quickly these students graduate from college depends on which method of getting college credit they choose.

Little will leave to serve a mission after this semester and will be able to finish his university education shortly after returning to school in two years.

"It's kind of a hard thing, because now I have to pick a major," Little says. "I don't have a major yet and I don't know what I'm want to go into. I think if I pick a major soon then it'll take me a year or a year and a half till I finish school."

Little says other students often wonder why he's not taking the regular GE classes.

"People think it's really cool that you can do it [earn an associate's degree while in high school.] but I don't really go around telling everybody," Little says. "It was hard at first, but I think it worked out pretty well for me."

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Stylish shoes may have dangerous results

Megan LaVoie
University Daily (Texas Tech U.)

LUBBOCK, Texas (U-WIRE) — In paying homage to the no pain, no gain slogan, women are flocking to the new fashion trend of pointed-toe shoes and experiencing firsthand that a fashion gain could be accompanied by a fashion pain.

Dr. Mimi Zumwalt, an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at the Texas Tech Medical Center, says the problem with pointed-toe shoes is they don't fit people's rectangular-shaped feet.

"Trying to squish a rectangular shaped foot in a triangular shaped shoe just doesn't work," she says.

Zumwalt says the end result of wearing pointed-toe shoes is a big problem most women do not realize until later in life.

"Women as a whole pay a price for

vanity," she says. "We suffer through the pain and the more educated we get, the more women will realize that these shoes could cause long-term problems."

According to www.consumer.org, the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society says pointed-toe shoes distribute body weight unevenly and place excess stress on the ball of the foot and the forefoot.

The society also says the shoes could lead to discomfort, hammertoes and other deformities.

Zumwalt says most of the patients she treats for wearing high heels or pointed-toe shoes have a variety of discomforts.

"One of the main things I see is when the big toes drift toward the other toes. This problem causes pain and difficulty walking," she says.

Zumwalt says the problem can be fixed by putting spacers between the

big toe and the second toe; if that doesn't work, surgery is needed to straighten the toes.

Other problems Zumwalt has seen as a result of wearing high-heeled shoes or pointed-toe shoes include bunions, calluses, stretched ligaments, scar tissue and severe inflammation.

Wendy Solis, an assistant manager with Baker's Footwear in the South Plains Mall in Lubbock, Texas, says she does not wear pointed-toe shoes to work.

"I like to wear them out at night, but they are way too hard on my feet to wear for an eight-hour work day," she says.

Solis says women suffer through the pain of pointed-toe shoes because they are in style.

"Women are willing to take the pain because everyone is wearing them because they are the style now," she says.

Despite scandals, television evangelists thrive in cable, satellite

Carolyn Tuft & Bill Smith
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS (KRT) — The end of the 1980s was a bad time for TV preachers.

One moment, men like the PTL Club's Jim Bakker and television's Jimmy Swaggart seemed bigger than life, supernaturally blessed with an uncanny ability to attract followers and money. The next instant, they were only men — fragile, flawed and the butt of bar-room jokes and newspaper cartoons.

In many ways, it seemed like the beginning of the end for big-time TV religion. Look, the critics said: the emperors really do have no clothes.

But Americans, at least many of them, seem to have forgotten and forgiven. TV's salvation shows are still here, bigger and flashier than ever, thanks to the proliferation of the Internet and the continued spread of satellite and cable TV.

The names may have changed — Juanita Bynum, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, Creflo Dollar, Benny Hinn, T. D. Jakes, Joyce Meyer and a dozen others have replaced Bakker, Swaggart and Oral Roberts at the top of the evangelical mountain — but the message remains virtually identical.

In the late 1980s, when the sex-and-fraud scandals boiled over into

America's living rooms, Joyce Meyer's little radio ministry was scarcely a blip on the evangelical radar screen.

Today, Meyer heads a ministry fast approaching \$100 million a year and is among a dozen or so evangelical superstars headlining a revived and very healthy industry.

The prosperity gospel also has been called the "name it and claim it" theology. God wants His people to prosper, evangelists like Meyer maintain. Those who follow God and give generously to his ministries can have anything — and everything — they want.

But critics, from Bible-quoting theologians to groups devoted to preserving the separation of church and state, abound. At best, they say, such a theology is a simplistic and misguided way of living. At worst, they say, it is dangerous.

Michael Scott Horton, who teaches historical theology at the Westminster Theological Seminary in Escondido, Ca., calls the message a twisted interpretation of the Bible — a "wild and wacky theology."

"Some of these people are charlatans," Horton said. "Others are honestly dedicated to one of the most abhorrent errors in religious theology."

"I often think of these folks as the religious equivalent to a combination of a National Enquirer ad and profes-

sional wrestling. It's part entertainment and very large part scam."

Sociologist William Martin of Rice University said that most people who follow TV religious leaders put so much trust in them that they want them to thrive. Martin is a professor of sociology at the university, specializing in the theology.

The preachers' wealth is "confirmation of what they are preaching," Martin said.

Even J. Lee Grady, editor of *Charisma & Christian Life* magazine, has become alarmed at what he sees as the excesses of some TV preachers.

Grady defends the principle that if you are stingy with your money, you will lack things in life, and if you are generous, you will get things in return.

"But that doesn't mean you can treat God like a slot machine," Grady said in an interview.

Bakker, who spent five years in prison for defrauding Heritage USA investors, says he has had a change of heart about the prosperity gospel.

The same man who once told his PTL coworkers that "God wants you to be rich," now says he made a tragic mistake.

"For years, I helped propagate an impostor, not a true gospel, but another gospel," Bakker has said in his 1996 book, "I Was Wrong."



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Tahnee Jones and her mother-in-law Betty Jones drove four hours from their home in Townsend, Tenn. to see Joyce Meyer at the Philips Arena in Atlanta, Ga. August 2003.

"The prosperity message did not line up with the tenor of the Scripture," he said. "My heart was crushed to think that I led so many people astray."

While Bakker may have changed his tune, many more TV preachers are steadfast in their conviction that if you give money, you will receive it many times in return.

Meyer spends most of her three-day conferences on lessons in giving, and she is blunt when she addresses

what the critics say about her seed-faith interpretation of the Bible. She says that those preachers who believe that to be godly is to be poor are the ones who have it wrong.

"Why would He (God) want all of His people poverty stricken while all of the people that aren't living for God have everything?" Meyer said. "I think it's old religious thinking, and I believe the devil uses it to keep people from wanting to serve God."

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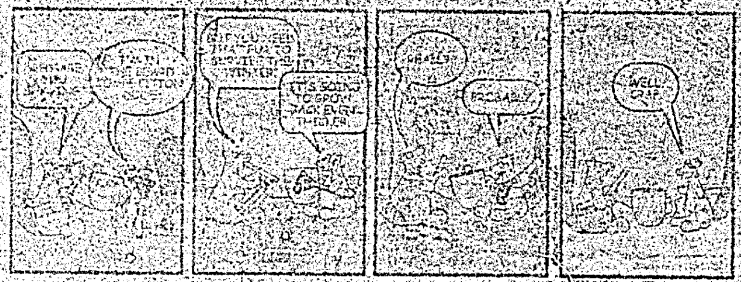
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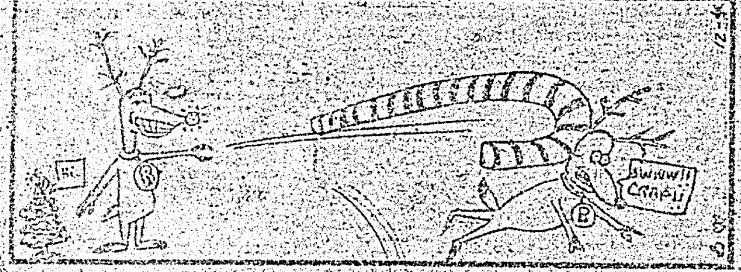
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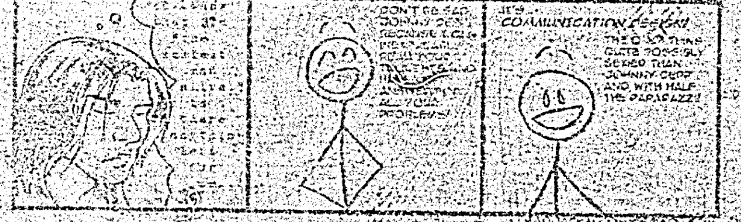
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Virgo (Sept. 21-Oct. 21) - Today is a 7. You should be trying to connect, but don't get too long or too fast. It's better to start with a burst of power and then through the rest of the day. Otherwise, you might lose control.

Scorpio (Oct. 20-Nov. 20) - Today is an 8. You don't want to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way. It's not easy to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way. You've got to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7. You're likely to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way. You've got to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is a 2. Don't let the world be a martyr. Some of the things you do in the world are not easy to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 23) - Today is a 5. The world is a martyr, but the things you do in the world are not easy to be a martyr, but you're likely to get this way.

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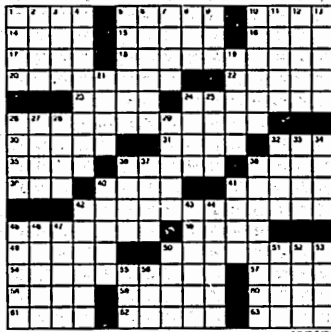
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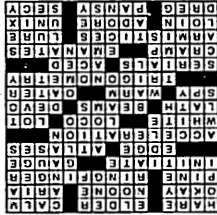
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 - 13 Foals' mothers
 - 19 Dome home near Nomo
 - 21 Not working
 - 24 Molecular building block
 - 25 Twitches
 - 26 Leather piercers
 - 27 Bloke
 - 28 Urban center
 - 29 Texas shrine
 - 31 Non resident
 - 33 Finished
 - 34 Thatcher or Heath, e.g.
 - 36 Get out-of-jail money
 - 37 Units of work
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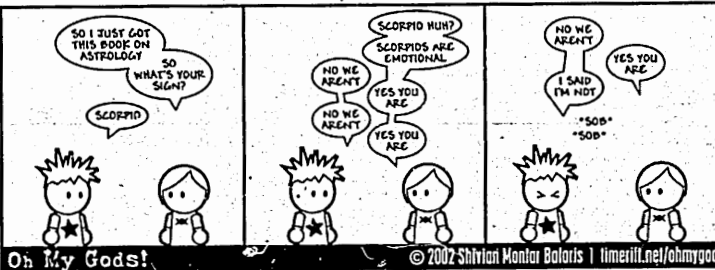
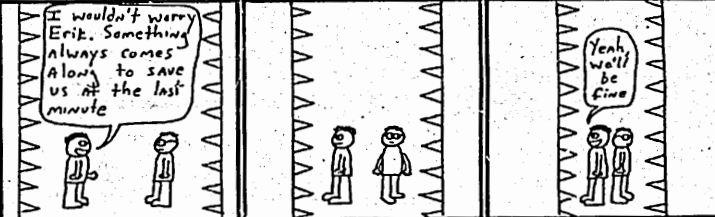
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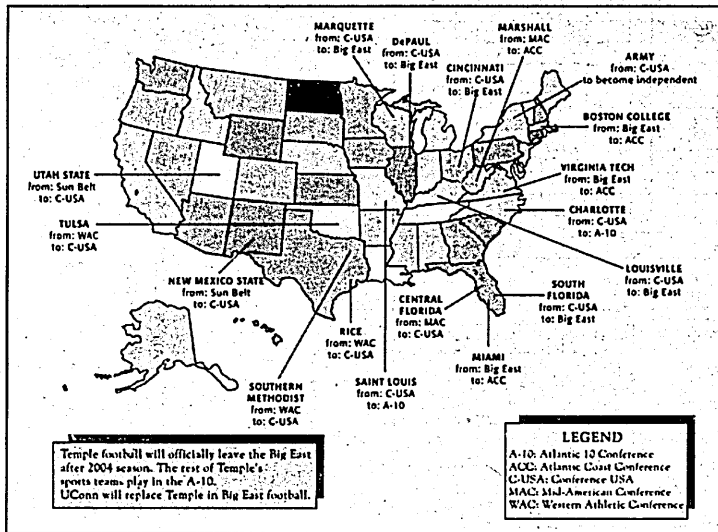
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THE Domino THEORY

Recent conference shuffling across the nation could eventually affect the Missouri Valley, but league officials are not worried

story by ANDY HORONZY

The "Fab Five" may have captured the hearts of television audiences with their stylistic transformations, but they're not the only ones in recent months to snag headlines with makeovers.

The landscape of college sports is undergoing a major overhaul — at least 15 schools have announced they will relocate to new conferences by 2006 — and when all is said and done, the fallout may dwarf any renovation the style aficionados of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" could drum up.

The dominoes first began to fall last spring, when the Atlantic Coast Conference announced plans to add Big East Conference schools Miami (Fla.), Syracuse and Boston College to its ranks. After lengthy deliberation and negotiation, Miami and Virginia Tech joined the ACC June 30. Boston College followed Oct. 12.

After losing three of its premier programs to the ACC, the Big East

quickly sought to plug the holes in its roster. It pulled Cincinnati, Louisville, South Florida, DePaul and Marquette from Conference USA, which was already losing Army, a football-only member that had decided to once again become an independent.

Miami and Virginia Tech's inclusion into the ACC goes into effect in August 2004, and Boston College's entry date has yet to be announced. Temple, a football-only Big East member, will also be breaking its ties with the conference after the 2004 season. Connecticut, a football independent but Big East member in all other sports, has been tapped to fill the opening created by Temple's departure.

Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese said the relocation of three of the conference's most schools forced him into a difficult position, as he is hopeful the changes will benefit all those involved.

"I think we've bludgeoned ourselves pretty good the last six months," Tranghese told USA Today. "But if people want it to work, it'll have to work."

In October, C-USA followed the Big East's example, adding Marshall and Central Florida from the Mid-American Conference, and Rice, Southern Methodist and Tulsa from the Western Athletic Conference. The WAC quickly struck back, pulling New Mexico State and Utah State from the Sun Belt Conference, shrinking that lower-echelon conference's roster to six schools.

The MAC, meanwhile, still has 12 schools among its ranks — the minimum needed to maintain a football title game — and has announced no expansion plans.

But C-USA has not had that luxury. With five schools already departed, C-USA schools Charlotte and Saint Louis also jumped ship earlier this month, relocating to the Atlantic 10 Conference. And now C-USA member TCU is considering a move to the Mountain West Conference.

If TCU were to leave as has been rumored, that would leave the door open for C-USA to pursue other schools, possibly from mid-major conferences such as the Missouri Valley.

The MVC is no stranger to schools departing.

Tulsa was one of its preeminent programs in the mid-1990s, when its basketball team

posted three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances and back-to-back Sweet 16 berths. But the Golden Hurricane moved to the WAC after the 1995-96 campaign and went on to post five NCAA tournament appearances in seven seasons.

Tulsa Athletic Director Judy MacLeod, who was interim athletic director when her school left the MVC, said Tulsa's move to C-USA was designed to provide the team with a higher level of competition, much like its departure from the MVC seven years ago.

"Our decisions in both situations were based on what we felt was in our best interest from a competitive standpoint," MacLeod said. "We enjoyed our years in both conferences, but we felt it was time to move on."

MacLeod said she has yet to hear any mention of current MVC schools being targeted by C-USA, given that the addition of another school would put the conference at 14 teams, pending TCU's decision.

"At this point I haven't heard anything about them pursuing other schools," MacLeod said. "I think they've done a good job filling in the spots they lost to the Big East, but I'm not sure if they'd be looking for any others."

With its basketball team appearing in back-to-back NCAA tournaments, SIU would certainly be a prime candidate should C-USA come calling. But Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he doesn't envision SIU following in Tulsa's footsteps.

"We're very happy where we are right now," he said. "The Missouri Valley has a tremendous level of competition, but it just doesn't get the coverage that some other conferences do."

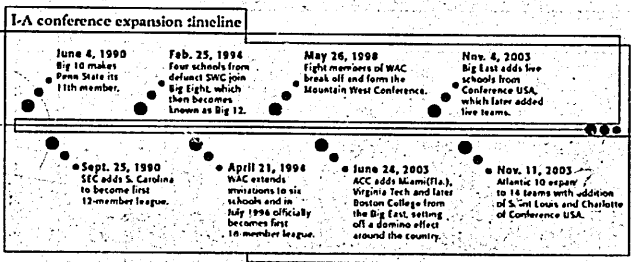
Another MVC basketball powerhouse that could possibly garner interest from other conferences is Creighton, a school that snagged headlines last year when its basketball team rose to No. 10 in The Associated Press poll.

— Paul Kowalczyk
Athletic Director, SIU

"I think we've bludgeoned ourselves pretty good the last six months. But if people want it to work, it'll have to work."

— Mike Tranghese
commissioner, Big East

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is Sylvester Willis," Painter said. "He hasn't gotten a lot of credit in four or five years he's been here, but man, he just plays so hard and hustles."

The Saluki defense was ineffective early on. SIU defenders draped themselves on SEMO's players, who found their way to multiple open layups.

The Indians scored their first 12 points on shots within a few feet of the basket.

"It's tough in practice to simulate how they cut," Painter said. "Our guys just kind of got lost, a little lackadaisical."

But Owen helped change SIU's first-half fortunes when he checked in with just more than six minutes remaining and his team trailing by two.

After entering the game, Owen immediately scored on an acrobatic tip-in from the left side to tie the game.

The athletic 6-foot-5 junior then grabbed the rebound on a SEMO misfire.

The ball ended up in the hands of Stetson Hairston, who was fouled driving to the bucket and hit

two free throws.

Owen then scored on a driving layup over two SEMO defenders and was fouled.

A short time later, he knocked in two free throws after being fouled trying for a putback.

During that three-minute span, Owen scored seven points and grabbed four rebounds to help spark a 16-2 run that gave SIU a 12-point edge late in the first half.

The Salukis tried numerous defenders on Dainmon Gonner, a 6-foot-6 forward who leads the Indians in numerous statistical categories, including scoring and rebounding; but most of those defenses were only mildly successful.

After he waived off his teammates and buried a long 2-pointer over Willis' outstretched arms with two seconds left in the half, Gonner accounted for 14 of his team's 25 first-half points, but the Indians still trailed by eight at the half.

Gonner finished with 24 points and six rebounds, while junior guard Derek Winans scored 12 of his 14 in the second half to help keep his team within striking distance.

With the win, SIU's 29th consecutive at SIU Arena, the Salukis

"If it wasn't for Jamaal Tatum, we would have grinded it out. It would have went down to the last possession."

— Matt Painter
head coach, SIU men's basketball

tie Duke for the longest current home-court win streak.

The game was delayed about 45 minutes because two of the referees mistakenly went to SIU-Edwardsville and the other referee had car trouble.

Referees Tom Shields and Jamie Jones walked onto the arena floor about 7:30 to a mixture of cheers and boos.

The game was played with two referees instead of the usual three for the entire first half.

"You gotta expect the unexpected," Painter said, "kind of like our foreign trip."

"You don't know if officials will show up, period."

The Salukis open Missouri Valley Conference play Saturday when they face Drake at 3 p.m. in Des Moines, Iowa.

The game will be televised on Fox Sports Midwest and Fox Sports Chicago.

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10 offensive rebounds that were key, with many coming in the form of put-backs during its game-breaking 21-2 late first-half run.

"They shouldn't have had 10 offensive boards," Opp said.

"We had good help, but then we didn't have good rotation for the blockout."

The Golden Eaglettes also managed to hit 11 threes on the night after making just 11 in their previous three games. None were more important than two consecutive by Tech's Casey Bradford that increased the lead to 24 with 12:29 to play in the game.

"They hit a couple shots early,

and they just got their confidence," Opp said.

Tech also capitalized on SIU's sloppy play, scoring 24 points off 21 Saluki turnovers.

The Dawgs had a chance late to at least make a game out of it. Trailing 71-49, SIU put together an 11-3 run to cut the Tech lead to 14 with about six minutes to play. But the Golden Eaglettes came out of a timeout with eight unanswered points to put the Salukis away for good.

"You can't let runs like that happen when you're trying to come back in a game and they call a timeout to make adjustments," Opp said. "You can't come out of that very same timeout flat. You've got to be ready to play."

The game started off back and forth with an 8-0 run by Tech being

followed by a 13-3 run by SIU to make the score 15-11 in the Salukis' favor. The score was tied at 20-20 at the midway point in the first half.

But the 21-2 late first-half run that ensued would end up being the difference for the Dawgs, who fell short in their attempt to pick up their first win of the season.

"We aren't playing together real well as a team, and we don't have the same people showing up every day," Opp said. "We've got to have consistency, and we've got to have kids we know we can count on and who understand their roles."

"I don't think they're to that point yet."

SIU will take 11 days off during finals week before facing DePaul Dec. 14 at All-State Arena in Chicago.

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But Creighton Athletic Director Bruce Rasmussen said he thinks his school's lack of a football program would be the deciding factor.

"My understanding is that Conference USA and those other conferences are looking for someone with a Division I-A football program," Rasmussen said. "We don't have one of those and neither does any other MVC school, so I don't see it being something that's very likely to happen."

Kowalczyk said that while he has heard talk of the MVC adding a team or two to its ranks, he doubts that C-USA is seriously considering adding an MVC school. The issue of conference realignment was on the

tip of many tongues during October's MVC media day, Kowalczyk said, but the idea of a school exiting the conference is not a realistic one at this point.

"We discussed it briefly, but I haven't heard much about other conferences looking at our schools," Kowalczyk said. "The issue of the Missouri Valley expanding was brought up, but even that was very brief."

Despite the recent upheaval that has sent many conferences scrambling, MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin doesn't anticipate the fallout to impact his conference. With a lineup of 10 teams that has remained steady since Tulsa's exit, Elgin said the conference has little reason to worry.

And if an MVC school were to accept an offer from a higher-profile conference, Elgin said he wouldn't fill

the vacancy.

"If a conference were to come in and take one of our schools, it wouldn't cause a panic," he said. "Ten is a good number that we're happy with, but I don't think we'd feel pressured to get back to that if a school were to leave."

For Rasmussen, a 10-school league doesn't hold any special significance, but he also doesn't see any rush for the MVC to expand.

"I don't think there's anything magical about the number 10," Rasmussen said. "I think you add when you can add strength, and I think right now we feel that we're strong. But you always have to be on the lookout."

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files, a 6-foot-4, 215-pound woman named Courtney J. Abbott was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. This "woman" also had the exact same birthday as SIU wide receiver Courtney James Abbott, so in a likelihood the policeman screwed up the gender thinking all people named Courtney were women.

If that indeed was Abbott — and if it's not, then the women's basketball team is going to win the conference this year — it was still not enough to keep the senior wide receiver out of his last game.

So what exactly did Robinson do? What was so serious that Coach Kill had to bench his great fullback and risk pulling the plug on the season? I'm not going to go into specifics about that, but use your imagination.

The one thing everyone knows, regardless of what Robinson did, was that he let down his teammates, his coach, the fans and Saluki football at one of the most pivotal moments in the history of the program.

Why, after four years of football and nearly a dozen games of stellar Saluki football, would anyone even run the risk of breaking a team rule? If one was in Robinson's situation, one would think that, at least for

a few weeks, he would live a Kent Williams existence and do nothing to jeopardize his status in the game of his life.

But he did, and I'm not the one he has to answer to. I'm sure he's already apologized to his teammates, but there is still a group of people that have not heard an explanation for his absence Saturday — the fans.

The people in the stands, especially the ones who made the trek to Delaware, deserve an explanation as to why they traveled all that distance for nothing.

And if Robinson does not provide it, his legacy at SIU, at least in the eyes of fans, may be nothing but his absence in the first SIU playoff game since 1983.

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SIU junior forward LaMar Owen drives past a Southeast Missouri State defender in the first half of Wednesday night's game. Owen scored nine of his 11 points in the first half to lead SIU to a 71-58 win to extend its home winning streak to 29 games.

» MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis scratch out win

Tatum, Owen lead sputtering Saluki offense to 29th straight home win

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A pair of newcomers helped pull the SIU men's basketball team out of its offensive doldrums in a 71-58 win over Southeast Missouri State Wednesday night at the SIU

» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Early injuries, foul trouble dampen SIU's night

Dawgs fall 88-71 on road to Tennessee Tech, lose fifth in a row

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From the moment the SIU women's basketball team arrived in Cookeville, Tenn., for its non-conference game with Tennessee Tech, things started going awry.

Key reserve forward Jodi Heiden whose double-double against the

Arena, keeping the Salukis' record spotless.

Junior college transfer LaMar Owen led the Saluki charge in the first half, while lightning-quick freshman guard Jamaal Tatum rattled in a crucial 3-pointer from the left wing with less than two minutes to play in the game to extend his team's lead to 11 and hold off the pesky Indians (3-2).

Owen scored nine of his 11 points in the first half, and Tatum tallied 13 of his 16 in the second stanza while at the same time finding the range on his jump shot,

something that has eluded him for the first few games of the young season.

"Jamaal Tatum saved us from an offensive standpoint," SIU head coach Matt Painter said.

"If it wasn't for Jamaal Tatum, we would have grinded it out. It would have went down to the last possession."

Tatum shot 6-for-8 from the field including 4-of-5 from 3-point range. The rest of the Salukis went 0-for-12 from beyond the arc.

Thanks to its lack of offense, SIU (4-0) found itself in some tense

situations in the second half, but its defense was able to stop the Indians when it counted.

A 7-0 SEMO run trimmed SIU's lead to six with just more than five minutes remaining, but senior center Sylvester Willis put back a Tatum miss to halt SEMO's momentum.

After he ended the game with a breakaway dunk, Willis finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the game.

"I think the player of the game

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» COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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B-Rob sealed SIU's fate

It was a true disaster and, unfortunately, many saw it coming.

Few could have predicted a talented Delaware squad would kick around the SIU football team as badly as it did Saturday, and even fewer could have envisioned cowboy quarterback Joel Sambursky's brush with paralysis.

But, as gametime approached and the news of fullback Brandon Robinson's suspension became public, I, and likely many Saluki fans, saw one inevitable — the offense was going to suck and was probably going to suck worse than in any other game this season.

Yes, Tom Koussos is a great running back, and so is Muhammad Abdulqadir. And yes, Sambursky may be the best quarterback in SIU history. But the system does not work without Robinson.

He was the superelement that caused Thunder and Lightning. He was not seen, few knew about him and without him, the storm would never have developed. He, not Koussos or Abdulqadir, caught the pass to beat Western Illinois last year that marked the turning point for Saluki football. So it should not be surprising that his absence derailed the Salukis.

But that begs another question — what did Robinson do that was bad enough to suspend him for the final game of his senior season? What was bad enough to make head coach Jerry Kill pull the lynchpin of his offense on the biggest day of SIU football in 20 years?

Obviously, he's not telling anyone. Officially, it is just a violation of team rules. But based on the precedent set this season for not suspending players, it must have been really, really bad.

Certainly, it was worse than what Stenson Hairston did to receive his suspension from the basketball team. Many on campus know what he did, but because it cannot be proven, I can't print it. If you don't know, just ask around.

It must have been much worse than the actions of two Saluki seniors during the football season, which resulted in criminal charges but not suspensions from the team.

Before the Salukis drove to Western Kentucky to edge the Hilltoppers, Abdulqadir was cited for driving on a suspended license. But he still played, quite possibly making the difference between a win and a loss. The suspended license charge obviously was not enough to merit a suspension and a hindrance to the success of the team.

During Thanksgiving break, according to Jackson County case

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