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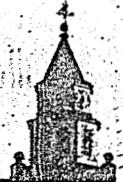
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Bush signs Partial Birth Abortion Act

Constitutionality of law being questioned

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For Christine Mize, president of Jackson County Right to Life, and other anti-abortion supporters, it was a day of victory.

"We're ecstatic," Mize said. "We'll have to wait and see, but it is a victory for pro-life people."

President George W. Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003 into law Wednesday, marking a long-awaited day for Mize and others who are against abortion.

"For years, a terrible form of violence has been directed against children who are inches from birth, while the law looked the other way," Bush said in his speech. "Today, at least, the American people and our government have confronted the violence and come to the defense of the innocent child."

Partial-birth abortion is when the skull of the fetus is punctured and the brains are suctioned out. It usually occurs in the second or third trimester.

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., a co-sponsor of the bill, voted for it each time it came to the House.

"He supports the bill," said David Gillies, spokesman for Costello. "He is glad to finally see it come along."

But as Bush signed his name, questions of its

constitutionality were already in gear.

The law does not include an exception in the case where a woman's health is jeopardized.

According to CNN, nearly an hour after the bill's signing, a federal judge in Nebraska questioned the constitutionality and issued a limited temporary restraining order against it.

Lawsuits in New York and California have also been filed.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who voted against the bill, also sees the ban differently than the president.

Durbin's view of the issue stems from a personal account with an Illinois woman eight months into her pregnancy. The child suffered nine major anomalies, and her doctor told her

the unborn child would not survive outside the womb and unless she terminated her pregnancy, she would never have another child.

"I believe all late-term abortions should be strictly construed and prohibited in almost every case," he previously told the DAILY EGYPTIAN. "I only allow two exceptions for any type of late-term abortion procedure — the life of the mother and where the mother faces grievous physical injury if she goes through the pregnancy."

In 1996, Congress approved a ban on partial-birth abortions except in cases when it was necessary to save the mother's life. Former President Bill Clinton, however, vetoed the bill. The House overrode the veto, but the Senate did not receive the needed two-thirds.

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AMANDA WHITLOCK — DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bill Wright and Cyndia Huang square dance at the first Harvest Hoedown Oct. 2 at the Touch of Nature. International students, friends and families got together for an evening of dancing and snacks. About 80 attendants gathered for the event. See story, page 10.

Reinstated state employees stay home

Cook County judge grants stay for Cole, 62 other employees fired by governor

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A Cook County circuit court judge granted Gov. Rod Blagojevich's request for a stay, and it came just in time — for him.

A stay granted last week by Judge John Madden will result in the state employees rigorously fighting to keep the jobs they had reinstated last month to go home with no back-pay or wages until the case is finished.

According to governor spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff, the timing of the recently granted stay will not require the state to pay more than \$2 million to the reinstated employees.

"It was great timing because obviously the employees will no longer go to work," Ottenhoff said. "That also means the state does not have to pay back-pay and wages. It would be extremely difficult to recover that \$2 million."

Blagojevich fired Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole and 62 other former late-term appointees made by Gov. George Ryan when he took office in January.

Blagojevich said in January Ryan should not have had the power to appoint some employees to four-year terms before leaving office — a move that would prevent Blagojevich from firing them.

In mid-May, Cole joined others in an appeal to the commission to be reinstated as the senior public service administrator for the Illinois Department of Central Management Services for Southern Illinois. Cole earned the position through an appointment by Ryan shortly before the former governor left office.

In September, the Civil Service Commission found the discharge of the employees in January was inappropriately reduced to 30 days.

In response to the commission's decision, both employees and the governor filed for an appeal. Once the appeals were filed in response to the commission's decision, other court decisions had to be made first. The court had to decide whether jurisdiction would be in Springfield or Chicago.

Once jurisdiction was chosen to be in Chicago, the court had to decide if the original judge was to hear the case or if a new one was to be appointed.

Madden was the new judge chosen to preside over the case involving Blagojevich and the reinstated employees.

Now that Madden has ruled a stay, employees will stay out of work until the appeals process is finished.

University free speech discussed in U.S. Senate

Students express concern over 'intellectual diversity,' freedom of speech

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Students who read the student conduct codes will find that not only does the legislation include the policies listed in the document but also most other University student policies — including free speech demonstrations.

A debate on "intellectual diversity" and freedom of speech on university campuses ensued during a committee hearing of the U.S. Senate Oct. 29. The senators expressed concern over broad policies in student conduct codes that could be used to stifle free expression of ideas, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

A panelist also expressed concern over the rise of "free-speech zones," or the restriction of demonstrations to specific areas of campus.

According to the current SIUC demonstration policy, students must obtain permission to

demonstrate outside the free-forum area and are strongly encouraged to notify the administration 24 hours in advance of any demonstration. The policy also prohibits use of amplified sound outside the free-forum area.

Neil Young, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, said he disagrees with that policy.

"I think that any group who has anything to say can say it anywhere they want to at anytime they want to," baring that they aren't interrupting someone else's academic goals on campus," Young said.

Lukeman Shofti, a junior in electrical engineering from Nigeria, said he disagrees with the policy of getting permission to demonstrate outside the free-forum area.

"This is our school, and we don't need to tell the school, 'OK, we want to demonstrate because of such and such and such,'" Shofti said. "That just takes away from the power and the message of the demonstration in the first place. If we demonstrate and they don't know about it, they have to pay attention. If they knew beforehand, then they won't really be worried about it."

The University is in the process of making

changes to its student conduct codes and cleaning up the current demonstration policy. A draft of the changes was given to the Student Affairs Committee for input.

According to Jean Paratore, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, the changes are being made to clean up the language in the documents and streamline the wording for easy reading.

Young commended the removal of some of the restrictions on free-speech demonstration.

"The more we can limit regulations on something is a good thing," Young said. "This is a public university. The more limitations we put on our speech, the worse off we are."

Young also expressed concern over the prohibition of demonstration that interrupts the flow of business on the University.

"Nine times out of 10 that's the reason for protesting, to interfere with administration," he said. "As long as people aren't getting belligerent and violent, I don't see anything wrong with them using their rights whenever and wherever they want."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Death penalty reform in Illinois snagged

SPRINGFIELD, (CNN) — When Illinois lawmakers overhauled the state's death penalty system, they included a strong message to police officers: Lie during the course of a murder investigation and lose your badge.

But Gov. Rod Blagojevich, under pressure from police groups, vetoed the provision that would let a police standards board decertify officers who commit perjury in murder cases — even if it's never proved in court.

His action sent the entire death penalty bill back to the Legislature, which convenes this week. Lawmakers can reverse his veto, but some say they're seeking a compromise.

Former Gov. George Ryan halted executions with a moratorium in 2000 after 13 men had been released from death row because of faulty convictions. Days before leaving office in January 2003, he pardoned four more condemned men he said were wrongly convicted and commuted to life in prison the sentences of death row's 167 other residents.

The legislation would offer defendants access to more evidence to defend themselves and give courts extraordinary power to set aside death sentences. Blagojevich

has said he would not lift the moratorium even if the bill becomes law.

Report says FBI has new Sept. 11 hijacking suspect

WASHINGTON — The FBI has identified an al Qaeda suspect who agents believed was the "20th hijacker" in the Sept. 11, 2001, plot but left the country before the plan was realized, USA Today reported on Wednesday, citing a top federal law enforcement official.

The official said the al Qaeda operative got into the country but "had to leave" shortly before 19 hijackers carried out the attacks.

USA Today said the official would not say why the operative left, whether he is alive or whether he is in U.S. custody.

The newspaper reported that a top Justice Department official confirmed that the FBI believes it has identified the 20th hijacker.

The report said that both officials said the FBI does not believe the suspect was accused al Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui or Ramiz bin al-Shaibah — the man suspected of coordinating the attacks.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

United Nations workers say thousands raped in Congo

GENEVA, Switzerland (CNN) — United Nations relief workers are finding thousands of women who have suffered "atrocious rapes" during five years of civil war in Congo, a U.N. agency spokeswoman said Tuesday.

"Never before have we found as many victims of rape in conflict situations as we are discovering now," said Christiane Bernhauem, spokeswoman for the World Food Program.

U.N. officials have expressed alarm previously about the rapes committed by the warring factions in Congo, but Bernhauem said workers who went to the area following the signing of a peace accord have found the situation to be worse than feared.

"These are women and girls from 5 to 80 years old who have been systematically raped a number of times, tortured and shot," Bernhauem said.

For every woman who has sought treatment, 30 more either remain in hiding or have been unable to travel the long distances to health centers, she said.

Some have walked 200 miles suffering from bad wounds, including bullet holes in their vaginas, burst bladders and broken legs, she said.

Blast at Kabul compound

KABUL, Afghanistan (CNN) — An explosion caused minor damage but no injuries Wednesday at the offices of an international humanitarian organization in the Afghan capital, officials said.

The source of the explosion near the Afghan Commerce Ministry was being investigated, said Maj. Kevin Arata, a spokesman for the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Kabul.

The blast slightly damaged a wall and blew out windows at the nearby office of the international charity, Save The Children.

"We still don't know if it was an accidental explosion or if it was something that was done on purpose," said Arata.

Later Wednesday, Arata said engineers found no other explosive devices in the area but that they still hadn't determined the cause of the blast.

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POLICE REPORTS

Shannon Elizabeth Frantz, 54, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 12:37 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of East Walnut Street and Giant City Road. Frantz posted \$300 cash plus her driver's license as bond.

John Joseph Smego, 27, of Carbondale and Kristopher Kirkham, 21, of Greenville were each arrested and charged with battery between 11:58 p.m. Tuesday and 12:04 a.m. Wednesday in the 700 block of South Washington Street. Smego and Kirkham both posted \$75 cash bond.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Wednesday, Nov. 5 article "Police suspect family acquaintance in assault," it was incorrectly implied that the assault of the young boy was related to sexual assaults in Perry County during the past few months.

Readers who spot an error should contact the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

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Brazilian journalist visits SIUC

Differences in Brazilian, U.S. media include accuracy, coverage

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A group of SIUC students learned all about the differences between Brazilian and American journalism Wednesday afternoon.

Brazilian journalist Ana Cristina Flor spoke to a group of students in the Dean's Conference Room in the Communications Building. Flor is one of nearly a dozen journalists to receive the Alfred Friendly Press Fellowship.

William Reckenwald, journalist-in-residence, is on a committee to bring diverse speakers to the University.

"Being in Southern Illinois is not like being at a university in the city of Chicago or the city of New York or even in St. Louis," Reckenwald said. "This is a pretty out-of-the-way place. People have to make an effort to come here, so we're trying to get as many speakers as we can to come down here."

The fellowship program takes journalists from developing democracies and places them with a major metropolitan newspaper in the United States. While this is not Flor's first time in America, she had never been to the Midwest.

"It's bigger than I thought," Flor said.

"I was really impressed by the University. You have a big envi-



AMBER ARNOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ana Cristina Flor, a journalist from Brazil, shows SIUC journalism students an issue of *Correio Braziliense*, the former paper she reported for in Brazil, Wednesday afternoon in the Dean's Conference Room. Flor is currently working at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on an Alfred Friendly Press Fellowship and will return to Brazil at the end of November.

ronment and infrastructure here and a big number of international students.

"One of the problems that I find in the Midwest, generally St. Louis, is that people are not exposed to people from other countries, so an accent is something strange."

She said in Carbondale there is a larger international population and students are exposed to a greater diversity than in St. Louis.

Flor said a difference in quality

of newspapers in America versus Brazil is the level of accuracy. She said the expectation of editors in America is to write corrections and clarifications to correct problems and inaccuracies immediately. She said the attitude in Brazil is to not repeat a mistake that has been pointed out by a reader without printing a correction.

In Brazil, the government must license journalists.

Flor said journalists can graduate from any university in the world as long as they major in journalism and are approved by the education ministry.

Brazilian newspapers often write about America, and when the war began, her newspaper ran front-page stories about American troops being sent overseas.

Flor said America rarely reports on Brazil unless there is an environmental problem or natural disaster.

"We have environmental problems with the Amazon and the rain forest, but the problem is that the reporters write only about this all the time," Flor said.

"Once a year, you have a story about the rain forest in Brazil, so you think it's a huge problem."

Nick Miller, a junior in journalism from Fairview Heights, attended the lecture.

"I thought it was interesting to find out about the differences in foreign press versus U.S. press," Miller said.

"The coverage of South America I feel like could be a little bit better. It sounds like there's not that many big differences other than that."

Flor leaves America for Brazil at the end of November.

"I'm going to miss a few things here like NPR or like Starbucks or people that I met here," Flor said, "but I have my family in *Brasília*."

Ana Cristina Flor will be speaking at 2 p.m. today in Room 105 of Wham during an international media systems class.

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SIUC graduate, receives Service to Southern Illinois Award

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William Norwood has received many awards in his life, but he said being the recipient of the 2003 Service to Southern Illinois Award is one of the best.

Norwood received the award Sunday night at the 32nd annual Jackson County Chapter of the SIUC Alumni Association Awards Banquet in the Student Center.

"It's quite an honor," Norwood said, "one of the best honors I've ever received. Through the years I've gotten a lot, but this one is really special."

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said Norwood is very deserving of this award.

"He's getting this award not because he's done contributing but because he continues to," Cole said.

The Service to Southern Illinois Award recognizes an individual who has provided outstanding service to the Southern Illinois region.

Norwood gives much of his free time back to the community and professional organizations, including Habit for Humanity.

He spends time mentoring young people by visiting schools and giving motivational and career talks.

A native of Centralia, Norwood moved to Carbondale from Rolling Meadows in 1995.

Last spring as a member of the Missions Committee at the First United Methodist Church, Norwood was involved in a community outreach project that distributed approximately \$100,000 to local organizations.

Norwood graduated from SIUC in 1959 with a degree in chemistry and math.

He was a three-year starting quarterback on the Saluki football team, a member of the Saluki Hall of Fame, SIUC ROTC Hall of Fame and the Centralia Illinois Historical Hall of Fame.

Arthur Aikman, a 1965 graduate of SIUC and member of the SIUC Alumni Association, said he does not know of anyone who has

done more for Southern Illinois.

"He reads like a chapter in history," Aikman said.

"He's done it all."

Norwood served on the SIUC Board of Trustees from 1974 to 2001.

He is a founding member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots, serving multiple terms as treasurer, president and chairman of the board for more than 23 years.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, said Norwood is a father figure to all SIUC students.

"There isn't one student Bill doesn't have time to stop and say 'Hi, how are you?' to," McCurry said.

Norwood served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1965.

In 1965, he became the first African-American pilot with United Airlines and later became the first African-American pilot to earn the rank of captain.

"It was wonderful," Norwood said. "Most airline pilots want to be captain. The journey of becoming a

captain was great as well."

United Airlines honored Norwood, after a 31-year career, by painting his name on the side of a United Airlines aircraft B-727 in 1996.

The aircraft is part of the Take Flight exhibit in the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago.

Norwood is also included in BLACK WINGS, a permanent exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Molly, a 1961 graduate of SIUC, are life members of the SIUC Alumni Association and NAACP.

Edward Buerger, associate vice chancellor for Alumni Services, said both Norwood and his wife exemplify alumni of SIUC.

"They're both from Southern Illinois, got a great education here. They left, had successful careers elsewhere and yet throughout that time they continued to serve Southern Illinois and Southern Illinois University," Buerger said.

Norwood and his family have established the William R.



Norwood

Norwood Aviation Scholarship and the Joyce, Richard, Molly and William Norwood Scholarship for SIUC students.

Greg Scott, assistant

director of Alumni Services, said Norwood has blazed the trail for many African Americans.

"He's a really good man, one of the best men I've met," Scott said.

Norwood received the United Airlines Community Relations Award in 1991, United Airlines Captain of the Year in 1995 and the Illinois Concerns for Blacks in Higher Education Special Merit Award.

The Jackson County Chapter of the SIUC Alumni Association also recognized five scholarship recipients: Brian Conner, Rapeepan Maitre, Devin Reno, Kathryn Lee Nobel and Matthew D. Rodewald.

University's admission standards discussed at GPSC's Wednesday night's meeting

Resolution opposing policy expected to be drafted

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At Wednesday night's meeting, the Graduate and Professional Student Council opposed the University's plan to increase its admission standards.

Eric Waltmire, vice president for administrative affairs, brought up the issue for discussion because he said he believes the policy is the wrong direction for a University focusing on growth.

"I see this as a bad way for the University to head," Waltmire said.

GPSC discussed the plan and collectively decided the new standards would be disregarding certain prospective students' right to an education.

The council is also planning on drafting a resolution, which will be voted on at the next meeting.

With the increase in admis-

sion standards, the University is hoping to provide a better academic environment for its students.

The University is also hoping the increase would prevent current retention problems.

The current admission criteria is an ACT score of at least 21 or a score of 18 or above with a high school graduating class ranking in the upper half.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, previously said the new standards could not be speculated.

He also said his office is considering a new approach to a stiffer admittance policy.

Waltmire said the increase in admission standards would place an unfair burden upon individuals who come from areas with lack of academic resources.

He said the new standards would make it harder for these students to be admitted to SIUC.

"We shouldn't try to move the direction the University is moving and decide to cut out from those disadvantaged background," he said.

"This is the wrong direction for the University to take."

"I see this as a bad way for the University to head."

Eric Waltmire
vice president for administrative affairs

One GPSC council member stated admission standards have nothing to do with retention.

He said there will be problems regardless of how high the standards are.

President Amy Sileven said by raising ACT score requirements, the University is neglecting a portion of the prospective student population from admittance who would have gotten in under the old admission standards.

GPSC passed by acclamation a vote to draft a resolution opposing the increased admission standards.

Waltmire said an SIUC education should be enjoyed by state residents.

"Public education is a public service," Waltmire said.

"I think that ought to be available for a lot of individuals. Public education should be available to all state residents."

State receives \$65.5 million to help fund heating costs

Local agency continues to take applications

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In an effort to melt the snow and warm homes, Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., announced the state will receive \$65.5 million in funding to help low-income senior citizens and families combat high home-heating costs.

The funding is part of the larger \$844 million package that will be awarded to states this year by the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, headed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"He's happy with the funding," said Laura Anne Miller, spokeswoman for Fitzgerald. "Winters are so cold and burdensome for so many families. He has been very concerned about the high home-heating costs, especially for the elderly and the poor — the people who are most affected by it."

The Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council, which is located in Steelville, runs a program for local residents. Donna Sagler, director of the region's LIHEAP program, said although she has not heard any official news about an increase in funds, she remains optimistic.

"There's a good possibility the funding will increase and we'll be able to serve more people," Sagler said. The local program began in September and

will end in May. So far, 1,119 households have signed up, to receive energy grants, and 115 households have received emergency service grants to reconnect heat sources that had been turned off. Last year, more than 5,000 households benefited from the program.

Sagler said only 15 percent of applicants were denied last year. Most denials were a result of people not turning in all of the necessary information. The program is now open to anyone who is income-eligible. To qualify, a person's rent must be at least 30 percent of his or her total gross income for the past 30 days.

For example, if someone makes \$1,000 in a month, his or her rent must be at least \$300 a month to qualify. The amount received also depends on the number of people living in the residence and the type of heat used. Sagler said everyone who thinks they may be eligible should apply for the program.

"A lot of people think that they're going to be over income, and they aren't," Sagler said. "They really don't know until they come in and fill out an application, so we try to encourage those people too."

AEGIS sponsors Feeding Frenzy Food Drive in Faner Hall

All food collected will be delivered to Good Samaritan Food Pantry

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Members of the Association of English Graduate Instructors and Students scurry around campus in a "Feeding Frenzy."

Canned food is piling up in various locations around campus in an attempt to provide the Good Samaritan Food Pantry with food donations, which will be distributed

to local underprivileged families. AEGIS is sponsoring one of its first service projects in an effort to become more involved with the community.

The Feeding Frenzy Food Drive began Monday and will continue through Friday. The organization is collecting non-perishable food items in three locations on campus — the Humanities Lounge in Faner Hall, the Graduate and Professional Student Council office on the third floor of the Student Center and the Wesley Foundation, 816 S. Illinois Ave.

The group, which consists of 150 graduate students, has col-

lected five large boxes of food with the help of students, faculty and community members.

"This is a way to reach out to the community in a way we have never done before," said Donna Strickland, the adviser of AEGIS.

An informational table will also be set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, across from the Wall of Fame in the Student Center where flyers will be handed out about the food drive and members of AEGIS will be available to answer questions.

The group is working in conjunction with the Good Samaritan Food Pantry, which is located in

the University Baptist Church at 700 S. Oakland St.

Jason Vaughan, chairman of the service program, said AEGIS decided to sponsor the food drive after he spoke with Margie Parker, director of the Good Samaritan.

She said 275 families had requested food in the Jackson County area that met the need, and the pantry did not have enough food to provide for all of the families.

"I would like to continue to include community service so the association can be more broad based, not just English majors getting together," said Levi Burkett, a first-year graduate student in English and member of the organization.

"This is a way to reach out to the community in a way we have never done before."

Donna Strickland
adviser of AEGIS

Vaughan said the entire organization has supported the idea of community service and helped with the food drive.

One member of the club donated more than 150 items to the drive. "The amount of support put forth has been overwhelming," Vaughan said.

"Everyone has been great."

New drug could be hangover cure

Leah George-baskin
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — Some people say they have the cure to prevent hangovers.

Spirit Sciences, which is located in California, believes they have a cure and are now selling it in the United States.

The company claims their product, a dietary supplement called RU-21, helps protect against the harmful effects of alcohol on the human body.

Emil Chiaberi, chief executive officer of Spirit Sciences, said RU-21 is not a miracle pill. It does not prevent intoxication but prevents the after-effects of drinking.

RU-21 helps the body metabolize alcohol by slowing down the process of ethanol oxidation into acetaldehyde, which is the process that occurs when a person ingests alcohol, Chiaberi said.

Acetaldehyde is what causes hangovers. RU-21 speeds up the process of acetaldehyde decomposition into acetic acid, turning it into water and carbon dioxide, which are harmless to the body.

Chiaberi said as a result, RU-21 prevents acetaldehyde from causing damage to vital organs, reduces alcohol cravings and prevents hangovers.

But Hlene Harned, coordinator of University of Illinois McKinley Health Center's Alcohol and Other Drug Office,

said the best way to prevent a hangover is to not get intoxicated.

"You can't get a hangover if you don't overdrink; otherwise time is the best cure," Harned said.

Harned said while some use Tylenol or other drugs to prevent hangovers, it is most important to have enough time for the alcohol to metabolize through the body because that is all a person can really do.

"Some people try taking aspirin before going to bed but that is not a good practice because that will thin your blood and your blood is already thin enough because of the alcohol," Harned said.

Dr. David Lawrence, medical director of McKinley Health Center, said he is not aware of any pill that is effective for preventing hangovers.

"My understanding is there are by-products of alcohol that the brain just doesn't like," Lawrence said.

RU-21 was first created in 1972 in Russia. Dubbed the KGB Pill, there are rumors that its primary intent was to prevent intoxication all together, Chiaberi said.

The pill was released to the Russian public in the 1990s and within a year was a best-selling product.

Chiaberi said the pill was just launched in the United States in May.

"It is not meant for people who abuse themselves but instead it is meant to help people who have a hangover after two or

three drinks and allows them to avoid it altogether," he said.

As a dietary supplement, RU-21 does not have to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration because supplements fall under a different set of regulations.

Kim Rawlings, spokeswoman for the FDA, said it is the manufacturer's responsibility to make sure their product is safe.

Although the FDA is responsible for taking action against any unsafe dietary supplement product after it reaches the market, manufacturers do not need to register with the FDA or get FDA approval before producing or selling dietary supplements but must make sure that product label information is truthful and not misleading, according to the FDA website.

Chiaberi said he believes people should do their own research before making assumptions, or if possible, to completely avoid drinking.

"It's not a miracle pill; people should drink responsibly," Chiaberi said. "Does it promote drinking? The knee jerk reaction is that 'Oh everyone is going to drink now.'"

But he said there has never been any evidence that hangovers act as deterrents to drinking and some people actually tend to drink more to lessen the effects. Chiaberi said he believes taking away the hangovers will not prompt people to drink more.

"I see this pill as something very simple," Chiaberi said.

FREE SPEECH

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According to Paratore, most of the removed sections of the demonstration policy are stated elsewhere either in more succinct terms or in other University documents, such as the Board of Trustees' policy guide.

Other concerns in the committee hearing centered on the ideological leanings of professors and avoidance of politically incorrect speakers.

Young said he has found this has not been the case at SIUC. He said the University has done a good job in allowing all sides of an issue to be heard. He cited examples in speakers such as Conservative Ann Coulter and Liberal Jello Biafra, who both lectured on campus last year, as examples of politically incorrect and controversial people on opposite sides of the political gamut.

Shofu said he has found the speakers at lectures he attended expressed a more conservative view, although his teachers have presented a variety of views.

"Most of the professors talk about their views, and then they talk about other views," Shofu said. "But they clearly state that those are their own views and tell us to believe what we want to believe."

Young said he has received opinions on all ends of the spectrum from his professors in fairly equal shares as well. He said this enhances the free flow of education and ideas.

"I think it leans very strongly in all directions," Young said. "I think we have a very diverse learning atmosphere as far as leanings and teaching. I think it's incredibly diverse."

Young said current world events have been pressuring government organizations, including public universities, to critically analyze and almost stifle debate on controversial issues to protect the health and well-being of the population.

"What they don't want is people to use their right [to speak freely] freely," he said. "They want very clear places, very clear times, very clear regulations on when and where people can say what they want to say."

Paratore agreed with him, saying education is about the free expression of ideas.

"The whole point of a university is the exchange of ideas and expression of ideas," she said.

She referred comment on how the University has been doing in promoting the free expression of ideas to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Dietz was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Young praised the administration for its low involvement in stifling certain opinions and its consent of speakers from all student groups and departments but said the hands-off policy has yet to be tested, citing the example of someone having a neo-Nazi speak.

"Every group should have a right to bring in people to speak," Young said. "And it's our duty as a society of people here on campus to decide what we will and won't accept as a group."

Washington State fans 'dying' to be cadavers

Evan Caldwell
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)

PULLMAN, Wash. (U-WIRE) — Some people are just dying to get into Washington State University.

In fact, David Conley, director of the Human Anatomy Laboratory and Willard-Body Program, has about 200 people from around the Northwest region who have registered to donate their bodies to the WSU anatomy lab after they die.

"About 50 percent of donors are Cougar fans somehow," he says, referring to the school's Cougar mascot.

"They are excited to do it. To them, it's not morbid."

He says donors want their bodies to be gifts that keep on giving — and they do.

Thirty-seven cadavers are used by 500 to 600 students throughout the year in two identical human anatomy labs. The labs have most things a normal classroom con-

tains: chairs, tables and white boards. But lab coats, organ bins and cadavers set this classroom apart from many others.

"A lot of the learning is through show and tell," Conley says.

"Students are encouraged to touch things and ask questions."

Most of the bodies donated are between 60 and 80 years old and come from the Northwest region. Some are even husbands and wives, Conley says.

"I receive several requests a week for the paperwork needed to register their donation to the program," Conley says.

The bodies are cremated after their time at the lab, usually about two to four years. Afterward, the remains are either returned to the family or buried at no cost in Seattle.

"A lot of schools are experiencing shortages of donations," Conley says. "University of Washington is — which is odd with all the population base they have — but we have no shortage."

Conley says there are some myths about the program he would like to dispel.

"We don't take any unclaimed bodies," he says. "No John Doe types, everyone must have already done all the paperwork needed to donate themselves. All our donors want their bodies to be here, and their families want to honor their wishes. Their donation is like a financial gift to the university, only much more unique."

"And we're not allowed to sell body parts," Conley says. "I guarantee to donors and families that the bodies are treated with respect; this is strictly an educational experience."

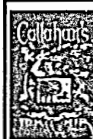
First-year WSU medical student Alisa Baxter says the lab and class help students get a feel for the complexity of the human body.

"Students can put their hands in the body and around organs," Conley says. "They are trying to learn the three-dimensional topography of the human body."

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OUR WORD

Health Services: an asset to SIUC

With so much talk about everything that is bad in American health care — skyrocketing prices of treatment and prescriptions, increasing insurance rates and deductibles and the millions of Americans who simply go without health care — it is only fair to make mention of what is good about it.

The best thing about health care is the simple fact so many students don't even realize the American system is flawed. This is true because universities around the country provide their students access to quality health care with a price tag even students can afford.

While SIUC is similar to other schools in regard to providing health services, we believe SIUC may in fact deviate from the average college health service program. It surely deviates from the basic package of health care.

Student Health Programs at SIUC take care of more than the common cold. Their doctors, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, physical therapists, etc., provide this campus with an enormous list of services.

Some primary and secondary schools are starting to figure out what universities have known for years: students cannot concentrate or learn efficiently if they are suffering.

And suffering does not just mean the unfortunate migraine headache.

Nutritionists at the Wellness Center know how important it is for students to eat healthy, exercise and keep a steady weight. They also know for some people, this is easier said than done. They help those people.

The Counseling Center's clients know they are cared for and that at usually only \$5 a session can keep going back until they feel they can better deal with their problems alone. And the center knows crises don't always occur during business hours, so they have a phone-in crisis line (519-3351).

The Counseling Center also provides Women's Services to help those from the University and the surrounding community who need assistance with educational, vocational and personal decisions. They also house the Campus Safety Program, which provides counseling to victims of rape, sexual assault or sexual harassment. And yes, men may take advantages of these services, too.

As pre-school-age children, we were required to have immunizations before starting class. College is no different. But for those students who haven't had the mandatory immunizations, a sweet nurse will be glad to stick them in the arm to fulfill the requirement.

While primary medical care is available on campus for all SIUC students, extended health insurance is a must. Although some students' parents have insurance that allow them to remain covered into college, SIUC also offers extended care plans for only \$134 a semester. That may seem like a lot, but compared to the average cost of health insurance, it is a bargain. For those students who pay the Student Medical Benefit fee, emergency dental service is available for only \$6 per visit. Dental services also provide some routine fee-for-service procedures as part of the primary coverage.

Sports Medicine and the Clinical Center will help control the pain of some injuries or make life with permanent ailments more livable.

And then, of course, there is the Health Service Clinic, which takes care of students' everyday health problems, provides women's health services and even has a laboratory for blood work.

And we can't forget the pharmacy, which provides the campus with cheaper prescription drugs than even Canadians could dream of.

No, the American health care system is not perfect. But the Student Health Services at SIUC is pretty darn close. During a time of unease about the future of health care in this country, we are confident if SIUC's Health Service providers keep going at their current rate, future SIUC students will have nothing to worry about.



THOMAS SHANER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Heaven and other questions

I like writing colums becuse it is fun and you get to tell pepole what you think. Its like being a encyclopedea but pepole rily read colums.

I found out yesterday there are col-umnists in every newspaper in America. Theres a hole bunch of pepole who want other pepole to now what they think. I think this is where time outs got made.

If a colum is for telling pepole what to think then can it be to get ansers to?

I got a hole list of questions that I've wated my hole life to get ansered.

Everyone I ask questions to just lags or puts the head in there iands like our precher does. Last night at church we got to ask our precher questions and he had to anser them.

And I asked him if pepole in heaven had to go to church on Sunday.

I figure sins they have to walk with him every day they might not have to sit and lisen to him on Sunday.

And what about water it does strange stuff. Like I noticed that water in the bathtub drains the rong way. Why does it drain the write way in tie sink?



**Kennings-
ology**

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Theres a hole bunch of pepole in the world so won't God run out of finger prints soon?

Is there a shespal hole in heven for rockets to go threw?

Has anyone in heven ever got hit by a rocket?

Theres a hole bunch of pepole in the world so won't God run out of finger prints soon?

And who takes care of the bears and bulls on wall street when the stock market pepole are down? I don't think I'd want the job but some one has to feed them so who does it?

Kenningsology appears every Thursday. Kodee is 8 years old. Her father, Dan Kennings, is currently stationed in Mosul, Iraq, with the 101st Airborne Division. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Health is not valued till sickness comes.”

Dr. Thomas Fuller
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WORDS OVERHEARD

“This is a wake-up call to policymakers and educators in the state of Illinois that says there is a problem here that they need to be aware of.”

Seymour Bryson,
SIUC associate chancellor for diversity,

on 12 Illinois public institutions receiving "D" grades in at least one of the four categories of the Faculty Report Card

COLUMNISTS

Who creates bad image of United States abroad?

Four major factors shape the image of the United States abroad: the government's foreign policy, the army stationed or participating in military operations abroad, its companies expanding abroad and the products of the U.S. entertainment industry spread all over the world. Usually, people abroad do not have contact with ordinary Americans and know little about their values and daily life. Here and there, U.S. not-for-profit organizations try to help alleviate crisis situations and their efforts are appreciated. However, they cannot outweigh the influence of the above-mentioned four major factors.

The president formulated the guiding principle of the U.S. foreign policy as: "You are either with us or against us." There is no middle position possible. It is followed strictly. The way the United States treated the United Nations showed the international community the respect

The way the United States treated the United Nations showed the international community the respect it has for any other country in the world. Countries that think they can afford having different opinions, like France and Saddam's Iraq, run a risk giving such opinion. Consequently, they receive the United States' fury. Countries that think they cannot afford having different opinion do not give such.

To be with the United States means one can hope for U.S. aid and investments, trade with the United States and, probably, one won't be attacked by the United States.

To be against the United States often means the opposite. Of course, in both cases, one pays the appropriate price. In order to be with the United States, one has to give up part of his or her sovereignty and the right to freely express opinions on issues important to the United States. Part of the price Bulgaria has to pay for being with the United States consisted of several weeks ago removing the prime minister's national security adviser from office because the United States didn't like him.

This foreign policy of imposing U.S. superiority on everyone else is accepted initially because of lack of means to oppose it. It fosters hostility, however, and in the long run, it begs for resistance and conflict.

Americans are familiar with that. They are the ones who pay the price of the U.S. foreign policy. They have to experience attacks like Sept. 11, and their sons fight and die in foreign lands.

Unlike most other countries where foreign policy relies on diplomacy, U.S. foreign policy relies primarily on the army. Politicians concentrate on domestic affairs.



Eye on Earth

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Often, the U.S. Army finds itself in the position of an ambassador or a peacekeeper. As Army personnel have been trained principally to kill — or at least they are perceived to have this role by most people in the United States and abroad — their positions as ambassadors and peacekeepers seem awkward if not even absurd.

Foreign army presence in a country is generally considered an occupation. The United States has never experienced one, but you can try to understand what it means. Imagine this was happening to your country.

The Saudi army attacks the United States because of fears the United States is possessing weapons of mass destruction and harming the Saudi people and because they conceive the U.S. leader a dictator. Also, the Saudi people want to bring to this country their philosophy of Islam as they sincerely believe this is the best thing to happen to this country. Islam promotes peace and values and gives people a chance to find the right way in life. The Saudis happen to have a stronger army and defeat the United States. Every Saudi soldier — as well as the rest of the Saudi people — thinks his job is to kill as many American enemies as possible, and so he does. Thousands of Americans die in the war. When the United States is defeated, a provisional Saudi government is established in the United States to teach the Americans the values of Islam and help them organize their country in a way similar to the Saudi way of life and government. The Saudi army has the best intentions as peacekeeper. Some American people agree with the Saudis and try to help the foreigners change their country. Others consider the Saudis invaders and oppose them. The Saudis cannot understand why the Americans are so angry with them. They just want to bring peace and a better way of life.

The Saudis and Islam were chosen randomly and in reality have nothing to do with the events described in this imaginary story. Any other people, religion or philosophy could replace them in the story. A real people and religion were used to make the story look authentic.

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

Economy growing at 20-year high; 'Uh-oh,' say Democrats

In what had to have been one of the worst weeks for Democrats across the nation, CNN reported Oct. 30 the U.S. economy was growing at a nearly 20-year high. The gross domestic product was increasing at a rate of 7.2 percent in the third quarter of 2003, and this was the highest growth seen in the GDP since 1984.

"Uh-oh," said the Democrats. The CNN article went on to report consumer spending rose 6.6 percent because "child tax credit checks and lower rates of income tax withholding helped fuel the third-quarter spending surge." Chalk one up for the Bush administration's tax policies.

To be fair, this upturn in the economy has not yet translated into jobs. As House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi cheerily pointed out, this upturn is merely a "jobless recovery." Well, Nancy, it does not take an economic genius to figure out jobs are not far behind.

Now, before President Bush and the Republicans can take full credit for turning the economy around, I feel it is important to bring one very important point to the table: the economy, for the most part, operates in cycles, and the president (and Congress) has little to do with that cycle. Whoever is in office when the economy is strong gets the credit; whoever is unfortunate enough to be in office when the economy is not strong gets the blame.

Having said that, certain policies can and do trigger economic growth. Cutting taxes for "everyday folks" (even if it is only a few hundred dollars) allows them to re-invest their money in the economy by purchasing things. That is exactly what happened in the third quarter of 2003: people went out and bought stuff.

To benefit an economy as large as that of the United States, other tax policies must be in place. Yes, that means cutting taxes for the wealthy. The idea behind this is wealthy people and businesses will, just like the everyday folks, re-invest their money into the economy. Unlike the everyday folks, however, wealthy people can create jobs when they re-invest their money. That is the principle behind "trickle-down economics." Besides, when was the last time a poor person, or even a middle-class person, created thousands of jobs?

Contrary to popular (liberal) belief, raising taxes actually hurts the economy. Just ask former California Republican



Political Hot Zone

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Gov. Pete Wilson. According to the Cato Institute, when Wilson raised taxes in his state in the early 1990s, California actually lost income tax revenue in the following fiscal year. Why? Because when taxes are raised, people tend to hold on to their hard-earned money. This includes wealthy people and businesses; and when they hold on to their money, that hurts everybody because new jobs are no longer being created.

Fast-forward to the current Bush administration. President Bush inherited an economy heading toward recession at the end of the Clinton administration. Despite outcries from the Democrats, Bush cut taxes. Now, the economy is finally turning around.

Regardless of this economic turnaround is due to Bush's tax cuts or if it is just the normal cycling of the economy, this is very bad news for the Democratic presidential candidates, who have based their entire campaigns on two issues — the economy is weak and the war in Iraq was wrong. Much to the chagrin of the Democrats, the first claim has now been shown to be entirely untrue. And Republicans are still working on the second one.

If Democrats cannot find it within themselves to bring new and positive ideas to the table, they have little hopes of recapturing the White House. Their only hope now is the economy makes one huge belly flop, and if it does not, President Bush will be winning a second term in November 2004.

I remember (only a few weeks ago) in my first article as a guest columnist to the Daily Egyptian, I said President Bush was doing a good job getting the economy to turn around. Several people responded saying how wrong I was, but alas, I (and all tax-cut supporters) was right. In the words of Rush Limbaugh, "See, I told you so."

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

LETTERS

Radical liberal thinking will doom America

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to Ana Velitchkova's article, "How valuable is human life?" After reading this article I wondered if Ms. Velitchkova understands anything about "new warfare," and I question her value of human life. Since when do terrorists and normal civilians have the same rights? Are you telling us that Bin Laden and other international terrorists should be treated humanely and just after they have slaughtered thousands of innocent civilians?

Though the war in Iraq was controversial, the United States AND coalition forces decided

to rid Iraq of oppression and death and give the people back their land. During the war people died — civilians died.

However, I question your sources for your counts of "7,776 to 9,587 dead Iraqi civilians." I question the credibility of Iraqbodycount.net. It sounds like a website put together and run by a radical, left-wing extremist. However, I am sure that U.S. government websites are "hiding the truth," right Ms. Velitchkova? What about Saddam gassing and killing thousands of his own people?

Even if your radical statistics of the dead Iraqi civilians caused from the war are true, it is still far less than the number Saddam brutally murdered. The decision to go to war ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives — another benefit of preemptive warfare.

You stated that the brave and fine four-star

generals are not there to count bodies. Well, that is exactly correct — they are there to fight a war and save as many U.S. soldiers as possible, not count bodies of dead Iraqi soldiers and civilians. Is it a bad thing when another terrorist dies? Or are you suggesting they should live and reap terror to thousands of innocent civilians worldwide?

Your statements regarding Gen. Zinni's comments are all but correct. I witnessed the general's speech. The audience laughed at your questions and applauded the general's response. He stated it is better to kill the enemy in time of warfare than let our own troops die.

I don't know how much sympathy you will have, Ms. Velitchkova, if you are stating that the dead Iraqi soldier count is too far above the dead American soldier count. It is warfare, Ms. Velitchkova, and America will strive for victory, and

I am sorry if the enemy force loses soldiers. Instead of looking up websites like Iraqbodycount.net, I recommend you research American Principles of Warfare and the new National Security Strategy.

It is people like you, Ms. Velitchkova, that will ultimately bring death and destruction to the American way of life, which millions of Americans have died for — if you want death toll numbers. The new Bush doctrine is a preemptive warfare strategy that the United States and world must adopt to combat and defeat terrorism.

I realize this article may be a little forceful and right-winged in nature, but I am sick of the radical and ridiculous liberal plague found in the writings of the columnists of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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senior, integrated marketing communications

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Clams-on-Prozac study example of offbeat scientific inquiry

Bob Ivry
The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. (KRT) — Dr. Peter Fong wanted his clams to get busy. He figured a glass of white Zinfandel and some Barry White was out of the question. So he gave them Prozac.

Presto.
"It worked really well," Fong reported from his lab at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania. "Clams don't want to spawn on their own. But within five or 10 minutes of introducing the Prozac, 80 to 100 percent of the males started spawning."

The revelation was a boon for New Jersey clam farmers. At least it would have been. But it turns out most clammers already use serotonin, a hormone triggered by Prozac, to prod coy bivalves into living up to the whole "happy-as-clams" thing. Other farmers get the quahogs to give it up by bathing them in a shot of warm water.

Fong, a biology professor, was undaunted. He had other research to do. Now, he feeds Viagra to snails.

"If we know what makes snails feel virile, then we can mess that up and make them reproduce less," Fong explained.

Dosing invertebrates with popular pharmaceuticals may seem wacky, but groundbreaking science often does. Even the light bulb was, at one time, just a filament of Tom Edison's imagination. Feeding Viagra to snails today could lead to glorious, snail-free gardens tomorrow.

Fong's happy-clam experiment, funded in part by the New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium, is the latest installment in a long list of innovative scientific inquiry associated with the state.

For his clams-on-Prozac study, Fong was awarded the Ig Nobel Prize, or "Ig," as insiders call it.

Fong's work shows the benefits of curiosity, said Marc Abrahams, author of "The Ig Nobel Prizes: The Annals of Improbable Research," a new book that chronicles 13 years of the awards bestowed upon researchers who are, to put it politely, way ahead of their time. The Igs are handed out every fall in Cambridge, Mass.

"The point of this stuff is that first it makes you laugh, then it makes you think," Abrahams said.

Among other Ig winners over the years have been the Southern Baptist Church's county-by-county estimate of the number of Alabamians who will go to hell, an American study which found listening to elevator muzak may help prevent the common cold; an Australian survey of human belly-button lint; and a British physicist's discovery that toast often falls on the buttered side.

Another winner specializes in quantifying everyday annoyances that plague suburbanites across the metro area.

John Trinkaus, a 78-year-old emeritus business professor at Baruch College in New York, has spent 25 years turning behind-the-wheel epiphanies and supermarket ah-ha moments into academic study.

Among Trinkaus' findings:

• Only about 15 percent of shoppers observe the item limit of supermarket express lanes.



Dr. Peter Fong is feeding Viagra to snails to see how it affects their reproduction in his research Oct. 29 at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Penn.

• People hate having other people's shopping lists and used circulars in their shopping carts. But instead of dumping them in the trash, they'll invariably toss them in another cart.

• Only 6 percent of drivers come to a full stop at stop signs. Women driving vans were the most egregious outliers — they stopped only 1 percent of the time.

• "It's indicative of a decay in morality," Trinkaus editorialized.

• Drivers making left-hand turns move into intersections more slowly if someone is waiting behind them.

While New Jersey's pharmaceutical industry spends multiple millions annually on research and development, Trinkaus has published more than 80 papers on a budget of absolute zero.

"The only cost is my time," he said.

Alan Kligerman, meanwhile, has been tak-

ing his research all the way to the bank.

Kligerman, who lives in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., is a corporate alchemist who spins out-of-left-field food science into gold.

He is the father of Lactaid, a constellation of products that make dairy products easier to digest. He is the moving force behind Beano, a food supplement that silences post-chili breezes.

"I was inspired by Sanka," Kligerman said from his office at AkPharma Inc., the Atlantic County company he founded. "If you get jittery and can't sleep, the only alternative before Sanka was to quit drinking coffee. Sanka took the caffeine out, so you could keep enjoying coffee."

Likewise, dairy products were taboo for the lactose intolerant — until Lactaid.

As for Beano, Kligerman said, "Sure, the

'Blazing Saddles' jokes get made, but to some people it's no joke.

Beano and Lactaid were sold to major companies. Lactaid milk alone now logs some \$110 million in annual sales.

Kligerman's newest product, and the one dearest to his heartburn, is Prelief, a patented mineral — calcium glycerophosphate — that takes the acid out of such foods as tomato sauce, wine and orange juice.

Every field has its expert, and suicide has David Lester of Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He has written 50 books and published more than 1,000 journal papers on that dismal subject.

There are many highlights in Lester's four-decade career, but three of his conclusions stand out:

• Springtime suicide rates in the United States in 1980 had little to do with the latitude or longitude of the state capitals in which the suicides took place.

• People with low cholesterol are more likely to kill themselves and are more likely to use violent methods.

• In his latest publication, Lester tackled the question: do male and female suicides jump from different heights? For an answer, pick up the June 2003 issue of "Perceptual and Motor Skills," because Lester refused to be interviewed.

By contrast, Richard C. Hoagland won't pipe down about his life's work — finding out once and for all if there is, or ever has been, intelligent life on Mars.

He thinks there is. And more.

Before the "Beam me up, Scotty" pips begin in earnest, hear him out. The Morristown, N.J., native is a former NASA consultant who couldn't ignore photos brought back by the Viking mission to the fourth rock from the Sun in 1976. There seemed to be pyramids and a mile-long half-feline, half-human face. In fact, mathematically, their layout on the Martian surface was uncannily similar to that of the pyramids and Sphinx at Giza.

In 1996, Hoagland wrote a book about it: "The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever." It was the result of years of poring over Mars photos and analyzing data with teams of researchers.

"There is something profound waiting for us on Mars," Hoagland said in an interview. "The hardest thing the last 20 years is waiting for us to muster the political will to send people to Mars to find out what it is."

Hoagland believes a superior civilization is responsible for the monument and that in Mars' oxygen-free atmosphere, libraries of incalculably important knowledge may be preserved underground. And that's not all. Because the Sphinx-like monument appears to have a human face, Hoagland says he's not sure Martian civilization is necessarily an alien one.

"There is the possibility that humans were already there, that our 6,000-year history is just a footnote," Hoagland said. "That's the real staggering thing."

Hoagland hopes President Bush will soon begin manned missions to Mars.

"If the American people don't want to go to Mars and find out what's there," he said, "we're never going to know."

United States colleges see fewer students from Islamic countries

Diane Carroll
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KRT) — The war on terrorism appears to be deterring young people from Islamic countries from studying in the United States, according to national figures released this week.

The number of Middle East students attending colleges and universities fell 10 percent last fall, the Institute of International Education reported Monday.

In addition, more than one-fourth of 276 educational institutions surveyed last month reported significant declines this fall in new students from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates.

The findings are predictable, educators say, given the crackdown at U.S. borders since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. But they also are a concern, the educators say, because the United States should be building bridges with those countries instead of pushing them away.

"I think the United States has sent out a message, intentionally or unintentionally, to students from certain parts of the world that

they are not as welcome as they used to be, and that is very unfortunate," said Joe Potts, director of international student and scholar services at the University of Kansas.

Overall, the Institute of International Education's annual Open Doors survey showed the number of international students studying in the United States slowed to a 0.6 percent increase last fall, compared with fall 2001. It was the smallest increase since 1995-96.

Strong increases in students from India, Korea and Kenya offset significant decreases from the Middle East, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, said Peggy Blumenthal, the institute's vice president for educational services.

The decreases are blamed on the federal government's new visa application process, a sluggish world economy and increased competition for students from countries such as the United Kingdom and Australia, Blumenthal said.

Last year was the 11st year potential students faced stepped-up screening, Blumenthal said. Because several Sept.

11 hijackers entered the United States on student visas, the U.S. government initiated more one-on-one interviews with potential students and conducted more thorough background checks.

"A lot of students may have just decided not to apply or tried to apply and gotten caught up in delays or felt uncomfortable ... in terms of how people would feel about having them on campus," Blumenthal said.

Potential international students probably continued to feel uncertain this fall, Blumenthal said, knowing the U.S. government was implementing a new computerized student tracking system.

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System required colleges and universities to put all data on international students in a central computer database by Aug. 1. Federal authorities can tap into that database at any time.

Potts said a federal procedure called Special Registration could be keeping some students away.

The procedure requires international students from selected countries — mostly

Muslim nations — to be photographed and fingerprinted by immigration officials. Each time they leave or enter the United States, they must be photographed and fingerprinted again. They also are restricted to using certain airports.

"It is the kind of thing that creates a feeling of resentment among students," Potts said.

Ariful Huq, president of the University of Kansas' student Muslim organization, said he had no problems when he registered last winter with an Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Kansas City. He can accept the new security requirements, he said, as long as authorities treat him fairly and with respect.

Huq, a 21-year-old junior from Malaysia, said Muslim students had mixed feelings about the new requirements. Many are afraid to go home for a visit, he said.

He would like to go home, but his parents don't think he should.

"My dad was like, 'No, you are not coming back. You can't take a break. What if you can't come back in the (United States)?"

Northwestern U. code of conduct counts off campus too

Courtney Flynn
Chicago Tribune

(KRT) — As a longtime Evanston resident who lives just blocks from Northwestern University, Pat English said she hopes two new policies aimed at bolstering students' neighborly behavior will improve life on her street.

"We've seen beer bottles in our yard, on the parkway ... loud music, loud voices, cursing, screeching, screaming," said English, 58. "We're hoping these policies are going to change things."

Spurred in part by racial epithets scrawled in a dormitory earlier this year, campus officials have created a civility policy.

Calling on students to respect others, the policy states that violence, intimidation and threats are unacceptable.

Officials also have instituted a new policy that expands the reach of the university's code of conduct to include some off-campus areas.

Students found in violation of the code on or off campus may face academic discipline ranging from

probation to suspension.

Some off-campus areas are patrolled by campus police, whose jurisdiction was expanded in May.

"What we are attempting to do is communicate clearly our expectations to our students that they act in a responsible and considerate manner," said Alan Cabbage, vice president for university relations.

Rowdy students have long been a concern in the North Shore suburb, where city officials have grown accustomed to fielding complaints.

On Oct. 27, for example, the Human Services Committee of the Evanston City Council will meet to discuss the behavior of university students and how it affects the neighborhood. Several university officials plan to attend, Cabbage said.

At least one city official said the new policies, which have been in place since the beginning of the academic year, have not had any impact on some students' behavior.

In October, two Northwestern football players were suspended from the team after they allegedly tried to force their way into an Evanston home where they thought someone

was throwing a party.

The two players and two Indianamen were charged with disorderly conduct and misdemeanor criminal trespassing.

"They've had these policies in effect, and then we have football players knocking down the doors of a woman's home," said Ald. Arthur Newman. "They claim they're doing things, but it's nothing more than lip service."

University officials acknowledge problems with some students off campus but said they believe the new policies will help them make improvements.

"By and large, our students are good neighbors to the residents of Evanston," Cabbage said. "But, unfortunately, there are some instances where students are not as considerate as they should be. This enables us to exercise a little more control."

University police citations for problems such as noisy parties and open alcohol have decreased steadily, officials said. In the first two weeks of classes, nearly 100 citations were issued to students off campus, Cabbage said. In the last four weeks, about 130 cita-

tions have been given.

"Early indications are that the policy and enforcement are beginning to have an effect," said William Banis, vice president of student affairs.

Some students who live off campus said the expanded discipline gives the university too much power.

"I understand why they did it — some people drink too much," said Ellen Gartner, 20, a junior who lives in an apartment west of downtown Evanston. "But it also shows they don't trust the students, and that's not good."

But Robert Quick, 19, a freshman who lives in a campus dormitory, said he believes students represent the university wherever they go and that the policy will help curb bad behavior off campus.

"It will just cut down on some of the rowdiness, so hopefully the surrounding public will get along with the university a little better," Quick said.

For years, student and staff handbooks contained aspects of the new civility code, but the topic was not consolidated into one section until this year.

"Demeaning, intimidating, threatening or violent behaviors that affect the ability to learn, work or live in the university environment depart from the standard for civility and respect," the new policy reads.


The policy sets guidelines and reassures students that hate speech will not be tolerated, said John Hughes, 20, a junior who served on a hate crimes task force.

The group was formed by the university's Associated Student Government after racial epithets and a crude picture of a lynching were drawn on the dormitory doors of three African-American students in May.

"I think people want to know that the rules of conduct at Northwestern reflect the hurt and damage that people who write hate slurs inflict on the rest of the community," Hughes said.

"It sets a community norm about hate speech and harassment that can guide students and reassure minority students that the entire community considers — speech repulsive — and it's not something anyone takes lightly."

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International students,
friends and families
gather at Touch
of Nature for event

story by JESSICA YORAMA
photos by AMANDA WHITLOCK

For members of the square dancing club Hi Neighbors, the grin was more from excitement.

The pre-dance anticipation was nothing new, an emotion they experience regularly as members of a club that dances on a regular basis.

"Everybody, we need one more couple in this square," the caller announces. "There's one. C'mon over here."

For international students, however, the smile was more from nervousness.

The group of students made up the other half of the formation, sweeping their feet across the floor as they prepared for what would be, for most, a first attempt at square dancing.

But what began with tentative movements soon transformed into confident steps as students promenaded, do-si-doed and alle-manded left and right across the floor.

"A lot of people came up to me and said, 'Well, I've never danced before.' I had to explain to them that that didn't matter," said Beth Mochnick, community programs coordinator for international students and scholars.

Gus Bode



Gus says:
Do Americans
actually go
to hoedowns?

"The goal is simple: to share the richness of American culture."

About 80 attendants gathered for the Harvest Hoedown at Touch of Nature.

The International Friends Club and the International Students and Scholars Office

sponsored the first-year event.

Though the main item on the agenda was square dancing, attendants also had the opportunity to partake in traditional American activities such as roasting marshmallows and bobbing for apples.

The occasion, though it required the combined effort of sponsors Touch of Nature employees and Hi Neighbors, was predominantly the idea of Mochnick, who has been involved with the program for 12 years.

She said she originally tested the idea 12 years ago and was anxious to give it another try.

"When I did this 12 years ago, it was much harder," Mochnick said. "Touch of Nature really helped to make it possible to get this done sensibly. When I did this last time, I did it alone and I had to haul everything by myself. It took forever."

Though part of the same square, there was initially a sense of separation between international students and members of the square dancing club.

As the event progressed, attendants became comfortable with one another and merged.

According to Mochnick, the opportunity



Kan Cooper and Hailing Huang bow to each other during a square dance at the harvest hoedown. The International Friends Club and the International Students and Scholars Office sponsored the event, in a combined effort with Touch of Nature employees and Hi Neighbors square dancing club.

for mingling provided by the hoedown and other events are small steps in helping international students integrate.

Mochnick said film representations are responsible for negative stereotypes both international students and Americans initially possess about one another. According to her, these misconceptions often result in a hesitation by both groups to interact.

She emphasized the hesitation is, however, predominantly the result of a comfort level individuals develop in their own setting.

"It's normal; if we were in their country, it would be the same way," Mochnick said. "When we are comfortable in our own setting, we don't think to reach out and say, 'Hey, do you want to go out and have a cup of coffee?'"

She said despite some individuals' initial fear about not being able to dance, she was satisfied with attendance.

"If there are too many people you can't move, so this is the perfect size," Mochnick said.

After about an hour, attendants seemed to have no trouble following calls and keeping the pace of attendants such as Hi Neighbor member Sally Wilcox, who has been dancing for as long as 25 years.

Srinavas Kolli sat out several rounds of dancing and watched but said he was anxious to give it a try.

"Being an international student, I'd encourage people to learn what American people do and mix with American people,"

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— Beth Mochnick
community programs coordinator

said Kolli, a graduate student, in electrical engineering from India. "The reason I came was to meet new people and learn some culture. Just being in school, you meet your classmates and that's it. You come here and you meet people of all ages."

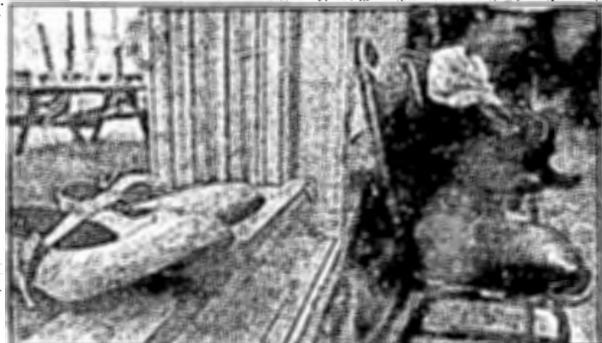
Children as young as 7 were present, having heard about the event through their host families.

Though the children seemed to enjoy themselves, often participating in the square dances, the event was clearly most beneficial to students attempting to socialize and take part in new experiences.

"I've been in dance all my life, but I've never done [square dancing] before," said Yuki Nakayama, a sophomore in architecture from Japan. "It's a new aspect of things."

Nakayama attended the event with her boyfriend, Craig Eichhorn, who said he had not been asked to square dance since fifth grade. He said the hoedown was not only an opportunity to perform a type of dance he usually does not but also a time to socialize.

"You get to meet different people from different cultures," Eichhorn said. "It's just a chance to get to meet people you normally wouldn't talk to on campus."



The Harvest Hoedown took place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 2 at the Touch of Nature. International students and members of the surrounding communities spent a large part of the event square dancing, laughing and enjoying the company of one another.

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U. Illinois researchers discover key to body's clocks

Timeless gene linked to biological clock in fruit flies, controls sleep cycles
Dan Berrigan
 Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — For many college students, sleep is an activity they can never seem to get enough of, and a University of Illinois researcher may have found out why.

Enter timeless, a gene that Martha Gillette, head of the university's Department of Cell and

Structural Biology, says controls the biological clock in fruit flies but, was previously thought to not play a role in mammals.

"What the clock does is organize everything an organism does to the day and-night cycle, which is obviously the major variable in the world," Gillette says.

"But people haven't thought that way before [in experiments]."

She says previous reports believed timeless only had a role in cell development, not in an organism's biological clock.

"We had to not only prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that what we were saying was true, but we had to find out why all the other reports

were wrong," Gillette says. "You don't have to do that very often."

It has been a long, almost eight-year struggle to compile the report, Gillette says, but the researchers are excited at their findings.

The research indicates timeless controls the biological clock in each cell of an organism and allows the systems to work together and efficiently, says veterinary biosciences professor Shelley Tischkau.

Some people are active at night while others sleep, and the reason why, Gillette says, are mutations in the timeless gene, which gives cues to the cells on when and what to do.

In addition to controlling sleep cycles, timeless also affects biological

processes such as enzyme creation in the liver, Gillette says.

If the liver cells cannot receive the signal from timeless to make enzymes, then they become desynchronized and inefficient.

Gillette and her team proved timeless' existence in mammals by using a rat's brain cells and compared the behavior of one group with the gene blocked with another where timeless was active.

"They saw a predictable pattern of activity, peaking during daytime hours in the brain with an active timeless gene, Tischkau says.

But in the brain without timeless, activity remained fairly constant all day, proving the gene affects

cell's behavior.

"The neurons are still alive. You can get data from them; they still fire, but there's no rhythm," Tischkau says.

The research suggested timeless is essential to the biological clock and is the same in mammals as it is in insects, graduate student Jessica Barnes says.

"We showed that the only explanation for all of the data that fits together is that timeless is essential for rhythmicity," Gillette says.

Barnes says they have only "touched the surface" of what effects timeless and the biological clock have on biology.

"This [discovery] is the kind of result you dream of, and lucky for us it worked the way it was supposed to," Gillette says.

Texas to get \$115M terrorism fund

Emma Graves Fitzsimmons
 Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — Texas will receive \$115 million from the Office for Domestic Preparedness to help in terrorism prevention, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Monday.

The allotted money for the 2004 fiscal year must be used by groups in the state to prevent, respond to and recover from potential terrorist acts.

For the first time, local entities will be able to apply for grants online through the department's website. The website also offers a database of training opportunities to educate first responders on terrorism.

"It ensures that nationwide Homeland Security officials have one place where they can tap into the resources, as well as the information they need," Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge said in a statement.

Gov. Rick Perry has designated the Texas Engineering Extension Service as the agency to oversee the disbursement of Texas' funds. The

service will assess the needs of the 24 regions and announce the exact distribution in February.

Eighty percent of the funds must go directly to local units of government, with the remaining money staying within the governor's office to be used at its discretion, said Gene Acuña, governor's office spokesman.

"If there is a situation, the first responders will be on the front lines carrying out preparation plans," Acuña said. "The funding will better train and equip them in our Homeland Security efforts."

The money will be disbursed through three state-wide programs. The State Homeland Security program will receive more than \$87 million for planning, equipment and training.

The Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program has been allotted \$26 million to help improve communication and intervention efforts among local law enforcement communities, as well as to identify possible terrorist targets.

Local entities such as the University of Texas Police Department can apply

for funds to help with terrorism prevention training.

Last October, UTPD held an emergency drill on campus to see how personnel would react to a terrorist threat. UTPD currently receives federal money to help pay for officers' overtime, chief Jeffrey Van Slyke said.

"When the terror alert goes up, every law enforcement agency in the country kicks it up a notch so more officers work in an overtime capacity," Van Slyke said.

The Citizen Corps Councils will receive \$1.8 million to mobilize volunteers at the local level like Community Emergency Response Teams and Medical Reserve Corps that prepare for emergency situations.

"The new funding will open up opportunities for volunteer councils in cities we have not been able to cover in the past," said Jim Ray, executive director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils.

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Democratic candidates discuss economy, partying at youth-oriented debate

Emily Chasan
Tufts Daily (Tufts U.)

MEDFORD, Mass. (U-WIRE) — College was back in session for the democratic presidential nominees Tuesday night at CNN's Rock the Vote. At the event, held in Boston's Faneuil Hall, the candidates fielded tough questions about what they were like as 20-year-olds, whether they had ever smoked marijuana and with whom they would like to party.

In a 90-minute town hall-style debate, the candidates fielded questions from young voters and the show's host, CNN anchor Anderson Cooper. Several Tufts University students and alumni were in the audience, and more than 50 others stayed outside to rally for their candidates or work inside as event staff.

Focusing on job creation, civil rights, access to education and the conflict in Iraq, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, Gen. Wesley Clark, Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Massachusetts Sen. John Edwards, North Carolina Sen. John Kerry, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich tackled issues at the hearts of young voters.

The tensest moments of the debate came in the beginning when a student asked frontrunner Dean about his comment in the Des Moines Register last week that he wants "to be the candidate for guys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks."

Dean said he intended the comment to broaden the Democratic Party's appeal to voters in the South who live in poverty but consistently vote Republican.

"If we don't reach out to every American we can't win," Dean said. "I've had enough of campaigns based on fear — I want a campaign based on hope."

Dean nevertheless drew harsh criticism from Edwards and Sharpton, who demanded Dean apologize for the comment, and spent the first six minutes of the debate defending himself. Students said they were surprised at the comments.

"I was shocked by the way some of the candidates reacted to Howard Dean's comment about people who fly the Confederate flag, and I was equally shocked by Gov. Dean's response," said Justin Krypel, a senior and treasurer of Tufts Democrats who worked

at the event. "I personally think that is something he should apologize for, insulting our friends in the South."

As usual for a Rock the Vote event, the evening was full of surprises. Clark said he opposed the trade embargo on Cuba and Kerry said he would have taken star Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez out of the game that cost the team a trip to the World Series.

When asked about marijuana use, there was no talk of inhaling or not inhaling. Rather, Edwards, Kerry and Dean admitted freely that they had used the illegal drug.

Braun, however, took the fifth. Instead of the boxes or briefs question that revealed Clinton wore boxes in the 1996 forum, a student from Brown University asked if the candidates used PC's or Macs. Most said they were PC users.

Throughout the evening, Sharpton, and his slogan, "walking the talk," brought laughs from the crowd with his critiques of other candidates and Bush. "We believe in dreams," he said. "Mr. Bush believes in hallucinations."

Tufts students and alumni were some of the most vocal audience members. Senior Courtney Demesme-Anders of California asked the candidates how they would reach out to young people like her, and alumna Greg Propper, class of 2001, prompted the candidates to discuss Bush's cuts to AmeriCorps.

Alethea Pieters, class of 2003 and now a fiscal-policy analyst, ended the evening by asking who of those present would be the best with which to party. Though Sharpton said he'd like to party with Kerry's wife, Lieberman said he'd like to party with Pieters.

Though senior Jackie Fields did not ask any questions, she sat in the second row and said the event made her hopeful.

"They were very lively and compassionate people who I knew very little about before attending the event, so I felt very honored to do something like that," she said. Fields was nominated to attend the event by Dean for Undergraduate Education James Glaser.

Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt was the only candidate who did not attend.

Many students rallied outside Faneuil Hall before and after Rock the Vote. Freshman Amy Helms, who rallied with Tufts Students for Dean, said she was excited for the event.

"[Rock the Vote] is the one event that targets young student," said Helms, who said she was campaigning for Dean because she felt he "is the only candidate that speaks to our generation." Other students attended "watch parties" at either at nearby pubs or at events sponsored by the candidates.

Boston was chosen to host this year's Rock the Vote event because the winning candidate will return to Boston this July to receive the party's nomination at the Democratic National Convention.

Tuesday morning the Convention Committee held a preparatory meeting targeted at young democrats to gear up for Rock the Vote. A handful of Tufts students joined those from other local colleges and universities to discuss similar issues of unemployment, access to education, health care and how to mobilize students on their campuses.

Convention Chairman Terry McAuliffe urged students to "embrace" the issues, share them with other young voters and most importantly remind students that "the time to pull together is when we have a candidate." At age 33, McAuliffe himself is the youngest Democratic Convention chairman in history.

Krypel said this was another positive step by the Democratic committee in trying to reach out to the youth vote — a segment that could be very important in the crowded primaries. "It's great to get together with other college Democratic leaders, and just hear ideas about how to get young people in this area involved," he said. "It was great to see the Boston convention committee reaching out to young people."

As reflected by informal votes at this meeting, it appeared candidates Kerry and Dean have been most effective at reaching out to college students, particularly with their youth-targeted website campaigns, Generation Dean and Students for Kerry.

The outreach to the nation's youth comes in the wake of last week's Harvard Institute of Politics poll, which revealed this year's youth vote is up for grabs more than ever before.

The poll, which identified 31 percent of students as Republicans, 27 percent as Democrats and 38 percent as Independent or unaffiliated, is reversing the adage that college voters are liberal voters.

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Lawyers: gender is still an obstacle

Ray Hafner
The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)

HOUSTON (U-WIRE) — Attorney Diana Marshall decided she had had enough of a judge calling her "lady" during a trial early in her career, so she pointed out that he was calling her male opponent "counselor."

"Would you like to be called 'counselor'?" the judge asked, more than a little condescendingly.

"Oh, no," Marshall responded. "I'd just like you to call him 'lady' too."

That barb drew such laughter from the courtroom that the judge was forced to restore order and threatened to fine Marshall \$50.

Marshall's story was one of many from panel of female judges and attorneys Tuesday at the University of Houston Law Center. Former Texas Supreme Court Judge Ruby Kless Sondock, Judge Belinda Hill, who presided over the Andrea Yates

case, and attorney Valerie Davenport joined Marshall to tell students that the key to succeeding is being themselves.

"The secret of being special as a lawyer is to be normal," said Davenport, who said she was surprised when she found herself being stereotyped as a woman in a man's world. "I come from a long line of strong Texas women, so I kind of walked in never having realized people thought guys were smarter than girls. I had four dumb brothers."

The women represented more than four decades of the women's movement in law. Sondock, valdicatorian of UH's 1962 law class, was the first female district judge in Harris County.

Although major strides have been made, female lawyers still face some obstacles, the panel members said.

Hill said when she started in the district attorney's office in 1993 she

was often called "little lady."

"Even today, sometimes, unless I'm wearing a black robe, I'm sometimes referred to as 'the clerk,'" she said.

Women also face a double standard in the way juries perceive them, which can be both a benefit and a curse.

Men can go after witnesses and be tough and tenacious, Hill said, but if a woman does it, "jurors wonder, 'Why is she so bitchy? Why is she so caty?'"

"It's OK to be aggressive, it's OK to be tenacious because that's what you're paid to do," she said.

Davenport pointed to the pluses of the difference in perception.

"We are perceived as more credible," she said. "We are still not the bad lawyer, so you have a tremendous advantage. But if you blow it once, you're dead. Guys can lose [credibility], they're expected, but with a woman, you can't lose it."

Defendant pleads guilty to 48 Green River murders

Ray Rivera & Ian Ith
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE (KRT) — Gary Leon Ridgway, who Wednesday pleaded guilty to the murders of 48 women, said he killed prostitutes because he hated them, didn't want to pay them for sex and because he knew he could kill as many as he wanted without getting caught.

Methodically, he placed their strangled bodies in what he called "clusters," often near landma, s, to help him keep track of the women.

But after so many, not even Ridgway, the confessed Green River Killer, could remember who was who.

"I killed so many women, I have a hard time keeping them straight," Ridgway wrote in a 16-page statement read by King County prosecutors Wednesday as part of an historic plea deal sparing Ridgway's life.

He killed most of them in his home off Military Road in the Auburn, Wash., area, some in his truck, and took most of their jewelry and clothes to make it hard for anyone to identify them, his statement said. He said he would sometimes drive his truck past the dump sites to remind himself of the murders.

In the end, Ridgway pleaded guilty to 42 of the 49 killings investigators had originally attributed to the Green River Killer and six additional murders that had not previously been attributed to him.

The confession made him America's most prolific convicted serial killer. Ted Bundy was convicted

of only three murders in Florida in the 1970s but later admitted to as many as 36. John Wayne Gacy was convicted of killing 33 boys in Chicago in the 1980s.

One by one, lead prosecutor Jeff Baird read names, dates and locations. To each name, Ridgway laconically acknowledged the murder with a simple "Yes."

"In most cases, when I murdered these women, I did not know their names," Baird read from Ridgway's statement. "Most of the time I killed them the first time I met them, and I do not remember their faces."

He faces life in prison without the possibility of parole or release. A sentencing date is pending.

Ridgway stood impassive, reading along on his own copy of the statement, as Baird read off a roll call of the dead:

Wendy Coffield, July 1982, her body dumped in the Green River.

Debra Bonner, July 1982, her body dumped in the Green River.

Marcia Chapman, August 1982, her body dumped in the Green River.

The list went on.

Bodies were left near the southern boundary of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, off Star Lake Road in Federal Way, in a wooded area in Maple Valley and off Highway 410 in Enumelaw. So many bodies, so many clusters, so many families left without a loved one.

Ridgway, the 54-year-old truck painter from Auburn who lived most of his life a relative nobody, stood with his head down. His

almost-congenial expression never changed. Not when the first name was read, not when the 15th name was read, not when the 48th name was read.

Twenty years of murders, beginning in 1982 with Coffield and ending in 1998 with the strangulation of Patricia Yellow Robe.

King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng said he spent three weeks considering the plea deal, before agreeing to spare Ridgway's life. But in the end, he decided trying Ridgway for a few murders would leave too many questions unresolved and too many families wondering about the fate of their loved ones.

"Gary Ridgway does not deserve mercy, and Gary Ridgway does not deserve to live," Maleng said at an emotional news conference following the hearing.

These were "young women who had troubles to be sure, that's part of the human condition, but who also had hopes, aspirations and dreams ...

"Their families deserved to know the truth ... That is why we entered into this agreement."

King County Sheriff Dave Reichert, who was one of the first detectives to be summoned to a Green River crime scene more than 20 years ago, said Maleng made a "bold decision." Then, with tears in his eyes, Reichert read off each of the victims' names.

"There is no joy or celebration on this day," he said. "Rather, it is a day to pay tribute to those stolen lives ... and offer thoughts and prayers to

their families."

The plea agreement brought at least partial closure to a mystery that had baffled investigators for more than two decades.

But for a region that has waited so long to see an end to this saga of abduction and death, experts and the investigators themselves have two simple words: keep waiting.

"It will solve the mystery of who the Green River Killer is," said Robert Keppel, a former King County Sheriff's detective, now a college professor and expert on serial killers.

Ridgway first came to the attention of police in 1983 because his pickup resembled one connected with one of the disappearances. In 1984, he took and passed a polygraph test. In 1987, police searched his home but had insufficient evidence to hold him.

Ridgway bicycled, camped and picked blackberries with his then-wife in isolated areas where bodies were later found.

He scrounged for garage-sale goods in illegal dump sites where bodies were later dumped.

He was caught by police parked with a prostitute on a dead-end road not more than 100 feet from where two women's bodies were later found.

Born in Utah and raised near SeaTac, Ridgway is a Tyee High School graduate who served a short stint in the U.S. Navy and then went to work painting trucks. He was set in his ways, having garage sales as his parents had, taking rolls of

\$20 bills to pick up prostitutes and keeping the same job for the past 32 years.

Friends knew him as a friendly, if overbearing, meticulous man who liked to read the Bible at work. He did not smoke, but occasionally drank Bud Lite beer in cans. He liked collecting garage-sale junk.

At 24, he married a Seattle woman who bore him a son then moved out for unspecified reasons just before the boy turned 5. By age 33, Ridgway was divorced, paying \$275 a month in child support, seeing his son every other weekend — and picking up prostitutes.

Since the Ridgway investigation started springing leaks last spring that Ridgway was cooperating with investigators and perhaps leading them to long-lost victims, attention has steadily escalated to the point that on Wednesday, Ridgway was a lead news item as far away as Europe.

Leading to Wednesday's tearing, the public and the media had almost taken as fact that Ridgway had owned up to more than 40 slayings between 1982 and 1998 in exchange for being spared the death penalty.

Until Wednesday morning, Ridgway had officially pleaded not guilty to seven of the Green River killings, including the deaths of the only women who were found in and along the Green River itself.

Prosecutors acknowledged a plea deal had been in the works for months and that Ridgway had signed an agreement in June of this year.

Brown bear breaks into Appalachian State building

Diane Suchetka
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (KRT) — It wasn't your average breaking-and-entering call, the one that came into the Appalachian State University police department minutes before midnight Monday.

The dispatcher listened as students described the scene outside their apartment window. The suspect, they said, was knocking in a door at the Holmes Convocation Center on busy U.S. 321 in Boone.

An on-word description was all police needed:

Bear.

When officers arrived, they saw a brown bear had pushed the glass out of a ground-level door and was making its way down a hallway.

For some reason, it made a U-turn and headed back out, according to ASU Police Chief Gunther Doern.

Spooked, perhaps by officers' flashlights, the bear fled across campus and ran head-first into an office building, Thomas Hall, where it bloodied its nose on a window. Then it took off into nearby woods, according to the chief.

Officers searched for about an hour, wanting to make sure the bear was OK. Despite its size, estimated at 150 to 200 pounds, they never found the bear.

No one else was injured in the incident, police said.

"There actually was a student working inside the convocation center, but I don't think he was in the same hallway as the bear," the chief said. He estimated damages at \$150 to \$200.

"I'm trying to think of why he would've chosen that building to go into, but it's beyond me."

The convocation center, used for sporting and other events, has concession stands on the second floor but no other food to speak of, Doern said.

"It's just basically a kind of bizarre incident," he said.

"We're going to be on the lookout for him."

TV watching linked to difficulties with reading in young children

Emily Schweikart
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — Difficulties with reading may result from excessive television viewing in young children, according to a recent media study done by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The study found children from six months to six years old typically watch about two hours of television, video games or computer each day. Within this age group, 34 percent of children ages four to six who live in a home where there is extensive television viewing can read, but 56 percent of children in this age group growing up in households with less TV watching can read.

According to Joanne Cantor, a professor emerita at the University of Wisconsin, a large amount of viewing displaces other activities that allow children to learn.

"TV viewing tends to be passive and not involve the viewer actively in the learning process," Cantor says. "This is especially important for very young children."

Cantor said frequent TV watching can even promote anxieties, which then affect a child's ability to concentrate and learn.

Rhode Island resident Scott Fertik is the parent of a 6-year-old son and agreed TV is harmful to his child's development. Rather than placing his son in a public elementary

school, Fertik sends his son Max to learn at the Waldorf School, a specialized school that promotes learning without the use of TV.

"Computers, TV and videos all create a society of robotic human beings who are depending on these machines to learn and go about their everyday lives," Fertik said. He believes when children watch too much TV, it can limit their imaginations and make them less enthusiastic about reading.

Fertik remains firm that this type of learning works well for his son. Max watches only a couple of hours of TV each month and currently has a passion and skill for reading. The few programs he watches are normally educational, although he watches an occasional sports event.

According to Cantor, not all TV programs will limit reading skills.

"Educational programs, whose first objective is to teach or to promote critical thinking, are often beneficial," Cantor says. "Also, programs that have goals to teach social lessons can be valuable."

"Sesame Street," "Blues Clues," and "Doug" are three popular kids programs Cantor believes to be beneficial.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research organization, family ownership of television is nearly universal. A 1996 study by the AGI found on average, American

families owned two to three color TV sets and one black and white set. The AGI also found by the time they graduate from high school, American teenagers will have spent 15,000 hours in front of the TV, or only 11,000 hours in formal classroom instruction. College students were reported to watch an average of 5.5 to eight hours of TV every weekday.

UW junior Anna Weedman believes college students' reading skills are already established, and the amount of TV she watches does not affect her schoolwork negatively.

"I do wish I had read more as a child, though, because I might be more enthusiastic about reading now," she said.

Instead of television, Weedman feels other media outlets are worse distractions from reading.

"The real thing that distracts me from my school work isn't watching 'Friends' or 'The Bachelor' every once in a while but how easy it is to be distracted by my computer," Weedman says.

From 6-year-olds to college students, Cantor believes TVs, computers and videos are a large part of everyone's lives.

"It affects all of us. It often interferes with the ability to get other things done and, depending on the choice of programs, particularly violent programs, may affect emotions negatively," Cantor says.

International students could pay for tracking system

Natasha Jaksich
Daily Evergreen (Washington State U.)

PULLMAN, Wash. (U-WIRE) — A new proposal would require international students to pay an additional fee to study in the United States.

The Department of Homeland Security published a proposed Student and Exchange Visitor Information System fee rule Oct. 27 that would require certain international students applying for a visa to pay \$100.

The proposed fee will pay for the continued operation of the SEVIS program and will cover the costs of administering and maintaining the SEVIS system.

The government implemented the program

with the primary goal of tracking international students in the United States. Washington State University uses the government's Internet-based system to track international students, scholars and visiting faculty.

Mary Fumari, assistant director of International Students and Scholars said she knew the fee would eventually be implemented.

"They have to get the funds from somewhere," Fumari said. "It's just unfortunate the students have to get charged."

The fee applies to certain people who are applying for specialized student visas or for a visa as an exchange visitor. Fumari said 50 percent of the international student population at WSU will be affected by the new fee.

At this point, the fee is only a proposal, and

Fumari said she believes the actual implementation of the fee could take months. Public comments about the proposal are being accepted on or before Dec. 26, after which the comments will be reviewed before publishing an interim final or final rule.

Alexandra Kullak, a senior exchange student from Germany, said she believes the new fee is too much for students to pay.

"It sucks that we have to pay that amount," Kullak said. "We have to pay enough already; we shouldn't have to pay any more."

Stephanie Mac Manus is an exchange student from Northern Ireland. She said she was upset when she learned about the proposed fee.

"Success is expensive enough," Mac Manus said.

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SammytheSea01: Hello, Milo-0?
MyLow83: What's up babe?
SammytheSea01: Is this Milo?
MyLow83: Yes, I was getting tired of Jim impersonating me on the phone.
SammytheSea01: But I'm still talking to you on the phone.
MyLow83: Baby, I felt like double-talking to you, baby.
SammytheSea01: Jim, stop it.

by Shane Pangburn

Instant Message With "MyLow83"

MyLow83 (5%): Why did you warn me?
MyLow83 (10%): You warned me again.
MyLow83 (20%): But Sam, I love you. I'm Milo by the way.
SammytheSea01: No you're not. You're a jerk, Jim.
MyLow83 (30%): This was a good fight, we should have make-up sex.
SammytheSea01: No, I hate you.
MyLow83 (40%): Angry make up sex.
MyLow83 (50%): Stop warning me, Sweetie.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Nov. 6). If you're willing to do the work this year, nearly anything is possible. Bring in extra money and fix up your home, for starters. Finding time for love is a challenge, but you can do that, too.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You and your friends may not have all day to relax, and be together. You might be able to do lunch, however, and that would be nice. It would also be good for your blood pressure.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're pretty good at making ends meet. To you, it's like a game. If you remember that you're good at this, you'll have a better time.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Friends encourage you to add more activities to your day. Although you don't see how you can, you might surprise yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - This won't be the easiest day you've ever had, but it won't be the worst one you've had, either. Even though somebody is being arrogant, another person understands what you're going through.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - How long has it been since you and your partner did something spontaneous? Something so wild and crazy that you want to tell all your friends? It'll be best if you don't. Tell, that is.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You can either cut expenses or bring in more money. It's good to find ways to do the former, but the latter is a good idea, too. Take on more work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Do the work and save your cash. Don't spend it on romantic flings. If you're with the right person, flings aren't necessary anyway.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You have the support of the people you love, and plenty of good advice, too. A co-worker can give you a tip that will help you fix something at home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You're an interesting person who's involved with interesting people. One of those people leads you to a discovery that challenges preconceived notions and changes everything. What fun!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're in the habit of waiting for the things you really want. It looks as if one of those things is on sale now, so go ahead and treat yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - It's quite possible that you'll think of a way to simplify procedures. An idea that has been in the back of your mind is starting to come to the front.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Insider information can help you to be in the right place at the right time. In other words, you'd better read the ads or you'll miss out on all the sales.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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GYFFIE
SNIDUM

Answer: HE WAS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton

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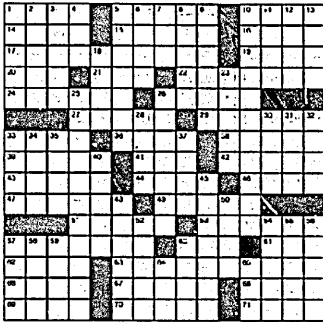
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HE WAS

Yesterday's Jumbles: RIVET AFIRE HANGAR GRITTO
Answer: The geology student fumbled his rocks exam because he took IT FOR GRANITE

Crossword

- ACROSS**
 1 Play parts
 5 Verdun's river
 10 Colorado
 13 library
 14 Neighborhood near TriDeCa
 15 Jordan capital
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 17 Backyard structures
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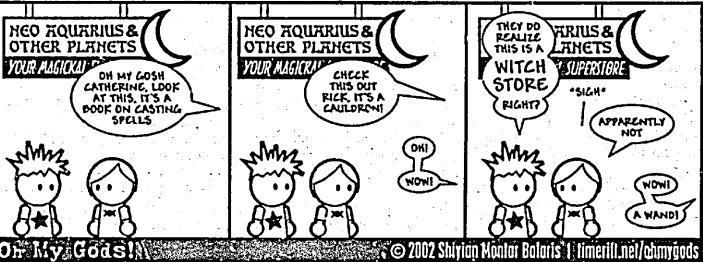
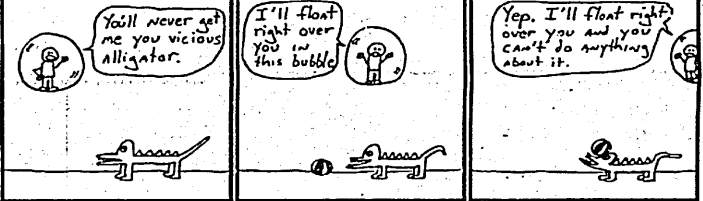
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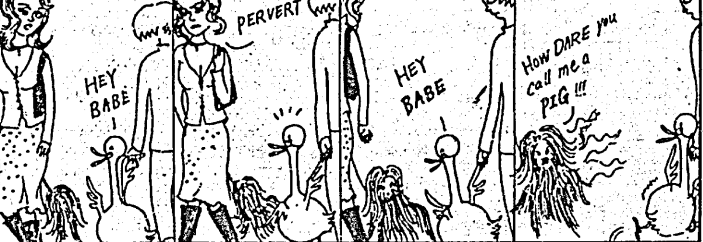
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INSIDE THE DAWGHOUSE



Basketball coach Matt Painter gives junior LaMar Owen some pointers at practice Tuesday night at the SIU Arena. Painter steps in this year as head coach after being an assistant for five years under former head coach Bruce Weber, who is now coaching for the University of Illinois.

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The smooth transition

Tonight marks not only the start of the SIU basketball team's season but also the culmination of 10 years of hard work for head coach Matt Painter

story by ETHAN ERICKSON

Ten years ago, Matt Painter could list his occupation as a forklift driver. From 8 p.m. until 1 a.m., he drove a forklift at a Coca-Cola plant to pay the bills. The first four palettes he put on his forklift fell to the floor, as none of the other workers would instruct him on the proper method of tilting the palettes.

Then he had to clean up the sticky mess caused by the syrup used in fountain soda machines.

He lived in a basement in the rundown part of town for \$160 a month.

When he got paid, he went to the grocery store and made sure not to buy food that would spoil.

Painter, then fresh out of college, worked a day job at Washington and Jefferson College as an unpaid assistant for the basketball team.

As the only aide, he prepared scouting reports and attended practices and games. Painter and head coach Tim Reiter, a former Purdue

University assistant, led the Presidents to the Division III Elite Eight in 1994, finishing with a 22-3 record in his one season at the western Pennsylvania private liberal arts college.

Needless to say, it was also his only season as a forklift driver.

After signing a four-year, \$720,000 contract in May to become SIU's head coach, Painter no longer has to concern himself with the tilting of palettes or his grocery store purchases.

As he readies to begin his Division I head-coaching career tonight in SIU's exhibition opener versus Athletics in Action, he'll become the school's 11th basketball head coach and, at the age of 32 when hired, the youngest ever.

His first six months on the job have been mostly as expected. Painter, who spent the previous five seasons as Bruce Weber's top assistant at SIU, was well-acquainted with the players, the administration and all things Saluki before he took the reins,

something that has made his transition infinitely smoother.

But Painter has had to make minor adjustments, one of the biggest being one of the most unexpected — he learned of the physical aspect of coaching when he led the Salukis to a 5-1 record on a European trip in August.

"I've never stood up to coach basketball before," Painter said. "It just felt uncomfortable because I was always used to just sitting down and watching the game so long."

Another hurdle Painter has had to clear was the many responsibilities of a head coach, who acts as the face of his University at various speaking and media engagements.

It's not that he feels uncomfortable, but he would rather spend meaningful time with his players. These are adjustments Painter can deal with, though, as he's wanted to be in this position for years.

The 6-foot-6 Muncie, Ind., native played nearly every sport imaginable growing up, but basketball was the one that took him places.

Painter was awarded a scholarship to Purdue, where he played shooting guard from 1989 to 1993 under legendary coach Gene Keady and former SIU coach Bruce Weber.

Even though he was talented enough to survive in the highly competitive Big 10 Conference, he knew all along coaching was what he would fall back on. He wasn't gifted athletically, but he always believed he had the intuition of a coach.

"I always was thinking one play ahead from a mental standpoint," Painter said. "I've always just wanted to be a coach, and I always liked the X's and O's of basketball."

The drills run in practice are the same as last season, as is the intensity level demanded of the players. Most of

the Salukis say there hasn't been much difference between practices under Painter and head coach Painter.

Junior center Josh Warren says Painter's practices are slightly shorter and more difficult, and senior Sykster Willis says Painter may yell slightly more than Weber.

As an assistant, Painter could go for long stretches without addressing his team, but as head man he must frequently teach, cajole or yell at his players.

During one early practice, Painter, clearly unimpressed with his team's intensity, made his charges run the floor then run again a few seconds later when they didn't line up for the drill correctly.

"You guys didn't come to play today," Painter bellowed. "You didn't come to play."

Longtime SIU assistant Rodney Watson believes Painter is well-prepared to lead a team of his own, as he has played an integral role in decision-making under Weber's lead and is quick to take the blame when things don't go as planned.

"The way things have gone in the last five years, we all have had responsibility, and what people don't realize is the amount of influence he had on decisions," Watson said. "He welcomes the responsibility on his final decision."

Off the court, Willis noticed little difference between assistant coach Painter and head coach Painter.

"He changed the way he dressed; that's about it," Willis said. "He wears more ties and more flashy stuff instead of them polos and them little gym shorts."

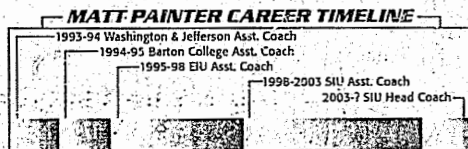
What he'll wear in his debut tonight will be a game-day decision. He may don the sport coat and tie that he wore when the Salukis made their Sweet 16 run in 2002. One thing's for sure — Painter will have his Missouri Valley Conference championship ring on his hand.

The Salukis began last season 5-3, then Painter started wearing the ring and his team won 19 of 22 games.

In addition to the Saluki faithful, Painter's mother and stepfather will be in from Indianapolis and his grandparents are coming from Florida for tonight's game. His reaction to that introduction is yet to be seen.

"I say it won't be that big of a deal, but this was a goal of mine, to be a Division I head coach, and it happened. If I said it wasn't something I wasn't happy about or ecstatic about, I'd be lying," Painter said. "I'm excited about being the head coach here, and I'm just looking forward to the games."

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cial hit for SIU Athletics.

Hopefully, the cost will eventually be covered in increased merchandise sales, future game attendance and possible donations from proud alumni. In the long term, it is likely to turn a profit. But even if it does not, Kowalczyk is still right to be aggressively pursuing home games at McAndrew.

When I interviewed him a few days ago, Kowalczyk took the words right out of my mouth.

"Anytime you can host an event of this magnitude, you have to take advantage of it," Kowalczyk said. "You reap rewards that go beyond dollars and cents."

Opportunities such as this are few and far between, and SIU owes it to three major groups to secure as many home playoff games as possible, regardless of the cost.

The fans

Despite what Sports Illustrated said, SIU football has some pretty loyal fans, and attendance is up this season. The Salukis drew 4,000 more people to this year's Homecoming game

than last year's, and 8,873 fans came out to watch SIU pummel Southwest Missouri State despite near-freezing temperatures and a constant London-esque drizzle.

Telling those fans, especially the psychos with their shirts off, that you simply cannot afford to play at home is a slap in the face. A move like that could cause the student body to relapse into apathy.

The players

The success of this season could have been foretold in the summer, when many players spent the summer in Carbondale, busting their butts — and bones — in an attempt to make this season special.

Because of their toils, SIU has its first 9-0 season since 1983, and they deserve to play a home playoff game in front of thousands of ecstatic Saluki fans. It will be the first full house they will see in their college careers and for the seniors, the only one.

Tom Koutsos has killed himself for the Salukis for five seasons. He has become one of the toughest and most dedicated players in the history of SIU football, and he would love nothing more than to play in front of a capacity crowd.

The program

Whether you agree with it or not, SIU has taken many steps to resurrect its football program — the proposed new stadium, the \$3 million weight room/academic center courtesy of a wealthy alumnus, a coach who knows what he's doing — and it would be contradictory to the program's recent progress to suddenly become stingy when it comes to home playoff games.

Chancellor Walter Wendler is attempting to upgrade the facilities and offices at this school because, as he rightly assumes, quality work and quality people come from quality surroundings. In other words, a professor is more likely to come to this school if he feels he is in a professional environment, and current professors will work harder if they can work in surroundings worthy of their talents.

Just like a professor will be more successful in a furnished office as opposed to a janitor's closet, a football player will be more successful in a program willing to pay the money needed to give him a team home-field advantage.

Kowalczyk has been working to get SIU football out of the janitor's closet for years, and he is not about to send the program back while a carpenter is measuring the new penthouse — no matter what it costs.

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6-foot-6 or taller, with one being 6-foot-10 and another 6-foot-11.

"I don't know if those are skinny guys that play outside predominantly, but I would think their size will give us a good look and really help our interior players get ready for the season," Painter said.

After the loss of Dearman, SIU has a lot to prove in the frontcourt, but seniors Sylvester Wills and Brad Korn, in addition to Warren, will have to show improvement for the team to be successful.

Warren now has a new weapon in his arsenal — he's been cleared by Painter to shoot the three-pointer if

he's open.

Contrary to previous reports, one of SIU's all-time best shooters, Kent Williams, will not play for AIA. The former Saluki star will be in suburban Atlanta tonight for the National Basketball Development League Draft.

But at this point in the season, Painter is more concerned with his own team.

"You just want them to play hard and get ready for the season and play together as a team," Painter said. "I think that's what we have done the last couple years; we have really done a good job of developing our team chemistry as the year went on."

"Hopefully this year we can a little bit better in that aspect earlier in

the season."

Saluki Notes ... Freshmen big men Jamal Foster and Randal Falter will be redshirted this season, according to Painter. ... Redshirt-freshman guard Ryan Walker, hampered by a knee injury in late-October, has returned to practice with a black brace on his left knee.

Junior college transfer LaMar Owen injured his big toe last week, but he too is now practicing. Neither is 100 percent, but both are expected to be available tonight. ... Junior guard Stetson Hairston sprained his ankle during practice and was riding a stationary bicycle at the end of Wednesday's practice.

He won't play in either exhibition game due to a suspension handed down by Painter in June.

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type of guy, was a perfect example of what Southern Illinois stands for.

Prior to this season, the closest thing to success Koutsos and Egan had seen was a 5-6 record back in 1999.

After all the losses they have suffered during their four years here, even they never thought they would

see the Salukis at the point they are now.

"Not in my wildest dreams," Koutsos said.

"It's just unbelievable what's going on now. It's a whole different story in Saluki football."

While Saturday will be the last time the seven seniors are guaranteed to play at McAndrew, a win over the Penguins could potentially secure at least one more home game, this time in the Division I-AA playoffs.

That in itself is something that at one point seemed only a dream to the Salukis.

Now players like Koutsos, Egan and the rest of the seniors may get a chance to actually experience it.

"When we were 1-10 and 3-8 and not doing so well and no one liked the football program, we believed that we could turn the corner, and we turned the corner in a major way," Koutsos said. "We sprinted over it."

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Tom Koutsos is one of seven SIU seniors who will be potentially playing their final home game Saturday at McAndrew Stadium against Youngstown State. If the Salukis beat the Penguins Saturday they are all but assured of playing host to a playoff game.

FOOTBALL

Seniors to play one more at home

Saturday is possibly final time seven seniors will play game at McAndrew Stadium
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Last season's version of senior day was a rough one for the SIU football team.

The Salukis fell to Western Kentucky 48-16 to cap a disappointing 4-8 season in which SIU succumbed to numerous key injuries en route to losing its final

five games.

This year, SIU enters senior day Saturday against Youngstown State as a polar opposite.

The Salukis are undefeated at 9-0 and are ranked No. 3 in the national polls.

This is a big change for a senior class that has experienced just eight wins the previous three seasons.

"You always said the ones that stayed would get rewarded, and this group is definitely getting rewarded, and they deserve to be rewarded," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "They've worked hard, and they've stayed with it, and I'm very proud of them."

There are seven seniors on this year's roster that will run out of eligibility after this season. Three have been a part of the program for the past five years — Egan, Tom Koutsos and George Mooney. The other four seniors are Muhammad Abdulqadir, Courtney Abbott, Brandon Robinson and Wesley Proctor.

Koutsos and Egan have arguably been the heart and soul of SIU's offense and defense, respectively, the last few years.

Koutsos has been the face of the program since arriving in 1999 and holds numerous school and Gateway Conference records including career

rushing yards and career rushing touchdowns. He has run the ball 939 times for 4,411 yards and 49 touchdowns.

"I love the kid like my own," Kill said. "I'll be indebted to him my whole life for the way he's worked and sweated in this program. He's put Southern Illinois football on the map."

Egan has been the leader of the SIU defense since switching to linebacker his sophomore season, racking up 216 tackles since making the move. Kill said Egan, who he described as a hardhat and lunch pail

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COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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Sparing no expense

Bidding for a home playoff game would cost the SIU Athletic Department — big.

It would deplete the funds of a department that, despite recent efforts, is still hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt.

The \$30,000 required for a first-round game and \$40,000 for a second-round match-up would be a lavish expense for a university attempting to cut expenses on every corner of its campus. And those are only minimum bids. It could be more.

To make matters worse, a home playoff game would line the pockets of the NCAA, which, at least in the case of I-AA football, is a soulless organization more interested in money than the welfare of student-athletes or the schools under its jurisdiction.

So when the greedy tax collectors from the NCAA come knocking at Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk's door offering a home playoff game for the right price, he would, and should, say just one word back to them — yes. "We're bidding," Kowalczyk said Tuesday. "We're going to do everything we can to do a home game — or more."

Money is tight and Kowalczyk, a former accountant, does not want to spend much. But given the opportunity, he will pay whatever it takes to secure the Salukis home-field advantage as deep into the playoffs as possible.

There's bound to be criticism should SIU become involved in a bidding war, especially from other cash-strapped departments and programs, and it could mean a short-term finan-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

First exhibition means welcome rest for Salukis

Athletes in Action visits SIU Arena tonight to face new-look Salukis
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Junior center Josh Warren strode into practice Tuesday night with the gait of a nursing home resident.

Warren, along with the rest of the SIU men's basketball team, spent an inordinate amount of time at the end of a substandard practice Monday evening running up and down the SIU Arena floor.

"I didn't think our stamina was very good, and I didn't think they maintained a high level of intensity throughout practice," head coach Matt Painter said, adding the Salukis' inexperience could be a major factor. "Sometimes guys

need to run and get it figured out that they're not doing what they're supposed to be doing."

Luckily for Warren and the Salukis, tonight brings their first exhibition game, a 7:05 tilt against Athletes in Action, and a welcome respite from a grueling 2 1/2 weeks of early-season practices.

Though Painter and the Salukis admit they're not ready to play, the game will provide a measuring stick of the team's progress. Without departed seniors Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman, the team's top two scorers last season, many of the Salukis will have to fill unfamiliar roles.

"My first two years here, those guys have been around and they're not here anymore," junior guard Stetson Hairston said. "It's been different but you know that day was gonna come. Somebody else will have to pick it up."

Hairston and fellow junior

Darren Brooks are two of the likely candidates in the backcourt.

It will take a strong team effort to defeat Athletes in Action.

The Christian traveling basketball team brings good size and a team work ethic to Carbondale. Former Creighton guard Ryan Sears and former Penn State guard Joe Crispin, who has spent time in the NBA, are both on the roster.

"Athletes in Action always has a very organized group," Painter said. "They're trying to be a team and they're trying to do things the right way. Sometimes when you play exhibition games teams aren't always that way, and that's why we search them out from a basketball standpoint."

AIA also has a starting lineup taller than some NBA teams. Four of the squad's five players that started Monday against Saint Louis are

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THE WORD ON THE SALUKIS

First-year head coach Matt Painter will make his debut tonight, and he'll have his work cut out this season. Without Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman, their top two scorers from last season, the Salukis are looking for a host of role players from last year's squad to increase their offensive production.

THE WORD ON THE INDIANS

Athletes in Action appears to have a more talented roster than in the past. It includes Joe Crispin, an ex-Penn State guard who saw time in the NBA, and former California center Solomon Hughes.

BOTTOM LINE

Athletes in Action should give the Salukis a good game, but as in any exhibition game, an SIU win is expected.

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