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Bar business booms

Underage students return to jam-packed Carbondale bars as owners prepare for bigger crowds.

STORY BY
TAMEKA L. HICKS

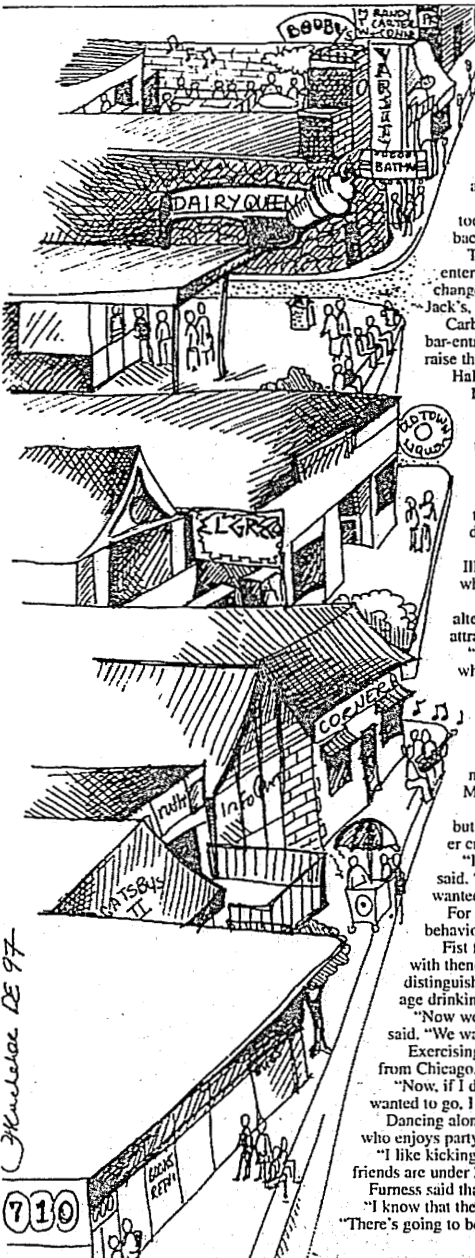


Illustration DE 97

Kyle Capers looked forward to the college scene before attending SIUC and says when he stepped foot into a Carbondale bar for the first time last weekend, it was an enjoyable experience.

Trapped in a bar jam in Smilin' Jack's, Capers, a transfer student from Columbia University, barely squeezes through the swarming crowd to grab a spot along the not-so packed wall next to the bar.

"This place is packed, but it's a relaxing atmosphere, too," he shouts over the bass-driven music. "I'm just sitting back and feeling the vibe."

The brimming crowd could be a result of the broadened entertainment options for young adults since the bar-entry age changed last month, said Steve Jones, a supervisor at Smilin' Jack's, 760 E. Grand Ave.

Carbondale City Council members voted in May to lower the bar-entry age from 21 to 19 on July 1. The council voted to raise the entry age from 19 to 21 in 1995, after the 1994 Halloween riots in which two cars were overturned and about 125 arrests were made.

The Mayoral/Presidential Task Force on Halloween, comprised of citizens and city and University representatives, recommended the age be raised from 19 to 21 in one-year increments. On July 1, 1996, the entry age was raised to 21.

As new and returning students anticipate venturing to the local night spots, some bar owners are preparing to handle the expected crowd increase.

John Budstick Jr., owner of Stix Bar and Billiards, 517 S. Illinois Ave., remembers the large crowds drawn to the bar when the entry age first changed during the summer.

Stix now has an expanded dance floor and disco lights — alterations in the bar's atmosphere that Budstick hopes accent its attraction to prospective bar-goers and boost business.

"We've been gearing up for the students to come back for a while," Budstick said. "The crowds have increased. And it stresses our dance floor a little bit."

Also pursuing the bar scene last weekend was a crowd along South Illinois Avenue. About 150 people were on the Strip Saturday after the bars closed.

"Everyone just came out of the bars, and nobody would move," said Stephanie Evanseo, a junior in accounting from Millsstadt. "It was a lot of people."

During the summer, Evanseo recalls that the bars were a bit bare, but does not think the lowered bar-entry age is the reason for the larger crowd last weekend.

"I was down here in the summer, and it was nothing like this," she said. "I think that there's just a lot of students who came back and just wanted to go out."

For Jones, as a supervisor at Smilin' Jack's, monitoring the behavior of customers is essential with the lowered entry age.

Fist fights and underage drinking are among the concerns Jones has with the new bar-entry age. Slapping colored wristbands onto customers to distinguish age groups is a policy Smilin' Jack's adopted to prevent underage drinking. Underage drinkers could be fined \$250 to \$500.

"Now we have to be on our feet a little more and watch out for things," he said. "We want mature people to come and have fun."

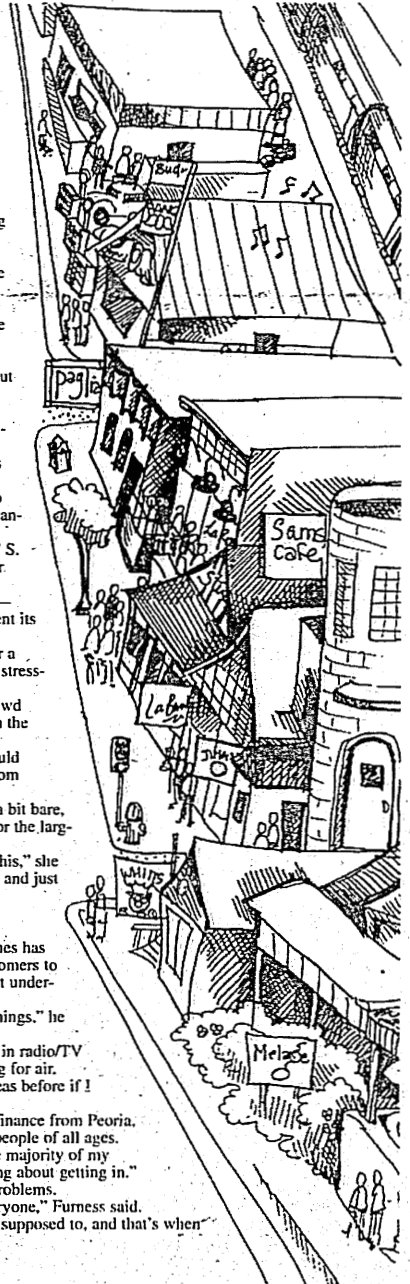
Exercising her option to enter local bars, Tiffany Merrell, a junior in radio/TV from Chicago, exited the jammed dance floor of Smilin' Jack's gasping for air.

"Now, if I decided to go to the bars, I can just go," she said. "Whereas before if I wanted to go, I would have to factor in that I might not get in."

Dancing along the side of Merrell was Mevelyn Furness, a junior in finance from Peoria, who enjoys partying with her under-21 friends as well as meeting other people of all ages.

"I like kicking it with everybody," Furness said with a giggle, "and the majority of my friends are under 21. So now we can all hang out together without worrying about getting in." Furness said that a younger group now going to bars may cause some problems.

"I know that the immaturity of some people may mess things up for everyone," Furness said. "There's going to be some younger people getting alcohol when they're not supposed to, and that's when"



Out & About

FRIDAY

SIUC Free Forum Area: Robert Earl Keen, recording artist at 10 p.m.

Booby's Beergarden: Carter and Connolly

Coo Coo's Country night

Melange: Groove Marchants

Pinch Penny Pub: 25th anniversary celebration and Venus competition finals

Hangar 9: Jungle Dogs

Copper Dragon: Blue Meanies and 'Boro City Rollers

SATURDAY

Booby's Beergarden: Blue Plate Special

Fred's: Joe Gwaltney 'n' Rockin' Horse

Melange: Twang Bang, Japanese Appreciation night

Pinch Penny Pub: 25th anniversary celebration. Massive Funk

Hangar 9: Social Blunder Band

Copper Dragon: the Bottletones

SIUC Strategic Games Society: New Campaigns Day, Student Center Mississippi room. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Sidetracks: Pillar

SUNDAY

Booby's Beergarden: Sloppin' Henry Blue

Pinch Penny Pub: Mercy

TUESDAY

Booby's Beergarden: open mic night

WEDNESDAY

Booby's Beergarden: open mic night

Copper Dragon: band showcase

PLAYING IN THE BAND

PILLAR

STORY BY
BRETT WILCOXSON

Sitting in a dimly lit basement, a gently humming fan breaking the intermittent silence, taking the edge off the lingering summer heat, three men talk about their budding local band, Pillar.

Because the best place to start is usually the beginning, with a contemplative massaging of his red goatee, guitarist/bassist Alvy Caby begins by relating the bare bones of Pillar's genesis.

"We (Pillar as it is now) got together Labor Day weekend last year. But Chad and I have been playing for about seven or eight years — since in junior high," Caby says of vocalist Chad Mathis.

Because guitarist/bassist Jeff Roney, like many SIUC students, is occupied with moving into his apartment, Caby eagerly recounts his story.

"Jeff came about because my roommate my junior year had a class with him (Roney), and he came over and saw the guitars laying around my house, and we just hooked up and started playing and writing songs," Caby says.

Caby also relates how drummer Bryant Little became a Pillarite.

"I met Bryant through a friend," he says. "He (the friend) said, 'I know this guy who is dying to play drums for somebody.'"

From his relative seclusion at

the end of the couch, Little hastily offers with a chuckle "for anybody!"

Little leans forward out of his isolation, and in explanation, adds that while he was trying to find some good musicians to jam with at that time, he was no rookie.

— PILLAR SHOWS —

•SATURDAY AT SIDETRACKS, 101 W. COLLEGE ST.

•FRIDAY, OCT. 3 AT BOOBY'S, 406 S. ILLINOIS AVE.

•SATURDAY, OCT. 23 AT KENNEDY'S, 612 N. SECOND ST., LACLEDE'S LANDING IN ST. LOUIS

"I'd been playing in a band for five years before that, and I came down here to go to school, and my friend kept talking about Alvy (Caby) and Chad (Mathis) and how they wanted to get a band together," Little says.

Putting a label other than the non-descript "alternative" on Pillar's music might not be accurate, so Mathis offers a description.

"We have a really difficult time categorizing our music — it's got a lot of different edges on it. It's got a punk edge, a rock 'n' roll edge. Some songs have a reggae sound — we try to mix it up so we don't get stuck in a rut," he says. "And we don't really want to be labeled."

Although Pillar has a fresh voice, it is fair to sight a noticeable vocal similarity to "New World Spirits," and some lyrical positioning that strongly resembles work of Adam Duritz of the Counting Crows.

When asked about their style of song writing, Caby says he and Mathis write the tunes.

In a serious tone of voice, Mathis adds that the ditties he and Caby write are meant to be somewhat sober.

"They're all based on past experiences. I think that makes it more meaningful," he says. "We try not to write anything stupid like 'We went down to the bar and square-danced with a girl I didn't know' — that kind of stuff."

While Pillar's grooves are not silly, Mathis happily adds that they are not angst-ridden grunge throw-backs either.

"We definitely have a message — to be yourself, enjoy what you've got, try to make what you have a positive thing, instead of always a negative thing," he says.

Although their songs aren't comedic, Caby stresses that the band loves to have a good time and even get a little crazy at parties.

"We try to have as much fun as possible at shows," he says. "We give away toys and throw out candy and stuff and have crowd participation."

For fans of good song, Pillar has a tape out, so look for it in local record stores. Or better yet, check out their live show Saturday.

Ask Gussandra

Dear Gussandra:

I recently came home and found my neighbor's keys in the door to his apartment. What should one do in this situation? Open the door and throw them in? Or should I just leave them there?

Perplexed
Lewis Park

Dear Perplexed:

I have standing advice for dilemmas such as the one you describe.

Just ask yourself two simple questions. First, "If I saw a politician being mauled by a pack of 20 rabid pit bulls in the middle of nowhere, would I intervene?" Unless you are a member of the Heaven's Gate cult, or you are planning to guest star on "Touched by an Angel," your answer should be a very exclamatory "No!"

Now, ask yourself: "Why would I not help this poor screaming blood-soaked individual?" Other than the obvious reason, there is a universal logic that holds true no matter who the victim is.

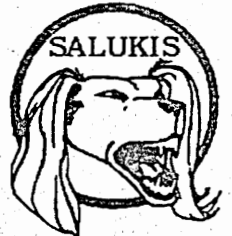
Sometimes you can't change what's already happening, all you can do is identify the mangled corpse for law enforcement officials. Or in your case, tell the poor sap why he got robbed, and why he had so much trouble getting his car started.

Gussandra

Got a problem? Ask Gussandra, the DE's half-witted, unlicensed counselor, by sending e-mail to editor@siu.edu (or snail mail: 1247 Communications Building, Carbondale IL 62901). Gussandra's advice should be taken with a grain of salt and a shot of tequila. (And don't call her in the morning.) The Daily Egyptian is not responsible for misuse of Gussandra's ill wisdom.



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Football:

Quarterbacks battle to be the one to take the snap on game day.

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City grants license to restaurant

OPEN SOON: Chadwick's Bar & Grill will be allowed to serve alcohol after vote Thursday.

JASON FREUND
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A Carbondale commission has approved a liquor license for a new restaurant, which will include a dance floor and beer garden, scheduled to open near the Strip in the next few weeks.

The Carbondale Liquor Control Commission voted 4-1 Thursday in favor of a Class A-2 liquor license for Chadwick's Bar & Grill, 204 W. College St.

An A-2 liquor license allows a restaurant to sell all types of alcoholic beverages, but 51 percent of the restaurant's sales must be from non-alcoholic products.

Mayor Neil Dillard voted against approving the license, saying it would be harmful to the

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Gus Bode

Gus says:
Dancing with
crab legs is
tough.



Alice Johnson/Daily Egyptian

I SAW THE SIGN: Randy Jenkins, a resident of St. Louis, finishes construction on the interior sign for Chadwick's Bar at Grill 204 W. College.

SIU School of Law adapts to new budgeting system

DIRECT RELATIONSHIP: Enrollment fluctuations affect law school revenue.

SARA BEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIU School of Law is using a new experimental budget system for the 1997-98 school year because of budgetary reform within the University, the school's dean says.

Under the new system, the University will allocate a set amount to the School of Law each year. The School of Law will then budget an amount for the enrollment and tuition of 360 students.

Thomas Guernsey, dean of the School of Law, said graduate assistant student workers will be paid an hourly wage of \$8.50 instead of receiving tuition waivers. The change was spurred by the University's adaptation of a new budget and management system, which Guernsey said allows the school to keep its tuition dollars to better itself.

"This new system will help us to see the effect of enrollment on our programs, and we can adjust our programs accordingly," Guernsey said.

The School of Law employed about 53

graduate assistants in 1996 and will employ 57 graduate assistants this semester, according to School of Law records.

Guernsey estimates it will cost about \$150,000 to pay the student workers the hourly wage. Last year's tuition waivers totaled \$400,000.

Some of the money previously used for tuition waivers will now be used for financial aid and scholarships for students of the School of Law. The remainder of the funds will be used to improve the school's resources and facilities.

One hundred and eight second- and third-year law students receive some form of scholarship, and 46 first-year law students receive scholarships under the new system.

If enrollment falls below the expected amount, Guernsey said the school's budget will suffer a decrease in available funds.

"This new system really puts the effect of enrollment in perspective," Guernsey said. "A decline in enrollment will have a significant effect on the School of Law."

This fall, the school provided \$300,000 for scholarships, plus additional money allocated by John Jackson,

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Costello challenges Hart to take stance

POSITIONING: Congressman says athletic director should let voters know where he stands on issues before getting into race.

KIRK MOTTRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., is urging SIUC Athletic Director Jim Hart to take a stand on the issues sooner rather than later if he wants to contend for the congressman's position.

Costello, who originally gave Hart a letter of recommendation for the SIUC athletic director's position, might have to face the former Chicago Bears' announcer in the 1998 general election, if Hart secures the Republican nomination.

Though Hart has not announced his candidacy, petitions to draft him for a run in the Republican primary have been circulated in the 12th Congressional District.

Hart has said he is overwhelmed by the support and attention he has received from party members and friends, but is "weighing the options" with respect to a possible candidacy.

He will announce his decision in a matter of days.

Costello said voters have a right to know where Hart stands on the issues, and Hart should let voters know soon.

"He needs to address the critical issues close to home: where he stands on abortion, where he stands on gun control, the ethanol issue, the death penalty," Costello said.

Hart was not available for comment.

The only issue Hart has embraced so far is taxes. Hart earlier this week said the current tax system is convoluted, too expansive and in need of immediate reform.

However, Costello said that, for the first time in 30 years, Americans will receive meaningful tax relief with the implementation of the 1997 Tax Relief Act — a bill the congressman supported from its inception.

"This is a major step," Costello said. "This was a bipartisan effort, a bill which I supported, and for the first time, we have meaningful tax reform."


Costello said one of the dangers involved with the candidate recruitment process is the lack of information given to individuals asked to run.

"My advice to Jim would be, don't necessarily believe what people are telling you," Costello said. "Normally, it's kind of like military recruiting."

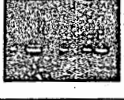
"They always tell you all the good things

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Southern Illinois Forecast



TODAY:
Thunderstorms.
High: 86
Low: 70



SATURDAY:
Scattered thunderstorms.
High: 93
Low: 71

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Calendar

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TODAY

- International Students and Scholars - International Student-to-Student Grant applications are available for pick-up at 910 S. Forest on August 29, application deadline is September 12. Contact Carla at 453-5774.
- Unity Point School - New Prekindergarten Program screening for children ages 3 to 5. Vision, hearing, and developmental screenings also available for children ages 0 to 5. August 29, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Unity Point Prekindergarten Classroom in rear. Call 529-4151 for information.
- Roller Hockey Club registration table, August 29, 10 to 4 p.m., Foner Breezeway, \$20/semester membership dues. Contact Robert at 549-9538
- Japanese Video Club organizational meeting, August 29, 12:30 p.m., Language Media Center Famer 1125. Contact Jeremy at 529-2952.
- Environmental Studies Program prospective, new, and current student reception - all majors welcome, August 29, 1 to 2 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Ingrid at 453-4143.
- University Christian Ministries Happy Hour - games, food, chatting, August 29, 4 to 7 p.m., Interfaith Center. Contact Jackie at 549-7387.

- Japanese Table, Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m., Cafe Melange, 607 S. Illinois Ave. Contact Shinzuka at 549-9791.
- Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life - Graduate and Professional Singles Group, August 29, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center. Contact Betsy at 549-7387.
- Cypriot Student Association meeting, August 29, 6 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Vassos at 549-1745.
- Southern Baptist Student Ministries - Contemporary Worship/Bible Study and Small Care groups, August 29, 7 p.m., 825 W. Mill St. Contact Sam at 457-2898.
- Christian's Unlimited - Outdoor Cookout to welcome new and returning students interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and God, August 29, 7 p.m., 1207 W. Schwartz, meet by Student Center Illinois Room at 7 p.m. for a ride. Contact Don at 529-7900.

- Anniversary Celebration, August 30, CME Program, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Center; Ceremony, 5 to 6 p.m., Student Center, Open House, 6 to 8 p.m., Wheeler Hall, August 31, Worship Service and Family Picnic, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evergreen Park, Banquet, 6 to 10 p.m., Student Center. Call 536-6671 for more information.
- Strategic Games Society - New Campaigns Day membership drive, August 30, 10 a.m. to Midnight, Student Center Mississippi Room. Contact Maggie at 549-3467 or SIUC SGS@AOL.com.
- Salski Volunteer Corps - Campus Girl Scouts, help implement activities and programs for school aged girls, Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 453-5714 for information.
- Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts - free workshop, all are welcome, August 30, 1 to 4 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge. Contact Tedi at 453-5012.
- University Christian Ministries Dinner With Friends, August 31, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center. Contact Jackie at 549-7387.
- Universal Spirituality - Pagan and New Age discussion group, September 1, 7 p.m., Langbranch Coffee House. Contact Tara at 529-5029.

UPCOMING

- Salski Volunteer Corps - Habitat for Humanity, renovate local homes in Southern Illinois, Saturdays. Call 453-5714 for information.
- School of Medicine MEDPREP 25th

Police

UNIVERSITY

- A 20-year-old student from Japan reported that between 3 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, traveler's checks and a check book were stolen from her book bag in the Engineering Building computer lab. The stolen items were valued at \$1,040. The case is under investiga-

tion.
 • A 24-year-old Carbondale man was charged with public indecency at 7:20 p.m. Wednesday when he was seen masturbating at Campus Lake. He posted \$100 bond and was released.
 • A 54-year-old woman from Carbondale reported several credit cards and pieces of identification were stolen sometime between 3 p.m. Monday and noon Tuesday from an office in Pulliam Hall. One credit card had already been used to buy about \$800 in merchandise at Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Kay's Merchandise in University Mall. Police have no suspects.

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by Gina



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Studies program needs degree

CHANGES NEEDED:

Black population at SIUC warrants offering bachelor's degree program, director says.

BRIAN EBERS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER



Alice Johnson/Daily Egyptian

NEW LEADER: Father Joseph A. Brown, as the new director of Black American Studies Program, aspires to expand the program.

Jackson said. "He has a warmth about him and a great repertoire with his students."

Brown's early interests in academia and religion moved him to pursue a life of academics while serving as a Catholic priest. He became a member of the Order of Jesus, or Jesuits, serving on the staff of the Jesuit Institute for the Arts and as assistant chaplain of campus ministry at Creighton University during the 1970s.

"The Jesuit Order have been devoted to education for 450 years," Brown said. "I have a firm commitment to academics and education as well as religion."

Prior to coming SIUC, Brown was assistant professor of English and religious studies at the University of Virginia. He was an associate professor of the graduate school and director of the Institute for Black Catholic

Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana.

The Black American Studies Program has been a part of the curriculum at SIUC for 28 years. Since its conception in 1969, the program has offered a minor to students interested in the field. SIUC has never offered a degree in that area of study.

Jackson said the program has too few faculty members and needs to cross-link with other departments before an expansion can be considered.

"I don't think the time is ripe right now for expanding the program," Jackson said. "But I do admire Dr. Brown's aspirations to build and improve the program."

Advancing a program to expand the offerings and develop a potential master's degree

Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Volunteers still needed for police department's citizen academy program

The Citizens Police Academy, a program of the Carbondale Police Department, is taking applications for its fall sessions.

The sessions, which are in the fall and spring, are open to people 16 years and older.

Twenty volunteer positions are to be filled by the application deadline Monday.

Classes are set to begin Wednesday. Classes will generally be from 6 to 9 p.m., with some lasting until 10 p.m.

Preference will be given to Carbondale residents and those who live within the city limits, but others are encouraged to apply.

For more information, call Jeff Vaughn at 457-3200 ext. 428.

EDWARDSVILLE

Missing man returns home

A Carbondale man reported missing since Saturday returned to his parent's home on Wednesday.

Aran T. Tharp, 20, a John A. Logan Community college student, returned to his parent's home in Edwardsville.

Tharp, who had been reported depressed and possibly suicidal, was traced to New York through his bank's debit card.

A childhood acquaintance of Tharp's said they had friends that recently moved to New York and thought Tharp had gone to visit them.

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Our Word

Just a warning

Lowered bar-entry age means raising level of responsibility

UPON RETURNING TO SIUC FOR FALL classes, many 19- and 20-year-olds may have been ecstatic to learn that they were once again allowed in Carbondale's bars. And many of those students may need reminding that the legal drinking age still remains 21.

Carbondale's bar-entry age had reigned as one of the most hotly debated issues among the SIUC community, Carbondale residents and Carbondale City Council members. A large part of that debate centered on the havoc caused by drunken rioters — many of whom were minors — during Halloween "celebrations" on the Strip.

Underage students, who realized the hold that the Carbondale bar scene had on city night life, complained about the lack of alternatives to the bars. Bar owners complained about a significant loss of funds because of the bar-entry age. During City Council elections in April, these groups spearheaded a successful effort to oust two City Council members who were opposed to lowering the entry age. New city councilmen replacements Larry Briggs and John Budslick quickly voted in favor of a lowered bar-entry age. Hence, July 1 signaled a new era in Carbondale.

This new era is unlike the former time in which 19- and 20-year-olds were allowed to go bar-hopping. Responsible behavior now is an important factor all must consider.

This means that potential underage drinking in bars has a host of people on which blame can be placed. Because these people believe in underage students' common sense, those students should offer their supporters a genuine token of appreciation: Do not ignore the legal drinking age or forget to behave in a responsible manner.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO ENJOY GOING TO A BAR without consuming alcohol — Is this not the logic behind the repeal of the 21-and-over bar-entry age? Then make this reasoning valid. Don't make the lowered entry age a legendary parable similar to that of the boy who cried wolf. If underage students turn their supporters into liars, then no one will believe in them anymore. This would lead to worse repercussions than not being allowed to go out to bars with friends.

Bar owners also are held accountable for their words and must police their establishments to ensure that legal drinkers are not sharing alcohol with their underage friends. The temptation to turn a blind eye toward suspect drinkers could indeed be a boost to bar profits, but it should be averted to prevent the resulting cost to the community.

Lastly, a caveat of warning is issued to Undergraduate Student Government President Dave Vingren and other student leaders. Students championed around lowering the bar-entry age and student leaders listened to their concerns. Student leaders like Vingren also have made a great contribution to strengthening relations between the Carbondale community and SIUC students. Meetings with community members and Carbondale leaders did not go unnoticed — and are appreciated by everyone involved.

While such efforts before and since the lowering of the bar-entry age are laudable, student leaders should be prepared to take their share of responsibility as the new school year develops. Student leaders should continue to hold students to earlier promises and continue to use feedback from students and the community to make decisions. Vigilantly doing both should serve as deterrents to unwanted events. By doing these things, we all will be able to work together while enjoying college life.

The lowered bar-entry age can and will work if everyone involved believes in each other and actively does their parts.

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Party school sales hype 101

Ask a handful of college students whether they're having fun being away from home for the first time, enjoying their first real experience of adult independence, and the answer you're likely to get is a resounding "you bet!" But does that make these kids "party animals" wasting their parents money on beer and bacchanalia?

The Princeton Review seems to think so. This year's "winner" is West Virginia University, an institution already thoroughly abused because it's often perceived as being in the heart of Appalachia and a bit back-woodsy. The tired redneck jokes notwithstanding, West Virginia's historic Morgantown campus is hardly a den of sodden drunks or uncultured yahoos, for that matter. In fact, the school ranks sixth among all public state universities in numbers of Rhodes Scholars, and it consistently has produced some of the nation's top doctors, journalists, engineers and business leaders.

Unfortunately for West Virginia and other universities tarred by the Princeton Review's "party school" designation, there's no place they can go to get their reputation back. One reason: the Review surveyors visit individual campuses, on average, about once every three years. And when they do, their surveys consist of brief interviews that seem almost designed to confer a "Top Party School" designation. The West Virginia survey, for example, was a result of interviews with fewer than 150 students (culled from a student body of 22,000) in the

Mountainlair Student Union immediately before a big football game. If you wanted to get a distorted view of college life at any college this would be the ideal way. Even the study's authors won't argue the point.

"We are not out to do a scientific survey," admits Ed Custard, lead author of the Princeton survey.

Of course not. They're out to create a promotional gimmick that hypes sales of the Princeton Review even if it means tarnishing the reputation of a school like West Virginia that has turned out 25 Rhodes Scholars and has a job placement rate for graduates well above 90 percent.

All of this might be comical if the job market weren't so deadly serious and the amount of money invested by parents in their children's education so large. Flippantly labeling solid institutions of higher learning like WVU a "party school" devalues that institution and the degrees it confers in the eyes of potential employers and would-be students thinking about enrolling.

If there were any substance to its rankings, the Princeton Review obviously would be providing a valuable service. Parents, after all, should have a right to know if they're wasting money on a school more interested in dispensing draft beer than basic knowledge. Employers owe it to their shareholders to know whether a job applicant has the skills implied by his degree. However, it's grossly unfair to create such an impression on "evidence" as flited by Princeton.

Name game keeps logs rolling

Dear Editor:

Rob Neff was ahead of his time in blaming the Timber Salvage Rider for the logging at Bell Smith Springs. The timber sales at Bell Smith are not currently classified as salvage sales, although they likely will be in the future.

Several years ago when the trees surrounding Bell Smith Canyon were first offered to the timber industry, the Forest Service made the mistake of being honest about their intentions. They called those timber sales "commercial pine clear cuts" and admitted that they were "below cost." That is, they were going to lose tax money stripping all the trees from the hills. The public went ballistic, and sales were withdrawn.

In a backlash against Forest Service policies, Congress prohibited the agency from using funds for clear cutting on the Shawnee National Forest. The agency responded by saying that they would not clear cut; they would "shelterwood cut."

Shelterwood cutting is in fact a two-stage clear cut. However, the benevolent-sounding euphemism fooled some folks.

In order to sidestep the intent of Congress and avoid the wrath of the public, the Forest Service said, "We are still going to cut the same trees, and we are still going to lose the same \$454,000 in tax money. But these are not timber sales; this is Ecological Restoration."

This reminds me of a conversation I had with the district ranger who signed all the various decision notices for attempts at logging Bell Smith. He said, "We may have to cut those pines as a salvage sale." When I inquired how he could justify salvage logging if no fire or natural disaster had damaged the trees, he said "Pre-infestation salvage — we may have to cut those trees before they have a chance of being infested by insects."

Stay tuned. There is no depth to which people won't sink to profit from public land.

Mailbox

Bring letters to the editor to Communications Building, Room 1247. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted with author's photo ID. Include student's year/instructor, faculty member's rank/department and non-academic staff's position/department. All others include author's city. Letters limited to 350 words and subject to editing. Letters for which verification of authorship cannot be made will not be published.

'Spanglish' usage on the rise

LOS ANGELES TIMES

MIAMI — Although English is still the chief language of commerce and the courts in this sub-tropical American city, more and more the language of the people is Spanglish. Want coffee cut with a little milk, to go? Even a recent arrival from

Pittsburgh learns to say, "Give me a cortadito para llevar." Spanglish — a mix of English and Spanish whipped into a flavorful linguistic stew — may violate the rules of grammar in two tongues and produce some unlikely vocabulary words. But it is colorful, expressive and being used with increasing frequency in many

American communities with a substantial Latino population, from Los Angeles to New York, from Chicago to the Texas border. But among America's major cities, only in Miami is a majority of the population Latino, and only in Miami do as many as 90 percent of all Latinos report using Spanish as their primary language at home.

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city. "It will create more difficult work for our police department," Dillard said during the meeting. "In my opinion, the issuance of a license is not in the best interest of Carbondale."

Councilmembers Larry Briggs, John Budzick, Mike Neill and Maggie Flanagan voted in favor of the new license for Chadwick's for the business, which will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The commission, comprised of the Carbondale City Council members, also voted to ban amplified sound in Chadwick's beer garden.

Jonathan Stewart, Chadwick's promotions and entertainment director, said he is not concerned about the restriction.

"They've (the City Council) got a problem with that, and rather than throwing more fuel on the fire, they need to deal with it now," he said. "It's not really upsetting to us because we're not planning on having any bands out there."

City Manager Jeff Doherty said he was concerned with the restaur-

ant's operation after 10 p.m. "My primary concern was that they'll be operating primarily as a bar after 10 p.m., in an area where we've had a problem with bar concentrations in the past," Doherty said after the vote.

During the meeting, Councilwoman Flanagan expressed concern about underage people in the restaurant.

Because Chadwick's is considered a restaurant, it is exempt from the mandatory bar-entry age imposed on other businesses on the Strip.

Chad Little, president of Chadwick Enterprises Inc., said the restaurant will self-impose a 19-year-old entry age after 10 p.m., unless the underager is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Before the vote, Dave Vingren, Undergraduate Student Government president, addressed the commission in favor of the restaurant.

Vingren said the building, which used to house Frankie's Bar and Grill, has been vacant for two years and people interested in it should be given a chance.

"We have an entrepreneur who wants to take it over," Vingren told the council, "and if they're not granted this opportunity, this place may stay vacant."

"If this place stays vacant, I can't see how it will help the Strip."

In an interview after the vote, Little said he was happy with the

outcome. "To be honest, I couldn't get a definite 'yes' from any council member [before the vote]," Little said.

Stewart said the restaurant will draw most of its business during the lunch hours.

"There's plenty of places to eat (on the Strip), but it's all pizza and gyros," he said.

The restaurant will offer a variety of food dishes including Italian dishes, all-you-can-eat crab legs, sandwiches, desserts and steak.

"The most expensive item will be the all-you-can-eat crab legs, which will be about \$13 or \$14," Stewart said.

He said most other dishes will be much lower in price.

"We will have a T-bone steak for \$6.95 with two sides," he said. "We also have chicken parmigiana for \$5.50 with two sides."

Stewart said the goal of Chadwick's is to bring different entertainment to Carbondale.

"It seems like the only thing to do is to stand around and drink," he said. "We're offering something else."

After 10 p.m., one of the dining rooms will be converted into a dance floor.

Stewart said the restaurant will be bringing in disc jockeys from time to time, including "Bad Boy Bill," a disc jockey from Chicago.

"Hopefully, our entertainment will be a little bit different," he said.

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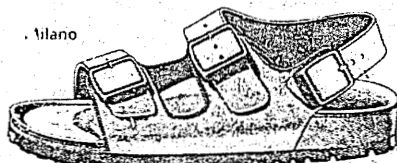
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Stallone nabs audience in 'Copland'

JASON ADRIAN
DE MOVIE CRITIC

To say that after more than 20 years as a major movie star, Sylvester Stallone has landed his best role yet in "Copland" would be an insult to "Rocky" fans. Or would it?

Stallone gained 40 lbs. to play Sheriff Freddy Heflin, an easy-going throwback to small-town policing (a man who wears the badge but has little authority) in Garrison, N.J. It's a town across the river from New York and is made up mostly of corrupt New York City cops and their families.

The action starts when a New York City hero cop gets himself into a mess involving a wrongful shooting on the George Washington Bridge. His deceiving police friends from Garrison try to "help" him out, and the incident becomes a conspiracy.

Internal Affairs Officer Mo Tilden (Robert DeNiro) is in charge of investigating the incident. But his problem is that his jurisdiction ends in New York, so Tilden looks to Heflin to help bring down the corrupt cops living in Garrison.

Heflin's concern is that he considers the accused cops his friends, who were trying to fulfill his lifelong dream by getting him on the force in New York even though he's deaf in one ear.

All of this builds to a visually intriguing and powerful climax that gives old Stallone fans a chance to see him in a more compelling action scene than most of his previous action movies.

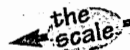
This is where I forgive Stallone for "Rocky II" through "Rocky V" and all the other action garbage that has made him millions. He holds his own extremely well in scenes with DeNiro and the bitterly intense Harvey Keitel, the mas-

termind of all the corruption in town. Stallone's lackadaisical portrayal earns his character a lot of audience empathy, which seemed to be writer/director James Mangold's intent.

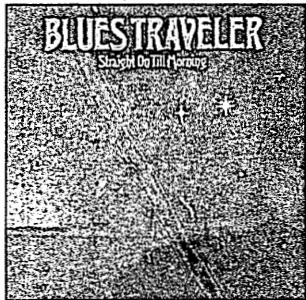
Michael Rapaport, Peter Berg and a very good Ray Liotta round out an incredible cast that make "Copland" one of the best movies so far this year.



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CD Capsules



Blues Traveler
STRAIGHT ON TILL MORNING
BM! — 1997

Blues Traveler hasn't sounded better in its fifth studio release, "Straight On Till Morning." Then again, it has never sounded worse, either.

The New York foursome has gained the main core of its legions of fans mainly from its endless touring and profound live performances. That's where the group really soars.

But when vocalist John Popper, guitarist Chan Kinchla, bassist Bobby Sheehan and drummer Brendan Hill enter the studio to cut a record, the result never compares to their live jam sessions.

"Straight On" really does deliver great songs in the shadow of Blues Traveler's multiplatinum previous album "Four." With the guitar-driven opening number "Carolina Blues," the band has never sounded so true to the blues.

Popper's voice continues its knack for grabbing the listener on the album's best cut "Great Big World." "So hold on this great big world," he sings. "We only get to rent, we never get to own."

"Battle of Someone," though, finds Popper struggling for wisdom, "The preceding verses are the halves of my soul, I'm just the battlefield and that is my role."

Popper's harmonica playing has even started to weigh down certain songs ("Justify the Thrill" and "Canadian Rose") because of the similarity each solo seems to have. Oddly enough, he comes back to form in songs like the perky "Felicia" and the funky "Business As Usual" with mind-blowing solos.

Each member of Blues Traveler is an excellent musician. One only needs to see them live to know. But the band still seems to lack either the capability or the initiative to put together a great studio album that does not fluctuate between great and ordinary songs.

—Jason Adrian



Mary J. Blige
SHARE MY WORLD
MCA — 1997

Mary J. Blige, the queen of hip-hop soul, released her third album, "Share My World," early this summer and proves that after releasing two previous hit albums, she remains the "ghetto songstress" with the captivating sounds to attract all sides of the world.

Something fast, anything slow or some in-between grooves are all harmonized by Mary with a few vocals by other artists, including rappers Lil' Kim and Nas and R&B vocalist/producer R. Kelly.

The album's first LP release "Love is All We Need," features rapper Nas in her expression of love being the root to all happiness. This is one of only a few up-tempo songs included on this album that overflows with sultry ballads.

The elevating energy of Mary and Lil' Kim in "I Can Love You," hits home for some women who may have lost a man to another woman as the chorus is sung, "I can love you/ I can love you/ I can love you better than she can." Lil' Kim plunges into the song rapping such lines as, "Who you lovin' / who you wanna be huggin' /dippin' on yo' Ninja Honda with Tanisha and Rhonda."

On slower tracks such as "Everything," "It's On" and "Share My World," Mary's vocal skills shine through the relaxing melodies of each ballad.

Mary's voice graces the chorus of the title song, "Share My World," as she sings, "Share my world/don't you leave/promise I'll be here/so baby don't you have no fear."

"Share My World" exposes a more mature and positive side of Mary that makes the album enjoyable. As each album improves in quality for her, Mary J. Blige may forever reign as the queen of hip-hop soul.

—Tameka L. Hicks



OMC
HOW BIZARRE
Mercury — 1996

If having a hit single sizzling toward the top of the charts meant there was a great full-length album backing it up, think-how many great Carpenters albums there would have been.

Such is the case of OMC and its hit single "How Bizarre." Sure, it may be catchy and under heavy rotation by most Top-40 radio stations. But few of the nine other songs on the album "How Bizarre" are barely worthy of being labeled mediocre.

OMC is basically made up of singer/songwriter Pauly Fuemana. He is backed sporadically throughout the album by about 20 musicians.

One of the more obvious pluses to the album is that Fuemana's voice is original for pop music. His singing sounds as if his lower and upper lips never touch, which seems to give his decent songs a little added swagger.

However, on "Lingo With the Gringo," Fuemana tries hip-hop and his weak attempt falls hopelessly flat. Even with the droning of a simple chord and a progressed beat, the lyrics still seem forced.

And that goes double for his take at sentimentality with the affable "Land of Plenty" and its cliché chorus "And we came to this land of plenty/And we came to this land of hope/And we came to this land of good times/And we came to this land of love." Though the effort is apparent, the song sounds more like a parody of really good sentimental songs that carry choruses worth repeating.

"Never Coming Back" and the title cut prove Fuemana's ability to write good pop music and show he may be on the right track for more hit songs. But when surrounded by such mediocrity, who would buy the entire album when they could just get the single?

—Jason Adrian



Screaming Weasel
KILL THE MUSICIANS
Lookout Records — 1995

With its harsh and seemingly talentless guttural vocals, its panicked adrenaline-pumping drum beats and its catchy guitar hooks, Screaming Weasel's best-of type compilation "Kill the Musicians" is a fine example of how punk music is generally so much more than the sum of its discordant parts.

Through the years, punk legends such as the Clash, the Queens, the Vindictives, Pegboy, the Ramones, Chicago-based Screaming Weasel and countless other party/club bands, which set the standard for what "punk attitude" is, have set the standard for fast-paced music with a political and/or criminal message.

A few weeks after Ben Weasel saw the Ramones perform in 1986, Screaming Weasel found its roots in the Windy City. Chicago hard-core punks also may know them by their original name "All Night Garage Sale."

While the members and the name of the band have changed through the years, the music has not.

Lead vocalist Ben Weasel is, was and always will be punk.

This 31-track collection of the Weasels' best, which features such classic Weasel tunes as "Punkhouse," "Fathead" and "I Need Therapy," also contains great covers of the Ramones' "Now I Wanna Sniff Some Glue" and "Havana Affair" as well as The Authorities' "Achtung."

Punk music is a genre often overlooked by radio music fans, but the Weasels' music demands to transcend that mundane boundary.

"Kill the Musicians" is a staple for any punk-rock fan and should be a consideration for anyone who enjoys fast-paced, hard-rocking grooves.

—Brett Wilcoxson

Silver Screen Summary

FILM	SYNOPSIS	THEATER	RATING
Air Force One	Russian terrorists hijack the president's private plane and demand the release of a vice communist general from a Russian prison. Starring Harrison Ford and Gary Oldman.	University Place 8	R **** 7/30
Conspiracy Theory	A New York City cab driver's wild scandal idea gains the interest of a U.S. Justice Department attorney and turns out to be horribly true. Starring Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts.	Fox Theatre	R
Cop Land	Internal Affairs looks to bring down corrupt New York City cops living in a small New Jersey town, but can only uncover the conspiracy with the help of the local sheriff.	Varsity	R **** 8/29
Event Horizon	This horror/science fiction thriller focuses on a revolutionary space ship that mysteriously returns after disappearing in the void of space seven years before. Starring Laurence Fishburne.	University Place 8	R
Excess Baggage	Comedy about a fiery teenage girl in search of love and an identity who decides to take her own kidnapping. Starring Alicia Silverstone and Christopher Walken.	University Place 8	PG-13
George of the Jungle	The popular cartoon character comes to life as he ventures to the urban jungle of San Francisco in search of his kidnapped ape friend. Starring Brendan Fraser.	University Place 8	PG
G.I. Jane	A female Army Lieutenant looks to further her military career by joining the Navy SEALs. Thick military action and political conspiracy abundant. Starring Demi Moore.	Varsity	R
Hoodlum	A 1930s gangster sets his sights on small time crime in Harlem when prohibition is repealed and his bootlegging income goes flat, and he crosses big-time gangster "Lucky" Luciano.	Fox Theatre	R
Kull: The Conqueror	Kull becomes king of Valusia through a wicked twist of fate and soon jealous and corrupt noble relatives immediately plan his demise. Starring Kevin Sorbo and Tia Carrere.	University Place 8	R
Leave It to Beaver	The Beav is back and trouble has found him once again as he tries to fit in with his perfect family and deal with life in the '90s. Starring Christopher McDonald and Janine Turner.	University Place 8	PG
Masterminds	A 16-year-old computer hacker is the only hope for a private school's student body when armed criminals take command of the school and hold the children for ransom.	University Place 8	PG-13
Mimic	A noted entomologist saves New York City from a deadly epidemic spread by cockroaches. Three years later, her mutated solution becomes a bigger problem. Starring Mira Sorvino.	Fox Theatre	R
Money Talks	A slick-talking ticket scalper and a TV reporter hook up to thwart and heist the very villains who want them dead. Starring Chris Tucker and Charlie Sheen.	Varsity	R
My Best Friend's Wedding	A romantic comedy about a woman who rushes to Chicago to prevent her best friend, who happens to be the man she loves from marrying another woman. Starring Julia Roberts.	University Place 8	PG-13
Spawn	A highly efficient U.S. government mercenary comes back to life from the depths of hell to doublecross the devil and fight crime.	University Place 8	PG-13
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WASHINGTON POST

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The red supercar was towed away Friday after the taxes went

unpaid for four years. The New Jersey leasing company that owns the Diablo (it means "devil" in Spanish) says the guy who's leasing it owes the taxes. The guy who already pays more than \$2,000 a month for the lease, Springfield, Va., psychologist Edwin N. Carter, says the leasing company should pay the bill.

Meanwhile, the impeccably maintained car, with its twin turbochargers, beige leather interior,

giant rear spoiler and top-hinged gullwing doors, is sitting next to an old Lincoln on a dusty impoundment lot.


It's not likely to become a symbol for the continuing wrangle over the state's unpopular personal property tax, given that it costs a lot more (a five-year-old car that's worth \$140,000 by one estimate) and goes a lot faster (zero to 62 mph in 4.9 seconds) than cars driven by most Virginians.

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about the job and fail to fill in the rest of it."

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, who first approached Hart about a U.S. representative campaign, spoke candidly to the athletic director about running for office.

"We spoke about a lot of things," Bost said. "I've encouraged him to talk to other people about (a candidacy).

"And understand that people who are asking you to run now, when they find out where you stand on certain issues, might not support you anymore."

Republican county chairmen in the 12th District have referred to Costello's political stature as "weakened" because of his connection to Amiel Cueto, a childhood friend convicted of obstructing a federal investigation.

Stephen McGlynn, St. Clair County Republican chairman, said Costello's link to Cueto is an illustration of "democrat corruption in the district and has provided ammunition for a Republican takeover.

from real policy issues.

"You have to remember, over half of the witnesses were named unindicted co-conspirators," Costello said. "It's just a mechanism to get hearsay evidence into the courtroom.

"We live in a day and age when public officials are dragged into these allegations. That's what this recruiting effort's all about."

Costello said his policy record overshadows any false character issue. "The bottom line with all this hullabaloo is, during the campaign, people can see through all of that (the corruption issue)," Costello said. "They want to know who can get the job done.

"He has connections with people already working there (Washington, D.C.), so I'm sure he'll be doing his own research."

Costello said capturing political office is not an easy job, and that Hart should consider strongly the time and money required for the task.

"First, learn about the responsibilities of a campaign; two, where is the money going to come from; and three, if you're elected, what it means on time and your family," Costello said.

Cueto had been involved with a failed casino deal in St. Louis and, at one time, had business ties to Costello; ties which Costello said were severed in 1992, a year before the casino deal was cultivated.

Costello, though named an "unindicted co-conspirator" in the trial of his friend, was never convicted of anything and said the issue is bogus, exploited by Republicans only to avert attention

"People want to know who will work hard for them and who delivers. I've done both."

Costello said he will run an aggressive campaign in November 1998 emphasizing his solid political record, regardless of who the Republican nominee happens to be.

"I'm not a showhorse; I'm a workhorse," Costello said. "I never run against anyone. I run on my record."

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fights break out, especially with a big crowd like this."

Merrell said the lowered bar-entry age heightens her desire to go to the bars because of the crowd diversity.

"There's definitely a big difference in the crowds at the bars since the age change," Merrell said as she brushed a napkin across her forehead.

"And when the entry age is different the crowd will be."

Adjusting to the bar-entry age is not as much of a major change for

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Jones said lowering the bar-entry age will prevent the younger crowd from sneaking into the back door of the bar as well as hinder the use of fake identification.

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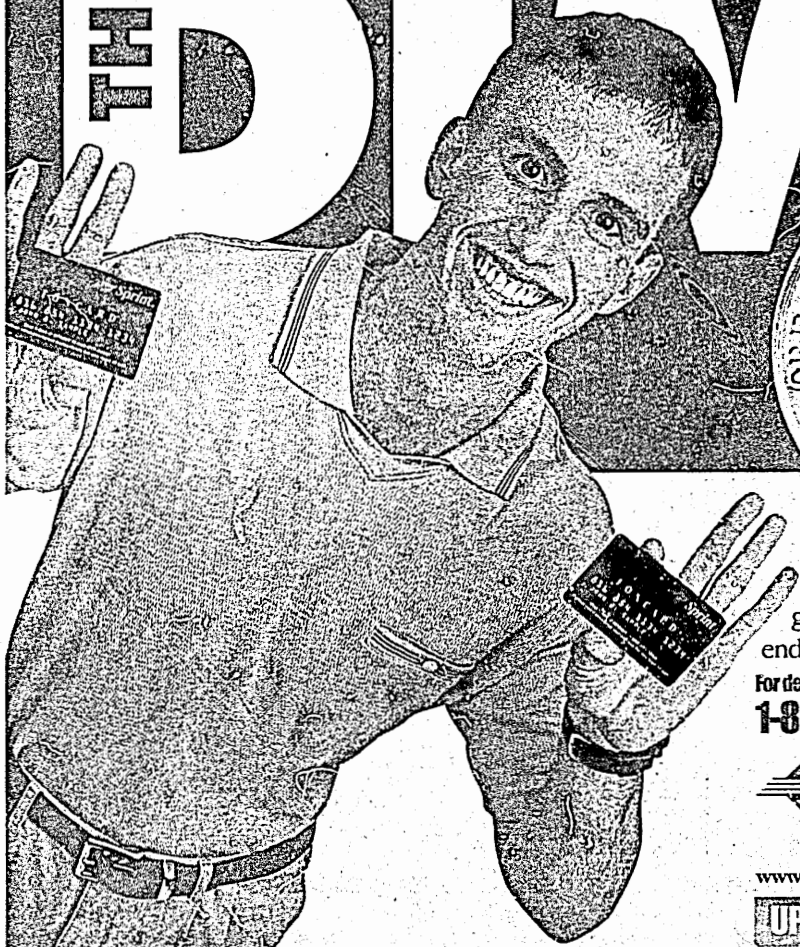
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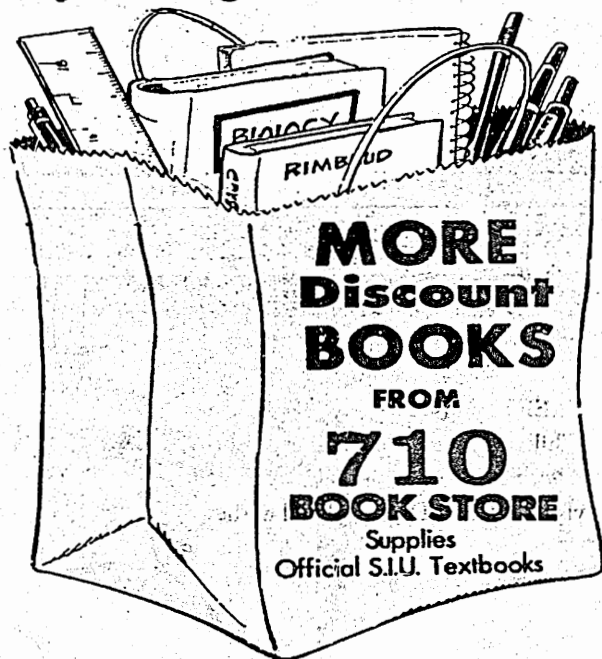
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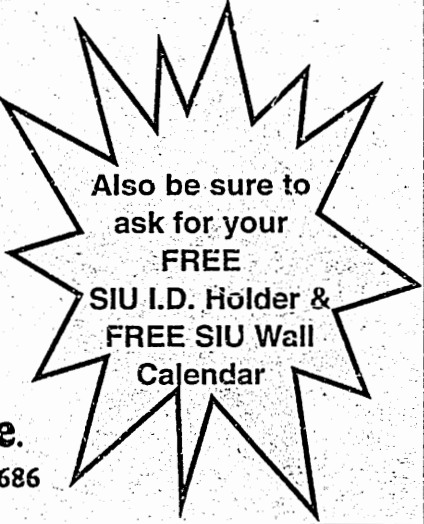
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INTERNET SAFETY:
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THE WASHINGTON POST

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released Wednesday. Thirty-one of 70 government sites in the survey retrieved details, including names, ages and work histories, from the public. But only 11 of the sites provided statements about how the information was collected and used, according to the report by OMB Watch, a private research group based in the District. Although the study did not uncover any abuses of the information, it concluded that at least four agencies probably violated provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974,

which restricts how federal agencies gather and use personal records, said Ari Schwartz, an information issues specialist at OMB Watch. "What we found is that the new medium has blurred the lines created by the Privacy Act of 1974 and subsequent laws," Schwartz said. "We feel that guidance clarifying the application of these laws to the Internet would ease tensions of both agencies who are reluctant to supply new information over the Web and users who are concerned about their privacy."

LAW SCHOOL

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vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, Jackson could not offer further information regarding the additional funds.

The budget presently is in a transition period. The available financial aid is divided into three portions, with one-third each going to first-year, second-year and third-year students. Next year, the financial aid will be awarded to incoming students and carry through their studies at the

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WASHINGTON POST

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Dozens of governments, schools and businesses across the country have embraced such cameras, believing they will help cut crime and ease traffic congestion.

The reliance on security video cameras highlights a growing concern about the clash between technology and Americans' right to privacy.

The image of a society in which "every movement (was) scrutinized" was a prophecy of George Orwell's classic novel "1984."

"We're on the precipice of developing a Big Brother society. That's not a metaphor but a reality," said Donald Haines, a specialist on privacy issues for the American Civil Liberties Union.

"We're not in the business of promoting Big Brother. We want to promote public safety," said Richard W. Chace, a spokesman for the Security Industry Association, a trade group based in Alexandria Va.

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takes time, Brown said.

"In the long run, our department can begin collaborating with other departments to broaden our academic program," Brown said. "Our program can have as much integrity and be just as rigorous as other programs."

A strong, diverse and adequately trained staff are supporting the goals

of the new director, said Brian Clardy, a Black American Studies Program lecturer and doctoral candidate in history.

"I think Father Brown has managed to outline his goals and means by which those outlines are going to be met," Clardy said. "Last semester I talked to Bobby Seal, founder of the Black Panthers, and he asked if we offered a bachelor's degree in Black American Studies. I was embarrassed to say no because SIU has the largest African-American

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Brown said that as a Jesuit, he is firmly committed to education and will do everything in his power to better the program.

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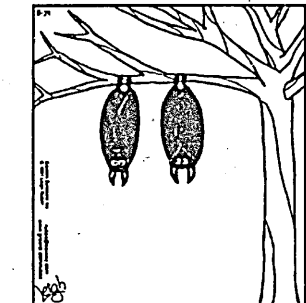
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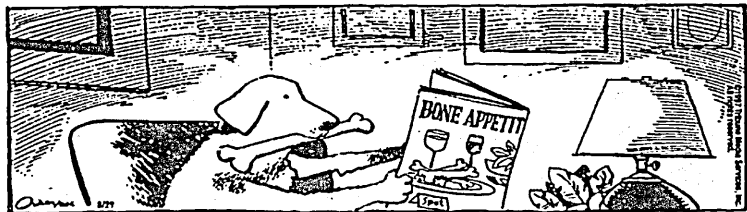
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the field, Capone speaks with an easy-going manner. But Skornia said neither has problems with being a vocal leader on the football field.

"I would say I'm not as soft-spoken on the field as I am with other people," Skornia said. "I can act a little bit different, and I'm a little more in control, and I holler a little bit more. The guys in the huddle respect you, and they know when you walk in the huddle. It's your huddle."

With SIUC's opener with Nicholls State University slightly more than a week away, Quarless is faced with a decision of choosing a starter.

Quarless said he does not want to rotate the two quarterbacks, and he expects to make a decision on the

starter by this weekend. Thursday's scrimmage also will be used as a deciding factor in picking the starter.

"Both have done well," Quarless said. "Obviously, one may have been better than the other. Our preparation for next week will have the No. 1 guy running the show."

Even though the pressure of competing for playing time can be felt by both players, Capone and Skornia have differing viewpoints on who has the inside track.

"I feel right now that Kent definitely has an edge on me," Capone said. "I've been out for a couple of practices with small injuries. Basically, we're still competing, and if I do come out as No. 2, I'll compete the whole season."

"We're both going to play, whoever is the starter, and I think it will be good that way because we'll both still be competing and helping each other."

Skornia said Quarless' decision will be a difficult one because both quarterbacks have played well.

"Marcus just has an ailment that has kept him out of a few practices, and as far as being ahead of him, I don't think so," Skornia said. "We're still battling for it."

Regardless of who takes over the top spot, Skornia said both players must be able to be team leaders and maintain a positive mental approach for the Salukis to have a solid campaign.

"I would say our biggest challenge is ourselves," Skornia said. "If we play to our maximum ability, we'll be all right. We'll come out ahead and on top this season."

"But if we lose a couple of games in a row, then the challenge for ourselves mentally comes into effect, because to bounce back from a loss is a lot harder than to keep that winning streak going."

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all their runners.

In an MVC-preseason poll by conference coaches, the Salukis were picked to finish in a two-way tie for fourth place with Southwest Missouri State University.

The Salukis are trying to better

an eighth-place finish in the District V meet last year. SIUC had hopes to make the NCAA national tournament, as it did in 1995, but were a long stretch from a top-two finish that a national bid required.

"We are setting our hearts on winning conference. It is in the back of the mind of all the runners," Cornell said. "It will be tough because Indiana State and Illinois

State are back strong."

Bosak said last year's poor finish will not be easy to overcome, but a healthy mental approach and solid work ethic should lead to improvement.

"We are trying to stay positive about the outlook for the season," he said. "We are trying to see what some of the new guys can do. We are focusing on running as a team."

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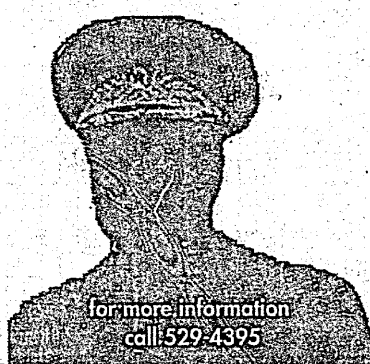
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The SIUC volleyball team's productive two weeks of preseason practices have prepared the Salukis for a run at a title at the Carolina/Nike Fall Invitational, senior outside hitter Traci Eggers says.

The Invitational begins today in Chapel Hill, N.C.

"I'm so excited, I've never been so positive on how we're going to play," Eggers said. "We haven't had one bad day of practice."

The Salukis return six starters from last year's 14-19 team, including sophomore setter Debbie Barr, the 1996 Missouri Valley Conference Newcomer of the Year, and junior outside hitter Marlo Moreland, a preseason first-team MVC All-Conference selection.

Also returning at the outside hitter position are senior Erika Holladay and junior Wendy Uhis. Juniors Lindsay Fisher, Monique Galvin and Laura Pier provide depth at the middle blocker posi-

tion. Sophomore outside hitters Marris Kimbrough and Emily Wirth and freshman middle blocker Molly Meeker also are expected to contribute for coach Sonya Locke's squad.

Locke said that with so much depth, it will be difficult to determine the starting lineup.

"I think we have a lot of starters on our team. We're going to be able to play a lot of players," she said. "I'm not concerned about starting lineups."

While the high expectations have Locke's team prepared for the season opener, SIUC has not fared well in previous seasons' opening matches.

Last season, the Salukis opened the season with four straight losses at the Washington State Cougar Challenge in Pullman, Wash. The Salukis have been victorious in three of the last 10 season openers.

Moreland expects this year to be different, especially after last year's disappointing start.

"Last year we went 0-4," Moreland said. "We've got everybody returning back, and we expect to win the tournament. If we don't, we expect at least to win two out of four."

This weekend's tournament has

a four-team field, including SIUC, the University of Connecticut, the University of North Carolina and Virginia Tech University. UNC is the only team the Salukis have faced previously when SIUC defeated the Tarheels in the 1987 Saluki Invitational.

Barr said the team will need a strong mental approach to be successful against unfamiliar teams.

"I think we'll come out and play well, but we don't know the teams well," she said. "If everybody believes we can win, we will."

The Salukis open the tournament against Connecticut today. The Huskies are coming off of an 18-13 finish in the Big East Conference last season.

Locke said she wants to see her team achieve its goals for this tournament but does not want the players to base their season on just one performance.

"Our No. 1 goal is to come home feeling good about our performance," she said. "The last couple of years we haven't done that, but I hope this time we can get a positive start."

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* Monday night

Prediction: Does anyone really expect Favre to win on Monday? Kramer against Favre? Get your quarter drafts early because there won't be much of a second half.

Shandel Richardson

DE Sports Writer



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Prediction: Conway or no Conway, the Bears begin their Super Bowl "Shuffle" by putting Brett Favre in a hospital that does not allow painkillers or Coors' Light.

Corey Cusick

DE Sports Writer

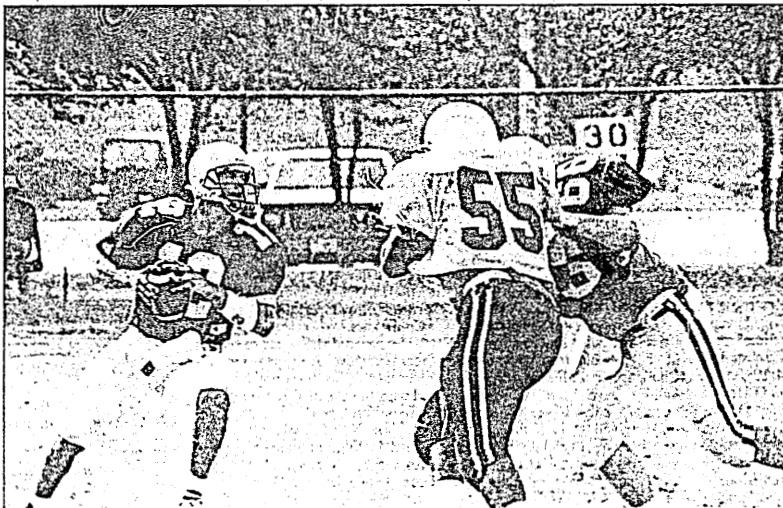


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Prediction: Sorry Saints fans - new coach, same team.



COOL UNDER PRESSURE:

Marcus Capone fiercely competes for the starting quarterback position during Thursday's practice.

DRYAN MILLER/
Daily Egyptian

Quarterback battle heats up

CAPONE VS. SKORNIA:

Two Dawgs duke it out to determine who takes the snap on Salukis' opening day.

RYAN KEITH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

SIUC quarterbacks Marcus Capone and Kent Skornia have different personalities, backgrounds and approaches to football, but both have a common goal — to win the Salukis' starting quarterback spot.

Capone and Skornia realize they have very little in common, but both agree that competition to become first-year coach Jan Quarless' No. 1 guy has made both players better.

"We're still good friends," Skornia said. "I've competed for a starting quarterback job before, and I've been in situations where it has not been fun to compete, and you go out there disliking the other guy."

"To compete with a guy like Marcus is really an honor and a privilege because he is such a great person, and it makes it all the more fun."

Capone said Skornia has had a lasting, positive effect on Capone's development during the preseason.

"We help each other, and there's no hostility between us at all," Capone said. "Kent and I are great buddies, and we help each other a ton."

Although the Salukis' No. 1 quarterback role is at the top of both Skornia's and Capone's list of athletic goals, the similarities between the two end there.

Capone, a 6-foot-4-inch junior from Long Beach, N.Y., transferred to SIUC last fall from Nassau Community College and was expected to be former Saluki coach Shawn Watson's starter.

But Capone ran into off-the-field legal problems in the preseason, which forced him to sit for much of the season until his name was cleared of any wrongdoing in October 1996.

Capone, who called just six plays and completed two passes last fall, said this year is a chance for him to start over at SIUC.

"I want to say I'm a new person," Capone said. "I'm still Marcus Capone, but I've learned a lot. I was younger and made some mistakes last year. This year, I think a lot

more; I don't just react."

Skornia also is prepared for a fresh start this season, but the soft-spoken, 6-foot-4-inch junior transfer from the University of Missouri is looking for an on-the-field change.

Skornia split time with quarterback Korby Jones at Missouri, completing 83 of 171 passes for 931 yards and seven touchdowns in two seasons. But he made the choice to come to SIUC in January after being recruited by Watson.

Watson's decision to join Northwestern University's staff as quarterback's coach shortly before Skornia's arrival made Skornia re-think his choice. But Skornia is convinced Quarless will turn the fortunes of the program around.

"My decision was made basically at the end of last season," Skornia said. "I came here because of Coach Watson. But actually I think it helps in the long run because (Athletic Director Jim) Hart brought Coach Q here, and it helped this program out immensely."

While Skornia prefers a quiet approach off

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Cross country squad braces for tough season

UP FOR GRABS: Coach says top three spots are filled, but other five open.

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Jeremy Parks and Joseph Parks are only juniors, but the twins find themselves as the new leaders of a young SIUC cross country team.

The pair will be anchoring the team without the help of three-time Missouri Valley Conference champion Stelios Mamerros, who graduated in May. The Salukis finished second in the MVC.

Jeremy and Joseph Parks, both elementary education majors from Eldorado, have been working with the younger runners in an attempt to push everyone into shape both physically and mentally.

"I feel that we are taking over the leadership role pretty well," Jeremy said. "We are trying to keep everyone fresh and rested so they don't get burned out too quickly."

However young they may be, the twins are no strangers to the leadership role.

In high school, Jeremy and Joseph alternated victories in 17 consecutive races. And while Eldorado did not reach the Illinois High School Association

State meet, both brothers qualified as individuals.

The twins are accompanied this season by a strong supporting cast, featuring Andy Bosak, a sophomore in physical education from St. Catherine's, Ontario.

Along with Bosak, the Salukis return junior Ben Basalay and sophomores Matt McClelland and Eric Rushing. Cornell also is looking for production out of Chris Owen and Alejandro Rodriguez, a transfer from Waubesa Community College.

Saluki coach Bill Cornell said the team is undecided below the top three positions.

"The twins and Bosak have the top three spots taken care of," Cornell said. "Spots four through eight are up for grabs."

The Salukis find themselves in the midst of a strong MVC race this year, with powerhouse Indiana State University, Illinois State University and the University of Northern Iowa returning



•The men's season begins Sept. 6 against the University of Kansas and the University of Mississippi in Carbondale.



GOING FOR DISTANCE: Matt McClelland, a sophomore from Rushville, runs the cross country course at practice Wednesday. The SIUC Cross Country season begins Sept. 7 with the Saluki Invitational.

FAIR? Excellent!

STORY BY JASON ADRIAN PHOTOS BY AMY STRAUSS

75th DuQuoin State Fair
shaping up to be best one yet.

Sharon Motter has witnessed the Du Quoin State Fair first hand and how the entertainment activities have changed for nearly a quarter of a century.

Motter has been on the road running Sutter's Salt Water Taffy out of Hayesville, Ohio, since 1950, and her taffy stand has been a part of the fair each year since 1973.

"In the '70s, they might bring in one entertainer for seven nights," Motter said. "Now they have more entertainers and bigger names."

This year, the Du Quoin State Fair is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and many people, including Motter, who have seen it develop agree it is still changing.

The fair, which began Aug. 22 and ends Monday, features several carnival rides, a petting zoo, horse and car races, numerous food stands, two large beer tents, agriculture exhibitions and night shows — including ZZ Top on Sunday.

The fair began in 1923 and was created by local businessman W.R. Hayes. The first fair was an immediate success, said Danny Malkovich, Du Quoin State Fair public relations director.

"There were about 60,000 people at the first fair," he said. "That's really good considering it was a very rural area at the time."

The fair history, as recounted in the scheduled events pamphlet, states that Hayes "saw the event as a prestigious statewide attraction that would improve yearly as long as the fair exists."

The state bought the fair in 1986 and has been running it since.

The first night show at the fair was in 1929 and featured the Music Box Review. This year, the fair features seven main stage acts including Billy Ray Cyrus with Rhett Atkins Saturday night.

Sabrina Harris helps run Happy Feet, a shoe-distributing stand at the fair. Her family has been camping out at the fair for the last 30 years, and she said that the night life of the fair has changed.

"It used to be that there was no alcohol," she said. "Now it's the biggest part of the night life."

Harris said that the entertainment at the fair has always been first-rate and that it is still getting better.

"[The fair] has always been good as far as entertainment," she said. "There's a lot more entertainment now as compared to 30 years ago."

The number of food stands and the variety of food served have also increased in the 75 years of

the Du Quoin State Fair.

"There wasn't anything like this as far as food stands go," Harris said. "There are a lot more now as compared to 30 years ago."

Don and Judy Wright spend at least 12 hours a day throughout all 10 days of the fair on their feet running a food stand specializing in funnel cakes, corn dogs and lemonade shake-ups.

The Wrights also have also witnessed the fair develop over the ears and say that the attendance and vast number of activities is the biggest change.

Motter also has noticed an increase in attendance over the years, while Harris has observed a growth in the fairground's physical size as well as attendance.

"Everything is so spread out now," Harris said. "It gets bigger and a little better every year."

The attendance over the first three days of the fair has shown an increase of 7,148 people from last year. This year, 111,005 people passed through the gates in the first three days.

Fair manager Ron Summers said that the fair has grown 4 percent every year since 1992.

"I think the family environment of the past few years has gotten a lot of people interested in coming (to the fair)," he said.

Summers has been the Du Quoin State Fair manager since 1991. He said that weather-exposed, aboveground electrical equipment and a small campground were problems in the past that have since been improved.

"There is a cleaner horizon and a safer environment now that the electrical equipment is underground," he said. "We now have power and water for 300 campsites."

Summers said new activities each year, such as the bench press contest, more rides for people of all ages including a roller coaster for the thrill seekers and an exotic petting zoo that includes a giraffe and kangaroo will keep the fair consistently changing in the future.

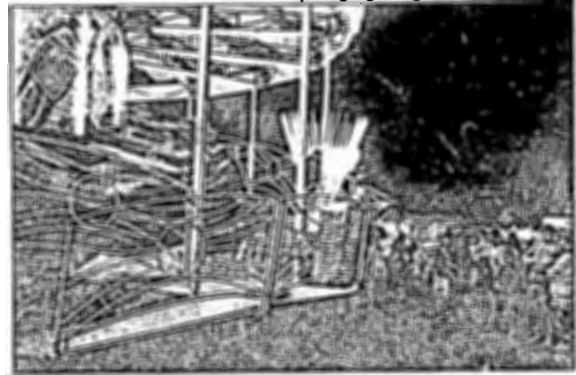
"We try to bring something new every year," he said.

Harris said that the fair has been a positive for the people of Southern Illinois. She said that people from all over the Midwest come to the area to take in all that the fair offers.

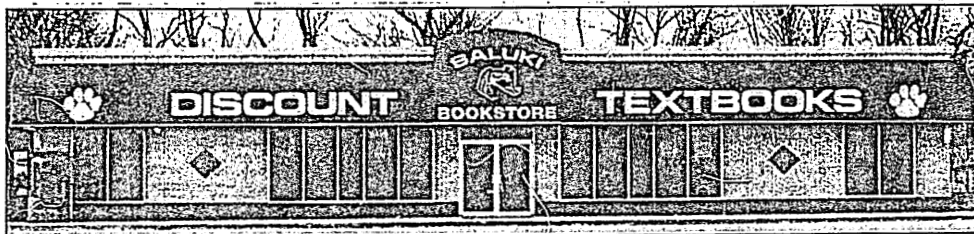
"A lot of people all over have heard of (the fair)," she said.

"Overall it's really good for Southern Illinois."

FAIR DAYS: (Left) Connor Bird (left), 4, and Dylan Bird, 2, play with the deer in the petting zoo at the Du Quoin State Fair. (below) Carnival rides and games drew crowds to the Du Quoin State Fair on opening night Aug. 22.



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Ground Zero

Record company compiles songs for new CD project

Reception Records, producer of the 1996 local compilation compact disc, "Biscuits and Gravy," is accepting song submissions to be included on its newest project, "Coal Dusted Tracks."

The new collection will feature folk, bluegrass, blues and country music from the Southern Illinois area.

All entries must be received by Oct. 3, and up to two songs may be submitted.

For more information contact Kevin Graham or Lisa Pangburn at 529-8081.

Poetry competition offers \$25,000 in prizes

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts. The competition, which is open to everyone, features \$25,000 in prizes to be awarded in 1998.

Poems to be submitted to the contest may be of any style but must be 21 lines or less and the writer's original work.

To enter, send one poem along with your name and address to: Free Poetry contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., Suite 4, Ashland, Ore., 97520. Or enter on-line at www.famouspoets.com.

The deadline for entry is Sept. 22.

Country singer to perform

Twang-hinged country-rocker Robert Earl Keen will play a free outdoor concert on the steps of Shryock Auditorium at 10 tonight.

Keen has been described as "one of the best" in a review by USA Today and the Associated Press called him "bloody brilliant."

Keen's new album, "Picnic," on Arista Austin, was produced by John Keane, who has worked with such big name bands as R.E.M., Widespread Panic, Indigo Girls and the Cowboy Junkies.

The Jo Deans will open the show at 9 p.m.

No alcohol of any kind will be permitted at the show.

For more information contact Cary Prince at 512-329-9910.

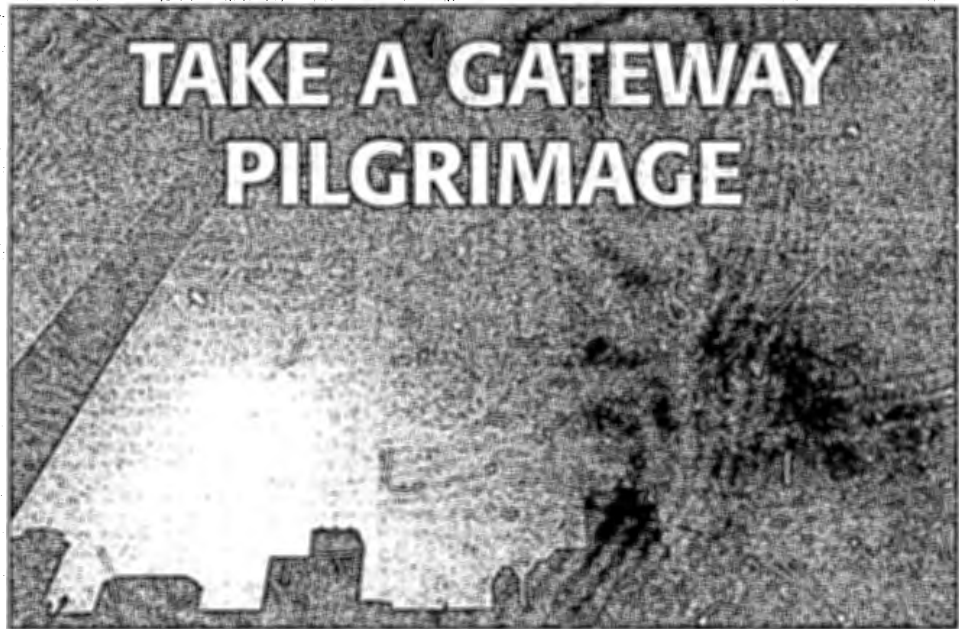
WDBX Fest begins Monday

Nine bands will play in the Town Square Pavilion Monday for the Second Annual WDBX Fest.

The event will be simulcast on WDBX 91.1 FM and begins at 11 a.m. with The Ridgemonts.

Massive Funk will headline the festival, taking the stage at about 7 p.m. St. Stephen's Blues, Slappin' Henry Blues with Tawl Paul, Carter & Connelly, Groove Merchants, The Jubilee Songbirds and two other acts yet to be announced round out the lineup.

For more information contact Bob Streit, WDBX Station Manager at 457-3691.



St. Louis offers fantastic view of area for around \$6 with historic Gateway Arch

STORY BY
BRETT WILCOXSON

Triping, getting high and seeing amazing visions may be easy enough without leaving Carbondale, but a short distance away there is a way to reach for the clouds that won't get anyone arrested or killed — a pilgrimage to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

The 34-year-old stainless steel guardian to the West, located at 11 N. Fourth St. on LaClede's Landing in St. Louis, cost about \$13.4 million and took 2 1/2 years to build.

But a trip to the top of the Arch will cost \$6 for a ticket, a few bucks for gas and about four hours of round-trip driving to see the amazing view.

The 630-foot-high Arch, designed by architect Eero Saarinen, was built in the sixties as a monument to Thomas Jefferson, who made the Louisiana Purchase, and to many pioneers for whom St. Louis was the gateway to the West between 1803 and 1890.

Warren Kasper, a seasonal park ranger at the Arch, said the metal giant greets quite a few visitors each day.

"On a busy day as many as 6,000 people will go up in the Arch," he said.

The glorious view from the top is not the



only thing to see at the Arch.

There also are two museums, which have free admission, and two historical movies, which do entail a charge.

"There are three things to do that are not free. There are two movies and the ride up to the top," he said.

"To do any one thing costs \$6, [any] two things is \$10, and all three things cost \$14."

Kasper added that there also are many oddities, which come and go and may or may not be on display any given day.

"Every day something strange happens," he said.

"A couple of weeks ago a man came in dressed like a woman, and he looked like he hadn't shaved for about three weeks. He would have been more convincing if he would have shaved."

While the Arch is a great place to take the family, Kasper said that sometimes people "t keep their children in cneck, and that creates a hairy situation for park rangers.

"We have a (stuffed) bison, a bear, a horse and a couple of beavers," he said. "And sometimes 3-year-olds think they are cute and cuddly, and ignore the rope barriers and try to pet them. If they pet them, (the stuffed animals') hair will fall

away, so we have to try and keep (the children) away."

All humor aside, Kasper said a visit to the Arch is an experience most people will never forget.

"It's a really interesting place to visit. It's got a couple of fantastic museums attached to it," he said.

"The view (from the top) is fantastic. You can see 30 miles on a really clear day."

For more information on a trip to the Arch, and/or other nearby Missouri sites, contact the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission at 1-800-325-7962.

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