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IBHE examining costs of college, affordability

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is gearing up to battle the effects of a \$38.3-million decrease in state aid for college students.

The board approved preliminary plans Aug. 20 for forming a Committee on Affordability. The new committee is looking for ways to offset the decrease in financial aid dollars given to students and help make college costs more affordable, said Don Sevener, director of communications for IBHE.

Besides examining the high costs of colleges, J. Robert Barr, co-chairman of the committee, said they will also look at ways to improve the financial aid given to students. Recent state budget cuts include a \$38.3 million decrease in funding for MAP awards.

The awards, originally designed to cover all of a student's tuition and fees, have been dwarfed by inflating college costs, a factor the committee will look at, Barr said.

"They haven't been able to keep up," he said.

Daniel Mann, director of SIUC's

Financial Aid Department, agreed.

The maximum amount for a MAP award is \$4,035, but tuition and fees for an SIUC student are at \$4,864.80, Mann said.

Every student's MAP award was cut by 5 percent this year, Mann said. Additionally, funds for all fifth-year recipients of the award were cut, which affected 419 SIUC students, he said.

With the decrease, more SIUC students are asking about the possibility of loans or work-study programs, Mann said.

"We do have students who have been in to see if they have eligibility," he said.

New committee members have tentative plans to meet in late September or early October and begin reviewing data, Sevener said.

Board member Robert English will co-chair the committee with Barr, who is also chairman of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The committee will probably have 10 members, Barr said.

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IDOT studies need for 4-lane highway to Pinckneyville

Proposed expansion on Routes 13/127 would cut time off trip to St. Louis

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for input at public hearings next week about proposals to expand a 22-mile stretch of highway from Murphysboro to north of Pinckneyville to four lanes.

The proposed plans include widening Illinois Route 127 and different methods of bypassing cities. The expansion is the result of study mandated by the Transportation Equity Act passed June 1998. Joseph Zdzankiewicz, studies and plans engineer for IDOT, said the project could cost around \$60 million.

The environmental and economic impacts of each plan are still being considered.

"There will be environmental impacts," Zdzankiewicz said, citing wetlands, threatened and endangered species, historical sites and prime farmland as the main effected areas. "Each alternative has more or less impact in an area."

IDOT is having public information meetings Sept. 4 in Murphysboro at McElvain Elementary School, 593 Ava Road, and Sept. 5 at Pinckneyville Junior High School, 700 East Water St.

This improvement is long overdue, according to some local legislators.

"When they originally designed the I-24 system, it was to go through Carbondale to St. Louis," said State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro. "The connection was removed when budget cuts occurred on the I-24 connection."

Interstate 24 runs through Paducah, Ky. and merges with Interstate 57 south of Marion.

Bost said congressmen have pushed for a four-lane highway to cut across from the Carbondale area into St. Louis since the early 1950s. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Southwest Interstate Tollway Group proposed a tollway alternative, but

IDOT estimated the highway would not have enough travelers to make the expenses worthwhile.

Bost said the tollway was not improved because of lack of industry, but Bost said that is a matter of "chicken or the egg."

"If the tollway was there, there would be more industry," Bost said.

Bost is in favor of an improvement, even if it is not as extensive as he had in mind.

"I am disappointed, but I think that any move toward that is a step forward," Bost said.

State Sen. David Luechtefeld said he would also like to see a four-lane diagonal system through his district.

"It would take you through the heart of the district," Luechtefeld said. "I think a four-lane up across is a good idea."

He said IDOT's proposal is making the system in a piecemeal fashion, and he foresees problems in "bottlenecks" of Pinckneyville and Nashville. If a highway goes around the town, it "kills the downtown part of the community."

Luechtefeld said the proposal would be better if it went further.

"Ultimately, you would like to go all the way to [Interstate] 64," Luechtefeld said. "It only makes sense to make it a four-lane all the way from Carbondale to Highway 64."

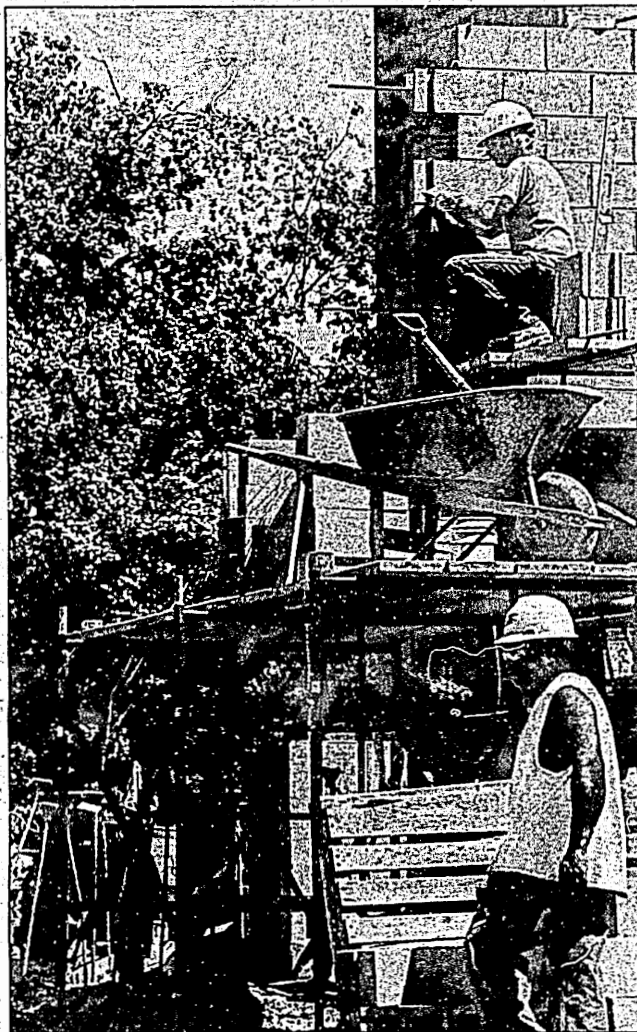
Zdzankiewicz said faster travel and safety are expected benefits from the project. Improved transportation is expected to increase economic growth, and a four-lane highway is safer than the present two-lane system. Twelve people died in car accidents on the highway between 1996 and 2000, eight of the deaths from head-on collisions.

Pinckneyville Mayor Harlon M. Yeager said he is in favor of the expansion because of the faster drive to I-64 and increased business.

"The more [travelers] you could get through Pinckneyville, the chances are you're going to sell them something," Yeager said.

Funding will be provided by state allocations, and local taxes will not be affected.

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ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Construction workers lay brick for a walkway Monday afternoon. Altgeld is getting a \$10.4 million renovation, and the enclosed walkway between Shryock Auditorium and Altgeld Hall will aid music students walking to performances at Shryock.

Construction continues

University improvements include Shryock Auditorium to Altgeld Hall connection

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The sound of musical instruments in Altgeld Hall has been replaced with the roar of drills and power saws.

Altgeld Hall, which houses the music classes, began \$10.4-million renovations earlier this year that are slated for completion by September 2003. The building, constructed in 1896, will be equipped with acoustically sound classrooms and recording and performing studios.

Besides the internal renovations, construction workers are building a walkway that will connect Shryock Auditorium with Altgeld Hall.

The walkway will aid students transporting musical instruments to the auditorium during performances, said Robert Weiss, director of the School of Music. That will protect the instruments from the weather and temperature changes, he said.

In the meantime, music students are making do with temporary classrooms in the Northwest Annex, Quigley Hall and the Old Baptist Foundation.

Although the temporary classrooms are a little cramped, the temporary inconvenience is worth it, Weiss said.

"We're making due," he said. "Everyone seems to be willing because they know we'll be in a new facility."

That is not the only place at SIUC where construction crews are laboring. J & L Robinson Construction is relining 85 feet of an underground tunnel from the Physical Plant with another layer of concrete.

The construction site is near the Student Center on the corner of Lincoln Drive and Illinois Avenue.

The tunnel, which protects steam pipes from the Physical Plant used for heating, will be complete in about three weeks, said Al Easton, the crew's superintendent.

Twelve inches of concrete will be added to the tunnel's sides, and 18 inches will be installed on top of the tunnel, he said.

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NATIONAL NEWS

'Suspicious powder' sent to Gore office

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee authorities are testing a "suspicious white powder" that was in an envelope opened Tuesday at former Vice President Al Gore's office in Nashville to determine if it contains anthrax.

An FBI official told CNN that investigators believe the white powder was sent as a hoax, but the bureau has not confirmed that officially.

Gore's office manager, Mary Patterson, opened the small package at approximately noon CDT (1 p.m. EDT). Patterson and Gore's Tennessee director, Robert McLarty, immediately turned off the office air conditioning and contacted local authorities, who dispatched a hazardous-materials team to the site, in the city's Loews Hotel.

Gore's offices in the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel will remain closed, at least until test results come back in four days.

Patterson described the package as a smaller-than-usual envelope, typically used to write personal correspondence. She said she noticed a stamp on the back of the envelope that said, "This Letter Has Not Been Inspected by The Corrections Department." She said the letter was handwritten, but she stopped reading its contents as soon as she saw the white powder.

U.S. clears six entities of al Qaeda links

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration removed three people and three organizations from a U.S. list of entities whose financial assets it sought to freeze after they were cleared of suspected links to the al Qaeda terror network.

The Treasury Department's action, announced Tuesday, comes amid recent criticism about the process the United States has used in its effort to block funds, including the evidence gathered to support classifying a person or a group as a terrorist financier.

Somali-born Swedes Abdi Abdullaziz Ali and Abdinask Aden, who were involved with the Swedish chapter of the Somali-based money transfer operation Al-Barakaat, were taken off the U.S. list.

Many in Sweden had rallied around the men, saying they were being denied due process by the United States.

The United States moved to block the assets of Al-Barakaat last year, accusing the operation of funneling money to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

The Somali Swedes came forward, claiming that they had no knowledge that the entities they were associated with were linked to terror. Another Somali-born Swede, Yusuf Ahmed Ali, has done the same and has asked to be taken off the U.S. list.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saddam: U.S. threats aimed at Arab world

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein repeated Tuesday that American threats against Iraq are directed not just against his country but at the entire Arab world.

He made the comments during a meeting with the Qatari foreign minister, and they were reported a day after Vice President Dick Cheney said the United States can't wait until Iraq obtains nuclear weapons before taking action against Saddam's regime.

Saddam's comments, reported by a news anchor on Iraqi TV, quoted him as saying, "American threats target not only Iraq, but the whole Arab nation as well."

Also on Tuesday, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak reiterated his country's opposition to a possible attack on Iraq.

"We have reservations on Iraq, but that doesn't justify a strike killing civilians," Mubarak told students in Alexandria, Egypt. "I said to the U.S. administration, 'If you harm the Iraqi people while the Palestinians are still suffering, it would only fuel the anger of the Arabs.' No leader in the Arab world would be able to stop people expressing anger at such a move."

Saddam also reportedly spoke out on the embargo imposed by the United Nations against his nation.

"Iraq has met all its obligations which were imposed on it under Security Council resolutions," Saddam said.

12 killed as Congo rebels derail train

BRAZZAVILLE, Democratic Republic of Congo — Twelve burnt bodies have been found in the wreckage of a freight train that was attacked and derailed by rebels in the south of this central African country, a government spokesman said on Tuesday.

The train was derailed on Saturday on a bridge outside Loulombo station, 205 miles south of the capital Brazzaville. Several fuel tanks burst into flames when the train went off the tracks.

Government spokesman Alain Akouala told The Associated Press that 12 bodies, believed to be those of illegal passengers, had been found in the wreckage.

Akouala also said the rebels were responsible: "The group has indeed been identified. They were members of the Ninja militia."

On Sunday, Akouala had said 30 people, who had boarded the train secretly to hitch a lift, were injured.

The rebels, who call themselves Ninjas after ancient Japanese warriors, are led by renegade pastor Frederic Bitsangou and have been blamed for several similar attacks in the southern Pool region.

A police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said on Tuesday the rebels had taken several hostages to help remove the medicines and food supplies from the train.

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SIUC chapter of National Association of Black Journalists meeting 6 p.m. Tonight
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Carbondale

- Money was reported stolen from Mama's Soul Food and the Gillespie Property Management office at 201 S. Washington St. between 10 p.m. Saturday and 7:45 a.m. Monday. Police said the north door had been forced open and they have no suspects.
- Several socket wrenches and other tools were reported stolen from a garage on the 100 block of North Springer Street between 2 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Monday. The loss was estimated at \$1,100. Police said they have no suspects.

University

- A parking decal was reported stolen at 2 p.m. Friday from a vehicle parked in Lot 1 west of Lawson Hall. Police said they have no suspects.
- A parking decal was reported stolen between 8 p.m. Wednesday and 3:16 p.m. Monday from a vehicle parked in lot 45 at East Grand Avenue and Marion Street. Police said they have no suspects.
- A parking decal was reported stolen between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday from a vehicle parked in Lot 1 west of Lawson Hall.

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focusing Beyond the classroom

Students present and past
showcase success in
making independent films

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

SIUC is rarely mentioned in the same breath with universities such as Harvard and Stanford.

But student independent filmmakers such as James Saldana have ranked SIUC among these universities as one of the top finalists for the Angelus Awards, a humanitarian student film reward larger than the Student Emmys.

Saldana's three-year project, "Team Kosovo," which explores the struggles, turmoil and triumph of one Albanian family during the Serbian-Albanian battles about four years ago, was a spur-of-the-moment trip that landed him international acclaim.

Josh Hyde, a 2002 SIUC alumnus in cinema and photography, helped with Saldana's project along with developing his own independent documentary about Peruvian shamanism, "Despacho."

By raising their own money and traveling and filming the production with other friends and students, these students hope their risky and ambitious efforts can provide an encouraging example for SIU student filmmakers.

Coming into focus

Hyde remembers visiting a small village in the depths of Peru, looking at the stars, when he began to hear the saxophone of Kenny G wailing in the distance.

"Damn that American culture," Hyde said as he recalled the experience. "You found me Kenny G." Hyde had traveled to third world countries since his mother was from the Philippines, but he was not prepared for the documentary and future experience he found in Peru.

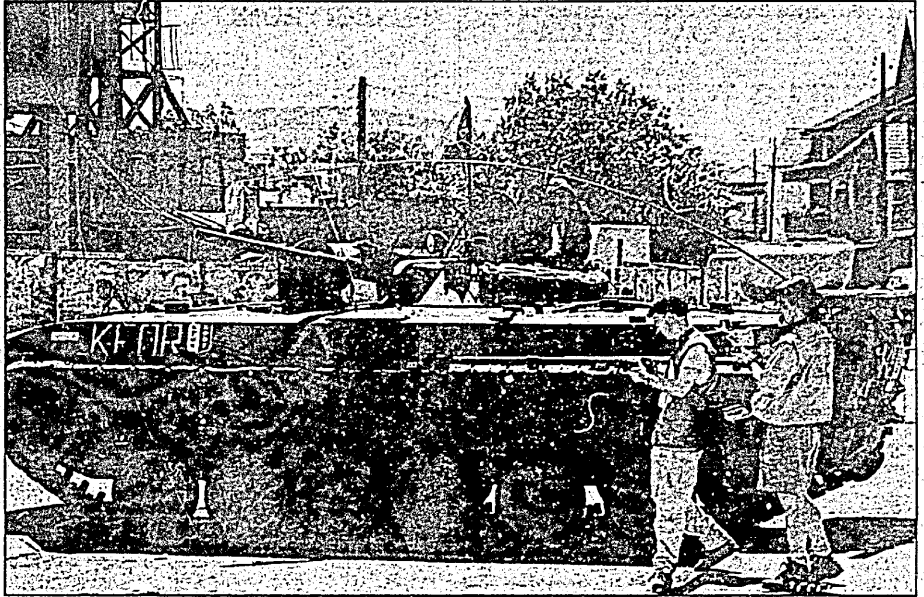
His sophomore year, Hyde attended a presentation on Peruvian shamanism and its correlation with medical providers and organizations. Finding the topic intriguing, Hyde began to write a script hoping to explore the tourism in the area, also hoping to find a shaman angle to the film.

After researching and saving \$15,000 between his summer job and a filmmaking friend's income, Hyde and his team traveled to Peru, finding more than a shaman angle, but a real representation of the presentation he liked so well.

Hyde's original idea was transformed into following Vanishing Cultures, a medical provider for indigenous tribes in Peru, while they helped treat families and led a tour through the small villages where they worked.

"In the film a lot of things happened in sync," Hyde said. "We met the founder leading both the medical trip and a tourist trip that met with shamans."

One shaman, Don Manuel Quispe, 97, is believed to one of the oldest living people from



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY JAMES SALDANA & JOSH HYDE

(Above) James Saldana, a graduate student in Mass Communications in Media Arts, and cinematographer Jeff Norman walk beside a tank in Kosovo and seek footage for his documentary, "Team Kosovo," which is up for an Angelus Award. Saldana followed military refugee families and even traveled across a minefield while making the three-year project.

(Right) Peruvian Shaman Don Martin Pinedo holds a cocoa leaf offering, or "kintu," before he finishes the ceremonial task Despacho by blowing their prayers into the wind. This scene is included in SIUC 2002 alumnus Josh Hyde's documentary, "Despacho," which describes the crossing of cultural paths between Peruvian shamans and Western medical providers.



the Inca tribe and is preparing to die from increasing lung failure. Hyde said Vanishing Cultures was also providing care for the shaman, but Quispe wants to die without further treatment.

Hyde said he learned a lot about filming, producing and editing, but more about other cultures as well as his own. He said the shamans would go tell a doctor if they or one of the local people needed medical treatment, but they tried to heal spiritually — as Vanishing Cultures and Hyde came to understand.

"I was always interested in shamanism and how globalization was affecting it, but the real shaman will always be there," Hyde said. "Why do they need to be in front of a camera, because they are supposed to be connecting with other worlds and people?"

Through this experience filming, "Despacho," Hyde learned to utilize what he learned at SIUC. He hopes by eventually screening his film for students, they can learn independent filmmaking does not have to wait until after graduation.

"If we can help gain their right to film and gain rights to the program, we can give them enough self-confidence to do something themselves," Hyde said.

Tackling an international issue

Saldana had the self-confidence to jump on a plane with his filmmaking friend and arrive near

the Yugoslavian border ready to film the events of Kosovo four years ago.

Venturing around refugee camps, Saldana and his friend found their own refuge in a camp the first night they were in the country.

Without money and knowing the language, local families, one which eventually let the students follow them around the camps, helped the students tell the Albanian struggle.

After two more visits, Saldana followed the family that helped them film their initial struggles, experiences after the war and post-war events two years later.

"We felt guilty because they were helping us when they were the ones needing help," Saldana said.

As part of the showcasing process, Saldana and other filmmakers will make a presentation in M.C.M.A. 201 class this fall, telling students about their projects.

"For me, it is not just promote ourselves, educate other students and do it themselves," Saldana said. "You already have everything you need to make your own films and productions by simply looking at the people sitting across from you; the talent is already here — be bold enough of taking risks."

Directing future filmmakers

Jan Thompson, a radio-television professor, has developed the idea for a documentary center

that will help provide ideas and companionship for local filmmakers, faculty researchers and filmmaking students.

"It would be a catalyst, so that it will help faculty and/or independent producers, people who are not students, such as people in the community, help them finish," Thompson said. "Documentaries take many phases. They will be able to have a companion that would be able to put that into a documentary form."

Thompson said the center would be dynamic programming and exposure for the University. The radio-television department already has a documentary unit for their department, but the center will be accessible to all University students.

Thompson said Saldana and Hyde are creative and courageous for funding and producing their own documentaries, and she hopes they will provide an example for current SIU students.

"You have to take risks," Thompson said. "The risks [Saldana] took made it worthwhile."

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Saldana's film, "Team Kosovo," will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at Longbranch Coffeehouse.

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Death row inmates scurry for review by Gov. Ryan

Illinois prisoners sent petitions to Springfield

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Springfield was bombarded with petitions Monday when Illinois inmates facing death row pushed for review before Gov. George Ryan leaves office.

The 160 inmates are seeking clemency from the death penalty, and the review board is ready for the challenge as November looms in the future.

"We will make the time," said Illinois Prison Review Board Chairwoman Anne Taylor.

The review process takes 15 minutes to read the petition and 15 minutes to hear any opposition in the case, Taylor said. The board will then make a recommendation to Gov. Ryan, and he will make a decision.

There is controversy surrounding Ryan's thoughts on granting a blanket commutation. A commutation is when a prisoner on death row is taken off death row.

Attorney General Jim Ryan voiced concerns in the Chicago Tribune yesterday and said he is opposed to a blanket commutation and would like each case to receive individual attention.

Taylor said she didn't know

what kind of kickback a blanket commutation would have on the prison system because it's never happened before.

"Every case is different," Taylor said.

Blagojevich supports the governor on this issue, but he is urging Gov. Ryan to deal with every case on an individual basis, said Billy Weinberg, Blagojevich's press secretary.

"It would be improper to do anything else," Weinberg said. "It's not something he looks at lightly."

Though Blagojevich supports the death penalty, he also supports the moratorium imposed by Gov. Ryan.

Ryan set up a commission last April that suggested 85 ways to eliminate errors with in the Illinois criminal justice system. Ryan spearheaded the commission in light of 12 wrongly executed prisoners since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Blagojevich said the laws and policies regarding the death penalty should be reviewed and put more in-line with the way it was originally intended, which he said is to deal with each case based on the individual's merits or faults, said Weinberg.

"It's the prerogative of the sitting governor to deal with those circumstances," Weinberg said.

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Recreation Center to gain Internet access

Computer lab plans to be ready after Labor Day

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

Students will soon have an opportunity to "surf the Net" while watching swimmers make waves in the pool.

The Recreation Center staff has been working since spring semester to bring computers to the center to give students access to another computer lab, which will be available after Labor Day weekend.

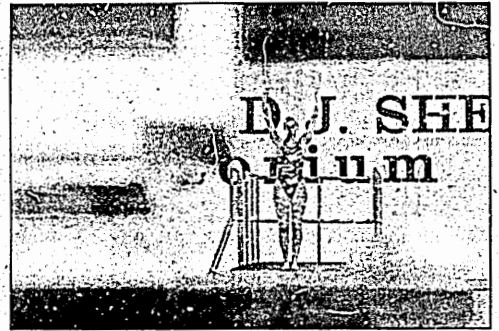
"It is important that, although we know what our role is at the University, that we do anything we can to assist in the academic mission of the University," said Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center. "We try to do that as often as we can and this gives us that opportunity."

Computer technology donated five computers that the Recreation Center had set up in the area designated as the new computer lab. The lab has been set up in the middle section on the upper level of the Recreation Center, in the pool observation area. The area will also have three additional desks with connections for laptops.

"Sometimes students want to get out of their residence hall room and get some peace and quiet," McMinn said. "It is located on a very peaceful area, the observation area above the pool, so it won't be intrusive by a lot of people."

The computers will not be ready for students to use until sometime next week, but students using laptops can hook up their computers at the stations to access the Internet.

The Recreation Center spent about \$1,500 out of its equipment budget to set up the lab. McMinn feels that the expense is a benefit for students and worthwhile for the Recreation Center.



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lacey Smith prepares to dive off the top platform at the natatorium in the Recreation Center. Students can use computers or connect their laptops to the Ethernet at the observation deck overlooking the pool in the Recreation Center.

"This is a building that is heavily used by the students. They consider it their own building, so it's important for them to have this," McMinn said.

Recreation Center student workers, also known as "Rec Techs," have been taking the time to put the lab together along with their work of up-keeping other computers in the facility.

Junior Jason Krelo and seniors Rachad Milburn, Bryant Marks and Ryan Mayhall, who are all majoring in information systems technologies, have been working to get the lab up and running. The staff has been in charge of details such as finding locks to attach computers to the desk, gaining access to other networks on campus and setting up the actual hardware.

"Students can basically use this computer lab like anywhere else on campus, put in their school e-mail address, log on and surf the Net," Marks said.

The students who are working on the project hope in the future the

Recreation Center will add a printer to the lab, making it a full-functioning computer lab.

Milburn thinks the computer lab will be beneficial to students who spend a lot of time in the Recreation Center because the access will be so close.

"If students are at the Rec Center a lot, they may feel more comfortable staying here to use the computers," Milburn said.

The popularity of the lab has already been noticeable to McMinn because of the amount of students who have already started using the laptop connection.

"It is just reflective of our mentality here that we are always looking for ways to improve and ways to serve the students, and we are going to continue to do that every single day of the year that we are open," McMinn said.

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Dining hall computers provide nutrition information

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

The ingredients of the spicy chicken strips, ravioli and Mexican corn dogs that frequent University dining hall cafeterias can now become common knowledge.

Nutrition Bytes, a series of three computers installed in Lentz, Grinnell and Trueblood dining halls, is designed to inform students of the nutritional content of their food, among other things.

"They have computers like these at other schools, and students had been requesting nutrition information, so it just seemed like a good idea," said Dawn Null, nutrition adviser for the residence halls.

Nutrition Bytes provides information about the various nutrient contents, such

as calories, fats and carbohydrates as well as ingredients for the foods served in the dining halls. Nutrition Bytes also provides information on food content, which could be helpful to students with food allergies.

"It probably gives you more information than you ever really cared to know," said Peggy Corley, associate director of Residence Hall Dining.

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Death row inmates scurry for review by Gov. Ryan

Illinois prisoners sent petitions to Springfield

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Springfield was bombarded with petitions Monday when Illinois inmates facing death row pushed for review before Gov. George Ryan leaves office.

The 160 inmates are seeking clemency from the death penalty, and the review board is ready for the challenge as November looms in the future.

"We will make the time," said Illinois Prison Review Board Chairwoman Anne Taylor.

The review process takes 15 minutes to read the petition and 15 minutes to hear any opposition in the case, Taylor said. The board will then make a recommendation to Gov. Ryan, and he will make a decision.

There is controversy surrounding Ryan's thoughts on granting a blanket commutation. A commutation is when a prisoner on death row is taken off death row.

Attorney General Jin Ryan voiced concerns in the Chicago Tribune yesterday and said he is opposed to a blanket commutation and would like each case to receive individual attention.

Taylor said she didn't know

what kind of kickback a blanket commutation would have on the prison system because it's never happened before.

"Every case is different," Taylor said.

Blagojevich supports the governor on this issue, but he is urging Gov. Ryan to deal with every case on an individual basis, said Billy Weinberg, Blagojevich's press secretary.

"It would be improper to do anything else," Weinberg said. "It's not something he looks at lightly."

Though Blagojevich supports the death penalty, he also supports the moratorium imposed by Gov. Ryan.

Ryan set up a commission last April that suggested 85 ways to eliminate errors with in the Illinois criminal justice system. Ryan spearheaded the commission in light of 12 wrongly executed prisoners since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Blagojevich said the laws and policies regarding the death penalty should be reviewed and put more in-line with the way it was originally intended, which he said is to deal with each case based on the individual's merits or faults, said Weinberg.

"It's the prerogative of the sitting governor to deal with those circumstances," Weinberg said.

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Recreation Center to gain Internet access

Computer lab plans to be ready after Labor Day

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

Students will soon have an opportunity to "surf the Net" while watching swimmers make waves in the pool.

The Recreation Center staff has been working since spring semester to bring computers to the center to give students access to another computer lab, which will be available after Labor Day weekend.

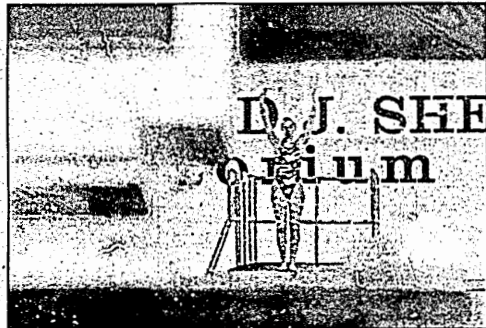
"It is important that, although we know what our role is at the University, that we do anything we can to assist in the academic mission of the University," said Bill McMinn, director of the Recreation Center. "We try to do that as often as we can and this gives us that opportunity."

Computer technology donated five computers that the Recreation Center had set up in the area designated as the new computer lab. The lab has been set up in the middle section of the upper level of the Recreation Center, in the pool observation area. The area will also have three additional desks with connections for laptops.

"Sometimes students want to get out of their residence hall room and get some peace and quiet," McMinn said. "It is located on a very peaceful area, the observation area above the pool, so it won't be intrusive by a lot of people."

The computers will not be ready for students to use until sometime next week, but students using laptops can hook up their computers at the stations to access the Internet.

The Recreation Center spent about \$1,500 out of its equipment budget to set up the lab. McMinn feels that the expense is a benefit for students and worthwhile for the Recreation Center.



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Lacey Smith prepares to dive off the top platform at the natatorium in the Recreation Center. Students can use computers or connect their laptops to the Ethernet at the observation deck overlooking the pool in the Recreation Center.

"This is a building that is heavily used by the students. They consider it their own building, so it's important for them to have this," McMinn said.

Recreation Center student workers, also known as "Rec Techs," have been taking the time to put the lab together along with their work of up-keeping other computers in the facility.

Junior Jason Krelo and seniors Rachad Milburn, Bryant Marks and Ryan Mayhall, who are all majoring in information systems technologies, have been working to get the lab up and running. The staff has been in charge of details such as finding locks to attach computers to the desk, gaining access to other networks on campus and setting up the actual hardware.

"Students can basically use this computer lab like anywhere else on campus, put in their school e-mail address, log on and surf the Net," Marks said.

The students who are working on the project hope in the future the

Recreation Center will add a printer to the lab, making it a full-functioning computer lab.

Milburn thinks the computer lab will be beneficial to students who spend a lot of time in the Recreation Center because the access will be so close.

"If students are at the Rec Center a lot, they may feel more comfortable staying here to use the computers," Milburn said.

The popularity of the lab has already been noticeable to McMinn because of the amount of students who have already started using the laptop connection.

"It is just reflective of our mentality here that we are always looking for ways to improve and ways to serve the students, and we are going to continue to do that every single day of the year that we are open," McMinn said.

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Dining hall computers provide nutrition information

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

The ingredients of the spicy chicken strips, ravioli and Mexican corn dogs that frequent University dining hall cafeterias can now become common knowledge.

Nutrition Bytes, a series of three computers installed in Lentz, Grinnell and Trueblood dining halls, is designed to inform students of the nutritional content of their food, among other things.

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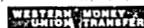
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Freshman Joel Sambursky has been named starting quarterback and is looking to have a good season.

Spectators will also see junior Eric Egan have a breakout season as linebacker.

The team as a whole is going to be better than before and is expected to secure a few wins.

Attendance should be based on the love of the game.

This year the team will play seven home games, and it will be great to not only see them out on the field, but also to see the stands filled with screaming

fans cheering them on.

Over the past three years, the average attendance has been less than half of that.

What can be done to get more fan support at games?

All of these factors should bring Saluki fans running, and not just for one game.

Winning and fan support go hand in hand. The more fans in attendance, the more hyped the players get and the harder they work.

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There are some die-hard Saluki football fans who attend every game no matter what the outcome may be.

Hopefully this year the number of fans will be higher and will keep rising as the season progresses.

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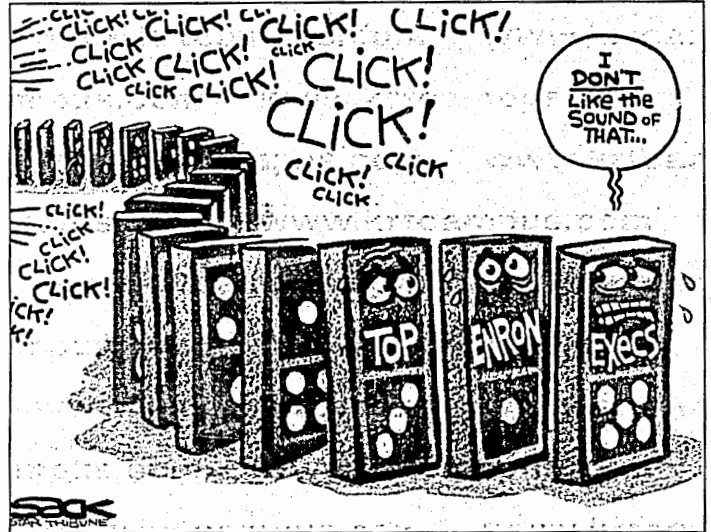
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If they happen to lose a game, don't only remember it as a loss.

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The first game of the season is on Thursday, so after all classes are over and most people are off of work for the evening, lets show the Salukis some love.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Self control to blame; not fast food

Zac Chase
The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

NORMAL, III. (U-WIRE) — Let stupid people beware—their wily games are growing thin on the patience of the American culture, such as it is.

Caught in one of the more recent waves of stupidity are those involved in class action lawsuits against fast food giants, holding them responsible for their obesity.

Adding another stroke of brilliance to this high-class meeting of the minds was President Bush's mid-July unveiling of his "Verb: It's what you do" campaign.

Designed to combat obesity in America's youth — which is up 300 percent since 1980 — the campaign is a \$190-million fallacy in logic.

The campaign hit adolescents where it hurts: television and the Internet.

The website for the campaign is a virtual playground, with kite patterns, desktop wallpapers and paper airplane guides to get kids outside and consequently, doing as little as possible.

I can't imagine little Johnny is going to break much of a sweat folding a piece of paper and then launching it.

If the folks over at Health and Human Services are trying to get kids outside, they should consider creating the world's worst website or most disturbing commercial with a montage of flabby pre-teens too breathless to lift the remote or check their e-mail.

Maybe it is for the best that today's youth remain on couches across the country, feeding on lost Fritos in the cushions.

At least then they'll be able to follow in the steps of Caesar Barber, a 272-pound New York maintenance worker who filed suit in July against McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC.

For years, I ate fast food because it was efficient and cheap. I had no idea I could be damaging my health," Barber said in an Aug. 19 CNN.com article that inspires pity and little else.

This is a little hard to swallow. Barber is at the forefront of a movement egged on by George Washington University Law Professor John Banzhaf.

A front-runner in the initial legal battle against big tobacco in the '60s, Banzhaf has said it is time to hold America's fast food giants responsible for the country's growing obesity epidemic.

According to a December 2001 Surgeon General's report, 61 percent of Americans are overweight, and about 300,000 people die each year of obesity-related health problems.

Admittedly, these are disturbing figures that require attention.

Even the 56-year-old Barber has seen his share of complications, with two heart attacks behind him and a daily struggle with diabetes and high blood pressure ahead of him.

He blames these problems on a diet heavy in fast food. It is unlikely Barber was suddenly contacted by experts who were concerned for his health.

People do not wake up one morning and find themselves obese. To gain weight, people must eat.

Doubtful is the scenario in which obese people are visited daily by their demonic friend wearing big red shoes who proceeds to force Big Mac after Big Mac down their gullet in the interest of ruining lives.

While the argument of a genetic cause of obesity in some is next to impossible to ignore, this doesn't excuse blaming others for the problem. While the impulse to overeat may be unavoidable for some, the decision of where to purchase that food is well within their grasps.

The "I didn't know there was fat in this" defense is annoying and insulting. When a person can stand at the counter of the local BK and watch as the frozen French fries are lowered into a bath of boiling oil and walk out thinking they've just had the dining equivalent of a garden salad, it's time to fear for humanity.

The answer to the problem is not, as Banzhaf says, Americans "suing their own fat asses off."

It's Americans making better choices. We can only hope Barber and company fellow Bush's lead and drop their suits much in the same way the President pulled funding for the Verb campaign from his 2003 budget requests.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Isn't it surprising how many things, if not said immediately, seem not worth saying ten minutes from now?”

Arnot L. Shepherd, Jr.
Philosopher

WORDS OVERHEARD

“I don't sweat and I don't hurt myself. I'm in pain, but it's not from playing sports, it's from carrying watermelon.”

Michelle Gibson
vice president of intercollegiate communications to the
Residence Hall Association during sportsfest

COLUMNISTS

Reparations won't solve issues

Two weeks ago in Washington, D.C., a rally took place to encourage and demand reparations for African-Americans. This is an issue that I have thought about ever since the reparations movement started. Obviously, as an African-American woman, my immediate knee-jerk reaction was, "yeah, we should be paid for slavery." Then I decided to think critically about this issue.

First, why should I get paid? Additionally, who should get paid and more importantly, can money expunge such a human tragedy? And if it can, how much money should be paid? Moreover, would a payment create conciliatory relationships between races?

I was born in 1960, 95 years after slavery ended. And yes, while I have experienced some bigotry here in Southern Illinois, all in all I have had opportunities.

Bigotry cannot be eradicated through a big payoff.

I thought about who should get paid — obviously it should be the slaves themselves, but since that is impossible, I thought about my grandparents, who were born in 1916 and 1914, 41 years after slavery ended. Their parents were slaves. They were unable to change their status and were unable to become assimilated into American culture. Every aspect of their life at that time was based in legalized racism and social isolation. There was no hope of equality for them.

Therefore, it is my argument that if reparations are ever to occur, which is highly doubtful, the generation that suffered the most from the effects of slavery should be compensated. I think that African-Americans born before the modern civil rights movement felt the pain of discrimination in an appalling manner that cannot be described effectively. Therefore, these people should be paid before it's too late.

Will reparations change the events that occurred? Obviously no. However, in our litigious society, money is the remedy that is offered when one has



Having My Say

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suffered as a result of another's culpability. The American government is the culpable party, therefore they are responsible for the pain and suffering.

Reparations are not a novel concept. The descendants of the Japanese-Americans that were interned in concentration camps during World War Two were compensated. The German government paid the survivors of the Holocaust.

On a larger scale, reparations for all African-Americans will not solve many of the problems in the African-American community, some of which stem from the lack of personal responsibility and making foolish choices. There are remedies to address discrimination today, which include monetary damages in civil court.

Reparations will not solve the antagonism that is dealt by some whites towards African-Americans. Reparations will not make us more likely to interact with each other at the Student Center, where we will still voluntarily segregate ourselves.

It will not stop a classroom of all-white students from lying to the only African-American student in the class when she asks if she is in the correct class.

Reparations will not make it any easier for me to move to a small all-white city where the slogan is "ain't no niggers allowed" without fear of reprisal.

Bigotry cannot be eradicated through a big payoff. Racism and bigotry are learned behaviors, which can only be solved when we view others as people, not colors.

Lenie is a junior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Britney Spears and the masculine mystique



Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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Fifteen minutes and two coats of mascara later, I walk into the den where my buddies are watching television.

"Chuck, how do I look?" My roommate scratches himself, gulps Jim Beam out of a Mason jar and drives a remote control Honda over my little toe.

"Huh?"

"Never mind. See you later."

I drive to the DAILY EGYPTIAN, a Pepsi radio commercial blaring Britney's "bah-bah-bah-bah" down Lincoln Drive as I reapply lipstick. I need to have this semester's mug shot taken anyway. Surely someone there will notice the care I have taken with my appearance this particular afternoon. After smiling for the camera, I join several journalism majors on a bench outside for a cigarette, and perhaps, a compliment or two. I perch on the edge of the bench, being oh-so-delicate and pretty, waiting to be addressed.

Instead, fellow Egyptian writer Geoffrey Ritter points and says, "Grace Priddy puffs Lucky Strikes? Geez, where'd you pick up that eccentricity, prison?" Another voice follows from across the bench: "Yeah, I think my Grandpa used to smoke those. Wow, that's pretty harsh."

I agree, that's pretty harsh, as I dejectedly mope to the car. But pulling away from the curb, I suddenly begin to smile. Screw it all. If I can't be sweeter than Britney, at least I can be tougher than Ritter. I light up a fresh Strike and inhale contentedly. If it means I have more moxie than you, Hit me baby one more time.

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LETTERS

Focus on the afterlife

Dear Editor:

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth, and things were simple. Then, God created humans and had a purpose for them. They were to be his and his only. Later, Lucifer tricked Eve by telling her that she would not surely die for eating the fruit of that knowledge, but she would be like God, knowing good and evil. Eve gave some to her husband. Then, the world changed. Sin came into the world. God said: "Those who honor me and have no other gods or idols, I shall bless for thousands of generations. Those who do not worship me for three to four generations, I will allow catastrophes to happen to show you to come back to me for I am a jealous God. I am who I am."

So generations and generations go by and things have changed, some for the good and some for bad. The things that are bad are still for the glory of God, for all things will always turn out for the good in the long run because God is still in

control. It may seem like at times that God is not in control, but he is. The world makes you believe that the world is a good crutch to lean on by its ways, but we all know that it is not. There is nothing in this world perfect. As humans, we have limits because we are all mortal. You can make appointments and schedule things and you can reschedule things and miss appointments, but there is one appointment that is scheduled for everyone that you will not change or reschedule: death. So I guess Jesus Christ would make a good crutch, for there is an eternal life after physical death.

People are too worried about the short life on earth and put too much into it, for mortals die and people think that they never will, especially the young, the more mature you become, and you realize that life is short, maybe 80 to 100 years. What is this to an eternal life? Life itself is nothing but a grain of sand on the beach.

David Bean,
Carbondale

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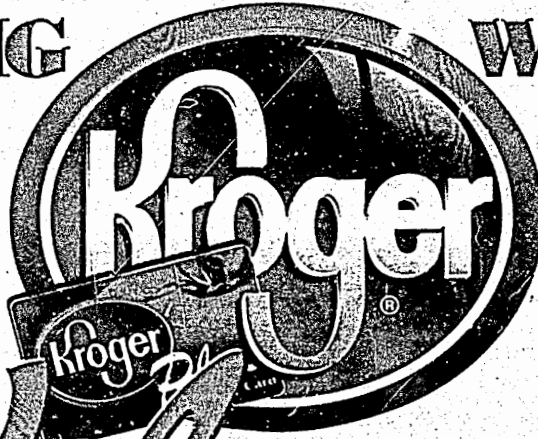
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Deficits could pose long-term challenges

Ken Moritsugu
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT)—The federal budget appears headed back into deficits at least through 2005, a sharp reversal after four years of surpluses.

New projections released Tuesday by the Congressional Budget Office paint a more pessimistic picture than similar White House projections from last month. Some independent budget analysts think it could be even worse, with deficits lasting through the rest of the decade.

In the short term, deficits are not a problem. In fact, the government is giving a boost to the sluggish economy by spending more than it collects in taxes.

The biggest short-term consequence is that the new projections for deficits will make it more difficult politically for Congress to adopt either new tax cuts proposed by President Bush or a Medicare prescription-drug benefit because those measures would make future deficits even bigger. So would a war with Iraq.

But the larger questions are how long the deficits will last and how big they will get.

The government must borrow money to finance its annual budget deficits. If the borrowing grows large enough, it will push up interest rates, divert capital from businesses and slow the economy.

In addition, the costs of Social Security and Medicare will begin to soar in about 15 years as the baby boom generation — those born between 1946 and 1964 — retires. If the government is heavily in debt, it will have a harder time covering those costs.

Tuesday's CBO report projects a deficit of \$157 billion for the 2002 fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30. The previous fiscal year, the government had a surplus of \$127 billion. The projected deficit would fall to \$145 billion in 2003, \$112 billion in 2004, \$39 billion in 2005 and disappear in 2006, according to the CBO.

By contrast, the White House projected in July that deficits after 2002 would be smaller than the CBO calculates, and that the budget would return to a surplus in fiscal 2005.

Even the CBO's projected deficits would be relatively small. The \$157-billion projected deficit for 2002 is 1.5 percent of the gross domestic product, a measure of the U.S. economy's size. The deficits of the 1980s and early 1990s ranged from 2.6 percent to 6 percent of the GDP.

"It's cause to be concerned. It's not cause for panic," said Robert Bixby, executive director of the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan group that advocates balanced budgets.

"The question is where do you go from here? The question is whether you rein it in, or whether you cast fiscal discipline aside and say, 'Let's enjoy it.'"

HIGHWAY

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

No date has been set for the start of construction. Zdzankiewicz said the public input and environmental research phase should be completed by fall 2003, and the project could begin in the next three to five years if funding is available at that time. The project will be completed in segments to spread out cost over years.

"Even if we had the money right now, we would still need to go

through the hoops we're going through right now," Zdzankiewicz said.

Zdzankiewicz said 75 percent of responses in public meetings last fall were in favor of some improvement to the present highway, but 54 percent at the Pinkneyville meeting and 44 percent at the Vergennes meeting preferred a bypass to building on present roads.

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DSS receives \$55,000 grant

Faculty to learn about adaptive technology

Katie A. Davis
Daily Egyptian

SIUC Disability Supports Services has received a \$55,000 grant to help aid students not just at SIUC, but also at area community colleges with adaptive technology.

"It's like going to college and not knowing how to use a computer," said Kathleen Plesko, DSS director. "You can not go forward without knowing the tools of technology, and this helps our students with that."

The Short-Term Experimental Education Grant from the Illinois Board of Education-Higher Education Cooperation Act (HECA) will support access through adaptive computer technology and website design and will help instruct not only students, but also faculty members.

Plesko said while many students

have access to adaptive technology, most professors do not understand their uses and how to best accommodate them to students. Providing faculty with the technology can help assist professors teaching students with special needs, such as the deaf and the blind.

"We had focused mainly on students," she said. "We worked together to make the computer labs accessible and to get the technology to the students, but we realized the missing piece was the faculty."

According to Patricia Cosgrove, fiscal agent for Information Technology, the grant will pay for teaching workshops and aid DSS in developing workshop material for accessible Web design and will train faculty how to use adaptive computer technology.

However, this program will also support area community colleges, including John A. Logan, Rend Lake, Shawnee Community and Southeastern Illinois Community Colleges. Plesko also hopes the program will one day extend to area high schools.

Plesko and Cosgrove had applied for a number of grants for an adaptive technology program for

faculty and students since 1996, but the HECA grant is the first they have received.

Plesko said she was thrilled to receive notification of the grant in a time when the Illinois Legislature is making drastic budget cuts.

"To know how poor the State of Illinois is and the program had not gotten all of the funding it desired, we're really excited," she said. "This is a substantial amount of money for our program."

DSS first received funding from the University for adaptive technology in 1992 and has made a commitment to keep that technology up-to-date.

"The whole idea is to provide more services so that students can take classes," Cosgrove said. "The students want to do the work, and providing them with this technology allows them to do the work."

The first faculty workshop on adaptive website design and computer technology for disabled students will take place on Oct. 8, 2002.

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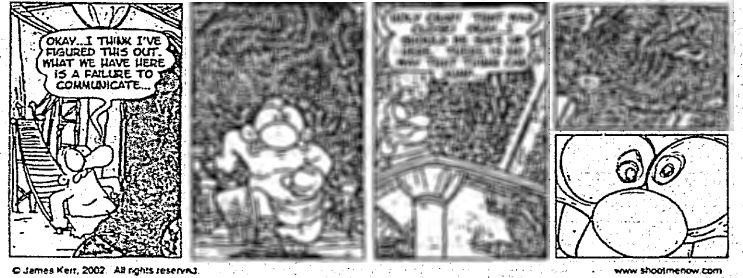
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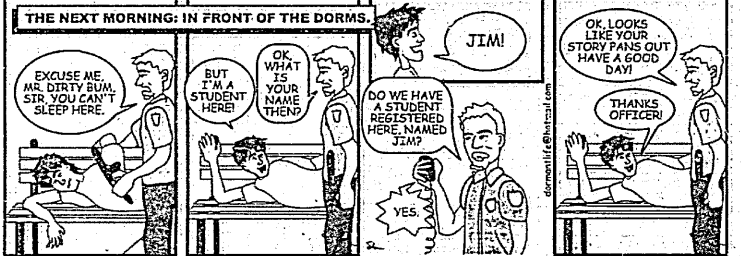
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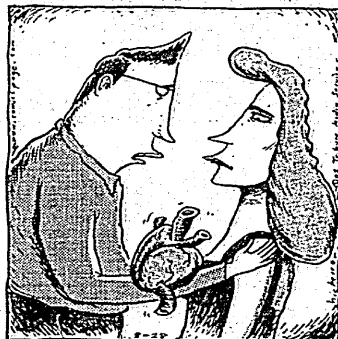


Let's Save Datur

by Seth Dewhirst



The Quigmans by Buddy Hickerson



"I'm wearing my heart on my sleeve for you, Francine... Consequently, I don't have long to live."

Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Aug. 28). If you settle into a routine at work, your job will become much easier. You'll seem even smarter, and get even richer, as you memorize a tough job. Postpone travel and higher education while you take care of old obligations. Becoming debt-free will be a wonderful sensation.

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 5 - There are a few more lessons to be learned, unfortunately. Success is still slightly beyond your grasp. It'll help to be frugal, so make the effort.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You've encountered this hassle before, but this time you're not alone. A loved one provides the encouragement. Take a stand.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Don't forget to do something you promised. It concerns either your place or one of your roommates. Postpone travel and romance until you've met this obligation.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You and your friends can block a measure you oppose by sticking together. You don't have to say much - except, of course, "no."

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - This is not a good day to throw caution to the wind. The profit is in the details. Fine craftsmanship pays, and saves, in the long run.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You're very perceptive but not very assertive. You didn't used to be assertive, anyway. But that's about to change - big time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - There's plenty of love. It's the money that may have you concerned. Don't be afraid of the numbers. Face them squarely.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You'll solve your dilemma with the help of a couple of friends. One distracts your adversary while another helps you find exactly what you need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're good, but the task is still daunting. Not only is it tough, but your old methods won't work. Ask a Virgo with power to teach you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 10 - Your persistence is paying off! That, plus your hard work. A person you admire thinks you're fabulous. And it's true!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - You may feel as if you've dropped anchor. Your forward movement is stopped. Don't fight it. Take time for appraisal, and add up your resources again.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - The others may argue about what they can't have, but you know there's always enough. It isn't a matter of how much there is; it's how you hold it that's important.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argitton

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

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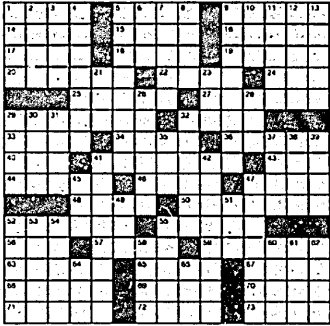
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: LUNGE WHEAT BANDIT NUDISM
 Answer: What the lightweight boxer turned into when he retired - A "MIDDLE" WEIGHT.

Crossword

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 5 Peel
 9 Small wood
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 15 Rocker Billy
 16 "Bolero" composer
 17 Jason's ship
 18 Writer Emile
 19 Spartan market
 20 Slica or flint
 22 Green slater?
 24 Hostelry
 25 Acacia and baobab
 27 Sudestepped
 29 Seems
 32 Allies' WWII opponent
 33 Moderate
 34 PC symbol
 36 Asian country
 40 Literary collection
 41 Separation
 43 Undivided
 44 There're
 46 Allures' eight
 47 Struck on the green
 48 All over again
 50 Units of electric current
 52 Azula
 55 Snood man
 56 Extinct ostrichlike bird
 57 Chisel or plane
 59 Subtle meaning
 63 Dweeling
 65 Bogged Bear?
 67 "Damn Yankees" heroine
 68 Philosopher
 69 Kierkegaard
 70 Give off
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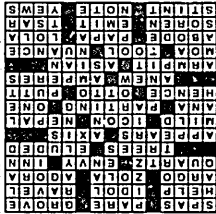


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 29 Indian nursemaid
 30 Yeam
 31 Scheme
 32 Loos and Louise
 35 Giant slugger
 37 Decant
 38 Feed the kitty
 39 Permits to
 41 Remorseful
 42 Propose for election
 45 Tooth topper
 47 Fine

Solutions



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 52 Accumulate
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No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



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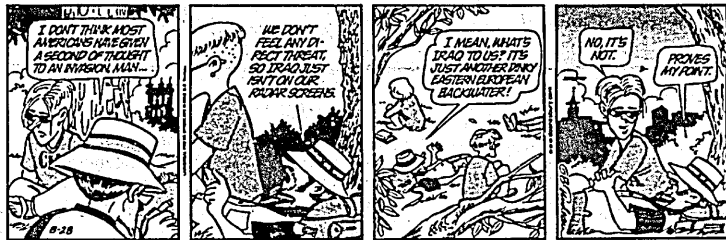
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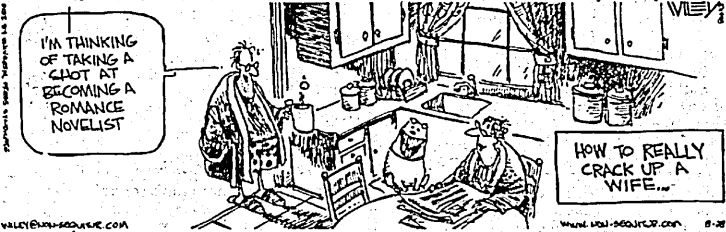
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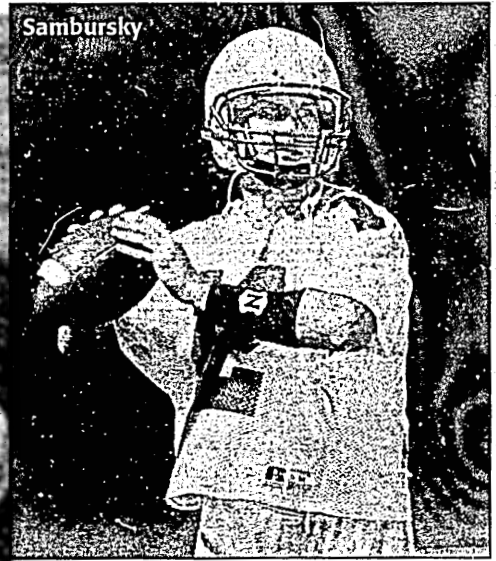
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3's Company

After a year-long three-man battle with two of his best friends, redshirt freshman Joel Sambursky earned the spot as the Salukis' starting quarterback

STORY BY TODD MERCHANT
GRAPHICS BY JOSH MISKINIS

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill announced Tuesday evening that redshirt freshman Joel Sambursky would be the starting quarterback on Thursday when the Salukis opened the season at home against Kentucky Wesleyan.

Sambursky won the job after battling fellow redshirt freshman Stanley Bryant and fifth-year senior Kevin Kobe.

Kill's announcement was simply the climax of a hotly contested battle that has been raging since the middle of last season.

“We don't sit back on the sidelines hoping each other will make a mistake, but we really want to push each other. I've been pushed so much this camp, more than my entire life.”

The following is a look at what made Kill's decision so difficult and why he waited until the 11th hour before finally making his choice.

Joel Sambursky
freshman quarterback, SIU football

Stadium Thursday night for the first time this year.

Most of the players were either on the field practicing or watching from the sidelines. Two men, however, were behind the south end zone running a seemingly endless series of passing drills.

Play after play, they mimicked each other and often appeared to be the same person.

Joel Sambursky and Stanley Bryant are battling each other. They

are battling for the starting quarterback spot for the Salukis. More importantly, they are battling for the chance to lead SIU to its first winning season in 11 years.

Quarterbacks coach Patrick Poore was with them Thursday, just as he has been everyday, making them run through hoops and throwing everything he could think of at them.

“We are making it, from a criteria standpoint, as non-subjective as possible,” Poore said. “It's tough. They are literally neck and neck. They understand it and they just keep coming out and competing.”

This is not one of those competitive where the two players are adversaries, each waiting for the other one to fail.

In fact, it is the complete opposite.

Bryant and Sambursky roomed together last year as freshmen and developed a bond that has only grown stronger during their battle this season.

“It's one of those things that it's hard because he's your best friend, but we're both so competitive and we both want each other to do better,” Sambursky said. “We really want to see each other excel.”

“We don't sit back on the sidelines hoping each other will make a mistake, but we really want to push each other. I've been pushed so much this camp, more than my entire life.”

The two redshirt freshmen have been pushing each other throughout the pre-season, making each other that much better and making it nearly impossible for head coach Jerry Kill to choose a starter.

Adding to the difficulty is the fact that the two players share so many similarities, both in terms of their physical build and their skills and abilities.

Sambursky, a 19-year-old broadcasting major from Liberty, Mo.,

stands six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. Bryant, a 19-year-old health education major from Naples, Fla., is 6-foot-1 and also weighs 180 pounds.

At Liberty High School, Sambursky compiled more than 1,800 total yards in offense and was named second-team all-state. He also lettered four years in track.

While at Naples High School, Bryant set his school's single-season scoring record with 396 points and was named Southwest Florida 5A Player of the Year during his senior year.

“I feel like me and Joel, our talents and abilities are very close,” Bryant said. “So it's in the coach's hands to make decisions.”

This is not the first time Kill has had a difficult time choosing a starting signal caller at SIU. Last season, he ended up having two starters - senior Madei Williams and junior Kevin Kobe.

Williams started in six games, while Kobe started in five. Kobe knew going into the season that he would be splitting time with Williams, a transfer from Syracuse, but tried not to let it affect him.

“Coach Kill told me straight up he was going to bring in another player,” Kobe said. “He told me ‘You guys are going to have to battle each other out. You've just got to block it out and do your own thing because I knew we were different types of quarterbacks.’”

Coming into this season, Kobe knew that he did not have the starting job locked up and would have to battle the two freshmen for the spot. The Salukis' offense has become dominated by the run, and Kill is looking for a quarterback who is skilled at both running and passing, which has left Kobe as the odd man out.

Kobe realizes that, depending on how Sambursky and Bryant per-

Joel Sambursky 12

Hometown: Liberty, Mo.
Age: 19
Major: Broadcasting
Year: Freshman
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180

Stats: Posted a 27-5 record as a starter in high school while compiling more than 1,800 total yards.

Stanley Bryant 17

Hometown: Naples, Fla.
Age: 19
Major: Health Education
Year: Freshman
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 180

Stats: Southwest Florida 5A Player of the Year as a senior in high school.

Kevin Kobe 15

Hometown: Naperville, Ill.
Age: 22
Major: Finance
Year: Senior
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 200

Stats: Ranked 13th in career pass completions (127) and 12th in career completion percentage (49.4) at SIU.

form, he may not see much playing time at all. Yet he has remained upbeat and has continued to work on his game.

“Obviously I would be disappointed; I want to play,” Kobe said. “I've stuck around here for a long time and I've been through a lot, but

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Cal prof says coaches should kick themselves

Corey Lyons
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. (KRT) — At a campus known for its esteemed professors and intellectual jousting matches, David Romer poses a question sure to fetch a double-take at any faculty cocktail party. It's fourth down: Go for it or kick?

The economics professor recently finished a three-year study of the NFL in which he analyzed thousands of plays that agonize coaches. His paper, "It's Fourth Down and What Does the Bellman Equation Say?," offers a cerebral-minded spin to a game often dismissed as simplicity squeezed into pads and helmets. In a swift kick to conventional football wisdom, Romer concludes

NFL teams could benefit by ditching the conservative nature of fourth-down plays.

"The results are striking," Romer, 44, said. "The analysis implies that teams should be more aggressive. . . . In practice, however, teams almost always kick on fourth down early in the game."

Romer reviewed nearly 20,000 first-quarter plays in 732 regular-season games between 1998-2000.

He narrowed his interest to the first quarter, presumably when neither team had a significant advantage over the other that could influence play-calling.

He used an economic concept called the "Bellman equation," which helped explain the consequences of trying for a first down, field goal or touchdown.

In the end, Romer was able to calculate the average value in points for decisions made at several specific positions on the field.

For instance, a team inside its own 50-yard line has a better chance at going for it on fourth down and 4 yards or less.

But in 1,100 fourth-down scenarios that Romer felt teams should have gone for it, coaches opted to kick the ball away 90 percent of the time.

He's not quite sure why coaches are so conservative in calling their plays.

"I don't know. Maybe they hadn't thought of it," he said. "When you hire a football coach, maybe analyzing plays is not as important as being able to motivate players or lead a team."

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at the same time it's all about the wins. I'm not gonna be complaining if we're winning and these guys are playing well."

Instead of being bitter with his situation, Kobe has instead become a mentor for his younger counterparts, helping them improve their games.

Both freshmen gained priceless knowledge from watching Kobe and Williams battle last year, and they continue to learn from Kobe this season.

Sambursky, especially, has taken to Kobe, referring to him as a "big brother" of sorts.

"Kevin's one of my best friends; I love the guy to death," Sambursky said. "He's got an incredible heart. I really look up to him because I really see his desire to really have our team be successful. He's incredibly supportive."

Bryant is sympathetic with Kobe's situation, being demoted

from a starting role to the No. 3 spot. However, he also understands that it was a move that was necessary.

"It's something that kinda had to happen. I guess with the new offense," Bryant said. "I feel bad for him because I'd hate to be in his spot, but at the same time, you got to do what you got to do for the good of the team."

Now, with Kill finally settling on Sambursky as his starter, another chapter in the friendship between the two freshmen begins.

No one knows if this will be the turning point where the relationship starts turning sour due to jealousy or if it will simply continue to grow stronger.

"They have a unique relationship," Poore said. "To be able to come out and compete, knowing what's at stake and still remain the same and carry on the way they do with each other — it's a cool deal."

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"He is from Memphis and wanted to see his family," said McClelland of Pressler. "He has been homesick since he got here. I am not too worried about it. We are fine without him."

But the young SIU runners figure to make the rest of the teams in the conference sick for a few years to come.

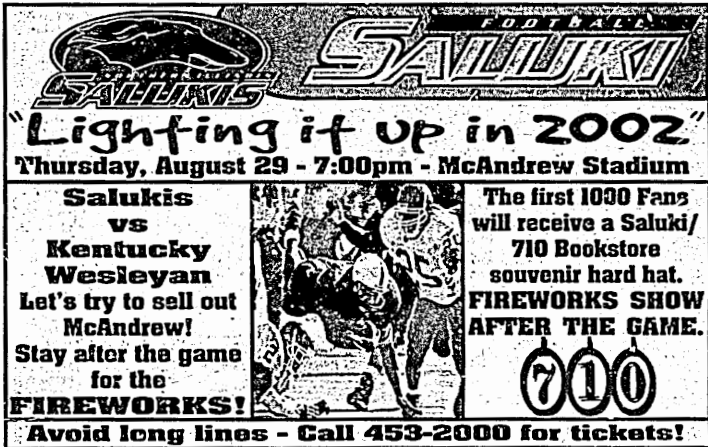
"We are going to win," McClelland said. "These guys are

hungry and want to win. This year, top three seems realistic, but I want to win."

"These guys are young. If we get them some help, and we will, then we will pull it off, we will win a conference championship in the next few years."

The Salukis begin their season at home on Saturday at the Saluki Fast Start Invitational.

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Saluki volleyball team looks to erase the past

Senior class hoping to put behind three years of losing

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The SIU volleyball team is looking to history for inspiration this season.

"I am Michael Jordan," senior Qiana Nelson said at an Aug. 15 preseason volleyball banquet. "I was cut from my high school basketball team before I made it to the NBA."

"I am Lance Armstrong," outside hitter Tara Cains said. "I defeated testicular cancer and went on to win the Tour de France four times."

The rest of the seniors went on to describe the lives of Hillary Clinton, Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey and Heather Whitestone before describing themselves.

"We were ranked 8th in the pre-season polls. We were denied respect for three years. We didn't reach our goal of becoming Missouri Valley Conference champions. But in November of 2002, in Peoria, Ill., we became the Missouri Valley Conference Champions. We are the 2002 Salukis."

"That is the tone of this season's team — redemption. SIU volleyball is sick and tired of losing and receiving little respect from the rest of the conference."

"The big word is 'believe,'" senior and first-team all-conference outside hitter Kristie Kemner said. "Believe in truth. Believe that we are good. Believe in our system and believe in our team."

The Salukis, especially the senior class, will need a ton of faith this year coming off a disappointing 11-19 campaign last season. The team finished in last place the two years before that, so for the seniors, this is their last and only shot at being a winner.

"This is our last go around," Kemner said. "We know we have a really good shot at making it to conference, so we're using that as a motivational factor."

Along with Kemner, Cains and Nelson, seniors Lindsey Schultz and Yoko Hattori and fourth-year junior Britten Follert stayed in Carbondale during the summer to improve their chemistry in hopes it will lead to a conference championship, or at least keep summer rust off the team.

"The majority of the team stayed down and trained," head coach Sonya Locke said. "I think that in itself will help keep the gray away. I hope it turns out to be a priceless decision."

Locke said the team is crisper than it was before and that its communication level is high because of the extra work.

No one in SIU volleyball is buying the preseason MVC poll that places the Salukis eighth out of 10 teams, despite the fact that this is the strongest overall conference in MVC history, according to Locke.

No. 14 in the nation, which is favored to win the MVC, followed by Southwest Missouri State and Bradley.

"At minimum, we're in the top half of the conference," Locke said. "But I just want them to play to the best of their ability, plain and simple, and their ability is very, very

high." Kemner takes Locke's confidence a step further. She believes SIU is every bit as talented as the Panthers, Bears and Braves. They just haven't shown it yet.

"If we play to our potential and what we're supposed to be, I'd easily put us in the top three," Kemner said. "The last three years we've had the talent, we just didn't do it."

Locke and Kemner's predictions are contingent on the two things Sonya Locke calls the "unknowns" — who will start alongside Schultz at middle blocker and how well Follert will be able to mesh with the team after missing the last year and a half with an ankle injury.

The Salukis' first big matches will be Sept. 14 at SMS and Oct. 4 at home against Northern Iowa, though Locke insists those games are no more important than any other.

The Salukis open the season this weekend at the Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic in San Marcos, Texas.

Locke said winning breeds confidence, so she believes winning the first match could go a long way.

Early season wins at the Bobcat Classic and against small schools such as Central Michigan and Murray State could give the Salukis the confidence they need to take on the unforgiving MVC, but as of yet, the team is not having any self-esteem issues.

"You have to be realistic," Follert said. "But realistically speaking, we can beat anyone in the conference."

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SIU volleyball head coach Sonya Locke watches Linsey Jasper go for a kill in practice Monday. The Saluki volleyball team begins its season Friday with the Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic.

SIU men's cross country team young but talented

SIU hopes last year's newcomers are ready to run

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Fellow Missouri Valley Conference men's cross country teams better take note of the men in Carbondale.

Even though most SIU runners are barely able to vote, the Salukis

figure to register in the top half of the conference.

The Salukis return five sophomores from last year's squad. The runners who figure to be competing for the Salukis are Eli Baker, Donon Giat, Ryan Hauser, Tony LaChiana, Scott Mahon, Kyle Monroe and Steve Murray.

Hauser and Giat are the only upperclassmen on the squad.

"We want to be in the top three in the conference," said second-year head coach Matt McClelland. "I know that is a good goal for us."

Baker agreed. "Top three is very doable for us," Baker said. "A lot of the guys in the conference lost a lot of runners. We just have to continue to work hard."

McClelland, a former SIU standout, led the Salukis to a 15th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional last year.

"Last year was kind of weird because we didn't have a full-time coach," McClelland said. "I had a job off campus and came here to coach at night."

One runner who has caught the eye of McClelland is Baker, a native of Marion.

"When you talk about Eli, you talk about a kid who wants a lot of things," McClelland said of the sophomore. "He wants to be an All-American before he leaves and qualify for nationals."

"He is into cross country and pours a lot into it. He has mentioned even that he wants to coach in the future. As long as he doesn't take my job, then it is great."

Giat, from Genes, Israel, will make McClelland's coaching job much easier if he continues on his past success.

Giat placed fifth at the MVC championships in the eight-kilometer



Donon Giat (left) and Tony LaChiana (right) stretch before practice earlier this week. The team is young, with five sophomores on the roster, but it expects to place well in the Missouri Valley Conference this season.

run. Overall he placed in the top five in four of his five meets.

"These guys are ready to roll," McClelland said. "Tony came in good shape, and he is ready to roll. Murray also did some work over the summer and he is ready to roll, too. Giat always looks good."

Baker echoes his coach's thoughts regarding the improvement of SIU's runners.

"I feel many of the guys are coming along real good," Baker said of his teammates. "The returners from last year's team are coming in and filling holes."

One hole that will need to be filled is that left by Travis "Trapper" Pressler, who transferred closer to home to Memphis University.

2002 Men's Cross Country Schedule

08/31/2002	Saluki Fast Start Open	Carbondale, Ill.	TBA
09/14/2002	Missouri Invitational	Columbia, Mo.	TBA
09/28/2002	Louisville Invitational	Louisville, Ky.	TBA
10/12/2002	Saluki Invitational	Carbondale, Ill.	TBA
10/19/2002	Pre-Nationals	Terre Haute, Ind.	TBA
11/02/2002	MVC Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	TBA
11/09/2002	District Championships	Normal, Ill.	TBA
11/19/2002	NCAA Championships	Terre Haute, Ind.	TBA

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