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Daily Egyptian Staff
Tamaroa still feeling effects of derailment

Residents seeking compensation for long-term health effects

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It's been more than six months, and Pam Runnels, her 18-year-old son and their pets still feel the effect of the Tamaroa train derailment that released hazardous materials.

Runnels and her son have had breathing problems, rashes and blisters ever since, Sunday, Feb. 5, derailment.

She knew a train derailed early that morning only a block away from her home when she tried to drive over the tracks and the train stopped. But no one had come to her door to tell her what had happened. No one called to tell her to keep away from the train. No one came to her door to tell her that the cargo contained hazardous chemicals. Instead, someone came up and yelled at them to get back from the train because the train may explode.

She quickly left with her 18-year-old son, Rick, for five days.

At 3 a.m., the Canadian National-Illinois Central railroad detailed in Tamaroa, causing numerous hazardous chemicals to spill or vaporize in the air. The detailed workers were wearing vinyl chloride, hydrochloric acid, formaldehyde, phosphoric acid and methyl alcohol. More than 400 trains were involved, but the long-term effects of the chemicals affect people's health and wellbeing.

"No one could work," Runnels said. "My son had to miss school simply because of the fact that we didn't have air. We had no clothes, no nothing. He missed four days of school."

Runnels had been a Chicago cop for 12 years and was trained to do with hazardous material and emergency situations. She said if she knew what was spilling, she would have left immediately.

"I just figured one or two of the cars were going to blow. I never expected the PEOPLE of the way they were," she said. "They were just engulfed. Ignot at all different kind of ways. From seeing the flames spilling up in the air. I figured something that was toxic or flammable or both. and when they said it was going to blow, I didn't think anything of it. I just wanted to get out of here."

A friend picked up her dogs and cat later in the day. The pets, Runnels and her son have all experienced long-lasting effects of the hazardous chemicals.

"Spills, along with 350 other Tamaroa residents, is involved in a class action lawsuit against the Canadian National-Illinois Central railroad company. Joe Leberman is a lead attorney in the lawsuit. "It's a long time," Runnels said. "This is not a typical year by any means."

Pam Runnels explains how the train cars jackknifed in front of her Tamaroa home last winter, spilling large quantities of harmful chemicals such as formaldehyde and hydrochloric acid. Runnels believes these hazardous chemicals have caused health problems for both her and her son Rick. She is currently seeking compensation from a class action lawsuit against the railroad company Canadian National-Illinois Central.

Bryant and Kantor, a law firm that is representing clients in the class action lawsuit. He said residents are seeking compensation from the railroad company for long-term health effects, being out of their homes and reduced property value.

"You could feel it in your nose and your lungs. Your nose started to run and your mouth burned. And it was like the air was really heavy," Runnels said.

"You could tell that there were hazardous vapors coming out before because when you'd be in there and by the tracks you could feel it in your nose and you could taste it."

After Runnels was allowed back in her house, she and her son worked in the yard until it rained.

"I had mud that splashed up on my face and I didn't think anything of it," she said. "I just kept wiping it up. When I got finished, I took a shower." Monday night, "bad things." Her son had a rash that night, and ever since.

Region's blood supply runs dangerously low

Blood drives scheduled next week in Carbondale

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Daily Egyptian

If you're in Southern Illinois is involved in a serious accident that one son has a slim chance of receiving enough blood to survive, American Red Cross officials said.

"If someone gets in an accident right now, we don't know what's going to happen," Laurie Nehring, the Red Cross donor recruitment account manager for the Illinois-Missouri region. "It could be very unfortunate that they don't have blood."

As of early Thursday evening, Red Cross officials said a mere five hours of blood entered into the inventory for the region, which covers more than 120 counties in Southern Illinois and western Missouri. Officials said five hours of blood may not even be enough for one serious car accident victim or a person in need of trauma surgery.

Nehring said the end of the summer usually marks a shortage in the region's blood supply, but the deficit has not been this severe in a long time.

"It's not a typical year by any means," Nehring said. "We usually go down to a two- or three-day supply in the summer, but it doesn't get to a five-hour supply. This is a very big deal."

The blood shortage's already been felt in Carbondale. Memorial Hospital of Carbondale has already considered re-evaluating, optional surgery candidates, Hospital administrator George Maroney said. In need for blood is so high in Carbondale that the hospital may have no choice but to refuse to perform optional surgery.

Maroney said the hospital will do as much as it can to treat patients during the area's

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Governor signs minimum wage increase into law

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a minimum wage increase into law for the State of Illinois Thursday, raising the state wage by a $1.15 during the next 16 months for workers under the age 18. Illinois' minimum wage will increase in two increments in the next 16 months. The first increase, in January 2004, will raise the minimum wage from $5.15 to $5.30. In January 2005, an additional $1 increase will go into effect, making the state of Illinois' minimum wage $6.50.

The law was designed for every-level and low-skilled work with minimum wage increases to help the minimum wage workers pay for living expenses. While $5.15 may not be a living wage, it is in support for those who earn $5.15 an hour.

According to the laws, a 10 percent increase from the effective of the governor, an estimated 450,000 Illinois workers will directly benefit from the wage increase. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Marquette, who did not support the bill, disagreed that the increase will be a benefit to the state of Illinois.

"This is a very poor bill," Bost said. "It is a very poor decision economically for the state of Illinois."

The new law may cause businesses to move across the Illinois borders to states that maintain the federal required $5.15-an-hour rate. Bost said.

"The state of Illinois' minimum wage should be raised and could be raised," Bost said. "But on a national level, not by one state."

The minimum wage increase will hurt middle-income families by decreasing the value of their dollar and their buying power, Bost said.

According to an econometric impact study completed in 2003 by the Center for Urban Economic Development of the University of Illinois in Chicago, the federal decision to adjust the minimum wage for inflation has allowed real hourly wages to steadily erode to a steady all-time low level. Today's minimum wage bogs over one-third less than it did 25 years ago. If the minimum wage had kept pace with the increased worker productivity, it would be nearly $14 an hour today.

Institutions that fall under Illinois state law will have to follow the state guidelines for minimum wage.

Illinois is the 12th state to have a minimum wage higher than the federal standard, which has not increased since 1997.

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**National News**

**Sobig worm not slowing down yet**

NEW YORK (CNN) — Businesses and other computer users haven’t seen the worst of the Sobig worm, according to leading a real security firm.

Mark Sumer, chief technology officer of MessageLabs, said that normally worms, viruses and other computer problems peak on the first day they hit as security software firms race to patch their clients.

But he said that instances of the Sobig worm, which has been scanning networks and sending spam with no noticeable problem Monday.

“We expect these to drop off on the second day, but worry remains that this could happen,” Sumer said, “the e-mail component built into Sobig is so efficient that it has just swept right through Computer Mass where it’s been festively proud to continue to grow.”

Sumer believes the virus will be brought under control but that it could continue to be a major problem until the middle or end of next week.

“...i would actually predict we’ll see a real spike on Monday,” he said.

With so many variants on Sobig this week, this has six in e-mail trays waiting to strike, and these are usually users who won’t have an up-to-date patch to address it.”

**International News**

**Alleged bank robbers nabbed in Cape Town**

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A modern-day Bonnie and Clyde accused of robbing a dozen banks in the United States during a daring two-year crime spree have been arrested in Cape Town after an FBI tip, South African police said Wednesday.

Craig Pritchell, 40, and Nova Guthrie, 30, were nabbed at their apartment in Cape Town’s Sea Point neighborhood late Tuesday after police, acting on information from the FBI that the couple might be in South Africa, tracked them to a Cape Town nightclub where Guthrie works.

The lovers, are just the latest high-profile U.S. fugitives in South Africa.

In a news conference Wednesday, police said the couple were known to be planning another robbery this week in the country and that they used aliases when travelling.

South African authorities said Wednesday that they could understand why the city, with its stunning natural beauty and quiet lifestyles, appealed to U.S. fugitives but said any criminals on the lam should take a hint to move on after the recent spate of arrests.

**Chirac pledges action in response to heat deaths**

PARIS, France (CNN) — French President Jacques Chirac has promised to remedy deficiencies in his country’s health service in wake of the heat wave that has killed thousands of mostly elderly people.

The French ‘alert system’ must be revised,” said Chirac as it swung into action earlier. “A tragic consequence of this heat wave is that people who have a weak disposition died alone at home,” he added.

The deaths included older women, particularly those who work in emergency rooms, and callers French citizens to look after their neighbors, particularly the elderly.

The French funeral directors association said Thursday that 10,146 had died during the first three weeks of Aug because of the heat wave and the death toll rose to 17,342 by the end of the month.

At France normally has temperatures in upper 20s Celsius (80s Fahrenheit) but was up to 35 temperatures in the upper 30s (90 to over 100 Fahrenheit).

** Corrections **

In the Aug. 21 issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 1 article "Three vehicles involved in on-campus in less than 24 hours" should have stated the police force does not have any suspects at this time.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 253.

**Police Reports**

University

A burglary of motor vehicle parts and accessories occurred between 9 p.m. Monday and 7:30 a.m. Tuesday in Lot 306. A stereo was reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked behind壓力移。(305) 622-0743. Another report was made at the Dairy Queen at 106. A stereo system valued at $52,000 was reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked in the Carbondale Mall.

**Calendar**

Today

- The German Club
- German Table-Stammhiss: 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Corner Diner
- Japanese Table
- Student Center (next to McDonalds)

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Abuse victims may get unpaid leave

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Daily Egyptian

Victims of physical and sexual abuse will be able to take an unpaid leave of up to 12 weeks in a 12-month period if Gov. Rod Blagojevich signs his name to House Bill 3486, which unanimously passed the Illinois General Assembly.

"State Sen. Barack Obama, D-Chicago, said he sponsored the bill after being approached by several advocacy groups for battered women. "They came to me and indicated how difficult it is for victims of physical and sexual abuse to deal with the repercussions of an assault and then try to balance it with work and everything else," Obama said.

HB 3486, or the Victims Economic Security and Safety Act, was modeled after the Family Medical Leave Act, which gives eligible employees the same amount of unpaid leave for personal or family health problems.

According to HB 3486, the Illinois General Assembly found that domestic violence is the leading cause of physical injury Reported by youth. According to its

Jessica Yorama
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Mixed feelings abound about a different way to teach math. This reformed the establishment of such an institution in New York City, positing a new idea. "The school is based upon a two-classroom program established in 1994 at a public school by the Huckitta-Martin Institute. The gay rights advocacy group is the New York department of education for licensing the new school, which will be named after Harvey Milk, San Francisco's first openly gay adviser who was assassinated in 1978.

"It's a very good idea," said Ralph CASCADE, a consultant for the Sakshi Rainbow Network, a campus organization for homosexual students, who said the school would not only be a neutral environment but also a safe haven for gay students.

We don't have separate schools for blacks or fat people because, in the end, they're all just children, and that is the best possible living environment for them. Some individuals, Shannon Ewen said that with the exception of perhaps Chicago, she did not see the school as an option in Illinois, which she believes to be a more conservative state. However, saw the school as a positive idea. It shows that society in general is more accepting of the fact that they are here, even though they're actually been here forever," said Ewen, a senior in cinema from Springfield. "They're actually accepting it now."

"High school is had away without being made fun of even more. It's the school definitely worth having." While Brandy Williams said such a place might case some misgivements, he does not see the school as a reasonable way of dealing with the discrimination. Smith, an openly gay student, said he personally never would have even considered attending the school.

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First Thursday brings MTV's 'The Real World' star to SIU

Frank shares his college, reality television show experiences with students

Bethany Krajeles
Daily Egyptian

The Student Center was filled with shoes as event planners and coordinators were rushing to organize last night's First Thursday events, but all efforts were in vain.

"I'm hungry," he said.

After signing autographs, Frank wandered around the Student Center, searching for food. He finally stopped at the Mainstage Marketplace and ordered the fried chicken meal complete with all the fixings.

"It's good," said Frank, cast member of "The Real World: Las Vegas." "You should get one!"

He sat down among students in the cafeteria and began thinking about his speech that he would give later that night. His appearance was the main event at SIU's First Thursday events.

First Thursday brought new and returning students into the Student Center to meet each other and offered students the chance to meet Frank Roessler, one of "The Real World" stars.

"First Thursday is a happening event," said Nikki Hombrey, event coordinator. "And we need to have people like Frank Roessler coming here!"

The theme of the event was "Under the Stars," and Frank wasn't the only star of the night. There were celebrity chefs and psychic and school clubs present. Students could also make their own videos, take part in game shows and have the chance to win prizes.

Taking to the more than 75 students who attended Frank's speech, he related his experiences with those of students.

"My personality hasn't changed since the show," Frank explained. "But I've gotten a lot more comfortable with who I am."

Frank grew up in Levittown, a small town in Pennsylvania. His family moved to the Las Vegas area when he was 16, and that was when he began thinking about his speech that he would give later that night.

Frank sat down at the Grand Palms Casino, located near the mainstream of "The Real World" set. "I basically lived a vacation in Vegas for four months," Frank said. "And that was ridiculous. So after awhile, we just got sick of it. Even we, the stars!"

He joked about the constant filming and stalking cameras he experienced in Las Vegas.

"They pick one part of your personality and that's all they show," Frank said. "Because that is what creates a story."

"It is a dream of mine to be on "The Real World,"" said Keisha Geter, an SIU student who attended the event.

She encouraged her, along with other students interested in being on "The Real World," to follow her dreams and stay determined.

"I did it to do something ambitious," Frank said. "Because that is one of the most important parts of my life."

Frank made it clear that one reality television show is enough for him. He was asked to return for a new school year. And as he finished up his fried chicken meal, he said, "I guess I got lucky." Frank said.

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Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

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But starting Nov. 24, all fixed, prefix signatures are to come.

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On Campus

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Carbondale

Benefit yard sale scheduled for Saturday

The Dayem Telfat Organization is having a large yard sale to benefit orphans in Bangladesh. The sale is Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Vatteri Turkey Square. For more information, please contact Garrett Eden at (618) 201-5595.

Regional

Festival to take place at Cahokia Mounds

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site will sponsor the Mississippi River Valley Story Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 24. Storytellers, fife players and local artists will perform at the Interpretive Center Auditorium.

The festival, sponsored by the Mississippi River Valley Project and the Cahokia Mounds Museum Society is sponsoring the festival.

This event is located eight miles from downtown St. Louis off of interstate 55, 70 and 255, as well as Illinois Route 111 on 80 Golfers Road. For more information, please call 618-346-5160.
MCMA hires new faculty to teach multimedia classes

Fahmy one of three faculty members teaching new specialization

Rachel Lindsay
Daily Egyptian

One of the newest faculty in the School of Journalism, Shahira Fahmy, finds the parallels of Southern Illinois to her home in Cairo, Egypt amusing. "It's so eerie every time I see a shirt with all these Egyptian things on it," she said. "I just feel so bizarre.

Five professors were added to the faculty in the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, but three were hired with the new communications search committee: Shahira Fahmy during her time at AUC, Kelly said. Due to her knowledge of the terrorism hunter for a French-Egyptian Agency in London; making her in digital communications. Fahmy also speaks French, Arabic and Italian.

She will be teaching a class in multimedia communications this fall, jump-starting the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts' new program in digital communications.

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In 1998, Fahmy was offered a prestigious scholarship to return to school and pursue her master's degree in journalism, radio and mass communication. "I was like, 'Okay, why not?'" she said. And then I really enjoyed it, and I'm glad it happened.

When she graduated in 2000, Fahmy decided to enroll in a doctoral program. She finished a Ph.D in mass communications at the Missouri School of Journalism this summer. Though she had many job offers, Fahmy chose SIUC and made "Little Egypt" her home. The good journalism program and friendly faculty made her feel comfortable, she said, and comparisons to Egypt also caught her eye. "I guess it was just inviting," she said.

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Our Word

Take advantage of diversity

Imagine if a new student walked into the Student Center. He would see a variety of ethnic groups. While traversing through the large hall, he would pass whites, blacks, Hispanics or Asians, among others.

At first glance, this vast hallway seems incredibly diverse and rich in culture. But as he peers at the students again, the new student begins to see through this pseudo-diverse campus. He sees self-imposed segregation.

This is a real-life scenario. Everyday, the Student Center is packed with students of every race and yet we choose to stick to "our own kind.

For years, this country has worked to achieve a higher standard of diversity between races. While being absorbed with this obsession, we have allowed ourselves to bypass another— the relationships between domestic and international students.

They are students like the rest of us.

Ali Njoma is from Zambia, Africa. He is working on his Ph.D. in political science. He enjoys eating Chinese food and grilled chicken.

On many occasions, Ega Batta finds herself watching up-to-good movies such as "A Beautiful Mind" or "Bridge Jones' Diary." Before coming to SIUC as a finance major, she traveled from a tiny country wedged between Italy and Greece called Albania.

Xiaoguang Yu is a new mother. Although she spends most of her time taking care of her newborn, she and her husband study computer science and geography, respectively. In her spare time, she likes to listen to Christian music.

Although these are only two out of nearly 1,700 international students at SIUC, they represent the norm. All three agree that the diversity and students from former SIUC international students helped them decide on a college. They do, however, notice the rift between domestic and international students.

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The International Friend Club is one organization that tries to help bridge the gap. It helps these students with various problems or questions surrounding their new life. Volunteers help to provide cooking necessities, crib for new families and lasting friendships.

Many times, Americans tend to shy away from these students who don't speak fluent English. It is the same on this campus. Although all international students have to pass an English competency test to even be considered by the University, the language barrier tends to remain a problem.

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Most recently, the IFC has been in the process of planning events to encourage new members, from the United States and abroad.

Starting Aug. 25, the Interfaith Center will transform into a coffeehouse every Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Free coffee and refreshments, along with fun of fun — will be provided for international and domestic students. The Interfaith Center can be found at the corner of South Illinois and East Grand avenues.

In hopes of finding American families or English conversation partners, the IFC is planning a "Novocamal Valley" at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning at the SIUC Rec Center Alumni Lounge. English conversation partners have to only devote one hour a week to his or her international partner. This allows them to adapt to the speed and slang of American English.

Many of the international students could get an equal education in their home country. Instead, they came here for an education and insight on American culture. It is hard for them to get that without ever conversing with Americans.

Guest Columnist

Everyone has been there

Erik Mountain
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia U.)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (U-WIRE) — The first couple days of the new semester can be intimidiating. But sometimes you just have to laugh it off when you screw up and take it in stride.

I walked in my first class of the new semester Monday afternoon. I proceeded to make my way to the first available seat that I could see in the crowded room and sat down and said "hello" to a friendly looking guy next to me.

I talked briefly about how hot and muggy it was in there, and I happened to wonder aloud if I was even in the right room. "Joel Hodges," he told me as I laughed and told him that I knew that, I just couldn't remember that it was my class. "Don't wanna be that guy that has to get up and walk out," he said, and I agreed.

Moments later when the professor wrote "Calculus 155" on the board my friend had to be that guy.

We all make mistakes. I often catch myself muttering about those annoying freshmen as I bump into people who have no clue where they are.

But remember what it was like when I transferred here and had my first day of classes at the CAC. I spent at least an hour walking, around in circles trying desperately to find my way, only to be laughed at by the other students the third time they saw me walk by.

I often forget how tough it is to be the new guy. But even upperclassmen find themselves in a new building or even a new major at one point or another and we might all get along better in this crowded town if we remember to put ourselves in someone else's shoes once in a while.

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I know that I wish I had spent more time getting to know my dorm mate my freshman year, and that is time I'll never get back. My only advice is that you should be able to laugh at yourself sometimes and remember the last time you were that guy.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS' FORUM

What does it take to be a good journalist?

Editor's note: Every Friday, a different influential person, whether he be a person affiliated with the University or someone from the community, will present his or her point of view in the Community Leaders' Forum.

Manojith Pendakur
Professor and Dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

Journalism, in so many ways, is unlike any other profession.

It demands that a reporter be well educated in politics, economics, sociology, history, and culture. It also demands that a reporter have a deep understanding of the web of institutions we call society, work invested in understanding the world, and be a critical thinker.

Journalists must be female partner for 50 years cannot sign any consent form... in any hospital and in most cases cannot stay in the room, with her dying partner.

Homosexuals are not able to share their partner's health insurance and cannot partake in any tax benefits... results from filing jointly.

A woman who has loved and... for what benefits... to have their rights be recognized... by their social security. 

In addition, as the national economies become more intermeshed with the rising global system of capitalism, American journalists have to learn how to understand and operate in the world's cultural and political milieus.

This is a major weakness in American journalism education compared to the Europeans, the Asians, and other multicultural countries.

I must say that it shows in the currency we provide for our leading newspapers, radio, television, and the global events of global/national events of critical importance.

Pick up a British, German, French, Canadian newspaper or watch their television coverage and you will see what we are missing.

Even... foreign affairs... depict... by the U.S., the rapid rise of Spanish language communities, and the desire on the part of immigrant communities. Our language and culture have created a polyglot (not a melting pot) nation and a strange mixture of Spanish and English is a very significant feature of the urban centers of this country.

For instance, in Chicago's Rosen Park area, where I lived for almost 20 years, researchers found some 58 languages spoken in apartment buildings. 

The problem is that journalists... who sympathizes with the poor, the powerless, the hungry and those who are neglected and abused by the dominant institutions of society.

That deep sense of responsibility for the downtrodden should be... in their writing.

Otherwise, the pretensions of free speech, an enormous power that journalism is given in this country by the U.S. Constitution, is used.

This agenda for journalism education is not a new one but a difficult one to achieve.

Journalism schools, the best of them in the world, attempt to be some justice in this regard.

While research and writing skills are taught along with values and ethics in journalism curricula often include courses in media history, understanding the political structures and policies.

What is often missing is the critical sensibility that journalists must acquire in order to be empathic with the powerless and the awareness of the dangers in getting too close to those who are in power.

Journalism as an institution is the conscience of democracy.

Selecting and training students who are interested in an institutional challenge and a great pleasure. It is precisely these challenges and pleasures that journalists are engaged with the profession, research related to these matters, the service of our students, and thereby our society.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

As long as there are students, teachers will not become obsolete

Rachel Richison
Daily Egyptian (Oklahoma State U.)

Stillwater, Okla. (U-wire)

— On the first day of school, a classroom full of students waits nervously for the class to begin. The professor will walk in and tell them, "You don't have to come to class."

In fact, the tone and body language of the professor seems to suggest that attendance may even be discouraged in this class.

Nervous and excited whispers fill the air as the professor impartially explains how it is possible for attendance to be unnecessary in a full semester lecture course. 

A look and a disk with the class material are mentioned, but it’s difficult to listen. Apparently, attendance will not be required except in the future in this class.

After some shuffling and trance-like movements, we are all standing outside the door with our new purchased book and disk, not really knowing what happened.

It was something that could be easily duplicated by any person capable of putting some sort of diagram on a wall and moving it around and around and around.

The entirety of the course is contained in this single disk that is somehow worth over $60.

Silly dollars, that is, plus the course tuition, which we are apparently paying to teach ourselves.

If the professor himself will not teach the class, he will merely be available during class time to answer any questions which we may come up with while looking through their 'Bookdisk'.


At this point, the awe of the situation wears off and it's not difficult to feel ripped off and a little bit angry.

The professor may consider this to be the best setup based on previous teaching experiences, but I believe new students consider this a cop-out and a bitter resolution.

This setup clearly is meant to allow those willing to learn to be free of the burden of non-teachers put on a class, but in reality it holds everyone back. The median remains mediocre while the rest remain unawed and untaught. Why go to class to ask questions that can be answered by the all-knowing disks.

While it is true that some students are free only because they need a scoreboard for their next one, but it's true some are trying to become better listeners, better listeners and better people.

These are the consequences and perks of teaching all handed up into one bagging and slightly obsolete package.

If this thing is going to become endlessly appealing to a professor, then what is it exactly that he or she can offer to the students?

In this class, there is no class discussion, no matter how interactive, will ever be sufficient enough to replace a human teacher.

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Openly gay bishop sparks debate in Episcopalian community

Moustafa Ayed

The nomination and subsequent appointment of Rev. Gene Robinson, an openly gay bishop, in the Episcopal Church of America has sparked debate among 2.3 million American Episcopalians and reached a court with 27 million worldwide practitioners.

Robinson, 56, has an ordained ministry for more than 30 years, including a recent term in New Hampshire.

He was opposed by about 15,000 members of the church in New Hampshire and was chosen from 150 candidates. He currently lives with his partner of the past 14 years.

Hugh Muldoon, director of the Interfaith Center and member of the United Church of Christ, said the Episcopal Church has taken a leap forward in the realm of theology and social progress.

"We are at a time in cultural history where we are doing a big thing," Muldoon said. "It hurts some people, but it's been a long time coming."

The move by the church is something that Muldoon sees as essential to moving the church forward in the realm of theology and social progress.

"We should applaud their acceptance of their members who happen to be gay," he said. "The Episcopalians made the right decision."

"There are a lot of people struggling to understand their sexual faith in relationship to their sexuality, whether they are straight or gay," he added.

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The Rev. Stephen M. Winsett from the Rockford Emmanuel Episcopal church, a church that is a part of the diocese of Chicago, sees the decision of Rev. Robinson as a progressive move forward.

"I personally think it is long overdue," Rev. Winsett said. "I think that sexual orientation is a personal matter, and has no definition with how a person does their job, whether it is in or outside the church."

"We are not going to lose our heads. We have all sorts of opinions, some who feel and see it very negatively. This goes against Jesus-Christian moral teaching of 2,000 years," the bishop said.

"Our church has taken a leap forward in the realm of theology and social progress," Winsett said. "This is a right decision. We should applaud their acceptance of their members who happen to be gay."
Victoria Shearer (left), a worker hired by Canadian National, explains to Amy Harris and her daughter Hannah (right) what she needs to do to file a claim with the railroad company Feb. 10 at the Tamaroa Community Center. Harris was one of several residents who filed for compensation for the train derailment, lost wages, clothing and other expenses due to the evacuation of the town.

Although Hallinan insists there were instructions, Runnels said, "It takes me almost a.m., but since this thing, I drag." Runnels would be the type of person that, "It just itches a lot," he said. "It's chemical burns, with I'm told to wear shoes because the outside causes a rash on his legs. He said being in Tamaroa causes him to be lethargic. "I feel fine when I'm out of this town," he said.

Mark Hallinan, spokesman for Canadian National, said the company paid for doctor's visits for chemical burns for several residents in Tamaroa but did not find any. Although Hallinan insisted there was no contamination, the railroad company paid for doctor visits for chemical burns.

"It's hard to provewe that there wasn't a guarantee that anyone will want it either," Runnels said. "I'm selling a piece of property that's centrally located in the town that sits on over an acre. I never thought it would be so difficult to sell it. I need to be compensated, I personally would like to go back to the railroad to buy the property if it doesn't sell on [Sept. 6]. As far as this place is sold, we're out of here. We don't want to be there. There is nothing to offer us."

After residents had been displaced from their homes, the company told them they would compensate residents for gas and hotel rooms because residents were forced to leave town.

Hallinan said the company used $1 million to compensate residents for lost wages, inconvenience, meals and medical expenses. Although Hallinan refused to talk about two different railroads including Priscilla Pitchford. Pitchford said people in Tamaroa are not happy with the railroad. People came in, presented receipts and walked out with a check, he said. "It's a lot of paperwork to go around, fast, vast, vast majority of people who are affected by this have found out that the settlement is to be fair and reasonable."

Instead of being compensated for gas, Runnels said she was given money per mile from her home to the location she stayed during the evacuation. "I haven't had any contact with the railroad other than being up at the railroad." Runnels said. "I don't know what to do with the money they were paying us for our food and our expenses." "They even fed us that. They told you to save all of your receipts, like gas receipts, but they only want to pay you for the last 24 hours of your expenses. I had just went shopping that Saturday before the derailment and had paid for gas on the way home."

But not every resident affected by the train derailment would be happy with the reduced property value caused by the chemical exposure. "It's a lawsuit that will be tried in either state or federal court, but the decision is still in limbo," Runnels said. "We would not say whether people involved in the class action suit would be compensated if they lost but we did say we would want to settle immediately."

We encourage people to seek settlement before going to court, and the doors open if anybody would like to present their documentation to us," he said. "We're still willing to settle."

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Budget cuts reduce employment at Illinois State

Matt Buzyński
The Daily Vidette (OUI)

NORMAL — Although the job market may be a bit more difficult than last year, opportunities remain for students wishing to find employment on the Illinois State University campus.

The effects of slimming down the budget have been seen across the board. Now, these cuts have trickled down to where campus employers cannot hire as many students as last year.

"Generally, we hire closer to the semester, but this semester we only need 30," Rod Lockenour, assistant director of Recreational Services and University Golf Course, said.

Budget cuts have forced recreation services to close the McCormick gym and swim, Lockenour said.

"Students that worked over there are filling in at other places," she said.

"With the budget situation, we are trying to do more with less," Recreation Services has one more recruitment session this semester in October. "We are still trying to keep our students employed," Lockenour said.

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Hornstine, 18, and her family had maintained silence since the case began, and Tuesday was no different.

Family supporters did not respond to requests for comment. But others, such as Apin Chandra, a classmate of Hornstine’s, said they were too happy just to see the case end.

“I just feel glad there’s a closure,” he said. “The school took a lot of heat. It’s over. Everybody’s gone.”

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46. Suitors
47. Fanatic
51. Some
53. Yes
55. Where
57. Burden
58. Occurrence
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64. Sawblade
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66. Parcel
70. "Hello"
71. "Down"

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3. Birdsong
4. South
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6. "You're welcome"
7. "Sherbert"
8. "Break"
Pair of Salukis on watch list for prestigious awards

Jess Djeu
Daily Egyptian

On Thursday, the Sports Network, the primary source for Division I-AA football, released its watch lists for the Walter Payton Award and the Buck Buchanan Award, and Salukis were present on both.

Senior running-back Muhammed Abdulqadir was on the list for the Payton Award, which is the I-AA equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. Abdulqadir, who ran for 1,351 yards and scored 21 touchdowns in just eight games, was considered for the award last year before being lost to a season-ending injury.

A pair of players the Salukis will face this season were also on the list in Western Illinois quarterback Jack Tomto and Missouri State quarterback Jake Trotter.

The other players are as follows: Eastern Illinois running back Andre Raymond, Grambling State quarterback Bruce Eugene and wide receiver Tramion Douglas, Georgia Southern running back Jermaine Austin and quarterback Chaz Williams, Danmoush tight end and Casey Crum, Portland State running back Rysa Fuqua, Albany running back Gay Jones, Jackson State quarterback Robert Kent, Williams and Mary wide receiver Mdnis Muhammad, Iowa State quarterback Allen Suber, Fordham running back Kirwin Watson and Boise running back Marcus Williams.


Morrison said it was nice to receive recognition for his play, but he knows he will have to continue to perform.

"I'm more focused on the season than on honorary things," Morrison said. "I'd rather win than have the title. Of that, I can be a third-string free safety, but as long as we win and we walk out of here with a ring, that'll make my day."

Reporter Jess Djeu can be reached at jdeu@dailyEgyptian.com.
Saluki newcomers branch out

Volleyball recruits come from all over North America

Adam Soebbing
Daily Egyptian

A majority of the 2003 SIU volleyball team's new recruits have something in common other than their love of volleyball - they would have left home to further their careers.

Seven out of the 12 newcomers are from one of the three states, and not just Illinois and Missouri. The 2003 Saluki roster includes four from Colorado, Minnesota and Ohio, three from Wisconsin and one from Canada.

Leah Coffey, a talented freshman outside hitter, came to Carbondale all the way from Scarborough, Ontario. The 5-foot-8 Coffey first came in contact with the Salukis through a volleyball competition at Penn State University. Coffey, who played club volleyball with SIU assistant Matt Albillos, passed the word along, and the rest is history.

"I needed to get away from home. I have a big family and I just wanted to experience something different," Coffey said. "In Canada, they don't give out full athletic scholarships, and I really needed help, so I'm happy that I got here."

Just south of the Canadian border, Monica Laird, a setter from Minneapolis, came to the Salukis. Laird, who comes from a basketball-playing family, is the daughter of University of Minnesota volleyball assistant Mike Laird.

"I think that for the coaches, the camp and the opportunity that my best bet would be to stay close," Laird said. "I wanted new experience, and I wanted to branch out on my own and in new places."

Laird is in the midst of a heated competition at the setter position with junior Stephanie Brown from Pequot Prairie, Wis., and sophomore Danielle Leech.

"I think that we are all very capable, so I think that whoever ends up setting is going to do a great job leading this team," Laird said.

One of the most talented of the freshman crop, outside hitter Ashley Saveline, comes to Carbondale from Brookfield, Wis. Choosing SIU over the University of Michigan and Virginia Tech, Saveline brings to the Salukis a defensive presence that head coach Dick Vitale is desperately needs.

"Ashley is probably one of the most sound players we have at a freshman level," Schofield said. "She's a very strong offensive and defensive player, and we have to have defensive quality in our lineup."

Choosing to stay a little closer to home was junior college transfer Josie Roth. The only member of the new-comers that is not a freshman, the 5-foot-8 Roth from Ravenna, Ohio, was a junior college transfer from Chippewa Valley Community College.

"I passed up quite a few schools just because I didn't like the dorms or another about them," Roth said. "Just decided that my best bet would be to stay around here."

An integral part of the Volunteers' seventh place finish at the NCAA national tournament in 2002, Roth brings some college experience to the mix of the Saluki newcomers.

"She's just a little more mature when she's out there on the court," Schofield said. "She's a very solid leader."

A familiar face

There are officially five returning Salukis from the record-breaking 2002 squad, but volunteer assistant coach Lindsey Schulz makes six.

The former Saluki standout middle blocker and 2002 First-Team All-MVC selection is set to graduate in December in civil engineering. But while she is still in town, she wants to assist the Salukis in their transition from last year.

"I'm just here to help the team out," Schulz said. "I've been where all these girls are going to be, and I guess I can offer a little insight into what they can expect and how to deal with what they are going to deal with."

Schulz, who is second and third in the Saluki all-time list for hitting percentage in a single-season (437), is the only returner from last year. Since guarding the net from the back row, Schulz "knows every player on the roster, every situation, every move."

Staying close at the University of Illinois, Schulz attended Rochester High School in Plainfield, Ill., home to further her education at Purdue in the near future.

"Rochester is where I grew up," Schulz said. "It was a good place for me to start my college career."

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Saluki football finishes production of fall practice

The SIU football team was through one-half of its two-a-day sessions. The weather was unusually cool, and the coaches were letting the players know how easy they had it.

"What is this weather?" one coach said. "It feels like Detroit out here."
The coach jested it. Just burns later, the temperature rose exponentially and hit 90 degrees.
The humid weather prompted players to put their hands on their helmets to allow oxygen into their hungry lungs. And the weather has remained at its sticky temperatures since.

Welcome to Camp Kil.

"This was easily most physical and intense of the offensive and defensive lines. If the Salukis are going to take the next step, it starts up front."

"You never win in football unless you are good up front," Kill said. "We had to get better in the defensive and offensive line, and I think we've got some better personnel."

Offensive Line

The offensive line has size that is easily comparable to "I've gained some weight since last year," Kill said, "but how is it going to be better?"

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Defensive Line

The defensive line has size that would rival most NFL teams. Lionel Williams, who originally signed with Illinois out of high school, anchors the interior after moving from the end spot. Williams looks the part, too. The 6-foot-6, 345-pounder is able to match it.

His raw body strength is immense, and no SIU offensive lineman was able to match it.

One matchup, defensive line coach Anthony Randel ran up near Williams and started yelling. "There is no reason you shouldn't dominate him. Put him on his back."

The unassisted lineman is a matter of seconds was driven to the ground.

Jeff Jones, who spent the first four games last season starting at linebacker, has shown quickness playing the nose guard spot.

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The offensive line has been the position the coaches have been working on the most. Matt Miller and Brian Atkins are the lone starters returning. Early in fall practice, neither quarterback Joel Sambursky nor Curtis Holley had time to deliver deep passes.

In Wednesday's practice, the two were able to stand in the pocket with confidence.

"We've gotten bigger and stronger," Kill said, "but now it is going to play on Thursday and Saturday." I don't know, but I anticipate them to play better."

Linebackers

The linebacker core took a hit when sophomore Max Pierre was lost for the season to an ACL tear, but the team is managing starters Eric Egan and Royal Whitaker.

I think we will be comparable to what you see in the Gateway," Kill said.

Egan, who is a fifth-year senior, thinks the reason SIU should be better at linebacker than in years past is the emergence of young linebackers Philip Doyle, Thomas Laing and Whitaker.

Defensive Secondary

Alexis Mostland should now have a little less pressure on him to rack up 20 tackles like he did against Western Kentucky. It is also not a positive sign for a defense when a safety has to record that many stops. This season, though, he should be relieved with the influx of junior college players and the improvements of returning players.

The junior college transfer Kill brought in for the defensive backfield are physical hybrids, especially Malin Vance.

Vance is 245 pounds and looks strong enough to take on inside linebacker. Jamaarrecs Jordan and Frank Johnson are both considered strong for defensive backs and have been getting reps with the first-string defense.

"It gives you another run stopper," Kill said of the larger DBs. "If you don't stop the run, you aren't going to win."

Senior running back and defensive line coach Jerry Kill watches intently over his team during an Aug. 15 practice scrimmage. Kill is entering his third season as SIU's head coach and this season figures to be his best so far.

Senior running back Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir struggle to beat the heat during the last two-a-day practice of the season Aug. 15 at the practice field near the SIU Arena.

Spirit squad without a coach

Ealing moved to Bursar's Office

One of the underlying staples of the season is how much the Salukis worked to prove the school's cheerleading squad and its ability to troll others. But this week, for the first time in 14 years, there were no mounties, basket tossers or pyramids for the Salukis to stand behind.

In an effort to trim the school's athletic budget, Nancy Ealing, who had been SIU's spirit coordinator since 1989, was one of several employees displaced by University layoffs that went into effect last Friday.

Jenny Kill, whose former position is being eliminated as a cost-saving measure, was relocated Monday to the Bursar's Office, where she will serve as a collection specialist. She said that the new position would pay her less than the $30,252 she earned annually as spirit coordinator.

"I wasn't expecting it and I certainly think it's a shame that this had to happen," Ealing said.

While Ealing attempts to settle into her new job, the SIU cheerleading squad is trying to adjust to not having the spirit leaders. But as the season goes on, that may not be the case.

"We're still having a few practice, but it's a lot different," Vogt said. "But I'm sure they'll find someone as soon as