SIUC’s Circle K shares holiday with local center

By Melissa Jakubowski
DE Feature Editor

While sitting on Santa’s knee, the only material possession that 9-year-old Antwionette wanted in the whole world was a Barbie doll.

And because of some SIUC students helping out Santa and elves this year, Antwionette got her Barbie — an Olympic Barbie to be exact.

“She’s so cute,” Antwionette, a Carbondale resident, said.

The last names of the children and names of the mothers have been held back to protect the residents and former residents of the Women’s Center, 408 W. Freeman St. The Women’s Center is a shelter that provides services for battered women and their children.

In keeping with their theme, “Focusing on the Future: Children,” SIUC members of the newly formed Circle K had a Christmas party Friday evening for the children of the Women’s Center at a local community center.

Circle K is an international service organization at the college level under the umbrella of Kiwanis. The SIUC branch became chartered about a month ago and has about 20 members.

At the party, six children ranging in ages from 11 months to 10 years old were treated to pizza, coloring books, a visit by Santa and presents. Members of Circle K bought six presents for the children from the $46 they collected from selling peanuts at Wal-Mart the day after Thanksgiving.

While the children opened presents, their mothers remarked on how thankful they were for the party and the students.

Antwionette’s mother and former Women’s Center resident from St. Louis, said that after she left her husband, she and her four girls did not have any possessions. She said she is glad that they got to have a little taste of Christmas this year.

“We left everything behind when we left,” she said. “It’s nice to have people to help you and you can really enjoy the Christmas spirit."

James Sullivan, chapter president of the faculty association, said about 70 faculty members still to join IEA/NEA.

Jim Allen, an SIUC history professor, said to unite the faculty last month, but he is not yet a member of the teachers’ union.

“I’m waiting to receive more information about it,” Allen said. At an SIUC Illinois Education Association/National Education Association membership meeting Thursday evening, information would be available.

Sullivan said the SIUC union chapter’s strength at the bargaining table will be measured by the number of its members.

“The more members we have, the more success we will be in all our efforts,” Sullivan said.

By Jennifer Camden
Daily Egyptian Reporter

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Hal-le-lu-jah

Steven Robertson, director of Voices of Inspiration, directs the choir during the fall concert, "More Than Conquerors," Saturday night at the Newman Catholic Center, 715 S. Washington St.

SIUC gospel group inspires students with songs of praise

By La'Kelsa R. Gray
Daily Egyptian Reporter

At a performance sings gospel music, he thinks the choir helps students develop an appreciation for the arts and gives them a chance to express themselves.

Hazel Richardson, a senior from Chicago, sings a solo during the Voices of Inspiration concert Saturday night.

Than Conquerors," was chosen because throughout the semester, some choir members experienced a lot of trials that are common among college students, including financial problems, coursework and overcoming negative obstacles to live a Christian life.

"We just want to inspire the campus and other Christians to come out of the closet and take back what the enemy (Satan) has stolen from us — things like love, morals and family values," he said.

One family attended the concert, page 9

Students share tips for surviving finals week

By Tracy Taylor
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Taking Visits to keep alert, eating lots of sugar and candy and cramming for tests are just a few ways Cheree Barnes says she prepares for finals week.

"I stay up all night sometimes to study for finals tests," she said. "I take Visits and eat whatever I can as long as it has sugar in it, even though I know it's not good for me."

All night study sessions, never-ending term papers and semester cumulative tests are just some of the obstacles many SIUC students have to face as part of finals week, but many students have different ways of dealing with them.

"I know there will be times when I can't study from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and just get prepared with coffee," said Senior Tracy Taylor.

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Ambiguous Buckley Amendment terms warrant clarification

DURING ITS 22 YEARS OF EXISTENCE THE Buckley Amendment has experienced plenty of controversy. By forbidding the disclosure of "academic records" without student permission, the amendment seems to have been a noble purpose. Students deserve to be guaranteed an ample amount of privacy when it comes to something as important and potentially sensitive as grades.

But the vagueness of the phrase "academic records" has made the Buckley Amendment a double-edged sword that warrants clarification. Until just a few years ago officials at several institutions used a law to seal campus police records, making their campuses look safer. In 1992, a federal judge ended the practice in Student Press Law Center v. Alexander, ruling that the amendment could not be used to justify denying access to campus crime information. A congressional amendment opening campus police records followed.

HERE ATSIUC, OFFICIALS ARE USING BUCKLEY in an attempt to deny a local landlord access to the names and addresses of incoming freshmen. This is another case of the amendment being used for purposes other than protecting student privacy. In this instance it was used to keep freshmen in dorms owned by SIUC by preventing a landlord from contacting successive tenants.

A handful of universities in Illinois used Buckley, formally known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, to prevent news media from accessing the names of students who were granted legislative tuition waivers. When SIUC accidentally released the names and addresses of these students to the Associated Press, the hunch that the waivers earned court. Thus the names, verdict and police report were out of the public’s eyes. The results of these cases could have been avoided if Congress would take the time to amend the Buckley Amendment and at the very least, make getting the names, verdict and police report as easy as obtaining a grade.

"Academic records" is a term to be defined by Congress, allowing the court to determine who has the right to whom. Academic institutions should not be in the business of keeping student information of any kind, it can pull out the proceedings of campus judicial courts from the eyes of the public. The results of these secret courts can be disastrous. A 1992 sexual assault case at the University of North Carolina was tried in a student-governted court. At the time the accused was a freshman. The trial was never released, according to an article in Editor and Publisher magazine. The Buckley Amendment was designed to maintain the privacy academic records, yet, somehow it ended up providing open access to student records.

A LOT OF THIS HASSLE AND LITIGATION could be avoided if Congress would take the time to act by defining what "academic records" actually are. Every student has a right to know the rules governing the institution and holding student information of any kind, it can pull out the Buckley Amendment and at the very least, make getting the information a long and frustrating process for those seeking it.

Clarifying the amendment also would make it easier to follow. Academic institutions walk on eggshells when it comes to Buckley because federal funding can be taken away if it is violated. That is a good reason to deny releasing records with even the slightest possibility the information may be construed to be academic records.

If and when our lawmakers get around to clarifying the act, they should not consider campus judicial proceedings to be an "academic record." This would put campus courts more in sync with those of our government where criminal charges are initially sensitive as grades.

Having read Mr. Laine’s letter on Nov. 6, I see he is indeed "very serious about this effort" to "encourage making the law use federal funds such as Goals 2000." The Illinois legislature did not sign a Goals 2000 match. Once implemented, we will have a fact accomplish Goals 2000 state and soon thereafter, a statewide wide school magazine.

You are serious all right, Mr. Laine, not about educating our children, but about securing federal funds. Sadly, as always, the educators are the laughing stock of the educated. These goals require a dense, thoroughly integrated knowledge base that only years of higher education can produce. While they are fair, albeit too broad, thesis and dissertation defense questions, they could be avoided if Congress would take the time to amend the Buckley Amendment and at the very least, make getting the names, verdict and police report as easy as obtaining a grade.

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This letter is in response to Lyndsay Ori’s letter to the editor on Nov. 21. While I tend to agree with a majority of the comments made throughout the article, there are a couple of points with which I wholeheartedly disagree. I believe that public school teachers should not be standbied or libeled in any forum.

Public humiliation and scorn such as delivered onto Richard Jewel, concerning the Olympic bombing, is a case in point. Our legal system is based upon a premise of innocent until proven guilty. However, we live in a society based upon an ideal and a constitutional right of free speech. In America, everyone is entitled to voice their opinion and disagree over any issue that teats at the fabric of our community or our society.

Three statements grabbed my attention as I read this letter. The first was, “But, at the same time, I do not accept those opinions of people who only had about the notion of rich to see them personally.” The second was, “I did not witness the riot, your opinion should remain silent.” As a veteran, I was appalled. We have no place in our grade and high schools. I know that Mr. Laine, nor anyone in his office, could meet one child with the respect and love that health and P.E. Yet, you have the art to voice your opinion in a respectful manner. And, of course, I would not want any of my children to be brought up by such a personal.”

We have, in the past, adhered to both of these premises. World War II was one instance. We did not personally witness the death of thousands of Jews. In more recent times, we did not personally witness the ethnic cleansing of Croats in Bosnia or the killings in Zaire. I think you get my point. To discount or merit public discussion or comments of interested people based solely upon their personal or emotional observations is to fall short of what is best.

I found the third statement even more appalling. The author’s reference to "ironically sound on the issue of student codes" is baseless. To attack the Olympic bombing, to watch in horror at the brutality and hatred expressed by both the author and the public is to fail a majority of the comments made throughout the article, there are a couple of points with which I wholeheartedly disagree. I believe that public school teachers should not be standbied or libeled in any forum.

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The Buckley Amendment is a necessity. It needs work, however, so it only protects students’ privacy and cannot be used a tool to help hide information that the public has a legitimate interest in knowing.

Opinions not limited to observations

This is a letter to the editor, published in the Daily Egyptian newspaper, written by Charles Sivel, a student at the University of Illinois at Springfield. The letter discusses the Buckley Amendment and its implications for academic privacy.
**Caucasian lies rampant**

Acknowledging the recent passing of American Indian Month, the following letter addresses issues that have plagued my existence for too long. It is written to the reader as a guide to the truth, not the lie. I am a proud African American, and I am tired of being told otherwise. I am tired of being told that my people are not worth my time or effort. I am tired of being told that my people are not worth the concern or respect of this world. I am tired of being told that my people are not worth the fight for justice. I am tired of being told that my people are not worth the struggle for equality.

Yet I have the Creator to thank for a sense of reason. A fairly open mind and the ability to put myself in other's shoes — said to two groups that chide my happy walking experience — the writers of American history and those who put too much faith in it. Why? Because American Indians, both ignorance and racism have .shaped our true nature and entire history. The lies we tell ourselves.

Yet society has deemed Uncle Tom's lies as not only true, but mandatory teaching material in K-12, and beyond. I am more aptly appropriate than a select few groups comfortable only in the backpack of my eyes, and specifically to corrupt their human nature for the sake of hate. It is in these groups. We need to educate these members of the World Church of the Creator, etc. that true history should be as true in public, for either their lack of words or long-winded, empty speeches can be relied upon same. My desire is for every person, African American or otherwise, to fight for their own destiny. I am pleased that the Daily Egyptian chose to print an article on the World Church of the Creator, which gave an un-shy check for in that moment breaks from reality by allowing me to glimpse into their somewhat hidden viewpoint of the White Man's Bible. How curious the connection is with Christopher Columbus' own words from his log. "Let us in the name of the Holy Trinity greatly send all the slaves that can be sold." Thus, this renew itself with the annual celebration and ever-lasting reverence. I write this letter with the hopes of making a difference in this world, in my life, and in the lives of others. I hope that my words may inspire, encourage, and motivate others to stand up for their rights. I hope that my words may inspire, encourage, and motivate others to stand up for their rights.

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DE follows up on local stories

By Brett Wilcoxson
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Several major local police stories are continuing:

Double homicide
Labron Neal, 17, of Carbondale, is being held in Jackson County Jail and is awaiting a tentative trial date of Feb. 24 for six counts of first-degree murder in the alleged shooting deaths of Terrance Duran Mitchell, 16, of Carbondale, and James Austin Campbell, 15, of Murphysboro. The shootings occurred on Aug. 11 in the Carbondale Mobile Home Park on Rte. 51 north of town.

State's Attorney Mike Wepsic said that if convicted on all counts, Neal faces a minimum sentence of 20 years imprisonment on each count and a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Alleged sexual assault of Saluki Express bus driver
Matthew R. Wheaton is not in custody but is awaiting a tentative trial date of Dec. 16 on two counts of criminal sexual assault for the alleged March sexual assault of Saluki Express bus driver Barbara Reeves.

Wepsic said that if convicted on both counts, Wheaton faces a minimum of 4 years imprisonment and a maximum of 15 years imprisonment.

Doctor growing marijuana
A nurse and medical student at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Michael K. Delaney, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested last week after police officers allegedly witnessed him tending 30 marijuana plants behind his residence.

Delaney's case is still under investigation, and Wepsic said charges will be filed after the evidence has been collected. Delaney is currently still enrolled in school as of this time.

Student seeking cash in civil lawsuit
In a civil lawsuit filed in late February, Douglas North, of Casey, is seeking in excess of $50,000 from former SIUC students Cory Vandeveer, 25, and John Giese, 25, because they allegedly hit and kicked him in the head, chest and stomach regions until he was unconscious on May 6, 1994, on the Strip.

North is seeking the money for permanent personal injuries he alleges he suffered as a result of the beating. A spokesman at the law office of North's attorney Edward Eysart said the office has sent an amended complaint to the attorneys of the defendants and are awaiting a reply. No trial date has been set.

Man convicted of armed violence in abduction of own daughter
John D. Moro is serving a 25-year sentence for armed violence in Menard Correctional Center in Chester after abducting his daughter at gunpoint from her grade school classroom in August 1995.

Moro took his daughter on a 2,000-mile trip to Washington where he was arrested 15 days later after a nationwide search.

Moro recently attempted to get custody of his children from his jail cell and was refused by a circuit court order, media reports state.

Moro is awaiting possible extradition to Kittitas County, Wash., to be tried for a 1996 first-degree rape of a child, sexual exploitation of a minor and possession of child pornography.

Student in critical condition after attempted suicide
Mark D. Watson, 27, a sophomore in psychology from Roselle, was apparently attempted suicide on Nov. 20, in an elevator in stable condition at St. Louis University Medical Center, a center spokeswoman said.

Police said Watson was seriously injured after he fell from the roof of the medical center. Watson landed in the area of the railroad tracks below.

Family and friends of Watson could not be reached for comment.

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GLBF: Hawaii law positive step in gay-rights movement

By Julie Rendleman
Daily Egyptian Reporter

With a Hawaiian judge ruling Dec. 3 that gay couples have the right to get married in Hawaii, some SIUC homosexual advocates on campus say this is only the beginning of legislation to give them more rights.

Panleue Curtin, coordinator for the University Housing Program and faculty adviser for the SIUC student group Gays, Bisexuals and Friends, said the ruling is not the end, but rather it is the beginning for gays.

“There has been a significant change in the last 10 years towards gays, and things will continue to change,” she said. “I am very excited about this ruling.”

The judge ruled that the Hawaiian government had failed to establish a compelling state interest to ban same-sex marriages. The ruling came from a lawsuit in which three gay couples sued to receive the right to marry.

Curtin said lawsuits are a way gays can get attention in the courts and create a topic for discussion to open gay awareness.

“The organization NOW (National Organization for Women) is taking a gay couple in each state to Hawaii to get married to bring them back to the (continental) U.S. so they can sue in court and see if that state will recognize their marriage,” she said.

NOW representatives could not be reached for comment as of press time Sunday.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said states normally honor marriages made in other states, but Illinois passed a bill last spring banning same-sex marriages.

“Part of that bill also stated that Illinois will not honor same-sex marriages that occur in other states,” he said. “So couples can go to Hawaii and get married, but if they move back to Illinois, it will not be recognized.”

Bost said he supported the bill in Illinois because of tax reasons. Curtin said even though same-sex marriages may not be recognized in other states, and that will open the way for gay couples to match states filing grievances against faculty or staff members with peer advisers.

Paul LeBlanc, GPSC vice president for graduate school affairs, said the advisers will provide moral support and help students understand the grievance process.

“When a student is in that situation, having someone there to assist them makes them feel more comfortable having to go through the process,” he said.

Having an adviser at the hearing also may help level the playing field for the student, LeBlanc said. He said sometimes the University and faculty members have access to resources students do not have.

LeBlanc said the establishment of the grievement network was suggested in part by the University Ombudsman’s Office, which cannot provide advisers.

Ombudsman Director Ingrid Gadway-Crake said the office assists students in understanding their rights and responsibilities prior to the hearings.

Crake said the office cannot send anyone to accompany a student to a hearing because doing so would compromise the office’s role as a mediator of disputes.

“The advice is more of an advocate than it is appropriate for our role,” she said.

Grievance proceedings, which a student files against a faculty or staff member, differ from disciplinary see ADVISE, page 11
old son probably would not have even had his Christmas party if it was not for the students."

"I’m glad he gets to have a Christmas this way," she said. "A lot of children don’t even get this. They don’t even get a Christmas."

"A lot of people are scared to admit to anyone that they are having problems. I didn’t tell my mom for a long time that I was having problems. Without the help of people like Circle K, I don’t know how I would survive."

Members of Circle K said they helped set a good example to "young children."

"I received a call from a r. member of Circle K who was having a lot of stress. I referred her to what they believe, and they are probably already in service groups."

"But you can show younger kids that there are ways you can help out and get involved."

Brasil Tinney, a freshman in physics from Murphysboro, said she hoped the Christmas party helped community members realize that SIUC students care about more than partying.

"People think people can be selfish at Christmas time," she said. "I think this will show people that SIUC students care and think about the community."

The community members from the Women’s Center appreciate the help of the students and are grateful for their concern.

Pamela Abdul-Hakim, assistant to the children’s program director at the Women’s Center, said the center would not be able to have as many programs if they did not have the aid of college students.

"The place right now is filled with gifts waiting to be wrapped," she said. "That couldn’t happen without the combined help of the community and students."

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**Finals**

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**Concert**

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concert to do just that.

Adrian Forney-Baylor, a junior in business administration from Chicago, said she was glad she came out with her husband, Kinsrose, and two children, Kymbrina and Diamond, because it was something positive, and it helped her feel closer to God.

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While the rally continued, a bill saying they will not acknowl-
edge same-sex marriages made in other states," he said. "All of the states around us did like Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana.

In addition to the bill passed by Illinois in the spring, earlier this year, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act, which bars federal agencies from giving spousal in same-sex marriages the benefi- t given to heterosexual cou-

William Schroeder, an SIUC law professor, said it will be interesting to see if the state will acknowledge same-sex marriages made in Hawaii.

"This is a real significance for gay rights activists," he said.

"It is like a snowball starting down a hill becoming an avalanche." Schroeder said this is going to be like the slavery issue in the 1960s between the states recog-
izing slaves when a slave owner and slave moved into a free state.

"Southern states said slaves are just property, so northern states should recognize them when a slave owner moved into a free state," he said. "But the northern states said they would not recognize a slave as property."

Schroeder said there always has been a conflict as to what states will and will not recog- nitize in regard to each others' laws, so this will be a hot topic.

Kris Reis, director of GLIB, who got married to her same-
sex best friend last April on the steps of Shryock Auditorium, said she is ecstatic about the ruling.

"Marriage should be a legal right for everyone," Reis, a sophomore in social work from Chicago, said.

Rein said legislators have been set against same-sex mar-
rriages because of their ignorance.

"In my opinion, they have not taken the time to understand the issue," she said.

"People think gays are freaks of nature, but what the legisla-
tors do not understand is that some of their constituents are gay, and they are voting against them."

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proceedings, which the University initi-
ates against a student.

LeBlanc said the program will pri-
marily focus on academic grievance hearings, which make up the majority of hearings involving graduate stu-
dents.

LeBlanc said the new policy does not mention whether advisers would be provided only for grievance pro-
dceedings.

He said GPSC may develop specific provi-sions for disciplinary proced-
ings in the future.

Clarke said the grievance proce-
dures and the Student Conduct Code allow a student involved in a grievance or disciplinary hearing to bring an adviser, which can be a parent, friend or attorney.

However, the hearings are not intended to be adversarial, Clarke said.

"An attorney is not really neces-
sary," she said. "It might even exca-
late the case. (The hearings) are not supposed to be like a courtroom."

Clarke said advisers cannot speak on behalf of the student directly to the hearing com-mis-
ion.

However, the graduate student code allows the adviser to speak to the panel with the panel's permission, she said.

Student Legal Assistance's contract with the University prohibits it from providing advi-sers in grievance hear-
ings, Clarke said.

"Student Legal Assistance can only deal with situations in which the University is not involved," she said.

LeBlanc said the GPSC will seek graduate and professional students outside the organization who under-
stand the grievance process to serve in the advisement pool.

He said GPSC office staff will keep the requests as confidential as possible.

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community together and promote the holiday spirit.

Cathy Tuthill, a sophomore in social work from Carbondale, said the parade helped her and her family get into the holiday mood.

"I think it helps everyone get into the spirit of the season," she said. "We've been coming to see the parade for the last five years.

For some people, the parade has become a seasonal tradition.

John Keelin, of Carbondale, said he has been coming to the parade since it started in 1991.

"I've seen every one, and I would miss it for anything," Keelin said.

Others, this year's parade marked some firsts. Ana and Eric Books, of Carbondale, took their daughter to see her first Lights Fantasric Parade Saturday night.

"This is the first year we've brought our daughter, Ashley," Eric Books said. "We're going to make it a tradition." 

Keithley said Saturday was his first time at the parade.

"It was the first time lining up in front of the Rec Center last year, but I didn't go down and watch the parade," Keithley said. "This year, I signed, what the hell, and I come to see it."

While the parade is a family activity that helps promote the Christmas spirit, it also is an economic aspect to it. The parade brings many people from Southern Illinois to Carbondale where they promote local businesses.

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John Keelin, Carbondale resident

Dorsey said the parade helps both downtown merchants and those at University Mall, 1201 E. Main St.

"The downtown restaurants are busy all night," she said. "With the train going to and from the mall, people get some shopping done there, too."

Marc Swiney, of Marland, said the parade gives his family a reason to come downtown in Carbondale.

"This is one of the best family things around," Swiney said. "We usually come to town and make a day of it and get some Christmas shopping done."

Lachnberger said the parade drew him to the Strip.

"It was good to stay in tonight, but I got bored and thought I'd come down and watch the parade," she said. "Now I like it. I think I'll get something to eat, then go ahead and hit the bars when this is over."

Dorsey said planning for next year's parade starts Monday.

"We review what worked and what didn't work," she said. "While everything is not fresh in everybody's mind," she said. "We talk with some of the people who were in the parade and get their feedback. Then we get to work on the next parade."

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In full makeup, Andrew Brant rushes past his gray, curly wig to get to a mirror in the dressing room. As the wig labeled “Fezziwig’s Hair” sits on stand nearby, Brant is busy getting into character sans wig. Brant, a sophomore in communication arts from Fairfield, said he never imagined portraying Ebenezer Scrooge’s former employer, Mr. Fezziwig, on stage.

“I got into theater here at SIU,” he said. “I never thought I’d be doing this (portraying a character in ‘A Christmas Carol’).”

It is about 6:55 p.m. Nov. 22, and actors and crew members called in at 6:30 p.m. are busy preparing for the first 8 p.m. performance of McLeod Theater’s last production of “A Christmas Carol.”

As the technical crews prepare for the evening performance, one crew member ambles past, lugging Jacob Marlev’s costume. The attire of Scrooge’s dead business partner consists of tallied Victorian clothing swathed in a number of heavy metal chains.

Other ensemble cast members gather in the theater lab for a mental warm-up, and others pause to reflect on their involvement in this final production of an SIUC tradition.

While Brant mused about his introduction to theater, nearby Adam Levko, a junior in film from Northbrook, is getting a touchup of makeup on his face. Levko said he has been involved in theater since his freshman year. He also said he only recently had been required to write papers about “A Christmas Carol” for one of his theater classes and found it ironic that he, too, was performing in the production.

“It’s a funny feeling to actually be involved in a major production like this,” he said, “especially with it being the last performance.”

Deck crew member Erina Guardia, a senior in cinema and photography from Litchfield, said she photographed last season’s production of the play. She said she moves scenery such as Scrooge’s large, wrought-iron, canopied head and the Cratchit family dining area eight or nine times each performance during the production.

Guardia said although the play changes yearly with each production, last minute changes can make things hectic backstage before a performance.

“They change the play every year,” she said. “But it’s interesting to see what five years of work can do for a final performance.”

Alba Ponce de Leon and James Deanes said this final production of “A Christmas Carol” would be sad for them when it is over.

Ponce de Leon, a freshman at Carbondale Community High School, portrays Belinda Cratchit in her second year in the production. She said performing in “A Christmas Carol” allowed her to form friendships with many of the older student performers and crews.

“Get to meet all these people and make friends,” she said. “You really do form a bond.”

“This is sad that this is the last time we’re doing it,” Deanes, a senior in theater from Chicago and head dresser on another crew, said he would not be sad about the final production until its last performance, which was Sunday.

He said he would miss the frenzy and energy backstage before each show.

“That’s when you can really see the performer come out of the person,” he said. “That last night will be difficult. I’ll miss what’s going on and all this energy.”

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Visiting SIUC professor bids farewell to States

By Dave Armstrong

A visiting SIUC professor has traveled home half way around the world, after departing from his position at SIUC Sunday. Oleg Karai, the political science professor from Kenya, was given a fond farewell at the end of his semester with the African Student Council.

Kurai, who traveled to the United States to obtain a degree from the University of Pennsylvania, said coming to the United States is the best way for foreign students to prepare for life outside the country. "I believe this country offers the best preparation for life outside the country," said the Kenyan scholar. "I have a duty to go to the highest one you can while you are here. You have to go to the best preparation in the world."

Traveling home, which is halfway from his position at SIUC Sunday, brought a bittersweet farewell: "As I leave, I take with me everything," said the SIUC student. "I believe this country offers the best preparation for life outside the country," added the Kenyan scholar. "I have a duty to go to the highest one you can while you are here. You have to go to the best preparation in the world."

When they return home," said the student, "I believe this country offers the best preparation for life outside the country."

He added, "After seeing the financial aid that is available, I think it is a lot of people a chance to go to college."

At the end of the day, the students were given a tour of the Lurz Law Building. There was a presentation about the possibilities of education beyond a four-year degree.

Vela, a second-year law student from East India, said, "I think some students are interested in higher education, and the presentation was a good way to show them that." Vela said he was interested in the same cultural background in the School of Law.

"When they see us, they know, they don't just see us by themselves," Vela explained. "We may not know each other, but our heritage binds us together."

High schoolers get tour of SIUC

By Travis Atin

After walking around a college campus for the first time, Anna Vela said she was saturated with the "full of SIUC." "I found everything about the campus," Vela said. "I was amazed by the University. I found everything about the campus.")

Vela was one of many high school students who visited the campus for "Full of SIUC" week. "They talked with the high school students and asked them if they wanted to visit the University to see about full college life," said the student. Members of the council hoped they will have the high school students visit the campus, the possibilities of them attending college would be increased.

"I was encouraged by the Hispanic Student Council's message to stay in school," Vela said. "I was amazed by the University. I found everything about the campus."
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Illinois' Amtrak funding in question again

By Jennifer Camden
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Just a few months after the state of Illinois and its Amtrak commitments preserved the Illinois train route from Carbondale to Chicago, contract talks between the company and the state have opened the door for service changes.

Illinois has contracted Amtrak's train service for 25 years. State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, a member of the Illinois Transportation Committee, said both boards of the legislature would approve the bill as early as next month.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to continue service and lower costs," he said.

Sullivan said the contract with Amtrak ends in June 1997.

IDOT's goals are to hold down the state's rising cost of operating train service while maintaining that "We predicted it would continue to operate. That's always been charging enough for the services it provides," Sullivan said.

Amtrak's written statement about the contract talks with the state notes that an outline for a "multi-year service package that includes a fixed-price contract" was submitted to IDOT two months ago.

Meanwhile, contracts between Amtrak and the communities it serves are up for renewal. Amtrak spokesman Marc Schiebel said the communities have expressed interest in operating trains in Illinois.

Sullivan said the bill, if passed, would not exclude Amtrak from the competitive bidding process.

Questions abound after governor's car accident

A car accident that sent Illinois Governor George Ryan to the hospital has raised questions about his future in office.

Ryan was involved in a single-vehicle accident on the night of December 10th while traveling to a campaign event. He has since been released from the hospital and is expected to make a full recovery.

The accident has raised questions about Ryan's ability to continue in his role. Ryan has held office since 1995 and has faced several controversies during his tenure.

Questions have been raised about Ryan's health, as well as his ability to carry out his duties. Ryan has not publicly addressed the accident, and his office has released only limited information.

In the days following the accident, the mystery deepened considerably. At first, the governor's side suggested that Ryan was only injured in the accident. But, as details emerged, it became clear that Ryan suffered more serious injuries.

The speculation has been that Ryan was not only injured in the accident, but also that he was possibly involved in a pre-planned hit. This theory has been rejected by the governor's office.

The accident has also raised questions about Ryan's future in office. Ryan has faced numerous legal and ethical challenges during his time in office, and his political future remains uncertain.

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Old friends team up, boost SIUC

By Ryan Keith

Three seasons ago, Troy Hudson and Rashad Tucker were leading Carbondale Community High School to a second-place finish in the HISA state basketball tournament.

This season, Hudson and Tucker's paths once again crossed in Carbondale as members of the Saluki men's basketball team.

While Hudson and Tucker previously teamed to lead a successful and talented Carbondale High School team, this season they have been facing with helping to lead and rebuild a young Saluki squad.

Five games into the season, Hudson and Tucker have lived up to preseason expectations. Hudson, a 6-foot-1-inch junior guard, leads the team with a 17.4 points-per-game average, including 25 points in each of his last two games, lead-Tucker, a 6-foot-7-inch junior forward, has averaged 14.5 points per game and a team-high eight rebounds per game.

Saluki Coach Rich Herrin said Tucker, who is one of the Salukis' tallest players, has been expected to play well at several positions, including small forward and point guard.

Herrin reiterated earlier statements that he expects Hudson to be a solid one-two punch for the Salukis, who have a 3-2 record heading into their cross-state showdown with Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau Thursday.

After finishing with a 1-2 record in the Top of the World Classic in Alaska, the Salukis have rebounded with strong wins over Northern Illinois University and St. Louis University. Hudson, who has made 13 three-point field goals in the last two games, and Tucker have led an up-tempo offensive attack and a strong defensive effort for the Salukis.

In high school, Tucker and Hudson provided a one-two punch for Carbondale High School that was unrivaled by any team in the area. The Terriers rolled to a 28-3 record before falling to Pearlia Manual 61-60 in the state championship game when Hudson's half-court game-tying attempts at the buzzer was off the mark.

After graduation, Tucker and Hudson took different paths to college and the NFL. Tucker enrolled at the University of Missouri at Columbia, where he saw limited action, before transferring to SIUC.

Hudson enrolled at the University of Missouri at Columbia but transferred to SIUC after verbally committing to the University of Illinois and then St. Louis University. Hudson said he played a big factor in his decision to come back to Carbondale.

"I just wanted to play with Troy (Hudson) again," Tucker said. "We're the best of friends. We fit in well together and we know each other's game and can anticipate what the other will do."
BASKETBALL

Pisino’s Mills sets three-pointer record

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Hockey

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STRAIT AND STRAIGHT

ON THIS DAY IN SPORTS

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