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JESSE DUBRY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

PART OF THE PROBLEM: Sam Stearns, a "friend" of Bell Smith Springs, points to the degree of trail run-off caused by All Terrain Vehicles and horses that use the land inside a protected zone of the Shawnee National Forest illegally. Ninety-five percent of the forest is open for non-wildlife usage, while five percent is considered protected. See related story, page 5

USG president hearing today

Amid allegations of marijuana use, Bill Archer will go before Student Judicial Board

ALEXA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer will appear before the Student Judicial Board Wednesday after being charged in April with seven violations of the student conduct code.

The violations include unauthorized possession and/or use of cannabis or controlled substances, furnishing false information with the intent to deceive, failure to comply with directions of University or public officials acting in the performance of their duties, and violations of quiet hours, excessive noise, and guests' behavior.

Archer became USG president May 12. If he is found guilty, he runs the risk of losing his position. If a student is an officer for a registered student organization, the student must be in good standing with the University, both academically and judicially.

Archer said he is unsure of what will happen today, but said he is completely innocent of the marijuana charge.

"This is like a blind date," Archer said. "But, like the (Disciplinary Report) said, they don't have any evidence except the candles and the windows. This ruins my credibility with the University. The rest of my life is going to be affected by what happens."

The charges stem from an incident on April 10 when two head residents heard loud noises and perceived the smell of cannabis coming from 113 Felts Hall, Archer's room. Six other men were in the room with Archer. However, Archer said he had smelled the marijuana when he had returned to Felts Hall earlier in the evening.

The six men who were in Archer's room were called as witnesses for the Wednesday hearing. Other witnesses called include Katie Siemsenheim, assistant director of Student Development, and Gary Dudzik, former president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Terry Huffman, coordinator for Student Development, also called himself as a witness to the hearing.

Student Judicial Affairs would not return repeated calls from the Daily Egyptian.

Chuck Miller, former presidential opponent, said he has full confidence that Judicial Affairs will handle the issue fairly. Miller said that if Archer is forced to step down as USG president, USG Vice President Scott Belton would be a good replacement.

Although Miller said running for public office puts a person under a microscope, he added critics must remember that people make mistakes.

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SIUC student trustee granted binding vote

Syfert given say on Board of Trustee decisions

RHONDA SCIARRA
NEWS EDITOR

Gov. George Ryan doled the binding student vote to SIUC Student Trustee Ben Syfert Tuesday, giving him a counted voice in actions decided by the SIUC Board of Trustees.

The binding vote allows Syfert to vote on matters of fees, tuition and other board issues. However a student trustee cannot vote when decisions pertain to faculty tenures, promotions or other related matters when the student trustee has a conflict of interest.

In June, Ryan signed a bill into law granting a permanent binding vote to student trustees of state universities, effective July 1, 2001. A similar bill was

passed by former Gov. Jim Edgar also giving student trustees a binding vote, but is scheduled to expire just before the new law takes effect.

Because SIU has two campuses, one student trustee is given the binding vote while the other receives an advisory vote.

Syfert, who was elected student trustee for a second time in April, was only able to cast an advisory vote during his first term; SIU-Edwardsville Student Trustee Elizabeth Bell had the binding vote. The student trustee from the Edwardsville campus has been given the binding vote for the last two years.

"It is our time, our turn," said interim Chancellor John Jackson said. "Ben has already been on the board for a year and has experience and good judgement. So, we'll be pleased to have the binding vote."

Syfert said the news was a little unex-

pected because he was unsure if Dawn Robert's pie attack on Ryan in May would affect Ryan's decision.

"I really didn't know what to expect given the situation in Carbondale," Syfert said. "I can't say I was shocked, but I can't say I wasn't a little surprised."

Syfert sees Ryan's actions as a nice gesture. Syfert said it is an honor to receive the binding vote after the time and work he has invested in his first term as student trustee.

"In my opinion, it's somewhat mostly symbolic. A student trustee is only as good as the effort they put into it," Syfert said. "I just think it's a show of respect, so I am going to do things as I have been doing."

Trustee Celeste Stiehl said because of what Syfert has been doing, she and other board members are confident in his ability to be a link to the Carbondale

campus.

"I think our members have been very, very pleased with Ben's work," she said. "He has been very conscientious, and he's worked quite hard and he performs the duties that a board member should perform."

"He does a very good job of keeping us informed on how the students feel on many like the others' subjects."

Government editor Kate McCann contributed to this story.

Gus Bode



Gus says: Can Ben vote himself a laptop like the others?

Veteran of SIU and community servant recognized

SIUC English instructor remembered

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Goodbyes were said to campus legend Betty Lou Mitchell, a 51-year veteran of the SIUC English Department and community service dynamo, at her Carbondale funeral Tuesday.

Nancy Hunter Pei, director of Student Development, told the many funeral attendees overflowing from of the First Presbyterian Church that Mitchell was a legend in her own time.

"She held the hands, dried the tears and dusted

off generations of young women and men, all of whom will forever be indebted to her, and all of whom will stand forever as reflections of her most crowning achievements," Pei said. "She was wife, mother, teacher, advisor, mentor ... and my sister."

Remarkable is the one word several friends and family members have used to categorize this very busy friend of the University.

Mitchell, originally from Herin, earned her master's in the English Department and served there as an instructor. She was survived by her husband Ellis, whom she met as a freshman on the SIUC campus at age 19. She had three children: Sarah, Patrick and Timothy, and four grandchildren.

Mitchell met Pei while Pei pledged Alpha Gamma Delta sorority as a freshman. Mitchell advised the sorority from 1952 until last fall, when she became terminally ill after surgery to remove part of a brain tumor.

Mitchell had a "steel magnolia" charm and never said no when asked to lend a helping hand, Pei said. Pei remembered that Mitchell was wearing one of her magnificent tartan skirts and turtle-neck sweaters on the day that sparked a 34-year relationship between the two.

Timothy Mitchell said his mother's death was a



Mitchell

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- **Women's Services Summer Brown Bag Series 2000, 12 to 1 p.m.** Woody Hall A 306, 453-3655.

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- **Library Affairs**, Power Point Seminar, 10 to 11:30 a.m. July 13, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.
- **Art in the Garden**, Every Thurs. 12 to 1 p.m. University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Fanner Hall, July 13 SIRD, July 20 Loose Gravel, July 27 Ear-Relevant. William 453-5388.
- **Women's Services Summer Brown Bag Series**, Dream Interpretation, 12 to 1 p.m. July 13, Woody Hall A 310, 453-3655.
- **Library Affairs**, Digital Imaging for the Web Seminar, 3 to 4 p.m. July 13, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.
- **Alpha Chi** presents an African

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• **Library Affairs**, Finding Books Using ILLINET Online, 10 to 11 a.m. July 14, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Your Juvenile and The Criminal Justice System**, panel discussion presented by attorneys, law enforcement personnel, Department of Corrections personnel and school discipline. 9:00 a.m. July 15, Rock Hill Baptist Church located at the Corner of Marion and Monroe St. Carolin 529-1593.

• **Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance**, Literary Discussion Group. Meets every Mon., regarding the first Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse. Marcus 529-7197.

• **Library Affairs**, Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML), 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 18, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs**, Finding Scholarly Articles, 1 to 2 p.m. July 18, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

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• **Library Affairs**, E-Mail Using Eudora,

10 to 11:30 a.m. July 20, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs**, Tables with HTML, 2 to 4 p.m. July 20, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs**, Web Design Tricks and Tips with HTML, 2 to 4 p.m. July 21, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

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POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• A bicycle was reported stolen from the bike rack outside Mae Smith Hall. The theft occurred between 11:50 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. Monday. There are no suspects, and police are continuing the investigation.

• A 44-year-old female tripped on a rock at 4:41 p.m. Monday in Lot 112, the parking garage near the Student Center, landing on her knee and face. She was transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for treatment.

CARBONDALE

• A residential burglary was reported in the 2400 block of South Illinois Avenue. The burglary occurred between 8:40 p.m. Sunday and 1:15 a.m. Monday. The victim reported that someone had shattered the south entry-way door window, and once inside the apartment, ransacked his room. No items appeared to be missing, but the other residents were not at home and it is not known if they suffered any loss.

• A Cobden man reported an automobile burglary which occurred between 5:10 and 5:30 p.m. Monday in Evergreen Park. The victim reported that someone entered his unlocked Chevrolet pickup truck and removed his keys and Kroger Plus Card.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1967:

• "The President's Scholars" was a new academic honors program for exceptionally talented freshmen and sophomores planned to go into effect for the fall semester.

• SIU's Agriculture Building and Parkinson Laboratory were in the process of having air conditions installed.

• A steakburger and french fries were 58-cents at Family-Fun Restaurant in Carbondale.

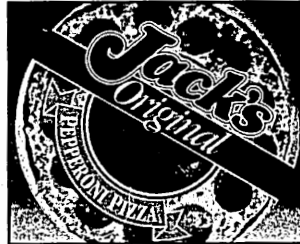
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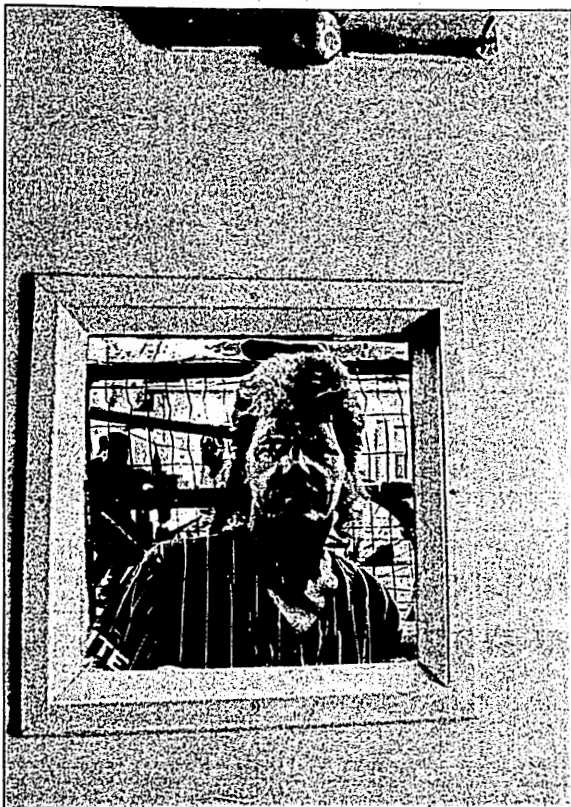
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ERIC ROBINSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

HELLO THERE: George Joyner peers through the window of the Good Samaritan House kitchen door Tuesday afternoon before coming inside after a cigarette break. Joyner recently moved from Cairo and has been staying at the house, which provides food and shelter for the area homeless, for about a week and a half.

SIUC police officer gains new certification

Certification as instructor-trainer allows SIUC officer to train area police instructors

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC is crawling with instructors, so it would come as no surprise that the University would gain another. His class won't be found on the semester course listing, though.

This instructor is a little different. His classroom consists of the SIUC Department of Public Safety, Carbondale Police Department and other area law enforcement agencies.

His students are law enforcement personnel schooled in pressure point control tactics, a method of controlling subjects without inflicting injury.

Gregory Sanders, a 10-year veteran of the SIUC Department of Public Safety, has been an instructor in this technique since 1993.

Last May, Sanders was selected by P.P.C.T. Management Systems Inc. to complete a certification program as an instructor-trainer. As one of six officers nationwide to be selected, the new certification allows Sanders to train and certify other instructors.

"Instructors have to be certified every three years," Sanders said. "Now, we can do it locally."

Sanders has already certified instructors at both SIUC and the Carbondale Police Department. Sgt. Don Priddy, the media relations officer for Carbondale Police Department, said Sanders came in and certified their officers last week.

While certifications were normally done in the local area by mobile training units from P.P.C.T., Priddy said there is an advantage to having an instructor-trainer from the local

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The naked truth online

Virtual classes online to begin this fall

SEAN HANNIGAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Richard Rice, an English professor from Ball State University, recommends that his students come to class naked. The way Rice sees it, if students are more comfortable in their birthday suits, maybe they'll learn better.

But Rice isn't promoting free-love or leading an effort to protest school uniforms. Instead, Rice teaches classes that meet online.

"For their first assignment, I have them log in from campus or from home and I get them talking about how not being in a classroom affects their writing," Rice said. "Does it matter if they're naked? I want them to think about how writing is affected by environment."

Beginning this fall, SIUC students in classes including philosophy, women's studies, English and math, will bare their all on a recently purchased online e-mail system called FirstClass. On Monday, Rice explained the naked truth about teaching online to a small pioneering group of SIUC faculty, instructors and graduate students.

FirstClass is an e-mail type system that can be limited and tailored to the needs of a class. Students post their essays and messages and have them reviewed online by both their peers and instructors. Instructors can create discussion groups around a specific topic or simply allow students to chat. According to Rice, it's similar to the closed system that many business use to communicate in-house.

"Unfortunately, a lot of what we teach students isn't always applicable outside of the university," Rice said. "But most students will encounter and use this type of system again."

While Rice doesn't work for the company that sells FirstClass, he has taught classes using the system for the past six years, making him something of an expert.

"That's why we brought him here," said David Blakesley, chairman of the Communication Across the Curriculum Task Force. "A lot of what he does is really cutting edge."

Blakesley is something of an expert himself. He has taught two courses using FirstClass, one of which he taught this summer.

"It was a shortened course because of summer, and then we didn't really get the system up and running until the second week," he said. "But in three weeks time the students generated over a thousand messages."

In his course, students received assignments online, posted essays online and responded to each other's essays online, but most of the discussion was student-generated.

The students would receive a general topic, like the metaphor, based on course readings and would begin a "threaded-discussion." One student would pose a question or make a statement about the topic, and others could respond to it or start their own discussions. Unless the

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Paul Simon conquered Congress, takes on music

Paul Simon, head of SIUC's Public Policy Institute, will drop in today for a cameo turn on the mic during a noon performance of band Loose Gravel, as part of the Brown Bag Series at Carbondale's Town Square Pavilion, located on the corner of Illinois Avenue and Main Street.

Simon's daughter, Sheila Simon, plays with Loose Gravel during her time off from the Domestic Violence Clinic at SIU's Law School.

The band plays bluesy music, but Paul plans a rendition of "Hello Dolly."

ARLINGTON, TEXAS

U. Texas fraternity shut down until 2003

Last week, the University of Texas-Arlington suspended the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity for three years because of a hazing incident that happened last fall.

In addition to the group's suspension, individual members were disciplined, said Kent Gardner, senior associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students. Because of university policy, officials could not state who specifically was involved in the hazing, which was reported in spring.

The fraternity members have been moving furniture out of their house, located at 718 Abram St., and the Greek letters along the front of the house have been taken down, leaving only an outline.

Greek Life Director Soc. Phelan said the Pi Kappa Alpha national group removed the chapter.

Tim Brady, Pi Kappa Alpha services director, said removing the charter was a good move for the Pikes here.

The chapter was brought to the university in 1966, making it its 24th year on campus.

Gardner said that though the organization as a whole has been punished, the individual members involved also have been disciplined based on their actions.

Gardner said he thought the decision made by Student Development Specialist Austin Lane was a good one and it should show other Greek organizations that the university doesn't tolerate this type of behavior.

Because the university's ruling was for three years, the national organization must wait to reinstate the charter to the group, but Brady said the national board will wait to reinstate the Pikes here as soon as possible.

Members of the fraternity were unavailable for comment.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Professor puts romantic spin on economics book

How many college textbooks - let alone economics textbooks - can be labeled "a page turner?"

"Life, Love, and Economics," the brainchild of Purdue University professors Gavin Sinclair, Robert W. Taylor, and Dee E. Cuttler, is just that. First utilized last semester, Sinclair wanted to write a practical book that would at the same time interest his students.

The book, detailing the love and adventures of Jason Cooley and Samantha Fletcher, certainly bears resemblance to a Harlequin novel. However, somebody reading it may accidentally pick up a little economics instruction, as Samantha woos Jason by teaching him financial planning (knowing that he "would have picked out a good investment-grade diamond"), and, tragically, as Jason's Uncle Mitchell goes to that big balance sheet in the sky.

Apparently, students are eating this up. According to surveys conducted by Gavin, students confessed to only reading 15 percent of their old economics textbooks, while they are now reading 85 percent of "Life, Love, and Economics," probably skipping over the boring mushy parts to get to the juicy home loans sections.

After some major re-writing, Sinclair estimates that the book will be available to all schools within a year.

New core curriculum program for selected freshmen

Problem-based learning helps incoming freshmen with real world problems

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A new addition to SIUC's Core Curriculum replaces the traditional credit hour classes, textbooks and tests with a semester of real-world, problem solving exercises.

Beginning in the fall, 36 freshmen will meet each week in groups of six and confront several real-world problems such as body image and race relations.

Finding solutions to these problems require students to utilize information from English, speech, art and design, philosophy and physiology courses. The incoming freshman will be granted 15 credit hours upon completion of the semester.

The alternative teaching technique will pro-

vide students with a curriculum that is more student-centered rather than teacher-centered. Instead of studying and trying to memorize material for a lecture exam, the students are engaged with self-directed study under faculty advisement.

The students will work with a professor from each of the five areas. These professors will not actually teach, but advise and guide the students on where they should go and who they should talk to when doing their problems or projects.

Problem-based learning curriculum was initiated by James Allen, history professor and director of the University Core Curriculum, and others who thought the program would be beneficial to the students and the University.

Another creator of the program, Gerald Nelms, an associate English professor, said problem-based learning can assist students with better communication and life skills.

"It's a nationwide movement that will help in the transfer of knowledge from one class to another and in the workplace," Nelms said.

Richard Coulson, a physiology professor in

the School of Medicine, also is part of the team. He said the program is an attempt to provide students with a small-group setting so they will be able to act more independently.

The program, which has been funded with \$150,000 from three semesters by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, originated in the SIUC's Medical School. According to Nelms, the program has been a successful part of the school for 15 years, and there was need for expansion.

"I wanted to see this done on an undergraduate level," Nelms said.

The team is looking for students who have picked at least three academic areas of interest for the fall semester. They also are interested in students who have not declared a major and are open-minded to non-traditional learning.

"We are not just looking for above average or gifted students," Coulson said. "We are looking for any student who is interested in learning college material on a different level."

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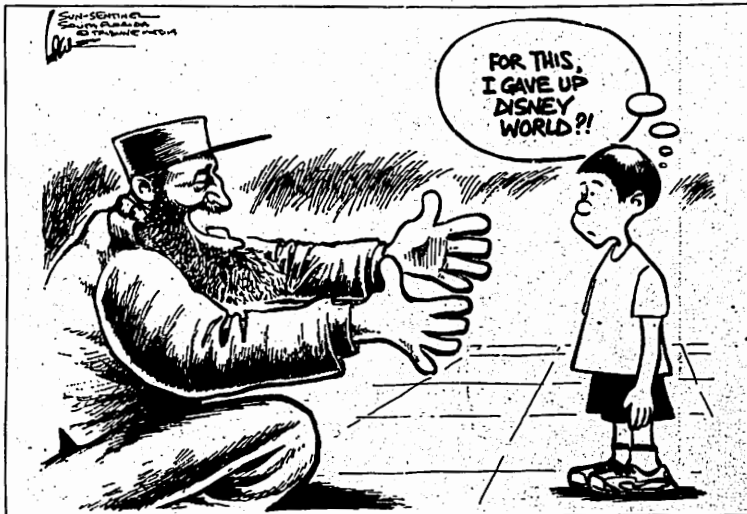
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OUR WORD

SIUC supporters should be going wild for a new stadium

McAndrew Stadium is ugly. But because beauty is subjective, it may be necessary to mention it's falling apart, too.

But who cares, right? The only time SIU athletics received any inspiring measure of support from the campus was when students had the opportunity to win free tuition for gracing SIU Arena with their attendance.

The football team ended last year's season with a disappointing 5-6 record.

And SIU is supposed to be a research institution — what does a football have to do with research? You'd be surprised.

SIUC needs a new stadium, and the longer the University waits to begin it, the more obvious that fact will become.

McAndrew agedly greets a stream of cars full of new students and their parents every year. It is an eyesore, and for many, it is the first glimpse of SIUC. No one has ventured to disagree that the state it's in now is unacceptable. But some think it could simply be patched up, while others wouldn't mind seeing it destroyed along with the athletic programs it holds.

In the long term, the patch-it-up solution will cost more and contribute less to SIU than to build a new stadium. The projected bill for repairs is

almost \$5 million now. Once the \$750,000 turf is put in, how long will it take for the next issue to require attention?

The tear-it-down-and-scrap-the-program solution isn't a solution at all. American universities have a history with athletics, and a love-affair with football. Alumni from schools with competitive teams donate money — and not just to athletics. It gives them a way to participate in their alma mater, to stay involved.

And quality athletic programs have great potential for bringing in revenue from fans and private businesses. The Illinois government is also likely to provide support specifically for a stadium, because of its potential to pay for itself later.

But what about that 5-6 record? Several coaches at SIU have commented on the difficulty in recruiting

players when facilities send a message of general campus apathy. If SIU expects to bring high-demand players from outside of the immediate region, they must show a commitment to quality.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson is attempting to plan for the building of a new stadium at SIU. This stadium could help SIU regain the ability to compete not just in sports, but in funding and general morale on campus. It isn't just about football, it's about SIU.

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Who cares about the homeless?

I recently went to visit my brother and it seemed like every corner we turned we saw another person with their cup or a sign begging for money. I'm ashamed to admit it but my initial reaction was one of unconcern and annoyance. Obviously you don't have to go anywhere to see homeless people, they are right here in Carbondale. You have seen them; they are the ones walking down the highway in grungy clothes with dirty hair and as they approach the car what do you do? Well, I lock the doors and let the windows up because to be frank I am not in the mood to have someone knock on my window and ask me for my spare change.

As I rolled my eyes when my brother reached in his pocket for spare change I wondered when did I acquire this unattractive superiority attitude. Who am I to judge whether another person is capable of acquiring everything that I have? It is so easy to get caught up in the mind frame that I'm working and going to school to have a better life, why can't these people just work. Unfortunately, life is just not that simple for everyone. No one has childhood dreams of being homeless but their life choices or lack of resources have placed them in a situation that appears hopeless. A state of disparity is one that can drain all of the will and hope out of your body.

The homeless are not some mysterious group of people whom we cannot relate to in some aspect. They are the people who are living from paycheck to paycheck, like many of us, and encountered a couple of unexpected expenses that drained all of their finances. They are the people who went to fight in the War and came back home and no one would hire them. They are the people who don't have the basic skills to fill out a job application because education was not valued as important when they were children. They are the people who have addictions but don't have the resources to join Betty Ford's rehabilitation center or a supportive family to encourage them to overcome their addictions. By now, I hope you are getting my point, they are humans who are deserving of compassion, love, a second or third or fiftieth chance.

I discovered that it was not until I humanized the homeless that I could empathize with them. I made a vow that maybe I could try to be a little more like brother and stop judging people. Will it really hurt me that much to give someone my spare change? No. Will it really hurt me to go through life only concerned about my little happy life and aware that there are people who are sleeping on the streets at night with nothing to eat and I am not even attempting to help? Yes!

LORI HARRIS
Lori is a law student. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Take two of these and call me when you're normal

A couple of nights ago, I rented the movie "Girl Interrupted." Without giving away too much of the plot, I'll explain that the story depicts a young woman, played by Winona Ryder, who is institutionalized due to a so-called "borderline personality."

In the mental hospital, she meets a slew of other girls whose mental illnesses are, to varying degrees, questionable. That is to say, most of them don't seem crazy, although all have in some way been misunderstood or abused by society. And it's pretty obvious that many have grown worse, not better, during their stay in the asylum, thanks to generous medication, shock therapy, etc.

"Girl Interrupted" is set during the 1960s, when the field of psychiatry was a lot sketchier than it is today. I know people who will attest to the benefits of anti-depressants, anti-anxiety medications and so on. I'd like to believe that advances in both pharmaceuticals and therapy have led to the availability of help for those who need it. I'd like to believe that mental hospitals today are really hospitals and not just prisons for non-criminal misfits.

What Would Andy Kaufman Do?

AMY KUCHARIK



What Would Andy Kaufman Do? appears Wednesdays. Amy is a graduate student in creative writing. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

But then I remember an 8-year-old child I know who is given pills to deal with his autism. Or a friend of mine who was once prescribed so many medications that for days he could drive a car — in fact, couldn't do much of anything except lie in bed. Another friend talking medication for depression claimed that she had to get off Prozac because it made her feel dull, dumb

down her creativity. These pills are supposedly prescribed to promote a patient's recovery, but how recovered can someone be if they function on the level of the walking dead?

In the case of the autistic boy, I can see the argument that medication is in his and his parents' best interest, because without it he won't respond to therapy. However, in many other cases, it seems that drugs are prescribed as a quick fix, an instant normalizer.

Even in the year 2000, we still seek to define correct behavior as normal or conventional. People who color outside the lines, who wear mismatched socks or paint their ceilings, are too often discouraged from self-expression and taught to fear being labeled as "weird." Those with "behavior problems" or who space out at inappropriate times are marked as having attention deficit disorder, a label which in my experience turns into an excuse: I can't clean my room; I have ADD. If you hear voices, it couldn't possibly be a message from the supernatural — you're a schizophrenic. In the old days, you'd have been burned

for being a witch. Hooray for modern medicine.

And since we don't have the time to sit down and really try to help these people — some of whom truly do need help — we send them off to the shrink, and since the shrink isn't maybe such a great counselor but it is licensed to prescribe fancy-schmancy prescription drugs, the pill popping commences. I've never seen anyone who was helped by "developing a dependence on sleeping pills."

Part of the problem may be that HMOs demand the most efficient treatment available, bypassing possible months of observation and counseling in favor of a hastily scribbled prescription.

Sometimes the meds help; sometimes they don't. My point is not to bash the psychiatric field completely; I suppose there are people out there leading happy lives thanks to therapy, drugs included. But I wonder how often prescriptions are given out just to make the people manageable, so they don't cause too much trouble? All I know is, they used to institutionalize people like me. That's crazy.

Calling all students

Prospective students can get a taste of SIUC just by making a telephone call

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Instead of potential students traveling to SIUC to become better acquainted with the University, New Student Admissions has devised a plan where students are able to have a virtual tour by telephone.

Telecounseling is the plan where current students provide prospective students, whether they are freshman or transfer students, with a service call and offer facts about the University.

Elen Kirsch, supervisor of the 5-month-old program, said it helps individuals decide whether SIUC is the school for them or not.

"We only call students who have an interest in the school, and we try to give them any important information they may need to help make their decision easier," Kirsch said.

Telecounselors inform prospective students about classes, scholarships, registered student organizations, housing, student jobs, or any information they would need to get a better understanding of SIUC.

From 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday each week, 10 students are at computers calling students who have filled out applications or who have already been accepted to the University for the fall or spring semesters. However, telecounselors have no scripts to pitch.

"We are trying to give the University a good image," Kirsch said. "We want the students to know what SIUC has to offer them and what opportunities they have when they arrive here."

Telecounselor Stacey Robinson, a junior in journalism from Chicago, said the program gives potential students an idea of the University's environment and culture so they will not be any surprises when they arrive.

"Students don't always ask about academics, sometimes they just want to know if the party school image we have is really true," Robinson said.

Though Robinson is able to give her opinion on certain aspects of the University's culture she is not an adviser. Robinson, along with 20 other counselors, are prohibited from advising any prospective student on what classes to take. Counselors are also not able to claim SIUC is a better school than another, nor give a negative repre-

sentation of another institution.

Tamara Williams, a senior in speech communication and public relations, has been a telecounselor since May. She agrees that putting other schools down in order to give SIUC a better image is bad business.

"We are trying to sell the University," she said. "This can be done without bad mouthing other schools."

Because telecounselors are trying to sell the University, they must come to work prepared mentally and physically to give prospective students the best advice they can, thus wearing certain shirts, hats or any other university's paraphernalia is forbidden.

"The dress code is pretty casual, but I want workers to wear what they would wear as though they were talking to the prospective students face-to-face," Kirsch said. "I wouldn't wear SIUC apparel to sell SIUC."

Kirsch not only promotes casual dress, she also wants the workers to have casual conversations with the interested individuals. Because the telecounselors spend 95 percent of their time on the phone, she believes it is imperative the workers are friendly.

"I want the students to use good grammar, but I also want them to use their own language and words to make the conversation more informal," Kirsch said. "I even have two Hispanic students calling Spanish-speaking homes."

Williams said since the conversation is so informal, many people become so comfortable they do not want to get off the phone.

"Sometimes I talk to so many eager freshmen, and they want to know a lot," Williams

said. "Sometimes conversations can last up to an hour."

Though the average call is five minutes, there is no time limit with the telephone conversations. Kirsch said she does not mind how long the conversation is, as long it is about SIUC.

Since the program's start, more than 40,000 individuals have been called. Kirsch said this on-going program has and will continue to increase new student enrollment. She said students feel appreciated being called and talked to on a personal level.

"I wish they had this program when I came here," Robinson said. "[There] was so much I didn't know during my first year."

Nader will not be on the ballot in September

Green Party calls election rules unfair, plans lawsuit

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Illinois Green Party plans to challenge the decision of the Illinois State Board of Elections, which will not allow presidential candidate Ralph Nader to appear on the ballot in November.

Established party candidates, like the Democratic and Republican candidates, need only 5,000 signatures to get on the ballot. E.G. Hughes, Illinois Green Party treasurer from Carbondale, said the Green Party will file a lawsuit against the state to change the law.

He said the election laws in Illinois are unfair, and they may violate the due process clause of the U.S. Constitution. The Illinois Green Party was unable to acquire the 25,000 signatures on its petition drive in time for the June 26 deadline.

"I believe it's an unfair law," Hughes said. "There will be litigation."

As a result of the unsuccessful petition drive, the Green Party plans to have a write-in campaign for Ralph Nader and his vice presidential candidate, Winona LaDuke.

All write-in candidates must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate with the County Clerk's Office. This must be done in each of Illinois' 102 counties the Tuesday

prior to the Nov. 7 election.

Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said write-in candidates generally do not do well, especially for statewide or national offices. In the past few years since he has been in office, write-in candidates have only been able to win unchallenged seats, and these were for local offices. The last write-in candidate in Jackson County was in the Republican congressional primary in April, and that candidate lost.

"Traditionally," Reinhardt said, "the larger the election, the harder it is to [win]."

Because write-in campaigns draw fewer voters, Hughes said he believes Nader, who is already on 43 state ballots, will lose many potential voters. The number of people joining the Illinois Green Party is growing at a fast rate, which, he said is why it is important to get Nader on the ballot in November.

Dan White, assistant executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections, said each state in the country has the right to determine how they have elections. He said the established parties have shown a capability in acquiring at least 5 percent of the vote in past elections, which is why they legally need fewer votes to get their candidates on the ballot.

White said an inability to lead a petition drive shows candidates, such as Nader, have a limited chance of receiving a sizable portion of votes in November; and a write-in candidacy is also unlikely to amount to much.

"[Nader] would need a tremendous awareness program to get [his] name in public," White said. "It's an uphill battle to say the least."

Environmentalists are recreationalists, too

It isn't just a black and white argument for forest issues

ERICA HUBER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Despite a lawsuit filed in a federal court against the U.S. Forest Service a year ago, conflict is still brewing between concerned citizens about the use of the Shawnee National Forest.

Members of various special interest groups are debating what activities are to be permitted on the Shawnee National Forest's natural areas. Even though there is much discussion of the natural areas' fate, more damage is being caused because of an inadequate amount of law officers available to implement the current forest plan.

Sam Stearns has dedicated his efforts toward battling resource damage in natural areas of the Shawnee National Forest.

In 1992, the Amended Land and Resource Management Plan for the forest was adopted. The issues of the plan banned recreational vehicles from the whole forest and restricted equestrian riders from natural areas, but the rules were not enforced because of a lack of law enforcement officers in the forest.

Shortly before the forest plan was adopted, Stearns and Joe Glisson began to monitor resource damage done by equestrian and recreational vehicles in these natural areas.

In early 1999, Glisson, a private citizen, filed a lawsuit in a federal court against the U.S. Forest Service because various horse campground owners did not comply with the original 1992 plan.

Originally the suit was filed just against the forest service. The Shawnee Trail Conservancy intervened and the judge allowed them to be a defendant in the lawsuit.

Stearns emphasized this is not an issue of environmentalists against recreationalists. Aside from his environmentally conscious mindset, Stearns enjoys to hike, fish, swim and hunt which are all recreational activities allowed in the forest.

"The real dichotomy comes down to people who respect the land versus people who do not," Stearns said.

Before the suit, an agreement for designated equestrian

trails in two natural areas, Double Branch Hole and Jackson Hollow, was under negotiation.

Dick Manders, proprietor of Bear Branch Horse Camp and Restaurant, said citizens had viewed the trails. Construction for these projects and areas that would potentially be opened for equestrian use were closed when the lawsuit was filed.

"Campground owners are trying to work with the forest service to make the forest enjoyable for everyone," Manders said.

In February, the lawsuit's final outcome resulted in a judge ruling for an analysis in areas of the forest which required outfitter and recreation commercial-use permits for anyone who could profit in anyway from the forest. These permits still do not allow equestrians into natural areas.

According to Pat York, Restoration Program Manager of the forest, there are not enough resource specialists to complete the court-ordered analysis yet, but the forest service is seeking help from their agency to complete the process.

Before this ruling, some campground owners had filed for these special permits. These permits were to be issued by the forest service in the original 1992 plan. The forest service posted a deadline and required campground owners to provide trail maps with their applications.

Manders interpreted the original forest plan as to not requiring private land owners to have outfitter or commercial-use permits, but that changed in the February ruling.

The application process came to a halt when the forest service received notice of legal changes from U.S. Forest Service headquarters. She said once the analysis is completed, the U.S. Forest Service will determine whether or not special permits are even required.

"We are hoping for the trails' analysis sometime next spring," York said.

Stearns wants people to realize the damage done in the natural areas is not a natural occurrence. He advocates that while permits are a start in the protection process, they cannot erase what has been done in many years.

"There was a time when we could just say we didn't know any better," Stearns said. "People look at these natural area signs and know this is something that is supposed to be protected."

of numerous committees on the Athletic Advisory Council.

She devoted more than 20 years of active involvement with the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, and still somehow found time to author four books about Carbondale and SIU.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson, who attended services Tuesday, called one of her more outstanding contributions, transforming an inadequate building into the Carbondale Public Library by serving four positions on the Building Committee.

Jackson, who has known Mitchell for more than 30 years and was her neighbor for 15 years, said he had special insight on her private life, calling her a very dedicated wife and mother.

"It's obvious she did a great job on the private front as well," Jackson said.

Jackson called Mitchell's 51 years at the University a remarkable record.

"She was very dedicated to SIU and the community and a good citizen of both," Jackson said. "She was a terrific public citizen and a tremendous asset for half of a century to the English Department, as well as the University."

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great loss for their family, the University and the community.

"She's touched a lot of people's hearts," Timothy said. "There's no doubt about it."

Community service efforts made by Mitchell could fill several lifetimes. Mitchell has received more than 12 awards for her services, including the 1985 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award, the highest honor granted to a citizen by the SIU Board of Trustees. Carbondale Citizen of the Year and an SIU Distinguished Service Award are among the so-mingly infinite string of honors attached to Mitchell.

She was chairman of the President's Council Committee of the SIU Foundation, secretary of the Saluki Athletic Council, chairman of the Jackson County Humane Society, secretary of the Jackson County YMCA Board of Directors and a member



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Upward Bound prepares students for college

Program provides educational assistance, recreational activities

ANTONIO YOUNG
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

For close friends Jolisa Williams and Renee Gatewood, the Upward Bound Project at SIUC has been a lot of fun. The program helps improve their learning skills and prepare them for college.

Williams and Gatewood, who will be juniors at Meridian High School in Mounds this fall, said they had friends who had participated in the program before them and told them it would help them get through school.

"Upward Bound to me, has been a learning experience that prepares you for things in the outside world, such as going to college or to job interviews," said Williams, a third-year participant.

The program, which began June 23 and ends on July 30, provides recreational activities and educational assistance in the areas of English composition, literature, biology, geometry, Spanish and career development. It caters to more than 37 high school students from cities throughout Southern Illinois, such as Mounds, Cairo and Harrisburg.

Gatewood said the program counselors give students the needed encouragement to succeed in the academic work, which she said they

usually do not receive at school.

"I think that Upward Bound makes you comprehend more in your studies," Gatewood said. "You learn more why you are up here than in school, because they take their time to help you out."

LaShauna White, one of six program counselors, said Upward Bound is really helpful because the students get prepared for their next academic year by knowing the kind of classwork to expect.

"I think it's more like a tutorial program because they learn how to do the work and have people standing by if they need assistance," said White, a senior in psychology. "It's not like summer school where you go, and either you make the grade or you don't."

Donnell Lewis, a program counselor and member of the SIU foot-

ball team, said he has enjoyed the program as much as the students.

"I think it's good, because it keeps them in academic work and out of the streets," said Lewis, a junior in psychology. "By the time all of them become seniors, they will have the knowledge that will put them ahead of students that didn't go through Upward Bound."

Donnell Williams, the director for Upward Bound since 1986, selects first-generation, college-bound students of low-income families to participate in the program. The students must also maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 at their high schools and obtain teacher recommendations.

Williams, a graduate of Meridian High School, said he began working with the program to "give something back" to his com-

munity and to give the students a good head start for their college and professional careers.

"It helps the students get a feel of walking from building to building to go to different classes, as well as deal with homesickness by staying in the dormitories," he said.

The students attend classes daily in the Engineering Building complex, Life Science II and the Neckers Building. Before studying from 8 to 10 p.m., they are allowed to visit the Recreation Center, the Student Center, University Mall or watch videos in the television lounge of their Boomer III residence hall.

During the final week of the program, the students will visit museums in Chicago and tour various colleges and universities, where they will also compete with other Upward Bound programs.

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area.

"It's nice to have someone our officers are familiar with; it makes it easier for them," Priddy said.

Sanders said the P.P.C.T. management system is a control system developed to subdue resistive behavior with a minimal chance of injury.

Developed through legal, medical and tactical research, the training is designed to be specific to the types of incidents in which officers are likely to encounter resistance.

The system is set up on what Sanders described as a "force continuum," giving a visual sense on where an officer can apply appropriate levels of force for the resistance he is encountering.

The system is based on five principles: pain compliance, stunning techniques, distraction techniques, balance

displacement and motor dysfunction. Sanders did give some examples of those five principles, though he was reluctant to be too specific.

"It's kind of like a magician giving away his secrets," Sanders said.

Pain compliance involves the manipulation of certain pressure points on the body to invoke a low-level pain to gain voluntary compliance.

A stunning technique would create an overwhelming sensory input, stunning a person mentally to allow an officer to gain control.

Sanders said the nerves of certain motor points of the body send messages to the brain, overloading the brain. Sanders compared it to the three to five seconds of confusion induced by a particularly hard hit in contact sports.

Distraction techniques are used to change a person's thought process, as in the case of someone resisting handcuffing. Sanders said the key is to dis-

tract the person, to stop them from concentrating on pulling away from the officer. Changing the thought process would weaken the motor action the officer was trying to work on.

Balance displacement is used to put a subject off balance, allowing the officer to take them to the ground should it become necessary in order to secure them. Sanders said it was simply principles of leverage to change a person's center of balance.

And the final principle?

"Motor dysfunction, in the simplest terms, is a charley horse," Sanders said. "If you've ever had that sensation, that's what it is."

Sanders went to work as soon as he returned from the certification, working with two other training officers to provide a 16-hour, in-service training. All the officers got to experience the techniques first hand.

"We call it the ouchies," Sanders said.

ONLINE

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discussions. Unless the discussions took place in private chat rooms, other students could view the dialogue and respond as they liked.

While Blakesley admits that FirstClass opens up the possibility of offering distance-learning courses, at the moment there are no plans to replace the existing classroom setting. For now, FirstClass will only be used in addition to the traditional class forum.

Rice claims one of the advantages of FirstClass is that instead of having to wait until the next class meeting to ask a question, students can check if their instructor or any of their classmates are online and e-mail them while the query is still fresh.

"Even if students are alone online, they are still able to articulate their thoughts at the moment they are most involved in their project," Rice said.

"It captures the 'teachable

moment.' If you can interact with the student in the moment they're engaged with the subject, then you promote learning."

Tracy Clark, a graduate student in English who experienced the program first hand this summer in Blakesley's course, agrees.

"I feel I work best at three o'clock in the morning, and with FirstClass I was able to capture my thoughts in the heat of the moment," Blakesley said.

Rice argues that the system, "frees students from a lot of non-verbal restraints." Indeed, one of the instructors planning to use FirstClass this fall commented that he hoped the program would allow students who might normally be too shy to speak in a classroom setting to have their voices heard.

"I work with a lot of freshman students, and they're in a new place and there's a lot of peer pressure," Rice said.

He feels the anonymity offered by the online experience helps some students open up. However, he also encouraged instructors to fight against

this anonymity and to use the system to get students to work together more closely.

For instance, the system offers a chance for students to create a pop-up resume that allows students to tell about themselves in a safe way. Rice even asks them to include a picture of themselves.

The FirstClass system is not limited to written text. Students who may not feel comfortable writing their responses can record them verbally and send a voice message. At the demonstration, Rice clicked his mouse and displayed a video presentation that one of his students gave.

For Doug Simmons, administrator of FirstClass at SIUC, it's a brave new world. He has worked on FirstClass since the spring to get the system up and running, and on Monday he tried to listen in on what the instructors felt they needed from the program.

Simmons estimates about 300 students will be using the system this fall, but adds that they have bought enough licenses for 1,100 users.

ARCHER

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"No matter what, he has the best interest of students at heart," Miller said.

In the Judicial Affairs Disciplinary Report, Head Resident Kefren Greenstreet stated that Head Resident Todd Firth heard the occupants in the room "say something to the effect of 'don't bogart it' and 'hit it'" Firth associated those statements with marijuana consumption.

Archer said they were "joking

around" when they made those statements.

Greenstreet said in the report that, after a delay, Archer opened the door to Greenstreet and Firth. They observed two lit, scented candles, and two open windows in the room.

When asked by the head residents about the smell of marijuana, Archer said "the smell was coming from their clothing but the marijuana was smoked in the car."

Archer said he has not smoked marijuana since he became a student resident assistant in fall 1999.

After the incident, Archer resigned from his position as SRA of Felts Hall at the request of University Housing.

Archer and some of the other six men called as witnesses were pledging Alpha Tau Omega at the time. The fraternity voted to remove them after the incident.

Sermersheim submitted a letter April 26 in which she said Dudzik told her that Archer had admitted to smoking marijuana in his room. However, Dudzik has said he did not know if Archer smoked marijuana that night or not.

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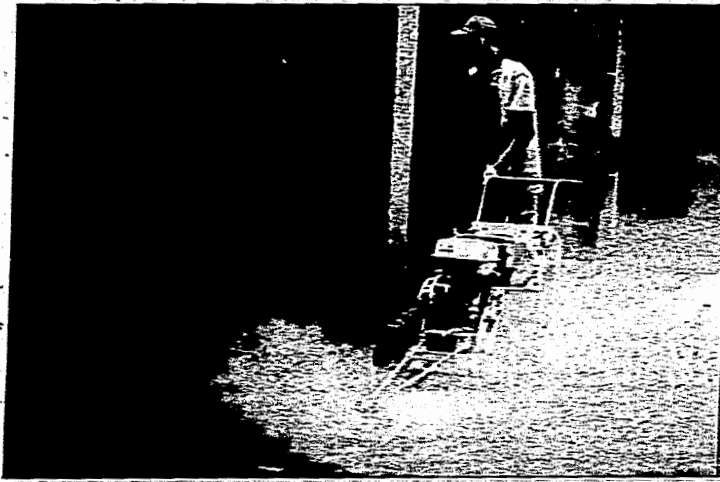
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KICKIN' UP DUST: Chad Epperson works a cement saw outside Lawson, Bridge. The saw is being used to tear up concrete that was sunk lower than that next to it. Crews are working to make it more level and more handicapped accessible.

Government intervention has cigar smokers fuming

DEREK W. WILSON
NORTH-OKLAHOMA TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON — Cigar lovers will be disappointed with a federal bill that warns smokers of health hazards.

The bill, which would require manufacturers to include the labels on packaging and in advertising, says the Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. surgeon general. New labels will be larger and bolder than those found on the sides of cigarette packs.

"Including King Cigars Inc.," said Bill Galtner, a Treasury Department spokesman, "is a national effort to warn the public. It doesn't want the FDA to take the lead in this area."

Galtner, 51, who has been smoking since he was 15, said the bill would do more to warn smokers of health hazards. Smokers are concerned about the health hazards and would be happy to get out a cigar, he said.

The National Cancer Institute in 1998 reported an increase in cigar smoking among all segments of the population, including among young adults, men and women.

Longer in Washington, D.C., has a small but loyal base of customers who smoke cigars in the country.

Manager Eric Anderson says his customers generally don't mind that he carries cigars. "I'm not sure if it's a stigma," he says.

Damon Thompson, communications director in the U.S. Office of Public Health and Science, said, "There is a perception that cigars have warning labels and cigarettes don't. We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma."

Thompson pointed to a sign that says "Cigarettes with a warning label in the back of the pack." He said, "We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma."

Under the agreement between the cigar companies and the FDA, the warning statements must appear in black print on a white background.

Lincoln, or Washington Redskins Brian Mitchell and movie director Francis Coppola are among the many who smoke their cigars in the restaurant.

In Sycamore, Cigars in suburban Rockville, Md., 70 percent of 30 percent of our customers are 30 years of age or older," said store manager David Zinn. "They're well over the health risks, and they're not the kind of people who are going to get (labels) anyway, and that's what we're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma."

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David Zinn, a smoker from Sycamore, Md., smoked cigars for 10 years in the restaurant. He said, "We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma. We're not sure if that's a stigma."

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Some students can't do without their cell phones

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Cellular One has conducted a survey that examines college students' motivations and attitudes toward owning cell phones. The survey was commissioned through the College of Business at Towson State University, and, although it is supposed to reveal all students' attitudes toward the modern convenience, "some students had thoughts of their own on the state."

Survey says: Overall, 50.1 percent of students surveyed owned cell phones.

"I've owned a cell phone, and I love it," says Kristina Smith, a senior at Georgetown University. "Actually, I own two, one for each of my two future continents."

Some students who own cell phones pay for their own cellular bills.

"Each night," says Weinger, "I have a very tight budget, and I pay for my own cell phone."

Survey says: 23.8 percent said that parents paid for their service.

Finding is one of these people. "I have a very tight family and the bill is much cheaper as a result of the cell phone. Long distance doesn't cost as much as it used to in the country, and the same, they are deducted from the minutes I pay for monthly. This makes it not only affordable, but also convenient to see in touch with family, since I can do it from anywhere."

Survey says: The four most important reasons for purchasing cellular phones are, in order of preference: 1. To keep in touch with family members (53 percent); 2. Emergencies (52 percent); 3. To carry on significant activities (51 percent); 4. To communicate with friends (42 percent).

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Survey says: 15 percent of cell phone owners have cell phones that cost more than \$100. 28.5 percent believe that cell phones are necessary in a good social life and 22.8 percent believe cell phones are a good social investment.

"Yes, sometimes it feels that way," says Weinger. "But the flip side is the convenience of when the cell rings in certain situations. It's not embarrassing."

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Gaspar to complete for Hungary in Sydney

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Consider the marketing possibilities for University of South Carolina swimmer Zsolt Gaspar. "There he goes — like a Zsolt of lightning!"

Gaspar, this year's SEC Male Swimmer of the Year as a sophomore, will compete in the 2000 Olympics for his native Hungary.

Gaspar won the 100-meter butterfly in the SEC and U.S. National championships and finished second in the NCAA in his specialty.

His time of 52.87 (tied on a long course) ranks No. 4 in the world. USC coach Don Gibb calls Gaspar one of the most improved swimmers in the world.

"Zsolt has some God-given talent, but he wasn't really cultivated when he came here two years ago," Gibb said. "He has the physical skills, the body and definitely has the work ethic."

The Hungarian might have inherited some of his drive from his father, Attila.

"Zsolt's future looks really bright," Gibb said. "He has a good opportunity to win a

medal in Sydney.

For him to win SEC Swimmer of the Year as a sophomore in this conference is really a testament to his ability."

Only two swimmers, an Australian and a Frenchman, have recorded better times in world competition this year.

"But when you swim, anything can happen," said Gaspar, who returned home for the summer to train. "I think I can go to the low 52s; that's my goal."

Gaspar finished second in the SEC and NCAA 200-meter butterfly and fourth in the 50-meter freestyle in the SEC Championships, NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships and U.S. National meet.

He ranks No. 10 in the world in the 200-meter butterfly at 1:55.88 over the short course and No. 25 in the world at 22.76 over the long course.

"My first two years at USC I have just been learning," Gaspar said. "I can be a lot better on starts and on turns." Gaspar already has shaved a second off his 100-meter butterfly time since arriving at USC.

During that time, he also set the Hungarian records in the 100-meter butterfly and 50-meter freestyle.

Like most international athletes, Gaspar took advantage of an opportunity not provided in other countries.

"I couldn't swim and study in Hungary. I realized the best way to continue swimming and studying at the same time was to go to America," Gaspar said. "I think a lot of Hungarian swimmers will follow suit."

He said Olympic teammate Istven Bathazi plans to come to USC next season.

Bathazi and Gaspar swim for a Hungarian team hoping to win some medals at Sydney.

"We have a pretty strong team, and anything is possible after the U.S. and Australians," Gaspar said, acknowledging the perennially strong Olympic swimmers and the favored countries for medals.

Gaspar said American competition spurred his improvement, and he has no regrets about crossing the ocean to compete as a collegian.

"I had visited the U.S. four or five times, but never for more than a month, so I couldn't make a decision on how I liked it from

those times," Gaspar said. "But after enrolling at USC, I love the American culture. It's everything advertised — the U.S. is the biggest freedom."

Gaspar's love of the country might have been helped by the love of a single American — Christine Butler, a USC student from Pennsylvania and a backstroke on the swim team.

Their friendship also hasn't hurt American high-tech capitalism: They talk daily by international long distance.

Gaspar plans to return to Columbia in October after the Olympics to begin training for the college swim season. He will enroll in the second semester.

The Budapest star helped the Gamecocks finish sixth in the SEC; he expects the team standing to improve with the addition of Bathazi and other signees.

Even if Gaspar doesn't reach his Olympic dream, he has others.

"My biggest goal right now is the Olympics, and next to that is to win the NCAA, and I just missed it this year," he said. "Hopefully I can win the NCAA next year."

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Anderson and Smith leaving Michigan basketball

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After tearing his anterior cruciate ligament last summer, senior forward Brandon Smith decided to only play half of the basketball season rather than take a medical redshirt.

Smith decided that since he had started at Michigan with Josh Asselin, his best friend and roommate, that it was only appropriate to graduate with him as well.

That plan changed Thursday. Smith decided to leave Michigan because he wanted to be closer to his three-year old child in Amarillo, Tex.

Forward Leland Anderson decided to transfer as well.

"I want to be close to my family," Smith said.

Smith's departure should mean extra minutes for returning co-Big Ten Freshman of the Year, LaVell Blanchard, who played the same small forward position that Smith did.

"It's a major loss," teammate

LaVell Blanchard said. "But they had to make a decision for whatever's best for them."

Smith averaged eight points a game and four rebounds in 19 games last season.

Smith's scored a career-high 16 points in an 89-87 overtime win over Penn State last season.

Smith was a leading candidate for the team's captaincy going into this season and viewed as a team leader by the younger Wolverines last season.

Anderson averaged only two points and one rebound in 13 games last season.

He missed 10 games due to a leg injury.

"They were both an integral part of our team," coach Brian Ellerbe said in a press release.

Anderson has moved back home to Attleboro, Mass. for the summer and intends to continue playing basketball.

He refused to comment.

"He had some problems — every freshman does," Blanchard said.

The two will join Jamal

Crawford, who left after an up-and-down freshman year, in leaving the Wolverines.

Crawford left Michigan for the NBA draft and was selected eighth by Cleveland before being traded to Chicago.

Like Crawford, Smith and Anderson suffered a tumultuous season.

Sophomore guard Kevin Gaines, Anderson and Smith were at the core of an Ann Arbor investigation into a theft at a student's apartment.

A student's Palm Pilot disappeared after Smith, Anderson and Gaines visited.

The three were named as suspects however Gaines and Smith's names were later cleared and no charges were pressed.

The police report said that the student did not pursue charges because Ellerbe called the student asking her to drop the charges.

The student's Palm Pilot was returned.

"I've been here three years and it's been nothing but good times," Smith said.

WEBER

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going to have to get lucky because there aren't a whole lot of guys out there."

The Salukis back court will be loaded for the upcoming season and will return point-guard Brandon Mells and Missouri Valley Conference Freshmen of the Year Kent Williams.

Williams led the team in scoring in his first season by averaging 13.3 points per game.

Also, the Salukis will bring in Darren Brooks, a three-sport standout from St. Louis.

He averaged 25 points and 6.2 rebounds during his senior year, leading Jennings High School to a fourth-place finish in Missouri's Class 3A state playoffs.

Along with Brooks, SIU will bring in Tyrese Zuic, a 6-foot-5-inch small forward with an impressive mid-range game and solid defensive potential.

But the Salukis are still awaiting the academic status

of another recruit, Stetson Hairston.

Hairston, a Belleville native, is sitting for the Clearinghouse to determine his academic eligibility.

Weber thought Hairston would be cleared to play and would suit up in a Saluki uniform this season.

But he does not have that feeling anymore.

"We had at one point a false sense of security that we thought he made it, and now it's kind of swung the other way," Weber said. "We have talked with him about his other options."

Hairston's other options may include setting out his freshmen season or joining a junior college.

Weber said he is not in dire need to sign him because the team is loaded with back-court players.

If Hairston is determined ineligible to play, it will free up one remaining scholarship, allowing more incentive for Weber to lure a big man to campus.

But the coaching staff are still updating themselves with Hairston's status each day.

"It's going to be close, that's all I know," Weber said.

CORE

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All students in the program will assemble three times a week at the Whitney House on campus, 1012 Whitney St.

The six rooms in the house will be used by groups gathering to share ideas.

Although the gathering of freshman in a problem-based learning environment is only at SIUC right

now, Coulson said other schools are trying to implement the program.

Coulson said if the program goes as well as he expects, after three semesters the program should be open to 720 more incoming freshmen who are interested in a class structure from a different angle.

The best way he believes this could happen is if more majors get involved.

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Welcome back Josh

Everyone who knows me probably knows what a big fan I am of Saluki basketball.

So when I came back from Chicago during summer intercession, I was surprised to hear what one of my favorite SIU men's basketball players told the city of Carbondale.

On May 15 Saluki forward Josh Cross announced his decision to enter himself in the 2000 NBA Draft.

My first thought was, "Did I hear that right?" I just could not believe Cross decided to make himself eligible for the NBA. What about his senior season? At the time, I hoped he

would not sign with an agent. If Cross signed with an agent, he would not have been allowed to come back to the Salukis for the 2000-01 season. That is, if he was not drafted.

Chances were slim that the 6-foot-4 inch Carbondale native would get drafted, but Cross was well-aware of that. He said he did not expect to get drafted. Then again, averaging 6.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game is not exactly NBA material. However, he was named captain of the "all bench team" as well received the "sixth man award" in the Missouri Valley Conference.

On the evening of June 28, the 2000 NBA Draft took place. Senior center Kenyon Martin from the University of Cincinnati was the No. 1 draft pick by the New Jersey Nets.

Fifty-eight picks later, Cross was not picked up by any team in the NBA.

This may sound negative, but I was glad he was not drafted and decided not to sign with an agent. After all, he and junior guard/forward Abel Schrader are the only two seniors returning for the 2000-2001 season. What kind of team would SIU be with only one other senior? Every bit of leadership and experience helps.

This season's Salukis will need all the maturity and knowledge possible with the departures of four seniors — Ricky Collum, Lance Brown, Derrick Tilmon and Chris Thunell — because of either graduation or expired eligibility.

The Salukis finished the season with a 20-13 record, including a two-game run in the National Invitational Tournament.

SIU has an extremely talented team coming on for the 2000-01 season. The only problem is that they are a young group. Cross, Schrader, and junior point guard Brandon Mells are the only key upperclassmen. Junior College transfers Marcus Belcher and Tyrese Buie may be older than the underclassmen, but it may take some time for them to adjust to a Division I team.

The rest of the Saluki roster consists of four sophomores and two freshmen, including sophomore guard Kent Williams and sophomore forward Jermaine Dearman, who both had productive seasons in their freshman years. SIU's top recruit is Darren Brooks, an impressive guard/forward from St. Louis.

The bottom line is that the Salukis need Cross this season more than ever with all the changes that are taking place. There would have been a void at the SIU basketball games if Cross was not there. Besides, he is a household name in Carbondale; he has lived here his whole life.

I would have been disappointed to see Cross end up in the situation that former SIU star guard and fellow Carbondale native Troy Hudson. Hudson was the last Saluki to enter an NBA Draft. He left SIU after his junior year, signed with an agent and was never picked up in the 1997 NBA draft.

Luckily for Hudson, he eventually end up in the NBA, playing with the Utah Jazz and Los Angeles Clippers. However, he was cut by the Clippers in February of 2000 after a year and a half.

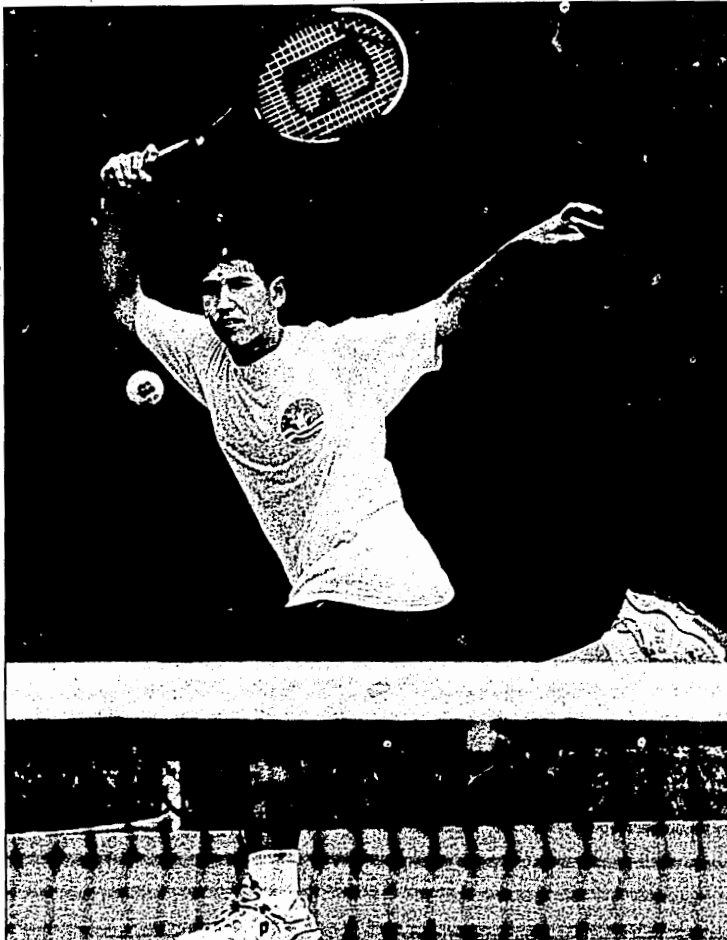
But Cross is not nearly in the situation that Hudson was in. Unlike Hudson, Cross never signed with an agent and can return back to the Salukis. He has every intention to come the fall 2000 semester. I am sure the Salukis, head coach Bruce Weber, SIU fans and I (even though I will not be here to see it) are glad to hear the news.

Like I told Cross, "The Salukis need you more than the NBA does."

And I wouldn't have said it if it wasn't true.



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Sports editor



HOT SHOT: Larry Spears, a sophomore at Carbondale Community High School, returns a shot Tuesday at the SIU tennis courts. Spears, a member of the Carbondale Junior Team Tennis League, practiced with other members of the team after their game was rained out.

Weber searching to fill void in the paint

Hairston's future still questionable this season

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SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber has been keeping travel agents busy this month. Weber will be on the road for most of July on a mission to find a desperately needed post-player.

"That's our whole list is everyone 6'7" and above," Weber said. "We're not even looking at anyone less than that. Our hope is that we get someone

big for next year."

Weber calls the trip "the recruiting circuit." His trip will take him to the 17-year-old and under Amateur Athletic Union tournament in Orlando, Fla., the Nike Peach Jam tournament in Augusta, Ga., along with other junior college events in Tulsa, Okla., and Terre Haute, Ind.

Also on the schedule will be a Nike-sponsored tournament in Indianapolis and an Adidas-sponsored tournament in New Jersey. He will also visit Las Vegas to watch a tournament featuring more than 200 teams.

The Salukis have used up all the remaining scholarships for the upcoming season, and have yet to sign anyone

to make up for the losses of Chris Thunell and Derrick Tilmon, two post-players from last year's team.

Weber and his staff have a long list of possible candidates to fill that void, but the search will not be an easy process.

SIU associate basketball coach Rodney Watson said the trip will be a one-track assignment to find the right person to fill the paint.

"We've got to have size," Watson said. "It's not anymore complicated than that. It is paramount that we get somebody with some size, and we are

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Baseball star gives back to Cal's women's athletics

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BERKELEY, Calif. — It's a typical Tuesday afternoon in San Francisco. Traffic, as usual, is heavy on the Bay Bridge. Jeff Kent, along with thousands of other Bay Area residents, is stuck in it. Except Kent, unlike most of the mass of commuters in gridlock hell, doesn't have to be there. But he wants to be.

The San Francisco Giants star second-baseman is on his way to a meeting for the Women Driven scholarship program.

Kent putting himself through the needless commute is just the sort of commitment he has for the fund he founded with his wife, Dana, two years ago.

Women Driven is designed to support female walk-on athletes at Cal. In two years, the fund has supported 17 athletes from under-funded sports.

Kent started the program by pledging \$500 per run-batted-in he earned in the 1998 Major League season.

Kent piled on 128 RBIs that year. The 6-2, 210 slugger hit 101 last year and has hit 85 this season to lead the majors going into today's all-star game, on pace for an incredible 170 ribbies.

The biggest benefit is the much needed money. In its first year, the fund donated \$15,000 to five sports. Track and field, volleyball, softball, field hockey and golf collectively received \$75,000 from the fund. Last year, the fund distributed \$12,500 to six different sports, adding lacrosse, crew, and soccer while dropping volleyball and softball.

While next season's athletes have yet to be announced, six sports will receive a total of \$175,000 from the fund, with swimming and diving being the newest to be financed.

Getting money from the Women Driven scholarship program is no walk in the park though. Athletes have to demonstrate financial need for the money, as well as play a significant role on their team, maintain a 3.0 GPA and participate in the community.

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Sosa

Sammy Sosa beat Ken Griffey Jr. 9-2 in the final round of the Home Run Derby on Monday night. Mark McGwire is on the disabled list and could not participate.

Cardinals

St. Louis Cardinals lead the Central Division by eight games. They finish the first half of the season 51-36.

Doherty

Matt Doherty, last season's head coach for Notre Dame, was hired as North Carolina's coach Tuesday. North Carolina is Doherty's alma mater. He started on the 1982 NCAA national championship team and is the first former player from the program to return as coach in 75 years.

Rangers

The New York Rangers will name Ron Low the team's head coach today at a 1 p.m. ET news conference.