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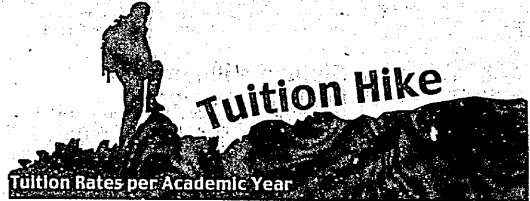


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Tuition increase to be decided at Thursday's BOT meeting



Tuition Hike

Tuition Rates per Academic Year

Undergraduate	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06
Resident	\$3,102.00	\$3,660.00	\$4,245.00	\$4,542.00	\$4,905.00
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Percentage Increase		17.99%	15.98%	7.00%	7.99%

These are the tuition rates for Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The final decision on these proposed rate increases will be finalized after this week when the Board of Trustees meets again.

DAILY EGYPTIAN GRAPHIC - ROBIN JONES

18-percent tuition hike, thousands of dollars per student at stake

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

A source within the Board of Trustees indicated it is likely that most of the board will vote in favor of Chancellor's Walter Wendler's tuition-increasing plan Thursday.

Publicly, though, most members shied from making a commitment, and said they were looking forward to hearing comments from SIU members both for and against the proposal.

Wendler proposed an 18 percent increase early this semester, claiming the already-approved 6 percent increase was

not enough to maintain the quality of SIU's education. Wendler also proposed a 16 percent increase for the following year, followed by a 7, then 8 percent increase the next two years.

Some constituency groups have come out strongly opposed to the increase. Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution against it and also spearheaded a letter-writing campaign that gathered 1,000 letters from students against the increase. While the Faculty Senate passed a resolution in favor of the increase, the Faculty Association came out publicly against the increase at a last-minute rally Monday. A random sampling conducted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN of 100 students in the Student Center found that 88 students were against the increase, five

The DAILY EGYPTIAN will publish the vote of the BOT concerning the tuition increase in its online edition Thursday.

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From CARBONDALE to ISRAEL INTO THE CONFLICT

Jewish student heads to Tel Aviv to quench academic, personal thirsts

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

The fall 2002 semester class guide does not include Introduction to Islam, Israeli Politics and International Terrorism.

But local academic limitations to these subjects have not halted Scott Mayer's quest to enroll in such classes. On July 21, Mayer, a junior in administration of justice from Hazelcrest, will study these courses in the fall at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

For Mayer, the interest in these courses is not purely academic. His religious convictions as a Jewish student have encouraged him to further his education about the Israeli and Palestinian confrontation involving his friends, family and fellow Jewish people.

"I want to understand the other side because I know my side for the most part," he said. "I try to be as unbiased as possible, but I do have my opinions."

After listening to the news of Palestinian attacks killing 5-year-old children, among other Israeli citizens, Mayer said it is hard to understand why such stretches of violence are taken.

"They weren't just innocent people; it was a kid," he said. "A 5-year-old doesn't even know his right from his left, let alone have an opinion about politics."

But he said he also does not agree with the actions the Israeli government is taking toward Palestinian terrorism. He said he knows there are Palestinians who are killed from the same means of violence by the Israeli defense forces.

"There are Palestinians who get up in the morning, live their lives and they come home at night," Mayer said. "Their neighbor could be a terrorist, and because they live on the same block as that terrorist, the Israeli government comes in and destroys that entire block."

Mayer believes that maybe in each culture, there are legitimate reasons for those actions, and he hopes his studies will answer his questions.

His semester at Tel Aviv University



Scott Mayer will be spending his next semester at Tel Aviv University in Israel. In order to attend classes he will need to be fluent in Hebrew and must leave six weeks before the university is in session to learn Israel's official language.

will not be his first visit to Israel. In December, he traveled to the country with Koash, a student Jewish foundation, on a 10-day "Birthright Israel" trip to visit religious, secular and historic sites. He said it was a whirlwind tour, hurrying the Jewish students to dozens of places across the country, but with each place he visited, his affection for Israel grew stronger.

"It is some of the most historic land in the world for so many different religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam — it's all there in this little piece of land; you can put your pinky over it," Mayer said.

Mayer said the deep historical roots of the country are being lost with the warfare that has ensued there for years. The economy and tourism have hit near bottom. With bombings occurring in tourist areas, such as downtown Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, cafes and restaurants, he hopes this program will help rebuild a troubled country.

"I am only one person, but I think it is a good time to support Israel," he said. "I have friends there, and I have never heard them more excited in the past year."

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Plans call for free Arena parking, shuttle this fall

Proposal could increase safety, reduce parking problems

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Students and faculty tired of fighting over on-campus parking spaces may have a convenient, inexpensive parking solution this fall.

As an answer to campus congestion complaints and crosswalk safety hazards, Chancellor Walter Wendler said a plan is in the works to open the Arena parking lot free of charge, with a free shuttle to take riders from the lot to areas around campus and the city.

"This move will accomplish two things. First, it may help reduce the flow of traffic on campus and provide a higher level of safety," Wendler said. "Secondly, at a time when the budget is tight and costs are rising, it may allow some people to save a little bit of money by not having to pay for parking."

Brian Chapman, assistant vice chancellor for Administration, said that by opening the lot, campus traffic would be significantly reduced by anywhere from 400 to 800 cars daily, proportionally increasing safety.

Safety has become a high priority for University officials after SIUC student Anne Coleman was killed in a campus crosswalk in September. Four pedestrian/vehicle accidents in University crosswalks have followed, despite Wendler's decision to lower the speed limit from 25 to 20 mph.

The shuttles would run on 15 to 20 minute routes, with one designated to Lincoln Drive and others traveling to various places, Chapman said.

"People will have the option of jumping on the shuttle at the Arena and potentially ending up at the mall," Chapman said. He said the shuttle would be an extension of the Saluk Express, and a route schedule is currently being

Gus Bode



Gus says:

Let's hope no one gets hit by the shuttle busses

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Hot spots for speeding on campus identified
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Midwest pipe bombs from same source
 OMAHA — The 15 pipe bombs left in mailboxes in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska were nearly identical and clearly came from the same source, the FBI said Monday as letter carriers across the region cautiously resumed deliveries. Agent Larry Holmquist said the bombs were made with the same material. The only differences were some slight variations in the detonation mechanisms, he said, refusing to elaborate.

Six people were injured by explosions in Illinois and Iowa on Friday. Two other bombs found in Iowa did not explode. Six bombs were found Saturday in rural areas of Nebraska, and a seventh was found Sunday. The Nebraska bombs were all detonated harmlessly by authorities. The bombs came just seven months after the Postal Service was rocked by the anthrax scare that killed five people on the East Coast. In that case, the anthrax was sent through the mail. Mail delivery resumed Monday after letter carriers were given safety talks.

Mail delivery had been suspended Saturday in rural northeast Iowa and part of northwest Illinois after Friday's explosions. Officials described the bombs as three-quarter-inch steel pipes attached to 9-volt batteries, and said they appeared to be triggered by being touched or moved. Of the six injured people, none remained hospitalized Monday.

N.C. jail officials seek answers to fatal blaze

BAKERSVILLE, N.C. — Even before the fire that took the lives of eight inmates in the county's 46-year-old jail, officials had been talking about building a new one. Money

problems derailed the plans. Now officials are left wondering if Friday's blaze — the first fatal jail fire since the state began its jail inspection program 35 years ago — could have been prevented. There were 77 inmates in the jail when the fire started around 10 p.m. Friday. The fire spread so quickly that the jailer on duty couldn't open all the cells and left eight men locked inside, where they died. Thirteen people were injured, including deputies, inmates and a firefighter. The cause of the fire has not been determined, but Fox said investigators believe it may have begun in a wooden storage room adjacent to the jail that contained wiring and an electric heater. Investigators returned to the scene Monday.

Mitchell County Jail, built in 1956, had passed all fire inspections in the past, including one six months ago. Another review had been scheduled for Tuesday.

Giuliani still getting police protection

NEW YORK — Since Mayor Rudy Giuliani left office Dec. 31, at least a dozen police detectives have been protecting him, his family and his girlfriend at a projected cost of nearly \$1 million a year, a police official said Monday. The police detail is larger than Mayor Michael Bloomberg's, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The protection extends to Giuliani's two teen-age children, his estranged wife and his mother. It is common for mayors to have police protection after they leave office, though Giuliani's predecessors have had smaller details. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said that the security in Giuliani's case is warranted.

The protection for Giuliani and his family will cost taxpayers about \$960,000 a year, Newsday reported Monday. The police official confirmed the figure.

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U.S. concerned by Cuba's relationship with enemies

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Monday it believes Cuba "has at least a limited offensive biological warfare" program and may be transferring its expertise to other countries hostile to the United States.

Undersecretary of State John Bolton did not identify these nations but noted that Cuban President Fidel Castro visited Iraq, Syria and Libya last year, all of which, like Cuba, are on the State Department list of state sponsors of terrorism. Bolton said all are attempting to develop weapons of mass destruction. Bolton, the State Department's top nonproliferation official, called on Cuba to cease transfers of biological weapons technology to "rogue states and to fully comply with all of its obligations under the Biological Weapons Convention." His remarks were prepared for delivery to the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research group. Bolton said that despite Cuba's membership on the terrorism list, that nation's threat to American security has been underplayed.



Dutch politician Fortuyn shot

HILVERSUM, Netherlands — Right-wing Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn, whose anti-immigration party stunned the public with its strong showing in local elections last March, was shot six times and killed Monday as he left a radio interview.

Dutch television said the 54-year-old politician was shot in the head, neck and chest. The attack came nine days before national elections, and opinion polls had predicted Fortuyn would lead one of the largest parties in parliament. Prime Minister Wim Kok confirmed Fortuyn's death. It was the first time in modern history that a Dutch political leader was assassinated. "These are things you thought were just not possible in the Netherlands," said Ad Melkert, new leader of the ruling Labor Party and its candidate for prime minister. "It's a low-point for our democracy."

Fortuyn, a former academic and columnist who led an openly gay life, had his own party in a local election campaign with verbal attacks on the county's growing Muslim population and stident criticism of the national government.

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Church standoff talks stall

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Negotiations to end the Church of the Nativity standoff stalled late Monday, as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon tried to persuade the Bush administration that Mideast peace talks aren't viable until Yasser Arafat is ousted. In Bethlehem, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators agreed on outlines of a plan to end

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- Andrew Forman Smith, 20, was cited for public nudity at 2:27 a.m. Sunday at Pulliam Hall. Smith was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.
- Adam Robert Grede, 19, was cited for public urination at 3:23 a.m. Sunday at Lot 23. Grede was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation.
- A backpack was reported stolen from a vehicle between 10:45 p.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday at the Student Center loading dock. Police have no suspects.
- A fire alarm plastic cover was reported damaged at 3:13 a.m. Saturday at Schneider Hall. Police have no suspects.

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- Bart C. Mayer, 23, was arrested at 2:21 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of West Mill Street and Poplar Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a stop sign. Mayer posted a \$100 cash bond and his driver's license was released.
- Clarence O. Cardwell, 32, was arrested at 4:28 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of South Washington Street and East Grand Avenue and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol and improper lane change. He was unable to post the required bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

Corrections

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Black boxes bust speeders

Land use plan will phase out speeding

Sara Hooker
Daily Egyptian

Results from the black boxes that dotted campus roadways last March have pinpointed the curve on Lincoln Drive by the Public Policy Institute as the fastest and most traveled area on campus.

The boxes, designed to obtain the speed, time and number of vehicles on campus, determined that 7,726 vehicles drive through campus on a daily basis, and the peak time for travel is 1:15 p.m., assistant vice chancellor for Administration Brian Chapman said.

Those numbers were taken from a box placed on Lincoln Drive between the Engineering Building and Thompson Point near the Public Policy Institute. The average speed in this area is 28.89 mph, with 65.6 percent of drivers traveling faster than the posted speed limit of 20 mph, Chapman said.

The second highest speeding zone is on Douglas Drive west of Lincoln Drive in the stretch heading toward the Lesar Law Building. The average speed there is 28 mph, with 64.1 percent of drivers traveling faster than 20 mph.

However, Chapman said other areas closely follow the 20 mph speed limit, such as Clocktower Drive, outside of Pulliam Hall, which averages 21 mph and has only 16 percent of drivers traveling faster than 20 mph.

The mentioned areas not in compliance with campus speed limits could be eliminated when various phases of the land use plan are implemented, Chapman said.

One of the objectives of the land use plan is to relocate Lincoln Drive to the west of the Communications Building, wrapping it around Campus Lake. This solution would end traffic flow in the mentioned areas.

The land use plan is scheduled to begin in the next few years. It involves a number of campus changes, including a new academic building, new campus entrances, additional signage and a three-story complex connected to a new football stadium.

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SIUC Formula Racing Team revs up for race

Team travels to Detroit to compete in Ford, General Motors and Chrysler race

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

Thousands of hours of work will culminate May 15, when the SIUC Formula Racing Team heads to Detroit to race the open-wheel race car it's been assembling for three years.

About 25 students from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, six industrial design students and a handful of other engineering students, along with volunteers from campus have chipped in to build the race car from scratch. Since the group has started, about 3,000 hours have gone into the project, according to Steve Dohrman, one of the captains of the racing team.

Dohrman has been working on the project since its inception three years ago. He began drawing designs for the "glorified go-kart" on his computer before the team and other volunteers began piecing it together.

Since then, the team has been building the car through trial and error. The team recycled a motorcycle engine from a CB400 and has been perfecting its fully-independent suspension and tubular space frame. The group then tapped on industrial design students to create a body for the car. A team of six designers developed about 40 sketches for the car's body, and the engineering students selected a design with a vicious Saluki on the hood.

"We've been trying to branch out across campus and get more than engineering students involved," said Dohrman, a senior in mechanical engineering from Burr Ridge. "It's been a group effort; nothing on the car has been made by one person."

The team will compete in four dynamic events: acceleration run, skid pad, auto cross and an endurance race and in three static events: design presentation, cost and sales presentation. There will likely be a different racer for each of the events, but Dohrman said everyone who worked on the car will have an opportunity to drive it after the event — if it makes it through the competition.

The race is put on by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, and it gives students an opportunity to test their projects and give a sales pitch



The SIUC Formula Racing Team stands by the open wheeled car that they are preparing for a Ford sponsored race in Detroit on May 15. About 25 students have volunteered their time to make the car, and have put in about 3,000 hours total.

to professionals within the country. Nathan Bonny, a junior in mechanical engineering from Saybrook, has been involved in building the car since his freshman year and said the experience he's earned from this project helped him score an internship his first year in college.

"We're just adding to our experience," Bonny said. "We're all kind of learning together."

"No one comes on the team knowing how to build a race car," Dohrman said.

"It's an acquired experience," Clint Stevenson, a senior in electrical engineering from Taylor Ridge, added.

Dohrman raced the team's car during one of the events at the competition his freshman year, and it motivated him to put countless hours into the race car. He said the group is constantly picking up more volunteers, and they all gain valuable experience from the project.

"It's fun, looks good on the résumé and keeps us out of trouble," Dohrman said. "It takes a special person to put this much time into it."

The team has put about \$25,000 into the car, according to Dohrman, who said three-fourths of the money was earned through fundraisers. The team is still searching for funds as it finishes up the project. It still needs some help assembling the car and raising funds, and Dohrman said anyone from the University can volunteer.

The vehicle's fiberglass body will be painted maroon with vinyl decals of ferocious teeth and angry eyes, giving a look of a competitive Saluki.

"We wanted something that was fast, that represented the school and that was sexy," said Randy Williams, captain of the industrial design body team. "We wanted something with a little bite."

The body still needs to be pieced together, and there are still mechanical aspects that need to be tweaked. The team hopes to have the car complete by this weekend so it can have some time to practice driving it before departing for the race next Tuesday.

"We're not concerned about finishing the car, but the sooner we finish it, the better we'll do because we can work out all the bugs and stuff," Dohrman said.

The Formula Racing Team has drawn several students into the engineering program. Stevenson transferred to SIUC from Blackhawk Community College in Moline after his freshman year, in part because of the opportunity to work to help build a race car.

"I wanted to go to a school that had a formula program," Stevenson said. "I always wanted to get involved in the auto industry, and it's given me lots of actual hands-on experience."

After next week's competition, the team will begin drawing up plans for the next competition. Bonny said the process is time consuming but worth it in the end.

"The personal accomplishments on this car are above and beyond anything we've ever done before," Bonny said.

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Vienna prison issue goes to trial

State loses latest round of hearings

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

The opponents of Gov. George Ryan's plan to close the Vienna Correctional Center scored a victory Monday when the state's motion to dismiss a case that would stop the closure was denied in Johnson County Circuit Court.

The case was filed against Ryan, State Treasurer Judy Barr-Topinka and State Comptroller Dan Hynes in Johnson County Court last month. The charges stated that Ryan overstepped his powers as governor by closing a facility that the legislature had already appropriated funds for.

The action is being taken on behalf of members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who work at the prison.

The hearing took place before more than 50 people, most of them employees or family members of Vienna prison workers.

Karen McNaught, assistant Attorney General, filed motions that part of the case be struck and that the entire case be dismissed. The motion that McNaught filed said that the case could not be tried on behalf of AFSCME members because it had not been granted class action status. This status allows several individuals to file one lawsuit against an entity instead of several smaller suits.

The judge dismissed this motion that would have discarded the case against the state.

AFSCME's attorney, Stephen Yokich argued that previous cases in Illinois and Michigan set a precedent, saying that the governor did not have the power to pull back appropriations made by the state legislature.

"The budget has a purpose," Yokich said in his arguments. "It is passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor, that is the

constitutional process."

Yokich argued that by superseding this process the governor blurred the separation of powers set forth by the Illinois constitution.

McNaught was visibly frustrated by the judge's early decision and raised her voice when she defended her argument for dismissal.

"There has been nothing set forth that the General Assembly said the Vienna prison had to stay open," McNaught said. "Law doesn't require that Vienna stay open."

When the arguments had been made, Judge Williamson agreed with Yokich and the AFSCME union and dismissed the motion to end the legal wrangling.

McNaught refused to comment on the decision of the judge.

Scott Mulford, a spokesman for the Attorney General, said that the ruling is being taken under advisement at this time.

He said that a decision will be made on what the Attorney General's next move is, but they "don't like to get pinned down with time tables."

Yokich said that he had not known which way the court would go with the motions but he was pleased with the outcome. He said he was ready for the next step, which will be the formal trial.

"If there is a budget deal that included Vienna, this case will be a moot point," Yokich said.

The ruling also brought relief to the workers whose jobs hang in the balance.

Richard Bigham, a lieutenant at the prison, said he had been concerned since the prison population dropped from nearly 1,200 to less than 500.

"I would like to see this resolved, I just bought a farm near Cypress," Bigham said.

The trial is scheduled to start on May 13 at 9:30 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse.

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Light 'em up

Architecture and interior design students sculpted lights for final project

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Scott Fitzmire carefully blew and sculpted molten glass heated to 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit and modeled the design after the female body to create his final class project.

Fitzmire, a senior in architectural studies from Springfield, is one of about 55 students in an architecture and art and design class who designed luminaire lights to complement their other works in the class.

The light designs are all left to the students' imaginations. Some twirl, one uses water and bubbles and another runs on the sun.

Melinda Lagarec, associate professor in the Department of Art and Interior Design, teaches the class every year and has been doing the light project for the past four years. She said both architecture and interior design students, mostly seniors, take the class and make lights in conjunction with other projects they are working on.

"The lights relate to their environmental design building projects," Lagarec said. "It supports and goes along with their design concept for the buildings, so that the design concept relates to the luminaire as well."

Fitzmire used all recycled glass for his project and tried to make his light Earth-oriented. He attributes his success in the project to his professor's help and the assistance of friends.

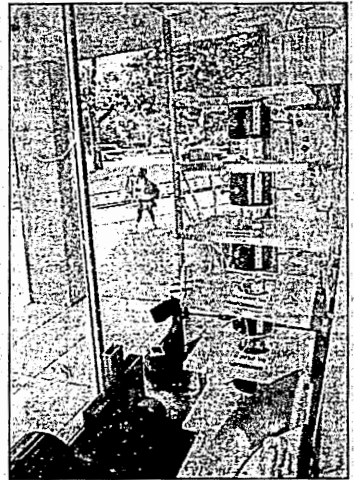
"I helped a buddy with carpentry and he taught me about the lights," Fitzmire said. "It was a joint artisan-type deal."

Fitzmire and other students put a lot of time and money into their light designs. He said it took him about 60 hours and a few hundred dollars to complete.

Dave Helfrich, a senior in architecture from Springfield, said he put four weeks of continuous work into his project, and spent about \$500. He designed his light using concepts relating to mobility and the use of alternative energy that will not drain the Earth's natural resources.

"It's basically a big flashlight on wheels," Helfrich said of his light, which is powered by photovoltaic cells, also called solar panels. The panels store energy from the sun during the day by sitting next to the windows, and the energy is transferred to a battery for use in the dark.

Helfrich's final building project was the design of a new health care facility at SIUC. Though his design will not be built, he incorporated the lights into the project by saying that physicians could use them in



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO BY ALEX HAGLUND
Lights made by students in an architecture and art and design class line the display cases on the south side of Quigley Hall. About 55 lights were created, and many were made to coordinate with designs of buildings that the students were planning.

examination and waiting rooms.

He is thinking about entering the light into competitions and hopes to have the plans copyrighted.

Fitzmire said the projects were not just something to do for class, but they also developed important traits and essential knowledge for architects.

"Lighting is so critical in architecture," he said. "You can go into a building all bummed out, and if you walk in and it's all bright and sunny, it really cheers you up."

For some interior design students, the lights were used for other purposes than just a final project. Some were placed into St. Anne's Church in Anna. The class participated in a community project to renovate the church, and their lights helped make turn the church into a historical landmark.

Lagarec said she hopes to continue the projects in coming years. This year's lights will be on display through today in two large display cases on the south end of Quigley Hall.

"They really turn out good projects, because it's all tied to their whole building design, and that excites them," Lagarec said. "And then it's their last project so that really makes a difference in their portfolio."

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Local youth get another crack at film production

George Lucas' program promises students in-depth look into world of cinema

Geoffrey Ritter
Daily Egyptian

Rebecca Floeter thinks Hollywood is just a little too far away from Carbondale — and it's not just a matter of geography.

There's also the issues of colleagues and money. Unused talent and idle hands. Floeter knows there is an industry waiting to happen in Carbondale, and a legion of SIUC graduates waiting in the wings to run it. It just comes down to getting it started.

And where better to start than with the children?

"I'm just trying to shake things up," said Floeter, a former Los Angeles film producer who first began working with area youth on filmmaking last summer with the documentary "Forgotten Soldiers: African American Civil War Veterans of Murphysboro, Illinois," which was produced with Murphysboro Middle School students. "There are a lot of talented people in this area. We're just trying to engage the youth and see what we can come up with."

What's next on the plate for Floeter and her husband, David, who also worked as a producer in Hollywood? The AdmitOne Summer Film Institute, which will be available to area middle school, high school and

post-secondary students from June 3 through July 7 at the University Mall.

Teaching students the basics of filmmaking through a curriculum developed by the Artist Rights Foundation and funded by filmmaker George Lucas, organizers say the program will give youth of all ages a chance to experience the art of filmmaking, and may even set a new Southern Illinois precedent.

"They'll acquire a lot of skills," said Nancy Stemper, whose organization Carbondale Community Arts will take care of the administrative end of the summer sessions. "Even if these kids aren't interested in pursuing film as a career, it's a world experience opportunity, as with most of the arts."

The workshop will be divided into three sessions. The first, which runs from June 3-10, will give a basic overview of the filmmaking process, and a second session from June 24-28 will expand on the lessons learned in the first. A third session in advanced filmmaking skills will be offered at the beginning of July, allowing participants to go on-location at Carbondale's Attucks School to shoot more footage for "Spirit of Attucks," a documentary about the 1964 closing of the all-black school after the wave of integration swept in.

In addition, Stemper said John A. Logan Community College will offer course credit to students who complete the program, regardless of when they enter the college.

And the Floeters are hoping good relations with the college is just what it might take to further the cause, with such possible results as the inception of a two-year video production

program. However, the couple isn't waiting around for anyone else to make Southern Illinois into a new cinema Mecca.

Among other projects they have on their slate is the film "Little Egypt" — a film that will explore what Rebecca called the "funny flavor of Southern Illinois" through a perspective akin to television's "Northern Exposure" — and a project about the origin of the Special Olympics at Touch of Nature called "I'm Still Dancing," which Rebecca said will include a new song by Carter & Connelly's Curt Carter based on a poem by Renee DiCicco, an SIU student and Touch of Nature interpreter who was murdered in June 2000.

David Floeter, a visiting instructor in SIUC's Cinema and Photography Department, said this summer's workshops are only the first steps in unlocking Southern Illinois' cinematic potential.

"This place is ripe for it," he said. "You could almost say it's perfect for an artistic renaissance. If we can be a part of that, we'd be ecstatic."

Reporter Geoffrey Ritter can be reached at gritter@dailyegyptian.com

Students in middle school, high school and college can now register for the AdmitOne Summer Film Institute, with sessions slated for throughout the summer at the University Mall. Tuition is \$125 a week and is payable at the time of registration. For more information, call Carbondale Community Arts at 457-5100.

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

AMA brings home awards

The SIUC American Marketing Association chapter returned to the University showing off several awards after attending the AMA's 24th Annual Collegiate Conference in Orlando from April 24-27. The group raised money for the 11 individuals who attended the conference by having bake sales, washing cars and selling magazines, T-shirts and Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

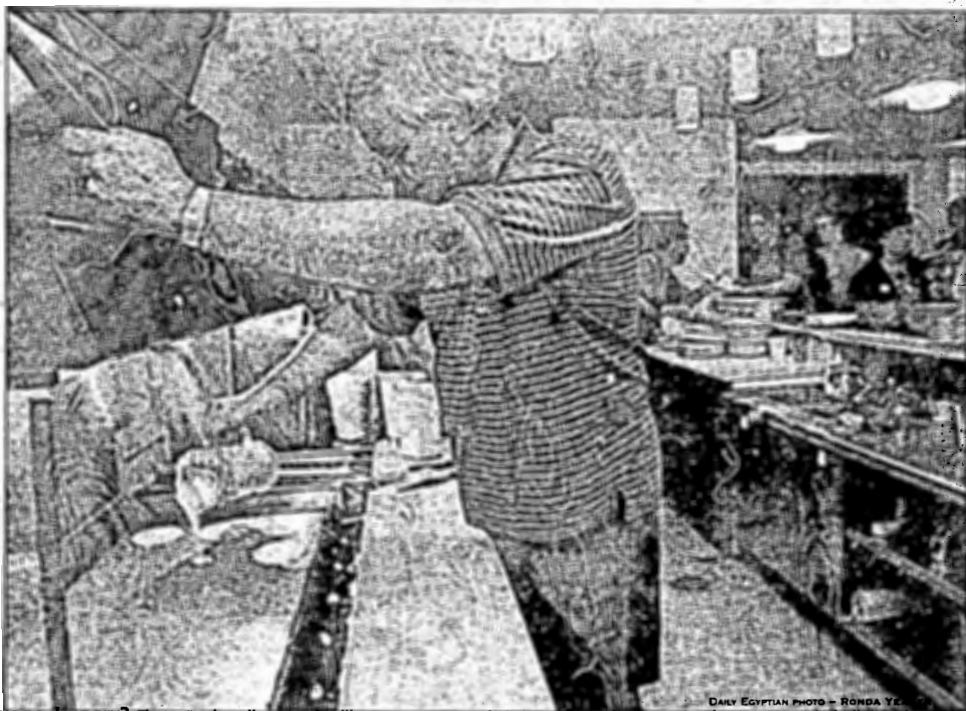
With 150 schools and 1,000 individuals present at the national conference, SIUC was victorious in five of the seven categories. The University took top honors in Outstanding Chapter Planning, Outstanding Fundraising Activities, Outstanding Communications, Outstanding Professional Development and Outstanding Community Service.

Open forums for vice chancellor finalists this week

Faculty and students will have the opportunity to meet two more of the four finalists for the vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean position in a series of open forums this week.

A campus-wide forum with John Koropchak will take place from 4 to 5 this afternoon in the University Museum Auditorium in Faner Hall.

Patrick Flanagan's campus-wide forum will take place from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium. There will also be a graduate student forum with Flanagan from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Museum Auditorium.



Anyone hungry? Thom Beebe, director of military programs at SIU, pours pancake batter at the Newman Catholic Student Center's Midnight Breakfast late Sunday night. A breakfast is served from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. each semester prior to finals week. An estimated 400 students attended this semester.

Manhunt continues on the Afghan-Pakistan border

Ken Moritsugu
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KHOST, Afghanistan (KRT) — Donning camouflage fatigues and night-vision goggles, a small team of U.S. special forces stole over the border from Afghanistan into Pakistan repeatedly last month in an attempt to capture a top al-Qaida official and a former Taliban minister, according to an Afghan warlord who assisted the mission.

The nightly forays followed a Pakistani informant's tip that ex-Taliban leader Jalaluddin Haqqani and Ayman al Zawahiri, No. 2 to Osama bin Laden in the al-Qaida leadership, were living in a village

four miles inside the Pakistani border, Commander Mohammed Mustafa told a handful of visiting journalists here last weekend.

The mission failed to find the two. But the episode — the second reported U.S. operation in recent weeks aimed at the same figures — underlines what the U.S. military operation has become: a huge manhunt on the Afghan-Pakistan border.

The terrorist leaders cross frequently between Afghanistan and Pakistan, changing where they stay to try to elude capture, according to Mustafa and other warlords in Khost, a small city less than 20 miles from the border with Pakistan. They presume that bin

Laden is among those making the crossings.

"Bin Laden can come into Afghanistan and go out easily," Mustafa said. "I think the area people help him."

Meanwhile, British and Canadian-led operations are sweeping across former al-Qaida strongholds on the Afghan side to destroy caves and otherwise make the areas unusable in case al-Qaida forces return.

British Royal Marines with operations bases atop two 11,000-foot peaks are descending into the valleys to search for caves and weapons caches and any al-Qaida or Taliban fighters who may remain.

The 60-square-mile area "is of

enormous potential importance to the al-Qaida and Taliban," said Brigadier Roger Lane, the top British military official in Afghanistan, in an interview Monday at Bagram Air Base, the coalition's headquarters.

He said that al-Qaida and Taliban soldiers escaped through the area after being routed out of their base in the Shah-e-Kot region by Operation Anaconda, a major U.S.-led assault in early April.

"The strategic effect I'm trying to achieve is to make sure that we are denying them the possibility of having sanctuaries in which they can train terrorists," Lane said.

Last month's special forces mission began after the Pakistani infor-

mant told Cmdr. Mustafa that Haqqani and Zawahiri were staying in a house in the Pakistani village.

The United States is offering \$25 million for the capture of Zawahiri, 50, considered the operational brains behind bin Laden. He is the founder of Egyptian Islamic Jihad, a violent fundamentalist group that merged with al-Qaida in 1998.

Haqqani, the second fugitive leader, was named commander in chief of the Taliban armed forces in September. Allied forces bombed his home in Kabul, killing several relatives, but Haqqani, a resourceful fighter from the years of Afghanistan's Soviet occupation, is thought to have escaped.

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OUR WORD

The trouble with SIU

There are serious problems with this University: worn-out facilities that had their heyday in the '70s; a long-standing feud between the administration and the faculty; programs that were dreamed up but never see the light of day; an enrollment drop of more than 1,500 students; a dying Strip that once was a party; dilapidated housing for students.

Of all the problems beyond the current budgetary strangle hold, Halloween looms as the crowning specter of SIUC's misery. It is the dastardly ghost of Halloween past that has scared off students and murdered our image nationwide.

Or so we like to lament.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, which reports on these issues on a daily basis, has come to understand that the biggest problem with SIU is not Halloween. It's attitude.

A top-level administrator once remarked at an editorial board meeting that he loves this school more than some who have been here for 25 years. It is a sad truth that many of us are guilty of having little faith in the future of this institution, and even fewer positive things to say about it.

While this apathy or disgust is still the faulty wiring within this potential powerhouse, we have seen flickers of light this semester — the supernova being the Saluki sweep to the Sweet Sixteen.

For the first time in a long time, students, faculty, alumni and administrators were cheering together in a smiling sea of maroon. There was a sense of SIU pride that burst through the city and the campus. We remembered, all too briefly, the good at this University we had been ignoring as we complained about problem after problem.

But a statewide budget crunch dampened our spirits again as the campus teetered further toward the edge. The chancellor proposed a tuition hike in the double digits. Students' cries and laments grew to a clamor. But the cause made students passionately band together to oppose it.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN worked hard this semester to take a critical look at the complaints and criticisms that have become commonplace here. We tried to serve as one of those little lights of truth, even sometimes angering the rest of the student body to stand behind what we believed was best.

We caught a lot of flak for

agreeing with the tuition proposal. It was a hard sell, but we understood the important benefits. The tuition increase would save jobs and graduate assistantships, increase the quality of education, dissuade less serious students from attending, aid in rebuilding suffering colleges, melt the current hiring freeze and help the chancellor's workshop set sail.

But we did call the administration on other initiatives, disagreeing with an alcohol-free campus, graduation prayer and hiring another image consultant.

We set an organizational goal of investigating the longtime concerns of African-Americans by addressing complaints that rarely see media coverage. Through our reports, we realized that the walk toward equality is far from finished as we grappled with our findings on continued segregation and racial profiling.

Our editorial page also served as a beacon of race dialogue. Not everyone agreed, but everyone was talking, and in that we take great pride.

We also tackled the city, lambasting it for encroachment, poor student housing and a lack of minority representation in the police force.

One could easily call us the loudest muckraking voices this semester as we challenged norms and even sometimes the opinion of the majority to find truth and better solutions.

But we did not come away from all the negative coverage disgruntled, disgusted or apathetic.

Through the semester, and our time at SIU, we came to understand our strengths, such as this research institution's mighty potential. We came to see that we could affect change in people's lives, the campus and Carbondale simply with the written word. We rejoiced in the Sweet Sixteen, finding a renewed pride in this institution and even ourselves.

As you graduates march off with diploma in hand and the world at your feet, we hope you will find pride and joy in that flicker of your life that was the college experience.

This light does shine through all of the problems we have faced at this University, and its brilliance is growing. As the ones left behind, let's continue to positively kindle that flame. It will be our actions during our time at SIU, not the University's or the city's, that will ignite pride in our hearts long after we are gone.



GUEST COLUMNIST

SIU's value more than economic

Alexa Aguilar
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SIU is cheap.

That's the only reason student government leaders offered to Chancellor Wendler when asked about why they chose SIU. He had come before them with a tuition-increase proposal, and wanted to know what exactly they loved about this University. All they could come up with was affordability.

I'm not here on this last day of publication to argue the merits of the tuition increase. For the record, I'm for it — I think we desperately need the money. But their opposition is not what bothered me. The chancellor said he was disappointed that there wasn't much more than cost that led them to spend four of their most formative years at SIU.

I was appalled.

I leave this campus in a week. And as I look back on my three years at SIU, I can think of dozens of reasons why Carbondale's worth so much more than its price tag.

Simply put, I love SIU.

That love lies somewhere in the sight of the sun glinting off of Campus Lake; in the roar of the Dawg Pound after a Saluki win; in the feeling of my little girl's hand as we walk up the stairs of Shryock Auditorium to see a ballet; in the smell of biscuits and gravy at Mary Lou's on a Saturday morning where hungover college students and old locals gather; in the thrill of walking to all your brand new classes on the first day of fall semester.

That love springs from the sight of Pulliam clocktower in the moonlight;

from a fresh stack of Daily Egyptians with my byline on the front page; from the distinct taste that Dairy Queen ice cream has when you eat it along the curb of the Strip; from the first day of spring when you drive through the side streets, and it seems like everyone in Carbondale is throwing a Frisbee or softball in their front yard; from discovering your professor is an amazing lecturer that makes you want to go to class every day.

That love grew when I saw the Saluki mascot sparring with a Georgia Bulldog on the floor of the United Center in March; when my 5-year-old daughter talked me into buying maroon-and-white pompons so she could regale me with her SIU cheers; when a sleepy afternoon lecture turned into a heated debate; when I attended the Core's Scott King lecture and realized that only in Carbondale would a kid from the west side of Chicago sit alongside a 70-year-old grandma from Pinckneyville.

That love will remain because of the memory of hot evenings at the Sunset Concerts where you were just as likely to see a professor as your pals; because of the sound of laughter that erupts from happy, tipsy college students on a summer night in Pinch's beer garden; because of going back to Winston for one more bagel at two in the morning; because of the mischievous thrill of jumping into Campus Lake after a hot game of beach volleyball; because of the knowledge that no matter what I do or where I go, SIU will always be its own distinct world that can never be recreated.

That's what I call a bargain.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I came, I saw, I conquered.”

Julius Caesar

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Sometimes you've got to give up something to get something.”

Father Joseph Brown
director, Black American Studies

COLUMNISTS

Inspired



Don't Get Me Wrong

BY MARS BIGBY
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This weekend I checked out the Voices of Inspiration, SIU's resident gospel choir. The concert was ... well, how do I put this? If you are ever at a time in your life where you are down and out, or you're scared, or a little worried about something, find a gospel choir. When you hear the power in the voices, it energizes you. When you hear the harmonies dripping with truth, it empowers you. When I listened to Voices of Inspiration, they did just that — they inspired me.

That wasn't their only gift, though. They left me with two important messages. One of them I got before the choir started singing. The director started out with a speech — and I'm paraphrasing — acknowledging that some of the audience members probably knew some of the performers on a personal level. He went on to say how some of the knowledge that the audience had may not be examples of perfect Christian life. He also said maybe because of what they know they might feel that they were unable to receive the message from that person. He then said if you can't receive it from them, you can't receive it from anybody. It got me thinking.

Ever notice how we take a message and

instead of taking it for what it is, truth or lie, we filter it through whoever told us the message and make our decision based on that? We judge people, and in judging them, we often pass judgment on the message. Would Martin Luther King Jr.'s message have been any less true if he were an ex-con? Would Matt Hales' racist messages be more true if he had a license to practice law? Why are we unable to separate the message from the messenger? None of us are perfect, yet we seem to forget that when we start casting our stones. From the mouths of babes comes the truth. From the mouth of a liar can come the truth. And from your mouth can come the truth.

We need to be open to receive the message from whoever it is that's sending it. We also need to question messages regardless of who is sending it. You ain't seen nothing yet! That's

the other message they left me with. If your grades aren't as strong as you'd like them, have a little faith and you'll get through. If you graduate in a few days and have no idea what your future holds, wait. It will come in time. I know not everyone out there believes in God, or a higher power, but it seems to me that you cannot possibly make it through life without believing in something.

At the least, believe in yourself — the rest will become evident. If things aren't exactly how you would like them, you have to look through it to the next day. Believe that you are destined for something. It's only when you give up on your belief that you'll lose. Keep the hope alive. Live like there is a tomorrow and that tomorrow will be better than today. You've got to keep on moving. Don't let anything slow your roll and eventually you'll get there.

That said, it's goodbye again. I'd like to leave you with a quote that's written in the hallway of Wham. I'm not sure, off the top of my head, who said it, but it goes something like this: "Be ashamed to die until you've won some victory for mankind."

Don't Get Me Wrong appears on Tuesday. Mars is a senior in university studies. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

None of us are perfect, yet we seem to forget that when we start casting our stones.

Black Americans' devotion to Bill Clinton: Does he REALLY deserve it?

A poll taken prior to his leaving office in 2001 showed 87 percent of African-Americans having a favorable view of Bill Clinton.

The poll was conducted by researchers at Harvard University and the University of Chicago. From the time he stepped onto the national stage in 1992 while running for president to his last days in the White House, blacks have shown unwavering devotion to Clinton. Much of it, unfortunately — in fact a great deal of it — is not deserved.

In his new book, "Bill Clinton and Black America," author and USA Today columnist Dewayne Wickham examines why blacks so like Clinton, saying that Clinton has a "special bond" with blacks.

The Clinton love affair is so out of hand, respected black author Toni Morrison, in a 1998 essay she wrote in New Yorker Magazine, went so far as to call Clinton "the first black president."

Is Bill Clinton sensitive to blacks? Yes. Was he a better choice for blacks than a Republican? Probably so. Does any of that make him eligible to be called "the first black president"? No. Never. No way.

"Clinton," Morrison wrote, "displays almost every trope of blackness: single-parent household, born poor, working-class, saxophone-playing, McDonald's-and-junk-food-loving boy from Arkansas."

Don't forget that he cheated on his spouse, shucked-'n'-jived his way out of taking responsibility for his bad behavior, and told out anyone who was loyal to him just to save his own rear end.

FYI: Such behavior by blacks represents the "ghetto mentality" and its core philosophy: "get over any way you can." In that sense, Clinton's as black as night. But that's a negative aspect of black culture, a side we try not to promote. And should not.

But aside from that, there are plenty of examples of why blacks should not support Clinton so overwhelmingly — and so blindly.

-1992 — During the presidential campaign, then-Gov. Clinton flew home to Arkansas to oversee the execution of Ricky Ray Rector, a 40-year-old black man convicted of killing a black police officer. After shooting the cop, Rector shot himself in the head, surviving but severely damaging his brain. Though shown to be mentally incompetent, Clinton allowed Rector's execution to proceed. In the final days of his presidency, Clinton would indeed commute one death sentence, but the Rector execution was later used in the '92 campaign to show how "tough on crime" Clinton was.

-1993 — Clinton nominates Lani Guinier, a respected Harvard Law



The Unusual Suspect

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School professor, a black woman and supposed F-O-C (Friend of the Clintons), for the assistant attorney general for Civil Rights post. After a successful and egregious smear campaign by the right wing, she was left dangling in the wind by Clinton, who said he never read her alleged controversial writings. After claiming to finally having read them, Clinton pulled her name rather than fight for her. The two have never spoken since, Guinier has said.

-1996 — Clinton signs 1996 Welfare Reform Act into law, a bill much tougher than his failed modest proposal offered in 1995. Heavily criticized by the Congressional Black Caucus, the NAACP and Urban League, Clinton signs the bill anyway, undermining the mobilization efforts of blacks in his own party. Republicans anticipated Clinton vetoing it, thus giving them an issue for the 1996 presidential campaign. Clinton again sacrificed his most loyal supporters — blacks — for his own personal political gain.

Too many burnt bridges for the so-called "black president."

Whether or not Guinier was the right nominee, regardless of the circumstances in the Rector case and aside from welfare reform politics, Clinton, in each case, sold blacks down the river — and without giving us a paddle. And we still love him so much.

But, at the height of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Clinton expected blacks to line up right behind him. And many did. And what happened to the apology for slavery he wanted so much? He left that issue on the political chopping block after wrangling from the opposition. So, blacks continue to sacrifice themselves for Clinton while he sacrifices us in the process?

Doesn't make a whole lot of sense.

Author and social commentator Michael Eric Dyson, a professor of religious studies at DePaul University in Chicago, sums up a more accurate portrait of Clinton and his "bond" with blacks.

"Bill Clinton exploited us like no president before him," he said. "He exploited black sentiment because he knew the rituals of black culture." Well, shouldn't he? After all, he is "one of us."

The Unusual Suspect appeared periodically. Terry is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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Henry looks at some of his newspaper clippings from the closing of the Liberty Theater. Henry said clipping newspapers is one of his few hobbies.



Henry rests in a reclining chair in his living room. An injury in October 2000 left him with an artificial hip. He now sleeps in this chair rather than his bed because of the pain caused by surgery.

simply Henry

Henry Daniel has made his living at movie theaters for the past 46 years

PHOTOS AND STORY BY STEVE JAHNKE

The walls of Henry Daniel's home are not decorated with many items. There is a certain pristine, hotel-room nature to the place. However, he says within the nearly empty rooms and bare walls live many memories.

Henry was born April 16, 1939, in Murphysboro. The house he was brought up in, the same house his father built, is what Henry still calls home. It is exactly the same as it was when it was built except for a few coatings of paint and some modern light-green siding. It is in perfect condition.

Everything inside of Daniel's home has its place. Nearly every day, Henry cleans his house to keep it in such good condition. As he would say, "I always try to stay busy."

While most people his age are contemplating retirement, the 63-year-old continued to work seven hours a day, six days a week until a month ago when he became ill, and currently plans to return.

Henry has been working in movie theaters since he was 16, at a time when "The Ten Commandments," "The Man Who Knew Too Much" and "The King and I" had just entered theaters.

He was first hired in 1956 as an usher at the Marlow Theater in Murphysboro and would work whenever he wasn't attending high school.

Eventually, he was moved up in position and took on more duties until he became a projectionist.

Henry said he was never really drawn to working in theaters. He was

really just looking for any type of job. Although Henry was talked into his work at theaters, he ended up staying with the occupation for 46 years.

He transferred to The Liberty Theater, another theater owned and operated by James Marlow, in Murphysboro, after the Marlow Theater closed. He stayed until September of 1998 when the Liberty closed its doors to the dismay of many of the citizens of the city. Kerasotes Theaters bought the Liberty in 1969.

After all his years of service at the Liberty, they were going to name it after him, calling it the Henry Daniel Theater, but being the modest person he is, he turned down the offer. Instead, a brick in front of the theater bears his name.

Once the doors of the Liberty were closed for good, Henry came to work at the University Place 8 Theater in Carbondale. There he shows up every day at 3 p.m. and works until 10 p.m. He is responsible for loading the film reels before and after each film, but he does not take the time to really watch the films. He is always keeping his mind on the job. He does this every day of the week except Thursday; his day off. He uses this time to visit his brother Richard Daniel, who lives next door, and his sister Dolores Daniel, who lives up the street, as well as some friends that live in a nursing home. He also takes time out to clean.

Despite always keeping his mind



Henry works on theater sets at the University Place 8 Theater in Carbondale.



Henry works on theater sets at the University Place 8 Theater in Carbondale. He does this several times a day, though a hip injury makes it difficult for him to walk.



Henry loads film into a projector at University Place 8. He's aged a little since he first began working in theaters more than 46 years ago, so it takes him longer to complete the task.

HENRY

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on what he has to do, Henry is always willing to have a chat with a co-worker, or share a smile and a hello with customers that come to the University Place 8, many knew him when they went to see movies at the Liberty in Murphysboro when they were children.

Despite all of his years in movie theaters, he still loves what he does. Henry said he once thought of being a plumber, carpenter, or something else that goes with his meticulous nature. But, he says he does not plan to quit for at least three or four years and that even when he is done, he plans to find a small part-time job near his home to keep himself busy. Why? Because he is simply Henry.



Henry takes a second to joke with some of his co-workers between sets.



(LEFT) Henry leaves for the evening after one of his seven-hour shifts at University Place 8. (ABOVE) Henry looks out a projection room window to ensure the image is in frame and focus.

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than when I told them I was coming for at least a semester," he said. "It is hard to go to tell someone to come to a place where you are not ensured to live and go home."

After visiting the Western Wall, the location of Jesus' Last Supper, and white sand beaches along the Tel Aviv coastline, Mayer grew strongly attached to the country, retaining friends from the trip and in Israel. But he said his heavily protected 10-day excursion was a lot easier to sell to his parents than his decision to spend six months studying in Israel.

Mayer's rabbi and mentor, Raphael Ostrovsky, became his step-father when Mayer was 13 years old. The rabbi's supportive nature grew stronger after the marriage, and he always encouraged Mayer to reach for his goals.

"For awhile I stepped away from Judaism and he supported that and said, 'You got to find yourself,'" Mayer said.

Mayer's father, Robert, who has never been to Israel, supports his son's decision, but is afraid for his safety. Mayer said that when he was shopping with his father a few weeks ago at Sam's Club, his Israel trip came up in their casual conversation. Mayer

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Scott Mayer junior, administration of justice, planning fall semester in Israel

was surprised by his father's reaction.

"He almost started crying, and I have never seen him cry before in my life," he said. "All he sees is what is in the news, a suicide bomber blew up, six killed, 45 injured."

Mayer said the impression Americans have of Palestinians are what is displayed in the media, but the knowledge he gains from his studies can be used to educate those who cannot visit the country themselves.

"All most people know is what is on the television and in the newspapers, and sometimes it's accurate and sometimes it's not — you don't know, and I don't know," Mayer said. "There are a lot of people who would like to go to Israel but do not want to go right now because of what is happening, and I would like to bring that to them — spread the knowledge."

Islamic and Middle Eastern studies are not uncommon to the SIU University curriculum. History professor Riaz Zobaini specialized and taught several classes encompassing

Islamic religion and Middle Eastern conflict and history. But after he passed away about five years ago, a History Department administrator, who asked not to be named, said they are still searching for a specialist to replace Zobaini.

Other departments do offer some courses concerning the Arab/Israeli conflict and Islamic Studies. Students who enroll in the sociology class, Religion and Political Comparative. Perspective, can receive some information on current Middle Eastern political and religious connections.

Law Hendrix, chief academic adviser for the Sociology Department, said the faculty and department chairs select the courses offered for each semester. Independent study options are offered to seniors to read and research sociological areas of interest with a professor, but Hendrix said a permanent course might not be feasible.

"Sociologists tend to generalize issues, and it could appear as a course offered one or two times during the semester," Hendrix said. "But we can't cover everything."

Other universities, including Vassar, Harvard and Brigham Young, offer specialized classes in the Arab/Israeli conflict. But after Mayer is dropped in the center of the Middle Eastern conflict, he hopes it will provide for a richer and unbiased

education of the issues.

"The classes will be an addition to what I have here, to set me apart from everyone else," Mayer said.

Before the fall semester starts, Mayer will take a Hebrew intensive course in Tel Aviv starting July 21. He will spend three to four hours in the Hebrew class for five days in six weeks. The remainder of the day is spent indulging in the culture by visiting markets, shopping centers, restaurants and other city locations to use what Mayer has learned in his course.

He said by entering into the city after his class, it allows him to learn the language quickly and in the best environment to use the teachings — a predominantly Hebrew city.

"In Israel, all the signs have three languages on them, so if you had a sign in the U.S. that said I-57 to Memphis, in Israel it would say it in Hebrew, English and Arabic," Mayer said. "You can translate things because they are right there on the sign."

Leonard Gross, faculty adviser for the Hillel Jewish Foundation, said he learned about the language, culture, and conflict within Israel when he visited the country in 1978 shortly after the Yom Kippur War between Arab and Jewish protesters.

He said even though cease-fire and peace proposals are slated between Palestinian and Israeli gov-

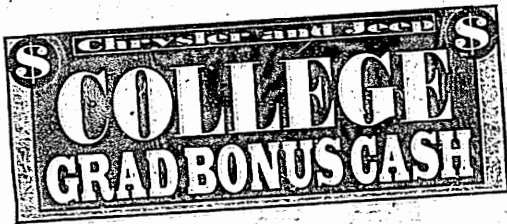
ernment officials, he hopes Mayer's visit will be as safe as possible. Gross, a professor at the SIUC School of Law, said any knowledge Mayer can retain about the conflict will not only help him but other students.

"As of now, another Birknight Israel trip is not planned for May because of everything going on," Gross said. "But I think this is a great opportunity for him to learn about what is behind the conflict."

In an attempt to contact the New York office for the overseas academic program at Tel Aviv University, Mayer said it was closed because of the lack of interested students traveling to study in Israel. He said he might be the only one on the airplane to fly to the country, which usually holds a packed flight of American students. But taking risks is a part of Mayer's personality.

"I could go to Israel and live for 10 years and nothing ever happen to me, or I could come back to Carbondale and get hit by a drunk driver while I am walking across the street," Mayer said. "I am not going to let some guy who sends his 16-year-old daughter into a café with a bomb deter, me from a country which was in essence built for me as a Jew."

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"Right now, we're starving ourselves to death..."

Walter Wendler chancellor, pushing for tuition increase

TUITION

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were in favor, and seven remained undecided on the issue.

Wendler stands by his increase and said Monday that even with an 18 percent hike, SIU will still fall substantially behind other public research institutions in the state.

University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, University of Illinois-Chicago and Northern Illinois University all have tuition increases on the table.

"I'm looking at our needs, and our long-term needs as well," Wendler said. "Right now, we're starving ourselves to death, and I'm trying to get people to realize that."

John Brewster, a trustee member, said an increase is something the board has to consider. He said opponents of the increase have told him that one of SIU's main selling points is its low cost.

"If people are coming here because of the cost, and enrollment is declining, that's not necessarily carrying the day anymore," Brewster said.

"I'm willing to consider the option of increasing tuition," Brewster said. "My highest priority is not to keep tuition as low as possible."

Trustee member Harris Rowe said low tuition has been and should continue to be one of SIU's selling points. Rowe said that while he finds any increase "offensive," he said it might be a necessary action by the board.

"We are all anxious about fees and tuition and how they keep going up," Rowe said. "But we are going to probably vote for one."

Molly D'Esposito, board chair, said the board is faced with a budget crisis created by both state cutbacks and declining enrollment.

At this meeting, she said, the board will examine if it needs to increase the income, while in June and July, the board will look at ways to cut expenses.

The board will meet Thursday in Ballroom B of the Student Center.

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SCHWAB

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The good: Charlie DeTorres trying to bar down a pass and Matt Simonton's place kicking in the clutch for the effort that counts, I suppose.

The good: Bruce Weber. He can coach. He can recruit and he understands being a decent human being. He's a good wonder for building support. He's waited 20 years for a chance to be a head coach, and his patience has been rewarded.

The bad: USG's annual ill-fated searching about the athlet-

ics. A few extra bucks to give SIU a chance to compete with its better funded peers is more than reasonable. Cry me a river.

The ugly: McAndrew Stadium. President Walker, Chancellor Wendler, we all know money is tight, but if you guys are real leaders, you won't take long to take the bulldozer to this symbol of destination and ineptitude.

The good: Watching athletes who have to lose will themselves to greatness by out-working their opponents. You can count Ricky Collins, Kent Williams, Rolan Robson, and Tom Koutsos among them.

The bad: "The who let the Dogs out" opening for basketball games. Let the band earn its new spit valves.

The ugly: The football team's 18-game losing streak to Western Illinois. We can handle blown fourth-quarter leads. We can understand losing seasons. But this defies description.

The good: The countless times I've been blistered by a variety of coaches, athletes and readers for coverage deemed overly critical or inappropriate. Some of it was warranted, most of it wasn't, but regardless, my skin is a lot thicker now than it was when I started out as an

18-year-old kid.
The bad: The use of the term SIUC in relation to Saluki sports. Last time I checked, Edwardsville doesn't play Division I.

The ugly: Any time SIU loses to SEMO, Tennessee-Martin, Eastern or Western. In any sport. Period.

The good: The people I've met at the DE over the past four years. It would have been way too much time to put in if I didn't love the job and the people I worked alongside. Thankfully, they made it an incredible experience from start to finish.

The bad: When athletes or coaches blame their failures on a lack of support from fans or the

media. Nobody's out to get you. You guys do your jobs, we'll do ours.

The ugly: The job market. Makes me wish I had a few more seasons — I mean semesters — left to go.

I could go on, but I'm running low on time and space. It's been a blast, but like all those senior athletes I've written about, now it's my time to go.

I've seen a lot of remarkable things at SIU, I and Lope time doesn't blur the memories.

Good thing I wrote it all down.

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SHUTTLE

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They would be off limits to normal parking because the space would need to be open for Arena events such as basketball games and concerts, Chairman said.

The shuttles would be paid for by the Parking and Traffic Fund, which collects money from decal fees and parking violations. It is the same source of cash for campus parking lots, roads, sidewalks and lighting projects, Chapman said.

"When you pay that \$5 parking fine, it does go to a good cause," Chapman said.

Wendler said this plan is still being considered and many factors, including fee increases and restrictions, will be pondered before deciding on a final product. He said the parking and traffic committee would also be making suggestions.

"There's a lot of variables in order to implement a good plan," Wendler said.

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BASEBALL

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going out either way, but it would be a lot easier going out if we were in Wichita at the conference tournament."

SIU was picked in the preseason to finish near the bottom of the conference, and although it has exceeded that prediction, head coach Dan Callahan is still disappointed with his team's current standing.

The Salukis began the season with the ultimate goal of winning the conference title, but they have struggled during MVC play, winning only one series and splitting several others.

"I was hoping going into the last week or two we would have placed ourselves in position to maybe be a top two or three team," Callahan said. "Unfortunately, we haven't played well enough in the league to vie for a regular season championship."

While SIU has yet to be mathematically eliminated from a possible title, the chances are minimal. The Salukis are instead focusing on their few remaining games in an attempt to put themselves in good position for the tournament.

SIU does make it to the tournament, the Salukis know that their slate will be clean, and they will have a reasonable shot at claiming the

Missouri Valley Conference Baseball Standings

	MVC		Overall	Games		Remaining
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Northern Iowa	10	18	10	22	22	4
Evansville	8	18	10	18	27	8
Bradley	7	17	11	16	31	8

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The top six teams advance to the MVC Tournament that will be played May 22-25 in Wichita, Kan.

title and an automatic NCAA berth. "Anything can happen at that conference tournament, and we've showed this year that we can play against some pretty tough caliber teams," Nelson said. "Hopefully we can, take it

game by game and get to that final game and win it."

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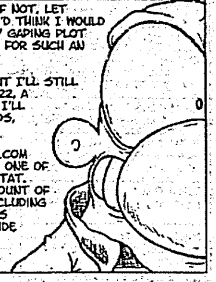
by James Kerr

YOU PROBABLY HEARD BY NOW THAT THIS IS THE LAST SHM OF THE SEMESTER. IF NOT, LET ME BE THE FIRST TO TELL YOU. THIS IS THE LAST SHM OF THE SEMESTER. YOU THINK I WOULD HAVE SEEN THIS COMING AND PREPARED BETTER. MAYBE NOT HAVE LEFT SO MANY GAPPING PLOT HOLES STILL OPEN. AT LEAST SHOWN SOME SORT OF WRITING SKILL TO PREPARE FOR SUCH AN OBVIOUS EVENTUALITY. I HAVE NOT.

IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, OPEATIONS AROUND HERE ARE SCHEDULED TO CEASE, BUT I'LL STILL BE HERE. THIS IS ALL I KNOW HOW TO DO. IT'S SAD, REALLY. USUALLY BY AGE 22, A DEVELOPING PERSON OBTAINS SOME SORT OF SKILL OR DIRECTION. BUT NOT ME. I'LL BE HERE AT MY UNCHANGING DESK, STILL WRITING THIS LITTLE COMIC NO ONE READS, ABSOLUTELY NO MONEY COMING IN, YET I SEE NO OTHER OPTIONS.

IF YOU FEEL LIKE STOPPING BY, I'LL STILL BE CAMPED OUT AT WWW.SHOOTMENOW.COM LIKE SOME SORT OF REVEREND GLASS ENCLOSED MANDARIN EXHIBIT AT THE 2000 ONE OF THOSE DISPLAYS MEANT TO APPROXIMATE SOME ODD CREATURES NOCTURNAL HABITAT. DESPITE THE SMELL AND THE FACT THAT I SEEM TO BE GAINING AN ALARMING AMOUNT OF WEIGHT LATELY, I'LL STILL BE CHUGGING ALONG. NEW STRIPS EVERY MON-FRI INCLUDING RAINTS, COMUS ART, AND A MESSAGE BOARD WHERE I FEEL THE TERM "MUTSACK" IS USED FAR TOO OFTEN. THERE WILL BE A BUCKET WITH AN OPENING ON TOP OUTSIDE THE DISPLAY. YOUR QUARTERS WILL HELP.

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Dormant Life

by Shane Pangburn

MIRACULOUSLY, JIM AND MILO WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE PRESENT JUST IN TIME FOR THE DRAMATIC BUT DISAPPOINTINGLY NOT FUNNY SEASON FINALE.

WELL, MY FAMILY IS HERE TO KICK ME UP GREAT! DOES THAT MEAN YOUR OWN AND YOUR SISTERS?

I WILL MISS YOU TOO MILO, BUT NOT NEARLY AS MUCH I WILL MISS THOSE FINE PIECES OF BLUE RIBBON ASS.

WELL, AREN'T YOU GOING TO MISS ME?

I HATE YOU, JIM!

No Dogs Allowed!

By Nick Day

Ah, Finals week! I'd sell my soul to the Devil himself if I could get out of taking any more tests. Too bad I already soled my soul last week for that candy bar. I mean, it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Let's Save Decatur by Seth Dewhirst

argh... right in me crunchberries

Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (May 7). Start out your year by finishing an old project. Don't think about what you won or lose; think about what you learned. You'll soon find all sorts of ways to use those skills. More deadlines mean more money, but also more stress. Do what you can. This won't last forever.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - The worst should be just about over by now. You're more in control by tomorrow. Don't dash out and do crazy things. It's too soon to take risks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Ocean breezes beckon, but it isn't time to travel just yet. You still have a few more knots to help untangle before you can leave a needy friend.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - The situation requires quick thinking, and luckily you're good at that. But don't be impetuous. Consider the outcome before you react. Think fast, but also think twice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Things are starting to get better. Soon, you'll have a chance to rest. But you'll also have to report on your progress. Tidy up, and write down a few notes. List successes first.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Deals put together now are apt to incur complications. If you want to do it anyway, read the fine print.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 10 - Recent developments have disrupted the status quo. Others may be confused, but you don't have to be. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - The confusion is abating. Your path soon will be clear, literally and figuratively. Meanwhile, just take it one step at a time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're running into all sorts of complications and potential setbacks. But you're lucky now, and that's how you'll prevail - luck, love and faith.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 4 - Yesterday's mess still needs cleaning up. Let an expert take over. If you don't know something, don't be embarrassed to admit it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - The storm is over, but everything has changed. New routines must be established. Ask for input from co-workers before making a decision. They'll know what to do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - Stay out of the way if a disagreement develops between a family member and a friend. You'll be more objective, and therefore more useful - if either will listen.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - The support of a stubborn friend - and your own good luck - see you through the tough times. Be as solid as a block of ice in order to get your opinion across.

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MOGAD

GEANET

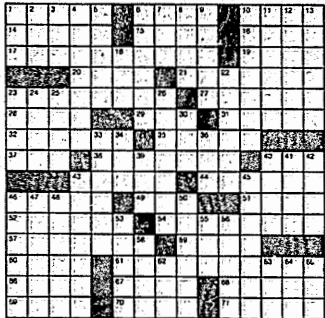
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Answer: A OF

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROUF LOONY ACTUAL SUCKLE Answer: How she felt after a long day of heavy shopping - "SPENT"

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Fouled farm workers
 - Actor Andrews
 - Beavers' barriers
 - Expect
 - Self-images
 - Dach
 - Greenhorn
 - Digestive fluid
 - Letter opener
 - Worth mentioning
 - Global conflict
 - More promising
 - Words of understanding
 - Affirmative
 - Trial runs
 - Heads tightly
 - Made well
 - Down for the count, briefly
 - Most favorable
 - Printer's measures
 - Central part
 - die corps
 - Wintery forecast
 - Nautical swear
 - Actress Moreno
 - Abard rumor
 - Legislator
 - Siege on lit
 - Body
 - God of love
 - Foreordain
 - Barnster's distance
 - Palate
 - Island near the Statue of Liberty
 - Morny and conger
 - liene or Meg
 - Shouts



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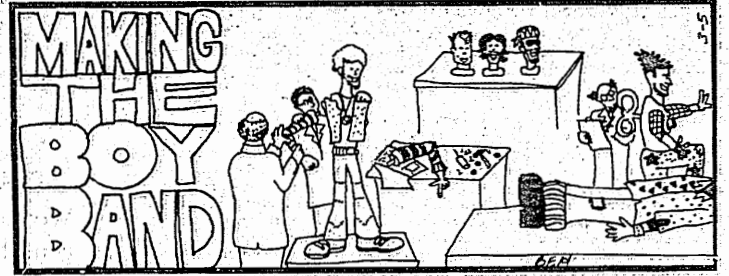
- DOWN**
- Made a lap
 - Ran's mate
 - Operated
 - Country voicis
 - Spilled horse
 - Play the expenses
 - Time past
 - Mildly
 - Fur merchant
 - John Jacob

Solutions:

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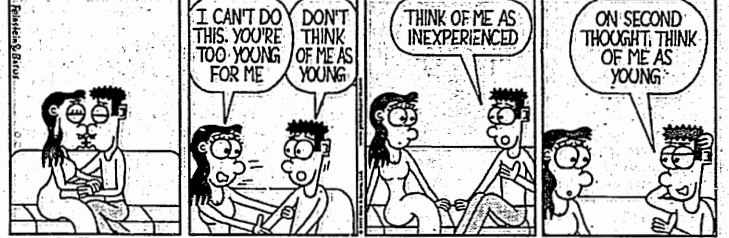
No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Today's jumble answers:
Banner: When the truckman returned late the boss - A LOT OF GARBAGE
Negate: When the truckman returned late the boss - A LOT OF GARBAGE
Dogma: When the truckman returned late the boss - A LOT OF GARBAGE
Cave: When the truckman returned late the boss - A LOT OF GARBAGE

Doonesbury



by Garry Trudeau

Mixed Media

by Jack Ohman



Helen, Sweetheart of the Internet

by Peter Zale



Jeff MacNelly's Shoe

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Track and field seniors remember the good times

Men's track and field team to lose three track stars

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

With the end of college typically comes either the start of graduate school or entrance into the work force. For the three seniors on the men's track and field team, the path of their future is clear as far as they can see it.

Captains Greg Denagall (jumps), Daniel Harrell (vault) and Joe Zeibert (distance) have all been members of the track and field team since they stepped onto SIU's campus.

Harrell and Zeibert began their careers with scholarships, and Denagall as a walk-on, eventually earning himself a scholarship.

In spite of numerous injuries throughout the years, all of them have collected memories they will cherish, some based on the same events, but with a special meaning to each of them.

Harrell's fondest memory of his tenure with the team is traveling to and from meets.

"Bonding with the team while traveling and competing together was a great experience," Harrell said. "Just the feeling that comes with being at a meet."

Zeibert said he will always remember working under former coach Bill Cornell and a performance during his sophomore year when he ran 3:48 in the 1,500 meter run.

Denagall said there are many things he remembers, but one that stands out is traveling with teammates his freshman year during spring break, because he had a lot of fun.

"I will miss competing and the unity we had," Denagall said.

Harrell and Zeibert said they will miss the excitement of competing after the Missouri Valley

Conference Championships — set for May 15-18 in Cedar Falls, Iowa — winds down.

Leaving a team after four or more years is like leaving a family, and as with the departure of any member of a family, there are always things that are left behind for the remaining family members.

Denagall said he would want his fellow teammates to approach every practice and every meet as if it were their last.

"Most importantly they should savor the moment and compete hard," Denagall said.

Harrell wants the remaining athletes to remember things he has told them and tried to teach them in order to have a fun and great experience.

"I want them to remember to train in other events because it will help them in the long run with their career," Harrell said.

After graduation, track and field will be another memory to be relived through stories, because none of the seniors will pursue track and field in the future.

Denagall will be leaving Carbondale to either work or attend graduate school. Harrell will be returning home to Danville and Zeibert will be attending graduate school as well.

"I will not continue with vaulting, but I will always remember my time here," Harrell said. "I am jumping as high as ever, and even though it has been an injury-plagued year, there were still some good experiences."

Zeibert, who hails from Lombard, plans to return to Dupage County to work with a local mapping and geographical firm.

They all have been through a lot during the years and are sad to be leaving, but said they will take with them the lessons learned and lasting friendships.

"It has been a good experience," Denagall said. "Since here, I've seen the team develop, and it has been very rewarding."

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Cocks



Hill



Roundtree



Williams

Women's seniors will be gone, but not forgotten

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Being a student-athlete can be tiresome at times, but it can also be rewarding and fun. The seniors of the women's track and field team have all been members since their freshman year and all share a love for the sport.

With all of them graduating to pursue their dreams, their last year on the team will be a forgetful memory that none of them want to forget. Julia Roundtree, Desiree Cocks, Shaneka Williams and Carla Hill will be leaving the team this June after competing at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships May 15-18 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Roundtree plans on staying at SIU to attend graduate school and compete unattached. Williams will focus on school and work toward obtaining her master's degree in business and administration.

Cocks will continue to compete for a few more months and represent her home country of Anguilla — which is 90 miles east of Puerto Rico — at the Commonwealth Games in July and August.

All of the women share memories and said they will always cherish the times spent together as a team competing, practicing and hanging out.

"One of my fondest memories is going to conference, being with the whole team for at least four days," Roundtree said. "It felt like

family and I will miss that the most."

Williams said she will definitely miss the sport itself because she has been competing since the seventh grade and will no longer have that team support.

Even though Cocks will continue to run she said she will miss working with the coaches and the whole aspect of collegiate competition.

The women said that as their time with the team lapsed, their ability and performance all enhanced.

"My last year was absolutely better," Williams said. "We were smaller, but closer as a team. We got along better and had a stronger relationship."

Cocks described her final season as interesting and a good learning experience. Roundtree said it was all she could have asked for. She set personal records and achieved all she had expected.

With all of the experiences over the years, the women are sad to leave the team but know they will keep in contact because they have created lifelong bonds with the other teammates.

Cocks wants the other athletes to keep a positive and winning attitude and continue to work toward their goals. Roundtree said that she wants the other women to keep with it because they may have ups and downs, but should never quit.

"Stay strong and dedicated and never doubt yourself," Williams said. "Never put a limit on what you can do."

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Club plays soccer in the water

Water polo club ends season in bizarre fashion

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

Murphy's Law reigned supreme for the SIU water polo club as it ended its season Saturday. SIU was scheduled to play a team from St. Louis and Princeia College, but Princeia canceled and the St. Louis team came late and the team members wound up playing themselves most of the day.

When they did get to play, they were forced to compete without their two best players, Paul Bell and Clark Lindsay. Bell injured his lower back, working security at the Nickelback concert and Lindsay shattered his knuckle punching an unidentified object.

But bad luck did not shine on Lucia Babuscakova, the club's most experienced and only female player. She played as usual, though SIU fell 20-9.

Babuscakova had 10 years of water polo experience on the Czechoslovakian and Slovakia national teams prior to playing for SIU. Babuscakova, who club president Joe Keating described as "a real asset to the team," said her experience has made her one of the team's elite players, even though she admits she can't compete with the men physically.

"Sometimes it's tough because guys are much stronger and tougher, and they're faster

too, but it's fun," Babuscakova said. "Sometimes I think guys get kind of mad and say, 'oh, she's just a girl,' but then they find out I can play."

And when they find out she can play, things get ugly.

"They just treat her like a guy, because she gets the crap beat out of her all the time," Keating said. "But she doesn't mind it."

Most schools that the club plays have separate teams, but SIU can't generate enough interest in water polo to put together a men's and a women's team, so Babuscakova and any other interested women will continue to play with the men.

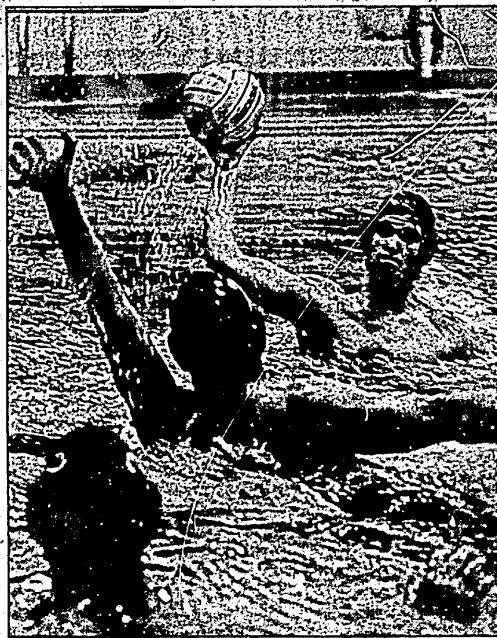
Male or female, anyone playing water polo can expect a few bruises and a workout unlike any other. A water polo player must be able to tread water for all 28 minutes of a match and still have the energy to throw a ball accurately.

Club secretary Michael Asmussen described water polo as a soccer game in the water. Bell said it is more demanding than most other sports, but anyone remotely athletic can be turned into a water polo player.

"You just have to be able to have fun," Bell said. "You don't have to be a stellar swimmer, you just have to be aware of what's going on."

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Anyone interested in playing water polo next year should contact Joe Keating at 530-1061



The SIU water polo team practices in the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium at the Recreation Center on Saturday afternoon.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

Decision on lights fast approaching

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said Monday he remains hopeful that night football will be played at McAndrew Stadium as early as this fall, though details still need to be worked through to make that a reality.

Kowalczyk said the local electrical union has been helpful in making labor costs for the project affordable, but that factors such as making sure SIU's opponents for the 2002 season are able to make the switch to a night game as well as coordinating work schedules for the project still need to be worked out.

The installation of lights is estimated to take about four months and cost near \$200,000. Kowalczyk said a decision on whether lights will be installed in time for the 2002 season will be made shortly.

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SIU enters the tournament as hot as any team in the six-team field, having won 12 of the past 15 games. Its pitching is also smoking, with freshman phenom Amy Harre on an eight-game winning streak and junior Renee Mueller fresh off of a no-hitter this past weekend.

Harre has carried the bulk of the load this season, but that doesn't necessarily mean she's going to do the same at the tournament. Blaylock said she isn't going to set a specific pitching rotation and while she thinks Harre will receive the starting nod against Evansville, after that, it'll be a game-by-game decision.

"A lot of times I go by gut and I go by past successes and things like that," Blaylock said.

Senior catcher Karrie Fortman said no team she's been a part of has entered the tournament with as much momentum as this year's squad.

"I think it's always been there in previous years throughout the whole season, but come to when it counts, at the conference tournament, it just hasn't been there," Fortman said. "I just haven't felt at the end of the year we've all been together."

"That's why I think it's so weird and different, but good about this team. Everyone has come together, and it just happens to be at the right time."

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Athletes feel sting of tuition increase

Department will have to scrounge up scholarship money if tuition rises.

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler's proposed 18 percent tuition increase has the Athletic Department brainstorming ways to fund additional scholarship money, but Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he will not eliminate any of SIU's programs to accommodate the hike.

"We're in the process of trying to project what kind of impact it will have on us in a more succinct way," Kowalczyk said. "We have to find ways to either trim expenses in some areas or increase our revenues in others."

The Board of Trustees will vote on the tuition

proposal at Thursday's meeting. If approved, it will place added strain on the already deficit-plagued department to pay for the pricier scholarships, but Kowalczyk is not fighting the tuition raise because he believes it is necessary.

"We're trying to control and contain our costs and still advance our programs, so any time we take a hit like this, it does affect us," said Kowalczyk, who is still unsure of the exact amount the department would need to cover. "But I think it is important that we have an increase in tuition."

The department does out the NCAA maximum of 204.2 scholarships between its men's and women's programs. Cheryl Bauersachs, an accountant with the Athletic Department, said cutting the number of scholarships offered is not a viable option.

"It's a big challenge for the department, but it's also important to fully fund the scholarships in order to stay competitive at the Division I level," Bauersachs said.

An 18 percent tuition increase would mean about \$600 extra per student, and double that for out-of-state students. Wendler said that all departments on campus are dealing with major fiscal challenges, and if the Athletic Department is resourceful, much of the added costs can be defrayed.

"Some of the athletes might be eligible for merit-based or need-based assistance, some of them might be eligible for some kind of work study, so we'll just go on a one at a time basis," Wendler said. "My guess is in the end, it'll be split between both the Athletic Department and the University."

Many of SIU's student-athletes pay out-of-state tuition, making their scholarships all the more costly. Bauersachs said the department would likely encourage incoming athletes to apply for Illinois residency, which requires they first live in the state for six months, in order to lower costs.

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Schwab's swan song

You're asked to pencil in your graduation date a thousand times during your college career, and each time I'd robotically jot down May 2002, never really expecting that mythical date to arrive. But Y2K was a hoax and the calendar has a funny way of going about its business, so now it's time to go.

I won't waste my last words in the DAILY EGYPTIAN saddling you with my melancholy. Instead, here are some lasting impressions of Saluki sports developed through four years at the paper, no holds barred, in the form of the good, the bad and the ugly.

The good: Fred Huff. The folksy Saluki sports information director retired last year after 35 distinguished years in Saluki Athletics. You name an SIU player, coach or team since 1960 and Fred has a story. But you better pull up a chair; it'll take a while.

The bad: Recent performances by the women's basketball, volleyball and baseball teams. Coach Cal's team is showing some life this spring, but on balance, these programs aren't close to where they need to be.

The ugly: The SIU Arena chairs. I understand the University doesn't have the cash to construct a new basketball facility right now. But how much would it take to paint these orange, brown and cream colored seats maroon?

The good: Sunny afternoons on the Hill at Abe Martin Field.

The bad: That it took a Title IX complaint for SIU administrators to agree to a new softball field.

The ugly: The end of former Saluki running back Karlton Carpenter's career. Carp is a sad reminder that success on the field doesn't always carry over once the final whistle blows and the stadium empties.

The good: Jerry Kill's personality. A true character, Kill is part salesman, part comedian and full-time football coach. He'll need all of those characteristics to resuscitate Saluki football... and the backing from the administration that his predecessors never had.

The bad: Students who show up to McAndrew Stadium to tailgate but never make it inside. There's plenty of time to drink beer and gab. It wouldn't kill you to watch the damn game.

The ugly: Giandomenico Marcaccini's

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Salukis shoot for second trip to Kansas

Diamond Dawgs hope to advance to tournament

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

After a chaotic weekend in the Missouri Valley Conference, the SIU baseball team's postseason outlook is just as fuzzy as it was before.

The Salukis — who split with non-conference foe Tennessee-Martin last weekend — remain in fifth place in the MVC with two more series remaining against Indiana State and Wichita State.

SIU (27-18, 12-12 MVC) will play host to the fourth-place Sycamores in a critical four-game series at Abe Martin Field this weekend and travel to Wichita next weekend to take on the first-place Shockers.

The Salukis trail Indiana State by only half a game and lead sixth-place Illinois State by a game. SIU can still be overtaken by some of the teams in the lower echelon of the conference, which makes the eight remaining games that much more important. Only the top six teams make the Valley tournament.

"We really need to take three or four from [Indiana State], and I think that'll put us in a real good spot," pitcher and third baseman Luke Nelson said. "You don't want to go into Wichita having to split or win three. That's a really tough place to play."

The series with Indiana State will also have some emotional significance as it will be the final home conference series for Saluki seniors John Clem, Scott Hankey, Dane Kerley, Justin Maurath, Ryan Murray, Jeff Stanek, Jason Westemeir and Nelson.



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SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan sits in deep thought as his team struggles through a game against Creighton earlier in the season. SIU has two series remaining, starting this weekend at home versus Indiana State, and each will be crucial to the Salukis' postseason chances.

During the past four years, these seniors have had their ups and downs, and they're all hoping to finish their collegiate careers with a bang, preferably in the MVC tournament in Wichita, Kan.

"The big thing is getting into that conference tournament," Nelson said. "It's going to be tough

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Salukis look to reverse disappointments at MVC tournament

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

In recent years, the SIU softball team has entered the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament the same way — with big expectations.

Over that span, the Salukis have also finished the tournament the same way — with early disappointing exits.

Last season, it was three and out in the double elimination tournament. In 2000, it was four and out. In 1999, it was two and out.

Entering the tournament, which starts Thursday at the Redbird Softball Complex in

Normal, the youthful No. 3-seeded Salukis don't have the pressure to win that they've had in years past.

The Salukis were picked to finish fifth in the preseason polls, but thanks to exceptional pitching and defense, were in second place for the majority of the season before finishing just a half-game behind No. 2 Creighton. The Bluejays had a conference mark of 18-7 while the Salukis were 17-7. The reason Creighton played more games was that the Salukis had three conference games rained out.

"In my eyes, if we play these three rain outs, we were the second-place team," said SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock. "We're going into the conference a

lot different now. I'm not saying it's going to be any different. I don't know really what's going to happen, but win or lose, I feel better with how we've played so far."

The difference of that half game is enormous in regards to the Salukis' first round opponent. SIU drew the No. 4 seed Evansville, which finished the season 32-24 overall and 16-8 in MVC play.

Creighton, on the other hand, drew No. 5 Southwest Missouri State, which finished 23-26 and 12-12 in the MVC. The other first round matchup is No. 1 Illinois State against No. 6 Northern Iowa.

The Salukis have beaten every opponent in the

six-team field at least once, with only two teams taking at least two from them. Those two are Illinois State and Evansville.

Sophomore shortstop Adie Viehhaus said even though Evansville and Illinois State beat the Salukis two out of three times during the regular season, the fact that it now comes down to just one game is something he likes.

"Maybe we may lose to Illinois State two out of three, but we may beat them one out of one," Viehhaus said. "That's how I look at it. When we lost some in our conference series, we had three chances to play them and now we only have one."

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