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REVIEW

Administration changes, labor dispute, tear gas on the Strip and a house cleaning for Saluki football.

A review of the stories that shaped the semester.

James Walker named president of SIU

SIU entered a new era Oct. 1 when President James Walker formally took the reigns from interim President Frank Horton. His appointment symbolized a landmark event during a transitional time at the University.

During his first few weeks in office, Walker was greeted by violent Halloween riots and heated faculty labor negotiations. But he remained unfazed as he acclimated to the Illinois legislature, confirmed a continuing investigation into the SIU unemployment compensation scandal of 1999 and began the process of implementing a nationwide search for an SIUC chancellor.

Walker's record of bolstering local economic

development as former president of Middle Tennessee State University made him an attractive prospect to Carbondale business owners. The Southern Illinois commerce industry welcomed Walker with a large reception shortly after his arrival here.

John Jackson announces retirement from position as chancellor of SIUC

As SIU welcomes one top-level administrator, the Carbondale campus prepares to say goodbye to another one.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson, a 31-year SIUC veteran, recently announced his retirement pending the hiring of his permanent replacement. Jackson, 60, was hastily moved from the provost position into the chancellorship after the unexpected termina-

tion of Jo Ann Argersinger in June of 1999.

Jackson's imminent departure spawned mixed response from past and present SIU members. His performance during the last 18 months was rated with both approval and reproach by various faculty and administrators.

Faculty Association, University Administration tussle over labor issues

While new names and faces began dotting the top SIU positions, the faculty union and administration engaged in fierce negotiations for the next faculty contract.

The labor talks escalated when negotiations broke down in September, and were later rekindled with the arrival of federal mediator

Richard Kirkpatrick. Mediation took on a more somber tone in early November, when the union voted overwhelmingly in favor of allowing its president to file an "intent to strike" any time he deems necessary.

However, a concentrated effort from both negotiating teams have kept the dueling factions at the table instead of the picket line. The next mediation session is slated for Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Halloween sees reopening of bars on the Strip, chaos and vandalism follow

This Halloween was the first time in five years bars on the Strip were allowed to remain



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CALENDAR

First Christian Church, Fairya 684-5402.

UPCOMING:

- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for International students, every Tues, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the corner of Forrest and Mill, Judy 457-2898.
- Assertiveness Training Group screening for new members, every Tues, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 453-3655.
- Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages, Dec. 12, 4 to 6 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- American Advertising Federation meeting, every Tues, 7 p.m., Communications Building Room 1244, Erika 536-6321.
- Art Exhibition Dec. 13, noon to 2 p.m., SIUC Museum Paner.
- Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed, 4:30

p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

- Model U.N. meeting, every Wed., 5 to 7 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Jill 351-9881.
- Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Army 549-0840.
- Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.
- Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 457-8197.
- Circle K International volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.
- Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.

TODAY

- Small Business Development Center offers business start-up seminars, 1 to 4 p.m., Bunn-Richmond Economic Development Center in Carbondale, 536-2424.
- Women's Midlife Career Development Group screening for new members, every Mon., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.
- Alpha Phi Omega meeting, every Mon., 6 to 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Mike 457-4059.
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.
- Saluki Suzuki Strings concert, 7 p.m.,

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open. Fall Break continued in an attempt to curb riots that occurred in years past, but the weekend still proved disastrous.

About 800 people gathered the Saturday morning preceding Halloween and 2,500 on Sunday morning. The crowds were mixed with rioters who tore down trees, business signs and heaved rocks through windows.

Halloween arrived Tuesday and when the bars closed, about 2,000 people poured onto the Strip. Revelers throwing trash, bottles and rocks at police officers. Officers attempted to disperse the crowds with Mace and threw tear gas.

Business owners were left with thousands of dollars worth of damage. A week after the riots, City Council members voted to close the five bars lining the Strip and restrict keg sales on Halloween night and the preceding weekend indefinitely.

The University later provided a solution of its own to rearrange the calendar and close school for the entire week of Halloween and to shorten Thanksgiving break to include only Thursday through Sunday, pending approval from President James Walker.

New faces, leadership for SIU sports

The SIU, Athletic Department added new leadership when interim Chancellor John Jackson announced Paul Kowalczyk as the Athletic

Director. Kowalczyk officially took office June 1, and made headlines when he fired former SIU football coach Jan Quarless Nov. 19. Quarless was fired less than 24 hours after a 22-0 loss at Western Kentucky University.

Quarless finished 3-8 in three of his four seasons at the helm of the Saluki football program. Quarless publicly blasted the University on repeated occasions for its lackluster support of football.

Kowalczyk named Jerry Kill as the new coach a little more than three weeks after firing Quarless. Kill coached at Kansas Emporia State University for two seasons. He also had impressive records coaching at Saginaw Valley State University.

Kill signed a five-year contract with a base salary of \$90,000.

WEATHER



TODAY:

Showers
 High: 47
 Low: 22



TOMORROW:

Mostly cloudy
 High: 25
 Low: 12



WEDNESDAY:

Snow
 High: 30
 Low: 18

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

• Alease L. Coleman, 19, Carbondale, was arrested between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Wednesday in Allen II and charged with battery. Coleman was released on a personal recognizance bond.

• Ricardus J. Howard, 18, Carbondale, was arrested at 9:50 a.m. Thursday in Grinnell Hall and charged with aggravated battery. Howard was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

• A motor vehicle burglary was reported in Lot 62 (south of Wright Hall). The burglary occurred between 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and 3 p.m. Thursday. The items reported missing were a Pioneer compact disc player and a radar detector. Police have no suspects, and are continuing to investigate.

• A motor vehicle burglary was reported between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2:46 p.m. Thursday in Lot 106 on South Wall Street. Stolen was a Sony mini CD player valued at \$500. Police have no suspects.

CORRECTIONS

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAUL EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 228 or 229.

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 Carbondale Clinic
 Urgent Care Center
 2601 West Main
 549-5361
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 405 West Jackson
 549-0721

Correction:
 The Papa John's ad that ran on Friday, Dec. 8, 2000 contained incorrect information. The correct final exam times are:
 • Classes meeting on Saturday & Sunday exam time is Fri., Dec. 15, 5:50 - 7:30 pm
 • Make-up exams for students whose petitions have been approved by the dean are Fri., Dec. 15, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

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Documentary produced by SIUC faculty

New professor brings talents to University

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Viewers can sample a taste of Korea through a new documentary produced and directed by a radio-television professor.

"Hidden Korea," which premieres on PBS at 7 p.m. Thursday, offers an hour-long introduction to the culture and customs of South Korea, with food as the main entree.

Jan Thompson, who came to SIUC this fall, produced and directed the program and composed the music. She co-founded Food for Thought Productions with her husband, Bruce Kraig, who is the program's writer, host and archaeologist.

"These are not cooking shows, and it's not 100-percent food," Thompson said.

The programs are funded through a few small grants. Thompson said the lack of funding often forces her and her crew to be creative.

"It's been very difficult," Thompson said. "To go to a foreign country, not have the type of [financial] support you should have and come back and put a show together for a national audience."

She filmed the documentary in 1998 with her husband, a crew of two people and a translator. Working 10 to 12 hours a day, they flew through about six provinces in two weeks.

"We are constantly on the move," Thompson said.

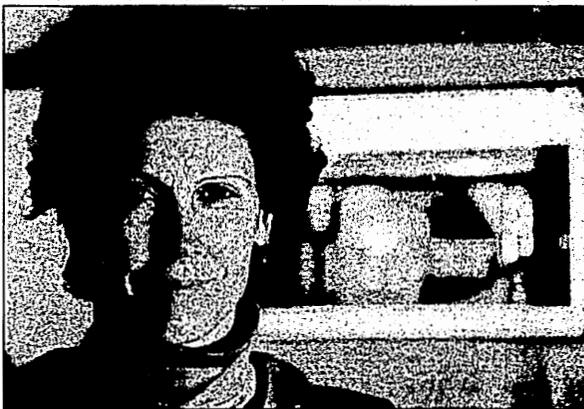
She said they were usually behind schedule, because she constantly wants to stop when she sees something interesting.

"A good 75 to 80 percent that ends up in the show is not planned," Thompson said.

Thompson's first documentary of this kind was filmed in 1992 in China. Since then, she has completed two on Mexico and is working on "Hidden India."

The team usually stays out of the modern areas of a country and tries to avoid "the beaten path," she said.

Thompson said it is important to plan ahead



TED SCHURTER • DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jan Thompson spent two weeks in South Korea gathering information and footage for her documentary on the food and culture of the country. The show will air on PBS Thursday at 7 p.m. CST.

and be prepared with an outline. But, she said she never knows for sure what will be waiting for them in each country.

"The recipe is constantly changing," Thompson said.

Our goal is to make the country approachable to an American audience.

JAN THOMPSON
Producer, director of "Hidden Korea"

She said she tries to visit countries that are not well known by Americans and often do not receive positive exposure.

"Our goal is to make the country approachable to an American audience," Thompson said.

Although more and more Americans are becoming culinary adventurers, Thompson said many foods are still foreign to Americans.

"There's more to life than meat and potatoes," Thompson said.

After India, Thompson has a contract to make one more film for PBS. The location has not yet been chosen, but Thompson is pushing for the Philippines.

PBS DOCUMENTARY

"HIDDEN KOREA" AIRS AT 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY ON WSIU-TV.

A special presentation of "Hidden Korea" will be shown today for SIU President James Walker and other administrators in the Communications Building. Thompson said she plans to continue making films like "Hidden Korea," because there is a need for these types of educational entertainment.

She wants to create a documentary center at SIUC, where faculty and students can produce quality documentaries.

Scott Hodgson, acting chair of the Radio-Television Department, said the department has always tried to recruit people with a national reputation. He said Thompson's real-life experiences will add to the University and be passed on to students.

"There's only so much you can teach out of a textbook," Hodgson said.

Police working to identify perpetrators of holiday mayhem

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While students study for final exams, SIUC and Carbondale Police Departments are studying for the final Halloween arrests.

Using photographs and video tapes from a variety of sources, both departments continue to review recorded evidence from the Halloween riots this year. Police hope to be able to identify additional suspects involved in the mayhem between Oct. 27 and Oct. 31.

Neither agency was inclined to identify those who were making the identifications, saying only that it included people who might recognize perpetrators from both the local community and SIUC student body.

SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler said SIUC police had made 35 additional identifications, and still had one more tape to review. While no additional arrests have been made yet, potential suspects should not have a sign of relief thinking they got away with something.

"That information will be forwarded to the State's Attorney's Office for consideration of charges," Sigler said. "We can't make arrests at this point without warrants because

of the time that has passed."

Carbondale Police Sgt. Paul Echols said his department had also made additional identifications, with several tapes left to review. Most of the charges that could come out of reviewing the tapes and photographs have a three-year statute of limitations, but Echols said it would not take nearly that long. He estimated that the review would last for a few more weeks at the most.

"It's just going to take time," Echols said, "and we still have our other cases to work on."

Like SIUC police, Carbondale police plan to compile all the information and present it to the city attorney or the state's attorney. It will be up to them whether charges are brought against those identified in the tapes.

Of the more than 50 SIUC students arrested, most faced charges of public possession of alcohol or underage possession of alcohol. Fines and court costs ranged from a low of \$139 to \$610, depending on the offense and the circumstances. Two SIUC student still face Class 4 felony charges for property damage in excess of \$300. If convicted, they could face prison sentences of up to three years and fines as high as \$10,000.

Approval of Student Conduct Code postponed

Jurisdictional problems, appeals process language possible reasons for stall

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

New language within the Student Conduct Code, slated for January approval, will be postponed for unclear reasons.

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer alerted USG members at their final meeting that concerns about the jurisdiction language and the appeals process prompted the stalling of its approval.

This week's SIU Board of Trustees meeting agenda does not include any discussion concerning the new language for the conduct code, according to Ben Syfert, Undergraduate Student Trustee.

Syfert was reluctant to speculate on reasons why, but said some problems exist in the language concerning jurisdiction and the appeals process, as well as the elimination of a fact-finding hearing.

"The new language gives the Office of Student Affairs an extreme amount of discretion," Syfert said.

He said that with the minimal number of cases that reach the BOT level of appeal, it would be important to remember legislation that appeals to a minority situation should not be drafted.

With language extending jurisdiction powers, eliminating the fact-finding hearing and limiting the appeals process, Syfert said there is definitely a reason for concern.

Syfert said if the new language is implemented, the appeals process would allow the Chancellor's Office final decision-making, eliminating the availability of appeal to the BOT, or the SIU president, which is part of the current policy.

An advisory panel to the chancellor would be created, possibly composed of four students and four members of administration and faculty, according to Syfert.

Students who reach this level in the Judicial Affairs process would plead their case to such a panel, who would then make recommendations to the Chancellor's Office concerning the case.

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BEN SYFERT
Undergraduate Student Trustee

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Final BOT meeting of semester Thursday

The Board of Trustees will conduct its final meeting of the semester Thursday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Ballroom B of the Student Center.

The Board is expected to approve eight candidates to be named Board of Directors for the Dunn-Richmond Center, the 42-acre research park being constructed to create technology and knowledge-based businesses through research completed at SIUC.

The eight candidates are: Jeff Doherty, John Linehan, Pat Stearns, Mike Kearney, Dennis Doelitzsch, Joe Kessler, Jack Langowski and John Dosier.

Fraternity hearings take place this week

The hearings for the six Phi Beta Pi fraternity members accused of hazing will take place this week Monday through Wednesday.

Fraternity members were suspended Oct. 18 because of an alleged Oct. 9 hazing incident. Two rushes of the fraternity reported being "paddled" by six members of the fraternity. The members' suspensions were lifted Oct. 25 while the investigation continued.

Finals week has its perks

The Recreation Center is giving back to the students this week, holding extended hours through Tuesday. Known as the second annual Saluki Finals Finish, between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., students will have access to Recreation Center facilities as well as food and prizes.

Bill McMinn, director of Intramural and Recreational sports, said the program gives students another place to study besides their room or the library.

The event evolved from a simple extension of Recreation Center hours during finals week. A similar program at Western Michigan University sparked the idea. McMinn said in keeping with the Recreation Center's fitness theme, healthy foods like fruit will also be provided.

Beginning Sunday night, students can register for prizes throughout the nights. The Recreation Center purchased most of the prizes, including a kayak, SIU sweat-shirts, mini-refrigerators and a computer scanner. Some prizes were also donated by local sporting companies.

Faculty and staff from many academic departments have the opportunity to reserve space to schedule tutorial help sessions in the Recreation Center. Students will be informed by their professors if a session is scheduled for their class.

"We're supported by students," McMinn said. "It's a nice way to thank the students for choosing SIUC and attending our University."

Illinois ranks first in state report cards

Illinois recently placed first among the 50 states in the inaugural report card grading higher education across the nation.

Illinois received A's for college preparation, participation in higher education and affordability; a B- in benefits of higher education; and a C+ in degree completion rates. All states received an "incomplete" in the sixth category, learning, because necessary information was not available.

The National Center report card also ranked Illinois as the best performing state in the nation in providing college education for working-age adults and nontraditional students.

TOPICS

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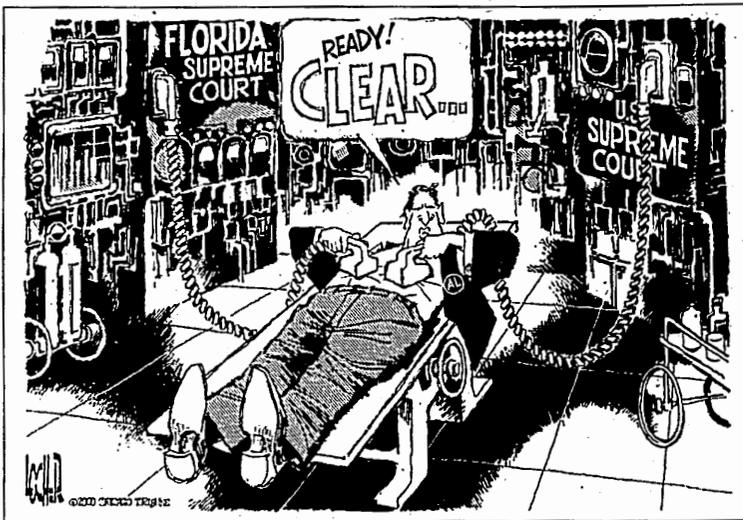
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OUR WORD

Ravers are playing roulette with ecstasy

In every story the Daily Egyptian has printed about raves, at least one rave-goer is quoted saying the scene is "about the music, not the drugs."

Even if drugs are not the object of the underground parties, law enforcement and many who frequent raves attest designer drugs such as ecstasy provide the characteristic backdrop to the events.

Although college ravers should be concerned about the risks they are taking with their own police records, getting arrested is the least of the frightening consequences that can follow a party infested with chemical drugs.

Friday's Daily Egyptian reported that ecstasy is more dangerous than most people realize, causing dehydration and high fever. Alone, the drug isn't as harmful as other club drugs, but many users combine it with alcohol or other drugs to increase the euphoric affects. As the affects are heightened, so are the hazards.

But even if users are careful not to combine ecstasy with other drugs, they are gambling on the chance that ecstasy is

actually what they are getting. Pills referred to by any of ecstasy's street names could be cut with cocaine, speed or PMA — all of which have their own sets of lethal risks.

Users of ecstasy and other drugs accept personal risks when they take illegal substances, but in a rave scenario the hazards are amplified. Because the parties are often illegal, ravers may be more hesitant to call an ambulance or get help in an emergency situation. Or the darkness and chaotic atmosphere may conceal a person who needs help.

Ravers are by no means the only users of club drugs, but they may have the most to lose. People die every year from ecstasy and drugs they thought were ecstasy. It would only take one rave-related, drug-induced death in Carbondale to generate a severe crack down on the scene, ending raves in Southern Illinois for the foreseeable future.

For many rave-goers, it probably is about the music. But unless they work to remove the dangerous drugs from the situation, they are counting on luck not to see the day the music dies.

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It's time to put out the flames for good

As if we smokers needed yet another reason to quit, the American Cancer Society released a study last week that shows smoking increases the chances of contracting — get ready for this — MALIGNANT CANCER OF THE RECTUM! This joins a long list of other horrendous maladies that have been linked to smoking, including emphysema, impotence and, in some cases, full-body paralysis.

Scientists have now concluded that nicotine is the cause of everything, the black plague of the modern world. I have been wanting to quit for some time now, and actually have eight different times in the past four months. But nothing is quite as persuasive as the new possibility of having a giant tumor growing out of my rear end. This is a situation I usually try to avoid.

Anyone who has tried to quit can tell you that it is no easy task — it is an addictive activity in many different ways, and it has been around since the dawn of time. History says smoking originated in prehistoric times, when a socially inept caveman found an odd plant and, as with most odd things he found, decided to light it on fire and put it in his mouth. Almost immediately the plant made him feel cool, and he no longer had to resort to beating women over the head with a club in order to get them to have sex with him. I will admit that I expected similar results when I started, and so far haven't been disappointed, except for the fact that women still won't sleep with me.

In addition to apparently giving a person the sex appeal of a trout, smoking is also expensive — I understand you can buy a small yacht for the price of a pack

of cigarettes in Chicago. Sometimes I think I would save myself a lot of time and health problems if I just drove by the gas station and flung a wad of money out the window in the general direction of the building. Also, cigarettes have the unique quality of making anything within a 25-foot radius smell like burning hair. And if nothing else, it's no fun to accidentally take a drink from a soda can in which you just disposed of a cigarette butt.

Throughout my efforts, all the major quitting aids have been of little help — the gum has been talked up as a perfect way to eliminate the mental addiction, instead focusing your mind on the fact that you are gnawing on a Chiclet that tastes similar to grass clippings. Other aids have yielded similar results. Having begun to hang out with future journalists is not a help, either. As a rule, journalists will ingest anything into their body that can lead to inebriation.

I am sure I am not alone in wondering if anything can help to break this habit short of the surgical removal of my lips, which also has the distinct possibility of reducing sex appeal. From what I can tell, a smoker wanting to quit just needs to face the music, admit that starting probably wasn't the brightest of ideas and just put out all the flames for good. And then spend two days twitching in the dark, trying to ignore that your teeth feel funny.

But as I try again, I am sure I will be able to take some new encouragement into the dark with me. I really don't think cancer of the rectum is the pain in the butt that I want to have to deal with.

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THEIR WORD

Clinton began in a trailer and ended in a limousine

Most Americans genuinely believe that their fair nation has abolished the notion of class. They are wrong. America has a sophisticated class system and nowhere is its presence more apparent than in recent political events.

Bill Clinton is many things to many men (and women, of course), but no one has ever claimed that he is a true American hero. He obviously lacks the moral backbone that a John Wayne or George Washington had to temper their innate ability. Clinton would probably knife his enemy in the back while he slept instead of blowing his guts out in the street at high noon like a real man ought to. He would probably deny all knowledge of any cherry-tree slivers found in his bed.

Enter George W. Bush. A gunslinger type from Texas who shoots from the hip. He poses as the perfect man to kick that randy playboy out of the White House — that profligate but maddeningly prodigal president, that scamp, that no good, white trash ... ah, there it is.

Ultimately, 'Dubya' was never running against Al Gore. He was running against Bill Clinton and the age of Clinton. He was running to restore 'dignity' to the White House. He was running to restore the dynasty, to avenge Papa Bush. And at the heart of that vendetta lies the shadowy issue of class.

Behind all the hype and the image, Bush the younger is a spoilt, East Coast rich boy who has achieved nothing on his own. He got into Yale and Harvard because of his daddy (himself a rich East Coastster with Texas face-paint on) where he spent his time killing brain cells (apparently very successfully) and engineering ingenious frat pranks.

Bush certainly grins and waves very well, which apparently qualifies one to be president nowadays. But consider for a moment the man who was supposed to be the villain of Bush's election story. Bill Clinton was born into poverty in backwater Arkansas. He never knew his real father. He used his brains to win a scholarship to Georgetown, then to Yale and, finally, a Rhodes scholarship. In his cowardly fashion he decided to take the world's most prestigious academic fellowship in England instead of going and getting shot at by the Vietcong like a good American boy should (meanwhile, Dubya was partying and bravely flying planes for the Texas National Guard).

Unlike some of his altruistic contemporaries, Clinton did not elect to go to Vietnam so that a poor southerner would not be seen in his stead. He was a poor southerner who, were it not for his intellect, would have been the first posted on jungle patrol. Clinton got his degree, became a law professor, an attorney general, a governor and, finally, president.

Clinton, therefore, satisfies two of the great American myths — the 'American Dream' and the idea that any American, no matter how low-born, can become president. Clinton did so but gets no credit for it. He embodies everything Republicans talk about when they give their reasons for slashing government programs, and yet they have painted him as the great Satan.

True, he worked hard and achieved in the worlds of academia and government — things considered somewhat less noble than screwing people out of their money in the American hierarchy of values. And, of course, he committed the great crime of being too indifferent about his sexual indiscretions. But the real reason that Clinton has so far been denied heroic status is that the establishment considers him trailer trash. He is not one of them; he is uppity. He comes from the wrong side of the national tracks.

And so it is with George Bush senior, the ultimate American patriot. Who really believes that Dubya would have run for president without his father's name or prompting? Reports from inside the Bush camp made it clear that Dubya was running because the upstart Clinton had 'stolen' Bush senior's second term. Dubya was out to reclaim the family legacy from those no good Clintons.

Only a family so accustomed to wealth, power and privilege would treat the most important elected office in the world as though it was theirs by right. If anyone has besmirched the integrity of the office it is the Bush clan, not Clinton who, at least in international terms, has sent the prestige of the presidency skyrocketing.

With all this character assassination and vilification, how then has Clinton become so successful? Because, in trying to destroy any chance of his becoming a hero, his enemies pushed him into that other American icon status — the underdog.

Because of the unspoken rules of class, Clinton may never be a great American hero. But it was the American people's grudging but honest acceptance of unfairness — when it hits them in the face — that let him overcome the greatest crisis of his presidency. Now, as the Bush succession hobbles ineffectually into the great shadow cast by Clinton's presidency and the reputation of his aristocratic congressional enemies lie in tatters, it is Clinton who will have the last bark.

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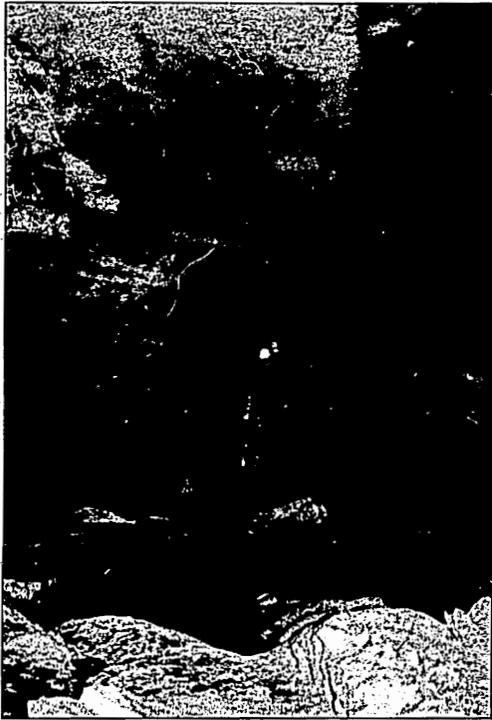


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In the age of extreme adventuring, caving is drawing increased interest. It's dirty, it's tough and there's serious danger involved. A look at what the fuss is all about.



(Left) A leader from Boy Scout Troop #313 from Desperes, Mo, wanders through Illinois Caverns. (Above) Two young explorers with another group squeeze their way through another passage.



Jim Meany and Kevin DeVoto of Troop #313 and the writer pass "The Dragon," a geological formation within the cave. Illinois Caverns has hundreds of these unique formations.

The darkness engulfed us. Somewhere beneath the frigid November earth near Waterloo, our group of virginal adventurers had extinguished head lamps and flashlights and silenced voices to experience pitch black within the bowels of Illinois Caverns.

Now, there was nothing but soupy blackness. No light, no commotion, no wind. Nothing. In the distance, the sound of water whispering through the caverns solidified our location — far removed from the world yet much closer to the center of it all.

"And let there be light," one of our group members joked, and flipped on his head lamp. I blinked and gazed around at the shadowy Netherworld that surrounded us. Here we were, deep within the earth's hollow sanctuary, with little light and a dumb-luck reliance on the flashlight's batteries. Above our heads, through hardened clay, dolomite bedrock, limestone, rock, gravel, mud and leaves was the open air and sunshine.

It seemed miles away. EARLIER THAT DAY seven of us, along with two group leaders, met at the Recreation Center as part of the Rec-sponsored adventure trips. After more than an hour drive, our hearty crew descended from the light into a jagged crevasse with adventure on our minds, poised to experience the raw natural beauty of the world under our feet.

"Say good-bye to the sky everybody," our intrepid leader, Steve Krake, had said while we made our descent. He should have added "and to fresh air, ample space and a sense of direction." Being surrounded by shadows, near darkness and a desultory

landscape was enough to cause simultaneous confusion and awe. "For the first two to three minutes, you don't breathe as good as you do outside," Ines Holte, a German graduate student, would later recall. "You're in a prison and dependent on this battery."

Dependent indeed. Illinois Caverns encompasses six miles of mapped passageways that worm their way through the dank earth. Though just a meek dugout compared to the more than 350 miles of mapped passageways at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, its tunnels are a geological marvel, adorned with stalactites hanging like Medieval Christmas lights, stalagmites, flowstones and reptilian-shaped rock columns that slither grotesquely from the ceiling to the floor.

A trifle frightful, maybe, but we were exceedingly lucky to have free access to what some deem an inappropriate sport. While fascinating and thrilling, cave exploration has drawn the ire of seasoned veterans who fear vandalism and high-traffic routes destroy ancient cave formations that are priceless to geologists and most cavers, but just another knickknack for souvenir-hungry beginners.

"Man has a great deal of impact on caves," notes six-year caver Geoff Schropp, an assistant program coordinator at SIU's Touch of Nature. "There's a fair amount of life people need to be wary of. As bats hibernate during the winter, you need to be careful not to disturb them since they have a finite amount of energy stored. If they're disturbed and they fly around and use a lot of it up, they may not survive the winter."

Add to this the heavy traffic and sometimes blatant disregard for the mounting beauty of the caverns. Along our travels a used

diaper lay directly in our path, offering a sickening testament to the caustic carelessness of ignorant cavers. Though disappointing, it was hard to dwell on the negative for too long.

IN THE DISTANCE we heard echoing voices, resonating from all around us; then, an array of lights emerging from the distance, appearing as small fireflies floating toward us in single file. It turned out those bright insects were but seven children and their adult leader. They walked by us humming and singing with determined resolve in their jolly dwarf way, as if they were marching home to Snow White.

Our trip would last a few hours, with all of us transfixed and positively affected by the experience in some way.

"Caving is very symbolic of life to me," said Clivia "Shy" Horton as she leapt over another crossing. "It's like walking in the darkness, and there's lots of rocks and dips, and difficulty, deep water to tread through. But once it's done, it's much simpler and easier. After you're done you see more colors and the diversity of life."

"We're all trying to come from the darkness into the light." After a few more hours, we were back at the origin of our trek, and the sliver of light seemed to shine biblically from above, a surreal ending to a dark journey. We'd emerged true cavers.

And blinking, we headed for the light.

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Ailing Salukis return home after sluggish roadtrip

SIU hoopster men falter; lose 88-79 against UIC

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The Salukis dropped a 88-79 decision to the University of Illinois-Chicago, marking the third consecutive loss on three-game road trip.

"If you were to ask Bruce Weber what went wrong following Saturday's conclusion to the Salukis three-game road trip, the reply could roll on like a 7-year-old's Christmas list.

After the Salukis 88-79 setback to the University of Illinois-Chicago at Allstate Arena, marking the third consecutive loss on the road swing, the third-year Saluki head coach rattled off a number of problems that plagued his team throughout the week.

"It's not one guy, it's everybody," said Weber on his post-game radio show.

Weber started with his senior leaders, Josh

Cross and Abel Schrader, and went on down the line, including some self-criticism.

"I'm not criticizing Abel or Josh, I think they're trying, but they also have never been in the spot where they got to be the main guys making plays," Weber said.

"The seniors got to lead better, I've got to coach better and everyone else has got to get smarter and mature."

Saturday, the Salukis' (3-3) opponent jumped out to a hot start for the third-straight contest as the Flames shot 54 percent from the field and knocked down 6-of-10 three-point attempts to take a 52-41 lead at the half.

In an almost identical replica of the game at Southeast Missouri State University Tuesday, where SEMO scored 54 first-half points, the Salukis had trouble making stops on the defensive end and with dribble penet-

tration from the UIC (4-3) backcourt in the opening minutes.

Offensively, SIU's two leading scorers, sophomores Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman, combined for only six points and one field goal in the first half. Sophomore swing man Toshay Harvey picked up the slack, scoring a team-high 13 first-half points.

Harvey attributed the Salukis' poor starts on the road to attitude.

"Everybody comes out playing lackadaisical and stuff, instead of just being mean," Harvey said. "We need to come out and be mean and stop playing like a little girl."

And despite his strongest overall performance of the season, Harvey was displeased with the showing.

"Anytime my team loses it's a bad game," Harvey said.

The Salukis came out more aggressive in the second half, and made the game competitive, but could never take the lead. The closest SIU would get was 72-70 in the final six minutes.

UIC guards Jon-Pierre Mitchom and Joel Bullock troubled SIU throughout the game, scoring 18 and 15, respectively. Bullock also recorded eight rebounds and distributed eight assists.

Other than Harvey, SIU didn't have too much offensive punch, as Cross scored 15 and Dearman finished with 14, scoring 12 in the second half.

Williams didn't score his first field goal until the 16:55 mark in the second half, and his only other field goal was a desperation three-pointer as the shot clock expired later in the half. He finished with nine points.

"[Kent] never got into a rhythm ... I think he was frustrated in the first half," Weber said. "I think he's down because he's not defending well."

Williams is far from being the only Saluki frustrated lately. Starting from the head coach down to the last man on the bench, confidence and consistency was lacking — even from the enthusiastic bench players.

"The bench guys are mad because they see what the other guys are doing — and they're not playing hard, they're not doing anything. Heck, I'd be mad too," Weber said.

At 3-3, SIU is at the same position it was last season after six games, but last year the team was happy to be at 3-3 after a 1-3 start. That feeling isn't mutual this year.

"If we play, I think we could be 5-1, but I guess we're not ready for that," Weber said.

With a full week of practice on the forefront before a home date with Murray State on Sunday, Weber wants junior point guard Brandon Mells to get into better game shape for one, and secondly, some players to step up and win more playing time.

"If they don't play hard [in practice], they're going to sit at the end of the bench," Weber said. "Somebody's got to step up and earn time and be consistent."

Pearl Harbor Invitational highlights Saluki's winter break

SIU begins conference play Jan. 2

ANDY EGENSEN
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

White beaches, snorkeling and a luau.

Those are just a few plans the SIU men's basketball team will be looking forward to throughout winter break.

After Sunday's home game against Murray State, the Salukis will highlight the winter break with a three-game tournament at the Pearl Harbor Invitational at Laie, Hawaii, beginning Dec. 21. The Salukis will play an opening round contest against the University of Mississippi.

SIU will then play the University of Southern California or Brigham Young University of Hawaii, depending on which teams win their opening round game. Other teams in the tournament include Iowa State University, which made the Elite Eight in last season's NCAA tournament and Brigham Young University, which defeated the Salukis in the National Invitational Tournament last season.

"Two years ago, we had 33 days that we were on campus when the students weren't there and we had a bunch of home games in that stretch," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber. "It gets long and old for them, this is a nice trip for them."

"The team will allow enough time to visit the tourist attractions.

The Salukis will visit the site where Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese during World War II. Also, the team will go snorkeling and have a luau before traveling to Laie for the games.

After the trip, the Salukis will return home for games against Saint Mary's (California) Dec. 31 and open league play against the University

of Northern Iowa Jan. 2. SIU will finish the winter break with a road game at Southwest Missouri State University, before wrapping up versus Bradley University Jan. 10 and Illinois State University Jan. 14 at home.

The Salukis breezed through the first three home contests before losing three straight road games. Weber is hopeful the team can learn from the three road losses because SIU has three conference games on the road in mid-February, in which the Salukis have to travel to Iowa twice in the same week.

"Sooner or later, you look at teams that don't play tough schedules, non-conference wise, and they get in the league and all of a sudden they are going to face three in a row on the road," Weber said. "Once you get to January and February, you either go one way or the other."



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SIU basketball coach Bruce Weber jabs an official in a recent game. The Salukis (3-3) started out the season with three consecutive home wins before dropping three games on the road.

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