Mom 'n' Pops strained by weak economy

One dying Carbondale bookstore won't surrender without a fight

Maureen Trouth
DAILY EGYPrian

Sigurd Utgaard, known to his customers as simply Sig, realizes it is just part of the changing modern landscape. Mom and Pops go down while big chains come up. "Nowhere. Anywhere, USA, with exciting bargain prices made available through mass production.

But Sig's little community bookstore, Rosetta News, is caught in the battle. He's been fighting the fight his cash register is feeling the empires of the trend toward the corporate.

Sig does not blame a recession siphoning off all small businesses for the closing stores in sites that threaten to shut Rosetta's doors. He believes his customers are the local Barnes and Noble, the ease of clicking on Amazon.com and the struggle to stay alive is a college town with diminishing enrollment.

But quoting Mark Twain, he says, "the rumors of my demise are premature." The blue Egyptian eye that lights the storefront of Rosetta News, 212 W. Freeman, will continue to cast its fluorescent glow if he can help it.

"Mom and Pops are getting tougher for everyone," says Sig, expelling the steam out of the store's door machine. "We don't like it, but we don't like to think about it [closing] everyday. It's impossible to consider as the most viable option left. If you wish a labor of love, it would've been gone long ago."

Sig does not believe he is struggling just to save his business, but to provide people in a literary outlet as vivid and bold as people themselves. The name Rosetta News may be a misnomer. This is not a place to pick up a copy of the newspaper per se, but a weighty read to come as a window into regional, national and international events.

In 1984, the Carbondale native and SIU graduate of philosophy and German, returned to his hometown to start his own bookstore. We try to carry books that people remember after the hype machine has been turned off, the kind of books that friends recommend to each other," Sig explains. "The advantage of going into a bookstore is finding stuff you don't know you're looking for since 1996."

This is the reason April Barnard, a graduate student in sociology at SIUMC, could be found browsing the Ecology section last Thursday. She shops at Rosetta to support local business, and because of the way the diversity leads her to read she didn't know you learned.

"You're not going to see it at Barnes and Noble," said Sig, pointing to a book whose leafy ever-changing out of the herbal section, read, "Marijuana Outlook: Guerrilla Growing." "This is more cutting edges, and actually I was coming here to find a new topic."

Sig added he wouldn't read out of love, it would've been gone long ago.

Sig Utgaard, owner of Rosetta News bookstore, stands in the aisle of his store Sunday. Rosetta News is suffering as a small business because of corporations such as Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble taking away business.

Recession-smacks Illinois businesses, bankruptcies jump

Jennifer Wig
DAILY EGYPrian

The usual mob of Christmas shoppers is here, but small businesses are still feeling the pinch of an economic recession.

Personal and business bankruptcy filings in Illinois are up 14 percent from last year, according to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. And about 98 percent of those filings are made by small, slightly more than the national average.

Nationwide, there are about 1.1 million business bankruptcy filings compared to the 1.3 million last year. Shane Murray, president and CEO of South Pointe Bank, 925 W. Main St, said many people have high credit and mortgage bills left from the frequent and high spending in the 90's. Murray said the Southern Illinois region is not as hard hit as some though, and expects the market to improve. He said although more bankruptcies will affect the economy, it is not as bad as it could be.

But for Kim Tregger, owner of Walk the Line Shoes, 703 S. Illinois Ave, this year's business has been the slowest since 1996. "It's pretty scary," Tregger said, "I just don't know.

Tregger said not much of her stock is moving, accounting for the 20-percent-off sale she is having through Dec. 31. She said many other Carbondale store owners are having similar problems, which the chamber in Sept. 11.

City Manager Jeff Doherty also said he was not certain of how the situation would affect Carbondale. It takes three months to get the receipts for sales tax, Doherty said. August's sales were fine, but not as he expected it.

According to the Chicago Tribune, President Bush called for the Senate to pass an economic stimulus bill. Predictions of economy recovery from sometime early next year to the end of next year after global recession.
Fans remember death of John Lennon

NEW YORK - Fans gathered at Strawberry Fields in Central Park Saturday to recognize the 21st anniversary of John Lennon's death.

Hundreds gathered around the "imagine" mosaic that was unveiled on September 21, 2004, to be a permanent memorial dedicated to John Lennon and his music. It was created by sculptor George Segal.

"He realized his dream to make people feel that our world can be a place of peace," said John Lennon's son Julian Lennon. "This has always been his dream."

Fans also gathered Saturday outside the Dakota apartments on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, where Lennon lived with his wife, Yoko Ono. Lennon was shot outside the Dakota on Dec. 8, 1980, by Mark David Chapman.

John Lennon and Yoko Ono's son, Sean Lennon, 19, and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Cherie Currie, were among the mourners who gathered outside the Dakota to remember the singer-songwriter.

"He was a soldier for peace," said John Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono. "We dedicated our lives to peace and still are."
Carbondale attorney runs for House of Representatives

Whitey goes for the gold on the Green Party ballot

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EDITION

With a group of college undergrads masterminding his campaign for state representative of the 115th district, Carbondale attorney Richard Whitney is not your typical politician.

In a meeting of members of the Campus Shawnee Greens and supportive people from the community, Whitney confidently said the Green Party is not just for "aging hippies, idealistic college students and people who eat granola."

He thumbed through the students' good-natured teasing about the integrity of the others who, he said, "are not careful enough to listen to their concerns about the social, economic and environmental mediocrity of SIUC and Southern Illinois."

Whitney said he has been involved in alternative, non-traditional politics throughout his adult life.

When he entered an undergraduate at Michigan State University in the 1970s, he joined the Socialist Labor Party. He became interested in a variety of social, environmental and political issues.

While he was at Michigan, Whitney was also involved in determining causal and environmental destruction, ending discrimination in the workplace and defending the Eagle Rock Right to Amend.

"I guess I've always felt that we as individuals will all benefit from a more just society," he said.

In the 1980s, Whitney worked in Costa Rica as a journalist. He participated in several marches and demonstrations to stop nuclear energy and was shot twice in Central America. By the 1990s, he was looking for a career change and decided to attend law school at SIUC.

"American democracy was not set up as a two-party system," Whitney said. "At one time, the Republican party was the third party."

In 1994, Whitney became involved in the Shawnee Green Party. Whitney said the party became visible in Southern Illinois when they protested the Crab Orchard toxic waste incinerator in September 1996. He said he feels that the party's protests and efforts to provide public education about toxic waste has made a positive impact.

At SIUC, Whitney has made a name for himself in the past with his involvement in a 1997 protest against Oliver North's extended tour of duty. He also supported Dawn Roberts in 2000 after she threw a pie at George Ryan.

Most recently, Whitney has been involved with an American Civil Liberties Union effort to stop the expansion of the jurisdiction of the SIUC Student Conduct Code.

Currently, Whitney is up against independent Mike Bost, Republican Murphy, and, for the state representative seat. If Whitney is elected, his goals as state representative include implementing a living wage law and providing more job opportunities for people in Southern Illinois through a sustainable energy research facility. Whitney also wants to focus on universal health care through a single-payer system.

"I think of what would happen if Medicare was extended to everybody," Whitney said.

Whitney also will work on receiving funding for SIUC and getting state aid for students to attend college.

"If we save the right priorities, the state should be picking up some of the cost of higher education," he said.

Whitney said that during Ralph Nader's 2000 presidential campaign, he talked to many party supporters who wrote Green candidates to run on local and state levels. Whitney heard that Jackson County had the highest percentage of Nader votes of all the counties in Illinois with 5.3 percent.

"American democracy was not set up as a two-party system," Whitney said. "At one time, the Republican party was the third party."

While many voters throughout the country complained that a vote for Nader in 2000 would have no effect, Whitney said he feels an election on a smaller scale will be much different.

"It is not a symbolic campaign," he said. "We can do it. It's not going to be easy, but we can do it."

Whitney wants to work with local and state political officials to find out how he can become a candidate. Whitney said he is surprised when Whitney asked him to be the campaign manager.

One of Whitney's major goals is to convince voters that the Green Party can bring about social and political change.

"We want people who feel they are not going to be able to help the Democrats or a Republican just because they are the two main parties," he said.

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"If people are not going to vote, they should try to vote."
Our Word

The plight of the working woman

The battle of the sexes has never been a fair fight. White males have had a stranglehold on the work world for quite some time. Even the more liberated current version of our society favors men becoming doctors, lawyers and CEOs. Meanwhile, for the most part, the primary goal that is set for female counterparts (other than looking pretty) is the role of the assistant, the helper — anything useful they can contribute as long as it doesn’t get in the way of the man or challenge his authoritative role.

However, the feminism movement in the later portion of the last century spurred a new kind of thinking that has the male gatekeepers looking over their shoulder every step of the way. Women have established that they are equal and now demand equality in the work environment.

Women are climbing the corporate ladder no matter how slippery men try to make the rungs. Solid work ethic and bold initiative have helped propel such women as SIUC graduates Lisa Owens, Diane Schumacher and Barbara Blacklock to high positions in business. They’ve found a way to succeed, not allowing discrimination to stop them.

“You can’t let those things hold you back,” Owens said. We laud these individuals for their hard work and dedication in an environment where the odds were stacked against them. We encourage other women to continue the effort and to remember it’s not really a battle of the sexes, but a fight for equality.

And men have much more to learn as well. A woman’s strength and ability to stand toe-to-toe with you is not a threat to your manhood, but an extension of it. You can either share in the fruits of freedom and opportunity you’ve been feasting on for years, or find yourself starving for any kind of nourishment for the women who are now gathering up the goods, as they should.

There are opportunities for young women here at SIUC. There’s a wealth of opportunities and programs for young women to engage in. Your time is now. But the truth is, your time is long overdue.

In addition to other minorities who have struggled for such equity in America, women have come a long way. And we all owe something to those individuals who pioneered that movement. Yet, the fight is far from over. Being a woman means much more than being pretty or aiding men, and those women who have the courage to succeed in a gender-biased world have proven that.
VOICES

On Nov. 15, 15 members of the Beta Theta Pi and Eta Sigma Phi fraternities on the campus of Auburn, University in Alabama were suspended and their fraternities disbanded for using racially offensive attire in a fraternity Halloween party.

Some members were in "black face" white others dined in KKK attire with white hoods and pointed hats. Some wore afro wigs and shirts with the back of a black flag on them. Numerous photos showed one member wearing a fake nose around his neck wearing a T-Shirt with the word FUBU on it he stood next to the front door of the fraternity house.

They threw up hand gestures and greeted their guests as an attempt to mock black culture. They were accompanied by other party-goers who seemed satisfied with their dress code behavior. The 18 photos can be viewed on the Southern Poverty Law Center website, www.splcenter.org/The precise URL is: www.splcenter.org/articles/hate_baseling.html and the Center discovered the photos on the Internet after the story the event happened.

The fraternities apparently placed the photos on their website for all to see. I would like everyone who reads this column - black, white and everyone else - to view these photos. But I particularly want those white students who feel racism is caused by the Ku Klux Klan and other white organizations to view these photos. Black students constantly talking about racism to white people can't seem to get.

Readers of the DAILY EAGLE have seen countless letters on the Vizes pages about all of this. I am the DAILY EAGLE Voices editor and I've seen this rhetoric run them over. But not a one has any bias or prejudice.

The pictures speak for themselves, but many black students from a campus who saw them were not surprised. It was basically, "yeah, it's a damn shame, but what do you expect." I wasn't surprised. It wasn't the first time I've seen white folks in black face, a practice done for many years by white performers who get big laughs from imitating so-called General Negro. It's not the first time I've seen white dopes in pointed hoods and red shirts, and I wasn't shocked. That stuff doesn't shock me. I'm not really surprised.

What about white folks? Do they see them? Will these deplorable sights of white, NOT college students engaging in unabashed racist activities stir the same passions among some white students as a black woman being crowned Miss Eboness? After seeing these pictures, even calling the Miss Eboness Pageant racist makes as much sense as referring to David Duke as "Soul Brother No. 1."

Sure, we can talk about HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and BET's "Comic View" seems like "Martin" and the Warner Brothers; or comedians like Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy; all who have come dangerously close to the kind of "black minstrel" parodies we've been written down for years. I'm sure that's the thought that this will pop in the heads of some whites - will it if it's not wrong when you do it, then why is it wrong when we all?

First, no one said it was right when we do it, but what in the HELL gives you the right to think you can do this crap when we do it or not? If I say to another black man, "Yo, what's up, Son? What's between me and you, and we'll deal with the ramifications from it in our own house, so to speak. Second, people need to stop this so-race no so-sensible when it comes to what we do, or not to racist. We wear a Malcolm X T-Shirt, or a Marxist T-Shirt, or I'm white and I'm proud T-Shirt is not racist - unless you are, then everything else is by default. This is the point that so many people can't seem to get.

The fraternity members are bigots, racists, prejudice, et al. pick your poison, not because they were such, but because they have no sense of shame within them about doing it in the first place. Who are you with anyway some of decency, common sense and integrity do? They dressed up to imitate a prominent black fraternity (I won't further disrespect the fraternity by mentioning it in the next sentence) with FUBU on the shirts (the clothing company was founded by four black women in a country, "For Us, By Us") or put noses around their necks that are pig-tailed on it (what image do you think they were trying to conjure up). Starting to get the picture?

But again, PLEASE don't miss the point. There are plenty of whites who are racist into the bone who don't dress up in their momma's white bed sheets and that don't say anything. There are plenty of people who never have. For instance, there were plenty of people who didn't think it was right to use profanity with some great understated, no one said it was right when white folks have been talking about for too many years. But the next person who compares the Beyond organizations, TV shows, ENTERTAINMENT media automatically exclude themselves from speaking with any authority or credibility on the subject of racism.

KEEPING IT REAL appears on Monday. Terry is a senior in journalism. His view is to be a columnist whose views were published on the Internet.
First candle lit for Hanukkah

JANE HUH  DAILY EDDIT[I3N

In addition to this week's final exams, Scott Mayer has religious obligations to tend to throughout the week.

Mayer, a junior in Administration of Justice from Carbondale, is one of the Jewish students on campus who will take part in celebrating Hanukkah, which begins Sunday at sundown.

Hanukkah, one of the most holy celebrations of the Jewish faith, is commemorated with the lighting of eight candles. The candle Represents eight days, the duration of Hanukkah.

Ben Shaeer, president of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish campus life, said the religious holiday is initiated by lighting the menorah, which holds eight candles, saying a Hanukkah prayer and giving gifts to close friends and family each day.

The lighting of the menorah signifies a miracle that occurred when the Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed, said Mayer. According to the Jewish faith, the candle's one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days.

"The Jews looked upon it as a miracle," Mayer said.

While the Jewish students will use candles, Mayer said others who are more religious may use oil lamps to identify with the way it was celebrated long ago.

Opening the dreidel is another practice associated with the Hanukkah tradition. The dreidel, a four-sided spinning top, is made from the Torah, is used to play games for children and adults to enjoy.

The dreidel came about centuries ago when the Syrians conquered the Temple of Jerusalem and banned Jewish practices.

Mayer adds that exchanging gifts as a Hanukkah tradition is a common misconception.

"Hanukkah really isn't a gift-giving holiday. It started in America when Jewish kids noticed their other friends were getting gifts for Christmas," he said.

The decision to exchange gifts with friends and family depends on the individual.

"I know some people who don't get any gifts at all," Mayer said.

Mayer believes the kindred spirit of Jewish students, along with the support of Hillel, Carbonburg Congregation Beth Jacobs and his congregation back home encourage him to stay committed to his faith.

"They (his congregation) set aside money every year to supply us with the menorah, candles and a box of Hanukkah cookies," Mayer said.

Notwithstanding the relatively small Jewish population, students manage to hang in with their faith. Shaeer and Mayer invite others outside of the Jewish faith to experience a Hanukkah holiday by attending a Hanukkah party.

"While other students have Christmas, this is just a way for us to share time with our friends and to remember," Shaeer said.

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CELEBRATE Anyone interested attending a Hanukkah party at 5 p.m. can call Hillel president Dan Shaeer at 549-2520 or Scott Mayer at 549-3390 for more information.

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Air devils bring home a win
SIUC students scrape skies to win national collegiate title

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Bringing downed in sweat and pummeled by fatigue after a flight is the ultimate feeling for Ty Englehardt and his teammates.

But experiencing the g-forces in their bodies, going from negative to positive, is nothing compared to the rush of becoming national champions.

Englehardt, a senior in aviation technology from Lake Bluff, helped the aerobatic flying team from SIUC steal tricks in the air to win the national title for the first year of the National Collegiate Aerobatic Competition.

Using a Pits Special bi-plane and a Super Decathlon aerobatic trainer owned by his father, Englehardt and his teammates Matt Boehm and Sean Roarty were able to create a champion flying team consisting of aviation technology majors.

The event was conducted through a series of competitions throughout the year and winners were announced early last week after scores were totaled and teams were placed by the International Aerobatic Club.

Englehardt began taking aerobatics lessons shortly after he received his private pilot certificate in 1997, and from then on has been flying in air show demonstrations as well as competitions.

"I just kind of got hooked on it," said Englehardt, who also won the national award for best individual pilot.

He took the initiative to get a team started at SIUC and recruited the two other members last spring. The team began training in May and practiced every day at Pinckneyville-Du Quoin Airport, critiquing one another in preparation for a season of about 20 contests.

The competition, sponsored by the International Aerobatic Club, required that each team have at least three members flying in three contests.

The team from SIU flew with the minimum number of pilots allowed, and still got best teams like Embry-Riddle, an aviation school out of Florida with over 200 members on its aerobatic team.

"Our top three pilots were our only three pilots," Englehardt said.

Roarty, a senior from Petersburg, was recruited when he was Englehardt's neighbor at University Hall. He had flown in one competition in 1999, but wanted to experience complete control of the aircraft again.

"You have a degree of dominance over the airplane," Roarty said. "Nothing is being wasted."

Boehm, a junior from Glendale Heights, has been a spectator of aerobatic flying all his life, going to Wisconsin's Oshkosh Air Show for the past 19 years. However, his first flying experience was when he "went upside down" about a year and a half ago.

Inverting an aircraft is part of an Immelman, one of many maneuvers involved in aerobatic flying, said Eric Basio, a visiting assistant instructor in aviation flight. The pilot pulls back until the airplane is completely upside-down, and then rolls over to put the plane right-side-up.

"Presumably, along with the technical aspect of flying, is what judges look for when critiquing flights," Basio said. "Pilots must fly in an imaginary box in the sky and keep their flights perfectly round, symmetrical and in sequence, said Basio, who is also a judge for the International Aerobatic Club."

"It doesn't just have to be cool," Basio said.

Charley Rodriguez, an assistant professor in aviation technology, served as faculty advisor for the new team while it performed at air and science shows for different organizations, such as the Girl and Boy Scouts and the VFW.

"We try and share aviation with the community," Rodriguez said.

Englehardt and Roarty graduating, Rodriguez and Boehm are looking to continue the legacy of the aerobatic team by recruiting new members every year and getting sponsorship and securing airplane access.

But the fun of flying an alternative air route is what really keeps the team in pursuit.

"It's probably the best group of people you could spend the weekend with," Basio said.

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Two-year-old Jaden Bradley gazes out the window of the car on his way to daycare. Jaden is being raised by his mother and father, two SIUC students who are trying to balance school with the struggles of parenthood.

Above: Jaden pays no attention to Jimi tickling Datrice as all his attention goes to the TV while he eats his dinner.

Top right: Jimi calls relatives to tell them the baby is on the way while Datrice continues through her 14 hours of advanced labor at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro. Jaden DeShaun Bradley was born Feb. 7, 2000.

STORY BY ALEXA AGUILAR
PHOTOGRAPHY BY KERRY MALONEY

Jimi Bradley and Datrice Dozier have a hard time agreeing about anything. They argue about what day of the week they met two years ago. They bicker about the reasons why they’ve broken up. They fight about who does more around the house and how many hours Datrice was in labor.

As the two sit side by side in the cramped one-bedroom apartment they’ve shared all semester, good-natured bickering dominated their conversation. The atmosphere changes, though, when a little boy stomps into the living room. He’s loud, full of the energy of a toddler.

"He’s hard-headed," Datrice, a junior in education, says proudly as she pulls him toward her and fiddles with the top of his head.

"Yeah, Jaden’s stubborn," says Jimi, a junior in criminal justice. "He doesn’t listen."

Jaden is independent, they both say. Almost two, he almost knows how to dress himself and how to use the potty, showing a self-assured streak his parents are fiercely proud of.

His 21-year-old parents struggle daily with the challenge of maintaining their own relationship while juggling schoolwork, jobs and parenthood. It’s a daunting task, but one made worthwhile by the "little man" Jaden is becoming.

At first glance, Jimi’s apartment doesn’t look like the house of a family with a toddler. It is furnished with old leather couches, a collection of alcohol bottles and a gigantic TV and DVD player. But look closer and you’ll see the subtle signs of the other roommate. The miniature bookbag in the corner, a little bowl of chicken fingers scattered on the coffee table.

This is Jaden’s temporary home, a house that he shares with his mom ... at dad and their friend Des. Soon, though, Datrice will be moving out. It’s been hard sharing a one-bedroom with two grown men and Jaden, but it’s been nice for them all to be together.

Since Jaden was born, Datrice has been moving — from apartment to apartment — in Carbondale.

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and then to her parents' house in Chicago. Jimi's apartment has become a gathering place for their friends on the weekends, when they come to drink and play cards and feel like regular college students, if only for a few hours.

Jaden runs around while the grown-ups hang out. Datrese says she's going to miss out now, and be stuck at home like the old days.

The entertainment situation used to be a bigger trouble spot. Jimi would go out and party. Datrese would stay home with the baby.

"I had to make a real big change," Datrese says. "He got to do everything he used to do."

For Datrese, mundane chores suffice as entertainment.

"I go to Walmart and the hundredmat," she says ruefully. "I go to bed."

"It's not my fault you go to bed so early," Jimi said defensively.

"I'm tired, OK?"

And the bickering starts again.

Those kinds of pressures split the two up last summer. She hadn't done well in school because of all the incomplete; she received when she had Jadcn, and she and Jimi were on the rocks.

She went to her parents' home in Chicago. But it didn't last. Jaden missed Jimi, and so did Datrese. They decided to try again, and Datrese came back to Carbondale. Her father said he wanted her to keep Jaden in Chicago. He thought it would be easier for Datrese to finish school, but Datrese was adamant. She wanted her baby with her.

"It was hard without Jimi," she admits. "Jaden listens to his daddy. He doesn't listen to me."

At the sound of the word "daddy," Jaden looks up.

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After Jaden, though, they know they can handle it. 

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Above: Des, Jimi's best friend, plays with Jadcn in the house that he, Jimi and Datrese share.
Right: A few weeks after bringing Jadcn home, Datrese tries to catch up on her homework while Jimi is at work. Datrese had to take incompletes after missing classes during her pregnancy and was set even further behind when she recently changed her major.

Above: Datrese irons everyone's jeans before leaving for her job at the Mae Smith mail room. Top: Datrese and get Jaden ready and his teeth brushed in the morning.
Jim packs his bag in the bedroom while Datrese gets laden dressed before school. The tiny apartment can get hectic in the mornings while they all try to get out on time.

After Datrese unsuccessfully attempts to keep laden from splashing, a warning from Jim stops him instantly. Jim has a loving relationship with his son, but is the main disciplinarian and can command laden's attention when his mother fails to.

Daily morning light shines on Datrese and laden as they begin their day. They get up at 7 a.m. each day, she gets to work by 8 a.m., picks up laden after 5 p.m. and is in bed by 9 that night.

Far left: Jon's best friend and roommate walks laden to daycare at the Luma C. Hayes Child Care Center.

Left: Laden gets a wash and tries to help as Datrese braids Jon's hair.

Below: Laden peeks out of a playhouse at Laundry World while his mom washes the weekly laundry.
Faculty honored with USG banquet

Ben Botkin

The Undergraduate Student Government sponsored the banquet so students could honor their professors by buying them seats for the banquet. About 20 professors attended the event, which featured Harvey Welch, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, as the guest speaker.

Welch encouraged the professors to continue honoring their students:

"To whom much is given, I say, much will be expected. For all those who have been honored by the students, I am humbled and honored.

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Condit will run again for California congressional seat

In a surprise move, U.S. Rep. Gary Condit announced Friday that he would run for re-election, walking into the Stanislaus County registrar's office 45 minutes before the filing deadline.

Surrounded by several aides, his son Chad and several dozen reporters and photographers, Condit dropped off 1,500 nomination signatures and a check for $1,451.

"It was a tough decision, but I've been representing the valley for a long time," said Condit, D-Ceres, describing himself as a "public servant.

Condit has been the target of intense media scrutiny since Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old Modesto woman, disappeared in late April, several days after she finished an internship with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Washington, D.C. Though staff members, Condit initially denied having an affair with Levy. But he no longer denies media reports that he admitted to investigators that he had a sexual relationship with Levy.

Condit's decision to enter the race came despite the misgivings of many prominent Democrats, who distanced themselves from Condit. As the Levy saga unfolded last summer, California party leaders even redrew Condit's congressional district, making it tougher for him to win.

Condit, who has fared poorly in recent opinion polls, is expected to face a tough Democratic opponent. Condit's main Democratic challenger, Sen. Dick Montweith of Modesto, r-Modesto, said he no longer denies media reports that he had a sexual relationship with Levy.

"I think people passing by the registrar's office, however, were less kind," said Robert Muller, 31, of Modesto. "You just can't trust him.

Alex Ambrozio, who will soon turn 18, said he intends to register to vote "so I can vote against him." Friday was packet 1 with suspense. Reporters, photographers and cameramen began staking out the registrar's office early in the morning, waiting to see if Condit would show up. And as it turned out, he wasn't going to run.

The doors to his campaign office were locked, and the staff of his district office showed reporters away. Then early in the afternoon, Condit's chief of staff, Mike Lynch, showed up at the registrar's office to check to see who had filed for the congressional seat and other offices.

He left after assuring reporters that they could have an answer as to whether his boss would run by the 5 P.M. Pacific Standard Time deadline.

As of Wednesday, Condit had turned in 1,982 of the 3,000 valid signatures required, according to the registrar's office. The additional 1,018 signatures are expected to come in before Friday's deadline.

GOP candidates in the race include state Sen. Dick Jonestine of Modesto, Modesto City Councilman Bill Conrad, former Assemblyman George House of Hughson and Turlock, Yost of Mariposa.

On Thursday, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt had told reporters he would respect whatever decision Condit made.

"The decision on his race is between -- and I've said this many times -- him and his constituents.

While all of Wal-Mart's responsibilities can be a juggling act at times, he does find time for leisurely reading and spending time with his girlfriend.

"I try to use my time as wisely as possible," he said. "If you see a problem, try to address it by being active in your community.

Reporter Beth Caldwell can be reached at soprano206@hotmail.com

A PROTEST IN THE NIGHT: A member of the Campus Shavuot Green holds a sign up during a protest in front of Wal-Mart in Carbondale on Friday night. The group was protesting that Wal-Mart stores use children in sweatshops to manufacture some of its merchandise.

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In a case where the parties believe in a party, then the chances of it succeeding are not that great," he said. "What people need to ask themselves is, 'What has the Democrat or Republican party done for me?'

Watt appreciates Whitney's commitment to influencing the state legislature to give SIUC more funding for research. Watt encourages students to start projecting a better image for SIUC and attempt to dispel the 'party school' myth.

"I think more attention can be given to Southern to get more money down here for certain areas," he said. "We need to go out there and say 'Look, Southern has really changed.'

After his graduation, Watt wants to move back to the Cook County area and teach high school history. He said he will always maintain involvement in his community and the Green Party.

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USC sexual orientation policy draws fire

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (KCYR) - USC faculty senate asigned some lower-tier rooms in the university under sexual orientation in its anti-discrimination policy.

New students and faculty are now facing more comments made by the majority of the board of trustees.

The faculty senate voted 48-14 Wednesday to approve a proposal to add sexual orientation to a list of categories, including race, gender and religion, in the Equal Opportunity policy. The recommendation does not address health benefits for same sex couples or sexual affirmative action policies at the school.

After the vote, the board of trustees member and former building Michel Mungo scored a big win in the conflict.

"Some of us are of the view that it should be taken off the table," Kevin Lewis, a religious studies professor at USC, said after the faculty's comments are considered.

"These comments sound like the ones white males made about black people decades ago," he said. "Mr. Mungo has put his usefulness on the building.

Mungo, who has served on the board since 1985, will begin another four-year term in January pending ratification by the General Assembly.

On Thursday, Mungo again showed disapproval with the faculty's decision.

"If you're a gay and lesbian who push for non-discrimination policy changes have a hidden agenda," he said. "Don't let me smoke in your next month's pay. So they're trying to get the rest of us to put a big stamp of approval on their back," he said.

Also this week, Sen. John Hawkins, R-Spartanburg, S.C., said he will introduce a bill that would prevent any institution from singling out gays and lesbians for protection from discrimination.

"In my view, an administrator should be allowed to refuse to hire someone because of their sexual orientation," Hawkins said. "We should be able to exclude homosexuals from teaching our kids."

Lt. Gov. Bob Pender, a GOP gubernatorial candidate, also revealed Monday that his running mate is not interested in the faculty senate's recommendation.

"I've indicated that it wouldn't make sense to me," he said. "I believe we should be able to exclude homosexuals from teaching our kids."

Pender said he's concerned about the legality of such a policy. He referenced existing state laws that make sodomy and fornication illegal.

"As one discussion points out...we're essentially legitimizing actions or activities that run against state law," Pender said.

USC President John Palis dismissed the same proposal in 1993, saying he had worried it could open the school to lawsuits since non-teachers ignored sexual orientation as a protected category.

Mungo also said the policy change would give lesbians a reason to sue USC.

"The guys and lesbians harass you, try to intimidate you," he said. "That's why we can't do this, because they'd sue us if we give the first chance they get."

Faculty senate chairman Robert Wilkins said he's not sure the faculty senate's proposal won't be taken seriously.

"I would just ask that anyone who is asked to act on this resolution give it full consideration," he said. "I'm concerned by the suggestion that the views of the faculty serão inferred," Wilkins said.

Wilkins said other faculty members expressed after making Mungo's comment.

Zach Scott, chairman of the student government's policy change committee, called Mungo's views "assorted" and accused him of "trying to push a line through people."

Jeff Crews, president of USC's Student Body Board, said he supports the faculty senate's position, which he regards as important to recent friends.

Crews declined to comment on Hawkins' proposed legislation.

He said he was advised by his school's board if his bill will pass, but said he would introduce it shortly after the Legislature meeting in January.

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SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

Men's and Women's track off to a fast start

Both the Saluki men's and women's track teams took the title of their opening meet to heart, getting off to a fast start.

With 16 first-place finishes in the uncoared meet — nine by the men and seven by the team — SIU left a solid impression on Murray State and Tennessee-Martin, in opponents at the Saluki Fast Start Meet Saturday at the Recreation Center.

The Saluki men were jump-started by freshman Jaunier Undine, who finished at the top of both the long jump (22'10.50) and weight throw (60'06). In addition, the long jump (22'10.50) and shot put (60 meter high, 8.96)

Saluki men were Adam Judge (weight throw, 55'02), KC Miller (60 meter dash, 6.89), and Christine Primo (60 meter high hurdles, 8.09).

Youth and experience got the Salukis men in for their opening meet to heart, getting off to a fast start.

Women's track teams return to action Jan.

The Salukis kept the intensity up for their opening meet to heart, getting off to a fast start.

Alumni Member Appreciation Day at the SIU Arena

The SIU men's and women's track teams will be playing a doubleheader Saturday at the SIU Arena.

Women's track teams return to action Jan. 5 for Alumni Appreciation Day at the SIU Arena.

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Crouch proves the best option for Heisman

ATLANTA (KRT) — In the fourth-quarter run in Heisman Trophy history, Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch was college football's most anticipated player Saturday night.

"I'm at a loss for words," Crouch said moments after becoming the 67th Heisman winner during a ceremony in New York City. "Diving into the water, this has been the most anticipated thing in my life."

The first of the 900-plus Heisman voters came down to four star quarterbacks from four star teams Crouch,رون Greenway of Florida, Ken Donley of Miami and Joe Harrington of Oregon.

Crouch, a senior, edged Greenway, a sophomore, 770-708. Dorsey finished third with 661 points, Indiana quarterback Antwan Hunter of the Illinois Sate Football as Big Ten MVP, finished fourth and was No. 1 among voters in the Midwest.

The fifth and final player was a Quarterback, David Carr of Florida State.

The closest Heisman vote was in 1985, when Louisiana running back Bo Jackson out Iowa quarterback Chuck Long by 45 votes.

Crouch became the first player in 40 years to win the Heisman while carrying only one scholarship. Crouch was the first pick in the Southeast.

Crouch is the third Cornhusker to win the award. Quarterback man Johnny Rodgers won in 1972 and running back Mike Rozien in 1983.

Despite losing in last game of the season to Colorado, Nebraska is expected to draw an invitation to Pasadena. The Big 12 quarter Crouch will be a surprise at Heisman.

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Swim team loses to Big 12 Missouri

Despite loss, both men's, women's, teams win several events

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The men's and women's swimming and diving teams were surprised to return from Missouri with a loss, but they won several events and felt they held their own against the Big 12 school.

The men's team finished with 98 points, trailing Missouri's 143. The women lost to the undefeated Tigers 163.5 to 13.5. Missouri's Swim team loses to Big 12 Missouri, and feel they held their own against the Big 12 school. The Tigers had a second and Kendall Forster third.

500 freestyle. Senior Brooke Helvey finished second in the 200 freestyle. Senior Clayshay Paparkhanyshou finished second in the 100 freestyle and took third in the 50 freestyle.

Although the Salukis won several events, Missouri said they didn't do as well as they had anticipated and weren't up for the challenges Missouri put in front of them.

"We're still strong. It was just a hard meet to go into," Missouri said.

The men's relay teams took a first, second and third place. In the 200 freestyle relay, the team of Paparkhanyshou, Daelli, sophomore Matt Glavacki and junior Jeremiah Carter finished first.

Helvey, sophomore Cameron Gou, freshman Ivan Sanchez and junior George Olnes finished third in the same event. The team of Pienaar, Daelli, freshman Adam Benge's three rushing touchdowns and quarterback Jake Eason threw for 330 yards and three TDs.

The Salukis enter the conference finals a 49-24 victory against Sam Houston State.

Notre Dame's Humphrey out with stress fracture

Andrew South

The Transformer (U. Notre Dame)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) - If the Irish hope to bounce back from their first loss of the season, they'll have to do it with Ryan Humphrey.

The senior forward will miss Saturday's game against Miami of Ohio with a leg injury and is not expected to play until after Christmas, Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said.

"It's showing the signs of a stress fracture," Brey said. "It's not technical a stress fracture, but that's a danger.

A stress reaction often leads to stress fractures. However, if untreated, stress reactions often lead to stress fractures.

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Northern Iowa 56

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Adam Bengen's three rushing touchdowns contributed to Northern Iowa winning Maine 56-28 Saturday in the Division I-AA quarterfinals at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Bengen broke a 28-28 stalemate with a 63-yard rushing touchdown and the Panthers never looked back, scoring 26 unanswered points.

Bengen finished the game with 114 yards rushing to go with his three, the fourth-largest by an Iowa quarterback Griffith Jurgens completed 12 of 26 passes for 299 yards and two TDs. The Black Bears were led by receiver Stefan Gomes, who finished with 174 yards receiving and two TDs, and quarterback Jake Eason threw for 330 yards and three TDs.

The Panthers (11-2) will advance to the semifinals this weekend.

The Grizzlies enter the contest finals of a 49-24 victory against Sam Houston State.

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Big three lead the way

Williams, Dearman, Roberts combine for 57 points over George Mason

Be sure you don't blink, because you might miss half the action.

The SIU women's basketball team continued its early season tear with a 73-66 win over George Mason University Saturday at the Patriot Center in Fairfax, Va., in front of 3,114 fans. It was just the second time the Patriots have lost at home in the past four years.

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"I can always do better, and I'll never be satisfied," Woodall said. "I missed a lot of layups. For defense, I got to work on that." SIU's defense on the offensive end, causing the Tigers to turn the ball over 28 times, which included 15 steals by the Salukis.

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Women's basketball above .500 for first time in five years

Salukis top Tennessee State

The SIU women's basketball team crept above the .500 mark for the first time in more than five seasons Saturday afternoon as it won consecutive games for the first time all season.

The Salukis, who defeated Tennessee State University 71-63 in front of 652 fans at the SIU Arena Friday, improved their record to 4-3, the team's first winning record since late in the 1996-97 season when it was 14-13.

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SIU's defense on the offensive end, causing the Tigers to turn the ball over 28 times, which included 15 steals by the Salukis.

"We actually went into the beginning of the game trying to play a real soft, 33-Pace," Opp said, "and that's what we did. We played it real soft, and, fortunately for us, they played into our hands, and we got some big steals." Tennessee State had four players scoring in double figures. LaJuan Thompson led the way for the Tigers with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Salukis next play on Dec. 19 when they travel to Nashville, Tenn., for the Vanderbilt Tournament. They take on Whitworth University at 11 a.m. and play either Navy or Maryland-Eastern Shore the following evening.