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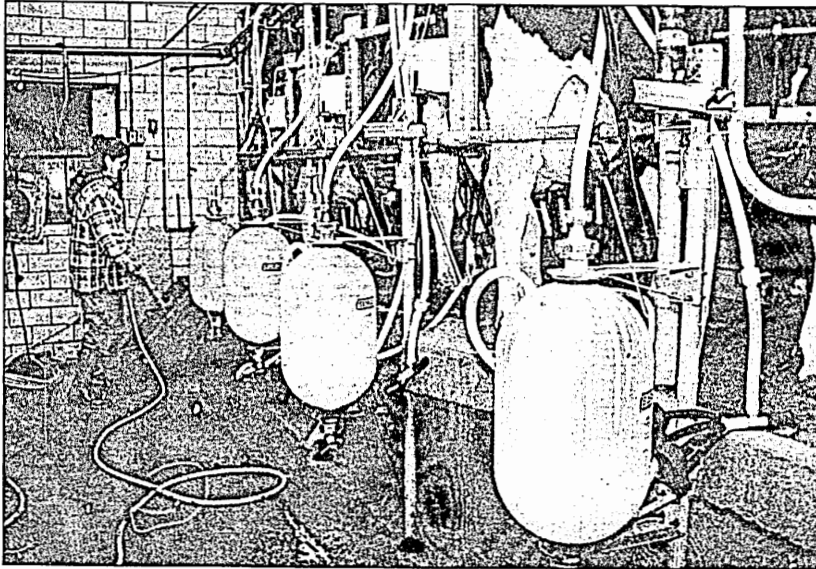
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Dairy Farm wins award despite problems



Rose Fraley, a sophomore in animal science from Kampsville, sprays water on the floor to clean up while milking the cows at the SIUC Dairy Farm Monday afternoon.

MINSOOK PARK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Old equipment has not stopped the Dairy from winning award of excellence

KELLY E. HERTLEIN
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

For the past six years, a team of students and faculty working at the SIUC Dairy Farm have attempted to win an award for quality milk production in 12 consecutive months, yet dilapidated conditions and worn equipment have obstructed the goal.

Despite the lack of technology and protruding obstacles, the College of Agriculture was awarded the 1999 Premier Dairyman Superior Quality Milk Production for 12 consecutive months Tuesday.

The old buildings and outdated equipment have not hindered the output and working efforts of the farm's staff this year.

Head foreman for the Dairy Center Dennis Devore said faulty equipment and human error have kept the dairy farm from receiving the award in the past.

"The last six years we've made it 10 to 11 months, and the last years it has been due to having equipment break down or not catching something on time," Devore said.

Dean for the College of Agriculture David Shoup said although at first glance the dairy farm appears shabby, the operations are going well.

"Even though those facilities look a little rough, we have gotten an award," Shoup said. "And that says something."

Inadequate parking, rusting tractors, a small heard, occasional lighting and equipment failure are only a few of the problems dairy farm operators contend with each day. A student-run facility and hands-on educational outlet, the dairy farm seems to be in need of renovation and repair.

Devore said a team effort allows the farm to obtain productive goals, but the job would be easier for everyone involved

if the facilities were updated.

"[The conditions] have made it harder than what it would be if we had newer equipment," Devore said. "It's not been the easiest thing to deal with; things are just more prone to breaking down. But you just work with the system that you have. It's just like anything else."

Much of the operating equipment at the dairy farm is dated about 15 years, hindering many options and opportunities for the workers. Devore said it is not necessarily the everyday production that suffers from inadequate technology, but the students who work with the equipment.

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USG loses attendance battle to Rams

President attributes low senator turnout to NFL playoffs

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Take 11 Undergraduate Student Government senators and three proxies; add them up and what do you get? One senator shy of a USG quorum.

Fifteen USG senators were absent from Sunday night's meeting, forcing USG leaders to cancel the meeting. At least 15 senators have to be present to have a quorum, the minimum required number of members present to allow USG to have a meeting.

The meeting was scheduled to follow the USG spring retreat, a mandatory event that is designed to educate senators on procedures of USG at the beginning of each semester. The retreat was, however, only attended by about 15 senators.

Although about 15 senators missed the retreat, a couple of senators attended the retreat but not the meeting. USG President Sean Henry said he knew of three senators who were going to be absent for the meeting and he arranged for proxies to substitute in their absence.

Attendance for the retreat was mandatory, but Henry said senators who did not attend would simply be counted absent from the senate meet-

ing. Senators are allowed two absences per semester before they are supposed to be removed from their senate seat.

Henry said he thinks the low attendance at the senate meeting was related to the NFL playoffs.

"There was a football game on [Sunday] and everybody is allowed to miss two meetings, so I think a lot of people chose to miss this meeting for the football game," Henry said.

Internal Affairs Committee Chair and Evergreen Terrace senator Chuck Miller said the low attendance rate has caused the Internal Affairs Committee to rework their attendance policy and end the future of excused absences.

"[The turnout] has forced the hand of the Internal Affairs Committee and executive staff to bring stricter regulations to the attendance policies," Miller said.

The meeting, which was scheduled to begin at 6:15 p.m., was canceled about 25 minutes later.

Miller, who was supposed to chair the senate meeting due to the excused absence of USG Vice President Brian Atchison, decided around 6:45 p.m. they had waited long enough for another senator to arrive in hopes of reaching quorum.

EDITORIAL

Get involved, have a voice.
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Grad student life claimed by pneumonia

Robert McNeal remembered by friends as friendly, humble

RHONDA SCIARRA
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Jamel Jackson and Robert McNeal both anticipated graduating in May from SIUC, and looked forward to finding schools where they would earn their doctorates.

Their plans were disrupted when McNeal's life ended Jan. 13 after a week-long bout with pneumonia. The 24-year-old graduate student in rehabilitation administration from St. Charles was admitted to Mercy Medical Center in Aurora Jan. 9, complaining of chest pains. He died four days later.

Jackson and another close friend, Randall Beamon, both spoke at the funeral of their close friend and fraternity brother Jan 18 in Aurora. They never imagined they would help bury a friend at such a young age.

"I expected all of us to grow old together," Jackson said. "It is hard to lose someone so close to you. I lost a personal friend."

McNeal was a member of the Black Graduate Student Association, Omega Psi Phi fraternity and member of the local Tuscan Masonic Lodge No. 44. All of his fraternity brothers, including Jackson and Beamon, and lodge members attended funeral services.

"If you looked up the word friend in a dictionary for its definition, his name and picture should be there," said Jackson, a graduate student in business administration. "There are so many adjectives that can be used to describe

him. He definitely made a positive impact on my life."

As a graduate student, McNeal had an assistantship with Project 12-Ways through the Rehabilitation Institute. Project 12-Ways is a program that works with and teaches families in 11 Southern Illinois counties the skills necessary to function without abuse and neglect. Families are referred to the program through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

McNeal had an excellent rapport with the families he worked with and enjoyed his job, according to Rosalia Fulia, clinical supervisor for Project 12-Ways. Fulia worked alongside McNeal for the year and a half he spent with the program.

She remembers getting to know McNeal closely on long drives to visit families in the Mount Vernon area who were involved in the 12-ways program.

"The man never complained," Fulia said. "He never spoke poorly of anyone. He never gossiped. He was an excellent driver. There was nothing not to like about him."

Both Jackson and Beamon met McNeal while they were undergraduate students at SIUC. A week after the funeral, Beamon still reflects on his five-year friendship with McNeal.

"I miss him being his usual, jolly self," Beamon said. "A lot of people just called him a big teddy bear. He was just the kindest person."



McNeal

Overpass
Some faculty members feel that Neckers bridge is a waste of money.
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COBA umcivels newly remodeled classroom.
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Tonight
GPSG meeting at 7 in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center.

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CALENDAR

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TODAY

- College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, now through May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Faner 1229, Mary Jane 453-2466.
- Library Affairs Power Point, 10 to 11:15 p.m., Finding Full Text Articles, 3 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Red Cross Blood Drive assist in blood drive activities or donate blood, Jan. 25 and 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center Missouri Room, 453-5714.
- Carbondale Community/ SIU Winter Blood Drives, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Missouri/Kaskaskia Rooms Student Center, Vivian 457-5258.
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center at the corner of Mill and Forrest St., Judy 457-2898.
- Japanese Table, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Cambria Room, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-8380.
- OMESE meeting 5 p.m., Wham 219, Michael 351-8044.
- College Democrats meeting, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A, Willis 536-6989.
- Voices of Inspiration first rehearsal for returning choir, 6 p.m., Agriculture Building Auditorium, Jerome 453-7237.
- Alpha Kappa Psi informational meeting for all business majors and minors, 6 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Amber 536-1153.
- Saluki Volunteer needs volunteers assisting children with age appropriate activities while parents are in parent/teacher meetings, 4:30-4:54 p.m., Unity Point School, Marjory 453-4341.
- The Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater auditions for new members, 7 p.m., Fur Auditorium Pulliam 42, Donna 453-3123.
- Blacks in Communication Alliance meeting, 7:30 p.m., Saline Room

Student Center, Erika 536-6798.

• SIUC Kung Fu Club demonstration, 8 p.m., Student Recreation Center Martial Arts Room, Matt 841-0346.

UPCOMING

- Carbondale Community/ SIU Winter Blood Drives, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Student Center, Vivian 457-5258.
- Library Affairs Intermediate Web Page Construction, 2 to 4 p.m., Introduction to Constructing Web Pages, 4 to 6 p.m., Jan. 26, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.
- Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 to 6 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center.
- Black Undergraduate Psychology Society meeting, Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Activity Room D, Shauna 351-1944.
- Sports Law Society organizational meeting, Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Lesar Lab Building Room 103, Terry 729-7351
- College Republicans meeting, Jan. 26, 5 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Ryan 549-7894.
- AnimeKai is showing Japanese animated films with English subtitles, Jan. 26, 6 to 8 p.m., Faner 1125, Jason 536-6365.
- Zoology Club meeting, Jan. 26, 6 p.m., Life Science II Room 367, Suma 549-0239.
- Instructional Programs Tai Chi free sampler, Jan. 26, 6 to 7 p.m., SRC Dance Studio, Michelle 453-1263.
- Alpha Kappa Psi informational meeting for all business majors and minors, Jan. 26, 6 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Amber 536-1153.
- River Region Evening Edition television news orientation meeting, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Communications Studio B, Rich 453-5282.
- Microbiology Student Organization meeting, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Life Science III Room 1059, Maryam 549-5183.
- Student Environmental Center meeting, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffeehouse, Justin 549-8061.
- The Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater auditions for new members, Jan. 26, 7 p.m., Fur Auditorium Pulliam 42, Donna 453-3123.

• SIU Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Kaskaskia/Missouri Room contact Shelley 529-0993.

• Library Affairs Finding Full Text Articles, 10 to 11 a.m., Email using Eudora, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Jan. 27, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• SIUC Zoology and the Environmental Studies Program presents Dr. Maureen Donnelly, Jan. 27, 4 p.m., Life Science III Auditorium Room 1059, John 453-7958.

• SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Todd 353-4002.

• International Spouses Group activities for international wives and interested women on campus and in the community, Jan. 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church.

• WSU Three Days of Rain 1998 Pulitzer Prize runner up play, Jan. 27 through 29, 8 p.m., Jan. 30, 2 p.m., Christian Moe Lab Theatre, \$5 admission, 453-3001.

• River Region Evening Edition television news auditions, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. to midnight, Communications Building Studio B, Rich 453-5282.

• Library Affairs Finding Books Using Illnet Online, Jan. 28, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.

• SIUC Zoology and the Environmental Studies Program presents Dr. Maureen Donnelly, Jan. 28, 10 a.m., Life Science III Auditorium Room 1059, John 453-7958.

• Japanese Table, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Janet 453-5429.

• Apostolic Life Campus Ministry bible study and worship service, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Student Center - Sangamon Room, Abbie 529-8164.

CORRECTIONS

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

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

- An SIUC student was arrested and charged with felony harassment by telephone. University police reported Friday, Dennis C. Ertle, a resident of Neely Hall, was subsequently taken to Jackson County Jail and held on the charges.
- Charles Davis, 20, of Lebanon, was arrested at the Student Center at 6:23 p.m. Friday on a warrant for failure to appear in court. Davis was taken to Jackson County Jail.
- Kristen Sunk, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 2:07 a.m. Saturday. University police said Sunk was driving in the 200 block of East Grand Avenue when stopped. She posted her driver's license and \$100 bond and was released.
- An SIUC student told University police a license plate was stolen from a car while it was parked in Lot 62 between 1 and 8:40 a.m. Saturday. There are no suspects in this incident.
- An SIUC student said a pair of tennis shoes were stolen from the Recreation Center between 2:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. Saturday. University police have no suspects in the incident.
- A 19-year-old Carbondale woman told University police she was approached by a man with a handgun in Boomer 1 at 11:56 p.m. Saturday. Police said the man made no threats at the woman. The suspect was described as a 5-foot-6-inch white man with dark hair and a pierced eyebrow. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt.
- Matthew L. Rose, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with public urination at 2:26 a.m. in Lot 23. Rose was released on a Carbondale pay-by-mail citation.
- An 18-year-old Carbondale man said he was battered in front of Allen II at 1:30 a.m. Sunday by an unknown man. Police said the car in which the man fled has been identified. The victim was treated and released from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.
- A 19-year-old Mae Smith resident told University police his keys, wallet and watch were stolen from his room between 2:30 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. There are no suspects in this incident.
- Marcus A. Sanky, 18, of Carbondale turned himself in to University police at 8:55 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of robbery. Sanky posted a cash bond and was released.
- An 18-year-old man was injured when a snowball hit him in the nose during a snowball fight in Sam Rinella Field at 5 a.m. Monday. University police said. A suspect has been identified in the incident and the case is being referred to the state's attorney.

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Ribbon cutting reveals what's new



TED SCHURTER • DAILY EGYPTIAN

Steve Samek speaks to students in the newly remodeled room 18 of Rehn Hall Monday evening. Samek, a guest speaker from Arthur Andersen, was standing in front of two 40-inch plasma displays that will function as high-tech blackboards with electronic, interactive projection screens. The high tech classroom also features cameras for distance learning and will eventually house 48 workspaces with a PowerUp module allowing students to connect laptops, phones, modems, printers and computer networks.

Ceremony presents the remodeled Arthur Andersen classroom

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

More than 50 students and faculty members gathered Monday night to witness the unveiling of the College of Business and Administration's completely remodeled classroom, room 18, in Rehn Hall at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

"We didn't know what to expect, but I know it is going to be good," said Adrian Yong, a graduate student from Malaysia. "There are things you don't really learn from the book, but you learn from talking to professionals that tell you what to expect."

The classroom has been

named in honor of its benefactor, Arthur Andersen.

Guest speaker at the event was Steve M. Samek, Arthur Andersen's country managing partner and 1973 SIUC alumnus. With Samek as the connection between SIUC and the Arthur Andersen consulting firm, COBA was able to get 83 percent of the funding for this project. The funds were used in supplying all of the electronic media technology and the renovation of the classroom. The University funded the wiring of the classroom and the School of Accounting funded the furniture.

During his speech, Samek spoke highly of his years at SIUC, which played a major part in Arthur Andersen's funding of COBA's project.

"I wanted to make an investment here where I can become

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HOPE pressures legislators to change board

Group working to incorporate SIU affiliates on board

BRYNN SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Southern Illinois HOPE's number one concern this spring is to pressure state representatives under Gov. George Ryan to replace the Board of Trustees with members who are related to SIU.

A committee of four from HOPE is lobbying in Springfield, while other members are

writing letters to legislators and state representatives wanting to change structure in the board.

Beverly Stitt, co-coordinator of HOPE, said about 240 members of the group are each contributing in different ways.

"We are doing everything we can to get people who are committed to SIU and Southern Illinois on the board," Stitt said.

HOPE formed after the June 5 termination of former SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger. The group "seeks to educate the public about the board's actions while legal appeals and legislative initiatives are on-going," according to its website.

Legal opposition to trustees, including Board Chairman A.D. VanMeter, could create open

positions on the board next year if judicial action is taken.

VanMeter was reappointed in January as the fifth Republican on the board when only four from the same political party, appointed by the governor, are allowed to serve.

Stitt and HOPE executives are also sending a report to the Better Government Association in Chicago within the next two weeks. The staff will investigate supposed illegalities in the structure of the board and administration.

The association — dedicated to finding infractions in government practices — recently

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Members of the SIUC faculty divided by bridge

Some teachers feel Neckers overpass is a waste of money

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Members of the SIUC faculty are divided on the idea of the University's plans to build an overpass bridge between Neckers and the Engineering Building.

Members of the faculty favoring the bridge think it is needed on campus and can serve the University on several different levels, such as lessening congestive traffic in that area and providing student safety.

Jill Adams, a law professor, said the bridge has important research aspects to students because of the new materials that will be used to build the bridge.

"It is a beautiful combination between research and practical application," Adams said.

While some are strongly in favor of building the overpass, others think the University's funds can be better spent elsewhere.

English professor Mary Lamb thinks the money should be spent on suffering academic programs.

"It's absurd to spend money on an overpass when the University is losing a lot of tenure track faculty," Lamb said.

The overpass, which has been three years in the making, will begin construction in June 2001 and will take three to six months to complete. At least five members of faculty, five or six engineering students, and 10 to 12 people from the Illinois Department of Transportation will be on hand to ensure the project's success. The bridge will be built from the same composite materials used to make golf clubs, fiberglass boats and stealth bombers.

Some members of faculty think the bridge will serve other needs of the University including experience for the graduate students involved with the project.

Steven Ealing, a geology professor,

thinks it will be a useful project for the University.

"It's a practical use to alleviate the traffic jams and it also involves the students," Ealing said.

Another vocal objector is mathematics professor, John Gregory. Gregory is concerned about the amount of thought given to building the bridge.

"The whole thing is just wrong," Gregory said. "There have been no studies or prototypes."

Another concern of Gregory's is how and why the project to build the bridge was implemented and whether or not it was actually wanted.

"They treat it like a quasi research project but it's not," Gregory said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Deadline for extended medical care refund Friday

The deadline to apply for a student medical benefit extended care fee refund is Friday. If students are covered by their parents' medical insurance or other health insurance, they can receive a refund of SIUC health insurance fees. The fee for the spring semester is \$134, and is normally charged to a student's bursar statement.

To apply for a refund, a student must present his or her insurance policy booklet or schedule of benefits, along with the insurance wallet identification card to the Student Medical Benefit office in room 118 of Kesnar Hall. A parent's signature is required for students under the age of 21.

SIUC Forensics Federation finished fall season

The SIUC Forensics Federation finished its fall season of competition Dec. 4 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Intercollegiate Debate Tournament. During the first week in January, the team had two tournaments in the Cross Examination Debate Association.

Season awards went to SIUC students Benjamin P. McKay, Danielle L. Blair, Eric M. Slusher, James R. Roland, Aaron R. Klemz and Brian D. Campbell.

For more information contact Jeffrey T. Bile, director of debate, in the Department of Speech Communication at 453-1896 or at bjefrey@hotmail.com.

GPSC meeting tonight to discuss new business

The Graduate and Professional Student Council will meet tonight at 7 in the Mississippi Room at the Student Center.

New business includes nominations and elections for the Spring Executive Board, discussion and questions for interim Dean of the Graduate School John Koropchak, and the possibility of purchasing new office computers.

For more information, call the GPSC office at 536-3605.

CORRECTIONS

• In Monday's story "LAB recommends closure for Halloween 2000" the start of the closure should have read 2 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

• In Monday's brief about the College of Business and Administration ribbon cutting ceremony, Arthur Andersen's was misspelled.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

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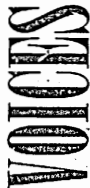
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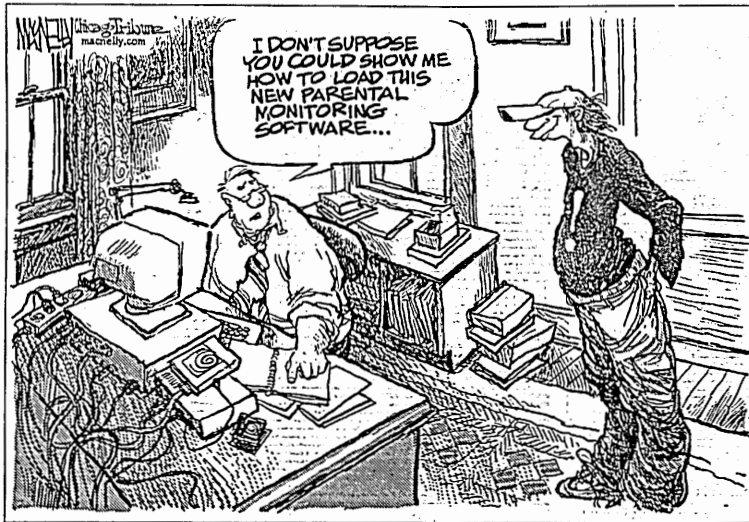
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OUR WORD

SIUC needs student input

Undergraduate Student Government has vacancies in at least 10 of 41 senator positions and three of the eight commissioner positions to start out the semester this year. Keeping with the current pattern of SIUC leadership, perhaps we should appoint a handful of interim senators in those places until students begin to take an interest in their school.

USG President Sean Henry insists a surplus of chairs in the first few meetings of every semester is not unusual and nothing to worry about. But in a time easily characterized as a transitional period for our University — a time marked by low enrollment, low state funding, discord among faculty and administration, and a veritable leadership crisis — maybe lack of student enthusiasm is something to worry about.

Any day of the week, you can walk into a classroom or through the Student Center and know that students do notice and even care what is going on around them. "It took me three full days to find a parking space for class today," they'll say, or, "I'm afraid to walk to my residence hall after my night class." These, along with many more everyday issues are discussed in USG meetings every week. Granted, USG does not report directly to the University president, and it is by no means the most influential force on campus, but what it does have is a voice.

President Ted Sanders has been criticized for not listening to the needs of the students. As candidates to replace him visit this University and learn about the inner workings of SIUC, the loudest message coming from three-quarters of a USG is this: Who needs to listen when nobody's talking?

USG has life experience to offer students. Just as the University Museum gives art history students the chance to plan exhibits, USG is a resource students should be competing to tap. Where are the public policy students? Business, or political science students? Any university takes pride in real-life opportunities the institution can offer to its students.

In the time before the vacant seats are filled, USG should not carry on with business as usual, expecting applicants to trickle in on their own. If it wants to be taken seriously, it must take an active role in the recruitment of senators and commissioners.

If current members treat USG like the important job it can be, they will find the creative, motivated students who will find ways to influence University policy. And an influence on policy now will effect this University for many years to come as we begin to embark on what could be a new direction for SIUC.

Last Sunday, so few senators showed up for a meeting, USG failed to reach quorum, or number of senators required to vote on issues.

So as long as long as St. Louis Rams football games are considered more important than SIUC issues, hopes of filling those seats with anyone other than non-football fans with nothing better to do is bleak at best.

Students will always say they want to be heard, but until they show some initiative and exhibit the professionalism that will be expected from most of them soon enough, the people making the tough designs will assume they have nothing to say.

A fine line between tradition and oppression

For The Rest Of Us

RUDY SAN MIGUEL



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For The Rest Of Us appears Tuesdays. Rudy is a sophomore in cinema production. His opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

Recently, a group of about 6,000 South Carolina citizens marched to the state capitol dressed in full Civil War regalia. Shortly thereafter, 46,000 protesters made the same trek. The reason: the Confederate flag.

The flag, red with a blue cross and white stars, has been the center of a heated debate in South Carolina for decades. Raised in 1962 as a centennial commemoration, the flag continues to fly high above the capitol building in Columbia. Recently, with the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, the NAACP reinforced its firm stand on the immediate removal of the flag.

The NAACP, arguing that the flag stands as a racist symbol for a time when our nation was at its worst, initiated an economic boycott of the state Jan. 1. Those in favor of leaving the flag where it is argue it is simply a piece of the state's heritage.

During the Civil War, the flag was not raised solely to honor those who

perished fighting for the South, but also to remind Confederate states that all men are not created equal. Toward the end of the 19th century, South Carolina legalized segregation while assimilating the notorious flag into the state flag. In essence, the flag's purpose was to remind its people what they were fighting for. (It is interesting to note that of the 50 states, South Carolina is the only one without an

official Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.) Currently, South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges is working on an agreement to remove the flag from the capitol and place it at a selected war memorial. He hopes this will placate both the NAACP and those who think there is nothing wrong with it.

It is easy for most rational human beings to side with the NAACP. At one time, the flag represented oppression and segregation. Now, the state is attempting to pass it off as "heritage."

In the interest of open-mindedness, however, I will look at the other side. At one time, people who fought for the South during the Civil War did so because they thought they were right. To them, they were fighting the good fight. Many of their sons lost their lives fighting for what they believed in — regardless of whether it turned out to be right or wrong. To them, the flag remains as a reminder of what they went through, not of black oppression. I understand this. However, I agree

MAILBOX

Entertainment duty doesn't lie on SIU, city

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to a comment you made in your "Our Word" column Monday titled "Halloween break should come to a close."

In the last paragraph, second sentence, you state, "Keeping students in school and providing forms of entertainment is the duty of the University and city." What nonsense! Where does this come from? The responsibility of the University is to provide the students with the best education possible with the resources at hand. Whether or not the students choose to take advantage of the opportunities provided by that education is their responsibility, not the faculty's. If students choose not to attend classes, study conscientiously and ask for help when needed, then it is they who must suffer the consequences.

Entertainment? The University has the responsibility of providing entertainment? I don't think so. Entertainment such as sports, concerts and plays (and many other things) are a side benefit to attending a university. But that's just the point. These additional areas are an adjunct to the university experience; they are not the mainstream of the purpose of the University. Now, what about the city. Do you really believe the city has a duty to keep the students in school and provide entertainment? I bet those in business were happy to learn about this. I think we need a reality check here. Those in business are in business to make money, period! Duty has nothing to do with it. If you don't believe this, then I suggest you go to these people and tell them that they should not charge for drinks, movies, meals, etc., because, after all, it is their duty to keep you happy and content.

J. E. McPherson
Professor of Zoology

OVERHEARD

"I'm confident in city officials and students to have a planned event. We should lift the restriction on the closure and have the [Halloween task force] committee come up with a plan."

ROB TAYLOR
undergraduate representative on the Liquor Advisory Board on the idea of opening the Strip for Halloween break

"My biggest dream is to talk to a state governor when he would say, 'Hey, we have a few extra million dollars, take it.' But it's not going to happen."

MAX YEN
Faculty Senate president on his idea of a "risky day" pot in the new budget

"I think [the injury] has hurt us because [Smith] has been a spark plug in practice and in games. I don't think it had everything to do with the whole ball game, but it took a little spark out of us early."

JULIE BECK
SIU women's basketball head coach speaking of the injury to Shakki junior forward Courtney Smith.

with those few people who are divided on the matter. The flag does in fact fly for southern heritage; however, it is also a strong symbol of racism. Since I have been in Southern Illinois, I have seen a large number of Confederate flags adorning the back of trucks and some dorm and apartment windows. I often wonder if these people really understand why they display them so proudly. Is it southern heritage or blatant racism? I have never seen an African-American driving around with one of those flags in their windows. If I did, I would honestly think they were insane.

So what's the answer? Remove the flag, plain and simple. But maybe I'm missing something. I am not from the South, so I am naive to southern tradition. Perhaps that particular red, white and blue runs deeper than I am able to fathom. In my opinion, Gov. Hodges may as well put a burning cross on top of the capitol and try to pass that off as heritage.

Columnist to visit SIUC campus

Sun-Times writer to share insights on politics and journalism

ANTONIO YOUNG
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORTER



Known by avid readers for his short, quirky introductions, Steve Neal, a renowned author and columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times, is stepping onto campus for the third-consecutive spring semester to share his insights on political and governmental reporting with journalism students.

Mike Lawrence, associate director for the Public Policy Institute at SIUC and a journalism professor, is welcoming Neal to his classes at 9:35 a.m. today in the Communications Building with the intent to educate students on professional journalism.

"He has a very good grasp of American history, and he is certainly very much on top of current events," Lawrence said. "I think it is good to have people who are doing it professionally to come because it brings different perspectives."

Steve Neal, a political columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times since 1987, is also working with the SIUC Press who published his book,

"Rolling on the River-The Best of Steve Neal," a collection of columns on various topics including politics, sports, music, literature, and film.

"Steve is a very influential person in Illinois politics and people really pay attention to what he writes in his columns," Lawrence said. "He's a good writer and 'Rolling on the River' may have something to catch your eye."

Neal's book contains a foreword by former Senator and political science professor Paul Simon, who is also having Neal speak on the Abolitionists' Movement in one of his classes today. Neal, as well, is the author of "Dark Horse: A Biography of Wendell L. Willkie," cited by American Heritage magazine as among the most notable books of 1984.

HOPE

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investigated Gov. Ryan.

HOPE is also questioning the Jan. 13 appointment of interim President Frank Horton.

Stitt and Martin Kleinau, professor emeritus, believe Horton was selected as interim president at a meeting in Springfield months before Horton was actually appointed.

Kleinau, in Springfield at the time of the meeting, said a personal contact — who he refused to name — told him that Horton was selected at that meeting.

"It doesn't surprise me that they didn't ask for input from anyone," Kleinau said.

But according to Dianna Exner, an SIUC alumna, trustees denied the accusation at the board meeting Dec.

9 that she attended.

"They were belligerent and felt personally attacked when someone at the meeting asked if an interim was already selected," Exner said.

Other HOPE members were still disappointed in the immediate selection of Horton and the way in which he was chosen.

Randy Hughes, HOPE treasurer, said the board did not provide a quality search for an interim president.

"As far as process, there was not much of a process," Hughes said.

But Scott Kaiser, media coordinator for the Office of the President, said the search advisory committee was informed of Horton as a legitimate candidate.

"I believe his name came up because President Sanders knew of Horton and knew he could serve SIUC at the interim capacity," Kaiser said.

USG

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After canceling the meeting, Miller expressed his disappointment to the senators about the attendance rate.

"We're going to have to pull together and work really hard because we have a bad situation here, and we need to restore some dignity and integrity into this senate," Miller said. Currently there are 11 vacant senate seats.

Henry said the number of filled senate seats usually drops at the beginning of each semester because of students graduating or not meeting grade point average requirements.

In addition to the senate seats, there are three open commissioner

positions.

"The government right now is at a really weak point," Miller said. "Everyone needs to get together to bring [USG] back to where it needs to be."

Because USG meetings are scheduled in advance, Henry said he was disappointed senators could not find time in their schedules to attend.

"As a senator, you're supposed to be a student leader," Henry said. "If you don't come to the meetings you're not doing your job."

Miller is also concerned that because of the low attendance and vacant positions, the student body is not getting full representation from its student government.

"It's leaving students unrepresented and that's not really fair to the students," he said.

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CLASSROOM

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more connected to the University," Samek said. "My years down here were very important to me, and I'm just excited to give something back."

Also in attendance was interim Chancellor John Jackson. He said he and the college were thankful to the Arthur Andersen firm for the contribution.

"This is a very, very significant gift to the University," Jackson said.

According to Bruce Fisher, director of Computer Affairs for COBA, the classroom is equipped with up-to-date electronic teaching tools that allow great flexibility in what and how things are being taught.

"This room was set up for two things," said Fisher. "It's set up for distance learning as well as multi-media presentations and things like that by the instructors."

At this point, the room has been furnished with four, 40-inch plasma display televisions that will function as high-tech blackboards with electronic, interactive projection screens. The boards act as monitors for slide, video and PowerPoint presentations and distance learning seminars. Through the use of distance learning, students will be able to view guest speakers from Arthur Andersen offices worldwide.

There have been cameras installed in the front and back of the room to give both the student angle and the instructor angle. The plasma boards and cameras will also allow companies to conduct interviews with students without having to meet in person.

"Some companies use these distance rooms to interview students rather than fly down or fly students to them," said Fisher. "They'll interview a face-to-face interview without ever actually having to be in the same place."

Faculty of COBA are looking forward to teaching in the new classroom. Allen Karnes, director of the School of Accounting, said he sees many great opportunities to come.

"We have the kind of opportunities none of us had when we were in school," said Karnes. "By finding common grounds with outside partners, we can move forward."

There will also be 48 workspaces installed in the classroom. Each workspace will have PowerUp modules allowing students to connect laptops, phones, modems, printers and computer networks. This furniture has not yet been installed, but it should be by mid-semester.

Dean of COBA Dan L. Worrell said he is very optimistic about the new classroom. There is limited classroom space in the college, and it

will be more convenient for faculty to teach in the building which they reside. The room will be heavily utilized, primarily by accounting students, but also by the entire college.

"The primary group it will be benefiting is the accounting students," said Worrell. "It will benefit the entire College of Business, but they are the focal group."

The college is also planning to begin the building of a new placement center this spring. The new center will be located across the hall from the dean's office.

According to Tammy Cavarretta, director of Development for COBA, the center will include a library resource area with four to six computers for students to get online to send resumes and search for jobs. There will also be two interview rooms and a multi-media conference center. This placement center is being funded by three advisory board members and an anonymous donor.

"[The placement center] is in a prominent place in the college, so it would show the importance that we put on placement of our students, and it would help our prospective students, recruitment of students and our current students," Cavarretta said. "It would help us build better ties with employers who want to come in and meet with our students."



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Extern program is a reminder to think ahead

Students are shown the benefits of planning for life after college

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORTER

Traditionally, spring break brings thoughts of lounging on beaches and trucking down highways, but for Kevin Guebert the week brings a chance to step into his future.

Guebert, a junior in agriculture from Redbud, has been selected for the Alumni Association's Extern 2000 Program. He will spend his spring break working at the Monsanto Co., in Chesterfield, Mo.

Along with gaining experience, the program offers opportunities for employment after grad-

uation.

"Hopefully, I'll meet a few people and gain some contacts for a job in the future," Guebert said.

About 200 SIUC students will participate in the Extern 2000 Program. The program matches juniors and seniors to companies in their career fields for an externship during spring break.

The program is designed to allow students to apply what they have learned in school to actual work experiences, said Jenna Smith, Alumni Association assistant director.

"Instead of watching tax audits, we want them doing tax audits," Smith said. "We want them to participate."

Although the program is limited to juniors and seniors, all students are encouraged to start thinking of the companies they would like to work for, Smith said.

"Even freshmen and sophomores can be thinking about where they'd like to go and what

they'd like to do," Smith said. "It's never too early to do some career exploration."

Julia Wetstein, assistant dean for external affairs at the College of Agriculture, said students need to start planning earlier. As a representative of the College of Agriculture, Wetstein interviews applicants within her college as part of the selection process. She said students should think and explore potential jobs before deciding who they want to work for.

"You need to do a lot of research in that area before you decide where to go," Wetstein said.

The program is not only a chance to gain work experience, but it also allows students to make contacts in the field before searching for jobs, Wetstein said. She has known students who, after participating in the program, have been offered summer internships and employment positions.

About 30 percent of the externs are offered employment opportunities, according to the Alumni Association.

"If a student is eligible for an externship and they don't apply, they are really missing out," Wetstein said.

Jane Eastwood, extern coordinator and graduate assistant for the Alumni Association, said for a student to even apply, they must have several copies of their application, resumes and letters of recommendation. After turning in the application, students must also have a professional interview with a representative from their college and a Student Alumni Council representative.

Smith said the purpose behind the process is to prepare students for when they will have to apply for a job.

"We try to make it as real-life as possible," Smith said.

The application process is difficult, but the experience is more than worth the effort, Smith said.

"You can have an edge up on your career, if you think ahead," Smith said.

DAIRY FARM

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"We are definitely technologically behind," he said. "Other university's are larger or have electronic data recording devices on their farms."

"As far as the production goes, there is not a lot to worry about — if assuming milk is our product. But if our product is to send our kids out to a farm to work, then..."

The College of Agriculture maintains and cares for more than 2,500 acres of land owned by the University, including the dairy farm, located on McLafferty Road.

Several tours are conducted on campus each year, and for many grade school children and those interested in agriculture, a highlight is the dairy, beef and swine farms.

"Aside from the [University] Museum, the dairy farm is probably the second most visited place on campus," Shoup said. "It is a popular spot on the campus tours."

Because of its popularity and resources, Shoup said repairing the conditions of the dairy farm are a priority for the college.

"We are looking to improve the dairy," Shoup said. "It's a question of money right now."

Jessica Hedrick, a sophomore in agriculture business economics from Penfield, has worked with the dairy cows for about three months and is pleased with the farm's recent accomplishments.

Hedrick said even if any equipment was obsolete, it is the cows and the workers who handle them that determine the quality of production.

"We won the award for the milk that the cows produce, not the equipment," she said. "I've never had any problems — it's the same as any other farm."

The dairy is currently milking about 35 cows twice a day, at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each cow produces about 20,000 pounds of milk a year.

In regards to funding, the dairy farm utilizes money pooled from the income of each of the farms: dairy, beef and swine. Devore said the system is devised to act as a balance between operations, meaning if the dairy farm failed to make a profit one year, the swine or beef centers would likely supplement its income.

Although Devore believes the system of funding is needed for the survival of the farms, he said the dairy farm is sometimes overlooked.

"I think it is under-funded to the point that more money spent here would result in more income for the farms as a whole," he said. "We are really operating at a 70 percent heard size here. Before I would replace equipment, I would get the heard size up, and that would increase our profit by about \$60,000."

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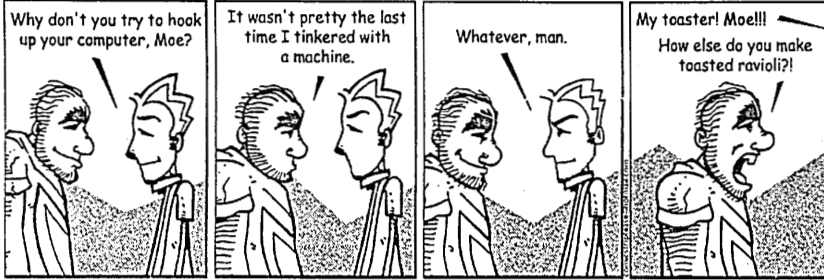
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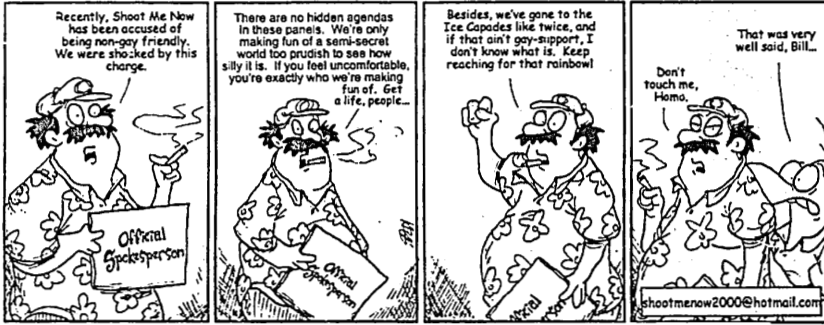
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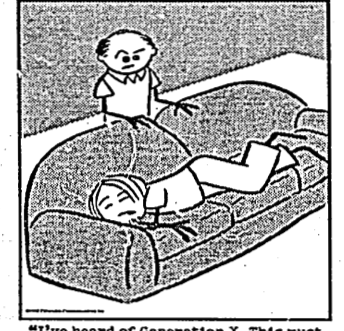
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Abramowski scores

Saluki center gets a true "shocker" after Wichita State loss

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

After last Saturday's 61-39 loss at Wichita State University, SIU women's basketball center Kristine Abramowski received something from her boyfriend that eased her pain stemming from the loss — an engagement ring.

When Abramowski returned home from Wichita early that Sunday, she was surprised to see her long-distance boyfriend of two-and-a-half years, 28-year-old high school teacher Paul Everding, at her apartment.

"I was giving him his birthday gift, and he asked me if I would do him a favor. He got down on one knee and asked me if I would wear this [ring] and marry me," Abramowski said. "It was a total surprise to me. No one knew he was going to do it. It was out of the blue."

It was quite the surprise to Abramowski's teammates as well. Junior forward Courtney Smith, who lives with Abramowski, was the first person on the team to find out the news.

"I was shocked when I found out," Smith said. "With all the juniors on the team having boyfriends, we were surprised that she was the first one out of all of us."

Assistant coach Lea Robinson, along with the rest of the Saluki coaching staff, found out when Abramowski brought Everding to the basketball office just hours after he proposed.

"I thought it was awesome," Robinson said. "I have known Kristine since her freshman year, and I teared up a bit when she told me. I am really happy for her, and she deserves it."

Abramowski, a junior in elementary education from Freeport, has been smitten ever since the spring of 1997, when a mutual friend introduced the couple. Despite Everding living in Abramowski's hometown of Freeport, seven hours north of Carbondale, Abramowski said the long-distance relationship seems much closer with a simple phone call or e-mail.



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Saluki center Kristine Abramowski is engaged to Paul Everding of Freeport IL. The couple, who have been engaged since Paul popped the question Jan. 16, have set a tentative wedding date of sometime in spring of 2002.

"We haven't had any problems. He knows basketball is my life," Abramowski said. "He comes down to visit as much as his schedule allows him to, and he's been to a couple of the away games."

Smith, who has lived with Abramowski since their freshman year, has watched Everding and Abramowski's relationship grow throughout the years. Both are described as warm and dependable.

"Paul is very much like Kristine. I always say there is no better match for her," Smith said. "Their personalities are very com-

patible. They are the epitome of a couple."

The couple plans to tie the knot sometime during the spring of 2002 after Abramowski graduates from SIU in the fall of 2001.

Even though the 6-foot-3-inch Abramowski is only 20-years-old, Robinson thinks her motherly-like instincts and maturity will make her a good wife.

"Kristine is one of the most mature 20 year olds I know," Robinson said.

"She is the mother hen of the team. On the bus on road trips, if anyone needs anything, she always has snacks in her book bag for everyone, or a band-aid, or something. I think she knows what she is doing."

He got down on one knee and asked if I would wear this [ring] and marry me.

KRISTINE ABRAMOWSKI
Saluki center

Cornell only content with distance runners

Parks, Shunk and Zeibert finish first in respective events at Illinois

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Missouri Valley Conference Championship meet is still five weeks away, but SIU men's head track and field coach Bill Cornell is already alarmed with the performances from his squad.

Even though Saturday's Illinois Open, was not scored, Cornell kept his own score with certain members of his team.

"I am happy with the distance runners," Cornell said. "However, I am very concerned with the rest of the team. We can't win a conference title with these kinds of performances."

Three of the 16 Salukis who traveled to Champaign produced first-place finishes: sophomore distance

runner Joe Zeibert, junior high jumper Aaron Shunk and senior distance runner Joe Parks.

Zeibert had the best race of his career in the mile run (4:11.14). Senior Matt McClelland finished fourth in the same race (4:12.17).

"Matt was leading most of the race — there is always more pressure when you lead," Cornell said. "Near the end of the race, Matt went ahead a little too fast and Zeibert kicked at a great time and won the race."

Parks also tasted his share of victory by winning the 5,000 meter run. His time of 14:29.45 is currently the fastest time in the Missouri Valley Conference. He also now holds seventh place on the all-time list in the 5,000 at SIU.

Shunk, who recently transferred to SIU from Ball State University, took the high jump title with a jump of 6-10 3/4.

Shunk and the rest of the Saluki jumpers will receive a boost this week-

end with the return of senior All-American long- and triple-jumper Brad Bowers, who missed the first three meets of the indoor season, recovering from back surgery.

"[Bowers] is coming back gradually," Cornell said. "He's been looking good in practice, but it might take him a while to get adjusted."

But as one Saluki returns to action, another is lost. Junior pole vaulter Dan Stone suffered a stress fracture last week in practice and is not expected to compete in the remainder of the indoor track season.

"We thought [Stone's] fracture was going to be OK, but it wasn't," Cornell added. "We didn't know how serious the injury was until the minute we left for Champaign."

Cornell would like to see better results at the Salukis' next home meet, the McDonald's Invitational, Saturday.

"We need to hit on all cylinders," Cornell said. "We have to get the team together and get down to business."

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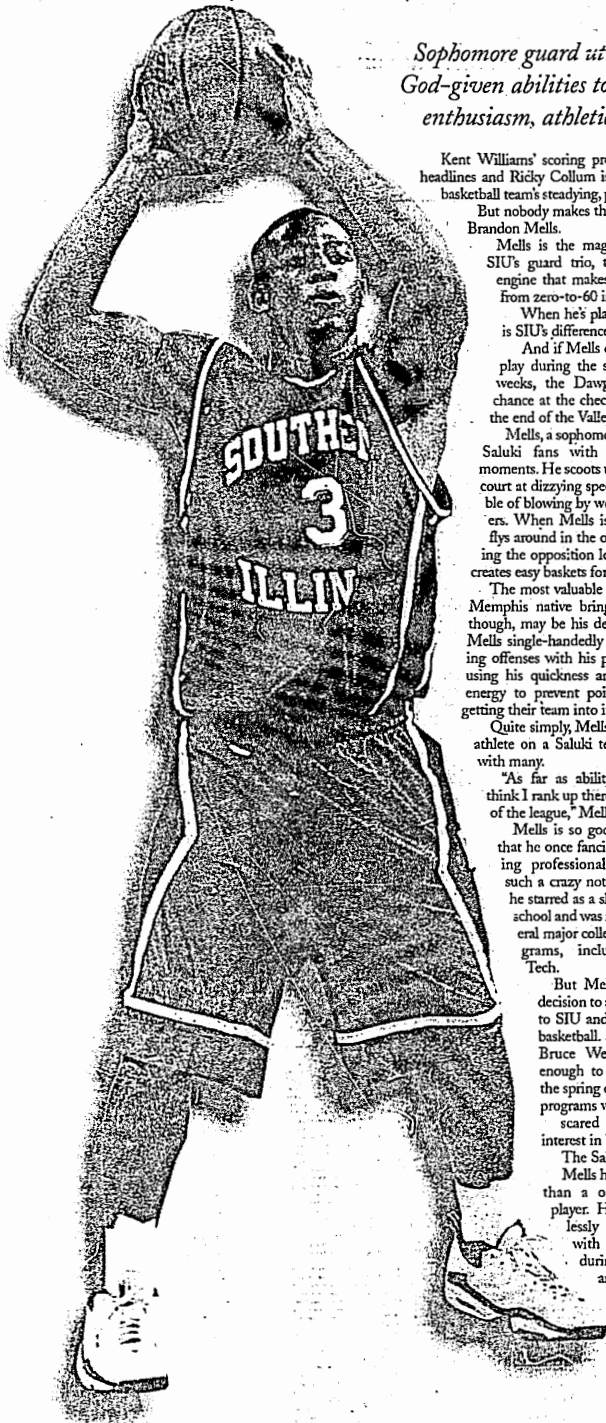
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Sophomore guard utilizes God-given abilities to inject enthusiasm, athleticism

Kent Williams' scoring prowess grabs the headlines and Ricky Collum is the SIU men's basketball team's steady, poised influence. But nobody makes the Salukis go like Brandon Mells.

Mells is the magical element of SIU's guard trio, the part of the engine that makes the Salukis go from zero-to-60 in no time flat.

When he's playing well, Mells is SIU's difference-maker.

And if Mells can crank up his play during the season's final six weeks, the Dawgs may have a chance at the checkered flag come the end of the Valley race.

Mells, a sophomore, has provided Saluki fans with some thrilling moments. He scoots up and down the court at dizzying speeds, and is capable of blowing by would-be-defenders. When Mells is at his best, he flies around in the open court, making the opposition look helpless and creates easy baskets for his teammates.

The most valuable gift the talented Memphis native brings to the table, though, may be his defensive tenacity. Mells single-handedly disrupts opposing offenses with his pressure defense, using his quickness and inexhaustible energy to prevent point guards from getting their team into its offense.

Quite simply, Mells is a sensational athlete on a Saluki team not blessed with many.

"As far as ability and talent, I think I rank up there among the top of the league," Mells said.

Mells is so good of an athlete that he once fancied himself playing professional baseball. Not such a crazy notion, considering he starred as a shortstop in high school and was recruited by several major college baseball programs, including Georgia Tech.

But Mells made a late decision to accept a free ride to SIU and concentrate on basketball. SIU head coach Bruce Weber was lucky enough to pluck Mells in the spring of 1998, as some programs were

scares off by Mells' interest in baseball.

The Salukis got a steal. Mells has become more than a one-dimensional player. He worked tirelessly on his jumper with his dad, Larry, during the summer, and as a result, is now as legitimate a

threat to stick a big three-pointer as Collum or Williams. "I feel like (the summer practice) has helped me out so much this year as far as my shooting," Mells said.

Just ask Bradley, which watched Mells nail a pair of crucial threes as the Salukis pulled away in the second half of Saturday's 72-59 win.

Gifted as Mells is, though, the 6-foot-1-inch spark plug found himself coming off the bench Saturday.

How can a kid with Mells' skills not be among SIU's starting five? For one thing, the Salukis have two other quality guards in Collum and Williams.

Then, there's the exasperating part of it all. Mells has yet to harness his considerable talent.

Mells, who averages about eight points and four assists a game, is like a potent drug. As effective as he can be, he carries potentially harmful side effects. Like turnovers.

Mells had a horrible case of freshmanitis last season, making numerous ill-advised passes and turning the ball over at an alarming rate.

He has cut down on his silly mistakes this season, but still has a costly tendency to mess up at the wrong time, such as when he threw away a wild pass during the late stages of a costly home loss to Creighton.

Mells is averaging about three turnovers a game this year, but don't expect him to tone down his run-and-gun ways.

"What I've been blessed with as far as my athletic ability from God, I've just got to use it," Mells said. "He gave it to me for a reason, and Coach (Weber) gives me the opportunity to use it."

Part of Mells' troubles are a result of his unpolished basketball maturity, but Mells has also been dealt a rough hand. He likes to grab the ball and go, but because of SIU's limited athleticism this season, there aren't many guys who can keep up with him. Subsequently, Mells often gets frustrated, and tries to force a quick pass to a teammate ill-equipped to receive one.

"Sometimes I throw a pass and [my teammates] just can't catch it," Mells said. "They're just not athletic enough. I've got to know the personnel on my team ... that's my mistake."

That part of the problem figures to improve soon, as Weber has signed athletic recruits Toshiy Harvey and Stetson Hairston to go with Mells and other speedy Salukis Joshua Cross and Jermaine Dearman next season.

"The more personnel that can actually run with us, that'll cut down on my turnovers also," Mells said.

The influx of athletes to the Salukis should aid Mells' aspiration to become one of the top guards in the MVC. If Mells cuts down his gaffes, and Weber continues to bring in players who can keep pace with him, there's no telling how dazzling Mells will be.

But there's still work to be done this season. And for senior starters Ricky Collum, Chris Thunell and Derrick Tilmon, there is no next year.

That's why Saluki fans hope Mells can quicken his maturation process, and come the Valley tournament, be SIU's difference-maker.



JAY SCHWAB
SPORTS EDITOR

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BRANDON MELLS
Saluki basketball guard

Brandon Mells

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Looking Back On 1999

By: Jeff Doherty, City Manager

As we begin the new millennium, let us reflect on the past year and the accomplishments of our City and Community. The year 1999 has been the beginning of several projects that will serve our community well into the 21st Century. In addition, new and exciting changes occurred during the past year while other traditions continued.

Finally, and just before the end of the century, the Mill Street Underpass construction began. This long awaited project will provide a highway under railroad grade separation in the Downtown area and will relieve traffic from Grand Avenue, Main Street, and Walnut Street. Construction will continue throughout 2000 and will be completed in 2001. Another major street project, Grand Avenue, was completed. The reconstruction of Grand Avenue from Lewis Lane to Giant City Road will accommodate the increasing vehicular traffic volume and make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Summer of 1999 can be remembered as the time when getting around Carbondale was a little difficult because of street construction. Progress has its inconveniences at times.

I can safely speak for the Carbondale Community High School Superintendent and the Carbondale Elementary School District Superintendent when I say that 1999 was extremely exciting, challenging, and rewarding for all of us. The development of the Super Block into an educational and recreational complex for the Carbondale Community forged ahead this past year. At the beginning of 1999, we knew that the new Middle School was funded and would be constructed and that the recreational fields would be developed. But it was the combination of the Carbondale City Council, in approving a 1/4% sales tax, and the voters of the high school district, in approving a \$14 million bond referendum, that resulted in approving a new high school. This solidified the Super Block development with two new major educational facilities as anchors and new baseball, softball, and soccer fields connecting them. The intergovernmental cooperation involved in the Super Block is unprecedented in Carbondale, and while there have been some rocky times, everyone is committed to providing the finest facilities for our youth.

The Mill Street Underpass and the Super Block highlight the 1999 accomplishments. They are projects for which our community will be proud when they are completed in 2001 and 2002. There were other projects, events and accomplishments in 1999 that impact our community.

A municipal election was held. Neil Dillard was re-elected to his 4th term as Mayor. Mike Neill was re-elected to his 2nd term as Councilman and Brad Cole was elected to his 1st term as Councilman.

The City of Carbondale experienced changes in its Public Safety leadership with the appointments of Jeffery Anderson as Fire Chief and R.T. Finney as Police Chief. The development of the regional fire training center continued with the receipt of a state grant to construct classrooms at the training center site near the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The old City Hall at 609 East College was demolished and the property sold to Southern Illinois Regional Social Services to accommodate its plans to construct a new facility. The redevelopment of the Town Square was finalized with the completion of the Audio Tour and the Southeast Quadrant with its Veterans' Memorial.

Housing issues were prominent during the past year. The City completed the first round of the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program. A Task Force on Residential Leasing, comprised of landlords, SIUC students, and non-student tenants, completed its recommendations to the City Council that called for an educational program for tenants focusing on leases and what to look for when shopping for a rental unit.

The City continued to grow. The most significant annexation occurred in the Reed Station Road/Route 13 area. A sanitary sewer was extended into that area to accommodate developments including Reed Station Crossing, Nutrition Headquarters expansion, and the Carbondale Business Development Corporation's Carbondale Business Park East.

The City's commercial east side continued its development, particularly on the Giant City Road corridor where Krogers, Sears, and Saturn opened new facilities. Elsewhere in Carbondale, senior housing developments occurred on Lewis Lane and Westridge Drive. Memorial Hospital continued the expansion of its facilities to accommodate the regional demands for medical care.

The City and Southern Illinois University worked together on the development of a university business research park. The final report of a task force that has been working on the feasibility of a research park will be completed in early 2000.

The 9th Annual Lights Fantastic Parade was as good as ever. This popular event has become a true source of Community Pride and a Carbondale Tradition.

Many people and organizations work hard for the betterment of our Community. The future of Carbondale has never been brighter as we move forward into the new millennium with exciting projects, new opportunities, and great people. Carbondale is a fantastic place to live!

United States Census 2000

CENSUS 2000 IS COMING SOON

Every ten years the Census of Population and Housing is taken. The Year 2000 is not only the beginning of a new millennium; it also is the year for a Census. During the last week in March, Census forms will be mailed to every household in the country. Census forms will also be delivered to dormitories, fraternity houses, nursing homes, etc. It is critical that residents take the time to fill out and return the Census forms by April 1, 2000.

Why is the Census important to the community and to you?

1. The Census is the source of the population numbers used to determine how many representatives each state has in the U. S. House of Representatives. If not everyone in our state is counted, we may end up with less representation in Washington.
2. The Census results are used in drawing lines for many elected office districts. Each Congressional district must have a nearly equal population. Likewise the State House of Representatives, State Senate, and County Board districts must be equally allocated by population. If residents don't return their Census forms, they will be under represented in these legislative bodies.
3. Census results are used to allocate Federal and State assistance. Many federal government programs allocate funds to states and local governments based on the size of the population or based on the characteristics of the population. The Census provides the numbers used to make the allocations. State funds, such as the Illinois income tax and motor fuel tax, are often allocated back to local governments based population. If everyone in the City of Carbondale does not respond to the Census, we will be shorted on funds from the State and Federal government for the next ten years.
4. The Census tells us about ourselves as a community and nation. The Census provides hard data on how many of us there are: how old we are; our racial, national and ethnic background; our education and occupation; our income level; what kind of housing we occupy; the cost of our housing; and much more. This information is very important in planning for the delivery of services.

The Census Is Confidential:

Information about individuals and households is confidential. Federal law prescribes a monetary fine and jail term for anyone divulging confidential Census information. When the Census releases results, it is very careful to aggregate the data so that it is not possible to figure out how anyone person or household responded to the Census.

Students Count:

The Census Bureau counts college students as living where they reside while attending school. That means that SIU or John A. Logan College students who live in Carbondale while attending college need to fill out the Census questionnaire in Carbondale. The students' parents who live somewhere else will be directed to NOT include their children who are away at school on the parents' Census form. If you are a college student, you need to fill out the Census form. Otherwise you will not get counted.

CENSUS JOBS

It takes millions of temporary workers to conduct the Census. The Census Bureau needs to hire hundreds of workers in Southern Illinois. It is very important to the City of Carbondale that local residents be Census workers. If you would like to work full or part time on a temporary basis this would be a good opportunity. The Census Bureau pays its workers well above the minimum wage. To apply for a job with the Census Bureau call (618) 998-0661.

AM 1620: Carbondale's New Public Radio Station

Carbondale has a new radio station. 1620 on the AM radio band is the location of the City of Carbondale's new public information radio station. This radio station is a result of the City's involvement in Project Impact, a federal program to prepare for emergencies. The primary purposes of AM 1620 is to provide emergency preparedness information, serve as a direct source of information from the City during an emergency, and provide information in the aftermath of and during recovery from an emergency.

Initial programming on AM 1620 will be a continuous rebroadcast of the National Weather Service with interspersed announcements from the City. The City will use AM 1620 to provide information on street closings and other information of importance to the public. During emergency situations, the City's Emergency Operations Center will break into regular programming, with special announcements. In time, AM 1620 will provide educational programs on emergency preparedness and contain more information about City programs.

In times of severe weather or other emergency situations tune in to AM 1620 for information directly from the City of Carbondale. Tune in daily for the latest in street closing information and other important announcements from the City.

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CITY OF CARBONDALE AND ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TEAM UP TO HELP CARBONDALE RESIDENTS PURCHASE AND REHABILITATE HOMES

In the last issue of the *Carbondale Communique* the City of Carbondale announced a program to provide low interest loans for first time homebuyers in Carbondale. This Mortgage Revenue Bond program operated by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) through participating local lenders makes 30 year fixed rate home loans at a 5% interest rate. As an option to the 5% interest rate, the borrower can instead take a 5.25% interest rate and receive up to \$1,000 towards closing costs.

The Illinois Housing Development Authority Board of Directors has approved two new grants to the City of Carbondale to start additional housing programs in Carbondale using funds from the Federal HOME program. The following is a brief description of both programs.

Carbondale Homebuyer Assistance Program:

Under this program, the City will be able to assist approximately eight lower income households in purchasing a home. The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest rate loan for partial down payment costs, closing costs and housing rehabilitation costs (if needed). Maximum assistance will be \$30,000 depending on the individual's financial situation and the condition of the home to be purchased. The homebuyer must contribute at least \$1,000 towards the down payment. Eligible persons will primarily be first-time homebuyers. Persons who currently own a home that cannot be rehabilitated or which is seriously over crowded may also qualify. Eligibility is limited by Federal law to persons who are lower income. The income limit is on a sliding scale based on family size. For example, for a family of three persons, the maximum income is \$29,900, and for a family of five the maximum income is \$35,850. The maximum appraised value for a purchased home cannot exceed \$115,200. All homes purchased must be within the city limits of the City of Carbondale.

Persons participating in the program will need to apply to the City for the Homebuyer Assistance Program forgivable loan and they will apply separately to participating local lenders for the primary loan for the home purchase. The City will evaluate information provided by the applicants to see if they are eligible and will likely meet the local lenders' criteria for loan approval. The eligible applicants will also have to attend a homebuyer counseling program which will be provided through the City. Upon successful completion of the counseling program, applicants will be able to contact participating local lenders to apply for a home loan. The lenders will use their normal criteria to evaluate the loan application and decide whether to approve or deny a loan. It is possible for the lenders to combine the Homebuyer Assistance Program with the Mortgage Revenue Bond program.

The City's assistance to the homebuyer will be in the form of a 0% interest rate forgivable loan. The length of the loan will be 5 or 10 years depending on the amount loaned. As long as the purchaser owns and lives in the home, the loan does not have to be paid. Each month the person owns and occupies the home a prorated amount of the loan is forgiven so that at the end of the 5 or 10 year period the full amount of the loan is forgiven (or basically turns into a grant). If the home is sold before the end of the 5 or 10 year period, only the prorated amount of the loan that has not yet been forgiven needs to be repaid at the time of the sale.

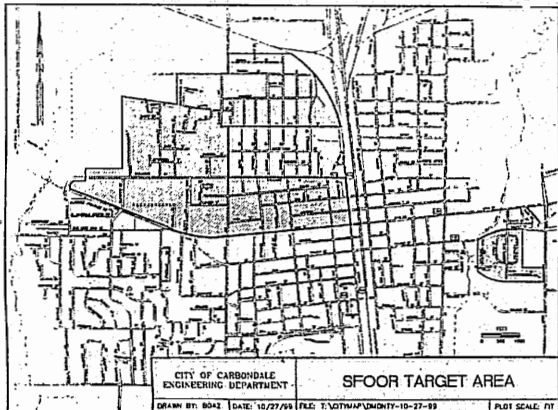
Although IHDA has authorized a grant award to the City, it will take until about March 1, 2000 for the necessary grant documents to receive final approval. Until then, the City cannot accept applications from persons interested in participating in the Homebuyer Assistance program. However persons interested in participating in the program may contact the City of Carbondale's Development Services Department at 457-3248 or at the City Hall/Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue, P. O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047 to receive future information about the program and to be put on a mailing list.

Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR):

Under the HOME SFOOR program the City will be able to assist approximately five owner-occupied households with rehabilitation of their homes. The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest rate loan for as much as \$24,999. The amount of the loan will depend on the condition of the home and how much rehabilitation work is needed on it. The homes must be located in the target area that was approved by IHDA. The target area includes much (but not all) of Northwest Carbondale and Tatum Heights. See the accompanying map for the target area location. The income limits to participate in the SFOOR program are the same as for the Homebuyer Assistance Program described above. The value of the home after it is rehabilitated cannot exceed \$115,200. Persons wanting to participate in the SFOOR program will have to make application to the City for assistance.

The forgivable loan mechanism used for the SFOOR program is the same as described above for the Homebuyer Assistance Program. Depending on the amount of financial assistance provided by the City, the loan period will be 5 or 10 years and the loan will be forgiven at a rate of 1/60th or 1/120th for each month the owner lives in the home. At the end of the 5 or 10 years the loan will be totally forgiven and essentially have been changed into a grant.

Although IHDA has authorized a grant award to the City, it will take until about March 15, 2000 for the necessary grant documents to receive final approval. Until then, the City cannot accept applications from persons interested in participating in the SFOOR program. However persons interested in participating in the program may contact the City of Carbondale's Development Services Department at 457-3248 or at the City Hall/Civic Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue, P. O. Box 2047, Carbondale, Illinois 62902-2047 to receive future information about the program and to be put on a mailing list.



TEEN SCENE Summer Youth Employment

In February it is hard to imagine that summer is approaching, but a number of local teens are already thinking about summer employment. Summer jobs are an excellent chance for teens to learn valuable lessons in dependability, responsibility, and the value of a job well done, not to mention a chance to earn a little bit of much needed spending money. Summer youth employment also allows teens to actively contribute to the communities that they live in, creating a win-win situation for youth and the community as a whole.

Each year, in February, the City of Carbondale coordinates the Summer Youth Employment Program in cooperation with many local businesses, agencies, individuals, and Carbondale Community High School. The program focuses on young people ages 16 and older, and has two main parts: a job workshop and a job fair. The job workshop is designed to teach basic job-seeking skills and job-retention skills. Young people will participate in an interactive presentation by local career specialists, and immediately following this training, participants will be broken off into groups of 3-5 to give them a chance to ask specific job-related questions of the numerous volunteers in the community who agree to facilitate small group feedback sessions.

The next component of the Summer Youth Employment Program, the Job Fair, will give local employers an opportunity to interview numerous young people at one time, and allow the young people in the community a variety of employment interviews all in one morning. The Summer Youth Employment Program facilitates the process, but hiring is carried out in accordance with the employer's regular employment procedures. Volunteers will also be on hand at the Job Fair to answer last minute questions and to help young people complete employment applications.

Employment opportunities are still needed for young people in the community. Even if local businesses can only hire a young person for 10 hours per week, this still provides an invaluable opportunity and experience. If you are a local business person interested in hiring a young person for the summer, or if you are an individual who would like to become part of this exciting opportunity by volunteering your time to answer basic job-related questions at the Job Workshop or Job Fair, please contact Jennifer Guthrie, the Community Youth Coordinator at 457-3286. / February 18, 2000.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

The City of Carbondale's Forestry Division will conduct curbside Christmas tree recycling during the three week period beginning January 3 and ending January 21, 2000. Trees should be placed at curbside on the same day as the City collects refuse and recycling in the resident's area. Collection and chipping will occur the following day. Those wishing to discard trees at times other than their normal refuse day may use one of the following neighborhood drop-off sites (WATCH FOR SIGNS).



- Public Works Complex on North Michaels Street (at gate)
- Doug Lee Park Parking Lot on East Grand Avenue (Northwest corner)
- Parrish Park Parking Lot on West Sunset Drive (East end)
- Attucks Park South Parking Lot on North First Street

Questions about this program may be directed to the Environmental Services Manager or the City Forester at 549-5302, extension 332.

Carbondale's Curbside Recycling Program

How can I get curbside recycling? The City of Carbondale has collected recyclables at curbside since 1990. This program serves one and two family residences within the city limits. If you feel you qualify call 457-3275 to receive a blue recycling container.

What recyclables do I place in the bin? The recyclables collected are glass bottles and jars (clear, brown, green); aluminum and steel food and beverage cans and newsprint.

How do I place the recyclables in the blue bin? Customers are asked to place aluminum and steel cans on the bottom of the blue bin with glass on top of the cans. Labels may remain on the containers but lids on glass must be disposed with the regular trash. Newsprint should be tied securely with twine and placed on top of all other recyclables. During pending or current inclement weather, customers are requested to hold newsprint over until the following week. Wet paper cannot be recycled.

I don't have any recyclables; do I have to put the bin out every week? No. If you wait until the bin is full to put it out, it will save our drivers a stop.

How do I replace a stolen or damaged bin? Call the City Environmental Services Division at 457-3275 to have a replacement bin delivered to your home.

What do I do with the blue bin if I move? The blue bin is city property assigned to your address. Leave it for the next resident.

I live in an apartment; how do I recycle? For those customers not served by curbside pick-up there are two drop-off locations. Each of these facilities have containers in which to deposit the same items collected by the curbside program. The east side drop off facility is located in the parking lot at East College Street, across from the Police Station next to St. Ignace. The west side drop off is located at the University Baptist Church, 700 South Oakland Avenue.

Carbondale's curbside recycling program currently recovers about 350 tons of materials annually while the drop-off collection sites collect 100 tons. Approximately 60 percent of the material collected is newsprint.

Carbondale Summit On Africa Day

The Carbondale Summit on Africa Day was held December 4, 1999, at Southern Illinois University. Traditional Ghanaian Chiefs Eduakwa IV and Esuon IV were the honored guests. The day-long Summit included an official welcome by the University and the City, with Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan reading the Proclamation declaring December 4, 1999, Carbondale Summit on Africa Day.

During the Summit, panel discussions and workshops were held on the following topics: The African Continent; Geopolitical Perception and Realities; Education of African Women and Girls; Holistic Sustainable Social Development; African Cultural Continuities; Study Abroad Perspectives, and Learning About Africa on the Web. Discussion groups focused on the topics of Economic Development, Trade and Investment; Democracy and Human Rights; Sustainable Development, Quality of Life, and the Environment; Peace and Security; and Education and Culture. The keynote address was delivered by Chief Nana Barima Kodwo Eduakwa IV on The Importance of Creating Linkages Between Africans on the Continent and Africans Within the Diaspora Through Cultural Exchange.

During the Chiefs' week long stay from November 29th to December 7th, they visited Thomas and Parrish Elementary Schools as well as Carbondale Community High School. The purpose of the Chiefs' visits to the schools were to talk to students about their continent's and countries' cultures and to dispel some of the myths. The Chiefs visited with many Carbondale residents. They were guests at a reception hosted by Rock Hill Baptist Church and a breakfast hosted by Hopewell Baptist Church. The Chiefs also spent the night in the homes of Carbondale residents.

To culminate the Chiefs' visits, the City of Carbondale hosted a reception on Monday, December 6th. Mayor Neil Dillard was the official host and shared information about the City's operations. Chief Eduakwa spoke about the government in Elmina, Ghana, and his hopes for the establishment of a sister city relationship between Carbondale and Elmina. The Chiefs were taken on a tour of the building and enjoyed having their photographs taken with the huge steeple sign made by the City which says, Elmina, Ghana, 6,025 miles!

The National Summit on Africa is a four-year initiative created at the White House in 1994 to achieve three key goals: to educate the American public about Africa and about U.S. relations, to broaden and strengthen the network of Africa's supporters in the U.S., and to develop a policy of action to guide U.S. relations with the countries and people of Africa. The Carbondale Summit on Africa, coordinated by Dr. Nancy Dawson of SIUC, will have representation at the National Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. in February 2,000, where a national policy plan of action on U.S. and Africa relations for the new millennium will be developed.

Preservation News...

Submitted by the Carbondale Preservation Committee

The Carbondale Preservation Commission, in cooperation with Noteworthy Communications of Carbondale, has recently completed an Audio Tour of Carbondale's Town Square. The audio tour was funded in part through a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the City of Carbondale. The audio tour portrays historically significant events which occurred in the Town Square over the past 150 years and places them in context with state and national events.

The Audio Tour includes a historical introduction to Southern Illinois, the founding of Carbondale in 1852 by Daniel Harmon Brush and the creation of the town plat with Brush's personal philosophy of how a town and its people should live. Other events highlighted in the tour include the arrival of the first train into Carbondale, the development of the railroad facilities in the Town Square and the Illinois Central Railroad's expansion and continuing influence on the development of Carbondale at the turn of the century. The role of several Carbondale area residents in the Civil War and the building boom that occurred in and around the Town Square following the Civil War are also examined. The tour concludes with Town Square celebrations and the famous people who have visited Carbondale.

Compact discs of the audio tour and compact disc players will be available for check out at the City Hall/Civic Center and the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau. Anyone desiring additional information regarding the audio tour can contact Tom Redmond, Development Services Director, or Bob Mahit, Senior Planner, at 457-3235.

MAYOR SEEKS PEOPLE TO SERVE

Mayor Neil Dillard and the members of the Carbondale City Council are always seeking interested citizens to serve on the various Boards, Commissions and Committees. If you are interested in serving your community by becoming a member of one of these Boards, Commissions or Committees, please complete the form below and return it to: Mayor Neil Dillard, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. If you have any questions on the functions or duties of any of the Boards, Commissions and Committees, please contact the Mayor's office at 549-5302.

CARBONDALE INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: This Commission monitors the cable television franchise; hears complaints against the cable company, and holds hearings on proposed program changes. Seven members as follows: one designee of SIU President's Office, one SIU student, one City Council member, one representative from the SIU College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, and three Carbondale citizens who subscribe to cable television.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: This Committee is currently working on the 2000 Census and carries out other general assignments as made by the City Council. Not less than 24 nor more than 30 members, which must reflect socio-economic/geographic representation of the City.

DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE: This Committee was appointed to work with the City Council and City Administration to implement the redevelopment program recommended for the downtown area. Comprised of various groups that have an interest in Downtown Redevelopment. Fifteen members appointed by the Mayor for one year terms.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION: This commission gives continuing advice and support to the City's energy programs. Seven members, all City of Carbondale residents.

LIBRARY BOARD: This Board monitors the functions of the Carbondale Public Library and oversees the Library's budget. Nine members, all residing within City limits.

LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD: This Board makes recommendations to the Liquor Control Commission (City Council) concerning liquor license applications, liquor control ordinances and other liquor related matters as requested by the City Council. It also hears citizen complaints against liquor establishments. Seven members, including two City Staff members; all except on residing within the City limits.

PLANNING COMMISSION: This Commission holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council concerning the City's zoning ordinance (planning, zoning and subdivisions). Eleven members and one ex-officio City Council member.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: This Board hears appeals of the City Council or City Administration's decisions on the zoning ordinance (planning, zoning and subdivisions). Seven members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone (Home) _____	(Office) _____
Occupation _____	
I would be interested in serving on the following Boards and Commissions:	
First Choice _____	Third Choice _____
Second Choice _____	Fourth Choice _____

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Myonna Terry is a new Child Care Aide Substitute at the Eurma Hayes Center. (photo not shown)



Jason Crabb has accepted the position as Traffic Control Foreman, in the Maintenance and Environmental Services Division.

Mike R. Smith is the new Facility/Event Support Worker for the Civic Center.

In 1999, the following citizens were appointed or reappointed to serve on Boards and Commissions:

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS: Carol McDermott and Mary Walker
BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: William Borgognoni, Donald B. Smith, Edd Knight
CARBONDALE CONVENTION AND TOURISM BUREAU: Kenneth R. Hughes, Evelyn Koine
CARBONDALE INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION: Joey Goodsell, Reid Martin
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Matthew Baughman, B.C. Boone, Bill Feltz, Linda Flowers, Robert Gerig, Steven Haynes, Navreet Kang, Anastasios Karayiannis, Edward Mayberry, Courtland Munroe, Charles Simon, Jeanette Stephens, Claudette Thomas, Donna Wilson
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND GRANT REVIEW BOARD: James H. Walker, Bill Whitson, Kevin Klaine, Ron Diehl, Steven Schanwecker
DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE: Gilbert Bolen, Jill Bratland, Sally Carter, Dave Christensen, Jeanne Foster, E. Joyce Guyon, Jerry Howell, Evelyn Koine, Raymond Lenz, John Linehan, Margaret Neshitt, Linda Parrish, Mike Pollack, Steve Schanwecker, Jim Simoni, Jeanette Stephens, Carolyn Tschonakoff
ELECTRICAL COMMISSION: Armen Asaturian, Jim Hagler, Harry McLeod, Max Snyder, Jeffrey Anderson
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION: Patrick Kelley
HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS: Kenneth R. Hughes, Pat Justice, Cleveland Matthews
JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES BOARD: Jeff Anderson and Robert T. Finney
LIBRARY BOARD: Beth Arthur, Frank Black, James Duggan, Harriet Simon
LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD: Ed Ford, Judy Greer, Mark Robinson, Rob Taylor, Tony Wilson
PERSONNEL BOARD: Carol King, Patricia A. Orr
PLANNING COMMISSION: Caryl Cox, John Michael Henry, Hugh Lewin, Corene McDaniel, Rolf Schilling
POLICEMAN'S PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Bill Whitson
PRESERVATION COMMISSION: Shirley Dillinger Booker, Helen Deniston, Kevin Koron
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Janet Lilly

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday 4th & 18th	Carbondale City Council	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Wed. 5th	Downtown Steering Committee	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois	4:00 pm
Wednesday 9th & 19th	Planning Commission	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Thurs. 6th	Liquor Advisory Board	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	5:30 pm
Monday 10th & 31st	Park District Board	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Wed. 12th	Carbondale Library Board	405 W. Main Street	4:30 pm
Mon. 10th	Preservation Commission	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Thurs. 27th	Elementary School District #95	Lewis School 801 S. Lewis Lane	7:00 pm

NOTE: Watch CityVision on Channel 16 for additional information and announcements. City Hall Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

FEBRUARY

DATE	MEETING	PLACE	TIME
Tuesday 1st & 15th	Carbondale City Council	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Wed. 2nd	Downtown Steering Committee	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Wednesday 7th & 16th	Planning Commission	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Thurs. 3rd	Liquor Advisory Board	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	5:30 pm
Mon. 14th	Park District Board	Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Televised, CityVision	7:00 pm
Wed. 9th	Carbondale Library Board	405 West Main Street	4:30 PM
Mon. 21st	Preservation Commission	City Hall, 200 S. Illinois	7:00 pm
Mon. 14th	Elementary School District #95	Farrish School 111 N. Parrish Lane	7:00 pm

NOTE: City Hall will be closed on Friday, February 11 in honor of Abraham Lincoln.

CRITTER CORNER

By Cindy Nelson, Animal Control Officer

HARK, HARK, THE DOG DOTH BARK: More barking tips . . .

When all else fails, you can try to desensitize the dog to your departures with "Barking set-ups." Set-ups take time. Be prepared to use a long weekend or some vacation time before beginning the program.

First imitate your daily departure routine. Make the dog think that this is just like any other daily departure. Second, while giving him his special goodbye toy, get eye contact and tell him in a firm and matter-of-fact manner to be quiet until you return. Leave for a brief period of time. Just a minute or two to start out with. Don't lock your door. You must be able to enter quickly, if the dog begins to bark. If the dog has not barked, return and gently praise. If you hear him begin to bark, burst back into the house hollering QUIET! Then turn and leave again.

This time, if the dog barks, punctuate your command for silence with the rattle of a shaker can (empty soda can filled with 15 pennies, fewer for fearful dogs) to startle the dog into silence. Praise the dog when he quiets down and leave again. The goal, of course, is to be able to stay away for longer and longer periods of time without having to go back in and correct the dog for barking. Set goals (5, 10, 15 minutes) and go back in and praise the dog if he remained quiet for the set amount of time. Don't wait for an undetermined amount of time and only go in to correct the dog for finally barking. Silence must be praised. Appropriate behavior must be acknowledged.

Barking set-ups can be tedious, but they usually work if you take the time to do them properly; barking problems are rarely solved in a day.



Let your neighbors know that you are not ignoring their complaints; that you understand their discomfort and you are taking steps to correct the problem. Quite often, they will cut you a little slack if they know that their complaints have not fallen upon deaf ears.

You, Your Pet, and the Law . . .

No matter where you live, there are laws that affect you and your pet. Such laws help safeguard your right to own and enjoy your pet - and they also protect the public from potentially injurious indiscretions by your pet. If you know and adhere to state laws and local pet ordinances, you can keep your pet out of harm's way and help avoid unpleasant encounters with neighbors and the legal system.

PET PIXS . . .

Hi! My name is Prowler. I'm a female American Eskimo. My favorite place to go is my Pa Pa Boo's. He feeds me real food there. Then, I won't eat my yucky dog food. My favorite thing to do is dig holes and lay in the grass. I pass time by barking at trains and tearing up carpet. My favorite playmate is Grandma's cat, D.A.C. I chew his ears.

Send a picture and tell us about your pet. Send it to Cindy Nelson, Animal Control P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Thanks to Jennifer Holt for this edition's contribution.



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CARBONDALE COMMUNIQUE'

Recycle Your Old Telephone Directories

Residents of Carbondale can recycle their old telephone directories at the participating businesses listed below until January 28, 2000.

El Greco,
516 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale
KARCO Recycling,
1350 North New Era Road, Carbondale
Kroger,
501 North Giant City Road, Carbondale
Kroger West,
Rt. 13 West, Carbondale
McDonald's East,
Rt. 13 East, Carbondale
McDonald's West,
Rt. 13 West, Carbondale



Memorial Hospital of Carbondale,
405 East Jackson, Carbondale
Neighborhood Food Co-op,
104 East Jackson, Carbondale
Schnuck's
915 West Main, Carbondale
Southern Recycling,
220 South Washington, Carbondale
Wal-Mart,
1450 East Main, Carbondale

All residents of Carbondale with blue recycling bins can recycle their phone directories along with the regular recyclables through January 28, 2000. Please place the directory on top of other recyclables and please keep them dry in wet weather. Phone books are collected at the two Carbondale drop-off locations at East College Street across from the Police station and University Baptist Church, 700 South Oakland. For more information call Keep Carbondale Beautiful at 529-4148.

NEED WOOD CHIPS?

We've Got 'em and They're FREE!

THE CITY OF CARBONDALE HAS AN OVERSTOCK SUPPLY OF WOOD CHIPS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS FOR USE IN LANDSCAPING OR COMPOSTING. THESE CHIPS ARE THE BY-PRODUCT OF THE FORESTRY DIVISION'S TREE WORK AND CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING PROGRAM, AND ARE FREE. THE CHIPS ARE AVAILABLE DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED ON NORTH MICHAELS. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CITY FORESTER AT 549-5302, EXTENSION 332.