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Bilingual course brings Berlin to Pick's classroom

Cecilia Pick tells a story about her tragic family history in East Berlin

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Cecilia Pick has a painful story that few will tell, but many will listen to.

Pick, a lecturer in the College of Liberal Arts, brings a tragic family history to her classroom. It all begins in 1933, deep in the heart of Nazi Germany, when her mother, Betty Pick, went to live in Berlin at age 12.

Betty left the United States following her father's death when her mother realized she could not raise a child alone. The two turned to Hugo Plonski, Cecilia's great-uncle and a prestigious Jewish lawyer, and his wife for assistance. During her stay Betty attended a German school for a year.

"She remembers Hitler's picture hanging prominently in the school, as he had just been named Chancellor of Germany," Pick said.

Pick will feature pictures of Hitler and images of Berlin in her new course to give students a visual image of Germany in the 1930s and an idea of what it was like to be a Berliner during the rise of Hitler's Third Reich.

Her course, taught in English and German, focuses on the cultural history of Berlin's image as a modern city in the early 20th century to its present role as a post-modern capital. It will also reflect Berlin's current struggle with its image as Germany's capital.

Pick's course will begin with an orientation to Berlin presented by a travel guide and will then concentrate on the cultural history of the city through successive periods including Weimar, National Socialist, Post War and Post-Berlin Wall with literature, art and film.

Pick will also incorporate her life experiences with her family's history in the course to give students a "first-person viewpoint" of what happened during the time period her mother stayed in Germany.

Her mother spent a summer in the countryside southeast of Berlin and returned to the United States to attend high school in Chicago.

In 1937, Hugo Plonski received a document informing him that he would no longer be able to practice civil law. The document didn't state a particular reason, but it was at this time that Hitler's policies toward Jews started to become increasingly antagonistic.

The Plonskis lives were brutally interrupted one evening in 1941 when they were reluctantly taken from their apartment. They were given only a moment to put on their coats before going to the police station. Elly, Hugo's wife, was allowed to return home because she was Lutheran, but Hugo was forced to stay in custody of the police. Elly returned home several hours later with no explanation of her husband's whereabouts.



ALICE HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cecilia Pick, a liberal arts instructor, stands in her office on Monday afternoon. Pick is teaching a class on the German capitol of Berlin throughout the 20th century.

She would later learn that Hugo was killed that night by the Gestapo because he was a Jew. Elly was never given formal word about his death and she never knew exactly what happened that night.

The German authorities transferred the building Hugo owned to his widow, who lived alone in the apartment until her death in 1964. Hugo wanted his property to go to his American sister-in-law because she

lent him a small sum of money in 1937 to mortgage the building. Her grandmother passed the property to Pick and the rest of her grandchildren.

German relatives pressured Pick for the inheritance of Hugo's property, but she felt that "although they were not responsible for the Holocaust, they cannot avoid paying some of the consequences."

In 1990, a year after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Pick started to inquire

about the property on behalf of her seven brothers and sisters and hired a lawyer to assist her.

In 1994, she spent several weeks in Berlin and met with a longtime manager of the property. Although the executor of Mrs. Plonski's will tried to block the sale, the building was finally sold to the tenants living in the building in 1997.

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Minority representation called into question at first 150 meeting

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

The first meeting of Chancellor Walter Wendler's Southern at 150 plan included more than 170 people from both inside and outside the University.

But the committee designed to plan undergraduate academics for the next 17 years objected when it realized there was no minority representation from its 23 members.

The group was about to tackle the issue of minority students dropping classes when a member looked at the faces around him. He realized they were all white.

"We immediately tackled the issue," said David NewMyer, chair of the committee and chairperson of the aviation management and flight department. "We want as many perspectives that we can get."

Michael Perry, Undergraduate Student Government president, had a suggestion for an addition, and other names were thrown out. It's likely some new minority members will be in place before the next meeting in February.

Friday's meeting was the first step in a long-term planning process initiated by Wendler to improve the University by 2019, SIUC's 150th anniversary.

Susan Perry, assistant to the chancellor, defended the make-up of the committees. Her task was to equally

balance representation from the different colleges and constituency groups and still try to include minority representation.

Her challenge was compounded when invitations to participate were not returned or confirmed.

"It wasn't an easy task," she said.

Clarence Harmon, a lecturer and former mayor of St. Louis, said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the theme group's makeup. The only black member of the Southern Illinois locale group, Harmon said he was concerned about the absence of black Carbondale community members.

While he applauded Wendler's efforts for planning the Southern at 150 process, Harmon said he plans to bring up his group's diversity at February's meeting. He said an inevitable result of a solo minority representative is that too often, that person has to become the spokesperson for his or her race.

The chairs of the nine other committees said overall they were pleased with the representation, though some admitted the mix could have been more diverse.

Chris Kohler, chair of the research and infrastructure group, said the Southern at 150 process is moving forward quickly and a lot of time can't be spent trying to get just the right combination for these groups. There was one black member on that theme group.

"You can't set up these groups per-



fectly," Kohler said. "I was pleased with the people we were working with; it seemed like a good mix for our group."

Paulette Curkin, a member of the faculty theme group, said that diversity should always be a consideration. Her theme group included one black member.

"There wasn't a lot of minority participation, and that is always a problem," Curkin said. "It's unfortunate, but I'm sure it's not intended."

While Curkin said race and ethnicity could have played a bigger role, she said she was pleased about how the different constituency groups were represented. Each committee had student, faculty and civil service representatives.

"That kind of diversity is very helpful," Curkin said.

And Greg White, chair of the graduate studies theme group, emphasized that while the committee was short on minority representation, the non-minority members were very sensitive to minority issues. That theme group included one black participant.

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City grants Mugsy's new liquor license

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

A pleased Matt Maier left Tuesday night's Liquor Control Commission meeting with a liquor license to expand his business at Mugsy McGuire's.

By late, Carbondale can only grant 15 liquor licenses. There was one left as Maier entered the Carbondale Civic Center Tuesday night. Now, Maier is free to begin construction of an addition to his establishment that will double the size of his bar.

Maier's plans are to create a separate music venue adjacent to Mugsy's where cable television offices were once located.

The new entertainment venue will cover approximately 7,200 square feet and host bands that will appeal to a wide range of audiences.

Maier plans on having construction start later this week.

"I'm very happy that the city has given me this opportunity," he said. "I've heard nothing but support for the project."

Additionally, the city council voted to pay \$16,632 to Mediacom which was going to make cable subscribers pay an additional fee. The amount per subscriber would have only been roughly three dollars per year. City councilman Brad Cole saw

"I'm very happy that the city has given me this opportunity."

Matt Maier
Mugsy McGuire's owner

this as a sign that this could become an increasing problem in coming years.

"If something isn't done this problem is going to snowball — plain and simple, they will continue raising rates," he said.

Cole called for another cable company to serve Carbondale if the increasing rates don't subside.

The council was scheduled to listen to the recommendations of Undergraduate Student Government concerning race relations in Carbondale.

However, USG President Michael Perry informed the council that the report was not complete.

Discussion about race relations will continue at the next council meeting on Feb. 5 at the Carbondale Civic Center where Perry will deliver USG's recommendations.

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World donates funds to Afghanistan

TOKYO — Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai left Tuesday with \$4.5 billion in international aid pledges, but only after he pledged to make sure the money gets spent where it's needed most.
The total aid package is less than half of the five-year goal set by the United Nations, but the first-year installment of \$1.8 billion exceeds Afghanistan's expected needs. The remaining \$2.7 billion will be disbursed over the next several years. Nearly 60 nations attended the two-day conference on rebuilding Afghanistan.
After decades of war and strife, Afghanistan is beginning reconstruction nearly from scratch. The immediate funding priorities include paying the new administration's bills, providing education — especially for girls, ensuring health services and rebuilding the battle-scarred infrastructure.
Last Thursday's looting of a warehouse full of humanitarian supplies in Afghanistan undefined concerns about accountability and security. The incident was the second time in three days that armed men had pilfered aid supplies. The \$4.5 billion in pledges fell short of the five-year, \$10 billion goal set by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan. The U.N. Development Program estimates that \$15 billion



Shooting at Indian American Center leaves five dead

CALCUTTA, India — Heavily armed gunmen killed five Indian police officers Tuesday at a U.S. government cultural center, and Indian officials called the slayings a "terrorist attack," saying a Pakistan-based Islamic militant group claimed responsibility.
Eighteen officers, one pedestrian and one private security guard were wounded, said state Home Secretary Amit Khandekar. No Americans were injured and no consulate staffers were in the building, which was closed for the day. The bloody assault compounds tension between India and Pakistan, which are already on a war footing with troops massed on their common border. The United States has sought to mediate the conflict to keep efforts in the region focused on the U.S.-led campaign against terrorism in Afghanistan.
Draped in shawls, four attackers on two motorcycles drove up to the American Center in the heart of populous Calcutta at 6:30 a.m., shot at officers and fled, said the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi.
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Pope calls for regulation of the Internet

VATICAN CITY — The Internet caters to the best and worst of human nature and needs regulation to stop depravity flooding cyberspace, Pope John Paul II said Tuesday.
The 81-year-old pontiff, who last year sent his first message over the Internet, praised it as a "wonderful instrument" that should be used to spread the word of God and encourage global peace.
However, he warned that while it offered access to immense knowledge, the internet did not necessarily provide wisdom and could easily be perverted to demean human dignity.
"Despite its enormous potential for good, some of the degrading and damaging ways the Internet can be used are already obvious to all," the pope said in a message prepared for World Communications Day.
Although the pope does not have an e-mail address, the Vatican has an active Web site and the church is reportedly searching for a patron saint of Internet users.
The question of regulation has inflamed passions since the



Internet sprang to prominence in the 1990s, with enthusiasts arguing cyberspace should not be stymied by national boundaries or rules.

Former executive claims Enron destroyed documents

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. shredded documents after the company came under federal investigation, attorneys for shareholders said yesterday, and the energy company said it would review the allegations.
The claim that shredding took place in Enron's accounting office was made yesterday by a former Enron executive who was laid off from the company this month. The executive, Maureen Castaneda, collected a box of shreddings and will be a witness for plaintiffs suing over stock losses in the Enron collapse, said attorney William Lerach, who represents a group of shareholders.
Lerach said he intended to raise the issue at a federal court hearing.
from WorldNews.com

Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

- Joseph Anthony McFarland, 19, was arrested at 8:41 p.m. Sunday at Pierce Hall and charged with domestic battery and possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis. He was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
- Blake T. Koontz, 19, was charged with an obstructed front windshield and a seatbelt violation at 5:50 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South State Street. All were released on a personal recognizance bond for seatbelt violation.
- Willie C. Toliver was arrested at 4:38 p.m. Friday and charged with having a defective windshield. He was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Corrections

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Calendar

TODAY

Caving Trip Meeting
7 p.m. in the Adventure Resource Room of the Recreation Center. The meeting will cover information for the Jan. 26 caving trip. For more information, call 453-12185.

PI Sigma Epsilon
New member night at 4 p.m. in the Student Center Kaskaskia Room.

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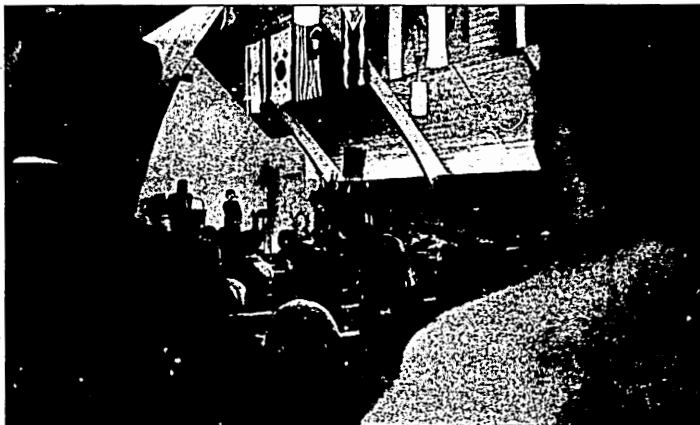
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Kathleen Trescott
friend of Jiang Feng



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Friends and family members gather at Calvary Campus Church on Tuesday evening for the memorial service of Feng Jiang, an SIUC student, scientist, husband, and former president of the Chinese student association. Feng Jiang died on Saturday after a long battle with cancer.

Grad student dies of cancer

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

Jiang Feng always put others first, from making sure Chinese students were not homesick to sharing his religious beliefs with others.

Feng, a doctorate student in geology, died Saturday at Carbondale Nursing and Rehab Center as a result of cancer. Feng was diagnosed with cancer in fall 2000 and underwent several treatments unsuccessfully including chemotherapy.

Feng, 32, came to the SIUC Aug. 10, 1999, to study geography. He left his home in Shandong Province, China, and within months of arriving to campus he found himself accepting a position as president of the Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars.

Although his friends say he was quiet, Feng was a dutiful listener who was always interested in the concerns of fellow Chinese students, according to Kathleen Trescott, whose husband is the faculty adviser for the friendship association of Chinese Students and Scholars.

“He was quiet, strong and determined and willing to do whatever he could to help the Chinese students

that are here in Carbondale,” Trescott said.

Although he was battling cancer, Trescott said Feng was incredibly brave and in the midst of his treatment he would still invite friends over to his apartment, keeping his spirits high.

Feng also missed his wife, You Jing, a post-doctorate student in chemistry, who resided in China. The couple met in China and after courting for only a month they were married. One week after their wedding, Feng left for the United States.

The pair exchanged e-mails everyday for a year and a half and spoke on the phone once a week. After Feng was diagnosed with cancer, he asked his wife to travel to Carbondale and soon the pair were inseparable.

Feng was also very spiritual. Rev. Dale Crall, with the Calvary Campus Church, said Feng was atheist before he began attending the church and soon became absorbed in religion.

Feng and his wife were baptized and became members of Calvary Campus Church, 501 W. Main St. The couple also attended a Chinese bible study group at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 700 S. University

Ave. After the couple witnessed a Christian wedding, the pair yearned to have a ceremony of their own. In China the pair did not have a formal wedding, so when friends from their congregation heard of their interests, they financed a wedding for the couple.

Crall said after Feng received his Ph.D., he expressed interest in attending bible school so he could return to China and share his faith in God with his people and his family.

Feng was always thinking about others. Jianjun Wang, assistant professor in medical biochemistry, first encountered with Feng was when Feng phoned Wang to invite him to a Chinese New Year celebration he was helping to arrange.

Wang later came to know Feng through church and learned of Feng's illness. Although Feng was ill, Wang said his attitude was always positive and he never complained.

“He really is a considerate person,” Wang said. “He always considers others and not himself, even when he was sick.”

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NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Students invited to Meet the Greeks day

Students considering rushing a fraternity may participate in Meet the Greeks today. Fraternity members will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. today at Lentz and Trueblood Halls to answer questions and talk to students about Greek life.

Blue light burns out when K-Mart cries bankruptcy

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

Blue light specials may soon become a thing of the past.

Kmart, the national retail giant, filed for bankruptcy early Tuesday, making it the largest U.S. retailer ever to file for bankruptcy.

According to Kmart's website, however, all 2,114 Kmart stores, including Carbondale's, will remain open despite the current problems.

Carbondale's Kmart declined to comment on Tuesday.

The filing was made at U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the northern district of Illinois. The filing came a day after Fleming Companies Inc., Kmart's largest food distributor, halted shipments after Kmart failed to make regular weekly payments. Kmart currently owes Fleming \$78 million.

Kmart plans to review the performance of each of its stores and possibly close unprofitable locations. Last year, Kmart closed 350 stores. Analysts have speculated that an additional 500 could be closed.

Kmart said it also plans to cut \$350 million in annual expenses through reorganization and job cuts, according to the statement.

Kmart called the filing a “Chapter 11 reorganization,” and the company plans “to aggressively address financial and operational challenges,” the release said.

“We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly and smoothly as possible while taking full advantage of this chance to make a fresh start and reposi-

tion Kmart for the future,” CEO Charles Conaway said in a statement Tuesday.

As a result of the bankruptcy, Kmart's stock plummeted to \$.74 per share, prompting investor service companies to categorize the stock as “low junk” status.

Kmart is currently more than \$1.6 billion in debt and has recently secured \$2 billion in debtor financing. The company expects to be out of bankruptcy in about a year.

According to the Bankruptcy Judges Division of the United States Courts, a Chapter 11 bankruptcy must contain a written disclosure statement and a plan of reorganization. The disclosure statement must contain information concerning the assets, liabilities and business affairs of the debtor sufficient to enable a creditor to make an informed judgment about the debtor's plan of reorganization.

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Biggest U.S. retail bankruptcies

Company	Date	Assets
Kmart Corp.	1/22/02	\$17 billion
Federated Dept. Stores	1/15/90	\$7.9 billion
Montgomery Ward Holding Corp.	7/27/92	\$4.5 billion
Macy (R.H.) & Co., Inc.	1/27/92	\$4.8 billion
Allied Stores Corp.	1/15/90	\$3.5 billion

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Collinsville man arrested for tossing snow at cop

Suspect faces aggravated assault charges, say police

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

When Heati Kinder casually tossed a snowball through the air, he probably had no idea that he was the one who would get iced.

But the snowball tossed by Kinder, 25, of Collinsville, as he was leaving the SIU Arena Saturday night landed near a police officer who was directing traffic after the basketball game. Talk about bad luck.

Kinder said he had come down to the SIU ballgame to see his brother and they got into a snowball fight after the SIU-Indiana State game.

Gus Bode



Gus says: Good thing he didn't hit the cop—he'd be on death row!

brother and they got into a snowball fight after the SIU-Indiana State game.

"I guess it got a little out of hand, but I was not throwing at the officer, it didn't even hit him," Kinder said.

Lt. Todd Sigler, an officer with the SIU Police, said another officer saw Kinder throw the snowball at an officer but missed. After the officer witnessed this, he made the arrest.

"He is being charged with aggravated assault because he attacked an officer who was carrying out his duties," Sigler said.

Kinder posted \$100 cash bond Saturday and was released pending a future court hearing in Jackson County Court. The offense Kinder has been charged with is a class A misdemeanor. Kinder said the court date has been set for sometime in February.

"I'm talking to an attorney, but I don't even know if it is worth fighting," Kinder said.

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A ROUTINE DISTURBANCE CALL TURNED TO BLOODSHED WHEN A MEMBER OF THE CARBONDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS STABBED TWICE, SUFFERING A COLLAPSED LUNG. NOW, ONE YEAR LATER, TOMMY THE POLICE DOG IS FINALLY ...

USING PROTECTION



DEREK ANDERSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tommy, the Carbondale Police Department's K-9, tries on his new armored vest that was purchased by the Perry County Humane Society through the Vested Interest Fund. The 6-year-old, 70-pound Belgian Malinois was injured in the line of duty last March; the new vest will hopefully prevent any more injuries to Tommy while on patrol with his partner Sgt. Jeff Grubb.

STORY BY SARA HOOKER

PHOTO BY DEREK ANDERSON

The city's least paid and most under-acknowledged worker earned some recognition, or at least some protection, last month after being injured in the line of duty in the spring.

Tommy, the Carbondale Police Department's K-9, recently received body armor purchased by the Perry County Humane Society through the Vested Interest Fund.

Tommy, a 6-year-old, 70-pound Belgian Malinois imported from Holland, has been a member of the Carbondale Police Department

and partner to Sgt. Jeff Grubbs since December 1998.

The vest is a much-needed piece of equipment for Tommy, who is no stranger to dangerous situations.

On March 14, Sgt. Grubbs and Tommy responded to a domestic disturbance on East Willow Street in which the suspect, Ben McCoy, of Carbondale, threatened an officer and held police at bay by waving a knife. Police gave McCoy a warning that if he didn't surrender, the dog would attack. When McCoy failed to respond to the ultimatum,

Tommy took charge, knocking McCoy from the car he was standing on, but not before McCoy managed to stab Tommy twice. The fall caused McCoy to drop the knife, leading to his arrest.

Sgt. Grubbs rushed Tommy to the Striegel Road Animal Hospital, where he underwent almost three hours of surgery to treat a collapsed left lung and stab wound to the back.

McCoy has since been sentenced to three years for stabbing Tommy, along with seven

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Conduct code, other hot topics pack USG agenda

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

Two administrators will present their case for higher student fees before the Undergraduate Student Government Senate at its first meeting of the semester 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center.

USG is currently considering raising non-academic student fees by \$47.75 in 2004. Cheryl Presley, director of Student Health Programs, and Bill McMinn, director of Intramural-Recreation Sports, are scheduled to speak in support of the proposed fee increases.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, will also be present to show his support on the fee increases, which may take effect in the next three years.

In each upcoming meeting, two

“entire document and look at changes made last year with the jurisdiction and appeals processes.”

Michael Perry
USG President

administrators will give a report on their department's higher fee proposals.

During the beginning half of the meeting, there will be an open forum for the public's comments and concerns, much of which President Michael Perry suspects will be about the fee increases.

After the public forum, USG will tackle unfinished business from last semester, including a pending senator impeachment bill and the

formation of a Student Conduct Code Revision Committee. Some concerns were raised when the conduct code was altered last year.

"We will review the entire document and look at changes that were made last year with the jurisdiction and appeals processes," Perry said.

Also, USG will discuss the annual spring Registered Student Organization allocation guidelines. Last year, during the allocations period, a large number of students attended the meetings to represent and speak for their RSOs.

Perry said he also plans to introduce a resolution that asks the University to hire more minority faculty members. The resolution calls for the administration to create an environment more conducive to minority faculty, Perry said.

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Meeting In A Nutshell

A preview of the USG meeting

January 23, 2002 @ 7 p.m. - Student Center Ballroom

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The issue	What it means to you	The next step
Student Activity Fee Allocation Process and Guidelines	This fall USG will likely reap the benefits from last year's increased student fees.	USG will decide how much each RSO is entitled to receive for next fall.
Resolution supporting new funding guidelines	If this resolution passes, USG will be required to submit their funding requests to USG by Feb. 15 rather than the previous Nov. 24 deadline.	The USG senate is expected to approve the new guidelines at the meeting.
USG will discuss a bill to increase meetings for missing more meetings than the constitution allows	Potential student senators must abide to the updated rules concerning senator eligibility.	USG will vote on the bill at the meeting.
Resolution to request the reconvening of the Student Conduct Code Revision Committee	Some questionable aspects of the Student Conduct Code may go through revision.	If time allows, USG will discuss the possibility of a revision committee.

RANDY WILLIAMS/DAILY EGYPTIAN

Searching for the better beef taste

Research project explores the possible use of Vitamin E for improving the taste of beef

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

SIUC student Kevin Stith wants the world to have beef that is tasty and disease-free.

Stith, a graduate student in animal science, is researching ways to diminish the side effects caused by using irradiation on beef, a project that will conclude this May after two years of work. The research, overseen by Richard Roeder, professor of agriculture, will explore the potential vitamin E has to reduce the undesirable flavors often resulting from irradiation, Stith said.

Electron beam irradiation, used for beef, speeds up electrons to the speed of light, which are then shot through food products. When the irradiation passes through meat, the DNA is disrupted, which prevents bacteria from growing.

Irradiation has the potential to be extremely beneficial to beef products because it prevents the spread of food-borne illnesses such as the E. coli bacteria, Roeder said.

"If it were up to me, every hamburger would be irradiated," he said.

Irradiation has been used on foods since the 1940s, beginning with spices, then progressing to vegetables, fruit and meat products. In 1999, the Food and Drug Administration allowed irradiation to be used for treating beef products.

Irradiation has also traditionally been used by NASA to treat food eaten by astronauts.

"The last thing you need is a case of intestinal distress in space," Roeder said.

Irradiation has been used recently by the U.S. Postal Service to treat mail

suspected to be contaminated with anthrax, according to Roeder.

But irradiation is not a trouble-free process when it comes to meat products, Stith said. The treatment greatly accelerates lipid oxidation, a molecular breakdown that can affect the taste of beef.

"The problem with irradiation in fresh meat is that it speeds up the rate at which fat in meat goes rancid," Stith said.

And this can potentially lead to a variety of off-flavors, sometimes called "milky," which is a metallic taste, and "fishy," he added.

While the taste difference may be slight, people who eat irradiated meat and compare the taste to untreated meat can taste a difference, Stith said.

Roeder and Stith hope that vitamin E will prove to be effective in reducing the bad flavors in meat because the vitamin is an antioxidant and has the potential to possibly slow down the breakdown in meat caused by irradiation.

Supported with a \$50,000 grant from the Council for Food and Agricultural Research, Stith has worked with Roeder to discover the possibilities of vitamin E. The project, also the subject of Stith's master's thesis, will be completed by May.

For 122 days, Stith fed 12 steer two different diets. Six steer were given a diet with 15 times the normal amount of vitamin E, and the remaining six were fed a diet without the vitamin E enrichment.

As a collaborative effort with several other universities, the meat was harvested at the University of Illinois at



DEREK ANDERSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kevin Stith is researching the irradiation of beef, a process that prevents food-borne illnesses like E. coli from spreading. The research is backed by a \$50,000 grant from the Council for Food and Agricultural Research. Professor of Agriculture Richard Roeder is assisting Stith with his research.

Urbana-Champaign then ground into patties and packaged. The patties were sent to Iowa State University, where a linear accelerator treated the patties with three levels of irradiation that are referred to as "kiloGrays."

A control level of zero kiloGrays was administered to the first group. Two kiloGrays was the medium level, and seven kiloGrays was the highest level given, a limit set by the FDA.

After a month of frozen storage, the patties were evaluated at Texas A & M University by a sensory panel, whose

seven members taste the cooked patties for any differences in flavor. Afterwards, the data was sent to Stith and Roeder, who are currently reviewing the results.

"That's where we're at now — analyzing the data to see if vitamin E did what we hoped," Stith said.

Stith said he hopes irradiation will become a widely used tool to fight food-borne illnesses in beef.

"I come from a cattle background, and one of the biggest concerns comes from food-borne illnesses in meats,"

Stith said. "Things like that really have a negative impact on the industry."

And a name like "irradiation" doesn't help the image either, Stith said, adding that consumers don't realize that irradiation's stream of electrons is similar to a microwave's power.

"One of the biggest obstacles is public perception," Stith said. "They think the food is made radioactive. It's not true."

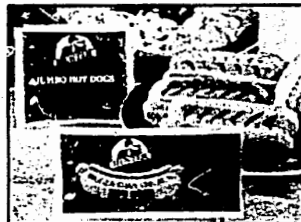
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OUR WORD

BAC's funding problem a concern for black students

As the nation began celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday this week, the University's top black student organization was left with lingering questions as to how to best represent black students on campus with a major hole in its financial budget.

Because of an accounting glitch between BAC and Student Development, the council is left with \$7,000 to fund events for rest of the year. According to Student Development, the council exceeded its budget during a five-year span, causing \$22,000 to be subtracted from its account last November. The timing of the mix-up occurred before the council could receive financial assistance. The organization is now struggling to find ways to fund upcoming events.

BAC is the largest, frequently recognized and most influential black organization on campus. All of the other black student organizations at SIUC fall under BAC's umbrella. The council's funding problem is of great significance to black students, and beyond simply solving the organization's financial dilemma. The council fills a void for black students at SIUC. The organization funds events throughout the year, many of which remain in limbo due to the financial glitch.

The Robeson Awards sponsored by the council to honor black students for academic achievement and BAC members may become a casualty. The event is significant beyond the actual award presentations. The award is named after Paul Robeson, an influential black American singer, actor, author, civil rights activist and playwright of the 1930's and 1940's, appearing in stage productions of *Show Boat* and Shakespeare's *Othello*.

How many black students or students in general know of Robeson or his accomplishments? The award given in his honor represents a connection to black history and helps connect some students with their past. BAC provides the link through events such as this. The \$22,000 shortfall is not only a blow for BAC, but for students who look to the organization for representation. With Black History Month fast

approaching, other historically significant events will suffer.

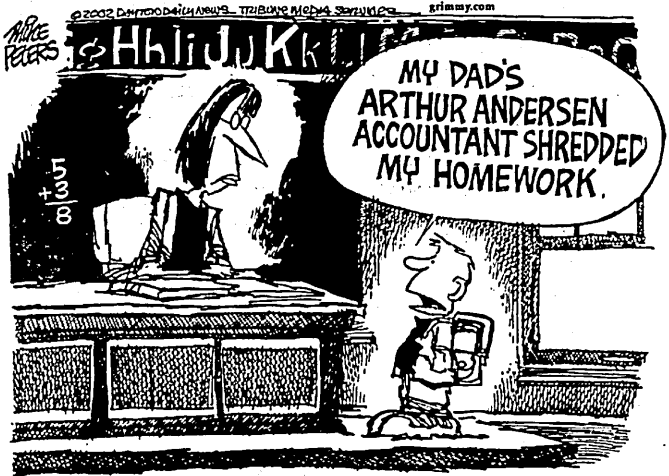
Funding for social events sponsored by other student groups, such as the Black Togetherness Organization, may be hindered as well. The

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council should have kept a better grip on their spending. A part of the council's responsibility to students is to properly manage their financial affairs to avoid problems like this. Student Development should have also given the council prior notice before stripping them of their funds. Placing blame, however, will not benefit the students.

A bale out by the Undergraduate Student Government would help, but appears unlikely according to some USG officials who feel it is not their place to solve the council's debt problem. That still leaves BAC in the lurch. If BAC were able to receive their funding and were allowed to repay the money back to Student Development over time, then the council would be able to fulfill its responsibilities.

As of right now, BAC will have to fund its events as best it can. "Man is man because he is free to operate within the framework of his destiny," Dr. King once said. The Black Affairs Council will have to work within a new



GUEST COLUMNIST

More Mumia Mania

Bl. Mohrtens
3rd Vice-president
Illinois Fraternal Order of Police

It seems that, with depressing regularity, columnists and letter writers will use the Daily Egyptian for hyping the cause of Mumia Abu-Jamal, who was convicted for murdering Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner on December 9, 1981. If guest columnists want to support Mumia, fine, but at least do a little fact-checking and show a little intellectual honesty before committing falsehoods to the paper. Let's look at a few of the Mumia myths that has been trumpeted:

1.) He won a Peabody Award: The simplest search of the University of Georgia's Peabody Award website (www.peabodyuga.edu/recipients/search) would reveal that Mumia never won a Peabody, the most prestigious award given to broadcast journalists, granted by the University of Georgia. Mumia claims this on the jacket of his book, "Live from Death Row," but later claimed no knowledge of the claim after ABC Television confirmed in 1998 with the University of Georgia that Mumia had never been granted a Peabody.

2.) He approached a scene of police brutality: This stands the facts given at Mumia's trial on their head. Officer Faulkner had stopped Mumia's brother, William Cook, for a traffic violation, and Cook resisted Faulkner's arrest. Witness Michael Scanlan testified that Cook spun around and struck the officer with his fist. In fact, William Cook never accused Officer Faulkner of brutality and pled guilty in 1982 to assaulting Faulkner on the night in question, December 9, 1981.

3.) Mumia said he heard a shot: This is a wonderful statement in that it would be the first public statement Mumia has made about the incident since he spontaneously confessed to the shooting outside this hospital emergency room after the police took him into custody at the scene. While outside the emergency room, hos-

pital security guard Priscilla Dunham reported that Mumia shouted that he had shot Faulkner and hoped that he died. She reported this statement to her supervisors the following day. Mumia's supporters rarely discuss Dunham's testimony at the trial. Mumia never testified nor, in the 20 years since the shooting, has he said exactly what happened on that night. Mumia did make another statement confessing to the murder, to Phillip Bloch, a volunteer with the Pennsylvania Prison Society, an inmate advocacy group. When talking with Abu-Jamal once, he asked Mumia, "Do you have any regrets about killing the officer?" Mumia replied, "yes." Bloch recalls that there was a long pause, I think Mumia probably realized what he had just done. You can read more about Bloch's meetings with Mumia in Buzz Bissinger's August, 1999 article in Vanity Fair magazine, titled "The Famous and the Dead."

4.) Mumia's legally registered .38 was never officially linked to the Faulkner shooting: On the contrary, the prosecution's firearms expert, Anthony Paul, testified that the bullet removed from Officer Faulkner's brain was consistent with having been fired by a Charter Arms .38 caliber revolver (the same gun owned by Abu-Jamal and found lying next to him at the crime scene). Incredibly, the defense team's ballistic expert, George Fassnacht, never tested the evidence but merely read prior reports. In an appeal hearing in 1995, Fassnacht was offered a chance to examine the physical evidence, and he refused. Fassnacht admitted that there was no way the fatal bullet was a .44 caliber round, another myth the Mumia-philes trot out from time to time to claim that Mumia couldn't have shot Faulkner. If you want to learn more about the Mumia Abu-Jamal case, and the facts to counter the myths, visit the Daniel Faulkner website (www.danielfaulkner.com). Review some of the facts, and, when told such myths and lies, ask for the source or quotation. The search for the truth demands it.

Bill Mohrtens is the 3rd Vice-President for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police, his views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Finance is the art of passing money from hand to hand until it finally disappears."

Robert W. Sarnoff

WORDS OVERHEARD

"This could be prevented if they assign us an adviser that has an invested interest in the well being of African-American students."

James Morris
Black Affairs Council chairman, in reference to the organization's attempt to rebound from being \$22,000 from its account due to overspending.

COLUMNISTS

Snowmen massacre hits frost-bitten Carbondale

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This weekend saw several inches of snow dumped on Carbondale, and despite the hassles of slipping around the streets and shoveling pavements, many optimistic townies decided to roll snowballs on their front lawns, bringing Snowmen to life everywhere. By Saturday morning, snow people popped up, gracing doorsteps and apartment lots. From the small top hat and mitten-wearing snowmen to a 9-foot tall snowman on Oakland Street, complete with genitalia, the Winter Wonderland spirit had touched many.

Earlier in the weekend, I encountered several snow people who happily greeted my peripheral vision as I drove around running errands. However, as quick as the snow people arrived, they were sadly demolished long before the warm temperatures could naturally seep into their snowy limbs. By Sunday morning, just some 36

hours after the snowfall, only random chunks of previous snowmen lay scattered in yards everywhere. Even the snowman next to my apartment who greeted passerby's, is now a pile of ice-over snow.

It's orange eyes and golf-ball nose lay in puddles of water at the foot of its leftover base. Who could have done such an awful thing ... smashing and decapitating peaceful snow figures? Why would one find joy in disturbing the white blanket and its developing race? An extended holiday weekend at the bars, as a closure to the first week of school, offers a logical explanation. However, if my theory is correct, I find the image of it all to be highly disturbing. Imagine, if you will, a mob of intoxicated individuals leaving the bars on foot with determination in their glazed-over eyes. Through slobbering bits of poor conversation, let's say, two members of the group get particularly excited about their bar room escapades.

Clan Member A begins to get in a heated argument with

Member B. Member B talks some more absurdities, and before you know it, the mob is passing my lot throwing fists and ends up beating the crap out of my poor defenseless Frosty. Where is the peace in such irrational violence? I'd like to wonder if the assassins even thought of the cheery children, family and students who created such wonderful snow art. Really, the tradition of building a snowman is wholesome good family fun. I mean, what is the fascination with ruining the tradition of the snowman, or anything packed with holiday family fun?

For instance, even at Halloween (and not only in Carbondale), the Jack-O-Lantern sitting outside the porch is only lit for so long before someone creeps along in the wee hours of the morning, sneaking in for one violent blow to its round pumpkin head. Oh how naive we are to think that our jovial decorations will live to see its purpose? Only squishy goo and seeds remain with our hurting spirits. And how about those poor cows? Whoever

thought of the idea to tip them over in their sleep sure has had one sick day.

Granted, I'm no vegetarian and it may seem amusing at the time, but really, is it worth getting caught on someone's property up

to your knees in a smelly fertilizing paradise? Needless to say, nothing seems to make much sense when the happy details in life are disturbed without care.

What is it about [not-so] human nature that finds enjoyment in demolishing and smashing things? Perhaps people find it amusing, but there are better things to do with your time besides being a Grinch.

Ronda is a senior in graphic design. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

I'd like to wonder if the assassins even thought of the cheery children, family and students who created such wonderful snow art.

Merry Christmas, a little late

Have you ever noticed that if you stop checking your e-mail for even a little while, it gradually sneaks up on you and becomes something so scary you can't even approach?

A month ago, I couldn't have lived without my computer. Two weeks ago, I started feeling guilty that messages were piling up on me faster than I could respond. And three days ago, I realized I am now avoiding even being in the same room with the contraption. The snowball effect keeps on rolling, too, and by now I am certain my email account has grown into a giant Pandora's Inbox brimming with spam, forwards and porno advertisements. Somewhere, amidst the million-dollar award notices from Iwon.com and urgent psychic messages from Miss Cleo, I am certain that all of my electronic friends wait, wondering what has happened to Grace Priddy and when I will respond to their Christmas greetings.

And I am guilt-stricken, too. Every day that goes by, I lay awake at night wondering if I have any friends left at this point and then resolve to respond to every single message the following day. But it gets to be like alcoholism after a while — it's much easier to deal with a guilty conscience than

But it gets to be like alcoholism after a while — it's much easier to deal with a guilty conscience than actually make a change.

actually make a change. I fell out of touch in December, what with the hustle and bustle of the blasted season. I figured, hey, they'll be getting a Christmas card from me in the mail; they'll know I remembered them. I can go a little while without responding over the computer. Shamefully, I admit that my unopened box of Hallmark greeting cards is still sitting on my desk too, next to a list of addresses and names of people I'd like to wish Happy Holidays. I don't think the cards actually refer to Christmas directly. I'm wondering if maybe it isn't too late to make a few modifications and send them out for the upcoming spring holidays. Let's see, I could give Santa a diaper and a quiver full of arrows; he could make a passable Cupid and



Not Just Another Priddy Face

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those reindeer are already brown. I could draw their ears longer and have some ready-made chocolate bunnies, just in time for Easter.

Meanwhile, my problem is getting steadily worse. A couple of acquaintances have already hinted that they emailed me, asking me if there is anything wrong. Alas, now I have to send letters explaining that nothing has happened to me, that I am just a lazy friend who really does care but unfortunately has this sort of disorder that inhibits me from responding to anything in a timely manner. Worse yet, one very thoughtful electronic pen pal actually grew concerned about me not responding to my inbox, and sent me a Christmas present via postal service, and later a birthday card in the mail, too. You know who you are; you are a wonderful friend and I am a heartless schmuck terrified of her computer this winter. Please forgive me. I don't know how to start an apology letter at this point, so I thought a public, printed one might be better.

Tonight, I connect online for the first time in a month. If you all don't hear from me next Wednesday, drop me a line. I'll respond in four to six weeks, the time cycle I've estimated for me to reach the top of my inbox at this point. In the meantime, I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Graduation prayer necessary for religious freedom

DEAR EDITOR:

I am appalled about our University's latest controversy. According to many, it seems that something terrible and inappropriate occurred at the commencement ceremony Dec. 14. I was there, but I did not see or hear anything out of line. In fact, I was glad when we were called to the state of prayer.

I am a Christian so, yes, you may say that I have a biased opinion. However, I feel that the prayer was necessary for all because it stimulated the seriousness of the matter. The prayer also asked for guidance for those graduating. Atheist, Buddhist, Catholic, or Christian, everyone is in need of guidance and direction. Who else to get it from but God? And for those who believe in a different or no God, I'm sorry, but how hard would it have been to shut your ears for two minutes or say a silent prayer to yourself?

Two days after 9/11, billboards and business signs all around the country read "Pray for our nation." SIU even held a prayer vigil. Nobody criticized these decisions then. During commencement, however, the graduation prayer was scorned and rejected. Our dilemma on Dec. 14 proves that it's easier and more accepted to say "pray" but not perform it. The threats of shrinking religious freedom and complaints of the graduation prayer are all the more reason for us to pray. Ms. Wendler, I commend your decision to include the prayer in our graduation.

Lee Walston
senior, zoology

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Abortion re-enters national spotlight

Potential Supreme Court vacancy pushes both sides

William Alonso
Daily Egyptian

Another battle in a fiercely fought war began Tuesday.

Activists on both sides of the abortion issue used the 29th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision Tuesday legalizing abortions to launch campaigns aimed at the November elections. Pro-life activists marched through downtown Carbondale on Sunday protesting abortions. A consciousness raising group met Tuesday to discuss opinions on the issue and start a letter-writing campaign.

Abortion rights were safeguarded for the eight years of the Clinton administration, which supported a woman's right to choose. That all changed the moment George W. Bush took office.

Bush made clear his conservative views on abortions two days after taking office, signing an executive order barring U.S. aid to international groups who use

their own funds to support abortion directly or indirectly. His appointment of John Ashcroft, a staunch abortion foe, as attorney general further exemplified his stance.

Both sides of the abortion debate view this year as a crucial time for abortion issues, with the prospect of a Supreme Court vacancy. Vasil Markus, vice president for public policy at Planned Parenthood Chicago, said now is a crucial period for people who believe abortions should be safe and legal.

"The current president has pretty much promised he would support appointees that would overturn Roe v. Wade. Look also at Washington where you have a majority in the House and the Senate and the White House which is opposed to abortions," Markus said. "You add that all together and you have a really critical period."

Roe v. Wade passed and stands by a 5 to 4 vote. Before the legalization of abortion, women who wanted to terminate a pregnancy had few options. Sabrina Henderson, a junior in university studies, said the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned is a frightening reality.

"Millions of women can lose their

lives if there are not safe and legal abortions offered," Henderson said. "They will go to back alley abortions, to people who will not know what they are doing. That's the whole reason Roe v. Wade was passed, to prevent these unsafe abortions."

Henderson said she believes the option for legal abortions has changed the lives of women for the better. But abortion has not affected all women for the better.

"Mary," whose name has been changed for anonymity, has been living with her decision to abort her baby for 18 years. She said her decision was made in a panic, quickly without a lot of thought. Mary was not married and living in a new town without any friends or family when she became pregnant. The baby's father was not in the picture.

"I tried at first just to be cool, thinking OK, that's done, just get over it," Mary said. "Within a few days, I knew very quickly I had done something wrong. Of course, with those feelings came guilt and anguish and tons and tons of emotion."

Mary carried on with her life, but her decision haunted her thoughts and ruded her life. A non-practicing Protestant at

the time, Mary excommunicated herself from the church believing that she no longer deserved God. Over the years she was involved in several abusive relationships, in part, as her penance, believing she needed to be punished.

Things might have gone on like this until Mary had a series of experiences that helped her begin to heal. A slow night at work lead to a religious conversation with a co-worker. Mary said she revealed she didn't attend church because of a sin too great to forgive.

"He said to me 'Jesus didn't come to save saints, he came to save sinners.' He just walked away and let me think about it," Mary said. "Over the period of the next few days I wandered into a Lutheran church and the sermon was on forgiveness and it felt like the minister was talking directly to me. That was the start."

She eventually became involved with Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing ministry of the Catholic Church, at the Belleville Diocesan Pro-Life Office. With Project Rachel she helped a young girl not have an abortion, her first action with the pro-life movement.

"It is not just a woman's issue. God

creates the life, it doesn't have to do with a woman, that's just where it takes place. This affects men also. The thing about pro-life is there are big issues, big legislative issues besides just abortion."

Abortion will definitely be a major focus come November with 146 House seats and 34 Senate seats up for grabs. This point will be stressed by activists on both sides. Pro-life activists will be trying to maintain gains made in 2001 with Bush actively backing the anti-abortion agenda.

Markus said Planned Parenthood's political action committee is working in conjunction with other pro-choice organizations on a media campaign aimed at the upcoming Illinois gubernatorial race.

"A lot of people have grown up taking this choice for granted. You have this situation where there are college students who have grown up their entire lives believing their right to access basic health services is safe," Markus said. "If you look at the political context it is at much in jeopardy as it has been since 1973."

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Kasey Rueffer has learned to appreciate life through world travel and surviving cancer.

Rueffer, who will retire this month from the Human Resources Department at SIUC, said that a brush with ovarian cancer she experienced four years ago gave her an appreciation for life. After retiring, she plans to travel abroad and enjoy what life has to offer.

"While I feel good now, I want to enjoy life," she said.

Rueffer's career with the University began in 1970 as a library technician at Morris Library and will conclude when she retires on Jan. 29 from serving as a position administration coordinator for administrative professionals. She has ties to Southern Illinois that go beyond her work in the University's Human Resources Department.

Born in the Chicago area, she moved to Carbondale with her family when she was 13-years-old. Rather than moving away from home for college, she opted to stay in Carbondale and attend SIUC as a journalism major. Although Rueffer's work in human resources is not directly related to her degree, she still sometimes utilizes her academic background.

"I like to write and keep a journal because I love writing," Rueffer said.

Rueffer's upcoming retirement has also motivated her to write what she calls her "retirement song" that she occasionally sings.

"It's a standing joke among my co-workers," she said.

Rueffer, who worked in Morris Library for 10 years before working in human resources, implemented a program for new SIUC employees that brings the various types of professionals together for the University orientation. New administrative professionals, Civil Service employees and faculty members now meet together during their initial orientation, where they learn about SIUC procedures and policies for employees.

Rueffer has also been involved in the Civil Service Council, the Honorary Degree Committee and the Naming University Facilities Committee. And Rueffer plans to stay around SIUC through serving on these committees.

"When you serve on committees, you feel like a part of the University," she said.

About 20 years ago, Rueffer started a Christmas gift-giving for the workers in human resources. Called a "Kris Kringle" gift exchange, co-workers used to give their fellow employees anonymous gifts based on different dates of the calendar. "Kris Kringle" gift exchanges aren't as organized, said Rita Cavitt, a human resources officer.

"Now everybody Kris Kringles" whoever they want," she said.

And when Rueffer isn't in Southern



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Kasey Rueffer, administrative coordinator of SIU Human Resources from Anna, sits outside her office on Tuesday afternoon. Rueffer is retiring after 21 years with Human Resources and says, "I really enjoyed working with the people of diverse cultures, and I'm privileged to work with the Civil Service Employees Council."

Illinois, it might mean she is traveling abroad. A world traveler, Rueffer has visited more than 50 countries during her life in every continent except Antarctica, and she has no intention of stopping anytime soon.

"I hope to add to those," she said.

Countries Rueffer has visited include Egypt, Morocco, Russia and India. She also experienced the thrill of traveling on an African photo safari. Additional travel prospects include a trip to Portugal with her

husband, Terry.

And while Rueffer said she is looking forward to her retirement, she also added that she is excited about SIUC's future under the new administration.

"The changes are going in the right direction," Rueffer said. "I think Wendler is going to be good for the University."

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New laws protect emergency workers

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Starting this year, Illinois drivers should avoid flashing lights the way they would avoid an Ebola-infected monkey.

A new Illinois law, which took effect Jan. 1, makes it illegal to speed by a parked emergency vehicle with its flashing lights on.

The law, sponsored by state Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, requires motorists to either change lanes or slow down when approaching a stationary "authorized emergency vehicle" equipped with oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

"We need to spread awareness that safety personnel are there to help," Bost said. "Don't interfere with them."

Authorized emergency vehicles include police cars, fire trucks, ambulances, state vehicles, tow trucks and snowplows.

A person could be fined as much as \$10,000 for zipping past an emergency vehicle if they hit someone, but Bost stressed that penalties for breaking this law vary greatly, depending on severity. The law gives a large amount of discretion to judges, meaning that even if no accident occurs, a driver could be charged with much more than a moving violation if the judge believes he was being negligent at the time.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said the law is primarily for interstates, and although it might be used on Carbondale's four-lane highways, he doesn't think it would affect the way Carbondale police patrol traffic.

"I don't see much change other than the fact that if there's an accident, there's an increased penalty," Finney said.

The law, nicknamed "Scott's Law," originated a few years ago when a Chicago firefighter of the same name was hit on the side of the road by a drunk driver the day before Christmas.

According to Bost, the law was created to protect emergency workers and discourage what he called "nub-necking," referring to people who jerk their neck around trying to see an accident.

Also in effect this year is a law allowing Illinois police officers to pull over cars with anyone who looks younger than 16 and is not wearing a seat belt.

"It's going to allow us to enforce the seat belt law more adequately," Finney said.

According to previous law, occupants of a car had to be younger than 4 years old for police to stop them solely for a seat belt violation.

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Education reform to improve quality of future teachers

College of Education receives grant to beef up middle school certification

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

The College of Education wants to create a more diverse and technically skilled array of future school teachers and now has the funding to do so.

SIUC is one of four Illinois universities to receive the Title II Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant. This three-year grant for \$192,000 will allow the College of Education to design and build a program which, in the future, will facilitate a teacher specialization program and degree for grades five through nine.

"We're putting together a new middle grades major which will be content-rich, technology-based and standards-led," said Jan Waggoner, the grant program director.

Waggoner said that the certification will be similar to an interdisciplinary major but different from others because the courses will be taken in modules. She added that because the courses are technology-based it will allow for a wider diversity of learning and teaching methods to be used.

Waggoner pointed out that in-classroom learning will be used but video clips, CD-ROM and chat

room sessions with expert teachers in the field will also be an important implement of this program.

The program will also offer distance learning labs, where classes can be taken from home. This aspect of the program will allow students to be reached who would otherwise not have access to a university. It also opens the door for prospective students from rural areas to get involved — where the teacher shortage is most intense, for instance, in the five lower Southern Illinois counties.

Another aspect of the program, said Waggoner, is that it will start during the student's freshman year, which could even be from their community college through the distance learning labs. The program will encourage a unique collaboration between two-year and four-year institutions, as well as among Liberal Art, Science and Education Departments.

The grant has allocated funds for a teacher-in-residence from a middle school to be at SIUC to assist in designing and aiding in the development of this certification. This teacher will work with the 27-member program design team.

The need for reform of middle school education teacher certification is matched with the severity of the statistics from the 1999-2000 school year. There were 606,000 students enrolled in the middle grades in Illinois schools, but only one-tenth of the teachers of these grades had any sort of specialization or training for this age group, Waggoner said in a project report.

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According to the National Middle School Association, the number of middle schools have grown over the past two decades, creating an intense need for more, better-skilled teachers. There are approximately three middle schools for every junior high, said Waggoner.

Also included in Waggoner's report is that on the governmental level. An Illinois Board of Higher Education report projects that within the next legislative session, with the support of the Illinois Legislative Assembly and Governor George Ryan, legislation to create a middle grades teaching certificate is expected to pass.

"This program is changing the way we look at teacher training," Waggoner said. "Through this grant we can take teacher preparation into the 21st century and also become recognized throughout the state as being leaders in teachers education."

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BERLIN

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Pick found the first piece of documentation that acknowledged her great-uncle's death when she sold the apartment building.

When she found this piece of evidence, Pick felt a sense of closure, especially because she had been told that he was killed at the hands of the Gestapo.

This prompted her to search for more evidence concerning her great-uncle's murder. She found the second piece of written evidence at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. near the Capitol. In December 2000, she copied a page from the registry at the museum that confirmed his death at the police station.

"Apparently he had not been transported to a concentration camp as we had thought for many years," Pick said.

Between the sale of the property from 1994 to 1997, Pick collected materials dealing with the restoration of a united Berlin. These are the same materials Pick is using to teach her new course.

Pick's course will give special attention to the Jewish Museum and the Capitol. The museum features exhibits that recall Berlin's Jewish population before its extinction.

The memorial, still under construction, "strives to embody an unfaith-

omable loss of life with undulated waves of pillars on a five-acre terrain in the heart of the city," Pick said.

Peter Chametzky and Theodor Weeks are guest speakers for the course. Chametzky, associate professor in the Department of Art and Design, is a specialist in 20th century German art and culture. Weeks, associate professor in the Department of History, will share his personal experiences in crossing the Berlin Wall in the 1970s and 1980s.

The course concludes by placing emphasis on present-day Berlin. Currently, Germans are working to integrate the Jewish past in Berlin.

Pick decided to teach the course because Berlin is much different from the "Nazi" Germany of the 1930s.

"Besides the fact that Berlin is one of the most exciting places in the world today in terms of politics and architecture, I hope to bring out how people's lives are interwoven with the city they live in," Pick said

While Pick finds it necessary to educate students about German history in her course, she also wants to tell the story of her family background, offering an awareness of the injustices Jews experienced during Hitler's reign.

"I feel it is my inherited responsibility to tell the story of a Berliner and his house," Pick said.

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DEARMAN

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his high dribble that's another thing.

"He can beat people because he is mobile. The thing he's got to realize is he can't beat five, but he can beat one."

Along with making better decisions, Dearman also appears better prepared to withstand the melees in the paint. The arrival of the bruising Roberts may help explain that.

"Banging around with him day-to-day, when I get in a game, I'm already used to it," Dearman said. "It's helped me out a lot with being able to finish down low and take some contact because in practice coaches don't call fouls like they do in the game."

Roberts and Saluki leading scorer Kent Williams are considered the team's two marquee players, yet Dearman hasn't done any griping about his role on the team. Instead, he's reaping his satisfaction on being part of a Saluki team that most project an NCAA tournament caliber squad.

"That's always been a dream of mine since growing up, and now I'm on a team that actually has a chance to do it," Dearman said. "I'm just feeding off of that and it's even more motivation to work harder and harder."

Part of Dearman's downside has been his tendency to jack up the occasional off-the-wall shot. Although Dearman has a decent shooting touch for a big man, he's finally learned that his purpose on the court doesn't include unleashing long jumpers.

Or has he?

"We have plenty of shooters on this team, but if defenses leave me wide open like they've been doing, I have no choice," Dearman said. "I feel pretty confident that I can knock down a wide open 15-footer."

If there weren't still a few moments that make fans cringe, it wouldn't be Jemaine Dearman.

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PROTECTION

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more for predatory sexual assault.

Perry County Humane Society co-founder Brenda Shank learned of the unprotect d pooch from her son, who met Tommy while working at a college internship in Carbondale. Shank was instrumental in providing the Perry County Sheriff's K-9 with body armor and wanted to offer the same to Tommy, despite that he is not a member of Perry County.

"It makes me feel better knowing that he has protection now," Shank said. "I just hope it protects him."

Tommy's new black vest is made of Kevlar, the same material used in regular police vests, and is designed for another level of protection. It will protect against a bullet, but not necessarily against a knife or other sharp object.

Sgt. Grubbs attributes Tommy's full recovery to the excellent care he received immediately after the stabbing. After a two-day vet stay, two months of kennel rest, various check-ups and training courses, Tommy was back on his paws and anxious to return to work.

Work for Tommy takes on a different meaning. He is classified as a dual purpose dog — he is trained in narcotics detection as well as patrol apprehension, which includes tracking and apprehending suspects and searching for objects.

Sgt. Grubbs describes narcotics detection as a game of hide-and-seek for Tommy, which appeals to his cognitive level, similar to that of a 7-year-old child.

Tommy only obeys orders from Sgt. Grubbs, and since Tommy is from Holland and was initially trained there, the orders are given in Dutch. Sgt. Grubbs said Tommy relies heavily on tone and voice inflection to fully understand his job.

When Tommy receives orders for narcotics detection, Sgt. Grubbs uses a lighter, happier tone, and Tommy responds with a more light-hearted attitude. When he finds what he is looking for, Tommy lays down with the object between his front paws and alerts Sgt. Grubbs to his find with a bark, with his ears pricked straight up and tail wagging in anticipation of gratification or his next order.

But when the duo responds to a call, Tommy is all business. Tommy knows that when there is a lot of talking on the radio, the car speeds up, the lights come on and it's go time.

Sgt. Grubbs' commands for patrol apprehension use a harsher, more demanding tone, and Tommy responds accordingly.

"The way he performs directly affects the safety of the other officers out there on the street," Grubbs said.

That's why the pair attends two 40-hour training classes every year that serve as a refresher and re-certification. They also attend a weekly training maintenance course and practice narcotics searching and obedience daily.

"I couldn't live with myself if he failed at a task that I didn't prepare him for," Grubbs said.

And while Tommy has a high-pressure, demanding job, he also enjoys normal dog activities. Sgt. Grubbs said Tommy is a very social, outgoing dog. He enjoys daily runs in the backyard of the home they share and likes an occasional game of fetch, but he doesn't stray too far from his role in the department.

"They're working dogs," Grubbs said. "I wouldn't consider him a pet because he has to understand he has a job to do."

To date, Tommy has only worn his vest a half dozen times. Sgt. Grubbs said that like all new equipment, the vest has to be introduced in a training scenario so the animal can "see it, smell it and get used to wearing it."

Tommy's assistance is not needed in every situation, and unlike the bullet proof vests worn by human officers, Tommy's will only be worn in certain situations where there is a potential for an armed subject.

"I would like to express my thanks to the Perry County Humane Society for purchasing the vest for Tommy. I can't thank them enough," Grubbs said. "Tommy couldn't either if he could talk."

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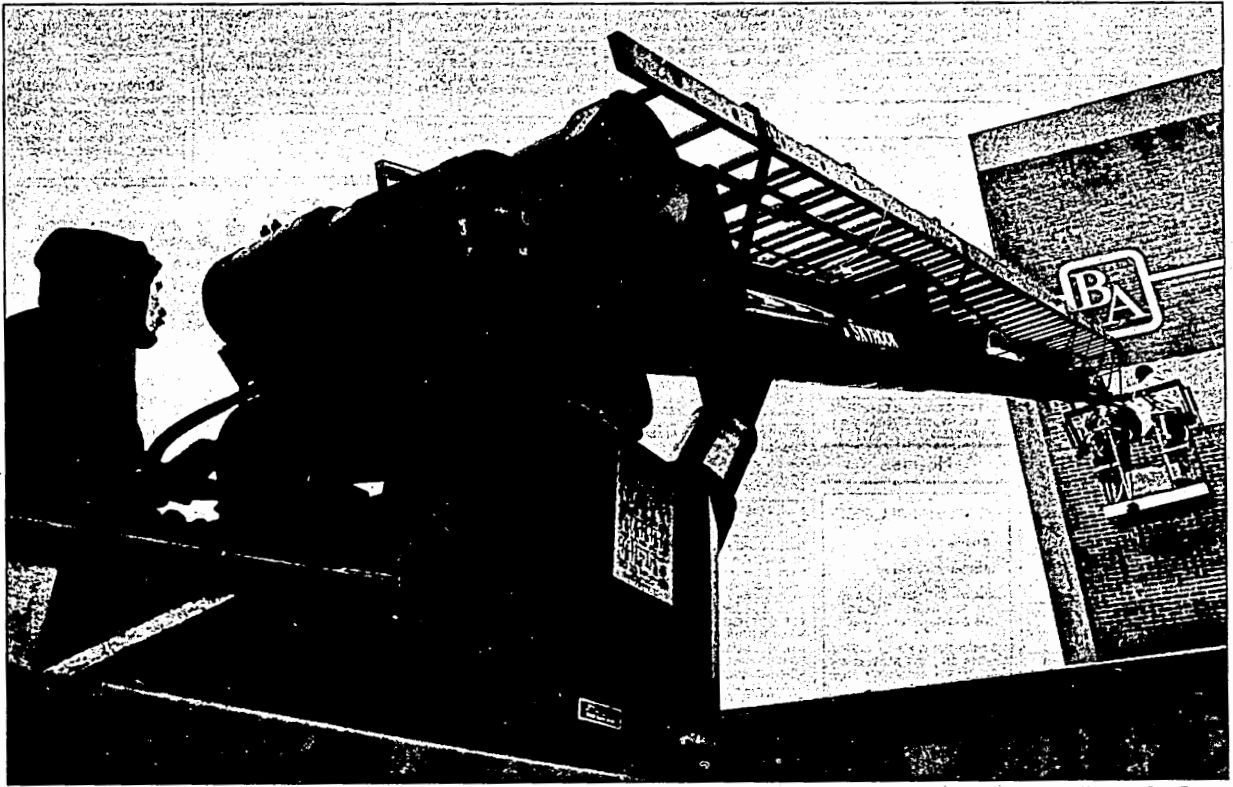
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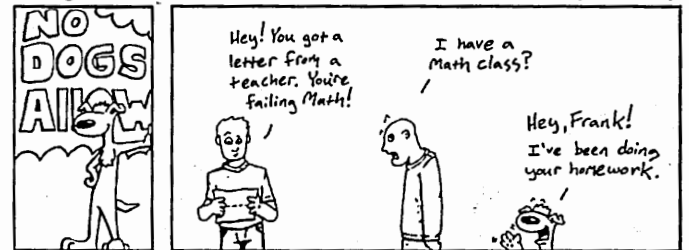
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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 23): Fix up your place during the first part of this year. Get it just the way you like it. This is not going to be easy, by the way. It'll be a challenge, but it'll be worth the effort. Later, you'll be more interested in romance. And by then, you'll have a lovely place in which to entertain.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Your friends may think you're a skiff for not funding their schemes, but you just can't afford to spend the money. You could help out in another way. Something you know how to do will be useful to them. Instead of giving them a fish, teach them how to catch some.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - It's just one thing after another all day long. Try not to get discouraged. Wrap working through each challenge. There's an end to this, and there might be a pot of gold there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're a master communicator who can talk the paint off the walls. But today, your message isn't getting across. It's action, not words, that will do the trick. Prove you know what you've been talking about.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Don't bail out a friend in need. Offer encouragement instead. This person can pay his or her own way. Suggest that your friend knock again on a door that was previously closed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is a 6 - Don't depend too heavily on your partner, even if he or she is an expert. Something this person ties is going to fall flat. It might be several things, actually. Well, everybody has their off days. Offer whatever assistance you can, including some plans of your own.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) - Today is a 6 - One of the ways around the problems you face is to simply leave. Run away from them. This may seem like a good alternative, and sometimes it is. But this time, it isn't. Stick it out.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 7 - The path ahead seems blocked. All the doors are closed. Should you give up? Don't be ridiculous! Look around. There's a way out.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Side your day and review your options. More will become available in a day or two. Meanwhile, don't bang your head against a door that's locked. Knock a couple of times, then do something else. Nobody's home.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - The exams are almost over, but there are still a few more before you graduate to the next level. Some of your most cherished assumptions may be questioned, but don't worry. Your goal has always been to discover the truth, and that's what you're doing.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Can you get somebody else to cover for you? You need a break from your hectic routine. So what if it's a Wednesday? Make love your top priority.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - The testing you're putting yourself through is just about over. You'll be getting much stronger soon. In a way, love is becoming stronger than fear. Get ready to take action.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You've got a lot on your mind. Your friends and family may notice that you seem preoccupied. You're thinking, making plans. Maybe even contemplating, meditating and/or praying. Let them know you'll be back pretty soon.

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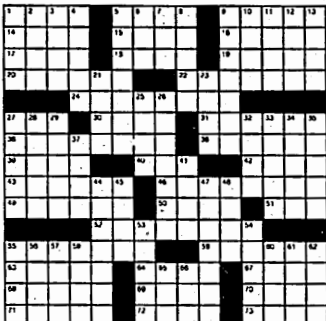
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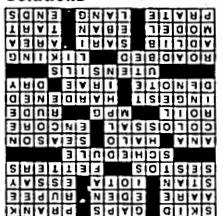
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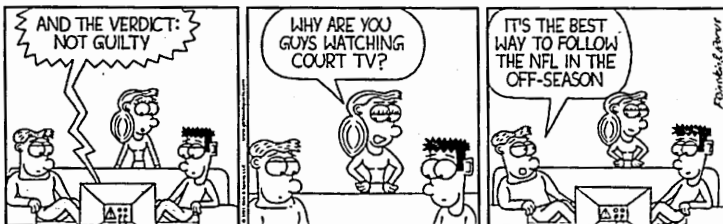
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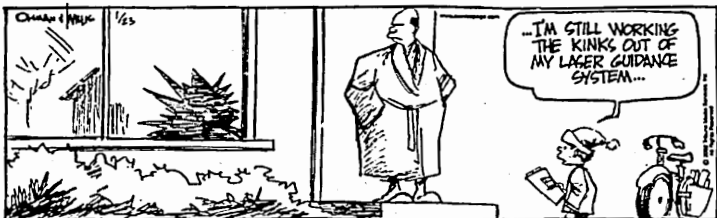
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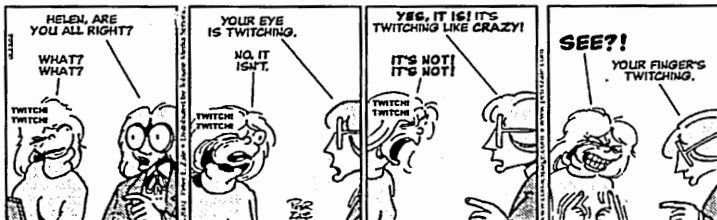
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Former Olympian back in at SIU

Connie Price-Smith draws upon her past to ignite women's track program

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Many athletes dream of going to the Olympics, but only a select few are honored with the opportunity to compete against elite athletes from all over the world.

For Connie Price-Smith, an SIU graduate and the new Saluki women's track coach, the opportunity to compete in four consecutive Olympics was granted.

She comes into the position of women's track and field head coach with a highly distinguished resume. With 18 outdoor national championship titles, six indoor national championship titles and five Olympic trial championship titles among her achievements, Price-Smith is no stranger to hard work and dedication.

"You are sore a lot and tired a lot, but it was all good because of the rewards," Price-Smith said.

Training was hard, yet seemed easy at the same time because she loved what she was doing.

On a daily basis, Price-Smith trained several hours a day, typically at least 25 hours a week. Most of her training included weight lifting, but at times she would include visualization exercises.

"There were times I wanted to quit because it was hard, but when it came to the competing, it was all worth it, and it made training easier," Price-Smith said.

As a child, competing in the Olympics was not one of her dreams. After her collegiate eligibility expired, she wanted to continue in the sport, and the next natural step was the post-collegiate USA Track and Field Nationals.

Price-Smith participated in her first national competition in 1986, when she placed fifth. In 1987, she won at nationals as well as trials, which placed her on the team for the Olympics.

Once she placed for the 1988 Olympic team, she was on her way to Seoul, where she participated in the shot put and discus. In 1992 (Barcelona), she competed in the discus, and in 1996 (Atlanta) and 2000 (Sydney), she competed in the shot put event.

For Price-Smith, competing in the Olympics was an experience so powerful it can't be described.

Oddly enough, with all of her success in track and field, Price-Smith only participated in the shot put and discus during her last year at SIU, during the '85-'86 school year. When she first started at SIU, she was on the bas-

ketball team.

"When I came to SIU, originally I was going to do basketball and track and field, but basketball was very time-consuming," Price-Smith said. "I just chose to do basketball my four years."

Once her eligibility for basketball was up, she had nothing else to do, so she went out for the track and field team. She enjoyed both sports, but liked the aspect of track and field being an individual sport.

"When you are playing basketball and having a bad day, you can rely on your teammates to pull you through," Price-Smith said. "When you are in track and field there is nobody out there but you, and if you are having a bad day, you have to rely on yourself."

Her years in the track and field arena were enjoyable because she was doing something she loved, and it also gave her the opportunity to travel.

"I like to travel a lot, and I love being outside," Price-Smith said. "I also like to meet new people, and that played a big part in my desire to work hard."

By the end of her career, Price-Smith had collected numerous accolades. She was the first woman in U.S. history to be world ranked five consecutive years in the shot put. She is currently ranked seventh all-time in the world for combination thrower, shot put and discus.

In 1990, Price-Smith married John Smith, also an SIU alum, and was inducted into the SIU Sports Hall of Fame. In 2001, she received the University's distinguished alumni award.

"I was amazed that I was placed in the same arena as the other people that were receiving the award," Price-Smith said.

Last year, with Price-Smith approaching her mid-30s, she knew that the 2000 Olympics was her last and that she would retire. She needed to figure out what to do next.

"I had a long successful career, and with every athlete it all has to come to an end," Price-Smith said. "For the last three years I knew the end was coming, and I had to prepare for something else to do."

When Price-Smith began to think about her future plans, she had no idea she would end up back at her alma mater. She was looking to go into massage therapy or something in the line of coaching.

While making the decision about her future, Price-Smith heard of the opening at SIU. She knew it was a great opportunity to coach at the collegiate level, so when she was formally offered the position, she accepted.

Her reasons for wanting to coach included the facts that she did not want to be stuck indoors all day long, she loves young people and wanted to give back to the sport.

"Coaching is something that I have done (informally) for a long time, so I was comfortable using it, so coaching



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SIUC women's track coach, Connie Price-Smith, relaxes at her home in Carbondale Tuesday evening. A Saluki athlete alumna and competitor in four separate Olympic games, Price-Smith prides herself on hard work and open communication when it comes to coaching her athletes.

was a natural path for me to take," Price-Smith said.

The understanding of what it takes to be a top athlete has been a great ice-breaker between her and the athletes at SIU.

"We were all a little unsure of the future because of the situation we were in, but we have benefited from the experience and it has been a very positive situation," junior Katie Meehan said.

Many of the women on the team

feel that Price-Smith has put herself on their level and that she realizes the importance of good dynamics between coaches and athletes.

"We are very blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with someone of her caliber," Meehan said.

When Price-Smith accepted the position, she immediately contacted longtime friend Leshundra Nathan to take the position as women's assistant head coach. Nathan had no hesitation to accept the offer because she knew Price-Smith was a no-nonsense type of coach who worked at her maximum ability.

"Connie is a harder coach than some men because they have sympathy for female athletes, but she pushes them to be the best and will not let them slack," Nathan said.

As the women's head coach, Price-Smith wants to make sure the women are in good shape and ready to compete. They are all healthy now, and she wants to train and condition them in the proper way so they will remain healthy.

With the season just underway, the early results have been solid.

Ultimately, Price-Smith wants to move the women to the point where they are ready to excel in the conference and eventually to qualify for nationals.


Many note Price-Smith's honesty and willingness to tell the truth no matter how it may sound, because ultimately they will realize that she is only trying to help them get to where they need to be.

"You will never know your potential unless someone pushes you," Nathan said. "Connie is going to get straight to the point and focus on what needs to be dealt with."

Price-Smith spent 14 years at the highest level of the professional arena and will now use her talents to help other young women achieve their goals. No matter how hard she trains them, she lets the athletes know that their achievements are ultimately up to them.

"At the end of the day, your fate is in your hands," Price-Smith said.

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Connie Price-Smith

WOMENS TRACK

SIU Alum '86
Position: Head Coach Experience: 1st year

Career Highlights:

- 4-time Olympian - '88, '92, '96 & '00
- 18 Outdoor National Championship Titles
- 6 Indoor National Championship Titles
- 5 Olympic Trial National Championship Titles
- Only U.S. woman to win a medal in shot put in a world Championship Competition in 35 years

It could be worse

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian



When the SIU women's basketball team lost to Illinois State on Sunday, it extended its losing streak to nine games, a school record. The loss was also the team's seventh consecutive defeat at the hands of a Missouri Valley Conference opponent.

The Saluki women can take solace in the fact that they are nowhere close to obtaining the record for most consecutive losses in the MVC.

That distinction goes to the Braves from Bradley University. Over the course of 21 months in 1998-99, the Bradley women dropped 24 straight games in the MVC. The streak included a 1998-99 season in which the Braves went 0-18, the only time any team has ever had a winless season in the MVC.

Below are the four longest losing streaks in the 10-year history of women's basketball in the MVC:

School	Games	Dates
Bradley	24	2/26/98 - 11/27/99
Evansville	22	1997 - 1998
Northern Iowa	15	1/28/95 - 1/11/96
Illinois State	13	12/30/98 - 2/12/99

League Leaders

Several Salukis are among the top players in the MVC this season in various statistical categories.

Guards Molly McDowell and Holly Teague are one of the most prolific scoring duos in the conference this season. McDowell (13.3 ppg) is sixth in the MVC in scoring, while Teague (13.1) is right behind her in seventh place.

The Salukis also have one of the conference's top rebounding tandems in Jodi Heiden and Geshla Woodard. Heiden (7.4 rpg) is tied for fourth in rebounding with Bradley's Lora Weber, while Woodard (7.1 rpg) sits in eighth place.

Injury Update

After beginning the season with 13 players on its roster, SIU is now down to 10 healthy players for the near future.

It was recently announced that the Salukis will be without junior post player Danielle Lawary, who has been sidelined with a stress fracture in her right foot, and could miss two weeks.

Freshman forward Wendy Goodman may be out for four weeks after suffering a stress fracture in her left tibia, and sophomore Angela Tolbert is out for the entire season due to undisclosed personal problems.

MVC Women's Basketball Standings

	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Creighton	7	1	12	5
Drake	6	2	12	5
Northern Iowa	5	2	10	8
SW Missouri St.	5	2	8	7
Evansville	4	3	9	8
Wichita State	3	4	8	8
Bradley	2	5	11	5
Illinois State	2	5	4	12
Southern Illinois	0	7	4	12

A Vicious Circle

In the preseason, Drake was picked as the undisputed favorite to top the MVC this season, with all the other schools fighting it out for the remaining slots.

However, after only three weeks of conference play, it appears as though just about any team in the MVC can beat any other team on a given night. Just look at some of the results so far.

Evansville beat Wichita State, Wichita State beat Drake, Drake beat SMS, SMS beat Northern Iowa, Northern Iowa beat Bradley, Bradley beat Indiana State, Indiana State beat Illinois State, Illinois State beat Creighton, Creighton beat Evansville.

After all this chaos, Drake has fallen to second in the conference, a game behind Creighton, which was picked to finish sixth in the preseason poll.

Here I Come, Cindy

SMS coach Cheryl Burnett is closing in on history this season. Burnett, who is in her 15th season as the Lady Bears' head coach, has accumulated 194 league victories during her tenure in the Gateway Conference and MVC.

Burnett's total is second only to former SIU coach Cindy Scott, who won 199 games during her 16 seasons at the helm in Carbondale.

Double Your Pleasure

Two of the Salukis are among the league leaders in double-doubles this season. Woodard and Heiden each have posted four double-doubles this year.

Only two other players in the MVC have had more double-doubles this season than SIU's duo — Wichita State's Angela Buckner and Jennifer Kaczka accomplished the feat seven times and five times, respectively.

The most recent double-double performance for SIU was in Sunday's game against Illinois State when Heiden scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the losing effort.

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Men's tennis team ready to take on their competition

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

Strong and solid. These were the words Missy Jeffrey, SIU men's tennis coach, used to describe her balanced roster for the spring.

The team is looking forward to the upcoming season and has set its focus on climbing the standings in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The team's spring lineup is different than that of the fall. The NCAA only allows 4.5 scholarships per year, so most players come in during the spring. Jeffrey is starting the season with a new team, which includes three who have never played in the spring season.

Although the reality of having a young team is clear, Jeffrey thinks this season will go well. With the lineup of Peter Bong at No. 1, Alon Savidor at No. 2, Richard Booth at No. 3, Julian Angel Botero at No. 4, Lukasz Soswa at No. 5 and Brian Blake at No. 6, she considers the team to be competitive.

"The top five players are even in ability," Jeffrey said. "They are very competitive with each other."

The stronger teams in the conference include Indiana State University, Drake University and Illinois State University. Indiana State is considered among the top 30 teams in the nation and has won the conference title three years in a row. Drake is tied at No. 75 in the nation, and Illinois State is also strong.

"We are especially geared up for these teams," Jeffrey said. "I doubt there will be any easy matches this spring."

Jeffrey said while her squad is

young, it can still excel, and her team has the potential to knock off the likes of Drake and Illinois State.

"We have to have everything go our way to beat Indiana State," Jeffrey said.

Savidor is the only player left from the team Jeffrey took over in September 2000. He beat the No. 4 player from Louisville and is considered to be a dominant player at the top of the lineup.

"We have a good shot for a good semester," Savidor said.

Bong joined the team last January and played at the No. 3 position. Bong, who has a record of 14-9, beat Evansville's No. 1 player with scores of 6-2 and 6-1 in the previous season.

Richard Booth had the best record on the team during the fall, and Jeffrey considers him to be an outstanding player.

Brian Blake was a walk-on last semester and has improved tremendously, according to Jeffrey.

Botero teamed with Booth to win three titles in doubles during the fall. Everybody in the top five won at least one title last fall with Savidor, Botero and Booth winning 70 percent of their singles matches.

The men's tennis team is still recruiting players, and Jeffrey may be making some additions to the roster as the season progresses.

The team's spring season starts this weekend when the Salukis head to Des Moines, Iowa, for the MVC Individual Championships.

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Tale of the tape

With the Missouri Valley Conference schedule now seven games deep for both the men's and women's basketball teams, I decided I would do a little comparison of the two squads.

Please stop laughing. I'm serious.

While the men are on pace for one of their best seasons ever with a 16-3 (6-1 MVC) mark, the women are on pace for one of their worst ever years as they are limping along with a 4-12 (0-7 MVC) record.

The season started out positive for both teams when the men went 6-1 after their first seven games and the women went 4-3.

It is here that the teams went their separate ways.

Since that time, the men have gone 10-2 while the women have gone 0-9.

The frustration of the women's team was never more evident than in their most recent loss Saturday to Illinois State, in which the Salukis blew an 11-point second half lead to lose a school record ninth straight game.

Following the game, the frustration and pain was clearly evident in the players' faces as well as in the face of head coach Lori Opp, who was so emotionally distressed that she walked out midway through the postgame press conference.

"Instead of playing to win, they were playing not to lose, and that's what happens when your team doesn't win a lot," said Opp shortly before walking out.

It is hard for a team to develop a killer instinct and put teams away when they aren't used to being ahead. In fact, the Salukis' halftime lead over the Redbirds was the first time SIU has been up at the half since a Dec. 30 game against Creighton.

The women have had a hard time all year in pulling out the close ones and have gone 1-3 in games determined by six points or fewer. The men, on the other hand, have gone 3-1 in those games.

While the women have suffered through their first half of the season, for the men, it has been almost all smiles. With the exception of a few letdowns, the Salukis have rolled over their opponents, including the much hyped public beating of the Indiana Hoosiers back in December.

The men have attracted so



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much attention lately that the SIU Arena Ticket Office has had to extend its hours to meet the demand.

Through their first eight home games of the season, the men have averaged 6,460 fans a game. The women, on the other hand, have averaged a disgraceful 474 a game, and at times, it doesn't even appear to be that many.

To show how much less the people of Carbondale support their women's teams than other college towns, SIU plays in front of an average of 2,102 fans when they go on the road. That is 1,928 more people than they play for at the SIU Arena.

The difference in the success of the men's and women's programs has not always been so vast.

Both teams have the same number of NCAA Tournament appearances with four as the men went in 1977, '93, '94 and '95 while the women went in '86, '87, '90 and '92. The men have only won one more conference championship (four) than the women (three).

One thing the women have done that the men have never been able to do is go undefeated in conference play. Actually, during the 85-86 and 86-87, the Salukis went a combined 36-0 in Gateway Conference play. Over those two years, SIU went a combined 53-7.

Something the men have done that the women have never done is go winless in conference play as they went 0-16 during the '80-81 season.

People are saying the women's team will match that number this season, but the Salukis still have 11 conference games remaining to end their horrendous slide.

If they don't, they will have earned a spot as the worst basketball team in school history and will have completed their regression from conference giant to conference giant.

And that could prove a painful irony in a season where the men's team may prove to be one of SIU's best.

Dearman finds focus

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

Is there anyone who symbolizes the rejuvenation of the SIU men's basketball team better than Jermaine Dearman?

In one season's time, Dearman has transformed from an up-and-down, 6-foot-8-inch tower of bafflement who was relegated to the bench to a happy, productive and steady branch of the 16-3 Saluki powerho...

While last season's Salukis lacked toughness and too often played as individuals, this year's team has embraced a defense-first philosophy and plays off one another to rack up the wins. That new attitude, along with the addition of a few skillful newcomers, has the Salukis tied for first in the Missouri Valley Conference and sniffing the NCAA tournament.

Dearman's more impressive output this season isn't the lone reason behind SIU's flashy record, but the play of the jovial Indianapolis native has certainly been an appreciated part of the mix.

Saluki head coach Bruce Weber went as far as to say Dearman's more polished approach this season ranks among the most crucial difference-makers. Dearman has pitched in six double-doubles so far and scored in double figures in 11 of his last 12 games.

His consistency is light years ahead of where it was a year ago, when his uneven play caused Weber to strip him of his starting spot midway through the year.

"Obviously Rolan [Roberts] has helped and Stetson [Hairston] and Darren [Brooks] and a lot of things, but I think Jermaine being consistent — his run of double-doubles or close to double-doubles — really grabs your attention," Weber said.

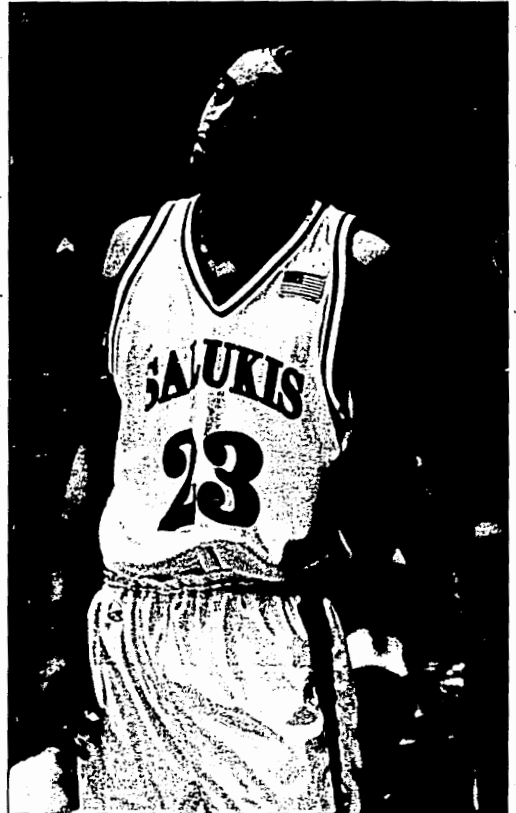
Since donning a Saluki uniform, Dearman has had an uncanny ability to simultaneously captivate and irritate Saluki fans. The rangy forward can knife into the lane adeptly and is explosive, but has shown a disturbing tendency to make foolish plays.

When Dearman looks good, he looks real good. Roberts is a physical specimen, but even the shot-blocker extraordinaire sometimes struggles guarding him in practice.

"Jermaine's really wiry and he's tough to defend," Roberts said. "I'd say if I had to play against him I'd probably have problems guarding him."

The amount of times Dearman has dribbled into heavy traffic or appeared unfocused on the floor has dipped drastically in his junior season. Dearman is averaging 11.7 points a game and a team-leading 8.2 rebounds a game — fine production for a team that has ample firepower to wear down opponents.

"I've been trying to play a little more mature, under control and not force too



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Saluki forward Jermaine Dearman waits to be checked in during last Saturday's game against Indiana State. This season Dearman is averaging an impressive 11.7 points and 8.2 rebounds a game.

much," said Dearman, who has also boosted his classroom performance in recent months. "Depending on the tempo of the game, sometimes I'm still a little rushed, but for the most part I'm trying to take more high percentage shots."

His teammates have noticed the change. Dearman's free-spirited mentality has drawn the wrath of his coaches and teammates in the past, but Dearman hasn't had to sit through as many lectures this year.

"I think it's another year of him playing ball, maturing and realizing what's a good shot and what's not a good shot," Roberts said. "Coach [Weber] has really been on him, and when he takes a bad one in practice he hears about it from everybody."


Sophomore forward Sylvester Willis has also found some welcome changes from his offcourt-mate.

"He's not trying to do too much," Willis said. "He knows we're going to come to him, so I think he's just being more selective on when he's going to make his move."

With Dearman, it's always a fine line between dumbfounding his opponent and just looking dumb.


"I don't mind him being aggressive. It's just when he starts dribbling and now everyone else stands and watches because they don't know what he's going to do," Weber said. "If he just gets it and goes that's one thing, but when he starts doing

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