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A touch of paint



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Julia Montefalcon of Fenton, Mo., paints a wooden car Saturday in the Student Center. The toys that are being made will be sent to underprivileged children overseas. Montefalcon was one of nearly 250 children at SIU this weekend for the Christ in Youth conference.

Gov. requires Pledge in school

Illinois residents speak out about Governor's decision

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Illinois' public high school students will have déjà vu of their grade school days this fall when they stand up to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

A recently passed mandate by Illinois Gov. George Ryan requires that all public high school teachers put aside time every day to say the Pledge.

Ryan's mandate comes on the heels of the decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that the

phrase "under God," is unconstitutional. Ryan adamantly argued with the decision, saying he would "vigorously fight any attempt to attack the circuit court's decision regarding the Pledge.

On the other side of the spectrum, Mark Schneider, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, strongly supports the circuit court's decision regarding the Pledge.

"In general, we're happy the 9th Circuit decided that 'under God' didn't belong in it," Schneider said. "The ACLU's position is that people should not be coerced into statements of any sort that are ideological. We're all for patriotism, but we're for it on a voluntary basis."

Ryan's mandate requires only that

public high schools integrate the Pledge into their daily routines, but students who do not wish to recite it are not required to.

"Students who object to the pledge in any way can opt out of it and not have to say it," Schneider said. "But that singles them out as oddballs."

Matt Hagnauer, a sophomore at Granite City High School, near St. Louis, agrees that the decision to say the Pledge should be left up to students.

"It's really their freedom of speech," Hagnauer said. "They shouldn't have to say it if they don't want to. Anybody that disagrees with that doesn't really believe in freedom of speech."

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Assistantships approved despite conflicting views

University plans to finalize assistantship criteria within a few days

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Despite the SIU Board of Trustees' approval of undergraduate assistantships at its meeting Thursday, SIUC representatives expressed conflicting views that questioned the program's direction.

Michael Jarad, Undergraduate Student Government president, attended the meeting at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield and questioned if the program was an opportunity for skilled students or "a recruiting tool for the University.

"We have a problem with retention. We need more aid to students, and we need more options," Jarad said. "Everything is geared toward attracting students; we have to keep them here once we get them."

Ted Clark, new BOT student trustee as of July 1, also brought up similar concerns about whom the undergraduate assistantships will help come fall.

"He said the policy itself of including undergraduate assistantships into the University work system was not in debate, but the specifics of the program were unclear.

"Wendler is very innovative with this idea, and he is the first one that has done something like this," Clark said. "Are we using them to lure freshmen, and then offering to juniors and seniors?"

Clark said the decision was unanimous, and he believes BOT officials are in support of the program. He said he wants to see a

finalized report about the assistantships soon, and he hopes that the program will be flexible.

Approximately \$750,000 has been allotted for undergraduate assistantships as part of the \$8.5 million generated from the tuition increase.

Wendler explained the proposal for the workshops during the BOT meeting and said he hopes to keep the opportunity open to all undergraduates.

"We expect to be able to mix it, but it is primarily for upperclassmen," Wendler said. "This doesn't mean freshmen are not included."

Kristi Jacobson, a junior in computer science from Carbondale, also said all students should get a chance to do research within their fields.

"It should be open to everyone, not be selective," Jacobson said. "Someone who has the skills and academic standing should be at least considered for it."

Lois Gettinger, a senior in sociology from Centralia, said she has enjoyed working closely with her professors and would not mind getting paid \$10 per hour for furthering her career. She said students in the last years of their degrees should have priority over incoming freshmen.

"Juniors and seniors should have the assistantships," Gettinger said. "The majority of freshmen and sophomores are undecided, so the upperclassmen should get more of a chance."

Undergraduate students expressed different opinions about whom the assistantships should include, but they agree the program is a positive project for the University.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said about 100 undergraduate assistantships are slated for this year, and he

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New telephone system recognizes voice

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

Recorded telephone systems often require touch-tone responses, but SIUC's Telecommunications Department implemented a system that can accurately recognize a caller's vocal request.

Speech-recognition software, installed into the Telecommunications systems on July 1, takes calls and transfers them to more than 100,000 different locations.

Now anyone can find telephone numbers of campus departments and on-campus students.

This new customer service line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and business hours are also included in the service.

A recorded voice message asks which of three options the caller is trying to reach: a person, a depart-

ment or campus activities.

After the caller makes a request, the voice will repeat the response to confirm, and then the system will transfer the caller to the requested line. In cases of multiple listings, the system asks for additional information and goes through the directory again.

"That's cool. You can have the Internet or you can call, either way if you have questions," said Andrea DeShazo, a senior in psychology from Memphis.

"I'd use it since I live off campus, and I hate calling the school and trying to find out who I need to talk to," DeShazo said.

The high-tech service is capable of picking up sharp recognition even with outside noise or accents, according to the Telecommunications Department news release.

David Bouhl, Information

Technology Telecommunications director, said he would like to recruit the assistance of students to apply more listings to the system's database.

"Sometime, further along, I hope to work with a marketing class. This system has a lot of capability," he said.

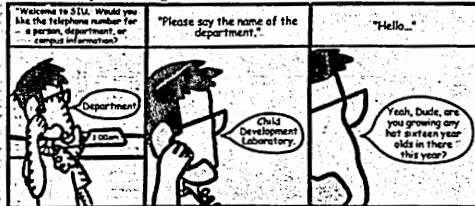
The campus text files are phonetically transcribed and stored in an order that enables a search based on the caller's speech.

In the near future, students will be able to order food through the system once the specific software application is added. The application will transfer hungry callers to the requested food establishment's phone number.

DeShazo said the current system could improve its service by including phone number listings of off-campus students.

Lisa Scarbar, a sophomore in

Gus Bode's speech recognition



ROBIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

psychology from Marcellis, said students would find local emergency numbers useful.

"Adding in emergency numbers would be good too in case my car breaks down," she said.

The Telecommunications Department will attach an "alias" for an individual that also goes by another name, such as a nickname, into the system. A simple call to the Telecommunications Department will update the identification.

Bouhl said student informational guides will publicize the new calling

system this fall. "I'm always losing phone numbers. I was hoping someone would do something like this," DeShazo said. "Too bad they can't get the whole yellow pages."

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NATIONAL NEWS

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Drivers' licenses included in Bush security plan

WASHINGTON — The White House released its long-awaited national security strategy Monday, emphasizing the creation of President Bush's proposed Homeland Security Department and calling for new laws such as uniform national rules for obtaining a driver's license.

"Our enemy is smart and resolute. We are smarter and more resolute," Bush said in a letter to the nation accompanying the 100-page strategy.

The document, the first of its kind in U.S. history, says the administration's goals are to prevent terrorism, reduce vulnerability to attacks and minimize damage from any that do occur. It leaves little doubt that groups such as al-Qaeda are all but certain to strike again.

"Our society presents an almost infinite array of potential targets that can be attacked through a variety of methods," says a summary of the strategy, which Bush planned to formally unveil Tuesday at the White House.

"We must be prepared to adapt as our enemies in the war on terrorism alter their means of attack," the summary says.

Congress is already debating the Homeland Security Department blueprint Bush proposed before finalizing the strategy, which had led some Democrats to charge that the agency plan was premature. But the White House document goes much further, recommending changes in state and federal laws and outlining long-range initiatives in the domestic war against terrorism.

For example, the strategy suggests that states adopt similar laws for getting a driver's license to guard against ease of access by terrorists and that states make terrorism insurance more readily available to businesses and property owners.

Conservation helped avert more severe water limits

Water restrictions brought on by drought this year have forced many Americans to let the lawn brown and keep the pool empty. Count your blessings, experts say: It might have been worse.

Federal statistics show that the amount of water taken from streams, lakes and other sources for each person has been falling since at least the early 1980s. In 1980, an average of nearly 2,000 gallons was collected for use per person. In 1995, 1,510 gallons per person was collected.

Without that decline, the current dry spell, affecting 30 states, might have prompted even tighter water restrictions, including limits on construction and renovations.

Federal statistics on the average usage in 2000 will be released next year, officials said.

"Our population is growing, and our use of water is really not changing up or down," says Robert Hirsch, head of hydrology at the U.S. Geological Survey. "We're kind of at a steady state."

Much of the credit for lower water usage goes to farmers and factories, experts say.

Farmers have either quit irrigating their fields or switched to more efficient irrigation methods. Factories, barred by the Clean Water Act of 1972 from dumping large quantities of dirty wastewater, have retrofitted their operations to recycle more water. Deborah Lumia of the geological survey suspects that the nation's per-capita use numbers for 2000, which will be released next year, won't be so rosy.

The economy was relatively strong that year, and "as the economy rises, water use rises," Lumia says.

WORLD NEWS

WWW.CNN.COM

Seven killed in West Bank attack

EMANUEL, West Bank — At least seven people died and 15 were wounded on Tuesday in a terror attack near the settlement of Emanuel in the West Bank, the Israel Defense Forces said.

The IDF said a device was detonated as an armored bus passed the settlement and then shots were fired. Israel's Channel 20 television said that casualties occurred on the bus and a vehicle driving behind it.

Israel Radio said police are hunting down three gunmen and that the people who fired on the bus were dressed in IDF uniforms.

The attack occurred between Nablus and Ramallah. An ambush on a bus in the same area on Dec. 12 killed 10 Israelis.

The Bush administration condemned the incident, a spokesman saying it "underscores the importance of focusing on peace and working with leaders in the Palestinian Authority dedicated to peace."

David Baker, an Israeli government spokesman, was quoted by Ha'aretz, an Israeli newspaper, as saying that the attack is "further proof that the Palestinian Authority considers terrorism a primary mode of operation."

The Palestinian Authority released a statement condemning all attacks on civilians, whether they are Israelis or Palestinians.

Spain: Al Qaeda suspect filmed WTC

MADRID, Spain — Three suspected members of al Qaeda, including one who videotaped New York's World Trade Center towers during a trip in 1997, have been arrested in Spain, officials said.

The three "belonged to al Qaeda and had important connections to its leaders, based on the documents seized," Interior Minister Angel Acebes told a news conference in Madrid on Tuesday.

A senior law enforcement official told CNN later on Tuesday that the three suspects were natives of Syria, but two have Spanish citizenship.

Two were arrested in Madrid and one in the eastern province of Castellon in a series of raids starting about 9 a.m.

While on his 1997 trip to the United States, the one who videotaped the World Trade Center also recorded images of the Statue of Liberty in New York and the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, the official said.

The man had come under suspicion last April during an al Qaeda roundup in Spain. He was not held at the time, but police since then have been watching his activities, the official added.

The man was identified last April as Chasoub al Abrash Al Ghayoun, although authorities on Tuesday did not immediately release the names of any of the suspects.

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Five-day Forecast

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Sunday	Partly Cloudy	90/71
Monday	Partly Cloudy	90/71

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Average high:	92
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Tuesday's editorial "SIUC not worthy of 'Animal House' rating" should have referred to John Belushi as the actor in Animal House.

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A Cat's best friend

Area veterinarian goes above and beyond the call of duty

Lena Morsch
Daily Egyptian

The lobby of The Kitty Clinic is adorned with veterinarian Elisa Kirkpatrick's cats meowing, peeping, hiding on shelves and lying in the chairs. A three-legged miniature pincher named Dusty greets visitors, occasionally barking at a nervous cat that realizes it is time to see the doctor.

On any given day, clients of The Kitty Clinic arrive with their feline friends in tow to visit their veterinarian. The Kitty Clinic opened three years ago on Giant City Road and was a longtime dream for Kirkpatrick. She said she envisioned creating a haven for sick cats and a forum to educate pet owners about pet care. Within three years, she said, she has seen her dream come true.

"I think there was a real need for the Kitty Clinic, so when cats are sick they can have a peaceful, nurturing environment to recover," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick's love for cats inspired her to pursue her dreams of becoming a veterinarian. She graduated from SIUC with a degree in zoology before attending veterinarian school. Upon graduation, she wanted to find a way to make her "Kitty Clinic" a reality.

"I like treating cats; it is so much more challenging. There could be 10 sick cats with the same problem, but they react differently and you have to provide an effective treatment" for each cat," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick said while her job is challenging, it can also be emotionally draining. She

said she deals with the loss of her patients very personally.

"When I lose a patient, I just want to go home and cry. In the next room there is a client with a new kitten, and I have to put on a happy face for them," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick said she deals with several pet issues. The most upsetting is the humane treatment of animals.

"I can't stress enough to spay and neuter your cats. There is such an over-population in this town. I feel new animals should not be brought into the world when so many are already homeless. Be responsible if you are going to own a pet," Kirkpatrick said.

She said most of her clients are willing to pay for any treatment that their cats need. She said she is disturbed that many people want to find a sick or homeless cat and drop them off with a veterinarian.

"People do not realize that we as vets have limitations too, financial as well as physical. They need to contribute to helping this animal as much as we do. People that want to help animals need to be active in their treatment and finding them a home. Don't try to dump an animal off on someone else," Kirkpatrick said.

She said there are several ways to contribute to the care of animals. She stressed volunteering and donating to the Humane Society.

"You have to be the change you want to see in the world. If you can't own a cat, you can volunteer at the humane shelter. Spend time with the cats, brush them and make them feel loved," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick has seen several neglected animals come into the clinic. With tears in her eyes, she described a cat that had been brought to her last week.

"The cat was totally starved and her fur was totally infested with maggots. It had an



LISA SONNENSCHNEIN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dr. Elisa Kirkpatrick spays a female cat at the Kitty Clinic on Giant City Road in Carbondale. Dr. Kirkpatrick performs numerous surgeries a week on a variety of animals.

incredible will to live. Most people would have put her to sleep, but I saw hope. I don't like to take a life," Kirkpatrick said.

Kirkpatrick is treating the cat, and its fur had to be totally shaved. She expects the cat to make a full recovery with her encouraging words.

"I promised her that her life was going to turn out great and told her she was worth saving," Kirkpatrick said.

Theresa Keith, Kirkpatrick's assistant, said her boss is one of the most compassionate veterinarians she has ever met.

"She is constantly learning all she can about pet care to stay on top of the medical field. She is totally dedicated to being the best vet possible," Keith said.

Kirkpatrick said there is also humor with her patients, mainly in a cat's reaction to the office. She said most of her feline patients are nervous and do not act like themselves.

"My most common line from clients is that their cats don't act like that at home. It's funny to see them apologize for the same thing the last client apologized for," Kirkpatrick said.

Keith says Kirkpatrick's bedside manner is what the clients appreciate.

"I have seen vets who only spend 10 minutes with a pet. She takes as much time with the animal as it needs. She has been a huge advocate in educating owners," Keith said.

Keith said working at the clinic is usually a joy. The clinic could easily be a set for "Dr. Dolittle." Clients enjoy visiting the more than 20 cats and two dogs that the clinic has adopted through the years.

"People come in wanting to see the cats and ask how they are doing. Dusty, our miniature Doberman, serves as our doorbell. She lets us know when someone comes through the door," Keith said.

Kirkpatrick said she hopes to expand her practice in the future. She also said she hopes she has made a difference in the lives of the pets she has treated.

"This is what I love to do and who I am. I love my job and I love cats," Kirkpatrick said.

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Gus Bode



Gus says: Bring
All over and he'll
solve your
overpopulation
problem.

Guy Smiley prepares for Turley Park concert

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

The musical stylings of The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange can be summed up in one word: "Psychfunkadobalicious," according to the band's website.

Guy Smiley, which will play 7 p.m. Thursday at Turley Park as part of the Sunset Concert series, laid its roots in 1993 in Nashville. More than 10 instruments grace the stage when Guy Smiley, a five-member ensemble, plugs in. Justin Amaral is on drums and other percussion; Patrick Dolan plays alto sax and flute; Jon Grant plays bass, synthesizers and loops; Graham Spice is on guitars, keyboard, trumpet and vocals; and Chris West plays any and all saxes, alto flute, guitar and keyboard.

"I was going to Belmont University in Nashville and was doing a lot of playing in the dorms," said Guy Smiley musician Graham Spice. "We thought that we should get together and show people what we were doing, so I formed a band."

Maybe the reason for inventing a word as obnoxious as "Psychfunkadobalicious" is because there was no word to describe what Guy Smiley was doing on stage. The band draws sounds and rhythms from nearly every genre of music. There is a wide range of instruments to grace the stage, and audience members can expect a little bit of everything. From rock and jazz to blues, funk and Latin, Guy Smiley is well-versed in style.

Spice describes the music as groove-jazz, with just a touch of bass. Spice said some of the major influences shaping Guy Smiley are Groove Collective, Tower of Power, Wayne Shorter and Mike Clark, Paul Jackson and Stevie Nicks. "I call it Post-Modern Funk," Amaral said.

Guy Smiley has its true roots firmly planted in blues, however.

"Blues music is at the root of all popular music — jazz, pop, rhythm and blues, soul, funk, polka — everything," Spice said. "So when you say you're a blues musician, you're really a modern musician. Eric Clapton said it best: 'Both of Robert Johnson's albums actually cover all of my desires musically. Every angle of expression and every emotion is expressed on both of these albums.'"

When Guy Smiley isn't on the road or in the studio, the members, all lead different lives.

"We wash dishes, move furniture, design web pages, work for an international music business sham and sit around," Spice said.

While the band is scheduled to play Thursday, Spice said sometimes there are bumps in the road.

"We like to show up late for the gig, miss sound check, find out that all of our amps are blown up, frantically call music stores and local musicians for strings and reeds, get too drunk to perform and call it a night," said Spice.

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Teachers training program receives grant

State grants \$1.2 million more to SIU to teach teachers how to use high tech classrooms

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

An additional \$1.2 million has been secured for "An Adventure in American Mind," a new teacher training program, because of the efforts of President James Walker in connection with Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill.

Last year, \$1.5 million was granted to both SIUC and SIU-Edwardsville in preparation for the new program.

"We are certainly appreciative of Sen. Durbin's efforts to secure \$1.2 million for teacher training at both SIU Carbondale and Edwardsville," SIU President James Walker said.

The program will help train teachers on new technology and how to implement it in the classroom. The teachers will then educate the students on how to utilize the information as well.

The Library of Congress is making its Web site available in conjunction with the program. Once all information is in place, teachers and students will be able to access the site to get information on a wide variety of topics.

One of the areas of interest that will be added to the site is history.

John McIntyre, associate dean for teacher education and school partnerships, said a focus of the program is to train teachers to develop and incorporate Southern Illinois history into the archives for access through the site.

"This is a great opportunity to add Southern Illinois history to the Library of Congress for others to get to see and learn about our area," McIntyre said.

Keith Hillkirk, dean for the College of Education and Human Services, said this resource will bring rich archives and historical documents to those who cannot travel to Washington, D.C.

Once teachers complete the program, it is hoped that they will in turn teach other educators within their schools.

The target grades are K-12, but at this point it is uncertain which grades will actually take part.

Receiving the additional money was a bigger boost to the start of the program, which formally began July 1.

"This support is going to help build an even stronger relationship with schools and help our grad and undergraduate students in their quest to becoming teachers," Hillkirk said.

Program coordinator LuAnn Hiniker will be planning the technology training that will be given to the teachers.

She said because of the grant, they will be able to purchase new technology and equipment for teachers. A highlight of the new services will be the ability for them to use online virtual material in the classroom.

"This is a great program that will have a positive, profound effect on students," Hiniker said.

In the fall of 2002, SIU will begin meeting with the principals and superintendents of Southern-area schools to begin the selection process of teachers that will participate in the program. Once everyone is selected, training will begin in January.

After the program has been in

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Keith Hillkirk
dean, College of Education and Human Services

effect for a while, those affiliated with the training hope to expand statewide.

"We plan to reach out to as many schools as possible," Hiniker said. "As we grow, we plan to have different phases."

In the summer of 2003, advocates for the program hope to implement a master's of arts in teaching degree. This degree will be available for those who decide to become teachers after majoring in a different area as an undergraduate. Those who participate in the training program will receive credit toward the degree as well.

At this early stage of the process, the production of brochures, marketing tools, contact with school administration and a program outline are in progress.

Even though Walker worked with Durbin to secure funding for the program, he said he will not have a direct involvement, but will from time to time have some limited engagement.

"I think with [Durbin's] continued support, we will be able to do many great things," Walker said. "I think he really understands the importance of education, and I am pleased and elated to have a chance to add this to the University."

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Harvard University offers courses using Tupac Shakur's lyrics

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

It is not uncommon for names such as Richard Wright, James Baldwin and Maya Angelou to come up in academic discussions of noteworthy black American literary artists, but now Tupac Shakur has been thrown into the mix.

Professors at Harvard University developed the idea for "Modern Protest Literature: From Thomas Paine to Tupac." In this class, students are provided with a wide range of print and oral forms of literature that express modes of protest throughout history. Examples of protest exist in varying forms from spirituals, folk songs, hip hop and good old-fashioned speeches.

The idea that the same class where students peruse the pages of the historical document "Common Sense" could also provide the work and informational aspects of the life of the controversial rapper seems unlikely, but it's reality at Harvard. In one of the classrooms at the Ivy League university, professors decided to take the idea of using modern cultural icons a step further.

Timothy McCarthy and John Stauffer were both young, politically active professors at Harvard when they developed the idea for a course on protest literature.

They began thinking of a way they could come together to form a "politically engaged" class that would introduce students to this form of literature on several different levels. From their collaboration came English 176a.

"We wanted to show people how literature can be linked to social change," said McCarthy, who lectured both history and literature and English at the university for two years. "And who better than younger people who still have hope for changing the world?"

According to McCarthy, using the broadest possible definition of the phrase "protest literature," they developed a class that would introduce students to the evolution of protest literature from abolitionist movements to the hip-hop revolution and everything in between.

Students listen to speeches and spirituals and

read documents protesting a situation in society. These documents range from Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" to the work of those involved in the "hip-hop revolution" including Tupac Shakur.

"Anyone born after 1970 was affected by the hip-hop revolution," McCarthy said. "We wanted to introduce students to the marketing strategies used to present artists like Tupac to the public."

While Kevin Dettmar, chair of the SIUC English department, agrees that many musicians have been instrumental in several protest movements, he doesn't see Tupac as one of these individuals.

"I don't think that most people listen to Tupac's music for the political aspect," Dettmar said. "I see him as more of a consumable media image."

Keenon Wigley, a senior in business economics from Chicago, said Shakur's work should be seen as a valid form of protest literature, and it would also help diversify classrooms.

"Using rap in class would get more blacks interested," Wigley said. "It's a major form of literature in our community."

While there is some disagreement over whether the life, times and work of Tupac are appropriate in the classroom, most seem to agree that music is a valid form of literature.

Assistant English professor Donna Strickland says she has used musical lyrics in past classes on several occasions for analytical purposes. According to Strickland, when asked to bring lyrics to class for analysis, students have often brought in rap.

According to McCarthy, students particularly enjoy the part of the class pertaining to Tupac and hip hop, and she said the course's pilot semester last spring went fairly well with 106 students taking the class.

"We want students to see how language can affect social change," McCarthy said. "And at its best, hip hop is a model for rebellion."

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Refunds are late, but they're coming

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Daily Egyptian

The State of Illinois will borrow \$150 million to make up for a shortfall in revenue that has caused the state to be delinquent in paying tax refunds.

The slowdown in the economy, especially after Sept. 11, resulted in a decrease in revenue from sales and income taxes. At the same time, increases in the earned income tax credit, the education tax credit and the doubling of the personal exemption caused refunds to be greater than expected.

"The underlying reasons are economic," said Mike Klemens, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Revenue. "The average refund this year is up 20 percent to a year ago."

Revenue from income taxes was projected to grow this year, Klemens said, but instead it decreased.

"The final payments were way down," Klemens said, "and the refunds up."

The state had about \$1 billion in unpaid bills at the end of the fiscal year on June 30, said Alan Henry, communications director for the Comptroller's Office. In order to pay these bills, the state decided to issue short-term bonds in the same amount that will mature on or before June 20, 2003. To cover the shortfall in the refund fund, \$150 million will be earmarked to pay income tax refunds.

Klemens said he is anticipating that the money will be available Tuesday, July 23.

But Henry said it may take a couple of weeks to issue the bonds and transfer the money to the refund fund.

About 134,000 refunds were processed Monday night, Klemens said, leaving about 652,000 refunds, totaling \$198 million, still to be paid.

So far, refunds have been sent out for returns filed by April 10. They have been processing returns in the order in which they were received, but, Klemens said, Monday they paid out some low-amount refunds in order to clear some of the backlog before the loan money becomes available.

Refunds are required to be mailed before July 15 or the state must pay 6 percent in interest.

est. The interest covers the period from April 15 to July 15.

A percentage of the revenue from the individual income taxes is reserved by law for refunds and kept in the Income Tax Refund Fund. Last year, 7.6 percent of individual income taxes was diverted to pay refunds, but it was not enough. The amount reserved for refunds is based on estimated tax payments. This year, 8 percent is being held for next year's refunds.

The delay has also been caused by the time it takes to process paper tax returns. The paper returns are sent out to a private vendor who opens, sorts and enters the information into a database. This process takes four to six weeks, Klemens said. He said electronically filed refunds can be taken care of within a few days since the information is already in the system.

The next batch of refunds will be processed Thursday night. While the refunds will be late, they will be paid.

"This is a problem," Henry said, "and it's been dealt with."

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NEWS BRIEFS

SIUE student charged with viewing child porn

A former SIU-Edwardsville student has been charged with accessing photographs of children performing sexual acts at one of the University's buildings.

James Whitehead, 18, was officially charged July 3 in Madison County. He is accused of accessing pornographic web-sites depicting children at SIUE's Woodland Hall on April 17 and 19.

An Illinois Attorney General child porn task force zeroed in on Whitehead shortly after he accessed the photographs. University officials at SIUE said Whitehead's actions could be a major infraction of the Student Conduct Code and may prevent him from being able to enroll at SIU in the future.

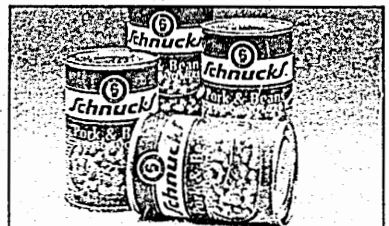
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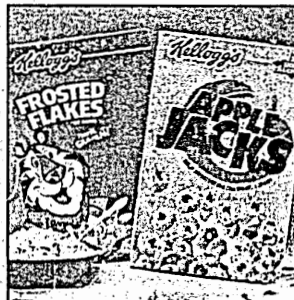
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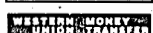
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OUR WORD

Little Giants, Big Hearts

Little giants are the heroes that make us smile with the simple subtleties of their kindness and dry up the saltwater that spills from our sad souls with the gentle embrace of their arms.

They are the ones who whisper, "Stay strong" when we are weak and, "Have mine" when we are without. They remind us to believe, when we lose faith.

Are heroes born or are they made? Are they cast from the mold with the strength to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders, or are they simply humans with overgrown hearts?

That is not for us to answer. We know only that our heroes are taking a vacation this summer at Camp Little Giant located inside the Touch of Nature site in Carbondale.

It is a camp for the ones the world has labeled disabled.

But when they shed the wheelchair and let their troubles sink in the fresh clean water or gaze with wonder upon a newly discovered creature of the earth, they are simply children.

And at the same time, they are so much more. They are the reminder to the rest of the world that yes, this is life, and living it is grand.

In its 49th year, Camp Little Giant continues to serve as the place where our heroes' spirits are renewed, hope is born and the bonds of friendship, though they may be pulled and tugged, are never broken. Director Randy Osborn, a 1986 SIUC graduate, will surely be blessed by his humble offering to the world.

To the rest of you who give your hands and sweat to Camp Little Giant, we also appreciate your contribution. That is as far as we will go, because surely any thanks we give falls in comparison to the satisfaction you receive tenfold from your labors when a child raps his soot-filled hands around your waist or remarks simply, "that's cool."

Few of us will ever know what it means to be 'disabled,' as the world has labeled our heroes, but do not be deceived, because from these little giants we have much to learn.

From their constant struggle, we learn to be patient; from their zest for life, we learn to be humble; from their acceptance of humanity, we learn to love.

Counselors say Camp Little Giant is typical of any other camp experience except it moves at a slower pace. While these little giants may not get from point to point the quickest, they surely get the most enjoyment from it, for the rest of us are too rushed or too lazy to pick the joy from every nook-and-cranny.

They live at the pace that was surely meant to be the pace of the human race, where there is time to smell all that is sweet in its surroundings.

We hope our little giants enjoy their vacation.

Too quickly, the summer will fade into the fall, and our heroes will go home. But they will not be gone.

We will find them again along our hurried path of life when we have forgotten what it means to love.

And with eyes as round as the moon, hearts as big as the ocean, arms outstretched wide enough to embrace the world and a smile that stretches from Oregon to Maine, our little giants will remind us again of everything good and wonderful about the human existence.



LETTERS

America, the land of opportunity

DEAR EDITOR,

I am of Chinese descent and have been in America for about three years to further my education. I recently watched a TV show about black entrepreneurs in America. The African-Americans were talking about business and how they needed to do better. They said they have been here longer than other races, but that other races are doing better, such as Asians and Hispanics. Therefore, they said America should stop immigrants from coming to America to better themselves. I was troubled by this, because I have learned that America is for everybody.

In the Chinese culture, we appreciate hard work. I cannot speak for the Hispanics, but I suppose they do too.

In this country, racism seems to be a big issue, but in my country it is hardly talked about. Look at the Native Americans; they are doing well in business as are a number of other immigrants from all over the world who have moved to America. If you want to talk about racism, look at the Native Americans. This used to be their land, and it was taken away. The Chinese who came to America in the early 18th Century were mistreated and used by the whites in this country. The blacks were used as slaves. The Mexicans lost the Western part of their country. The also were mistreated. The poor class of Europeans became indentured servants in the New World. Racism at its worst was when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima

and Nagasaki. This was genocide to the Japanese people. I realize it was war, but it was unnecessary. Racism in this country is an issue at the drop of a hat. There are significant issues and insignificant issues. Judge it for yourself. All races at one time or another have been persecuted, but America is the light of the free world. Any immigrant, which we all were at one time or another, can prosper through business or education and better him or herself. There are not a lot of countries where this is possible. Appreciate what America is. Don't take it for granted. Visit other countries and you will see this for yourself.

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Carbondale

Let's start talking about safe sex

DEAR EDITOR,

I'm writing in response to your article "Let's Talk About Safe Sex," published Thursday, June 20. I certainly agree with you about education and communication as the best defense against STDs. I was unfortunate, as a teen-ager, not to get one of those important talks from my parents, and my high school teachers only lightly discussed the importance of safe sex. I always remembered how my teachers seemed uncomfortable talking about it, which made it extremely difficult to ask questions on the subject.

It wasn't until a couple of my friends picked up some common STDs that I decided I needed to find out more. After doing some research that not only educated me but learned the living crap out of me as well, I discovered that it was not a choice to protect my partners and myself. It was a responsibility. I also find it much more comforting when my partner shares the same philosophies and is not afraid to

talk openly about safe sex.

The article touched on a problem that I still can't believe exists, but I know it is still an issue. It read, "people sometimes find it inconvenient and even embarrassing to use birth control methods for preventing STDs" and "it can be difficult to purchase condoms and have to face the person behind the cash register."

First of all, if a person isn't mature enough to ask for condoms then they are certainly not mature enough to be having sex. Furthermore, if anyone thinks that is embarrassing, try telling someone you care about that you have infected them with an STD or telling your parents when you need their medical insurance to cover treatments. Moreover, suppose you contract an incurable STD, like herpes or HIV. Then you will have to tell every potential girlfriend or boyfriend that you date that you have an STD. I don't know how other people feel, but I certainly think that is way more embarrassing than

asking a checkout person for a condom. Finally, if someone is really that embarrassed, here are a couple of options: 1) Buy your condoms with a bunch of other things and hide them in the cart. Choose a checkout line where the cashier is of the same sex as you. 2) If a good friend is going to the store, ask him or her to pick some up. 3) You can get condoms in most bathrooms around campus, and the Health Center has baskets of them for free! 4) If all else fails, you can buy condoms online.

In short, we need more articles written on the importance of safe sex and the importance of education and communication as well. Some people will disagree with me when I say we need to start teaching about safe sex in junior high, but then I will remind them of the saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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hopes they will double the next year.

Some college deans, such as Shirley Clay Scott, are interested in incorporating undergraduate assistantships into their departments, but they also have concerns.

Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said there is a large amount of money to fund these assistantships, but it is not enough to be distributed to all the colleges.

"It would give us some wonderful opportunities for students to do things related to their major, but I think things need to be re-examined perhaps and have some questions and details answered," Scott said.

Scott is also concerned about the large cut her college has taken and the reduction in funding for all areas of her department, including graduate assistantships.

Wendler has also extracted \$1.2 million from the tuition increase to be used for graduate assistantships, but he said the money may not prevent some assistantships from being cut from colleges.

"There has been so many cuts for academic affairs," Wendler said. "We are hurting."

Wendler said he would like to finalize the details and criteria for the undergraduate assistantships within the next few days to better inform the colleges of the program. But overall, he wants to create the best program for the students.

"A person in this position must express interest in a particular area or research unit, but it is expected to be offered to the whole campus."

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DEJU

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However, with all his individual successes, Koutous hasn't been able to lead the football team back to respectability. They have suffered through a 9-24 record since he got to SIU.

Things haven't been easy for the football team as it has gone through two coaches in the past three years and is currently in year No. 2 of its first rebuilding process.

While the team may be back on top in the near future, Koutous unfortunately won't be a part of it as he readies himself for his final season.

Quincy native Kemner came to SIU along with six other freshmen, but the personable outside hitter became the team star for her hard play and devastating kills.

Three years later, Kemner has 1,087 kills, 849 digs and 92 service aces. She currently sits at ninth in school history for kills, 458 away from the No. 1 on the list and sits just 264 digs away from the top spot.

The ever-happy senior has become a favorite of fans and the media alike for her outgoing personality and hard-nosed play, but she, like Koutous, has had a hard time on the court.

Since her arrival, the Salukis have gone just 24-62.

Finally is McDowell. The former Ms. Basketball in the state of

Illinois has probably had the hardest time of the big four.

I first heard of McDowell during my senior year of high school, when I read a story about her in the Chicago Tribune.

It was a back page spread and pretty much talked about how great of a high school player she was and how much she would help the fledgling Saluki program.

Three years later, the program still needs work as it has gone 21-61 since McDowell's arrival. The Fillmore native has played in 81 games and has scored 864 points, grabbed 284 rebounds, dished out 252 assists and racked up 144 steals.

Like Koutous, McDowell also has undergone a coaching change since her arrival at SIU, and unlike the other three, she has also had to battle injuries.

With just a year remaining for Williams, Koutous, Kemner and McDowell, the time is now for them to step up and leave a lasting impression on not only the players currently at SIU, but on all the athletes to come here in the future.

These four can become the milestone by which future players measure themselves.

While neither the big four nor myself will be around to see the next generation of Salukis fully develop, hopefully last year's freshmen like Stetson Hairston, Danette Jones, Justin George and Amy Hare can put SIU on the map once and for all.

MOTORCYCLE

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Once the program is complete, participants can take their completion card to the secretary of state and get a change of classification on their existing license or go to the Department of Motor Vehicles and take the written and road test.

In some cases, people have been asked to take the course a second time before applying for a license because the instructors think they may need more practice.

Rare cases have seen people asked to rethink motorcycle and not return to the course.

"That has happened before in cases when the potential for injury is high and we were not comfortable with their progression," Starkey said.

Program trainer Aaron Lovelady said the course instructor takes his or her time to make sure the student understands. Even with the weekend classes, he said there is ample time to learn and understand the material.

Aaron Lovelady took the class in November, bought his bike in February and began working as a trainer in March.

"I had never been on a bike before so I was nervous, but I did it anyway," Lovelady said. "This is a good course and you learn everything you need to know from some experienced riders."

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PLEDGE

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Hagnauer said he has a hard time seeing the point of the decision. He does not think it increases patriotism in any way.

"If it has patriotism, saying the Pledge isn't going to change that," he said. "If they don't say it, it doesn't make them any less of a citizen."

Carbondale School District 165 Superintendent Steven Sabens said he doesn't see a problem with high school students saying the Pledge everyday.

"It's not one of those burning

issues that we're dealing with in Carbondale," Sabens said, adding that the Pledge will probably be recited over the intercom with the daily announcements each morning.

Henry Bell, a member of the Carbondale District 165 school board, is undecided on how he stands regarding the issue, but is for the Pledge more than against it.

"Having to make that law is kind of distasteful," he said. "As far as requiring it, I don't think we have to do that."

Although Bell is against forcing school children to say the Pledge, he said he believes in the pledge for what it is, and doesn't think the phrase

"under God" is wrong to be recited in public schools.

"This is a Christian country founded on Christian principles, and I think the majority still happen to be Christian," Bell said. "The Pledge of Allegiance is in line with our Christian principles."

"It's too bad so many people are offended by things that were not meant to offend."

Nathan Britton, a sophomore at East Richland High School, doesn't have a problem saying the Pledge and will engage in it at school, but he said he is not quite sure why they have to say it.

"It's not that big of a deal, because

it's not that much out of our time," Britton said. "But it just seems like it's only the Pledge of Allegiance. I mean, we did that in kindergarten."

Bell said students should not be forced to say anything they do not want to say unless it has a direct relation to the curriculum. He leaves it up in the air for them to decide what's right for them.

"A student is not going to do well in school or bad in school because he does or does not say the Pledge," he said.

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Get on your bikes and ride

SIUC offers free motorcycle riding courses

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

When students approach the garage that houses motorcycles at the Safety Center on their day of class, they only think about one thing: learning how to ride.

They imagine wind blowing through their hair, rain soaking their clothes or even bugs flying into their face.

As they stand putting on their safety gear, to the left of them is a company truck that reads: "Good motorcyclists aren't born ... they're trained."

No matter why they are in the class, they are constantly reminded that safety is their first priority.

The free Motorcycle Riders Program was created in the 1960s during the time that traffic safety was a big concern.

Since motorcycles are a popular form of transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation decided to create a program to educate potential riders about safety rules, dangers and the basics needed to take the road test to obtain a license.

The program has a long history at SIUC since the University was one of the first to offer instruction to all Illinois residents. It was introduced in 1968 at SIUC, where it has been a success since conception.

Michelle Castoldi of Herrin has been interested in bikes for a long time and finally decided to take the course to get her license.

"I want to ride with the big boys," Castoldi said.

She said that a bunch of her friends have bikes and she does not want to ride on the back. Once finished with the class she plans on buying a Shadow, a dual-purpose bike.

Creation of the two-wheeler

About 117 years ago, the first motorcycle was built based on the concept of a gasoline-fueled internal-combustion engine. From that simple idea grew numerous styles and models.

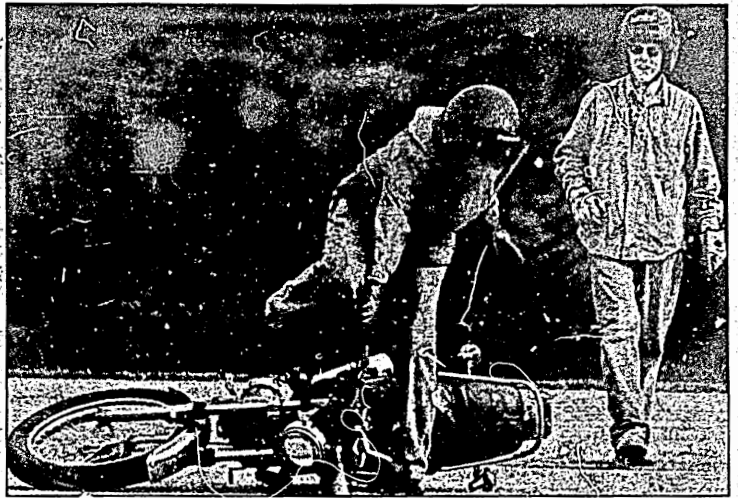
Of the different models there are two basic engine types: two-stroke and four-stroke.

The two-stroke engine bike is normally restricted to off-road use due to emission regulations. The four-stroke engine is used in street-motorcycles and provide for better power.

With the different types of motorcycles and their growing popularity, the state decided that people needed proper training.

The Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety wanted a free program that people could attend and receive information that could help reduce the number of injuries and fatalities of motorcycle riders.

All money used for the program comes from motorcycle riders in the state. When applying for a license and tags, the motorist must pay a fee from which a portion is taken out to fund



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Janet Cramer from Murphysboro drops her motorcycle Tuesday afternoon during the week-long session of the Motorcycle Rider Program at the Safety Center on the SIU campus. Cramer wasted no time in getting back on her bike and trying to ride again.

the safety programs.

More than 90 percent of riders involved in accidents were self-taught or learned from family or friends.

Because of this, the Division of Traffic Safety provided grant money for SIUC to host the pilot program. Over the years, the program grew and out of four training sites, SIUC covers the largest area of Illinois.

SIUC revs up for the road

SIUC is the host university in a region that covers 58 counties. At the beginning of the program, the state chose SIUC to create and publish a curriculum for nationwide use.

The Safety Center's Assistant coordinator, Skip Starkey, has been in his current position since 1985 but began working in the program during his days as a student until he graduated in 1979.

Now, with his current position, he is able to help train people and give them the proper information and techniques to avoid serious injury, which was the basis for the program creation in the beginning.

Participants in the program learn the basics of straight-line riding, turning, stopping, swerving and mental skill development for the ability to deal with special situations.

"We hope to get people that start off knowing nothing," Starkey said. "We then teach them basic riding skills; shifting gears, swerving, advanced maneuvers and action avoidance."

Starkey said aside from basic training, it is important for people to learn

how to properly use safety equipment and clothing.

Even though the course emphasizes safety, once the student leaves the program, it is up to them whether they want to wear protection.

"Wearing protective gear is really up to the person, it all depends on how much risk they want to accept," Starkey said.

Not only for Hell's Angels

Over the last year, Brian Hood from Decatur has wanted to learn about those risks.

He became interested in riding. He is now taking the course for fun and plans to only ride with friends.

"Riding motorcycles is a poor man's airplane," Hood said. "Unlike airplane training, the motorcyclists enrolled in the program ride side by side."

There are usually between 24 and 36 students in each session, which includes six instructors. To participate in the program, individuals have to be at least 16 years old with a valid license.

Starkey said the average ages of students usually in the class is between 35 and 45. In the past the ages were lower, but now they are always older.

There are some people who don't want to buy a bike, they just want to learn the basics and have an understanding of what it is like to be on the road surrounded by cars and trucks.

Standing in 90-degree weather, wearing long sleeved shirts, jeans, boots and gloves, the students stand in line preparing to mount either a

Honda or Suzuki bike.

Janet Cramer is a second grade teacher in Murphysboro who decided to buy a moped, but when she realized she could not get a license unless she knew how to ride a regular-sized bike, she enrolled in the course.

"I don't want to ride a big bike, I have the toy, these are just what you have to learn on," Cramer said.

The program provides all materials needed for the course, except eyewear. Motorcycles used for training are 125 cc engine and progress to 250 cc as the student's ability improves.

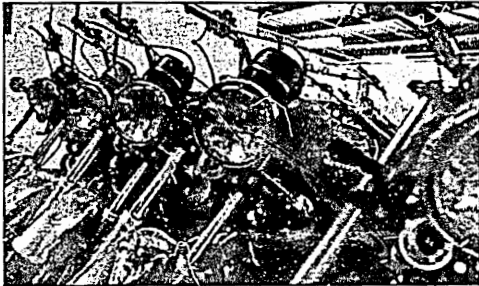
Cramer said her nephew took the course and passed the first time, so she is confident that she will pass and not have to take the road and written test at the department of motor vehicles.

Castoldi is confident that she is going to do well in the course and does not think anything negative will happen.

"I hope I pass and not have to take it again," Castoldi said. "This is my summer."

The class involves 20 hours of instruction broken down into 11 on-cycle and nine classroom hours.

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Rows of motorcycles are lined up in the garage of the Safety Center to be used by participants in the Motorcycle Rider Program. The course is free but requires advance registration and a \$20 deposit.

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Big 'D'

Dearman ready to lead the Dawgs

Jack Piatt
Daily Egyptian

The fans and the press love Jermaine Dearman, and why not?

He is the smiling star forward who gives promise to a much-anticipated season to come.

Dearman has been a big contributor to the Saluki basketball program for the past three years, but this season calls for him to step up to another level.

The improvement was evident in Dearman's game last season, and it reached its pinnacle in the NCAA Tournament, where he exploded like a national star.

The media overwhelmed him during and after the season, drawn to his outgoing personality.

When he first arrived at SIU, Dearman struggled with the transition from high school basketball to college-level play. The coaching was tougher, and the demands were much higher.

"I was hot-headed as a freshman," Dearman said. "I had to learn that what the coaches were telling me was right."

Dearman was born and raised in Indianapolis and went to Warren Central High School. SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber attended a couple of Dearman's high school games and decided to offer him a full scholarship to SIU.

After being overlooked by some of the bigger conference schools in Indiana, Dearman started looking at mid-major schools. He wanted to major in business, and finding a school with a good business program was important to him.

He discovered that SIU had a good business program and liked the University in general. The basketball program was good, and he liked the support the team received from the community, so he decided to make SIU his home.

His mother, Brenda Chambers, is his best friend. He lived with her before coming to SIU. He was also extremely close to his grandmother, Thelma Young, who passed away

five years ago.

He honors her with a tattoo that reads "In loving memory of Thelma" on his left arm. He also wears her name on his basketball shoes when he practices and during every game.

The 21-year-old senior has much to look forward to this coming season as the Salukis look to him to become a vital part of the program.

"We are going to depend on Jermaine a lot more," said junior forward Brad Kern. "Defensively, he has to take on Rolan Roberts' former responsibilities. Teams will know who he is and concentrate their defense on him."

Assistant coach Rodney Watson said that he is impressed with the maturity and leadership that Dearman has brought to the basketball program.

"We need him to become an anchor for us defensively," Watson said. "He has to manhandle the middle of the lane."

Dearman knows that this is his year to shine. Even with the pressure to excel weighing heavy on his shoulders, he is not sweating this season's upcoming challenges.

"I am anxious, I want to play," Dearman said. "I don't like the off-season."

Star guard Kent Williams said this season should be a big year for Dearman.

"He's improved from his freshman year until now," Williams said. "He has stepped up and matured due to his work ethic."

It was always a dream for Dearman to play in the NCAA Tournament, so last season was a great experience for him.

He doesn't want people to think it was a fluke that the Salukis went as far as the Sweet 16.

"We didn't go to the tournament just to say we went," Dearman said. "We went to win games."

The Salukis are working hard right now to prepare for the upcoming season. Dearman said the team plays a pick-up game everyday Monday through Friday and conditions with the football team Monday and Friday mornings. They run on Tuesdays and lift throughout the week.

With most of the starters coming back this season and a strong group



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jermaine Dearman dunks a ball Monday evening during a pickup game of basketball between Saluki players. Dearman hopes the Salukis can win the Missouri Valley Conference outright next year and advance to the Final Four.

of newcomers, Dearman likes the solidity of the team.

"I hope the younger guys will play hard for the seniors," Dearman said. "This season we want to win the conference outright and win the conference tournament, then shoot for the Final Four."

This season will determine many things for Dearman's future, and the Saluki star is ready no matter what comes his way.

"I want to follow in Roberts' footsteps and get a degree first, then look at the NBA," Dearman said. "I will play overseas if I don't get drafted and work on what I need to improve, then give the NBA one more try. If that doesn't work, I'm starting a family, working in business and taking up golf."

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False Prophets

When I first arrived in Carbondale back in the fall of 1999, it was a time of optimism for SIU sports.

I remember reading articles on fellow freshmen Kent Williams, Tom Koutos, Kristie Kemner and Molly McDowell and thinking about how they were going to be the leaders of a new generation of Saluki athletes and help take their respective teams to the promised land.

I got the impression that they were going to be the saviors of Saluki sports.

Now, three years later, the four have all had successful individual careers, but only Williams' men's basketball team seems to have been resurrected.

Since Williams joined the team, the Salukis have gone 64-35 including a 28-8 mark last season that ended in an NCAA Tournament run all the way to the Sweet 16.

Williams gained national attention and was featured on Fox Sports Best Damn Sports Show Period, during which host Tom Arnold proceeded to make fun of him for his boyish looks.

Thus far in his career, the Mt. Vernon native has played in 99 games and has scored a total of 1,537 points.

His total has him currently standing in fifth place all-time in the SIU record books, and with one year remaining, he is 552 points away from taking over the top spot.

Koutos, a native of Oswego, put his name in the football record books last year when he broke Karlton Carpenter's career rushing mark.

Through three seasons he has racked up 3,531 yards on 764 carries. "Touchdown Tommy" also has 32 career touchdowns; tying him with Amos Bullock for second in SIU history; and he is just six scores short of breaking former teammate Cornell Craig's school record.

His play on the field hasn't gone unnoticed as he has already been named a pre-season All-American by a pair of college football preview magazines.

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SIU football staff hosts women's football clinic

Women invited to learn about football from those who know best

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill is providing women with an opportunity to talk about tight ends.

Tight ends in football, that is.

Kill and the other members of the Saluki football staff are hosting a women's football clinic at the end of this month to teach the basics of football. It is open to women in the community as well as SIU female faculty and students.

The clinic is set for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 30 at the SIU Arena. It has been set up in

response to several requests Kill has received from the community.

"I am really just answering the call," Kill said. "I would like to say it was all my idea, but my secretaries and other people have been asking for it."

Several women have already jumped at the chance to attend the clinic and learn about the sport.

"I have never understood football," said Sharon Benton, the secretary for the SIU Athletic Director, "and I have worked in athletics long enough that it's high time I learned."

Kill hopes that women who know a little about football will take the opportunity to ask questions, have fun and learn the basics.

"It's more just to educate the women who haven't been taught the game and give them a situation where they feel comfortable and they can learn together and have fun," Kill said.

Benton is looking forward to the clinic, and

she said the women will enjoy the experience.

"Coach Kill is a good speaker and will make the women feel relaxed, and they won't feel stupid about asking questions," Benton said.

Kill and the Saluki football staff plan to talk about several different topics, including equipment, rules, terminology, recruiting, strength and conditioning, offense, defense and special teams.

There will also be time for the participants to ask the coaches and players questions.

"We want to teach them and give them an idea of what takes place on a football field," Kill said.

And teaching the basics could encourage attendance at SIU football games next season.

"I hope if more women learn about football, then more will attend the games," said Rebecca Caldwell, an SIU employee and participant in the program.

The clinic costs \$20, which pays for a t-shirt,

door prizes and food provided by Heartland Food Service. Prizes include wine from Von Jakob Winery, Saluki football apparel, Egyptian Revival Day Spa gift certificates and football tickets to the Saluki football home opener.

"It's not a money-making thing," Kill said. "It's just something to do to boost morale and do something different."

Kill and the football staff will continue to host the clinic every year if there is continued support and participation.

"It's a great opportunity, and I am glad the coaches are taking the time to offer it," Caldwell said.

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The registration deadline for the women's football clinic is July 28. For more information call (618) 453-3331.