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Mars takes closer look at Earth 'Red Planet' to be closest to Earth in almost 60,000 years

Bethany Krajelis
 Daily Egyptian

On Wednesday morning, at 4:51 a.m. CST, Mars will be less than 34,646,418 miles away from Earth, the closest it has been in nearly 60,000 years.

You won't see little green martians or alien life forms flying around the sky. But Joseph Masden, astronomy professor at SIU, said you will see something.

"A bright, pinkish-orange star will be visible," Masden said.

Mars, the Roman god of war, also referred to as the "Red Planet", will appear in the southeastern sky within the constellation of Aquarius. Mars will be most visible high in the southern skies around midnight and low in the southwestern sky near dawn.

Mars has been visible since mid-August and will continue until early September.

"It will reach its peak early Wednesday morning," Masden said. "And after that, it will gradually start fading away."

Now through Sept. 2, Mars will have a magnitude of -2.7. Magnitude is a term used to measure the brightness of stars and planets. Negative numbers are used for the brightest objects.

This week, the "Red Planet" will outline Sirius, the brightest of all the stars. Except for Venus, which has a -4.0 magnitude, no other planet or star is brighter than Mars currently is.

Typically, it takes 21 minutes to get a light or radio signal from Earth to Mars. But, on Wednesday, the travel time of signals to Mars will only take three minutes and six seconds and will be 186 light seconds away from Earth.

Bary Malik, SIUC astronomy professor, explained how the positions of planets are important in the appearance of Mars.

"Mars and Earth are on the same side of the sun right now," Malik said.

Mars, Earth and the sun form a straight line in space during opposition. But on Wednesday, Mars and Earth will share the same side of the sky across from the Sun.

With NASA sending up satellites to get an even closer look, the appearance of Mars has an even greater significance, Malik explained.

"We will get some of the best photographs of Mars in generations," Malik said.

Mars will not appear this close to Earth again until August 28, 2287. A public viewing will take place on Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the rooftop of the Neckers building.

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Blagojevich swings south

Governor ends privatization in Veterans Home

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich began his tour of Southern Illinois this week with a focus on signing legislation and taking an interactive approach to learning about people's needs.

"It's a chance to let the people of the state know what we've been doing on their behalf but more importantly, it gives us a chance to meet people in Southern Illinois who can tell you up close and personal what their challenges are," he said. "It gives you a better understanding of what the priorities ought to be [and] the things we should be fighting for."

While in Anna Monday, Blagojevich signed the anti-privatization act that transfers management of the Anna Veterans Home from a private company to the state. The home provides care for 62 veterans and is one of four homes in Illinois to operate privately.

"It was so gratifying to me from a personal standpoint to come here and visit with the seniors who are veterans who served our country and gave people like me a chance to grow up in a free, safe and great place like America," Blagojevich said. "It's so heartwarming as a governor to have a chance to do something that so directly impacts the quality of life for people and their pursuit of happiness and their quality of care."

Employees and residents of the Veterans Home in Anna have been encouraging the anti-privatization act for nine years.

Union County Sheriff Jim Nash has observed employees walking picket lines and working for the bill.

"... I know what the people went through," he said. "They did a good job and worked hard at it, and I could see tears in their eyes tonight."



Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks at the Anna Veterans' Home Monday evening on why he decided to sign House Bill 2983, which was signed shortly after. The new law deprivatized the Home, canceled its private contracts and made the home's workers into state employees.

Francis Woodside of Du Quoin has been a resident of the home for two years. He said he is generally satisfied with the way the home is run, but is pleased that the state is taking over. "I think we'll be better off," Woodside said. "They're cutting down our food and the quality of that. They are always changing rules. It should have [passed] a long time ago."

Roy Dolgos, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, said that the private company staff was attentive and kept the home clean, but that the state would give veterans a chance to feel more at home.

"These gentlemen here sacrificed their families and jobs... for the state of Illinois," he said. "It's very important that we take care of these gentlemen and ladies that served our country."

Scott Stout, regional director for the private company, said although the state is taking over, he hopes to work

with the home in the future.

"We're going to do whatever we can to help make it a smooth transition," Stout said. "It was very nice how they complimented us on how we ran the facility. I think that shows that we did a good job as we've been down here."

Shane Aumiller has been a housekeeper at the home for seven years. He said that the legislation was needed to give veterans more benefits and more opportunities to stay active.

"They get decent care now, but they don't get the care they deserve," he said.

Blagojevich also addressed minimum wage and the Clean Coal Act.

"What we've been trying to do over the summer... the next four years of my term, is get out all around the state and talk to the people and visit communities in every part of our state," he said.

Nash said he appreciates Blagojevich speaking to small communities in Illinois.

"For a governor to take time to come to a little town like this... that's really something," he said. "A lot of people said he'd never leave Chicago, but he's already proven that wrong."

By the end of this bus tour, Blagojevich will have hit the halfway point for visiting every county in Illinois.

This was the third in a series of bus tours. Blagojevich has previously toured western and east-central Illinois.

"It isn't so much the number of counties," Blagojevich said. "It's visiting every part of the state means by definition every county."

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Home Rentals, tenants react to sentence

Fisher defense attorney said case to be appealed

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Home Rentals employees and tenants are both upset about owner Henry Fisher's conviction, but for different reasons.

Fisher, a longtime Carbondale landlord, was sentenced Wednesday in Williamson County to serve 12 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the 2001 sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl.

The local media coverage of Fisher's trial put Home Rentals in the spotlight among Carbondale rental businesses, but not in the way that Jenny Downs, the company's leasing and collecting agent, would like to see.

"It's very frustrating that our office is not in the limelight until now," Downs said. "When something

happens to the owner, the financial backbone of our company, then people talk about Home Rentals. People can have their opinions, but I don't think that's fair."

Home Rentals tenants such as SIUC junior Charlie Giet believe they are completely fair in judging the rental business based on Fisher's conviction. Giet, who heard about the landlord's May conviction after he moved in, said he wanted to break his lease with the company.

"When I first heard it, me and my roommate were like, 'We can't live here,'" Giet said.

On the other hand, Giet said he was happy when he read about Fisher's 12-year sentence.

"He should have gotten more years, but I was pretty happy about it," Giet said. "We've still got the newspaper article, and we want to frame it."

Downs said the company's tenants, as well as the Carbondale community, should not oppose Home Rentals because of Fisher's conviction. She said the company is Carbondale's largest property man-

agement agency, has held a good reputation for many years and will continue to provide service to people as it has in the past.

Downs said tenants are wrong to use Fisher's ordeal to criticize the rental agency's service because he is not directly involved with tenants. She said it is important to remember that when tenants come into the company's office, they do not sign their lease or pay their rent to Fisher; they do those activities with Home Rentals.

Home Rentals tenant Joanna Kooistra, who is an SIUC sophomore, said she believes since Fisher is still the company's owner, she has a right to be upset with the agency. She said she questioned the use of her rent money when she heard that Fisher was in jail.

"I was pissed when I found out," Kooistra said. "I didn't want to live

here because there's no reason we should have to spend \$795 a month to support some [convicted sex offender's] lawyer bills."

Kooistra said if Fisher is successful with an appeal to overturn Williamson County's conviction and sentencing she would consider moving out of her apartment when her lease expires in August 2004. She said she would feel uncomfortable knowing that he could visit her apartment any time.

William Schroeder, one of Fisher's attorneys at the law office of Richard E. White, said the defense team plans to appeal the conviction

to Illinois' Fifth District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon.

"No trial is without error," Schroeder said. "We intend to point those out."

"We have a business to run. Would the University close their doors because the chancellor called in sick or went on vacation or went to jail?"

— Jenny Downs
 leasing/collecting agent
 Home Rentals

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NATIONAL NEWS

NASA launches last of the 'Great Observatories'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (CNN) — After two decades of development and delays, NASA early Monday launched a powerful infrared telescope to peer into the deepest reaches of space.

The Space Infrared Telescope Facility (SIRTF) — the fourth in NASA's Great Observatories series of astronomical spacecraft — lifted off at 1:35 a.m. EDT.

Others in the series are the Hubble Space Telescope, launched by the space shuttle in 1990; the Gamma Ray Observatory, launched in 1991; and the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, launched in 1999.

Each of the Great Observatories observes different colors of light that cannot be viewed from the Earth's surface, and each serves a different function.

Scientist Anne Kinney explained that on deep surveys Hubble Space Telescope scientists try to find the "reddest" objects, which indicates the greatest distance.

SIRTF holds the record for one of the most delayed spacecraft and the one, which has gone through the most changes.

When planned in 1983 it was scheduled for launch in 1990 as a science instrument flying inside the space shuttle's cargo bay on relatively short two-week missions. Then it evolved into a free-flying spacecraft to be

serviced by the space shuttle like the Hubble Space Telescope.

Later it evolved into a smaller spacecraft without any capability to be serviced by the shuttle and the size was reduced to save money.

Unlike most astronomical spacecraft SIRTF will not be orbiting the Earth. Instead, it will be put into orbit around the sun.

Support for recall drops

LOS ANGELES, California (CNN) — California Gov. Gray Davis says efforts to throw him out of office are losing steam after a weekend poll indicated a drop in support for the recall effort among state voters.

The Los Angeles Times poll published Sunday found that 50 percent of California voters support recalling Davis, down from 58 percent in a Field Poll last week.

Another 45 percent said they would vote to keep Davis in office, and 5 percent were undecided.

The first part of the October 7 ballot will ask voters whether they want to toss Davis, who won a second term in November, out of office. The second part of the recall ballot will ask them to pick a replacement if the recall succeeds.

Republican strategist Ed Rogers said the poll fails to take into account the motivations of likely voters.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

46 dead in twin Mumbai blasts

NEW DELHI, India (CNN) — Twin bomb blasts have killed dozens of people in India's financial capital, Mumbai.

The Indian government said Monday's attacks appeared similar to ones planned or carried out by two terrorist groups — one of them allegedly connected to al Qaeda.

Police put the death toll at 44, but hospital officials said 46 had died. At least 115 people were wounded.

Both bombs were inside the trunks of taxicabs, police said. One of the bombs blew up near the colonial-era Gateway to India monument. The second bomb went off close to the Hindu Temple of Mumbadevi.

No one has claimed responsibility for the explosions.

Police said they had received several leads from the driver of one of the taxis who, they said, was apparently working in league with his passenger, who was carrying a bomb.

Indian Internal Security Minister L.K. Advani said that while it is too early to say for certain who is behind the attacks, the blasts had the hallmarks of the Students

Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and the Kashmiri separatist group Lashkar-e-Toiba.

India shut down the SIMI on September 28, 2001, just shortly after the September 11 attacks in New York and Washington, accusing it of being linked to the al Qaeda terrorist network.

Red Cross scaling back staff

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — Fearing more attacks such as last week's bombing at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, the International Committee of the Red Cross has decided to reduce the number of non-Iraqi staffers working in the capital, a group spokesman said Monday.

Last week's bombing at U.N. headquarters in Baghdad killed at least 20 people, including Sergio Vieira de Mello, the top U.N. envoy to Iraq. An August 7 bomb attack at the Jordanian Embassy killed 10 people.

Investigators have completed the search and recovery mission at U.N. headquarters, and they are poring over forensic evidence gathered from the site, coalition officials said Monday.

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Sunday	Partly cloudy	80/55

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CALENDAR

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POLICE REPORTS

University

Darin Michael Starkey, 18, of Glen Carbon was cited for resisting and obstructing a peace officer at 12:33 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of South Washington Street.

Omari A. Johnson, 23, of Riverdale was arrested on a Jackson County failure to appear warrant on an original charge of driving with a suspended driver's license at 12:54 a.m. Friday at Southern Hills. Johnson was unable to post required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

James Patrick Peterson, 20, of Machesney Park was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 1:55 a.m. Friday in the 1200 block of Lincoln Drive. Peterson posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

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In the Aug. 25 issue of the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** the page 4 article "Women Services back in business," the contact number should have been listed as 453-3655.

In the Aug. 25 issue of the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** the page 3 article "Museum exhibit shows affect of war on children" should have stated the exhibit will run through Oct. 19.

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Drivers pay extra at pumps

National gas prices increase at shocking rates

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

Jackie McNew of Herrin drives to Tennessee and Kentucky at least a few times a week, so when she saw that gas prices at Casey's General Store were 5 cents cheaper than at Kroger, she knew she could not pass up the savings.

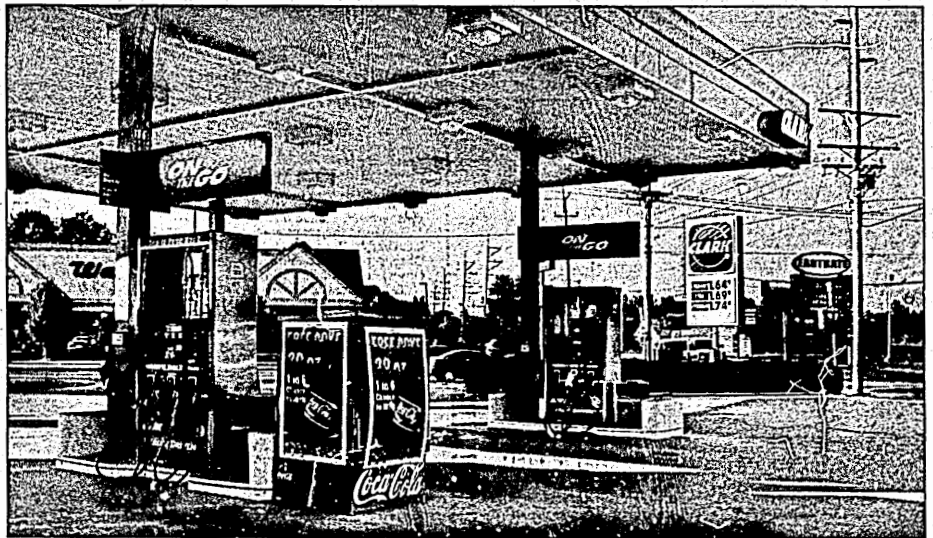
McNew is like many Americans who have been shocked by the increase in gas prices across the United States.

Gasoline prices across the United States have increased more than 10 cents in the last week, and more than 30 cents within the last year, according to the Energy Information Administration.

The increase is considered a direct result of two events: refineries that were temporarily shut down because of the massive power outage that hit parts of the United States and Canada, and a busted pipeline in Arizona.

"When one power grid can shut down power in eight states, we have a serious problem," said Matt Lobosco, a SIUC graduate student from Manhattan, N.Y. "It's very disturbing that our gasoline reserves have been spread so thin."

Lobosco said the increase in gasoline



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The Carbondale Clark station on the corner of Wall and Walnut streets is one of many gas stations with increased prices over the past week. This year gas prices across the United States have increased more than 30 cents.

prices could be contributed to a number of things, including the war in Iraq.

"There has been less and less focus on the economic side of things - and more focus on worldly issues," Lobosco said. "That's not saying it wasn't necessary, but it's finally caught up with us and now it's biting us in the ass."

As of Monday afternoon, gas prices throughout Carbondale ranged anywhere from \$1.64 to \$1.69.

Kathy Akes, manager of Casey's General Store, said she decides what the price for gas will be each morning after checking out the

prices of other gas stations in the area and talking to her boss.

The national average for gasoline prices is just 3 cents short of surpassing the all-time high it reached in March when the war in Iraq began.

Erin Crocker, a junior from Sesser, said the increase in gas prices has been especially painful for her pockets, but she has continued to drive to Marion everyday to go to work.

"I've been keeping everything pretty much the same," Crocker said, "I just have to keep on forking out the cash."

McNew said she usually turns her air

conditioner on when driving on the highway, even though air conditioners tend to burn more gas.

"I try not to turn on the AC, but you almost have to in this kind of weather."

The average cost of retail gasoline on the East Coast is \$1.68 a gallon, while the West Coast surpasses that amount at \$2.05 a gallon. The Midwest placed somewhere in between the two coasts in cost per gallon at \$1.72.

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State, local police buckle down on holiday safety

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Daily Egyptian

Safety may always be the priority of police officers, but with the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend, every available Carbondale Police Officer and Illinois State Police Officer in District 13, the district that covers Jackson County, will be working to keep the area safe.

According to Ray Minor, a state trooper and safety education/public information officer for District 13, Labor Day weekend is traditionally a highly-traveled weekend because it marks the end of the summer and the weekend before many students go back to school.

"Being out there and having a presence increases seat belt compliance, as well as speed compliance," Minor said. "And those are two

number one causes of injury and crashes."

Minor said every county in the state of Illinois will be conducting at least one seat belt enforcement.

Monday marked the first day of a two-week, statewide Click It or Ticket Labor Day enforcement period.

Over 780 state, county and local law enforcement agencies will be involved in the crackdown on unbuckled motorists for the first time since Click It or Ticket became law.

According to John J. Pastuovic, spokesperson for Click It or Ticket, all of the agencies will be emphasizing zero tolerance for safety belt violators.

"Our goal is not to write tickets, it is to enforce the law and save lives," Pastuovic said. "We want to get the word out to people to buckle up."

"If we can jump that to 83 percent, we can save 100 lives."

- Ray Minor
Illinois state trooper

Pastuovic said the 18 to 34 age group has a tendency to not wear their seat belts and is also the age group at most serious risk of getting into a car crash. With more people on the road this weekend, the chances of being in a car crash are increased.

"The threat of getting a ticket has more impact on the lifesaving attributes of wearing seat belts," Pastuovic said.

Since Click It or Ticket became law, police officers have been able to pull over and ticket motorists

not wearing their seat belt. There will be more than 100 safety belt enforcement zones throughout Illinois. It is within these zones, that officers will focus on ticketing motorists observed not wearing seat belts because of highly traveled roads this weekend.

"Our goal is to see an increase in seatbelt compliance," Minor said.

Minor said that seat belt compliance is currently at an all time high: at 73 percent. The seat belt compliance stems from observable seat belt surveys compiled by the Illinois Department of Transportation as well as the Illinois State Police Department.

"If we can jump that to 83 percent, we can save 100 lives," he said.

...Every 1 percent increase in seat belt compliance can save seven to 10 lives, according to Minor.

Carbondale Police Department Chief R.T. Finney said while his officers will be issuing citations and tickets for those not wearing seat belts, this is a very busy time of year and Carbondale's police officers can only do what its manpower allows.

He said there will be an increase in working officers over the weekend. He roughly estimated the extra cost of Labor Day weekend to be \$500 to \$1,000 because officers are paid for overtime.

He said Labor Day weekend is a high weekend for driving under the influence, which results in DUI arrests and DUI fatalities. Finney suggests that drivers this weekend "wear your seat belt, drive carefully and don't drink and drive."

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International Friends Club holds annual meet, greet

Leah Williams
Daily Egyptian

Originally from China, Yuan Chen is in his first semester at SIUC. Having only been here for two weeks, Chen has yet to meet any Americans.

"I want to meet Americans because I want to learn more about their culture. I can also work on my English," said Chen, a computer science major from Shang Hai.

Chen was given that opportunity Sunday afternoon when the International Friends Club turned the Recreation Center into a global forum.

Each August, IFC provides new and returning international students a chance to meet and greet by offering a day of games, prizes and food.

Volunteer Betsy Southerland greeted the students as they walked in. Sitting at a table just outside the event,

she made small talk with everyone.

"Hi, how are you? What country are you from?" she asked.

After checking in at the welcome desk, students were led into the party. Inside, students engaged in "crowd breakers" and other games. T-shirts, backpacks and gift certificates were given at random. Students ate finger foods prepared by volunteers.

The event presented a friendly atmosphere for entertainment and chitchat. Between activities, students and volunteers mixed and mingled with other participants.

Being involved in this type of mixer helps international students deal with life in a new country. When Sylvia Stamenkova arrived in Carbondale four years ago from Bulgaria, she was shy and unsure of American customs. It was through friendly welcomes and programs like IFC that allowed Stamenkova to break out of her shell. She now uses

her experience to volunteer with the organization.

"I know what they are going through, and I try to help them as much as I can," said Stamenkova, a graduate student now pursuing her second master's degree in recreation.

Southerland credits much of the success to IFC's caring nature.

"The reason we have so many internationals here is because they feel welcomed. And it is through programs like this that they feel welcomed," Southerland said.

IFC also tries to make its activities as enjoyable as possible.

"We have fun," said Beth Mochnick, community programs coordinator for SIUC.

While maintaining the day's events, Mochnick stressed the importance of volunteering and getting involved in the community.

"We have over 200 American volunteers," Mochnick said. "It's very

enriching to meet people from around the world, and as I get to meet more and more, I find ideas and ways to improve the program."

Southerland agrees.

"I am doing this as a volunteer, not as a person getting paid," she said. "It is so rewarding to meet different kinds of people."

IFC also offers several other programs that benefit international students and members of the community. Programs include: International Spouses, which supports wives whose husbands are in school, and Mother Care, set up to help pregnant women.

A coffee hour is held every Friday at the Interfaith Center, located at the corner of Grand and South Illinois avenues, and a welcome picnic is scheduled for Thursday.

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Carbondale Police Department to hold citizens' patrol classes

The Carbondale Police Department is accepting applications for the fall 2003 Citizens Police Academy. Anyone is welcome to apply. Classes begin Sept. 11 and will run 11 consecutive Thursdays, except for Oct. 30 and Nov. 27.

Classes are scheduled to run from 6 to 9 p.m. each week. There will also be two Saturday morning classes. Each week will focus on a different subject. Classes will be taught by Carbondale Police Officers, as well as outside instructors in certain subject areas.

Anyone interested should contact Officer Dan Reed at 457-3200, ext. 428, Sgt. Don Priddy at ext. 435, or come by the Carbondale Police Department. You do not have to be a Carbondale resident to apply, and there is no cost for the classes.



SIU senior Joel Landry from Chatham went to Israel August 1-16 so he could come back to share his experience with local legislatures and with Carbondale. Landry will be giving a presentation this Tuesday and Wednesday at the Interfaith Center. Landry is majoring in Economics and Political Science.

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NEW PERSPECTIVES

SIUC student Joel Landry returns from Israel-Palestine to share experiences with Southern Illinois

story by NICOLE SACK

Although news of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is depicted on the nightly news and in articles of morning newspapers, it can be distanced from peoples' daily lives, easily tuned out, ignored or avoided.

But for SIUC Student Joel Landry, the issue is impossible to ignore. He traveled to Israel and Palestine this summer and saw first-hand the people and issues that are left out of traditional media reports on the region.

Landry, who is pursuing a double major in economics and political science, has returned from his travel and will now share his experience with the Carbondale community in two presentations at the Interfaith Center, noon on Tuesday and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Landry, 22, was part of an Interfaith Peace builder's delegation of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation to Israel-Palestine. The delegation of 12 national group members

were sent to provide ground witness to the actual living conditions in countries, talk with people who are directly affected by the conflict and to return to their community to share what they learned from their experience.

I had an idea of the situation, but to experience it — to talk to people who feel hopeless and trapped, to see people without a future — is very different.

— Joel Landry
SIUC student

"There are certain abstractions found in the news and in books that you can't break through until you go there," Landry said. "I had an idea of the situation, but to experience it — to talk to people who feel hopeless and trapped, to see people without a future — is very different."

Delegations of FOR are sent to Israel-Palestine every two months, each with a different focus topic. Landry's delegation concentrated on groups that advocate non-violence in resolving the conflict, with particular attention to women and women's groups whose work and voices are often overlooked.

He, along with the other delegates, met with human rights activists, peace and justice activists, women's rights groups, social workers and members of the Palestinian Legislative Council.

The \$3,000 cost of the trip was funded in part by the Committee Against War, the Peace Coalition/FOR of Southern Illinois, the Interfaith Center and the Mark Russell Study Abroad Scholarship.

Landry met and stayed in the homes of those in the middle of the conflict, giving him a personal glimpse into the lives of those dealing with the real-life consequences of the fighting.

Landry recalled meeting Khalil Bashir, a Palestinian man, who in the most personal way feels the effect of occupation in his own home. Israeli soldiers have occupied the top two floors of Bashir's three-story home for the last 11 years, Landry said.

Bashir is raising his family in constant danger and violence. He has clothes that are riddled with bullet holes, he has been hit with a missile himself and he has only one wish — peace.

Bashir gave Landry insight into why it is not an option to leave his home. According to



PROVIDED PHOTO

A new and controversial security fence at Jayous, part of a 370-mile barrier between Israel and Palestinian territories, is multi-layered, and is comprised of razor-wire, a trench and a 20-foot fence. It further threatens the peace process because it is built on Palestinian land.

Landry, Bashir told him, "I can't imagine myself out of my home. To leave is to die."

"There is a history and an identity with the land that has existed for hundreds of years, not something that is easily forgotten," Landry said.

Landry witnessed the magnitude of the 370-mile security fence that will separate Israeli lands from the future Palestinian state. The security fence is composed of a combination of varying materials: brick wall, fence, razor wire and electrified fences. Besides making the obvious distinction between sides, the wall also encroaches on Palestinian land and does not allow for contiguous borders.

The United States-backed peace plan, known as the "road map," was something that was welcomed and accepted by the people who live in the region, Landry said.



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This picture, drawn by a Palestinian child, symbolizes the resistance against the Israeli occupation, as viewed by Joel Landry at a children's program that promotes cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.

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New technology donated to Dental Technology

Provides cutting edge equipment for students

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Students in SIUC's dental technology program will learn cutting edge technology this semester with the use of a new Procera Scanner.

The equipment is used in dentists' offices to create Procera AllCeram crowns and other prosthetic reconstructions in the mouth.

The \$18,000 piece of equipment was donated by alum Tom Agard, a 1979 graduate of SIUC who has a dental lab in Santa Fe, N.M.

Nobel Biocare, a leading producer in dental implants, donated the computer and software to operate the scanner.

Standard crowns, which fully cover the tooth to restore and strengthen it, are made with a metal base, which is cemented to the tooth and is painted over with a ceramic coating. However, John Winings, associate professor in dental technology, said the metal substructure can cause discoloration to the new tooth.

"With AllCeram, we can characterize it to make it look like a regular tooth," Winings said. "It absorbs light well and the crowns fit better, which makes the final result better."

Though the tooth is prepared the same way as a metal crown, the dye, or wax mold of the prepared tooth, is placed on the scanner. Instead of making a metal substructure, a laser scans the dye and projects a digital image onto the computer screen. Each student then adjusts the digital image to ensure the crown will fit correctly.

"This comes as close to assimilating nature as possible to fix broken tooth structures," Winings said.

"It replaces the time it takes to make the metal and then add the layers of ceramic. The computer really speeds up the process."

While metal is still the mainstay in the industry, Winings said the aesthetic values of AllCeram are making it more popular, despite its increased cost.

According to the Nobel Biocare web site, Procera AllCeram technology has been used to perform more than 1.5 million restorations over the past 10 years.

The finished digital image is mailed to a lab in Pennsylvania that constructs the base, normally made of metal, out of a high-strength aluminum oxide.

By not using a metal alloy, the web site stated they practically eliminate the risk of an allergic reaction to the prosthetic.

The base is mailed to campus as early as the next day, and students then apply ceramic mixes over the coping in various layers to mimic the original tooth.

The final product is estimated to last from seven to 10 years.

About 30 students will be using the scanner this semester to learn how to scan in actual cases as part of the ceramics course offered through dental technology.

"I anticipate students will learn a very viable product, the cutting edge of technology, for when they get out into the industry," Winings said.

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Kim Doss, a second year Dental Technology student, uses the Procera scanner to get a digital image of a tooth on the computer. Tom Agard, a 1979 SIUC graduate of the Dental Technology program, donated the Procera scanner recently.

Student Programming Council has large variety events

Homecoming, trip, debates part of schedule

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The Student Programming Council has high expectations for what they hope will be a bright semester.

From a public debate on the issue of legalizing marijuana to a showing of the classic film, "The Shining," SPC is continuing in its tradition of providing diverse entertainment to SIUC students.

The council held an open house Monday to inform interested students about the variety of upcoming programs they have, many of which are free.

Events range from comedy shows, debates, trips and films to this year's Homecoming, the theme of which is "Cruise the Nile Saluki Style."

In order to perform the programs the group has planned, they need SIUC students to assist in putting together these events.

Volunteer positions are open to any student at the University who is enrolled in at least two courses and is willing to dedicate free time to the organization.

"It's great for anyone from a mother with one or two classes to somebody in med school who has like 30 hours," said SPC Director Jeff Hunter, a junior in political science from Rushville.

"I guess they wouldn't have that much time but we would appreciate their company."

Volunteers of SPC are given the opportunity not only to assist with preexisting events, but also to make suggestions as far as possibilities for upcoming events.

Marty Davis, a senior in sociology from Joliet and the director of films, said SPC has given him free reign as far as the films he shows.

But he realizes, when it comes to selecting these films, the ultimate decision depends on the taste of the students.

"We try to think of what people want to do," Davis said.

"I'm not going to lie and say that my own interests don't bleed in sometimes, but it's mainly based on student's interest. The

students are the boss."

Hunter said students have been receptive to the majority of SPC programs with turnout responsible for a great deal of the recurring events, such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" on Halloween and the popular Spring Thing.

In addition to the gratification members said being a part of SPC has provided, University Programming Coordinator Don Castle emphasized that the organization provides students with a valuable learning experience as well.

"It [SPC] has to be fun and it's a great way to get affiliated with people doing great things," Castle said.

"But it's also good for experience. We produce and promote programs and I get students who come back and say they learned a lot, and it's really helped them with their jobs."

Castle said while SPC is mainly in need of volunteers, it is also seeking to fill two vacancies in higher-level positions.

Christy Stalause and Hunter said while the job, particularly in the directorial positions, may be difficult, it is always entertaining.

While Stalause, director of visual arts, emphasized the great need for volunteers in her area, she and other members also encouraged volunteers to contribute their time to help with as well as attend upcoming events. The most recent programs include a comedy show of Leon Rodgers and C-Dog on Sept. 4, and an appearance by "The Simpsons" producer and "The Critic" co-creator Mike Reiss. Students are also invited to join SPC on an upcoming trip to SEMO for the first football game of the year on Sept. 26.

Members of SPC are excited about all of the groups' upcoming events, but cannot help but show preference toward the programs they coordinated.

"Students want to see older movies," said Davis, who is particularly enthusiastic about the showing of "The Shining," which will play outside of Pulliam Hall on Sept. 26.

"It's free and it's creepy, so why wouldn't you come see it?"

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Recording industry cracks down on students sharing copyrighted files

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (U-WIRE) — Arguments and controversy have arisen recently over what music industry officials are calling "piracy," involving internet users downloading copyrighted material by using peer-to-peer service providers.

The activity, known as "file sharing," sparked the Recording Industry Association of America to start gathering evidence against individuals to prepare lawsuits against those who offer "substantial amounts" of copyrighted music online, raising the possibility of college students being sued by the industry.

Cary Sherman, president and general counsel for the association said, "The law is clear and the message to those who are distributing substantial quantities of music online should be equally clear: this activity is illegal; you are not anonymous when you do it; and engaging in it can have real consequences."

Sherman said his group is not singling out college students, but is seeking all persons distributing large amounts of copyrighted music.

"Could that include college students?" Sherman asked. "Sure."

The controversy began with the 1999 emergence of Napster, a file-swapping brainstrom that allowed computer users to download free music files.

Now, computer users can access Web sites such as KaZaA, Music City or Grokster to download files, an action some in the industry equate to theft.

"People who wouldn't dream of shoplifting a CD at Tower Records think nothing of downloading the contents of that same CD in the privacy of their own homes using an mp3 file," Sherman said.

The RIAA has issued about 1,000 subpoenas to universities around the United States, seeking the names of students participating in file sharing. In April, the company sued four college students, accusing them of operating illegal file-sharing programs on campus networks. The lawsuits were settled out of court, with the students agreeing to pay between \$12,000 and \$17,500 to the music industry over the next several years. The students also agreed to shut down their file-sharing programs.

At University of New Mexico, security measures are in place that can identify the port that is running a file-sharing program through an Internet Provider trail.

"We try to preserve the network for certain kind of use that is primarily academic," said Jeff Gassaway, the Security Administrator at CIRT. He said UNM does not act on behalf of copyright holders, but does monitor the network for running file-sharing programs.

"We have filters in place that prioritize traffic so that Web traffic can move about and not be impaired by someone doing a whole lot of file transfers," Gassaway added. "It is not so much file type as it is protocol application."

If file transfers fall within the parameters of the RIAA's investigators, they will notify CIRT that illegal file transferring has occurred and will subpoena the university to obtain the student's name in order to file a lawsuit.

"We want to educate students that they can be sued," said Linda Miller, associate director of CIRT. "We are going to do a massive information this fall that informs them that they can be sued; you can be severely financially hurt. We want to inform students, so that it doesn't happen to them."

CIRT can also pinpoint file-sharing activity in dorm rooms. If a student is caught, penalties vary depending on the severity of the activity.

When students sign up for an account, they agree to terms that cover the type of activity that UNM's network can be used for. The RIAA would inform CIRT that copyrighted file-sharing infringement activity occurred. CIRT would then notify the Dean of Students who the individual is. The Dean of Students takes over from there.

"We investigate to see if that student was using UNM to download copyrighted information," said Rob Burford, the Judicial Affairs Specialist at the Dean of Students Office. "It [the penalty] depends on the circumstances, it depends on if it was a one-time thing or if they had been doing it all along. Penalties vary from a warning to expulsion."

Karen, an art history major who refused to give her last name, said, "I like to hear new music, stuff that's been deleted or is no longer available."

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OUR WORD

Don't complain about progress

Construction... this is the word on the lips of students everywhere.

This is for all those who are complaining about the construction on Grand and U.S. 51.

We all pass it on our way to and from campus. The thick dust is in the air as we feebly try to maneuver our cars through the detour. Our radios can't even block out the sound of the jackhammers as we pass.

By the time we reach our destination, we feel frustrated and stressed out. The most logical course of action is to talk to the equally frustrated person parking next to us.

While heated words about the construction are flying out of our mouths, there is a laborer feverishly working to complete the project at wages as low as \$13.74 an hour.

Construction workers begin work at 6 a.m. and many times don't leave until 4 or 5 in the afternoon. It is a job that requires much endurance. Not only must they endure angry motorists, they also labor in the heat and humidity every day.

Since March, E.T. Simonds Construction Company has worked to complete the stretch of U.S. 51 between the University's Physical Plant and Mill Street. Since then, there have been many temporary closures as the work was completed. The most recent closure has been at the intersection of Grand Avenue and U.S. 51.

Many people question why they didn't wait until after school started to begin the work or finish the project sooner. Time and money are the answers. Every sign and flag seen around town is funded by E.T. Simonds. Extra workers were also added to help finish the project promptly.

Also in the interest of students' convenience, E.T. Simonds decided to begin the project Aug. 5 and finish Aug. 19. As told to the DAILY EGYPTIAN, Operations Manager Brian Dorris knew an overlap of the construction schedule and the beginning of school existed but saw the advantages of beginning the project as soon as possible.

Many don't realize another task was also being completed at the same time as the construction. Illinois Central Railroad Company was replacing the railroad crossing and signals at the Grand Avenue intersection. According to Dorris, it wasn't the construction that closed Grand Avenue but actually the work being done on the railroad crossing.

The Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Central Railroad planned the two projects to occur simultaneously to provide as short of inconvenience as possible to all involved.

The project is so far ahead of schedule that E.T.

This is for all those who are complaining about the construction on Grand and U.S. 51

Simonds believes they will be done by this October even though their contract extends into the fall of 2004. The initial construction on Grand was scheduled for later in the fall after move-in. E.T. Simonds pushed it up to finish far ahead of schedule. This reduced the amount of hassle students put up with when the fall semester began.

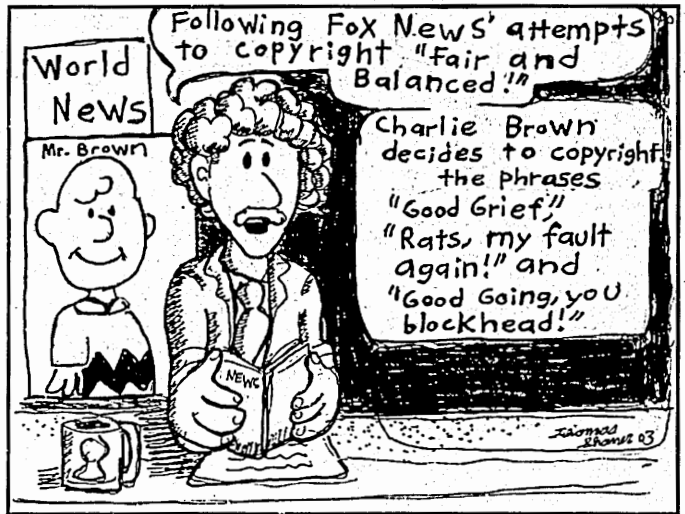
In many construction projects, there is a cash bonus for companies that finish projects early. This time that was not the case.

The University put \$300,000 toward this project in anticipation of a new multipurpose stadium. The extra lanes will be useful to help flow into the stadium.

Construction can be frustrating for everyone involved, but it is something that should be dealt with calmly. If there is a serious concern about a construction project, IDOT should be able to answer any questions.

A construction worker hardly deserves the wrath of someone who slept in an extra 15 minutes and is late to work. That worker has probably been working since dawn to complete the project and make his or her wages.

Instead of rolling down the window to hurl slang phrases at the next worker you see, thank them.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Despite editorial, gay high school is a must

Patrick Dilley, Ph. D.
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I take the issue with the DE's Aug. 25 editorial concerning the inappropriateness of a high school for non-heterosexual students.

The issue is not as simple as the editorial presented. The Harvey Milk School in New York City is an established alternative to negative scholastic experiences for non-heterosexual youth and a cost effective preventative for the NYC school district.

The school is not new; it was established in 1984 as an alternative school for students who were at risk dropping out due to harassment and assault in regular high schools.

This year the Harvey Milk School moved beyond two rooms, to become a fully accredited public high school. The school plans on enrolling around 100 students, which is roughly one out of every 11,000 students in the NYC school system.

Some people might feel that such a school is a waste of money or a misguided educational reform; they are wrong.

Harassment is a real problem for many non-heterosexual students being verbally harassed because of their sexual orientation. 65.5 percent reported being sexually harassed (that figure for girls is 74.2 percent); 41.9 percent reported being physically harassed (pushed or shoved); and 21.1 percent reported being physically assaulted (punched, kicked, injured with a weapon) because of their sexual orientation. That is two out of every 10 gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth being physically harmed because of who they are.

Certainly, not all gay students have such experi-

ences, but the climates in our schools too often foster discrimination that leads to physical manifestations. But school districts are learning, after costly court cases, that they must provide sage educational spaces for non-heterosexual students.

A Little Rock, Arkansas school district had to pay \$25,000 to a student in July for allowing harassment to go unchecked against him. Last year, a Nevada school district paid \$451,000. The reality is this: if schools allow harassment and discrimination of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, the costs will be very high — both in money and human experience.

The DE opined that non-heterosexual students need to learn that the world is tough, harsh and many times unaccepting and forgiving. That is a lesson LGBT students have already learned, the hard way; they do not need further reinforcement. Moreover, I believe one of the prime aims of education should be to ameliorate, if not outright eliminate, such harshness for all students.

The DE also implied that the non-heterosexual students should stay to help teach the straight students tolerance and diversity. This is what theorist Maia Esterling refers to as the "Pocahontas Paradigm," making the non-majority responsible for the education and enlightenment of the majority.

Why should these 100 students be responsible for teaching 11,000 other students this, at the risk of their own education and safety? The majority should be required to learn these lessons — as well as not bash and batter others — but not at the expense of those most vulnerable to abuse.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is nothing more frightful than ignorance in action.”

Johann von Goethe

WORDS OVERHEARD

“The problem with this country is that we don't have enough men with backbone. The Chief has backbone.”

Kelly McGinley
Christian radio host
on Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore

COLUMNISTS

Being an individual is sometimes a drag

I was standing in line waiting for the cashier to ring up my Ramen Noodles and hot dogs when I turned around to see a quite aged and not so convincing drag queen holding bananas.

That is, by far, the gayest thing I have ever encountered. That says quite a bit considering the fact that I've had sex with men.

He actually got up in the morning, spackled on some rouge and turquoise eye shadow, slipped into a pair of stirrup pants and Keds and topped it all off with a crooked old wig.

The pink blouse was buttoned up pretty high but not enough to cover an Adam's apple and some serious stubble. I'm sure at one point he looked in the mirror and thought, "Yeah. That looks about right."

I turned around slowly as to not startle Carmen — that is what I named her. I bit my lower lip to hold in the laughter but realized my shoulders were shaking in retaliation. I just hoped she was gazing over the tabloids

This man chooses to live a life as a noticeable oddity despite the hostilities he will surely encounter.

for the latest news of Ben and J. Lo and didn't notice my silent fit. It was a lot like running into a bear in the middle of woods; I didn't want to surprise her with any sudden movements that would provoke an attack.

As the humor subsided, I began to feel a little bad for Carmen. I'm sure a who-man like that gets a lot of reactions, many much less discreet than mine.

Whether he's gay or straight, people must see him as a frail gay freak and therefore an open target. Just walking out to the parking lot could prove to be a challenge.

Suppose someone decided to try out their new carton of eggs or crowbar on her. Would the attacks be justified? Would this she-male be asking for it?

And let's assume Carmen is gay. After spending enough time in gay bars, I am certain she would not be fully embraced



How about no?

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by her own "community."

Popular gay culture is pushed by vanity and attitude in hopes to personify the much-coveted f-word: Fabulous.

We are constantly faced with drugs, having the right bodies and playing according to our social scripts we help perpetuate ourselves.

The highs, thighs and lies can be seen everyday on TV. In a time of Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, Boy Meets Boy and Queer as Folk, Carmen has no place.

Both gay and straight cultures expect gay men to be pretty boys with nice arms and pectorals. Maybe she would have a chance if she were a plain Jane instead of a haggard version of Tootsie.

But that's exactly what intenerated me. This man chooses to live a life as a noticeable oddity despite the hostilities he will surely encounter. What drives him to keep going on like this?

I don't know for sure, but I'd like to think that he's just being himself regardless of the stares, comments and attacks. On some level, there is a certain happiness or satisfaction Carmen achieves alone without permission. That is nothing at which we should scoff or fear as long as she is not hurting herself or others.

I have no idea if you're reading this, Carmen. If you are, I want you to know I'm sorry I laughed at you. And I want you to know that you're a freakishly respectable hero. It takes balls to dress up as such an ugly woman.

You go, girl.

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Separate church, state

Chief Justice Roy Moore installed a 5,280 pound Ten Commandments monument in the Alabama Supreme Court building.

A federal court ordered the removal of the monument.

Thus far, Moore has defied the federal court order and has refused to remove the monument because he states the laws of the land are based on the Ten Commandments.

Now Moore has been suspended. There are several problems with Moore's argument. First and foremost, the federal law supersedes the state law.

Unfortunately, Moore is fighting the same battle that the south has fought for years — they even fought a war to prove their point, but to no avail.

It is noteworthy to mention that the South has consistently lost these battles with the federal government but, of course, in that rich southern tradition of fiery defiance they still believe they can trump the feds.

Moore stated: "My dispute is with the federal courts who have intruded into state affairs and we are taking this matter to the Supreme Court."

Guess what, Roy ... one Supreme Court justice has already heard your case and does not want to touch it with a 10-foot pole.

Another problem with Moore's case is the entire issue of mixing religion in with government.

By putting the Ten Commandments in the courthouse he is obviously violating the constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state.

On a rather ironic note it is highly interesting that a judge in Alabama is interested in the commandments, since the courts in Alabama for years exonerated those who had broken the "Thou shall not kill" commandment on a regular basis.

African-Americans rarely received justice in Alabama courts. To begin with, African-Americans were lynched for years and in the rare cases when these cases went to court, all the good white Christians acquitted their white brothers and went to church that Sunday presumably to pray and read the Ten



Having my say

BY LeNie Adolphson
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Commandments. The commandment regarding bearing false witness was also ignored in Alabama courthouses since in the case of the Scottsboro boys and numerous other cases in Alabama there were a bevy of false witnesses.

Now, Moore wants to pretend the Alabama courts are a holy sanctuary when in fact many Alabama courts were dens of racism and iniquity. Another problem with the Moore case is he outright refused the request to include a copy of the I.oran and other sacred books from various religions. Therefore, it is obvious that Moore is advancing one religion over another.

The Ten Commandments are an excellent set of principles.

Nevertheless, the relationship between the Judeo-Christian religion and the Ten Commandments is inextricable and should not be in a government building.

Finally, I see another issue that I have observed on a regular basis; the ultra religious have a feeling of religious superiority. They are with God and everyone who disagrees is against God.

Pat Robertson is an excellent example of this superior attitude. Recently, on his program "The 700 Club," Robertson prayed for the retirement or death of the Supreme Court judges who rule against the "Christian agenda."

Last but not least, Moore and his followers should remember these sentiments. Living and practicing your religion by helping the poor and comforting the sick and shut-in is the best way to display your values, not a screaming session at a monument.

LeNie is a senior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

University shouldn't drop standards to save money

DEAR EDITOR:

As an SIUC alumna and Carbondale community member, I'm deeply disturbed by recent discussions of the Budget Task Force. In particular, I'd like to comment on several proposals from your August 25 article.

First, there is the general approach of combining and eliminating departments. While this may be appropriate in isolated cases, it is a dangerous precedent.

Is this a university or a job mill? Fewer departments translate into less diversity and depth of study. This will greatly diminish the richness of SIUC as an educational and research community.

Second, I take special offense to the notion of merging Black American Studies, Sociology, and Women's Studies. If these departments desire such

a merger, then by all means continue. However, on the surface it strikes me as a sign that these programs are undervalued by the administration. Do we really want a university primarily devoted to white American male studies, with a small Diversity Club's department to serve as a catchall internment camp for all forms of cultural and identity studies?

Finally, I would like to applaud the proposals to address this crisis through top-level administrative restructuring.

Mr. Dunn said that the complexity of administrative structure doesn't allow us to thumb through positions and eliminate roles. Yet the task force is ready to thumb through whole departments and eliminate them!

If the administration places itself as a higher priority than the departments, then maybe we should eliminate all administrators and start from scratch with a new, more democratic, less bureaucratic structure. Let the students and teachers decide these all-important policy issues, not the administrators!

As University departments are slowly cannibal-

ized, I urge all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members to speak out in support of alternatives. There is no point in saving money if the quality of education is lost.

Treering
SIUC alumna, Philosophy

Gay marriage is a civil liberties issue

DEAR EDITOR:

Right on Abigail Wheatley for your Friday column endorsing gay marriage!

As free and consenting adults we should, at the very least, be able to decide with whom to share our property, our health insurance, our lives, our love and even our deathbeds (currently off-limits to homosexual partners because they are not spouses or blood relatives, as Wheatley pointed out).

What sex has to do with forging a lifelong contract of love, care and shared finances is an admitted mystery to me, either in homosexual or heterosexual commitments.

It would be a breach of civil liberties to deny a legal contract for employment, housing or any other such agreement based on the sexual preferences of those involved. If sex has no bearing on other types of legal contracts, why is it a deciding factor in the allowance of marriage?

Religion, intolerance and blind tradition seem to be the only impetus for denying thousands of our citizens the right to make their most intimate and private life choices.

How we choose to manage our sex lives and personal affairs certainly should not be dictated by a democratic state separated from church. It is time for the heterosexual community to embrace this essential issue.

Marleen Troutt
SIUC alumna

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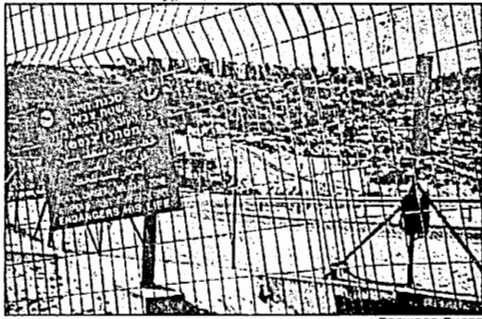
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A view from the Palestinian side of the electrified security fence, as seen near Beit Sahour, overlooks a Jewish settlement. PROVIDED PHOTO

LANDRY

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"There is overwhelming support for peace and the road map," Landry said. "They know if there is no peace there will be war."

Landry criticizes one crucial point of the structure of the road map: any extremist group can destroy the peace process. Moderate groups need to be committed to the peace plan, Landry said.

Last week's Hamas suicide bombing that killed 20 people on a Jerusalem bus and the Israeli counter-attack that killed a Palestinian militant and wounded two others is the type of action that threatens to derail the peace plan.

The eight-week cease-fire, which ended with last week's attacks, got

people used to the idea of a normal life, Landry said.

"The cease-fire gave a lot of people some hope," Landry said. "It gave them room to breathe."

There were possible dangers Landry could have encountered on the trip, but they did not deter him. He said dying is a possibility, but it should not stop people from doing what they have to do as human beings.

Darkness and sadness may have been something Landry expected to find amidst the Israeli and Palestine region, but he also found something unanticipated.

"There is hope everywhere," Landry said. "I met people with a tremendous belief and faith that peace is possible — that it is inevitable."

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Tylenol targets extreme sports crowd with pain-is-cool concept

Jeff Gammage
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA (KRT)

— As the videotape opens, mountain biker Josh Bender is hurtling downhill toward a dirt-and-rock ramp, his launching point for a spectacular 30-foot drop.

His takeoff is smooth, his milliseconds of airtime seeming to last forever. But his landing goes badly.

Bender bounces hard. The back wheel of his bike comes up, pitching him forward and forcing his arms down on the handlebars.

Bender's helmet makes it impossible to see his face, but it's easy to imagine that his jaws are clenched in grim anticipation. Or else they're split wide apart, emitting the scream that freshadwos what's to come.

He vanishes behind a screen of trees and spectators. When he emerges a split second later he's on the ground, barreling down the mountain on his chest while his bike turns mad cartwheels above him. He slides to a stop in the middle of a road, trailing a cloud of white dust. The end.

When most people see an extreme-sports tape like this, they think of a single word: pain.

When executives at McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals see one, they too think of a single word: opportunity.

Now, the Fort Washington, Pa.-based firm is embarking on an expensive new ad campaign that promotes a solitary, seemingly contradictory idea: Pain is cool.

Pain isn't just for the old, the decrepit and the dying. Pain is for the young, the athletic, people who hurt not because their bodies are worn out, but because they're being pushed to the limit.

McNeil is setting out to position its flagship product, Tylenol, as the pain reliever of choice for people who embrace ache and injury as their personal badge of honor: Mountain bikers. Skateboarders. Break-dancers. Surfers. Snowboarders.

Counterintuitive? Absolutely. Most people don't seek pain — they seek release from it. But company executives believe there's a whole group of young, able-bodied enthusiasts out there for whom pain is proof of their devotion, a natural byproduct of everything they love and believe in.

And the excess may be right.

Despite its astonishing imagery, mountain biker Bender's fall is atypical only in its degree. Extreme-sports Web sites routinely post pictures and videos of horrendous crashes, along with after-the-fall shots of skateboarders and bikers proudly posing with their broken fingers, fractured ankles and legs skinned to the bone. Thrasher magazine runs a regular feature called the Hall of Meat: photos of skateboarders showing off their

gashed heads and severed fingers.

"This group is a group of very active — I won't say thrill-seeking, but adventuresome," says John McDonagh, Tylenol's director of marketing. "They avoided pain relievers."

Now Tylenol is beginning to market directly to this fearless 18-to-23-year-old age group, spreading its message at what it calls "pain places." Those include gyms and trainers' rooms, but also BMX, skateboarding and extreme-sports competitions and championships.

It has built a new skate park in Brooklyn, and signed up a team of "pain partners" who include surfer Joel Tudor, BMX biker Dave Young, break-dancer Asia One and skateboarder Tony Trujillo. Its new Web site, www.ouchthewebsite.com, features an aptly titled photo montage called "Little Scars" and a column titled "The Bleeding Edge."

"One of the fears with something like this is, is it going to make sense?" McDonagh says. "This is not 'Launch it today and watch your sales go up.' I think it's going to be some time before you see sales impact."

There's a big potential drawback to trying to position pain as hip, young and desirable, and it boils down to these five words: Pain can hurt like hell.

Pain isn't something people want. It's something they want to go away.

Margaret Campbell, who studies consumer behavior at the University of Colorado, thinks Tylenol has hit on a winning strategy.

The company has been moving its product steadily down the age chart, broadening its use from the elderly to the middle-aged, she says. Its commercials often feature people who just need a little relief after exercise or gardening. So going after extreme-sports devotees is the next logical step.

"It's just such a natural extension of the baby boomer jogging to the Gen-Xer skateboarding," says Campbell, a marketing professor. "They say, 'You have these activities you want to do, and we can help you do that.' ... It's a very consistent and I think very reasonable attempt to expand the market."

You may have missed this: Dippity-Do, the tired, 1960s-era hair goo favored by your dowdy, dateless older sister, is now a trendy styling gel for men.

It's true. Dippity-Do underwent a sex change two years ago.

Gone are the small round tubs of pink goo. In their place are phallic bottles of cobalt blue. Dippity-Do now sponsors the Summer X Games, as rough-and-tumble a competition as can be found.

The transformation occurred when the maker of Dippity-Do discovered that hair-styling products had become the fastest-growing segment of the men's personal-care

market, sales up 5 percent a year since the late 1990s. And men were increasingly driving overall gel sales.

Put those two trends together, and, voila — Dippity-Do becomes Dippity-Do Sport.

It's what the business-school types call "repositioning."

To the cynic, repositioning represents a company's attempt to squeeze out a few more bucks by persuading people that a weary old product is actually new and different. To the optimist, repositioning is a sincere effort to find a new market for a good product, to revive a truly brand by finding it a new niche.

What Tylenol is doing is a little different — moving its brand into what McDonagh and his colleagues call "white space," a previously unnoticed and untapped market.

Plainly Tylenol is in search of new buyers. Its tablet sales slumped 8.2 percent in the last year, and its revenue fell 8.5 percent, according to IRI. (The analyst's figures do not include sales at Wal-Mart stores.)

And whether the tactic is called repositioning or searching for white space, it's a proven business strategy, coaxed forward by overt techniques such as celebrity endorsements and subtler methods such as name and packaging changes.

"The important thing in repositioning is they don't start new," says Anthony Fortini, who teaches business at Camden County College in New Jersey. "They take what worked for them before and tweak it. It's a way for a company to take a product, dust it off a little bit and get back into the game."

Will it work? Or is the extreme-sports set too media-savvy to credit such an obvious play for their devotion and their dollars?

New York filmmaker Coan Nichols, whose movies celebrate skateboarding, says the kids he knows are intimately familiar with the wiles of corporate America. But they're also realists. And so is he.

He's accepted Tylenol's help in promoting the movies he makes with Rick Chasmoski through their company, NCP Films. People can download a clip of their new film, Northwest, from the Ouch Web site.

In a perfect world, Nichols says, he wouldn't need a sponsor. In the real world, it's often a choice between making a movie — or not.

He does believe that companies that earn money from a particular sport or culture have a responsibility to offer their financial support in return, and he thinks Tylenol is doing that.

"They're saying, 'We support what you're doing, so support us,'" Nichols says. "You're going to take a pain reliever, so why not take the one that's building you a skate park in New York? Or that's helping the guys who are making films about skateboarding?"

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Schroeder, who is also a professor at the SIUC School of Law, said the defense team will focus on a variety of factors in its appeal.

He said those factors would include questionable expert evidence given during the trial, a juror's admission that he shared information from a TV newscast about Fisher to the rest of the jury and gratuitous comments concerning how much Fisher is paying his attorneys made by Williamson County State's Attorney Charles Garnati in the courtroom.

Downs said she understands if tenants are interested in Fisher's appeals process but that Home Rentals is the wrong source to go to

for the latest court information.

She said tenants should only come to the company's office to ask questions about the business.

"I feel they should come to Home Rentals and ask what's going on with Home Rentals, not 'What's going on with your boss?'" Downs said.

"My boss doesn't have a daily routine in this office, whether he is free on the street or in jail incarcerated."

As for the affairs of Home Rentals tenants, they will continue to pay rent to Fisher's business whether they like it or not.

"It's a little odd to have to pay money to someone who's [convicted sex offender]; but I have to," said Home Rentals tenant Danny Gerhardt.

"It makes me feel like I'm contributing to him. It's not a good feeling to have to rent from someone

like that."

Downs said the rental business will continue to operate the company as it always has. She said Home Rentals employees have been able to stick together throughout the turmoil since Fisher's 2001 arrest. With or without Fisher, Downs said the business will go on.

"We have a business to run," Downs said. "Would the University close their doors because the chancellor called in sick or went on vacation or went to jail? People come from all over to go to school at Southern Illinois, just like people from all over come to live at Home Rentals."

"Our company is here to be here for our tenants as much as our tenants are here to pay our paychecks."

Reporter Burke Wasson can be reached at bwasson@dailyegyptian.com



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College life at age 80 differs from norm

Alex Luces
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — While most retirees spend their days relaxing, John Stein and wife Vera are either attending class at the University of South Florida or exercising in the Campus Recreation Center.

For the past 15 years, they have been students at USF. But they aren't your traditional college couple.

John, 82, and Vera, 87, are college students under the senior's tuition waiver program. They've been students at USF since 1988.

Tuition-free classes have been open to senior citizens at Florida's 11 state universities since the mid-1990s when the tuition-waiver program was created. At USF, they are eligible for nine credit hours per semester, at no cost, in graduate or undergraduate classes on a space-available basis. No college credit is given under the tuition-waiver program.

For John, already a college graduate, his reason for studying is fairly simple.

"The way to get kicked all over in life is to not have an education," he said.

Vera said she and her husband are still very sociable, and taking classes is a different way to stay informed.

"When people get older, they retire and go into isolation," she said. "It's a pleasure to do what we do."

John was born in 1922 in the Bronx, N.Y. A World War II veteran, he graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with an engineering degree in 1950. He went on to receive a master's degree from Clark University in business administration.

"Then I had four jobs in five years," he said. "I wanted to be rich. I was after the buck."

This drive for a larger bank account eventually led him to start his own business. He said his packaging company paid for all the food he could eat.

"I ate the best food, which is the worst food [for your health]," he said. His lifestyle of working and studying didn't allow him anytime to exercise. Soon, he needed quintuple bypass surgery to live. This initiated his lust for exercising.

His wife Vera was born in 1918 in Neshoba, Miss. She married at the age of 16. She said she graduated high school after agreeing with the school supervisor to keep her marriage a secret. She became a homemaker after graduating high school.

When her first husband retired, she thought that they would finally spend time together as a family. Instead, her husband took a part-time job during his retirement and fell off a ladder at work, breaking his neck. Vera spent her husband's last few years caring for him until his death ended the 50-year-long marriage.

Two years later, Vera met John at a meeting of the Sweetwater Oaks Homeowners' Association, where John is president.

The next day he invited her for coffee and there they go to know each other.

"He wanted to see what made me tick," she said. "He said 'If you and I can dance together, then I want to be with you.' We danced in his kitchen."

Together, Vera, who began exercising when she was 40, and John began swimming. Ever since USF's recreation center opened in 1997, the Steins have been regular visitors. She said she urged John to use the gym's exercise equipment.

"He never worked out on machines before," she said.

They exercise at the gym from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

"I only [attend class] to use the gym and swimming pool," John jokingly said. "My wife and I are the oldest people there."

Aside from school, the Steins like to travel. Their destinations have included Honolulu, Texas, Germany and France. They each have three kids, all college graduates. Vera said she has nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. John said he has five grandkids, but no great-grandkids ... that I know of."

He also said that there are some major differences between the time he attended universities of yesteryear and today.

"Back when I was a student [from 1947-1950], we had lecture classes [at Clark University] which had about 120 students, whereas MIT was an itty-bitty school and the No. 1 ranked engineering school in the world. In those lecture classes [at Clark University], you may not ask questions. There was a recitation class three times a week where you may ask questions. [Now] I make rhetorical questions. I don't ask questions, I make statements."

He said that aside from the class setup, there were no food courts, much less ones that included Pizza Hut or Chick-fil-a or any snack machines on campus for that matter.

John and Vera said the treatment they receive from USF faculty and students is better than they expected.

"If I could tell young people one thing, it would be to have a balance," Vera said, alluding to her late husband's working lifestyle, John's bypass surgeries and her own battle with cancer. Vera had ovarian cancer, but she said her faith in God and a healthy lifestyle helped her beat the cancer.

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North Korea nuclear talks begin Wednesday in Beijing

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

BEIJING (KRT) — Amid high tensions and low expectations, representatives of six nations will gather in China's capital Wednesday for three days of talks aimed at easing the nuclear standoff with North Korea.

While the outcome is uncertain, the stakes are clear. While much of the world recently has focused on Iraq, Afghanistan and the war on terrorism, North Korea has emerged as the most dangerous diplomatic challenge facing President Bush and other world leaders.

"The North Korean nuclear threat is about as real and serious a threat as we could have anywhere in either the region or the world," Australian Prime Minister John Howard noted during a visit to Beijing last week.

North Korea is believed to already have at least one or two nuclear bombs, and has reactivated facilities that may soon provide it with more. Even without those weapons, it has the conventional military capability of devastating South Korea and destabilizing Northeast Asia.

Not wanting anyone to forget that, North Korea's government-controlled media last week issued a warning that the country was "ready for both dialogue and war."

Kenneth Lieberthal, the National Security Council's senior director for Asia during the Clinton administration, recently told reporters in Beijing that when the United States contemplated a military strike against North Korea's nuclear facilities in 1994, the Pentagon calculated that South Korea would suffer at least 500,000 casualties — and maybe many more — if war broke out.

"This is not Iraq," he said. Lieberthal noted that North Korea's military leaders are "masters of concealment" who have hollowed out entire mountains to hide and protect their weapons, putting the outcome of surgical strikes in doubt.

Still, he and many others maintain that the United States can't tolerate a nuclear North Korea, in part because the regime of Kim Jong Il would have no moral restraints against selling nuclear materials to terrorists or states hostile to America.

Going into the talks, the Bush administration is sticking by its

long-standing refusal to offer North Korea rewards for not abiding by past nuclear agreements.

The first U.S. goal is to get North Korea "to commit to the complete, verifiable and irreversible ending of its nuclear arms program," a senior State Department official said in Washington last week.

The official, briefing reporters on condition that he not be identified, said Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, who will lead the U.S. delegation, will not offer North Korea any sweeteners, at least up front.

"We are certainly not coming in with inducements to resume activity that had been previously committed," he said, referring to North Korea's 1994 pledge to terminate its nuclear weapons programs.

U.S. officials say that pledge was broken when North Korea secretly developed a uranium enrichment program that it admitted to last October.

When the United States cut off fuel shipments to North Korea in response, North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, expelled United Nation's inspectors and reactivated its shuttered Yongbyon nuclear facility.

North Korea has since claimed

to have completed reprocessing 8,000 stored spent fuel rods, enough to yield sufficient plutonium for five or six nuclear bombs, experts say. It probably already had extracted enough plutonium for one or two bombs before the facility was closed by the 1994 agreement, according to the CIA.

While the United States will not offer any up-front inducements, it will make clear that aid and other help will be forthcoming if North Korea abandons its nuclear ambitions, the senior State Department official said.

Joining the United States and North Korea at the bargaining table will be China, Japan, Russia and South Korea.

Each has its own stakes in the confrontation, and some — particu-

larly South Korea — are more willing to offer the North a deal.

No one sees a quick end to the crisis, and some worry that the Bush administration may not have the patience to sit through long months, or years, of negotiations.

Washington's patience will be especially tested if North Korea doesn't agree to some kind of verifiable freeze of its nuclear programs while negotiations proceed.

Even the Chinese, who have pushed hard for dialogue and a peaceful resolution, worry that North Korea may drag out the talks while feverishly building nuclear bombs to create a stronger deterrent against a U.S. attack, according to Professor Shi Yinong, a North Korea expert at Beijing's People's University.

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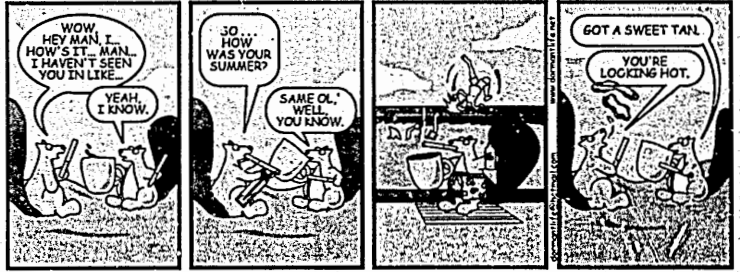
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Daily Horoscope



By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Aug. 26). The more you push yourself this year, the more you can achieve. This isn't about money; it's more about love. Listen to a dreamer, a philosopher and an old friend. Have faith not only in yourself, but in your willingness to serve.

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 6 - Remember to show how much you care with your deeds as well as your words. A loved one won't feel cherished if you leave a big mess for them to clean up.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - For you, the answer is obvious, but for those most passionate, the solution is impossible to see. Help them stay calm, and encourage rational dialog. It's a start.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're full of good ideas, but some of them won't work. Don't get so carried away with your dream that you ignore reality. Listen.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're feeling flush again, and you may be tempted to splurge. If you can wait just a few more days, you can find a better deal.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're confident, yet you're in a rather tenuous situation. You can't get by on good looks alone. You'll also have to use good judgment.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - It may feel as if somebody is pushing you around. That's unlikely, because you actually have all the power. All they have is noise.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Voice your concerns, because now is the time to talk them out. You're not being a worrywart; you're helping minimize mistakes.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Don't push too hard. If you just wait, pushing won't be necessary. You can ask when the time is right, and you can get what you want effortlessly.

Scorpio (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Tomorrow and the next day may be difficult as some innovations you've inspired begin to take effect. Some of the changes are way beyond your control. You can still help others adapt.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're busy even in your sleep. See if you can remember a dream. Your subconscious is a valuable tool, so use it whenever you can.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - It'll take time to get accustomed to the changes going on. Meanwhile, don't flash your money around in an effort to impress a friend. Cutting costs makes you look much better.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're staying busy, and that's good. Don't botch to get stressed. Your partner, or someone else you're working with, can carry most of the load.

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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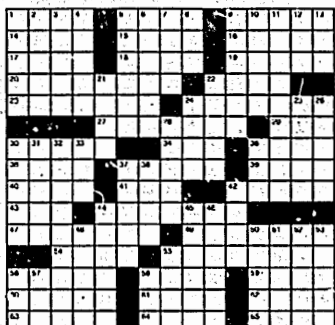
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Answers tomorrow

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- 1 Coin channel
 - 5 Band leader
 - 9 Arise
 - 9 In a starting position
 - 14 Eye drop
 - 15 Story
 - 16 Diameter halves
 - 17 Blood up
 - 18 Golf club
 - 19 Greek letter
 - 20 Small
 - 22 Light gas
 - 23 Hobby
 - 24 Bug
 - 27 Primitive sucker fish
 - 29 Wigley wall covering
 - 30 Coffeehouses
 - 34 "em, Fico!"
 - 35 Czarist
 - 36 Famous cookie man
 - 37 Chatter
 - 39 Alleviate
 - 40 Ernie's buddy
 - 41 Morny or conger
 - 42 Thaw
 - 43 Forts or Lincoln



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- 44 Contorted facial expression
- 47 Wool fat
- 49 Passage
- 54 Indescent gem
- 55 Plausible
- 56 Steer clear of
- 58 Eye part
- 59 Letter opener?
- 60 Simplicit
- 61 Volcanic flow
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- 63 Affirmatives
- 64 Wide-mouthed pitcher
- 65 Television award

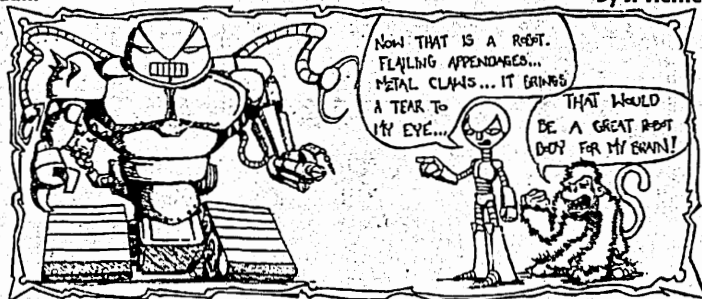
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- 7 Lotion ingredient
- 8 Sobacoccus
- 9 Blood vessel
- 10 Western lake
- 11 Exactly alike
- 12 Set alire
- 13 Seneca's aunt
- 21 Guitarist
- 22 Family member
- 24 Formal document
- 25 Hold it, sailor!
- 26 Funeral pines
- 27 Sacred song
- 30 Group of conspirators
- 31 One-ca led. in mail
- 32 Mornings
- 33 Winter time in NYC
- 35 Understand
- 37 Danger
- 38 Bridle strap
- 42 Repair
- 44 Singer Knight
- 45 Reach one's destination
- 46 Roman ruler
- 48 Express a view
- 50 Edge along
- 51 At right angles to a ship
- 52 Assert
- 53 Irish county
- 55 Bird's zop
- 56 Inde/nite amount
- 57 Contend
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Adam

by J. Tierney



Talk is cheap.

By: Alex Avajo.



Sherbert

by Ryan Wiggins



Rouge Agent

Thomas Shaner



Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Duckbumps

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Parking Lots Closed

Intercollegiate Athletics and the Parking Division announce that in preparation for the Saluki football team's first night game of the season, lots 13/ 13A, located across the street from the Student Center, will be closed at 2:00p.m. on Thursday August 28, 2003. The lots will reopen at 4:00p.m. for Priority 1 and 2 ticket holders only. Please make alternative parking arrangements if you normally park in this area. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur.

SIU Athletics may change website provider

Official College Sports Network seeing exodus among mid-major schools

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Saluki fans accessing information via the Internet may soon notice some significant changes in the SIU Athletics website.

The site, located at www.SIUsalukis.com, is scheduled to go up for bids in October. It is currently operated by the Official College Sports Network at a price of \$15,000 per year.

The service was originally provided for free, with costs paid through advertising revenue. But the recent downturn in Internet ad revenue forced OCSN to charge schools, especially those without major athletic programs.

If Gateway Conference foe Western Kentucky's situation is any indicator, the Athletic Department could see major savings. The Hilltoppers' previous site, operated by OCSN, cost \$27,500 per year after yearly increases of \$2,500 per year for the past three years.

Western put out a bid notice and local Internet corporation Hitevents.com was the successful bidder, charging

\$6,000 a year and saving the school \$21,500 a year.

The financial windfall didn't stop there though. The new site sells more University paraphernalia and is also easier to navigate, according to Brian Fremund, the school's Director of Athletic Media Relations.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk says he would be happy to find the Saluki Athletic Department in a similar situation.

"I don't know what their bid laws are and how they had to handle their situation, but we're always trying to find the best value in everything that we do," Kowalczyk said.

"So again, if we get an opportunity to find a situation like that that meets our needs, we'd be happy to take that on."

Kowalczyk said that whether or not the provider is local isn't as important as whether it provides a quality service at a fair price.

"We're going to throw it open and hopefully find the best company and the best financial arrangement we can," said Kowalczyk, who added that the SIUsalukis.com site was visited by 400,000 unique users during the last fiscal year.

Missouri Valley Conference members Evansville and Creighton have also

recently left OCSN, citing significant savings.

In July, Evansville left OCSN in favor of College Sporting News, a national company that provides a service similar to that of OCSN.

Creighton now utilizes a local Internet company after going through a free trial with OCSN. Creighton pays a one-time fee instead of footing a yearly bill.

Middle Tennessee State also recently left Fansonly.com, a company bought out by OCSN, but the school's athletics site is now maintained by a student at the school.

Despite the plethora of businesses jumping at the opportunity to host an official athletics website, it is a difficult task.

"This is definitely a very advanced, very high-tech system that OCSN has built out a long time and for us to kind of copy was unbelievable," said Chris Mills, president of Hitevents.com and a student at WKU.

"I mean it was a lot, lot of work. So it's not something that just anybody can go out there and do."

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— Paul Kowalczyk
SIU athletic director

SHADOW

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honors in his final season with the Greyhounds.

After arriving at SIU last spring, Melvin immediately began to make his presence felt, but his solid showing in the spring was overshadowed by an even more impressive fall.

"I think he's been a tremendous and pleasant surprise," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said.

"He's had a great fall camp, he's had great concentration and he's a much better player than he was in the spring and a player that we're counting on a lot."

As coach Kill touched upon, Melvin is taking his game serious this fall, which is evidenced by an episode that took place during

training camp.

On a play during one of the Salukis' scrimmages, Melvin gave up a touchdown to wide receiver Kellen Allen. A beautiful pass and catch that was just out of the reach of...

Melvin's outstretched arms, the play happened to be the first passing touchdown that Melvin has allowed ever.

"I made me real mad," Melvin said.

"I separated myself from the whole team because I was like, 'Damn, I said I wouldn't give up a touchdown.'"

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Despite the rare miscue, Melvin has used his rare combination of size and speed to out-muscle and out-hustle whoever his faces off against — and to impress the coaches.

Listed at 6-foot-1, 210 pounds, the former defensive end is a load to handle for most receivers. And with his exceptional ability to use his hands to ward off blockers and above-average strength to check receivers at the line, Vance will be a load to handle in the defen-

FRENZY

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significant minutes as a freshman last year.

Only two starters, juniors Brian Atkins and Matt Miller, return, but that does not mean the position is in for a down season.

"I'm impressed with the group and think there's some talent that we haven't had, definitely some strength," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said.

Replacing Fritzier at center is junior college transfer Elmer McDaniel, who weighs 305 pounds despite measuring in at just 5-foot-11. Also moving into the starting lineup are senior George Mooney and sophomore Andrew Wynn.

Another question mark entering the season is tight end where sophomores Micah Turner and Chris Kucup will be trying to replace the departed combination of Ryan McAllister, who was third on the team in receiving a year ago, and Bilal Rashid.

Turner, who measures in at 5-foot-4, 250 pounds, will get first crack

at taking over McAllister's vacant starting position. Kucup, a converted wide receiver, who can bench press 350 pounds, will be the backup.

"Micah and Kucup are really going to have to step it up. They've got some big shoes to fill," Sambursky said. "We're going to be good at [tight end], we just need to continue to work at it. I have tons of confidence in our tight ends and know that they're going to get the job done."

The final aspect of the Saluki offense is one that was relatively quiet a year ago — throwing the football.

The passing game was almost non-existent as the Salukis ranked 108th in all of Division I-AA in passing offense. SIU totaled just 1,419 yards through the air and had just 14 touchdown passes. On the plus side, the Salukis threw just five interceptions in 12 games, which tied SIU for third fewest in the nation.

Sambursky, who played well beyond his years as a redshirt freshman, completed 92-of-267 passes for 1,308 yards and 10 touchdowns and also ran for 487 yards and four scores en route to being named the Gateway Conference Freshman of the Year.

"Joel Sambursky is a kid that I think is special," Kill said. "He's a great leader, I like his mentality. He's a tough guy. He's one of those street ball quarterbacks who finds a way to get it done."

Catching Sambursky's passes this season is a corps of talented wide receivers, led by senior Courtney Abbott. The 6-foot-6 Abbott, who led the team with 26 catches for 496 yards, usually tovers over opposing cornerbacks and catches anything within his reach, making him a favorite target of Sambursky.

Other wide receivers expected to make an impact include speedsters Brent Little, Kellen Allen, Jason Hollingshead and converted cornerback Quorey Payne.

Abbott, who like most of SIU's players spent the summer in Carbondale working on his game, said the offseason work has done wonders in improving the Salukis' passing game.

"All our receivers have been doing real good catching the ball," Abbott said. "The fullbacks have been improving a lot, Joel's been throwing the ball great and you got Mo' and

Tommy back there that it just looks like they never miss a step."

Of course if all the facets of the Saluki offense come together then the problem of how to get the ball to all of SIU's weapons will become an issue.

But offensive Matt Limerogver said that is a better problem to have than the alternative, although he does not think it will be trouble because there are not any "me" players on the offense.

As far as distributing the ball, Limerogver said the Salukis will simply take whatever the defense gives them, whether it be giving Abdulquadir 30 carries or having Sambursky throw the ball 30 times.

"We feel like we don't have to put a chart down and say he gets this many carries and gets the ball thrown to him this many times," Limerogver said. "It's going to happen because the defense can't defend it all."

"We're much better equipped than we ever have been to make [the defense] pay for their mistakes."

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SALUKI OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

WR	16	Courtney Abbott
	8	Jason Hollingshead
TE	90	Micah Turner
	86	Chris Kucup
LT	77	Brian Atkins
	75	Wesley Proctor
LG	67	Andrew Wynn
	72	Justin Rich
C	71	Elmer McDaniel
	76	Justin Kramer
RG	69	Matt Miller
	74	Will Justice
RT	73	George Mooney
	77	Brian Atkins
QB	12	Joel Sambursky
	18	Curtis Holley
RB	32	Muhammad Abdulquadir
	24	Tom Koustos
FB	25	Brandon Robinson
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U. Iowa senior accused of threatening Kobe's accuser

Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — A fifth-year University of Iowa senior whom a friend called the "least person from mean that I know" was arrested by FBI agents Thursday and charged with threatening to kill the woman who has accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of raping her.

John William Roche, 22, allegedly left a profane message on the answering machine of a woman who is listed as a witness in the third-degree sexual assault case in Eagle County, Colo.

Longtime friend Elliot Schwind, 22, said Roche stayed at his home in Dubuque for a golf tournament the weekend of July 27 — when

authorities say the call was made. The Loras College student has known Roche since seventh grade and described him as a "sports fanatic" and a "smart kid who really makes you feel comfortable."

"He is the least person from mean that I know, and I know he would never threaten anyone's life," Schwind said Thursday night. "We had been drinking since tee-off at 11 a.m., so we were all pretty drunk at night when he called. I know he absolutely didn't remember making this call the next day."

Court records show that Roche has three public-intoxication charges and one charge of possession of alcohol under the legal age in Johnson County between 1999 to 2000.

Schwind said he was not present

when Roche made the phone call, but he said the comments were probably "pretty loud" because of impaired judgment.

According to a federal grand-jury indictment, Roche said he would "stick a coat hanger up [her] ..." and repeatedly said he would kill her on the answering machine message.

Roche is charged with making a threatening telephone call across state lines; he faces up to five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

"I don't know if we can expect any other arrests. But there are investigations that are ongoing," Krista Flannigan, a spokeswoman for the district attorney prosecuting Bryant, told The Associated Press.

Iowa City police said they helped

FBI agents arrest Roche without incident at his 529 E. Burlington St. residence. A resident at the peach-colored home refused to comment Thursday night when contacted by The Daily Iowan.

After authorities took him into custody, Roche was transferred to the Quad Cities for an arraignment in U.S. District Court. After the initial appearance and identity court proceedings, he was released on his own recognizance. A man at his parents' home in Davenport refused to comment when telephoned Thursday night.

The rape charge against Bryant has garnered nationwide attention, including Web sites and radio stations that have posted the identity and phone number of Bryant's

accuser. Schwind said a person he did not know at the party supplied Roche with her number, which he found on the Internet: The call was placed from a cellular phone, Schwind said, but he was unsure of who owned it.

"Today's arrest should serve as a strong warning to those who think it appropriate to threaten the judicial officers or witnesses in this case," Phillip B.J. Reid, the FBI agent heading the case, said in a statement.

"This type of behavior is repugnant to the spirit of dignity and fairness that underlies the judicial process. Allegations of threats will be vigorously investigated and prosecuted by federal authorities," he said.

Abdulqaadir and Moreland placed on prestigious award watch lists

Gateway represented with five players on Payton, Buchanan watch lists

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

For those angered by the SIU football team's sixth-place preseason selection in the Gateway Conference, take heart that the Salukis are being well respected on the national front.

Senior running back Muhammad Abdulqaadir was named to the Walter Payton Award watch list, while junior safety Alexis Moreland was placed on the watch list for the Buck Buchanan Award.

The Payton Award is given annually to the top offensive player in Division I-AA, while the Buchanan Award recognizes the top defensive player.

The Salukis are one of two Gateway teams, the other being Western Illinois, to have a player on both lists.

The Leathernecks honored are quarterback and returning Gateway Offensive Player of the Year Russ Michna and linebacker Lee Russell, both of whom are seniors.

Illinois State junior linebacker Boomer Grigsby, who led all of I-AA in tackles with a 174 stops last season, was also named to the Buchanan list.

"We got a lot of great players that play defense in the conference, let alone the country," Moreland said.

"So no, I didn't expect to be named. When I looked in the paper and saw that I was on it, I had a little smirk on my face."

Moreland finished last season with a career-high 134 tackles and earned second-team All-America honors.

Abdulqaadir, who was considered the front-runner for the Payton Award last year before breaking his thumb against Southwest Missouri State, rushed for an astounding 1,331 yards and 20 touchdowns.

If Abdulqaadir, who only started six games last fall, averaged the same amount of yards and touchdowns that he did in those six games, he would have ended the year with 2,634 yards and 40 touchdowns.

Numbers that lofty were only attained once, by future Hall-of-Fame back Barry Sanders, who tallied in 2,638 yards at Oklahoma State in 1988.

Last season, though,

Abdulqaadir came out of nowhere. This year his play will be under a microscope, but he does not believe the pressures of living up to last season's stats will not get in his psyche.

He also thinks that preseason honors do not hold much relevance.

"I appreciate the honor," Abdulqaadir said.

"But it matters how you end the season, not how you start."

The honors do help spread SIU's name across the country, which will help



Moreland

recruiting. "Anything that a newspaper writes or what a radio station writes or says that is positive is positive for our program," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said.

Kill also knows that players of Moreland and Abdulqaadir's caliber do not come along very often.

"I think that with all the press they get, they must be special young men," Kill said.

"Muhammad is definitely a very talented man and his play showed that. The same is true for Alexis. He had to do a little more than we wanted him to, but he came through for us. But that was all last year, and this year is what counts."

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RAYTON AWARD WATCH LIST		
player	position	university
muhammad ABULQAADIR	RB	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
jermaine AUSTIN	QB	GORGIA SOUTHERN
cassey CRAMER	QB	SOUTH
brandon DOWNS	QB	MISSISSIPPI STATE
bruce FUGHE	QB	MISSISSIPPI STATE
ryan FULQUA	QB	MISSISSIPPI STATE
JOEY JONES	QB	ALABAMA
JUSTE ARCHUA	QB	WESTERN ILLINOIS
robert KENT	QB	JACKSON STATE
rich ARJUNSKI	QB	WILLIAM & MARY
andre RAYMOND	QB	EASTERN ILLINOIS
allen SUBER	QB	BETHUNE-COOKMAN
JEFF TOMCO	QB	S.E. MISSOURI STATE
alvin WATSON	QB	FORDHAM
chris WILLIAMS	QB	C. JORDIA SOUTHERN
ANDREW WILLIAMS	QB	MAINE

BUCHANAN AWARD WATCH LIST		
player	position	university
JOEY ALLEN	DE	IDAHO STATE
claire BALESTRACCI	DE	HARVARD
levy BROWN	DE	FLORIDA A&M
tim BUSH	DE	MONTANA
tom ETZEL	DE	NORTHWESTERN
boomer GARCSLEY	DE	LINCOLN STATE
isaac HAMILTON	DE	MADISON
lane IOANE	DE	MONTANA STATE
alexis MORELAND	DE	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
nick RICKS	DE	EASTERN ILLINOIS
robert ROYAL	DE	MINNESOTA STATE
lee RUSSELL	DE	WESTERN ILLINOIS
AL STONWALL	DE	APPALACHIAN STATE
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Out of the **SHADOW**

Juco transfer Melvin Vance
 gets his chance to shine

Story by ADAM SOEBBING

Starting SIU junior cornerback Melvin Vance unbuckles his chinstrap, pulls his helmet off of his head and gently rests it against his right hip following a practice drill last week.

Supporting the weight of the helmet with his dangling right arm, Melvin is staring off into the backdrop of the SIU football practice fields. Lined with tall trees that stand just southeast of the enclosed practice area along Highway 51, the setting captures the true essence of Southern Illinois.

But there is something weird about this moment.

The practice fields at SIU have never before been graced by the presence of a Vance.

For the first time in his life, Melvin is not just Chris's little brother anymore.

Melvin and Chris Vance, who went on to become a star wide receiver and key contributor to the Ohio State Buckeyes' national championship team last season, grew up in Fort Myers, Fla., a city located on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River in Southwest Florida. Raised by their mother Adlean, Melvin and Chris, known as Jason to those closest to him, were inseparable.

"If you knew Jason you knew Melvin," Adlean said, "and if you knew Melvin you knew Jason."

From the time they were 9 years old, they were playing sports. Whether it was football, basketball, baseball or whatever, they were always competing.

The two brothers continued their love for competition at Fort Myers High School. Excelling in multiple sports, Chris garnered all-state honors and more than enough attention as a standout receiver for the Greenwave.

But Melvin, who is a year younger than Chris, wasn't too shabby either.

Starting at both defensive end and tight end, in addition to starring on special teams, Melvin never left the field as he earned all-conference and all-area honors in football. Melvin also excelled as a member of the track team.

But by circumstance, Melvin always seemed to get lost in the shuffle by the more outgoing Chris.

"Melvin is real quiet. He's the baby," Adlean said.

As a result, a nickname became attached to Melvin that he wasn't too fond of.

"People were always like, you're Chris's little brother," said Corrie Kelly, cousin and mentor to Melvin and Chris, referring to the way some people would often address Melvin. "And he would say, 'no, I'm Melvin Vance.'"

"They're like night and day; totally different people."

Even though Chris would eventually end up at Ohio State, that doesn't necessarily mean that he was the better athlete. As the older brother, all of the attention just seemed to fall onto his shoulders.

"Everybody always wanted me to be like my brother, but the way I see it, I can't be like him because we play two different positions and we're two different people," Melvin said. "I hated living in that shadow, but that's OK because that is my brother and I love him."

Even though Melvin didn't like having to live up to Chris's example, they remained as close as two brothers can be. In fact, Melvin decided to attend the same college out of high school as Chris, Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College.

In his first season at Fort Scott, Melvin red-shirted and was used as a utility player in practice. The coaches had the physically gifted Melvin playing defensive end, tight end, defensive tackle, and defensive back.

He was even able to polish his corner skills against his brother.

"I was just a dummy out there pressing my brother," Melvin said of his red-shirt season.

Recognizing his talent as a defensive back, a new coaching staff came in and started him at cornerback in his first eligible season at Fort Scott. His sophomore year he was moved to strong safety to accommodate team needs.

Averaging seven tackles per game and accumulating two interceptions, Melvin received juco All-American

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Melvin Vance, a junior in psychology, comes to the Salukis from Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kansas, where he was a Junior College All-American. Vance is expected to be a strong addition to the team at the cornerback position.

Salukis prepared to unleash scoring frenzy

SIU high-powered offense led by trio of running backs

Jens Deju
 Daily Egyptian

You've seen them on posters. Their names have dominated the local media headlines.

They are "Thunder and Lightning."

SIU's running back combination of Muhammad Abdulqadir and Tom Koutsos is not only the greatest ever at SIU, it might be the one of the best ever in Division I-AA.

In his one season in Carbondale, Abdulqadir racked up 1,331 rushing yards and scored a total of 21 touchdowns. The preseason All-American was well on his way to one of the finest seasons ever for a running back before a hand injury ended his year with three games remaining on the schedule.

Koutsos, who played in just three games a year ago before he too suffered a season-ending injury, enters the season with a school-record 3,747 yards and is within striking distance of the all-time Gateway Conference mark.

Also starring in the SIU backfield is fellow senior Brandon Robinson, who piled up 727 rushing yards and 217 receiving yards a year ago.

The trio is regarded as the best in the Gateway Conference with Abdulqadir and Koutsos both earn-

ing preseason all-conference honors and Robinson being named honorable mention.

"It doesn't really matter who you hand it off to because you know that a big play can happen at any time," SIU sophomore quarterback Joel Sambursky said. "That's going to be scary for defenses and so I'm really excited. It takes a lot of the burden off my shoulders."

A healthy Abdulqadir and Koutsos mean the SIU rushing attack will be even deadlier than it was a

year ago, which is saying a lot. Last year the Salukis ranked No. 3 in all of Division I-AA in rushing with 3,308 total yards and an average of 275.67 yards per game.

But all that firepower will mean nothing if the linemen cannot pull things together and anchor the Salukis high-octane offense.

Gone are former senior starters Brice Schafer and Mike Fritzer, as well as Zach Schumacher, who played

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