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International Festival celebrates 50 years

TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

The annual International Festival’s 50th anniversary celebration Wednesday at the Student Center represented 109 countries.

The event began with a flag parade of students dressed in their native cultural attire carrying the flags of their countries. Chancellor Rita Cheng joined the march with an American flag. After an opening ceremony, the food fair began with booths set up for students and community members to try foreign foods.

Cheng spoke at the opening ceremony, saying she and other university administrators were proud of the growing number of international students and staff.

City Councilwoman Coreene McDaniel also attended the event in place of Mayor Joel Fitzler to officially recognize International Week for the city. She said International Week is important for the community as a whole rather than just the campus.

“It should be an opportunity to get to know these international students ... and make them feel like they’re at home and know that there’s love and caring, not only on the campus, but also in the city of Carbondale,” she said.

McDaniel said she hopes the city’s support will encourage international students to venture off campus and explore the town.

The fact that the event is in its 50th year is a milestone in itself, she said, because programs come and go, but the international program has managed to last half a century. The event had its first year at the opening of the Student Center in 1962 and has been held in the building ever since.

Carla Coppi, director of International Programs and Services, said she realized the event was in its 50th year by accident. She said a student looking through old campus yearbooks found a paragraph stating the event was held in the opening year of the Student Center.

Coppi said there weren’t many changes to the program for its anniversary because it’s such a hallmark tradition. The students are also very busy, she said, so she’s proud that they’re able to put it together in the first place.

“I always say it’s amazing that they do this on top of being full-time students, having tests, studying all the time and working in their student worker jobs to be able to sit here and rehearse like they’ve done in the past two weeks,” Coppi said.

Debwor Hossain, a graduate student in journalism from Bangladesh, said this year was the first time Bangladesh students took part in the event. He said it was exciting for him because he got to exhibit his culture through the university.

“It’s a special day for SIU, a special day for international students, because we are kind of like ambassadors for our countries,” he said.

Adeleke Kolosho, a senior from Chicago studying electrical engineering technology, said while it wasn’t his first year participating in the event, it was the first time he represented a school.

Agricultural Engineering student Ahmed Alhamami, an exchange student from Saudi Arabia studying English as a second language, hands food to a customer Wednesday during the International Festival, held in the Student Center Ballrooms. Students attending the event bought tickets to exchange for food from the various countries represented at the festival.

Transportation Education Center near complete

ASHLEY ZBOREK Daily Egyptian

Construction of the Transportation Education Center is now 80 percent complete and within budget.

The center has been in construction for nearly two years and will house the automotive technologies, aviation technologies and flight management programs when completed.

Dave Newmyer, chairman of aviation management and flight and associate professor, said the project has been going seamlessly. He said it should be completed by July 17.

Newmyer and his colleagues said they attribute the project’s success to the contractors and architects.

“We have a great team out there with River City Construction doing the construction and FGM Architecture overseeing the work,” he said.

After the July date, there will be a one to two month move-in and improvement period. After that process, the building should be fully functional by October, Newmyer said.

The center will be home to more than 650 automotive and aviation technology students and employ about 140 people.

The 230,000-square-foot structure was given a $65 million budget by the State of Illinois’ capital development board in December of 2009 when Gov. Pat Quinn approved legislation to stimulate the economy in southern Illinois, said Newmyer.

Newmyer said one aspect of the project’s success is that it has only dipped into less than 5 percent of the contingency money, a fund used specifically for mistakes and changes that are not in the original budget.

“Usually if you are 80 percent done, you are expected to have used 80 percent of your contingency money, so the fact that we have used so little is phenomenal,” he said.

The automotive technologies program is located 16 miles off campus in Carterville. The buildings were established during World War II as temporary ammunition production warehouses.

Mike Behrman, automotive technologies associate professor and chairman, said the facility lacks many necessary features.

“Currently we are in wood buildings with no climate or environmental controls,” he said.

Stage Company celebrates 30 year anniversary

SHARON WITTKE Daily Egyptian

This weekend, Stage Company actors will once again perform a classic courtroom drama that pits a fundamentalist prosecuting attorney against his long-time rival, a free-thinking defense lawyer.

“Witness for the Wind,” the keynote presentation for the Stage Company’s 30th anniversary celebration, is a reprise of the first play the company produced in 1982.

President of the Stage Company Craig Hinde said 30 years of strong community support coupled with unwavering dedication from hundreds of volunteers committed to providing Jackson County with a high quality live theater has been rewarding.

“In our 30 years, we’ve done 177 plays and we’ve given over 1,100 performances,” Hinde said.

Memorabilia from the theater company’s past performances, including costumes and posters, will be on display in the lobby and adjoining gallery at the Varsity Center for the Arts.

Hinde is one of the founding members of the Stage Company. He said in early 1982 a small group of people from Carbondale and Murphysboro decided to organize a community theater. A few months later, they produced “Inherit the Wind,” a fictionalized account of the famous 1925 Scopes “monkey” trial.

“We chose it primarily because it has a large cast and it would allow for lots of people to get on stage,” Hinde said.

Since the play is a courtroom drama, the company arranged to give their first-ever performance in the north courtroom of the Jackson County Courthouse.

“It was good PR.” Hinde said.

During its first year, the theater company gave performances in a variety of venues, including a local church, a restaurant and a high school.

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**Police Blotter**

**FEBRUARY 16**

**CARBONDALE POLICE**

City police responded to a residence on the 900 block of 96th Street on Monday to respond to a reported burglary. The unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property sometime between 12:00 am. December 20, 2011, and 8:00 am February 12. The incident is still under investigation.

City police responded to a residence on the 500 block of S. Graham Street Tuesday in response to a report of residential burglary. The unknown suspects entered the residence and stole property sometime between 7:45 pm. and 9:15 pm. The incident is still under investigation.

City police responded to a residence on the 500 block of N. Poplar Street Tuesday to respond to a report of residential burglary. The unknown suspects entered the residence and stole property the same time.

**BPS Crime Log**

Two instances of criminal damage to two vehicles were reported Feb. 8 in parking lot 27 and lot 59. There are no suspects for either crime.

Zakie Guyton, a sophomore from Chicago, was arrested by campus police Feb. 9 for possession of cannabis at Wise Smith. The student was issued a city court by mail citation and released. Rachel Kasper, a junior from Illinois, was arrested by campus police Feb. 10 for battery at parking lot 7. Kasper was accompanied by a 20-year-old male student who has been identified. The 24-year-old victim did not require medical treatment.

Campus police attributed the arrest of a fresh bman to police Jan. 17, 2012, to campus police, Feb. 9, for possession of cannabis. A man from Chicago, also 24, was arrested by campus police Feb. 10. Hopkins was issued a Carbondale City court by mail citation and released. Two instances of criminal damage to a vehicle were reported Feb. 11 at parking lot 23 and lot 59. There are no suspects for either crime.

Campus police arrested Thomas Durand, a freshman from Edmonton Heights, for possession of cannabis in Fels Hall on Feb. 12. Durand was issued a Carbondale City court by mail citation and released.

Campus police reported a criminal damage to a vehicle Feb. 13 in parking lot 27. There are no suspects.

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Olivier Keys, front, a sophomore from East St. Louis studying automotive technology, and Ben Villa, a freshman from Aurora studying automotive technology, run a test on a car Wednesday during their basic electronics class. The automotive technology department will be moving into its new facility by the fall 2012 semester. Keys said everyone in the department is very excited about the move. “Some of the stuff we use is old and worn out; this new building will be more efficient for us and the school,” Keys said.

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planned it as the vice president of African Student Council. He said as a first generation American from Nigeria, he thinks the event is important because a lot of people don’t know about other countries and cultures.

“We try to inform students on campus about our culture,” Kolehso said.

Students and community members said they found the event to be educational. Derrick Haan, a senior from Lansing studying pre-med, said he attended the fair because he’s been getting involved with the international community a lot in the past year and has made a lot of friends. He said he’s in a Bible study group with international students through the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

“I guess it’s just good for people to have a chance to try other foods and just experience other cultures,” Haan said. “A lot of people here probably won’t have a chance to visit most of these countries and meet people.”

Todd Epps, a Carbondale resident and SIU alumnus, said he came to the festival because he likes trying new foods and learning about different cultures.

Coppi said the international students began planning for the event back in September and spent the past couple of weeks preparing the menu for the fair and for the grand finale show, which will be Friday at the Student Center.

She said the event receives some funding from the Undergraduate Student Government and normally costs around $8,000. This year, she said, the event received some private donations from businesses in the area. Normally the event sells between 10,000 and 12,000 tickets at 50 cents a piece, and the money is given to the student councils that participate in the food fair, Coppi said.

She said the event is important because it’s like a passport to the world without leaving the county. Participants get to taste, hear and feel cultures from around the world, Coppi said.

“It’s perhaps naïve and idealistic, but I think it’s the path to world peace when you learn about other cultures,” she said.

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Chinese Vice President Xi wraps up highly scripted visit to US capital

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For Americans looking at the U.S. visit of China’s likely future leader for a clue about where relations between the two nations might be headed, the signal has been clear: No change in substance, but perhaps a change in style.

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping tried the line set by the man he is to succeed as Communist Party chief in the fall, Hu Jintao, who made a grand U.S. state visit a year ago.

Xi, who is expected to become president in 2013, made clear that China wants a deeper relationship with the United States and even welcomes its engagement in the Asia-Pacific, as long as it respects China’s interests and concerns in its own neighborhood.

"It was a scripted trip without surprises," said Jeff Bader, East Asia policy director during the first two years of the Obama administration. "He obviously wasn’t here to make policy, or make decisions or alter positions on issues. He is not the No. 1 yet and he doesn’t want to prejudice his chances of being No. 1."

But while Xi, 58, has said little new — and little to narrow the gaping differences that exist between the U.S. and China on issues such as human rights — he made a conscious effort to appear less remote than the stiff and aloof Hu.

"He’s more interactive than past Chinese leaders. He looks you in the eye, and you feel he’s conversing with you," said Bader, who spoke briefly with Xi on Wednesday.

Mindful that Xi likely will lead China for the next decade, Washington pulled out the stops to make him feel welcome. He held a long meeting with Obama and received a 19-gun salute at the Pentagon — unprecedented for a visiting vice president.

His two-day swing through the power centers of Washington was followed by a trip Wednesday to Muscatine, Iowa, where Xi visited in 1985 as a 31-year-old, county-level official to learn about crop and livestock practices.

In Muscatine, Xi visited with some of the people he’d spent time with during the 1985 trip. He also was greeted by Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, and sat down for tea with the residents while photographers and video crews recorded the interaction.

"I’m flabbergasted that he would take time out of his busy schedule and come back to Muscatine," said Eleanor Dvorachek, whose family hosted Xi for two nights during the visit 27 years ago.

The Iowa trip in particular will be another opportunity for Xi to show a more personal side and appear less wooden than Hu. He will round off his U.S. visit in California.

Before leaving for Iowa, Xi, who has a daughter at Harvard University, used the main policy speech of his U.S. visit to call for more people-to-people ties between the world’s two largest economies.

Steering away for a while from the diplomatic-speak characteristic of a Chinese leader, Xi recounted at length a personal story about how, as an official serving in the Chinese province of Fujian in 1992, he had helped an American widow meet with the elderly friends of her husband who had lived as a child in the province.

That said, Xi also has been sure to restate standard Chinese positions, urging the U.S. to oppose any moves toward Taiwanese independence and not meddle on the issue of Tibet, where sentiment against anti-Chinese rule has flared with a spate of self-immolations by Buddhist clergy who support their exiled leader, the Dalai Lama.

"He goes back home having burnished his leadership credentials, showing he’s ready to take command and manage relations with the U.S. and state Chinese positions forthrightly," said Evans Revere, a former senior State Department official on East Asia.

Xi also heard plenty of critical voices — a reflection of the gamut of issues on which Washington and Beijing don’t see eye-to-eye, and which also are likely to intrude on the U.S. presidential campaign this year.

Xi would have seen the boisterous Tibetan protesters yelling anti-China slogans outside the White House Tuesday. He listened to business executives and officials’ concerns about unfair trading practices and hurdles to American investment. He also got an earful from a Congress that is never shy about airing its criticism of Beijing.

Xi met with House leaders, and Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, delivered a letter regarding the plight of Gao Zhisheng, a dissident and human rights lawyer imprisoned in China.
SIUC's enrollment problem is a lack of balance, not party school image

Dean Editor:

To the administrators of my alma mater, SIU Carbondale and its campus is, and I am proud to be a part of the SIU tradition.

Many first-generation students are accepted into SIU and are faced with the loss of institutional identity that resulted from what he terms as the "war on fun" orchestrated by city and university administrators.

Mr. Baggett's assessment is only a partial explanation. The actions taken by the City of Carbondale and the SIU Administration did damage what could be coined 'The Spirit of Deltey Motto'. Even in its heyday as a "party school", SIU students were partied, and those who could not self-regulate flunked out.

Those who could find balance graduated and went on to be leaders in their communities and career fields. In fact, in the Bursar's Office in Woody Hall, there was a sign, and it still might be there, that reads that one of SIU's primary goals as an institution is to achieve and instill a sense of balance in its students. Until the late 1990s, relations with SIU students, the city government and citizens were generally positive.

There was a balance.

When the violence erupted, I believe much of it was perpetrated by students, not by persons from Chicago who came down to cause trouble. At the same time, the nation as a whole is also in a state of more conservativeness. And, yes, contrary to popular belief, the real world does filter its way to little Carbondale, sooner or later.

The erupting violence and growing conservative citizenry caused a shift, and the relationship between SIU students and the people of Carbondale was, and arguably remains, out of balance.

However, marketing and making SIU a party school will not fix the enrollment problem. As government funding for higher education contracts continues, there is a greater accountability on all universities and students themselves to show prudent and productive use of tax payer supplied funds, be they loans, grants or annual appropriations.

The push by the state and federal governments to increase the graduation rate and institutional GPAs of universities is a reality, and the younger generation of students has not shown they can 'balance'. There's that word again — both the hard partying and the need for responsibility for achieving their educational goals in a timely and cost efficient way to the taxpayer.

If SIU went back to the past, enrollment would decline even further, as well as put the university's state and federal funding and national credentials at greater risk.

SIUC of course, like Southern Illinois University, has been about geography and changing demographics. Students are getting older. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the fastest growing segment of colleges student is age 25 and older. Also, more students are choosing urban schools in big cities over rural schools like SIU Carbondale.

That's partly why SIU-Edwardsville is growing by leaps and bounds while Carbondale campus enrollment declines.

Mr. Baggett's assessment is a good first start and identifies some issues that should be looked at.

But, the issue of SIU's enrollment problem is not a lack of identity. Rather, the problem is more complex and perhaps not in the hands of SIU Administrators to entirely control.

The best that the administrators and students can do is brace for a smaller student body, restore a sense of balance in the relationship with the citizens of Carbondale and lobby the state to restore and increase funding.

SIUC will not blow away anytime soon. But like anything and anyone, this university will continue to change, and that's not such a bad thing. I believe it's called 'growing up.'

Anthony L. Hamelin
SIU alumni from St. Louis

Dean Editor:

Why don't I worry for Catholic women

SIUC's enrollment problem is a lack of balance, not party school image

Dean Editor:

Dear Editor,

Today, while in college, nearly one in five women will be a victim of sexual assault and one in 10 teens will be hurt because of someone they are dating. These aren't just statistics; these are people you know, your roommates, your friends, your sisters, your classmates. This is a problem we all have to face.

My dad used to say that there's no worse sin than the abuse of power. Whether it was raising a hand to someone weaker or using any advantage to push people around, he taught me that if you saw abuse, you have an obligation to stop it. It's a lesson to remember every day, but especially this February, during the 13th Annual Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

Awareness is the first step in pushing back against a problem this big. When I held Senate hearings on violence against women more than two decades ago, domestic abuse in American society was rarely spoken about in public. I'll never forget the stories of abuse I heard in over a thousand hours of hearings. The brutality of family members, acquaintances and strangers against the women in their lives was absolutely devastating.

It was those hearings that led to the Violence Against Women Act, and since then annual incidents of domestic violence have dropped by more than 50 percent. But for women in college and younger today, the risk is still much too high.

That's why I joined with Education Secretary Arne Duncan last April to announce historic new guidelines for colleges and universities about their responsibilities under Title IX to prevent sexual assault. Under the federal civil rights law, schools have an obligation not only to respond appropriately to a sexual assault or rape, but also to create a climate on campus that makes such violence unacceptable.

I also started an initiative called "It Starts Here" to help reduce dating violence and sexual assault among teens and young adults. We harnessed the power of technology to get our message out, launching a national campaign to develop "Apps Against Abuse." The apps, which will be available later this spring, will let you get in touch with your friends quickly and safely so you can call for help if you need it. Keep your app on your phone. We've also made sure the National Dating Abuse Helpline can be reached by text, online, or phone 24/7.

Last month, the FBI changed the way the federal government defines rape. The narrow, outdated definition — unchanged since 1929 — said the assault had to be forcible and against a woman's will to be classified as rape. It's just not true, and it's a point that I make on college campuses all across the country. Rape is rape and rape means no. No means no whether or drunk or sober. No means no whether in the dorm room or on the street. There is never an excuse. Young women and men need to understand this. Under the new definition, rape occurs when there is no consent, and it also defines sexual assault.

It is a national policy that the Catholic Church has vigorously promoted. Their approach of installing a hierarchy that has rigidly hard-lined its opposition to what many consider basic human rights is something we cannot support.

Yet, now that the focus has come home and the target is now on their own backs, these women decide to speak up and show outrage?

How dare they.

The Catholic church has never once balked at its patriarchal stances and archaic views of women in society, and these employees have gone along with it just fine — until now.

It was acceptable for the church to play politics with the lives of women so long as they were against the abortion. The Church sided with Planned Parenthood, but now that the focus has turned to their own base they speak out against this system is unjust?

The women of the Catholic church need to realize that they cannot have it both ways; they need to either make a serious motion for real change in their institution or keep their heads down and continue to support the system as it is, for all its disdain toward women all over the world, themselves included.

Victor French
Junior from Naperville
studying music business
Leaders propose comparative tool for college statistics

Tiffany Blanchette
Daily Egyptian

The possible addition of the “College Scorecard,” a new academic tool to the College Affordability and Transparency Center, would aim to streamline informational data from all degree-granting institutions.

It would compare key measures of college affordability and value for prospective students and their families before they make the decision on which college to attend, according to the White House website.

The purpose of the components of the Scorecard would be to answer the questions many prospective students ask about potential colleges.

Components on the sample Scorecard include costs, graduation rates, student loan and debt statistics, and post-graduation potentials such as employment and earnings.

Each component would give information regarding aspects specific to a single college institution, and the Scorecard graphic would illustrate exactly where the college falls with respect to every other college in the nation.

The cost component would summarize expenses by providing various tuition rates before any applied aid, the average tuition rates after any received aid and the percent change from the previous fiscal year.

The graduation component would show how likely a student is to graduate and in how many years by listing the percentage of students who graduate within four, five and six years, as well as noting the percentage of students who transfer to a different institution.

The student loan and debt statistics would gauge the amount of money students borrow to complete a degree, how debt a student accumulates while attending the institution and how many students successfully repay their loans after graduation.

The potential employment and earnings component would show how many of an institution’s graduates find a job, what type of jobs they get and how much they earn.

This tool, which was proposed during President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address Jan. 24, could streamline the college search and decision process for students and their families by funneling information into one formatted location and allowing the comparison of statistics and numbers from potential institutions.

After an email sent to three staff members in the Registrar’s Office seeking comment on their opinion about the practicality of the College Scoreboard went unanswered, Pam Nelson, admissions and records supervisor, said approval from University Spokesman Rod Siervers was needed and Nelson declined to comment.

Obama said in the address that ease of access to higher education is overdue.

“You know how well a car stacks up. You should know how a college stacks up,” President Obama said in the State of the Union address.

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There is more than one way to carry a wife

Winners not only receive their wives’ weight in beer and five times in cash, but they also receive the opportunity to travel to Sankajärvi, Finland and compete in the Wife Carrying World Championships held every July.

The sport — yes, sport — evolved over decades based on tales of Finnish thieves that date back to the late 1800s, according to the Wife Carrying World Championship’s website. The thieves would raid nearby villages and steal men’s wives, carrying them on their backs and darting back into the woods as fast as possible, according to the website.

Wife-carrying competitions have since been held all over the world in places such as Hong Kong, the United States, India and Sweden, with the closest race in Wisconsin. Winners not only receive their wives’ weight in beer and five times it in cash, but they also receive the opportunity to travel to Sankajärvi, Finland and compete in the Wife Carrying World Championships held every July.

An official wife-carrying race track stretches 253.5 meters (831 feet) and contains a few obstacles along the way such as sand pits, water trenches and log hurdles. Men are expected to finish the race despite those obstacles, no matter how many times they drop their women, and prizes are awarded to the three racers with the fastest times.

It’s not all straight faces and serious attitudes, though. Prizes are also awarded to the strongest carrier and for the most entertaining outfit. According to the championship’s rules, wives must be 17 or older and weigh no less than 108 pounds. Weighted sacks are provided to those who might need to make up the difference.

Although husbands can carry their wives any way that might help the two finish the race, an extra 10 seconds are deducted from the team that can finish the whole race using the “Estonian hold.” With this carrying method, the wife hangs over the husband’s shoulders as she secures her arms around his waist and legs around his neck while he doesn’t hold on to her at all.

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LAURANN WOOD
Daily Egyptian

Few things can get a husband moving quicker than his wife, some beer and a cash prize.

It doesn’t matter whether her body is wrapped around his waist or she’s thrown over his back with her legs hooked onto his shoulders. So long as she doesn’t fall and tack 15 seconds onto the team’s race time, judges will accept any maneuver that might help the two cross a Wife Carrying Race’s finish line.

The sport — yes, sport — evolved over decades based on tales of Finnish thieves that date back to the late 1800s, according to the Wife Carrying World Championship’s website. The thieves would raid nearby villages and steal men’s wives, carrying them on their backs and darting back into the woods as fast as possible, according to the website.

Wife-carrying competitions have since been held all over the world in places such as Hong Kong, the United States, India and Sweden, with the closest race in Wisconsin. Winners not only receive their wives’ weight in beer and five times it in cash, but they also receive the opportunity to travel to Sankajärvi, Finland and compete in the Wife Carrying World Championships held every July.

An official wife-carrying race track stretches 253.5 meters (831 feet) and contains a few obstacles along the way such as sand pits, water trenches and log hurdles. Men are expected to finish the race despite those obstacles, no matter how many times they drop their women, and prizes are awarded to the three racers with the fastest times.

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Student Center Auditorium
6 – 9 pm, Feb. 20th
President’s Day
IMC brings movies to students on Friday nights

ANTHONY PICKENS
Daily Egyptian

Crank up the speakers and get the popcorn ready; students and staff now have a chance to catch more movies after Film Fridays at the Varsity Center for the Arts by going to the Big Muddy Independent Media Center.

Husni Ashika, a senior from Polo studying cinema and photography, said he plans to complement Film Fridays at the Varsity with his own program, which also focuses on films that may fly under the radar.

Friday nights at 7:30, students and staff are welcome to meet at the Big Muddy IMC if they want to continue watching movies after Film Fridays at the Varsity, he said.

“We’re trying to complement their films by showing films afterward,” Ashika said.

He said the program began at the end of December under the name Free Film Fridays. Ashika said to avoid confusion with the also-free Film Fridays at the Varsity, he will change the name of the program to Occupy Carbondale Movie Nights at the IMC.

“We want to show quality films and have space for people to discuss them,” he said.

Susan Fellman, associate professor of cinema and photography and organizer of Film Fridays at the Varsity, said there are similarities between the programs.

“We’re both bringing more opportunities to see more non-mainstream films to the community free of charge,” she said.

Fellman also said there are some differences between the programs.

Film Fridays at the Varsity is organized through the university, while Ashika’s program is not, she said.

Ashika said Occupy Carbondale Movie Nights at the IMC are affiliated with the Occupy Carbondale movement, which provides Ashika with a place to show films. Ashika said he is on the Occupy Carbondale Committee and does movie nights on Fridays to help bring the people of Carbondale together.

He said the affiliation with the Occupy movement does not have an effect on the films he shows.

Ashika played the movie “The Pornographers” last Friday to a small audience.

Audience member Hannah Gassmann, a junior from Olney studying accounting, said she wasn’t aware of films being played on Fridays at the IMC until her roommate told her.

Gassmann said it was an interesting movie.

“It was an experience,” Gassmann said. “This definitely isn’t something that most students would do on a Friday night, or would consider doing. It was definitely just something out there that was good.”

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Today
Hangar 9 – Supersnackers w/ Spirit Cobbins, Skinny Jim and the Number Nine Blacknobs 8 p.m. Tres Hombres – Bosco and Whitefoed 10 p.m. PK’s – Alex Kirt 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 Copper Dragon – Mike & Joe 10:30 p.m. Hangar 9 – Whole Lotta Love – DJ show 9 p.m. PK’s – Bruiser Queen 10 p.m. Rustle Hill Winery – Bill Booth 9 p.m. Tres Hombres – Mathen 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 The Bluffs Vineyard and Winery – Larry Dillard/Blues Therapy 4 p.m. Copper Dragon – The Personnel 10:30 p.m.

FILM & THEATRE

Today
Marion Kleinau Theater – “Little Miss Grotesque” 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17
Big Muddy ICM – Free Film Fridays – “Tree of Life” 7:30 p.m. Marion Kleinau Theater – “Little Miss Grotesque” 8 p.m. Varsity Center for the Arts – The Stage Co. presents “Inherit the Wind” 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18

OTHER

Today
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute – Pizza and Politics: Ryan Burge 5 p.m. Lessar Law Building Anti- Discrimination Laws and Religious Organizations: The Supreme Court’s Recent Decision in the Lutheran School Teacher Case 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 17
Student Center Ballrooms – International Festival Culture Show 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18
Rustle Hill Winery – George Clark book signing for “My Dog Rustle” 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20
Global Gourmet – “Poetry Is Not a Luxury. Transpoetic Honor” 10 a.m. Black Poetry Thursday, Feb. 21
Paul Simon Public Policy Institute – Pizza and Politics: Judge Carolyn Smocov 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 22
Copper Dragon – Comedy Night w/ Mike Baldwin and Matt McGlory 8 p.m.
Luthiers craft on rise in southern Illinois

ELI MILEUR
Daily Egyptian

Some area luthiers are carving out a niche industry with handcrafted stringed instruments. There are several luthiers, people who make or repair lutes or string instruments, working around Carbondale, and while their shops may be a bit hidden in the woods and hollows of the area, their profiles are on the rise.

Andy Kinser, of Makanda, will be featured on the March 1 episode of “Expressions” on WSIU-TV. Kinser makes various instruments in his Makanda shop, including Weissenborn-style lap slide guitars, parlor guitars and resonator guitars. Although he’s made one ukulele for his girlfriend, for the moment he said he’s focused on guitars.

“Out of so many different kinds of guitars to make; I don’t even have time to think about other instruments,” he said. “There’s so much to explore.”

Kinser said he’s been making guitars since 2001. He was turned on to the process when he met a luthier in California.

After he learned the craft, he made guitars in Chicago for a while, but after a tough decision while hiking the Appalachian Trail, he and his girlfriend moved back to his home in Makanda.

“It was probably a delusional idea that can only come to you when you haven’t been in town for a week,” he said.

He then moved into his dad’s furniture-making workshop.

“When he came back, I was certainly going to make room for him,” Kyle Kinser said.

Now the two share the same building and antique machinery, and the two occasionally work together on the guitars, said Andy Kinser.

Andy Kinser said he’s still in what he calls the R&D phase, but he’s already selling guitars and has worked with local musicians.

He said he made a lap slide guitar with a resonator for musician Alex Kati, who came up with the idea.

Kinser said he’s only been able to find other luthier in the world who makes the same instrument, and he’s in Italy.

He said he enjoys working with musicians the most, as they can throw around interesting ideas of what to do. He said he also plans on presenting Woodbox Gang frontman Hugh DeNeal several guitars to choose from.

One project he said he’s looking forward to though isn’t for a professional musician, but for his dad who plays ukulele.

Being a woodworker himself, Kyle Kinser said he has some mixed feelings about Andy choosing that career for himself, as there are a lot of hardships ahead, but at the same time, he said he was always urged his sons to go into something they’re passionate about.

“While Andy Kinser said he would never build something he couldn’t play, mandolin-maker Roy Davis said he can hardly play his signature instrument.”

“It’s just a fun thing to build,” he said.

Davis, who works at his home on Tomcat Hill south of Murphysboro, said he started instrument making in the early ’70s with banjos. He moved on to guitars in the ’80s, and he started doing mandolins about 15 years ago, he said.

While Davis plans on expanding a bit and has recently bought some new equipment, he’s momentarily on hiatus.

He said he doesn’t see his mandolin making as a profession, and he would like to just make about three or four a year when he gets back into the shop.

Davis said he depends on word of mouth among local musicians to get customers. He’s also in steady contact with musicians through weekly jam sessions at his house, where he gets to hear some of his instruments in use.

He said he’s not surprised by the number of luthiers working in the relatively small area around Carbondale, as it’s a booming trade, and southern Illinois is as good a place for it to happen as any.

“In a way, it’s a golden age for small manufacturers,” he said.

Terrance Whipple has also been making guitars for about 12 years, and he said he’s still getting better with each one.

Whipple, who’s also been playing guitars for 35 years, said he first became interested in making them after losing two of his fingertips to a table saw.

“As soon as I did that, I thought ‘There goes the guitar,’” he said.

Ironically, while the accident hindered his ability to play guitars, it put him on the path to building them.

He couldn’t find a left-handed guitar that satisfied him, so he decided to use his base in carpentry and woodworking to do it himself.

After he left the carpentry business when he lost his fingertips, he went into occupational therapy, Whipple said. While working with school districts as a therapist, he met a guitar maker in Crossville, who ended up getting him into the business.

Now he can make about 10 or 12 guitars a year and sells them mainly through the Internet, he said.

Not only has his notability in the guitar world been on the rise, especially after a plug in Flatpickin’ Guitar Magazine thanks to Cobden-based musician Robert Bowers, he said his technique is improving all the time as well.

“I just get better and better with each,” he said.

While Whipple said he’s improving, he said he’s rarely satisfied with the finished product, and only three guitars come to mind that he was really pleased with. Those three are now scattered across the world in Colorado, Canada and Switzerland, he said.

At the moment he’s working at his maximum capacity, which can be a little too hectic, and he does visits to his shop by appointment only now, he said.

Whipple starts the day before sunrise most of the time, and after getting pots of both coffee and glue going, he gets to work.

Like Kinser, he said he’s content just doing his signature dreadnought-style guitars for the moment, though he also does repairs, and currently has several 90-year-old guitars sitting around his shop in need of work.

With his workload mixed out and his name coming up a lot on guitar forums, he said he’s really reached the level of success he wanted but much faster than he’d expected.

However big he gets though, he said he’s remained focused on his craft.

“I want to do one thing, and I want to do it well,” Whipple said.

“I think I’m getting there.”

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Terrance Whipple, of Wolf Lake, demonstrates the resonance of certain types of wood Monday at the shop located in his home. Whipple, who has been building guitars for the last 12 years, is one of several guitar craftsmen in the area.
ACROSS
1. What goes on the bus
5. Where Twisted Sister put their maracas
9. Funk rocker Jeff
13. Baked Hotfist song
14. Where the smartest rockers went
16. Antho Frank - "...Oh My"
17. Starving band pay
19. Rusty "Signs" are the
20. Incubus "Morning"
22. Small album pressing
23. Way "Gone" to Johnny Cash
24. Dedicated lines
25. Movie that went "Different Drum!"
32. Boston - "Easy"
35. Guster song Adam and Eve like?
36. Freddie Mercury on Late Geneva
37. Singer-songwriter Lisa that did "Stay"
38. Righter You ...
41. What boy-band fans do
42. Beach rocker push them
45. The DJ - "Earth"
46. Catch a few "...at last"
49. Queen "I'm Going"
51. Musical generation
52. Dream Cab for Cube "A Lack of..."
55. Queen's 78 album
62. "Shimmer" rockers
63. Casares "Jerk"
64. "Agnostic" attentive
65. Canadian "Snowbird" Murry
66. Eagle Eye Cherry's single
67. Nicko "Leather and"
68. "Mr. Roboto" rockers
69. "Give It All..." Against
70. Adam and the ... Down
1. What you do at sweatervesting festival 2. Get around safely
3. "Somebody...a Doctor" Van Halen song
4. Crushing Pumpkins' slow song
5. Giant '98 top world-festival concert
6. Dedicated fan
7. Show spot
8. Jesus and Mary Chain smash
9. Jon Bon
10. "Your dead in..." CYNVY lyric
11. POI's final word, perhaps?
12. Enuff Z'Nuff hit "...Thing"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

CLUES
1. 1590s rockers' "photos" 21. Green Day "...I hope you had the...your life"
2. Record company "look-se" market 26. Bluey guitar/singer _Me_
7. "My Own Worst..."
28. Muse ...of the Problematicus"
29. Tyrese "Get..."
30. Gacy & Raulcon band hit... 31. 1970s rockers Utah...
32. Band problems
33. Hard work of making it
34. Tour 18-wheeler
35. Stor
40. He heads the Heartbreakers
42. Mighty Be Giants
44. The Flux test...
46. Pete Townshend "...Face"
47. Tour bus bouquet
50. Dollin Playa's ...Day Cowboy"
53. ...you got me on my knees"
54. "...No Mam"
55. "From galaxy to galaxy..."
56. Syl Barrett "Galileo..."
57. Default song that says it isn't so
58. Rush's Liberty
59. Hung out with Tony and Tone
60. "Rock the Boat..." Corporation
61. "...gone, oh I'd better learn how to face it"
62. "Strangers in the Night" singer's initials

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DOWN
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Tuesday’s Answers:
3 Lyme disease transmitter 4 Series of eight piano keys 5 Window 6 Over; deliver 7 Widest 8 Flowing back 9 Collision; force 10 Drop of sorrow 11 Martyr’s title 12 Tilt and Torme 14 Removed 21 Plunged in headfirst 25 Frequently, to a poet 26 Gladlen 27 That stunner 28 Obvious 29 Without 30 Laddar step 31 Heroic tales 32 Glossy black 33 Beaded 34 Avator 35 Painful cry 48 Fawn bearers 49 Seldom seen 50 Encourage 52 Beige shade 53 Drug agent 54 Cut short 55 Engrave 59 Glide like Jean- Claude Killy

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Cancer — Today is a 9 — As if you’re not busy enough, there’s more work coming. Someone shows you how to use technology to increase productivity.

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Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Put the pieces together. There’s nothing that can stop you now. You can always get help for the puzzles you don’t understand. A friendship thrives.

Capricorn — Today is a 5 — Enjoy the sunshine, if you can. A partner’s encouragement is needed. Face-to-face interactions produce great ideas. Follow your schedule.

Aquarius — Today is a 7 — You can really make it happen. Surround yourself with those who truly support your creative vision. No need forextravagance.

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Haircuts at the headquarters

Christina Kuhns, right, of Murphysboro, gets her hair cut Wednesday by Whitney Herron, of Carbondale, at Tonic Headquarters Hair Salon on Freeman Street in Carbondale. Kuhns said she has been coming to the salon for more than two years, while Herron said she has been cutting and styling hair there for four years.
Nugent is from nearby Harrisburg and transferred from John A. Logan College, where she held a 82.8 average and had two top 10 finishes including a tournament-best at the Triton Invite hosted by University of Missouri-St. Louis where she shot a 77-75 in 2011.

In high school, Nugent help lead her team to a Southern Illinois River-to-River conference championship and received All-South honors in 2009. She was also an IHSA state qualifier who placed second at the regional tournament in 2009.

Reimler, of Rock Bridge High School in Columbia, Mo., is a three-time all-district selection and led her team to a top-five finish in three seasons on the varsity squad.

Reimler helped her high school team to her school's first state title in 2011 and placed third overall individually, and she helped the team finish fifth and fourth in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

“I am enthusiastic to coach these players and look forward to their contributions and development,” Mihelich said.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said during Mihelich’s interview process, he was impressed with her vision for SIU’s golf program. “She is committed to helping young women become the best they can be — academically, socially and competitively on the golf course,” he said.

SIU gives the NCAA-maximum six scholarships to their women’s golf program while Chicago State usually only gives out four, Mihelich said. With a more supportive program, Moccia said Mihelich is confident enough to thrive at SIU.

Deputy Athletic Director Chet Savage said the committee for Saluki Athletics conducted a national search and Mihelich was finalist who stood out from the rest. He said she’s a good addition to SIU’s athletic program and will bring in some valuable players.

“She had good things going at Chicago State with seemingly little resources,” Savage said. “In our discussions, we could tell that she had a passion for golf and for coaching. She was really a no-brainer.”

Mihelich said coaches usually do the recruiting and the athletic department provide background checks on players, but full-ride and partial scholarships are determined based on players’ abilities and value to team progression.

Mihelich said she looks forward to her new recruits’ arrivals and hopes to win championships in the upcoming season.

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The SIU women's swim team work on their strokes Tuesday during practice at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Starting today, the Salukis and four other teams will compete in the 2012 Missouri Valley Conference Championships at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. According to the MVC website, SIU athletes are ranked top five in 13 individual swimming and diving event categories on the MVC Best List.

Bulls G Derrick Rose misses 3rd straight game

ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bulls star Derrick Rose said his aching back is improving, and he doesn’t expect any lingering problems.

“Even so, he missed his third straight game because of lower back spasms when the Chicago Bulls hosted the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night and day to day.

“I shouldn’t have any problems in the long run,” Rose said. “This back pain should be behind me in a couple of days.

I should be back out there in a couple days. I’m going to take my time and be smart.”

Rose didn’t have a target date for his return. Boston visited Thursday, and he wasn’t sure if he’d be ready to play against Rajon Rondo and the Celtics. C.J. Watson has been starting in his place.

“It’s not just (Rose’s) decision,” coach Tom Thibodeau said. “There are a lot of people weighing in on it. We have a great medical staff, a great training staff. Their input is critical. His input is critical.

We’re certainly not going to do anything to jeopardize him being hurt.”

If nothing else, Rose was relieved after a back specialist confirmed Monday that there was no structural damage. He also saw a chiropractor to help the recovery.

Rose said taking a pain-killing injection was discussed, but with his fear of needles, he wasn’t about to take one.

“(My back’s) getting better,” Rose said. “I shot earlier, didn’t move that much. Hopefully, (Wednesday) I’ll be running.”

Rose is averaging 22.0 points and 7.8 assists, but this was the eighth game this season that he has missed because of problems with his back and left big toe. He said the toe is pain-free, but the back still is an issue.

With Rose sidelined, the Bulls signed guard Mike James to a 10-day contract. He appeared in three games for Chicago before being waived on Jan. 28.

Veteran guard Richard Hamilton, who remains sidelined by a right thigh injury, rejoined the team after tending to a family issue. He posted on Twitter that his grandmother died.

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Women's Missouri Valley Conference Championships returns to Carbondale

CALEB MOTSINGER Daily Egyptian

The Saluki women’s swimming and diving team will defend its home turf once again as competing teams begin to flood Carbondale for three days.

SIU will host five MVC women’s swimming and diving teams in preliminary rounds at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium beginning 11 a.m. today through Saturday, with the finals set to begin at 6 p.m. each evening.

Missouri State is set to return to SIU after finishing in first place eight out of the past nine years. The MVC Conference website put the Missouri State Bears at the top of the rankings by a six-point margin over the 19 points awarded to the second-ranked Salukis.

SIU Swimming and Diving coach Rick Walker said despite being ranked fourth, the Evansville Aces put up a good showing in their loss to the Salukis last week. SIU has earned six MVC Swimmer of the Week awards this season, tied with Evansville for the most athletes awarded this season.

After Friday’s loss to Ball State and Saturday’s win over Evansville, freshman swimmer Mardi Buchanan said prior to the championship meet, teams will modify practices for a few weeks to be fully rested for the meet, a coaching strategy known as tapering.

“The best way we can be prepared for the meet is to be rested,” Walker said. “The team seems well rested and ready to go after last week’s doubleheader.”

With the men’s Mid-American Conference Championships set to begin March 1, SIU Sports Information Director Tom Weber said because of to a lack of men’s swimming and diving programs, the Missouri Valley Conference doesn’t sponsor the men’s program, hence its affiliation to another league.

The Saluki women have hosted the meet since 1994 with a brief absence in 2008. SIU’s last MVC Conference victory was in 2007 and it took a third place finish in last year’s event.

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Women’s golf coach signs new additions to team

BRANDON WILLINGHAM Daily Egyptian

Women’s golf coach Alexis Michelich was hired in August, and she said it made recruiting for the 2012-2013 season difficult.

“Mostly, all of the really top, best regional players were already verbally committed,” Michelich said. “So I just had to be really selective in making sure that the ones that weren’t already signed or verbally committed would be the right fit for me, the university, the team.”

Michelich signed three golfers for the 2012-13 season. Matte Linder, Whitney Nugent and Morgan Reindel. Michelich said she’s excited about her first recruiting class members and the value they’ll bring to the golf program.

“These ladies are my first signees as a Saluki, and what I like most is their dedication, motivation and drive to become really solid athletes in their sport,” Michelich said.

Matte Linder is from Lebanon, Ind., where she was a four-year first team All-South Conference selection and three-time scholar-athlete at Lebanon High School. She was also a two-time conference medalist and three-time sectional medalist in her career, according to the Saluki Athletics website.

Lebanon High School qualified for the state championships in 2010 and 2011 with Linder. She also made the 2010 Indiana All-State team with a 74.44 average. Linder helped lead her team to four straight conference and sectional championships.

During Linder’s senior year, she was the first women’s golfer in Lebanon High School history to advance to the second round of the IHSSAA championships. She had a 75.2 average in her senior season.

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