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Carbondale hosts Christ in Youth

Tatem Joshua, a high school senior from Topeka, Kan., takes a break from the Christ in Youth Conference July 18. The camp is broken down into three one-week sessions that run in July. High school students from around the nation gather together for a week of Bible teaching and worship.

Brandy Oxford
Daily Egyptian

While a campus crowded with thousands of high school students sounds less than appealing to most, the motto of helping others, which touts the campus tagline, "Your Next Great Adventure," has the time, energy or dedication it takes to make SIUC’s pocketbook a little heavier.

About 4,700 students from around the country paid $234 dollars each to attend one of the three weeklong conventions held by Christ in Youth from the 15th through the 26th.

This is the 12th year the CYI conference has invaded Carbondale, and Coordinator of Resident Life Keith McMath said the University grosses about $500,000 dollars from housing several thousand students over 75 days in the summer.

The conference came to SIUC 12 years ago when a schedule change at Southeast Missouri State University forced CYI to find a new location for one of the three weeklong conventions held by Christ in Youth.

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These are mostly Independent Christian Church and Church of Christ youth groups, staying at the Towers and the Triad. It’s great for the campus because the student center is quieter this time of year. This brings in some revenue,” said Lana Campbell, conference coordinator for the division of continuing education. “Last week we had about 2,200. This week we’ve got about 1,500 and next week we’ll have 1,000.”

The duo started in Kitty Hawk, N.C., and plan to end in San Francisco, Calif., on Sept. 1. Thomas and Briggs made their 14th pit stop on Thursday in Carbondale and still have more than 30 stops left to go.

Carbondale Bike Club president Anne Johnson said an abundance of preparation would be needed to complete the cross-country trek. Johnson said talking to someone who has completed the trek, getting the most up-to-date maps and learning how to pack only what is necessary would be vital information.

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**CALENDAR**

**Division of Continuing Education**

Individually taught learning programs offer extended testing hours for July 25 - July 27 and July 30 - Aug. 3. The last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.

Submit calendar items to the **DAILY EGYPTIAN**, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 636-3311, ext. 266.

**POLICE REPORTS**

McKinley Reed III, a 20-year-old non-SIUC student, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving on a suspended driver's license. King was unable to post the $600 bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

Police responded to a report of public indecency at the library Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. A suspect has not been identified.

**CORRECTIONS**

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

Lawmakers promote electric rate package on fyranound

**DAILY EGYPTIAN** — At least 51 billion electric rate package will provide Illinois utility customers with “real” true relief from rising bills, Senate President Emil Jones said Monday during an appearance designed to promote the measure.

Jones, House Speaker Michael Madigan and Attorney General Lisa Madigan began their day in Peoria for the start of a 12-city Illinois rate tour. They also planned stops in Chicago, Calumet County and to Mossville to make the deal, reached last week after months of talks with utilities to address electric rates that have doubled or tripled for some consumers since January.

Under the plan, all consumers will get discounts ranging from 40 to 70 percent on their 2002 bills, while ComEd customers will receive discounts of about 9 percent. Officials said the discounts will be cut in half for most customers.

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**Chicago ministers call for more school money**

**SPRINGFIELD (AP) —** Dozens of Chicago ministers visited the Capitol to demand that state officials stop squabbling and pass a budget that gives more money to schools. The governor stopped short of calling for a tax increase. But they say the governor's inaction has hampered efforts making more money into the state treasury.

A new state budget was supposed to pass by May 31st, but it's been stalled by disagreements. If they don't pass a budget, state government might start shutting down.

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Governor Rod Blagojevich's call for a major new health care bill brings him a key sticking point. The ministers say that if they can't get more money into the state treasury, they will be forced to walk out.

Mob hit man haunted by the memory of friends he murdered

**CHICAGO —** The man for the Chicago mob told a federal court jury Monday he is haunted by the memory of murdering several friends but added that his own brother would have killed him if he had hesitated.

Nicholas Calabrese, the star witness at the trial of his brother Frank and four other alleged members of the Chicago mob, said the memory of murdering several friends added that his own brother would have killed him if he had hesitated.

Calabrese said he was haunted by the memory of murdering friends Johnny focaricata and Michael Spilotro, a 60-year-old Chicago police detective.

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**Hairspray takes musicals to new heights**

Alicia Wade

“Hairspray” Rated: PG
Starring: Nikki Blonsky, John Travolta, Christopher Walken, Amanda Bynes, Queen Latifah, Michelle Pfeiffer
Directed by Adam Shankman
Runtime: 107 min.

It is the newest Broadway musical turned movie proved one thing, it’s that the bigger the hair, the better the movie.

“Hairspray,” based on the Tony-winning musical that was created from a 1988 John Waters’ film of the same name, is a wonderful treat for anyone who has ever had a dream but didn’t quite fit the mold. Set in the segregated Baltimore of 1962, the film follows Tracy Turnblad, played by wonderful newcomer Nikki Blonsky, an overweight, offbeat teen with hair higher than her aspirations to be a dancer on the American Bandstand—expert “Corny Collins Show” to integrate.

After she secures a spot on the show, Turnblad becomes the most popular actress and battles traditional standards of beauty, as well as pretexts for the “Corny Collins Show” to integrate.

The film tackles topics from homophobia to racism and more, with a message that it doesn’t matter who you are or what you look like, you can do anything.

Blondy is the height of style in the delightful, funny, and kooky film, seemingly transcending her own improbable rise to stardom into her character. With a never-ending smile and a gorgeous voice to match her attitude, Blondy went to an open casting call for the part of Turnblad and received the news that she earned the role while working at an ice cream shop.

Her enthusiasm shows in her bigger-than-life dance moves and cherly delivery of contagious tunes. In order for a musical to be successful it absolutely has to have persistent tunes, infectious dance numbers and kitch to spare, this retro wonder shows audiences that you really can’t stop the beat.

**Corny Collins Show**

**Amanda Bynes as Penny Pingleton**

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Turkey's ruling party wins elections

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's prime minister and the ruling party's most nationalistic leader, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, announced victory early Sunday in parliamentary elections that were seen as a referendum on the new government.

Kilicdaroglu's AKP (Justice and Development Party) has ruled since the 2002 general election, with a total of 311 seats in the 550-seat parliament. The AKP has been in power since 2002, with a total of 311 seats.
Town Square renaissance
Downtown area changes with business, city commitments

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After years of falling into decay, the Carbondale Town Square area has experienced an impressive reformation.

A scarcely visited area of town just a few years ago, the north side of the Town Square now represents a thriving business community. Businesses like the Newell House, Global Gourmet and the newly opened Town Square Market have been spearheading this change in the look and feel of the historic area.

Elaine Ramseyer, owner of the Longbranch Coffee House, has owned the cafe for 10 years and has seen the community grow to the hot spot it is today.

Ramseyer said she has made a multitude of improvements to the 18-year-old establishment since she acquired it, including a juice bar, patio seating and hiring a professional chef for her vegetarian kitchen.

“In the 10 years we’ve had it, it’s been on an eternal growth spurt,” Ramseyer said. “Our business has done nothing but grow.”

The Town Square Market, which opened less than a year ago, has filled the void left by the Neighborhood Co-op, which moved out to the Murdale Shopping Centre.

The Town Square Market started where the Co-op left off by providing fresh meat and produce for the health-conscious consumers in Carbondale. The store also supplies a bulk of the food cooked at Longbranch and Global Gourmet.

Rene Cook, the owner of the Town Square Market and former employee of the Neighborhood Co-op, has been in business in the Town Square for the good part of a quarter-decade.

A Town Square resident and employee for more than 35 years, Cook said she feels a strong bond to the ever-growing area.

“This is my hood,” Cook said with a laugh.

In addition to the establishments surrounding the Square, the Carbondale Farmers’ Market has also been meeting in the Square every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will continue to do so through September.

Cook and Ramseyer are also part of the Historic Town Square Business Coalition, which brings together the Town Square businesses and works together with the city to improve the up and coming area.

City Manager Jeff Doherty works with the coalition to beautify the Square and make it more accessible and comfortable for residents.

Doherty has oversimens the installation of two new park benches around the Town Square fountain and additional parking between Jackson Street and Oak Street.

A series of banners depicting an official logo for the Town Square is also in the works. Provided that the businesses can raise the money to produce the banners, the city would provide for the installation.

Bryce Berkowitz, an employee at Life List page allows Life List members to donate money through their Bike Trip blog, which is updated frequently with news and alerts.

“As of Thursday, 600 members had donated about $4,500,” said Thomas. “However, Briggs and Thomas have set their sights higher.”

“We hope to raise about $20,000,” said Thomas. “We have it set up so that people can donate directly through the blog.”

With six weeks and 35 stops still remaining on their journey, Briggs and Thomas admitted to being a little homesick for their friends and families.

Briggs had to deal with the hassle of being away from his wife of only one year and is in the middle of a move to San Francisco.

Thomas, meanwhile, said the trip is worth the energy.

“It’s tough leaving friends and family,” said Thomas. “But it’s a short amount of time in the big picture.”

Although Briggs and Thomas were both aware of the consequences of being on their bikes for two months with little contact from friends and family, they have a very positive outlook on their voyage.

“Sure, it’s physically and mentally demanding,” said Briggs, “but every day is a new adventure.”

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As a part of his daily routine, Brent Thomas, foreground, applies SPF 60 sunscreen. At the completion of their trip, the pair of 27-year-old bicyclists will have ridden 3,300 miles, from North Carolina to California.
Sales tax will benefit city, university

We at the Daily Egyptian buy into the idea that the city of Carbondale could benefit from a $20 million donation to Saluki Way should the Council approve a proposed sales tax increase. It is a move that will finally get Saluki Way out of its planning phase and into its action phase. In fact, the extra boost in sales could even be used as a collaborating marketing tool between the University and city. Signs could say, “Shop here and support SIU,” or something to that nature.

However, the half-percent sales tax increase could take $2.3 million out of Carbondale’s economic pocket each year – an economy that isn’t exactly booming. There are empty, dilapidated buildings everywhere. SIU’s enrollment isn’t exactly booming, either.

And, of course, a lot of business in Carbondale comes from SIU students. So it seems as though students are being asked to pick up more than their promised $2.3 million share of the Saluki Way dream.

The University and Carbondale go hand-in-hand. Without the University, the city would cease to exist and vice versa. Without one, the other would fail. The city’s donation leaves a remaining $22 million for the University to raise, and officials are confident they can get it through private donations.

Then again, the University has proven its inability to raise money through outside donations. The high-dollar benefactors have not bit on Saluki Way. Since the idea’s inception, SIU has only been able to scrounge up about $700,000. Not to mention the continued drop of enrolled students. If students stop showing up to SIU, the ones who stay will have to pay more for their share of the Saluki Way pie.

Carbondale’s sales tax increase would bring $2.3 million a year to the city. One million of which is proposed to go to the University every year for twenty years. Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole justified the sales tax hike because he said the added business from out-of-towners visiting for athletic events would be worth it.

If that is true, the donation of the entire increase should go to the University. SIU can’t find the money. Carbondale can.

And with that kind of commitment, SIU could break ground tomorrow.

Letter to the Editor

Library budget should not come from student fees

Fellow Students,

I hope summer has been good to everyone. It is my job as Undergraduate Student Government President to make sure students are informed about issues that affect them on campus.

Last Thursday, I attended an SIU Board of Trustees meeting. One of the agenda items for this meeting was a request for approval of an increase of $14,828,910 for the library renovation project. The university administration hopes to have the project funded by the state. However, the state has not funded any new capital projects like this for the past three years, according to information I received as a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education - Student Advisory Committee. If indeed the state does not grant the request of the University, who will be stuck with the $14,828,910 check?

Together myself and the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Council Steven Middleton presented a statement to the board. In this statement we spoke about the positive effects that the newly renovated library could have on campus. We further discussed the financial burdens students at this institution have faced over the past few years. It was our belief that, in the end, tuition would be increased to pay for this project. We could not sit by and support a measure that would drive the cost of education at this University up further. As it now stands, students are already paying $1,200,000 a year for the new library. We informed the board that students do not wish to spend any more. President Middle and I both talked to many students about this issue and I can say that every student we spoke to said no. However, last Thursday the Board of Trustees passed this measure despite a “no” vote coming from both student trustees. At the meeting President Blossard assured me that this increase would in no way affect tuition and fees. It is now our job to make sure that promise is kept.

I want students to know that I am in your corner, and I am working very hard to do what I have been elected to do, including keeping the cost of education here at this institution down. It is apparent to me that we have our work cut out for us. In order to make a significant change, students will need to be involved. I will do my part to inform you of the issues and what you as students need to do. However, it is essential that students follow through.

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China gathering intelligence on activists in preparation for Olympics

Charles Hutzler  The Associated Press

BEIJING — China's intelligence services are gearing up for next year's Beijing Olympics, gathering information on foreigners who might mounted protests and spoil the nation's moment in the spotlight.

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As such, the more carries risks for Beijing. Evidence that the communist government is withholding visas or engaged in heavy-handed policing to suppress protests would likely draw negative press and could stir the International Olympic Committee and corporate sponsors.

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SPORT BRIEFS

Boxing

Hopkins ends Wright's winning streak

L.A. TIMES (AP) — Bernard Hopkins earned another stunning victory in the twilight of his fighting days Saturday night, ending Winky Wright's 7 1/2-year unbeaten streak with a unanimous decision in their 170-pound match at the Mandalay Bay Events Center.

The 42-year-old Hopkins (46-1, 32 KOs) landed his biggest blow when he opened a gash over Wright's left eye with a head-butt in the third round. Hopkins spent the night picking at it while Wright (51-4-1) scrambled and counterpunched, his face showing frustration and fatigue as the fight slipped away.

"This was their time and we took it away from them," said Hopkins, who entered the match with a 13-15 record this season. He advanced to the final when Stepanek upset second-seed- ed James Blake 7-6 (7), 5-7, 6-2 to win the ATP Tournament of Champions.

AUTO RACING

Dixon tightens point race with win

LEXINGTON, Ohio (AP) — Scott Dixon avoided a first-lap accident and went on to win the Honda Indy 200. Dixon escaped the mishap in front of him that put Dan Wheldon's Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s hopes and hung the leaders before moving in front late to pick up his third straight IndyCar series victory.

Dixon won tightened the race in the drivers points standings. Trailing Dan Wheldon, who finished second, by 65 points before the streak began, Dixon is behind by 24 with five races left.

CYCLING

Rasmussen leads Tour de France

PLAISE DE BELLE, France (AP) — Michael Rasmussen of Denmark extended his overall lead in the Tour de France against all of his top challengers — except Alberto Contador.

The Spaniard surged ahead of the Dane at the end of the final climb, finishing a half-hour ahead of Rasmussen in 5 hours, 29 seconds, 48 seconds to take his first stage victory in the race. The promising 24-year-old Spaniard, who placed third among young cyclists in the 2005 Tour, catapulted into second overall 2:23 behind Rasmussen.

Colombia's Juan Mauricio Soler was third in the stage, 37 seconds back.

Tennis

Stepanek wins ATP Countrywide Classic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Radek Stepanek upset second-seeded James Blake 7-6 (7), 5-7, 6-2 to win the ATP Countrywide Classic. It was the second career title for Stepanek, who entered the match with a 13-15 record this season. He advanced to the final when wild card Nicolas Kiefer of Germany withdrew due to a sore knee.

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Whitlock set for first NFL camp

Alejandro Gonzalez

For the first time in a long time, former Saluki running back Arkee Whitlock will be fighting for a job.

Whitlock, who was invited to the Minnesota Vikings training camp after a stellar performance in the 2007 NFL Draft, will begin his quest for a spot on the Vikings’ roster July 25 when the team opens its mini-camp.

"They brought me in for a reason," Whitlock said. "Every day I try to prove to the front office that I deserve to be here."

Currently, Whitlock is training at his South Carolina home in preparation for the high-intensity NFL workouts. While his extra training may help him keep pace in camp, Whitlock said he hasn’t played with pads since January, which could lead to a bit of rust.

"Whitlock, who rushed for 4,242 yards and 51 touchdowns in three years for the Sabahs, may have to settle for a special teams position with the Vikings, Sabahs wide receiver coach Brian Anderson said.

Anderson said Whitlock’s foremost objective is to obtain a job with the Vikings, at which point he can work his way up the positional ladder.

"They don’t call it going to practice. They call it going to work," Anderson said. "Guys out there are trying to feed their families, so you have to get your A-game every single day.

In order to make the Vikings roster, Whitlock will have his work cut out for him with five tailbacks battling for a limited number of roster spots.

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Women’s Basketball

Recruits adjust to collegiate pace

Six freshmen ready for college to be a good experience

Jakina Hill

Strength and conditioning workouts are usually the most difficult adjustments high school athletes face upon entering the NCAA circuit.

For six recruits in the SIU women’s basketball program, those adjustments must be made quickly.

2008 recruits including guards Brenna Saline, Natalie Taylor, Ellin Young and Tanayra Worden, forward Katrina Swingler and center Paris Campbell are all camped up and working with condition coaches in order to compete at the collegiate level.

Head women’s basketball coach Dana Eikenberg said the transition could be a challenging feat for anyone but credits her upperclassmen with bringing the rookies along.

Strength and conditioning coach Becky Kimball said the recruits are doing as well as could be expected and are getting an academic edge by taking summer courses.

"We have a pretty athletic bunch, they catch on quickly," Kimball said.

Sophomore guard Erica Smith said many of the upperclassmen, herself included, are helping their new teammates get accustomed to the workouts by drawing on their own experiences.

"We’re showing them the things we learned as freshmen to help them move along as smoothly as possible," Smith said.

Eikenberg said while assessing new recruits, basketball skills could be among the least important desirable traits.

“You must recognize discipline and be willing to adapt, as life is ever changing for student athletes during their four years, as well as be able to understand commitment, amongst other things,” Eikenberg said via email.

The ability to adjust to a new team and form a trusting relationship between players and coaches is also important, Eikenberg said.

For some recruits, the attitude already exists.

Campbell said one of the reasons she chose SIU over other schools, including Valparaiso University, is due to the player-coach relationship.

"Sometimes I don’t even realize I’m talking to a coach," Campbell said. "All the coaches seem like you can talk to them."

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Baseball

New talent

Ohio Valley transfer returns to southern Illinois

Eugene Clark

Tylor Bullock’s new home isn’t too far around the block.

The SIU baseball team will welcome Austin Peay State University transfer catcher this spring and hope the sophomore infielder can provide a reliable backup behind the plate.

The 6-foot-4-inch, 265-pound catcher had a .245 batting average with four home runs and 16 RBIs during his first season for the Governors.

Bullock played on the workseason baseball and football during his four years at Du Quoin.

He said he wasn’t an exceptional baseball player but could have gotten to college to play either football or baseball.

Bullock said he liked baseball much more than football because it was more of a mental game than a physical game.

"It seemed more fun for me to play baseball," Bullock said. "Baseball is more of an all-around sport."

Head coach Don Callahan said Bullock was someone the team had interest in when they saw him in high school.

Unfortunately, there wasn’t enough money to sign more than one catcher to the team, Callahan said.

Callahan said at the time the team didn’t have the resources available for three catchers on the team.

Now, the money situation has changed and the team needs are also different, Callahan said. "The more applicable, Callahan said. "I’m excited about him being in the program," Callahan said. "The more and more I saw him the summer after his senior year, the more I thought that maybe we should have made a push for him," Callahan said.

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