Band blossoms at Brown Bag

Gary Childers, left, and Ruthanne Levisen, members of the Blackberry Blossoms, joke with the crowd Wednesday during the Brown Bag Concert at the Town Square Pavilion in Carbondale. Childers said the group occasionally plays shows at area vineyards, but they will be playing more often now that all the members have retired. The free weekly concert series begins at noon every Wednesday in May, June, and September. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring their own food or order lunch from a downtown restaurant.

Recreation Center denies online-only enrolled students

Students taking only online classes for the summer will have to find a different place to exercise, or face a membership fee.

The Recreation Center does not allow students enrolled only in online classes access to the facility, much to the dismay of some students. The center’s policy to deny students has been in place since online classes started being offered. While the recreation center is firm in their stance, some students have varied opinions on the matter.

Amber Bratsch, assistant director of facilities at the Recreation Center, said the reason online-only students are being denied is because their summer tuition doesn’t add in fees for using the facility that students enrolled in on-campus classes pay.

“Students who take online classes don’t pay the student Recreation Center fee, so that’s why they have to pay a membership here because they aren’t paying fees,” she said. Bratsch said students can pay to receive a membership if they want to use the facilities.

The fee is $69 for students not enrolled in on-campus summer classes, according to the Recreation Center website.

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Pulliam Hall renovations take classes to another level

The university is renovating Pulliam Hall by adding an extra floor to help house programs being held in outdated facilities on campus.

The pool and gym facilities in Pulliam Hall have seen little use in the past few years, so the university decided to move the facilities for the School of Art and Design out of the outdated blue barracks on Washington Street and into Pulliam, Kevin Bame, vice chancellor for administration and finance, said. He said the university would also relocate the School of Social Work from Quigley Hall to Pulliam’s new second floor, opening up Quigley Hall for the School of Architecture.

Bame said the renovations will provide updated facilities for students at the university, such as conference rooms, new offices and studios.

“It definitely is going to benefit all three programs,” he said. “Art design and architecture are held in the blue barracks, and they were originally built as temporary facilities in the seventies, but they have long outlived their usefulness.”

The renovations are part of the $8,250,000 million Structural Steel for the Renovation of Pulliam Hall contract approved by the Board of Trustees in November, and will be completed around July or August 2014, Bame said.

He said university faculty would provide most of the funding for the renovations and faculty members who invest in the renovations will be reimbursed through a maintenance fee.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the university is looking for any opportunity it can find to give departments more space to work with.

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Sunset Concerts unite community for 35th year

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Roughly 2,000 people gathered at Turley Park Thursday for live music, games and fellowship to continue the annual Sunset Concert series.

This summer, the series is celebrating 35 years of bringing the community together with funk, reggae, soul, rock and R&B music. The concerts can bring people of all ages, professions and backgrounds out to the park, including those who grew up attending the concerts.

Joe Palembo, guitar professor for the School of Music, has attended the concerts for 10 years and goes for the social aspect.

“My favorite thing about the concerts is socializing,” he said. “It’s all about the people and having a good time with folks.”

Palembo said he used to come with friends and roommates when he was in college, but now he comes with his family. He said it’s great when the concerts are at Turley Park because his children have a place to play.

Stephen Kuhn, a graduate student in vocal performance from Greenfield, Ill., said it was his first time attending a Sunset Concert and noticed it brought together individuals of all ages, even families and their children.

He said his favorite thing was spending time with his friends and the atmosphere reminded him of concerts he used to see in his hometown.

“This is a down-west, Mid-West, hometown concert at the park,” he said. “The music is something that people can relate to.”

Jonathan Brooks, of Carbondale, has been coming to the concert concerts for seven years and said he likes how the music is always different.

He said even though each concert showcases a different genre, the variation doesn’t affect the turnout.

“They always have a different type of music each week,” Brooks said. “I think that people would come out no matter what the music was because it’s a social thing as much as a music thing.”

The concerts have been sponsored since 1978 by the university’s Student Center and Student Programming Council along with the City of Carbondale and the Carbondale Park District. The four committees work together every year from late January until April to coordinate every aspect of the event.

Macklin Anderick, director of student concerts for the Student Programming Council, said he was excited to see all the people enjoying themselves at the concert. One of the goals is to have a wide variety of music so everyone can enjoy themselves, he said.

Macklin said he was pleased to see all of his work finally pay off.

“It’s a great feeling to see all the people enjoying themselves. It makes all the hard work worth it,” he said. “I appreciate the community’s involvement in the concerts and reception of the bands that we bring in.”

Some of the bands playing this summer include: Rico, The Right Now, The Kopiecki Family Band and The Ask Band. The full schedule of events can be found at www.studentcenter.siu.edu/sunset-concerts. The concerts, which began June 13, will continue every Thursday at 7 p.m. through July 25, with the exception of July 4, and alternate between Shryock Auditorium and Turley Park.

Rebecca McCarthy, a graduate student in English from Chicago, said the situation could be argued both ways.

She said the fees students pay go toward the facilities and services they use, and it’s understandable to deny access to students not paying those fees.

“I think it’s a sticky situation,” she said. “I’ve heard (students) use the shuttles and buses for free, and students have gone to the university for 25 years, and this was certainly something I wanted to see get done,” he said. “Working at the physical plant, it was a struggle for me to put money into renovating the barracks. It’s nice to put money into something that will be beneficial for the students and the staff.”

“Sunset Concerts unite community for 35th year” is written by Stephanie Danner. She can be reached at smcCarthy@dailyEgyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 268.
Megan Kaley, right, a senior from Naperville studying graphic design, and Katie McCarthy, a junior from Algonquin studying plant biology, hula hoop Thursday during the Sunset Concert at Turley Park. Kaley said she’s been hooping since she started college and enjoys using the LED hoops. “They’re fun for giving a light show and jamming to music at the same time,” she said.
Paula Deen dropped by Wal-Mart after ‘Today’ tears

DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

Paula Deen was dropped by Wal-Mart and her name was stripped from four buffet restaurants on Wednesday, hours after she went on television and tearfully defended herself amid the mounting fallout over her admission of using a racial slur.

The story has become both a day-by-day struggle by a successful businesswoman to keep her career afloat and an object lesson on the level of tolerance and forgiveness in society for being caught making an insensitive remark.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Wednesday that it ended its relationship with Deen and will not place “any new orders beyond what’s already committed.”

Caesars Entertainment Corp. said it had been “mutually decided” with Deen to remove her name from its restaurants in Joliet, Ill.; Tunica, Miss.; Cherokee, N.C.; and Elizabeth, Ind.

At the same time, Deen’s representatives released letters of support from nine companies that do business with the chef and promised to continue.

There’s evidence that a backlash is growing against the Food Network, which tersely announced last Friday that it was cutting ties with one of its stars.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Deen had called him and he agreed to help her, saying she shouldn’t become a sacrificial lamb over the issue of racial intolerance.

“What she did was wrong, but she can change,” Jackson said.

During a deposition in a discrimination lawsuit filed by an ex-employee, the chef, who specializes in Southern comfort food, admitted to using the N-word in the past.

The lawsuit also accuses Deen of using the slur when planning her brother’s 2007 wedding, saying she wanted black servers in white coats, shorts and bow ties for a “Southern plantation-style wedding.”

Deen said she didn’t recall using the word “plantation” and denied using the N-word to describe waiters.

Deen told Matt Lauer on “Today” on Wednesday that she could only recall using the N-word once.

She said she remembered using it when retelling a story about when she was held at gunpoint by a robber who was black while working at a bank teller in the 1980s in Georgia.

In the deposition, she also said she may also have used the slur when recalling conversations between black employees at her restaurants.

Asked in the deposition if she had used the word more than once, she said, “I’m sure I have, but it’s been a very long time.”

Her “Today” show appearance was a do-over from last Friday, when Deen didn’t show up for a promised and promoted interview. Deen told Lauer she had been overwhelmed last week. She said she was heartbroken by the controversy and she wasn’t a racist.

“I’ve had to hold friends in my arms while they’re sobbing because they know what’s been said about me. It’s not true and I’m having to comfort them,” she said.

Looking distressed and with her voice breaking, Deen said if there was someone in the audience who had never said something they wished they could take back, “please pick up that stone and throw it as hard as you can so I get you. I want to meet you and I want to meet you.”

It’s an apparent reference to the Biblical passage about whether a woman guilty of adultery should be stoned: “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

“I am what I am and I’m not changing,” Deen said. “There’s someone evil out there that saw what I worked for and wanted it.”

An uncomfortable Lauer tried to end the interview, but Deen repeated that anyone who hasn’t sinned should attack her.

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Many Saluki athletics supporters gathered on Abe Martin Field Tuesday for the groundbreaking of the new Richard “Itchy” Jones stadium.

Abe Martin Field has been the home of the Salukis since 1964 and has seen more than 1,000 baseball games.

“For the first time since Lyndon Johnson, Southern is getting a new baseball stadium,” Mark Reis, the voice of Saluki baseball, said.

Reis, director of external and broadcast operations at SIU, was the master of ceremonies, introducing Chancellor Rita Cheng, athletic director Mario Moccia, head baseball coach Ken Henderson, baseball player Donny Duschinsky and the honorary Richard “Itchy” Jones.

Jones, a Herrin native, was the head baseball coach for 21 years and led them to a 738-345-5 record during that time. He then moved on to coach at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and is a member of six different hall of fame industries, including the College Baseball Hall of Fame. During his time at SIU, Jones had 10 NCAA tournament appearances and made three trips to the NCAA College World Series.

The $4 million project is scheduled for completion by next March. The stadium renovations will include artificial turf, dugouts, lights, bleachers and a new press box.

One benefit of the renovations is the turf’s ability to take in seven inches of rain per hour, current head coach Ken Henderson said.

Henderson recapped the many moments that have taken place on the field. He said while it was good to see the old press box and the dugouts being taken down, nothing could take those memories away.

“It feels good to just get the recognition before the season,” Presume said. “Hopefully, I can work up to the hype a little bit and try to get the award.”

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Before every season, certain football players are noticed before they even play a down. One SIU linebacker has gotten that attention.

Junior linebacker Bryan Presume was named to the College Football Performance Awards linebacker watch list for the upcoming season. The CFPA watch list showcases 35 returning players in the Football Championship Subdivision.

Presume, a sports administration major from Kennesaw, Ga., led the team with 78 total tackles last season. He started his collegiate career at Coffeyville Community College in Coffeyville, Kan., and then transferred to SIU in 2011. Coffeyville has produced many NFL players such as Saluki alumnus Brandon Jacobs, previously a running back for the San Francisco 49ers, and Houston Texans’ cornerback Johnathan Joseph.

Next season Presume said he has high hopes for himself. He said he hopes to get more than 100 total tackles and 10 game changing plays, such as a sack or an interception.

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