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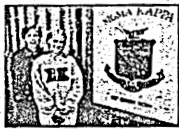
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Senate seeks Andersen input

SARA BEAN
POLITICS EDITOR

The recurring use of external consultants by the University and SIU President Ted Sanders' office has the Faculty Senate concerned.

The senate will vote on a resolution addressing these concerns at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday in the Student Center.

The University has used Arthur

Andersen, a consulting firm from Chicago, for three separate studies since early 1998.

The senate resolution asks that senate approval be sought before any decisions to employ Arthur Andersen recommendations are made. It also asks that the Andersen recommendations and consultations be shared with the senate in a timely manner.

The final request of the resolution asks that any recommendations to SIU

Board of Trustees by SIU President Ted Sanders be made in full consultation with the senate.

"The senate is asking that any decisions be seen by the people most likely to be affected by them if they are to be implemented," said Faculty Senate President Jim Allen. "And any recommendations be given to the senate to review and provide advice."

"We also ask that this be done on a regular basis."

Allen said University administration sought constituency input on the most recent Andersen study, which recommends the University centralize the purchasing and disbursements functions of the three SIU campuses into a shared service center. The two previous studies, however, were not widely shared with the University community, Allen said.

MEETING

The SIUC Faculty Senate meets 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Kaskaskia-Missouri Rooms of the Student Center.

The SIU Board of Trustees meets at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Madison Room of the Delye W. Morris University Center at the SIU campus in Edwardsville.

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GREEK ANGEL: Brooke James, a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, sings at the 52nd Annual Theta Xi Variety Show Saturday night at Shryock Auditorium. Sigma Kappa sorority and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity placed third. Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority won the grand prize.

Costello supports student health bill

FRANK KLIMAS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Congressman Jerry Costello announced his support Tuesday for a bill that provides college students access to health insurance coverage and prevents them being denied coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions.

Under current laws, new and transfer students entering the nation's colleges are denied health insurance coverage if they have been diagnosed with a pre-existing condition, even if the condition developed while the student was previously covered under another insurance plan.

Students who graduate also may be denied health coverage if they have a pre-existing medical condition when they enter the work force. This bill will cover graduates leaving college as well.

Costello, D-Belleville, hopes to have new legislation, which will affect two million to three million students, passed by August 1.

The bill, which has been endorsed by the American College Health Association, was developed with the assistance of Dr. Mary Pohlmann, chief of the Women's Health Clinic at SIUC.

Pohlmann explained that although some students are covered under their parents' health insurance, most students are not and must rely on University health insurance.

"Our main interest is that students do not have any lack of coverage when they move from parents' coverage to a college health plan and when they leave the college health plan to go into the work force and be covered by an employer's plan," Pohlmann said.

Costello said there are 14.3 million college students covered under a plan offered through their college or through their university.

Congress passed legislation in 1996 for all Americans that included that pre-existing conditions would make switching from one insurance plan to another no longer a problem. Students were not included in the provisions of that bill.

"Congress excluded students," Costello

Greeks present Select 2K gripes to chancellor

KAREN BLATTER
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

Seventy-one percent of a select number of Greek members said Friday they are unhappy with Select 2000.

This unhappiness was presented to Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger during her meeting with 24 greek leaders Friday. The leaders discussed their feelings about Select 2000 and the impact it has had on the greek system at SIUC.

Tony Blood, president of Inter-Greek Council, said the meeting was extremely successful and opened lines of communication between the greeks and the University administration.

"She was very open-minded and receptive

to our concerns," Blood said. "It was very productive, and we got to say everything that we needed to say."

Select 2000 was fully implemented at SIUC in fall 1998. The nine-part initiative includes alcohol-free housing, community service and maintaining higher grades.

The intent of the program is to have greeks achieve higher academics and higher standards.

SIUC started piloting the program more than two years ago, but now it has become an active policy.

The issues greek leaders addressed were how Select 2000 has affected chapters financially by decreased membership, the low morale level of members and the way the program was implemented.

Greeks presented information to the chancellor showing what affect Select 2000 has had.

Greek leaders presented a petition signed by 71 percent of greek members saying they were unhappy with the Select 2000 program. Because of time factors, not every greek member had a chance to sign the petition.

Blood also said they presented the discrepancies in the hours of community service completed because they have been receiving hours for collecting items they had not received service hours for before the implementation of Select 2000.

Josh Polite, president of Pan-Hellenic

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Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

- A 19-year-old Trenton man reported that his vehicle parked in Lot 13 was broken into between 3:10 and 3:25 p.m. Friday and a book bag and 40 compact discs were stolen. A loss estimate was not available. There are no suspects in this incident.
- Daniel E. Nickley, 20, of Chicago was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol at 2:37 a.m. Saturday on West College Street. Nickley posted his driver's license and a cash bond and was released. He has a March 24 court date scheduled.
- University Police were called to Prince Hall after receiving a report that someone smelled cannabis in the area at 1:17 p.m. Saturday. Four SIUC students were arrested in the incident: John Morrison, 19; Eric M. Platt, 20; Joshua A. Abrams, 20; and Matthew Todisco, 18, all of Carbondale, were charged with possession of cannabis or possession of drug paraphernalia and released on recognizance bonds. Although charges were filed, police said it was unknown exactly who was charged with what in this incident.
- Karolyn M. Hobbs, 20, of Carbondale was arrested on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 12:47 a.m. Sunday. She posted a cash bond and was released. She is scheduled to appear in court March 25.
- Michael J. Dieckhaus, 18, of Sullivan, Mo., was issued notices to appear in Carbondale City Court on charges of underage possession of alcohol and possessing two false identification cards at 2:26 a.m. Sunday. Police originally located Dieckhaus in the area of Thompson Point with an alcoholic beverage. He has a March 25 court date.

Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN Accuracy Desk, 536-3311, extension 228, 229.

Calendar

Calendar items deadline is two publication days before the event. The items must include time, date, place, admission and contact of the event and the name and phone of the person advertising the event. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1141. All calendar items will appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.


TODAY

- Baptist Student Ministries free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center, Judy 457-2898.
- Black Student Ministries prayer, every Tues., noon to 3 p.m., Student Center, Lame 351-7254.
- Alpha Chi Omega informal event, 7 p.m., 500 W. Oak, Amy 536-7090.
- Speaker Peter DeMenocal from Columbia University speaking on African climate change and human evolution, 4 p.m., Parkinson Lab 202.
- SPC Concerts committee meeting, 4:30 p.m., Activity Room B, Brian 536-3393.
- Pre Law Association meeting, 5 p.m., Student Center Modkinaw Room.
- SPC Films meeting to plan film series to be shown in the auditorium, discuss independent and Backbuster movies, 5 to 6 p.m., Activity Room A, Heather 536-3393.
- Hispanic Student Council meeting, 6 p.m., Saline Room, Elvis 556-1128.
- Women's Services workshop for anyone needing assistance with identifying a major, considering career options or just interested in learning about resources available in helping make a satisfying career choice, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Quigley Hall Room 201, 453-3655.

UPCOMING

- Women's Services focus on basic elements of assertiveness and working towards building self-esteem, Mar. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Quigley Hall Room 201, 453-3655.
- USG registration fest, Mar. 10, 10 to 2 p.m., Free Forum Area, Barbie 549-0253.
- Christian Apologetics Club, Mar. 10, noon, Ceinith Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.
- BGSA meeting and workshop, Mar. 10, 4:45 p.m., Mississippi Room, Dornie 549-2397.
- Inter-Greek Council progressive dinner to benefit Betty Lou Mitchell Scholarship, Mar. 10, 5 to 7 p.m., Greek Row, \$5, Brian 351-7292.
- Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Friends meeting, every Wed., 5:30 p.m., Cambria Room, 453-5151.
- Criminal Justice Association meeting, Mar. 10, 5:30 p.m., Browne Auditorium, Erica 549-1706.
- Pi Sigma Epsilon business and professional fraternity meetings, every Wed., 6 p.m.; Ohio Room Student Center, Ann 351-1307.
- Blacks Interested in Business meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Activity Room B, Birdie 457-5344.
- SPC News and Views meeting, every Wed., 7 p.m., Roman Room, Derrick 536-3393.
- Varsity Fashion Fair Models styling show, Mar. 10, 7:30 p.m., Ballroom D Student Center, \$3 for tickets in adv. and \$5 at the door.
- Kiwanis Circle K, Mar. 10, 7 p.m., Student Center Corinth, Jeff 687-3595.
- International Students Christian Fellowship and Reformed University Fellowship a study of "The Book of Revelation", Mar. 10, 7 p.m., Modkinaw Room, David 529-1616.
- Geology Club meeting, Mar. 11, 5 p.m., Parkinson Room 110, Ryan 629-8136.
- USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion Airport, Aron 942-3991.
- Mark Baysinger will speak and show slides on unique points of Southern Illinois, Mar. 11, 7:30 p.m., Unionian Fellowship.
- SIU Softing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room, Shalley 529-0993.
- SIUC Radio/Television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio". Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6701 or at home 985-209.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Malongo, 453-5425.
- French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.

Southern Illinois Forecast!



TODAY:
 Cloudy;
 High: 45
 Low: 34

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THIS WEEK IN 1982:

- With Dan Alroy riding to the grave on a motorcycle and James Taylor mournfully singing "That Lonesome Road," comedian John Belushi was buried in a grave snowfall on an island off of Cape Cod, Massachusetts in Los Angeles, where Belushi died a few days prior, reports surfaced that his death may have been caused by a cocaine overdose.

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Who needs action when you've got words?

RAW STYLE: Poet L'Rae Unruh says poetry is her medium for venting emotions.

MENKISHA NEAL
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

In a quaint, cozy room with a raised ceiling, tables decorated with antique lamps and walls that hold abstract art, an audience is captivated by the sounds of poet L'Rae Unruh.

On a typical night at Longbranch Coffeeshouse, 100 E. Jackson St., a diverse group of people gather together to read, and listen to the sign of the times, through the trance of poetry.

READING

Longbranch has open mic night every other Friday. L'Rae will be performing at Longbranch Coffeeshouse Friday at 7 p.m.

For more information call 529-4488.

For more than two years, the Longbranch Coffeeshouse has brought open mic night to Carbondale's community. It is an opportunity for people who like poetry to

enjoy the spoken word of local poets.

On one of these nights you might catch Unruh, a junior in elementary education, flip a raw style similar to the popular poet Nikki Giovanni.

Writing since she was nine, Unruh says her poems have both a spiritual and political message



L'Rae Unruh, a junior in elementary education, writes poetry while sitting at Longbranch Coffeeshouse, 100 E. Jackson St. Unruh will be giving patrons a taste of her poetic style 7 p.m. Friday at Longbranch.

in them. L'Rae often uses her poetry as a way to express her ideas on the issues that face our society.

"When I write, it is a way to vent any emotions that I feel," said Unruh. "Instead of being hostile or dwelling over something, I just write about it."

In order to stay focused on who she is as a poet and as an individual, she attends weekly

gatherings with a poetry group called Culture.

"Getting a chance to hear other people's ideas helps me to gather my thoughts on how I feel about things, which in turn helps me write my poetry," Unruh said.

L'Rae has performed at various events on campus, including the 1998 Miss Ebony Pageant. She also performed at the recent

Black Expo, the Young Women's Coalition and a BAC talent show last November. She often performs at Rituals, 500 S. Dearborn, a nightclub that caters to a poets in Chicago.

Most of the poetry performed at the coffeeshouse is more along

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GPSC to cover fee, housing adjustments tonight

FRESH BLOOD: Council also slated to begin selecting next year's executives.

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Graduate and Professional Student Council will be looking forward to next year as they cover topics such as fee and housing adjustments and begin selecting next year's executives tonight.

GPSC President Michael Speck said because the issue of fees is subject to possible change, no legislation had been written prior to the meeting.

Speck said the council will vote on fee adjustments after debate among members. Because

of the broad range of possible figures, Speck said the council will summarize the results after voting rather than attempting to write legislation before the meeting and subjecting it to heavy amendments during debate.

The council will use the same system in analyzing the housing rate increase, Speck said.

The only fee that GPSC already has written legislation regarding is the Student Medical Benefits Primary Care Fee. Student Health Programs, which controls the distribution of the fee, has asked for a \$20-per-year increase in order to maintain their current level of services.

The GPSC legislation resolves that no increase be granted until Student Health Programs undergoes an independent review of its services and results are available. Such a review was requested last fall, but a review has yet to be

conducted. Undergraduate Student Government approved an \$18 per year increase for the fee last week.

A resolution supporting the 3-percent cap on fee increases also will be placed before GPSC tonight. USG passed similar legislation and both bodies have been working toward that number.

The council also will begin selecting leadership for next year. The first round of nominations for executive offices will take place tonight.

Speck said this will be followed by another round of nominations at the next GPSC meeting March 30. The nominees will be voted upon April 13, according to Speck.

In other business, the council will consider a resolution dealing with student referendums. GPSC

wants all referendums to be placed on the Student Trustee ballots rather than the USG presidential/vice presidential ballots.

Only undergraduates can vote in the USG elections, but all students including graduates can vote for the Student Trustee. The GPSC resolution asks that a standardized procedure be implemented whereby all referendum questions be placed on the Student Trustee ballot so that graduates have a voice in the questions.

Of the two referendums currently on the ballots this spring, only one is available to graduate students.

A referendum asking whether students support a technology fee is currently available to graduates on the Student Trustee ballot. The other, which concerns the future of the Select 2000 program, is currently on the USG ballot.

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Burglars unsuccessfully try to cover tracks with fire

Thieves entered a Carbondale apartment, ransacked the residence and unsuccessfully attempted to cover their tracks with fire this weekend, Carbondale Police said.

A Carbondale woman told police someone destroyed her brother's apartment in the 500 block of South Logan Street between Friday morning and 5:15 p.m. Sunday. She said the gas stove was turned on, and she found aerosol cans in a microwave. Carbondale firefighters were called to the scene and turned off the stove so police could investigate the burglary. No fire was reported.

A digital cable box was reported missing in the incident. Police notified the resident of the burglary but said he is away and it is unknown if any other items were taken. There is a suspect in this incident, but police said that information will not be released until it is verified.

-David Ferrara

Volleyball, wrestling registration begins today

Registration for an intramural four-person volleyball league and an intramural wrestling meet begins today and lasts until March 29 at the Recreation Center Information Center. Volleyball league play begins April 4 on the Recreation Center multi-sport courts 1-3. Play dates and times are 4 to 9 p.m. on Sundays and 4 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays. A mandatory captains meeting will occur at 7 p.m. March 29.

Weight-ins for the wrestling meet will take place from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 30. The meet will occur from 4 to 9 p.m. March 31 and April 1 on the multi-sport courts 5-7 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 453-1273.

-Rhonda Sciarra

USG sponsors voter registration drive tomorrow

Undergraduate Student Government is sponsoring a combination voter registration drive and Taste of Carbondale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Free Forum Area.

Local eateries including La Bamba, Mugsy McGuire's, Southern Barbecue and Grand Avenue Spaghetti House and others will be providing food and drink to those who register to vote. A disc jockey will be providing live music as well. Students or residents who wish to register need to bring two forms of identification.

USG Public Relations Commissioner Joe Sanchez said students who have registered in previous years at different addresses also should come update their registration in order to be able to vote in the general elections April 13.

The deadline to register for the elections is March 15. Students still can register to vote after that date but will not be active in time for the April elections. The Free Forum Area is located next to the Davies Gymnasium near Parkinson Laboratory.

-Dan Craft

Students appreciated today

The American Marketing Association, Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity and Pi Sigma Epsilon are sponsoring a campus-wide Student Appreciation Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Rehn Hall, Faneer Hall, Life Science II, the lobby of the Neckers Building and the east wing of the Communications Building.

This event also is sponsored by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce and 15 local restaurants. Student Appreciation Day is designed to raise money for the SIUC Recruitment and Retention Fund. Students will be able to purchase Student Appreciation Cards for \$5, which will provide them with "buy one, get one free" deals at participating restaurants.

-Ashley de Dillard

English workshops train international aides

KATIE KLEMAIER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC has implemented workshops to improve international graduate assistants' teaching and language skills after students complained about comprehensibility problems in the classroom.

Becky Pharis, director of the Center for English as a Second Language, said SIUC requires all international teaching assistants to take and receive an adequate grade on the Teaching Assistant Oral English Exam before they become teaching assistants.

Pharis said there has not been a program to help them improve if they did not pass the test since the early '90s. She said she is not sure why the program was canceled.

Recently, the graduate school saw a need to restart a program, Pharis said they are implementing workshops this semester to determine if a program would be successful.

The graduate school is now supporting a pilot program this semester to assess the need

for a program and the results of a program," Pharis said.

Rita Moore, instructor and adviser for student development of CESL, is teaching workshops this semester. Moore watches video tapes and listens to audio tapes of students while they teach and meets with them on an individual basis to critique different aspects of their teaching.

"My goal is comprehensibility — in other words, we're not trying to make them sound like Americans but trying to make them easier to understand by the average student," Moore said.

Moore said the workshops also focus on compensation strategies and cross-cultural barriers. Compensation strategies teach international graduate assistants to give examples of words or categorize words students do not understand instead of repeating the same word over and over again.

Cross-cultural barriers occur when the teaching assistant and the students do not understand culturally acceptable actions.

"Sometimes the graduate assistants are very surprised that students are able to interrupt with questions," Moore said.

"The more they know about the unusual behavior of students here, then the more they can handle situations when they come up."

Moore said some international graduate assistants need to improve eye contact with students and improve their overall teaching skills. But other graduate assistants are outgoing teachers that struggle only with the language barrier.

Gus Bode



Gus says: Onay onderway loy eepkay ailinglay ishoy assclay.

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Voices

The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.



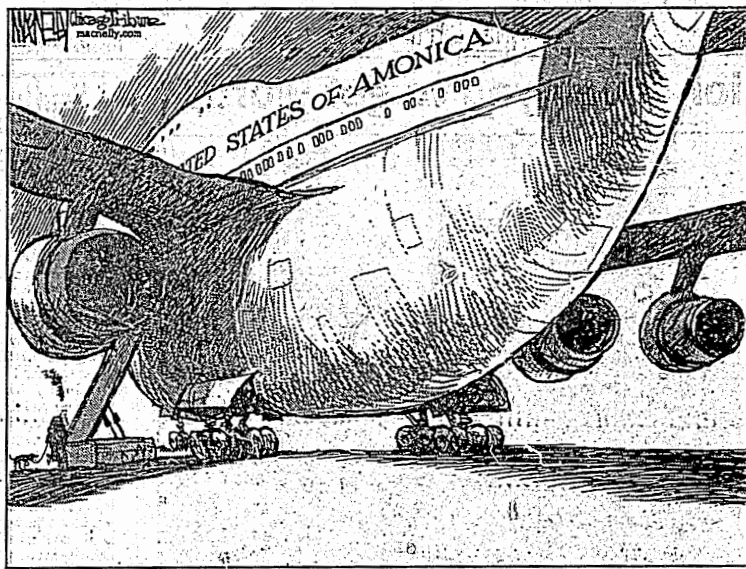
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Our Word

Spring Thing not just an SPC thing

The DAILY EGYPTIAN would like to recognize the fine job SPC has done in planning and organizing this year's Spring Thing, which culminated in the booking of George Clinton and the P-Funk 'All Stars.

Andrew Daly, executive director of SPC, and the Campus Events committee persevered and garnered twice as much funding from the Carbondale City Council as last year's Spring Thing drew. After the city initially denied funding for the event, Daly brought back a more detailed and comprehensive request and won the support of the council. This is a testament to the ability of the student leaders at SPC as well as the success of Spring Thing in only its second year.

But the work isn't finished. We would like to encourage all students to come out and volunteer their time to make Spring Thing as enjoyable as possible.

As the event is geared toward student appreciation, the event only can get better with heavy student input and volunteerism. With talk of extending

activities and involving Registered Student Organizations, RSOs should be particularly intrigued by the volunteer opportunity so their organizations can get the greatest benefit possible. Interested students and organizations can make volunteer inquiries by calling SPC at 536-3393.

Spring Thing is also about local businesses and the University itself showing appreciation for students, and the Egyptian encourages them to be involved as much as possible.

There's no rule that says as a business owner or SIUC administrator you can't lend a hand with crowd control or activities. This is a chance for communication and the relationship between students and the University and the city to grow. Last year's event drew a crowd of about 9,000. How often do you get that many students in one place at one time? As such, the city and University should use this opportunity to interact with the students to match a face to those who support their local businesses and give them a purpose for working at SIUC while having fun at the same time.

“There is no rule that says as a business owner or SIUC administrator you can't lend a hand with crowd control or activities.”

This reminds me of a song

Memorization is only truly possible through song. Music can somehow imbed information into the brain until you couldn't get it out with a knife and a fork. When we are children, this fact is known and used to teach us. Even now, you can't just say the alphabet without the song playing in your head as you go.

You may even have to hum a bar or two to figure out what comes before and after the letter "G." The truth is, we are a jingle society — probably a jingle world — and it's time that we embrace our fate.

When did Columbus sail the ocean blue?

Does your bologna have a first name?

Voulez-vous coucher avec moi? If you don't know these, you know others. You know of some tune that accidentally imparts information. Something that you couldn't forget if you tried.

How many of us learned the meaning of "virgin" was to be "touched for the very first time" from the first incarnation of Madonna?

In the old, black-and-white sit-

Target Practice Daphne Retter



Target Practice appears Tuesdays. Daphne is a junior in English/creative writing. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

coms, they used the jingle to get through that problematic premise. "The Patty Duke Show." They're cousins, identical cousins and you'll find...

I can't be the only one that learned the basics of grammar from "Schoolhouse Rock." "Conjunction junction, what's your function? Hookin' up words and phrases and clauses."

So now we have plenty of useless information and some vital, but very elefantary, facts memorized to melody.

Why do we stop there? It seems to me that all of those morbid facts and dates, from pilgrims to the Preamble, from kindergarten to the college core,

would be a part of us forever if we could only make them fit into "Itsy-bitsy Spider."

And names — I always have trouble with names. If people would simply sing their introductions when they'd meet me, it would be much more convenient. Yes, from now on, no one can expect me to remember a name if it was not sung. A brief description of my new friend would be helpful as well.

Anything of importance or anything of relevance or anything AT ALL!!! Yes! That is how we unlock the other 70 percent of that gray matter. Everyone's horizons will be widened. Professors become rappers. Lawyers become opera singers. We become so used to it that we put everything that we read into tune for ourselves.

Don't disappoint me, people. I'll be watching. Sure, I won't be singing — someone has to watch from a distance.

And to think that we used to make fun of musicals. Little did we know that it is they that will guide us in the 21st century. But no dancing. Just ignore all of the dancing.

Mailbox

Let's come down from our moral high horse

Dear Editor,

Perhaps I'm the only one who has noticed this, but are college students a bit obsessed with morals? In one way or another, I find myself being trapped in the middle of a moral debate almost everyday. It was first, but it gets old after a while.

Look, I'm not going to be the one to say that morals are just devices used to complicate common sense — that's beside the point. And I won't condemn college students for exercising their minds and expanding their knowledge; I do it myself.

Let's remember where we are, though. This is college; it's not exactly the summit of our morality. The only reason we even acknowledge the concept of "morals" is to argue with them.

It all stems from an ironic equation: When we're in high school, we know everything but pretend to know nothing; in college, we don't know anything but pretend to know everything. It's true. Think about it. Once we get to college, all we want to do is challenge what we learn. I suppose it's healthy. Concerning morals, though, it forms a paradoxical relationship between the student and his/her beliefs.

Go ahead and tell me I'm wrong, but the next time you hear a person spouting their profound and ancient-rooted morals, just make sure it's not the same person who took the dare to run naked through the bar last Friday night.

Morality is not all that it seems, especially when the guy from English class, who loves to turn everything into a moral question, is the same guy who likes to play the joke of leaving the faucet running after he's left the restroom.

And let's not forget the fact that college students love to swear. Call me narrow-minded, but I don't believe the person who can use the "F" word as a noun, verb, and adjective all in the same sentence is too concerned with morals. Hey, you're verbally talented, buddy, but not moral.

So, before all you philosophy majors begin to relay what you've heard during the part of class you didn't sleep through (and this goes for everybody else), come down from your moral high horse. None of us are as moral as we'd like to think we are.

Relax. Bask in the simple pleasures of common sense for the present. There will be plenty of time later to find fault with everything that exists.

Caleb Hale
freshman, music composition,
journalism

Graphic omitted important women's history date

Dear Editor,

March is Women's History Month. In the DAILY EGYPTIAN Monday, March 1, there was a timeline commemorating the events between 1848 and 1994 that have helped bring women's rights into the open. I noticed that a major event was missing from this time line — Roe vs. Wade, when women's right to choose whether to have an abortion or not was secured. This was a 1973 historic occasion. Before that time, women who needed, or wanted, an abortion were forced to seek back-alley butchers who frequently used unsterilized and unsafe means. Many women died or developed severe infections.

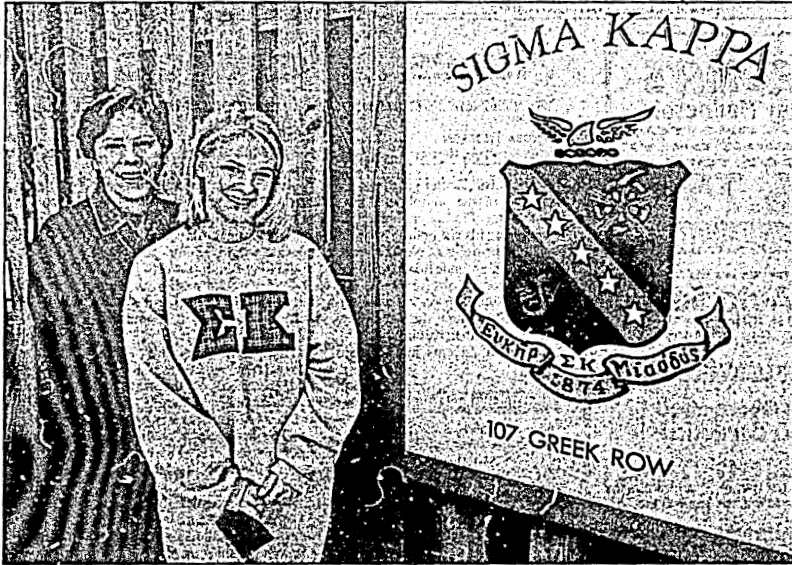
Today, anti-abortion forces are trying their best to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision by passing legislation that would severely limit a woman's right to choose. There have been at least seven bills that have been introduced in the Illinois House this year, making it more difficult for women and their doctors to have access to abortions. These are mainly harassment and delaying tactics.

If young women don't wake up and start making their voices heard, we will lose the right to safe, legal abortion.

Dawn Roberts
continuing student,
philosophy/gender studies

ATTENTION

We have changed our letters to the editor policy. The format is now as follows:
Letters by fax (453-8244) and e-mail (editor@siu.edu). All letters must include a phone number.



Sigma Kappa sisters Gena and Addie Ronshausen, who are also mother and daughter, stand in front of the sorority where they are both members.

Tom Sciarra/
Daily Egyptian

Like mother, like daughter

RHONDA SCIARRA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

As Addie Ronshausen performed in this year's Theta Xi Variety Show Saturday at Shryock Auditorium, her mother Gena looked on, reminiscing her performances on the same stage 27 years ago.

Addie and Gena have shared the same experiences at different times in history as members of Sigma Kappa sorority at SIUC. Addie is considered a legacy to her mother because her mother was in the same sorority.

Addie, a freshman in speech communications from Columbia, said she has grown up hearing her mother's stories about her years in the sorority and the friends she made.

Gena and 10 of her sorority sisters still get together every summer

for a trip to St. Louis or Chicago. "Addie knows how close we are when she sees us together," Gena said. "They are still some of my best friends."

Gena said although Addie is a

most comfortable with." Addie said she liked all of the other houses but knowing that her mom was a Sigma Kappa influenced her choice to accept a bid from that house.

strong source of support from the beginning of her new membership period through her initiation week.

"My mom went through all of the same processes that I did," Addie said. "She was there to help me at all times."

Gena said that through initiation week, she was there to listen and encourage Addie.

"Through her initiation week I didn't really tell her much," Gena said. "All I said is that it would be a week with a lot of reflection on the type of person you are."

During her initiation, Addie was pinned with the same badge her mother wore, which brings them both honor.

"I gave Addie my pin," Gena said. "If Addie has a daughter who becomes a Sig Kap she can pass it

"When I came to this house, I would naturally think of my mom — I had a special link to this house."

— ADDIE RONSHAUSEN
SIGMA KAPPA SORORITY

legacy, she encouraged Addie to rush all of the sorority houses and make her own decision.

"I did not say, 'Addie, you have to become a Sig Kap,'" Gena said. "I told her to experience all of the houses and pick the one she was

"While going through rush I tried to keep an open mind," Addie said. "When I came to this house, I would naturally think of my mom — I had a special link to this house."

Addie said her mother was a

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Planes, trains and automobiles

Students use various means of transportation to reach spring break destinations

KENDRA THORSON
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

When Bill Zeidler gazes out the window of the southbound train headed for Florida, he imagines that during his six-hour layover he will see the lights of New Orleans.

Zeidler, an undecided freshman from Aurora, looks forward to riding an Amtrak train for approximately 24 hours during Spring break rather than driving.

Prior to students making their way to their destinations during the upcoming break, they must decide which means of transportation is best for them.

ARRANGEMENTS

• For information, call The Amtrak station, 401 S. Illinois Ave., at 457-3388.

• The Greyhound Bus Line terminal, 215 S. Illinois Ave., at 549-3495.

While on long trips, Zeidler said he prefers to ride the train because of the predictability.

"The train will go through no matter what. It is much more

safe," he said. "You don't have to put up with the fear of an accident."

Zeidler said the train is more costly but pays off in the end for safety reasons.

"The train costs more money than gas would," Zeidler said. "But in the long run, it is worth it."

Students who wish to travel to the Chicago area during the break will pay between \$36 and \$71 each way.

Helen Treco, Amtrak Sales Reservation Agent in Chicago, said the price of the traveler's ticket depends on when the traveler makes his or her reservation.

"The best rule of thumb is to reserve your ticket as early as possible," Treco said. "Prices are cheaper and seats are more available when you call early."

Jeremy Sneddon, a senior in construction management from Mattoon, will return to his hometown during break in search of jobs. Sneddon said a car is the only way to travel but the train offers a sense of relaxation.

"I think alternative forms of transportation (trains, buses, etc.)

are a lot less convenient when you want to travel," he said. "You can't leave when you want to."

Daniel Kaye, Greyhound Bus Line Telephone Service Specialist in Arizona, said the deals the bus line offers are hard to compete with.

The Greyhound Bus Line is now offering a price of \$99 anywhere in the country to those with a Student Advantage Card. The tickets are \$129 without the card.

Kaye said one of the advantages of riding the bus is the ability to leave on the spur of the moment.

He advises arriving at the bus station at least one hour prior to departure time in order to buy a ticket for the train.

According to Kaye, Greyhound rarely has full buses, except for the holidays and on the weekends.

Kaye said trains and buses are a great way to get the most out of a vacation without the worries of driving.

"You leave the driving to us," he said. "You can just sit back and relax — not traveling in a car is the best way to travel."

POETRY

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the lines of the beat poetry, according to Shannon Abel, emcee for Longbranch.

"Beat poetry is a symbol of the people who were upset with the establishment and the way things were working," Abel said. "They were down and out, unemployed, and they hung out in coffeehouses."

The eclectic audience that partakes in Friday night poetry are not far from that description.

"A lot of regulars who come here every day are here for open

mic, and there is not much of an alteration from the normal atmosphere," Abel said.

There is a communal vibe among the people who perform. All of the poets are excepting to each other, with little sense of competition among them.

"The crowd at Longbranch is receptive, and the environment is nice and calm," said Unruh.

Abel says that people who come up can do more than just do poetry. The mic turns into a free forum type of atmosphere.

"The way I run it is you don't have to read a poem, people can feel free to come up and get things

off your chest," Abel said.

Abel says poetry is important to the community because it provides cultural enlightenment.

"The feeling you get when you hear a good poem isn't something that could be explained, it can only be felt," he said.

Unruh plans to publish her work in the near future. She is working on ideas for a project that combines her poems with different backgrounds.

"After I graduate from college I want to go to the Peace Corps," Unruh said. "When I return I'll be mentally ready to put out a book of poems."

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RSO to sponsor benefit reading

CHRIS KENNEDY
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Jon Tribble knows what it is like to slave over a literary magazine.

That is why he and three other writers will read their work for the Grassroots Benefit Reading at 7 tonight in the Lesar Law Auditorium.

Grassroots, the SIUC Undergraduate Literary magazine, will host its annual benefit reading featuring SIUC staff members and their fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Tribble, a lecturer in the Department of English, has had work published in "Poetry," "Ploughshares," "Crazyhorse," and "Quarterly West." He will be reading a variety of new poems he has written.

"The main thing I'm doing is picking new work that's never been read to this audience," Tribble said. Tribble's poetry is a mixture of free verse and formal poetry elements that deal with the past.

"I like to write poems that consider the past on the present, where personal and public events shape the understanding of where you are today," Tribble said.

The second reader of the evening will be Steve Howie, a visiting lecturer in English. He will read an

excerpt from his upcoming book, "The Bluffton Charge." The book details Howie's parents' involvement in the Civil Rights movement in the low country of South Carolina.

"I tried to capture the mood of a period before I was born," Howie said. "I like the fact we can recreate scenes, events and emotions."

Howie's non-fiction has appeared in "The Sycamore Review" and "Outdoor Traveler." He was also a finalist for the Annie Dillard Non-fiction Award.

Poet and Professor of Poetry Rodney Jones will read free verse and formal poetry from his various collections, including his upcoming book, "Eulogy for the Southern Drawl."

"My poems are meditative narratives," Jones said. "I tend to tell stories about people and language."

Beth Lordan, an associate professor of English, will conclude the program by reading a short story, "Running Out," which is part of a collection of short stories by Lordan titled "And Both Shall Row."

"The story is about a guy who has a perfect day," Lordan said. "Everything goes right, and he begins to get scared because when things are perfect things can go wrong."

Lordan said that people should definitely come to the reading and see how talented the writers are.

"What a lot of good writers we have here," Lordan said. "Not to be vain, but we're all pretty good."

Philip Brima, the head editor of Grassroots, put a lot of hard work in this year's magazine, and he said tonight will be the payoff not only for him but also the community.

"The audience can expect some of SIU's finest authors," said Balma, a senior majoring in English and French from Florence, Italy. "This provides alternative entertainment, something that has to do with your mind."

According to Tribble, the audience will not only be impressed but also enlightened.

"With the variety of readers, they'll get a real sense of the writers here are doing," Tribble said.

"Also, they'll be able to find out about Grassroots, which is an important part of the writing community at SIU."

LITERATURE

• The Grassroots Benefit Reading will take place at 7 tonight in the Lesar Law Auditorium.

• Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

COMPREHENSION

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"We have to pinpoint what each student's problems are and try to focus on what they need," Moore said.

Pharis said workshops are full now, but they are hoping to offer more workshops in the summer and fall. Departments strongly recommend their international graduate assistants take the workshop if they fail the test. The program does not cost the student anything if they are recommended for the program.

"The students certainly want to and are motivated to take the work-

shops if they want a teaching assistantship," Pharis said. "They have to pass the test."

Bill Patula, director of graduate studies in mathematics, said the initial feedback on the workshop is extremely positive. Five graduate students from the Department of Mathematics are enrolled in the workshops.

"They want to learn English, and this is a good tool to help them do that," Patula said.

Simon Aman, an international graduate student in mathematics from Eritrea, a former colony of Ethiopia, said the workshops have helped him improve his pronunciation.

"I believe it should continue," Aman said. "The main important thing is pronunciation. When I used to pronounce, I thought I was pronouncing correctly, but there are ways I need help. The workshops have helped me a lot in pronouncing things correctly."

Moore said international graduate assistants are bright students who are especially knowledgeable in their field. She said it is a loss to SIUC if students cannot understand them because of language and cultural barriers.

"The students are very cooperative and hard working, very motivated to change," Moore said.

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Seven senior level administrators received salary increases after an Andersen study found their salaries to be below the salary level of their peers.

The senate also will consider a resolution that echoes earlier legislation passed. The resolution, drafted by the senate Budget Committee Monday, recommends postponement of shared service center recommendations in the most recent Andersen report until the Oracle computer project can be completed and a more detailed analysis of economic impact can be conducted.

The Oracle computer system, designed to streamline administrative tasks and alleviate the paperwork burden of SIUC financial officers, promises to make financial, payroll and human resources administrative tasks more efficient.

Allen said the senate will have to waive the five-day rule on the legislation, which states that all legislation must be submitted a minimum of five days prior to appearing on the agenda. He said the senate is doing this in order to be on record to the Board of Trustees with a stance. The Board meets Thursday in Edwardsville.

COSTELLO
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said. "This legislation would not cost the taxpayer a penny. The insurance industry is against the legislation."

Costello explained that the insurance industry has a strong lobby on Capitol Hill and it is in the industry's best interest to not support the legislation. Congress defeated the bill in both 1997 and 1998.

"I'm looking forward to our day on Capitol Hill in the House of Representatives," Costello said. "We're talking to Senator [Dick] Durbin about sponsoring the same legislation in the Senate so we can attack this issue and pass this legislation on two fronts — both in the Senate and the House."

Costello first introduced this bill back in April 1997 after he received an e-mail from Pohlmann.

"I felt that it was important that [the current] legislation be broadened to include college students as well," Pohlmann said. "I don't know what caught Congressman Costello's eye in my e-mail message, but I have a feeling that part of it was a story that I relayed about one my patients."

Pohlmann has personally seen the devastating effects when a person is denied health insurance coverage for a pre-existing condition.

Pohlmann had a patient who was a student with undiagnosed AIDS that transferred to SIUC from another university. The University plan at SIUC determined that he had a pre-existing condition and would not cover him under the University's health insurance plan even though the student was not diagnosed with AIDS at the other university. SIUC would not cover the student for treatment.

Under the bill, this situation would not be repeated.

"He died a few months later in great pain," Pohlmann said. "He could have gotten treatment that he was not able to get."

Casey Loman, a senior in health education from Eikville, had insurance through the University but recently was denied health insurance coverage after she was forced to withdraw from her classes for the Spring '99 semester.

As a result, she lost her medical insurance. She tried to get the extended coverage because she was no longer a student but was denied because she did not

meet the deadline. Finally, she approached the Alumni Association for insurance coverage.

Then recently, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer. The Alumni Association denied her medical coverage because she now has a pre-existing condition.

"I cannot get my Alumni Association [insurance] for SIU, a school I worked very hard to keep my grades up [and did] tons of community service," Loman said at the press conference Monday. "I love SIU, and I can't get insurance to cover my problem because it's pre-existing. I didn't know I was dealing with this until a few days ago."

Loman, who is graduating in May, has a 4.0 grade point average and may be selected as the class valedictorian but will have to pay for her medical bills out of her own pocket.

The new student bill would prevent a situation like this from happening again. Loman will be able to be insured as soon as this bill is passed.

"If we are successful, people like Casey and other students will not have the problems she has experienced," Costello said.

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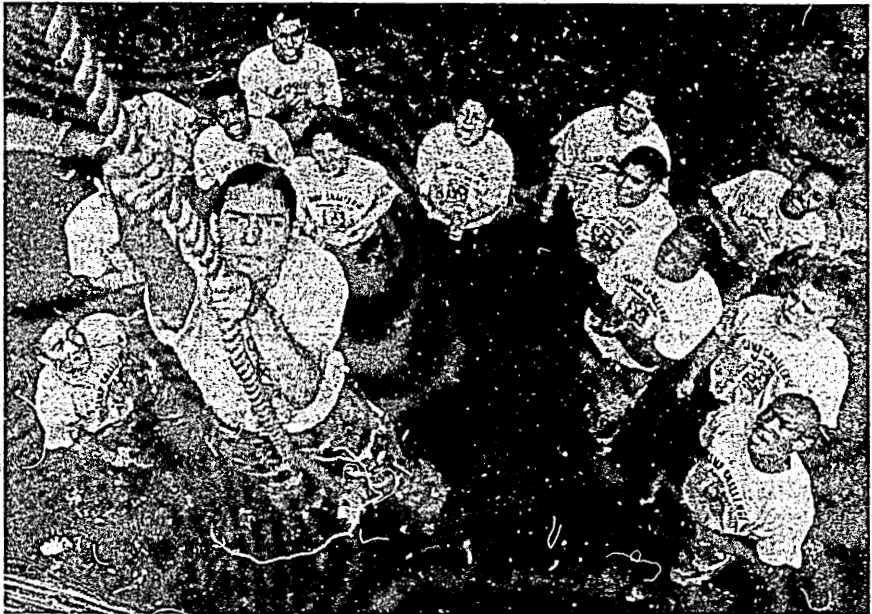
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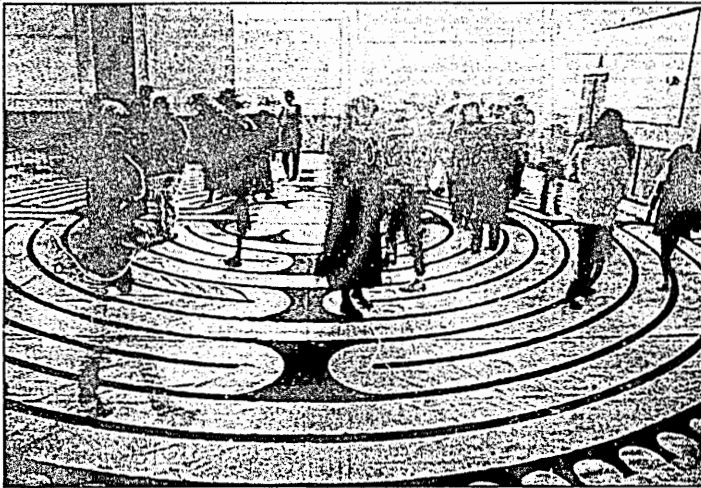
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on to her."

Addie's ability to discuss sorority rituals with her mother is something other members of her new member class cannot do.

"We can talk about secretive stuff that only Sigma Kappas can talk about," Addie said. "It is something very special that we can share."

Being in the same sorority gave Gena an advantage when she congratulated Addie after initiation.

"After her initiation I knew what kind of flowers to send her, the colors of the sorority and other things that other

mothers wouldn't know," Gena said.

Along with rituals, Gena also shares memories of Greek Sing, where Greeks sing and dance on the steps of Shryock in the fall, the Theta Xi Variety Show, holiday open houses and other traditions that have remained in the Sigma Kappa house.

Gena said Addie's decision to become a Sigma Kappa has made their relationship closer.

"Knowing what she was going to experience, we had some really good talks about what it means to be a Sigma Kappa," Gena said. "There is a bond there now."

Addie said she and her mother share more than a strong mother-daughter relationship.

"Now that I am a Sigma Kappa, we are not only mother and daughter — we are sisters," Addie said.

SELECT 2000

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Council, said the overall goal of meeting with Argersinger is to bring the greek system back together after Select 2000 has tore it apart.

"Our basic goal is to unite the greek system," he said. "A united greek system is a strong university."

Last Wednesday, Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution for students to vote on the Select 2000 program for the president/vice president ballot.

Because the vote is non-binding, it just will allow students to express their opinion on the program. University administration makes the final decisions on whether or not to keep Select 2000.

When Select 2000 was implemented, it had little student input into starting the program. Greeks tried to create a compromise to the program, but all attempts were unsuccessful.

Meeting with Argersinger has provided an opportunity greeks felt they did not have before.

The chancellor requested for greek leaders to meet with another University administrator to further investigate and come up with a solution for the Select 2000 program.

Phil DiGiacomo, secretary for Inter-Greek Council, said the meeting with Argersinger was a step in the right direction in mending the greek system's relationship with the University.

"For the first time in a long time the greeks feel like they have been heard, but more importantly we have been listened to," he said.

Inter-Greek Council falls directly under the advisement of Student Development and normally has direct contact with them. But Select 2000 has put a negative spin on the council and Student Development's relationship.

This negativity is what made greeks go around Student Development and go directly to the chancellor, according to greek leaders.

"We have lost faith in Student Development as the liaison to the administration," Polite said. "They built this barrier."

Despite this, Blood said greeks are willing to work with SIUC administrators to find a compromise to the situation and are hopeful about the results.

"We will find the good and bad in the program," Blood said. "Whether it is dropping or changing the program, I believe some good will come out of it."

Although greek leaders do not know specifics on how they want to change the program, they have some ideas as to what needs to be changed and how to make the change.

Blood said they hope to gain a better idea as to how to fix the problems with Select 2000 after meeting with all greek leaders and a University administrator.

"We want to develop a program that is specifically for SIUC, not some program that was a decision on people who are a 1,000 miles away," he said. "We want to set our own initiative with an incentive-based program rather than one with negative consequences."

Blood said they would like to come up with a quick and concise resolution before greek leadership changes because of the upcoming election in late April.

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EVANSTON, Ill. (U-WIRE) — In the Greek system, casual conversation often excludes gay students.

"Do you have a girlfriend?"
 "She's hot."
 "That's so gay."
 "It's hard to be gay and Greek."

But both Justin and Dave, members of Northwestern's fraternity system, said they joined because they wanted to be part of the community. They asked that their houses not be named.

"It's about brotherhood, having people to turn to, hanging out, having a good time," said Dave, whose name was changed to protect his anonymity. "The focus is not a way to get dates. It's to keep a social group as a constant in your life."

They said fraternities, like many other organizations, have some members who are gay-friendly.

"My best friends in the fraternity are perfectly cool with it," said Justin, who asked to be identified only by his first name. "They help me scope out cute boys in the freshman face book."

But there are also people who aren't supportive.

ing sex acts: "Oohdalaalee oohdalaalee oohdalaalee gay. John is a faggot."

But Dave said offensive language doesn't always bother him.

"People don't talk like that for the most part," he said. "When they do, it's not meant in a derogatory fashion. It's part of the cultural landscape of exproressors."

Even when the heterosexual language bothers him, Dave said, there isn't much he can do about it.

"Some people aren't going to change their language for one person," he said. "It bothers me, but they're my brothers and I have to put up with it."

"The word 'faggot' was used by some people with a fair degree of frequency, and it wasn't even passive."

— JUDE HIGDON
 NORTHWESTERN STUDENT

"Some people only pretend to be nice to you," he said. "It's only a handful of people, but they're the most salient people. A few people make me feel uncomfortable."

That discomfort can come in forms that are as subtle as the language people use, Justin said.

"I know some gay people who got bids but didn't pledge because of the heterosexual language used in fraternities," he said. "Like people would ask, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' instead of, 'Are you dating someone?'"

Some traditional Greek activities make gay men feel uncomfortable in the system.

"Last year I sang in Gone Greek Night, but I didn't enjoy that much," Dave said.

Despite pressure from other fraternity members to take women to social events, both Justin and Dave have brought men.

"It seemed like a one-sided argument that excluded me," Dave said. "Why should I bring someone that would make me uncomfortable? The standard is that I'm the one who has to bear the brunt and feel slightly out of place? It's not true to myself."

The men painted a complex picture of their identities.

"Some of my gay friends have turned away since I joined a fraternity," Justin said. "Greeks are an out group for gays and gays are an out group for the Greeks. I belong to two out groups at the same time. People aren't one-sided."

Justin also said his sexuality is an important part of who he is, but it isn't his total identity.

"I don't want to feel like I have to check it at the door," Justin said. "If my house couldn't accept that, they couldn't accept me."

When Higdon came out after leaving his house for financial reasons, his relationships with some of his former brothers changed.

Higdon's sexuality wasn't an issue while he was in the house.

His former brothers found out about his sexuality because he was also the president of NU's Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

While he stayed friends with some of the people in his fraternity, he said some of the members were turned off when he came out.

"Some people acknowledged me, but it was clear they weren't interested in talking to me," he said. "It was a very icy relationship. It wasn't hate speech, but it was a 'stay away from us' kind of relationship."

Said Higdon: "My friends in fraternities who are gay were petrified of coming out to their brothers."

But Interfraternity Council President Taylor Janis said the Greek system isn't homophobic. He said he'd like fraternities to have a comfortable atmosphere for gay students.

"The Greek system has always been a heterosexual culture," said Janis, a Weinberg junior. "But that doesn't mean we're anti-anything else."

Fraternities and sororities are a reflection of society, said Jenny Breinig, the Panhellenic Association's director of public relations.

Society pins a lot of problems, such as homophobia and drinking, on Greek life, she said.

"This may be a cultural thing more than a Greek thing," said Breinig, a Weinberg junior. "The Greek system is just targeted for negative stereotyping."

Despite all his trials with the Greek system, Dave said he's planning to live in the house next year.

"It could be a problem, but we'll cross that bridge when I get to it," he said.

Justin said he likes his fraternity, but he's not sure it's right for him.

"I have to decide whether I fit in the fraternity system," he said. "I've thought about deplugging."

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Baseball in early March has its disadvantages.

Just ask the Saluki men's baseball team, who could attest to playing in arctic-like conditions.

A victory last Wednesday at Murray State in 40-degree temperatures has been only the start to the string of cold weather the team has faced during the past four games.

The Salukis, who have been playing devil's advocate to the bustling weather, have started the season 7-3 courtesy of some recent hot pitching.

Earlier this season, the Salukis were having a hard time getting past their starting pitchers, but that has quickly changed.

Even with an overcast sky and frigid temperatures, senior pitcher Jason Frasier still was able to throw a career-high 11 strikeouts in seven innings while only allowing one earned run in three and two-thirds innings.

"I really didn't feel that I pitched that well," Frasier said. "But I had a great defense around me, and I was able to strike a few people out. I had good defense, and that's what kept me in there."

The win was his first of the young season, after only allowing one run in 13 innings in two previous no decisions. Frasier, who also leads the team with 24 strikeouts, quickly has erased all doubts of not being able to recover from elbow surgery last season.

Other strikeout kings for the Salukis have been junior Adam Biggs (21) and Dave Piazza (15).

But all was not well in the starting pitching department in Saturday's second game. Senior starter Brad Heuring allowed five earned runs on six hits in three and one-third innings.

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— ADAM BIGGS
SIUC RELIEVER

Western Illinois University starter Luke Jason allowed five earned runs in four and two-thirds innings.

Thankfully for both teams, the game was postponed because of darkness. The relief pitching settled down the next day and allowed the Saluki offense to come back and win 9-8.

SIUC's relief pitching has been on target as of late, largely because of Adam Biggs. The junior has quickly become "Mr. Reliable" for this season.

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out there I feel like I can do the job."

Pitching in seven out of the 10 games this season, Biggs has pitched 13.1 innings and has a 2.70 ERA.

During Sunday afternoon's makeup of the second game, Biggs pitched two innings and allowed no hits or runs with two strikeouts. After Biggs, enter freshman closer Jake Alley.

Alley earned his third save of the year Sunday afternoon. He pitched a successful ninth inning in relief of Biggs.

However, Alley still needs to work on his control. Alley hit another batter in Sunday's game, giving him three on the year.

Sunday's starter senior Dave Piazza allowed three earned runs on nine hits after a shaky first three innings.

Again it was a reliever who was able to come in and shut down the opposition, allowing the Salukis to come back for the second-straight game.

This time it was junior reliever Luke Nelson. The righthander struck out the first four batters he faced, earning a victory in the 6-5 win over WIU. Nelson pitched three innings, allowing only two hits and striking out four.

Overall, head coach Dan Callahan is confident on the growth of his young group of relievers.

"I'm pleased on what they did this past weekend," Callahan said. "We've had some good relief appearances, and that's why I'm so happy with some of the freshmen."

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Before they get better, the Salukis will enjoy a break from the game for a few weeks, allowing time to heal key season-ending injuries to sophomore Tiffany Traylor and freshman Kim Holloway and other injuries that plagued the team.

The Salukis, for most of the season, never had more than nine players dressed for practice, forcing assistant coaches Lori Opp and Lea Robinson to fill the vacancies.

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— JULIE BECK
SIUC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Beck and the Salukis began the season with an early win in just their second game of the season defeating Murray State University (10-17) 84-73 in the SIU Arena. They limped into conference play

with 1-7 mark and grabbed an early 3-2 MVC mark.

The Salukis later added two more wins against Illinois State University (8-20) and Bradley University (6-20), the last-place teams in the Valley. The Salukis most prominent win all season came at the expense of Wichita State University (16-11).

"I love basketball, and I hate to see practices come to an end," Beck said. "I think it was a hard year, and the kids busted it since August. I think they deserve a break. For the coaches, the breaks we get are just changes in what we do."

"Now our focus is on recruiting and hopefully getting back in April and getting them on a fun basketball program that will really make them excited about next year."

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11-0 run for the Bears. The uncontrollable wild ride had come to an end (sigh), and the Salukis were left sifting through the remains. But they found just what they had seen through the ride — no offense — too many

turnovers and no support for sophomore Terica Hathaway, who led the team with 15 points per game.

Maybe Molly McDowell has what the Salukis need. The future Saluki now will attempt to lead the Salukis after leading Nokomis High School to back-to-back Class-A state championships.

Or maybe it is Galesburg High

School's Sarah Larson, rumored to be attending SIUC next season. Larson led the Silver Steaks to the Class AA state championship game.

Whether the help comes from within or a new recruit, Julie Beck has about eight months to gather the pieces of the wreckage and put it back together with new and old parts.

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Jeff Stanek

A painful season to watch

I am reminded of Fox's "World Scariest Police Chases" when I think of the 1998-99 SIUC women's basketball season.

The criminal continues to outrun the police despite losing vital parts of his vehicle. Sparks spray squad cars as tires are spewn onto the highway.



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SPORTS REPORTER

The vehicle's frame deteriorates with every turn, and yet the criminal relentlessly refuses to concede.

The Salukis, despite losing vital team members along the season, pushed on despite crumbling to a school-worst 6-21 record.

But the crumbling began early, just at the time sophomore guard Tiffany Traylor went down with a leg stress injury.

Following the 78-52 loss at St. Louis University Dec. 5, junior center Melaneece Bardley seemed to already have foreseen what was coming.

Bardley emerged from the locker room after the game teary-eyed and mumbling, "I can't take this anymore. I hate losing."

Unfortunately, she would have to endure much more.

The Salukis' only credible backup for Traylor was an inexperienced freshman, Kim Holloway. She would show promise in filling the role but soon joined Traylor on the training table. They, however, would not get lonely in the training room.

Sophomore Courtney Smith underwent early-season knee surgery and was able to return about a month later.

But she too would find her way back to the training room for an occasional painkiller.

Sophomore Kristine Abramowski missed more than two weeks with a high ankle sprain at the season's halfway mark. Junior Meredith Jackson missed much of the season with a shoulder injury.

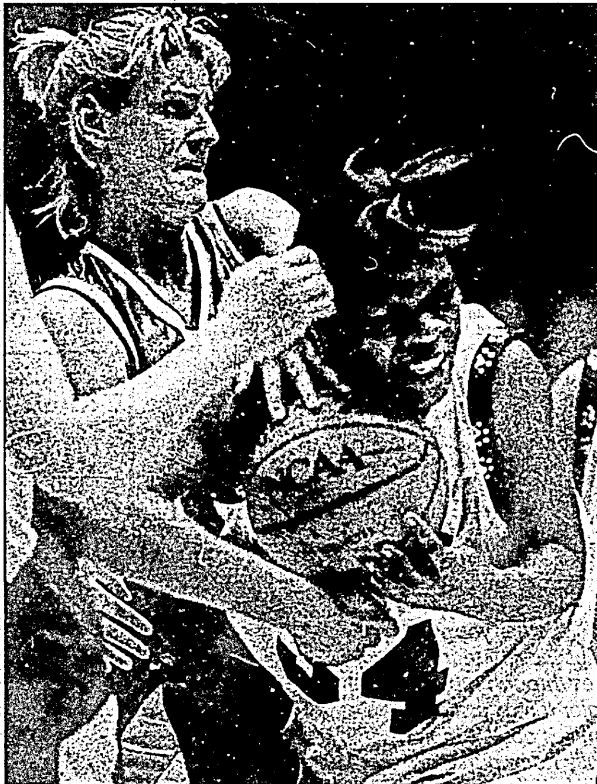
The wheels fell off early as Beck and company were unable to circle the wagons. The downward spiral continued as each game passed.

Like watching an infant learn to walk, the struggles became almost comical. But you could not do anything but feel for the child and hope that sooner or later it would walk.

The Salukis appeared to take their first steps, momentarily, against Southwest Missouri State University Thursday in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. SIUC began the second half with four straight buckets and cut the Bears lead to two.

But you just knew that they would fall sooner or later. It came sooner, as All-American Jackie Stiles began an

Taking a short break



Saluki forward Melaneece Bardley struggles to gain control of the ball in a game against Drake University. The Salukis also struggle to gain control of the season posting a 6-21 record.

Women's basketball team cannot wait for next year's campaign

PAUL WLEKLINSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC coach Julie Beck has spent one weekend away from basketball and is anxious for practice to begin — well, sort of. Southwest Missouri State University dished out a 73-58 loss, ending the Salukis' season in the first round of the Missouri Valley Conference tournament Thursday.

The 6-21 record compiled by the Salukis marks the worst record in school history.

"If you're a coach and you love coaching, you want to be out on the floor," Beck said. "Sure, I'm ready to go, but everybody needs a break, and I know that our players would definitely say, 'No way.'"

Beck has all the reason for wanting to return to the court as soon as possible. Not just because she loves the game or the fact that it is her life but because the disappointing season has left a sour taste in the first-year coach's mouth.

"I'm disappointed and feel very responsible that we only won six ball games," Beck said. "It wasn't the opening season that I really had foreseen. I definitely wanted our players to feel more success."

Instead, we're going to have to learn from the hard times and try to get better."

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Long jumper takes short route to success

Junior track and field star leaps into All-American level

ROB ALLIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC long jumper Brad Bowers hopes to use an All-American performance at the NCAA Track and Field Indoor Championships as a springboard for even greater success.

Bowers became the Salukis' first track and field All-American in three years Friday evening at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis.

The junior from Freeport leaped 24 feet and 5 inches to finish in 10th place, just two spots short of a trip to the final round.

Bowers earned All-American status because he was among the top eight Americans in the meet, as three foreign athletes finished ahead of him.

"It was a great competition," Bowers said. "I ended up 10th, but the ninth jumper went in three-quarters of an inch farther than I did."

"The best thing (about the meet) is knowing that I was so close to the finals."

Considering that he came into the meet rated in the 16th and final national-qualify-

ing slot, a 10th-place finish gives Bowers optimism as he sets his sights toward the outdoor season.

"I think outdoor is going to be a lot better for me," Bowers said. "Indoor is more of a tune-up, getting your rhythm down for outdoor."

"It felt really good (being named All-American). But I guess I'm kind of greedy because I wanted more."

— BRAD BOWERS
SIUC JUNIOR LONG JUMPER

As Bowers begins to focus on the NCAA Outdoor Championships June 2-5 in Boise, Idaho, he was pleased to at least get a sense of the feeling brought on by national success.

"It felt really good (being named All-American)," he said. "But I guess I'm kind of greedy because I wanted more. Everybody (when he returned) was like, 'Wow, you made All-American,' but I was hungry for a (top eight) plaque. I could just taste it."

Bowers said he feels he has the ability to finish as high as second in outdoor competition.

This year, Dwight Phillips of Arizona State University grabbed runner-up honors with a jump of 25-3 1/2. Bowers' season-best was 25-1 1/4.

It's not too difficult to figure out that he has a legitimate shot at an even higher finish in June.

"If I would have jumped just a little farther I could have been anywhere from second to fourth," he said. "But I'm just glad I could do what I did."

Senior Orlando McKee also participated in Indianapolis. McKee ran his final 200-meter dash for SIUC at a time of 21.78 seconds, finishing 15th in the preliminary round Friday.

McKee leaves as SIUC's all-time indoor record holder in the 200 with a career-best mark of 21.32.

SIUC's last All-American was high jumper Cameron Wright in 1996. Wright currently serves as Bowers' jump coach on the track and field team.

The only other Saluki to attain All-American honors in the long jump is Rick Rock, who accomplished the feat in 1977. Bowers is the 95th SIUC track and field athlete to be named All-American.

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