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plumbing the depths of dreams and nightmares.
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Bradbury's face. She sits and purses her hair back as the students again check the lighting.

The interview process is quiet as she asks her questions. Although the feed will be cut later, Bradbury feels embarrassed as she squirms in the hot seat.

"This is why I'm on the other side of the camera," she says, laughing and nervously pushing her chair back.

"I know how the shooting works," she says. "I know the silly things people do in front of the camera and I was worried I was doing them. I'm-I'm nervous." Bradbury finishes the question and pauses.

Hodgson tells her to conclude her theme one more time.

"This is my classroom," she says seriously.

"And - That's a wrap," Hodgson says.

Eight hours of work, feeling scratchy, shots, interviews and editing will make about 45 seconds of film.

"That's what our business is about," Hodgson says. "This is a chance to put everything together and (the students) do a good job." Hodgson says the video isn't only important for SIUC students, but for prospective students as they watch them.

"In essence we've got 10 minutes to paint a picture for students," he says. "In essence we're helping to paint a dream." Each student in the class will get the chance to produce a segment of the video.

Trev Harper, a junior in radio-television from Memphis, Tenn., produced this segment. Although he has worked production before, "this is the first time I've produced something you can show the moment," he says. Harper was assigned this segment one week prior to the shooting, giving him more time to organize equipment, prep, a schedule, a crew, a list of interview questions and the talent.

It was more exciting and more nerve-wracking for you want to make sure everything goes according to plan and you have a time limit," he says. But...

"This is our classroom," Harper says. "This is what I love to do."
Funding for child-care center called into question

The center has been offering child care since 1975 and currently has 120 children enrolled in the program. At full capacity the program can serve 260 children. The center also employs 11 full-time staff and several part-time personnel.

The center is currently discussing with the University the possibility of a cooperative effort. SIUC officials along with Edward C. Hayes staff met prior to Tuesday's meeting. Officials at the Edward C. Hayes Center did not comment on the talk at this time, but did stress the center's needs.

The possibility of closing the center brought many concerned residents to the council meeting, where they discussed the center's future. Of those present during the meeting, many had attended the center or had children who had gone through the program.

Electric Simmons, one of the citizens present, said the city is yielding too long because of the positive effects the center has had on the town.

House passes bill to raise smoking age to 19

A bill that would raise the legal smoking age from 18 to 19 was approved by the Illinois General Assembly on April 11. The bill, sponsored by Representative Mark Lambur, was signed into law by Governor Pat Quinn.

The bill was sponsored by representatives from both sides of the aisle, including Democrats and Republicans. The bill was supported by a number of community groups, including the American Lung Association and the Illinois chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The bill was passed unanimously by both the House and the Senate, with votes of 100-0 in the House and 39-0 in the Senate.

The bill is expected to take effect on January 1, 2020. The new smoking age would apply to all individuals under the age of 19, including those who have already reached the legal age of 18.

The bill includes a provision that would allow individuals who are 18 years old to continue to buy tobacco products until their 19th birthday, but they would not be allowed to smoke until they turn 19.

The bill also includes a provision that would allow adults who are 21 years old to continue to smoke until they turn 22.

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Remembering Bucky's legend

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Daily Egyptian

The metal scraps stacked like Pringles chips on the back deck of 73-year-old Bill Fuller's Carbondale home may appear to be an SIUC legacy versus the future.

But these are the fragments of a prototype for B. Buckminster Fuller, "a sky's eye" dome, an architectural marvel still not fully realized.

Most people who knew world-renowned visionary B. Buckminster Fuller have long since departed. What little w relics remain are deteriorating. But the puzzle-solving scientist-philosopher-mathematician-architect-ecologist and former SIUC professor stands again, at least on stage.

As a friend and collaborator of Bucky's and an original member of the Fuller Foundation, Bucky's son Bucky Jr. returns to the Feb. 11 Chicago premiere of "B. Buckminster Fuller: The History (and Mystery) of the Universe." The play has broken records and earned phenomenal reviews across the country, earning in Chicago a run for the second time.

"Bucky Fuller does an enormously effective job of evoking Bucky's marmontism," said Perl of what he called an extraordinary performance collapsing 88 years into a three-hour play. "Everyone at SIUC should see this play."

Awarded comic actor Ron Campbell has worked on several films with such greats as Jack Nicholson in "The Wings of Eagles." Campbell is also an avid reader of the Auer's "New York Times" with Robin. However, he will always credit Bucky as the role that elevated him. "People come up to me after the show with tears in their eyes," said Campbell, adding that he saw many of the same faces return. "At the end, the audience is really applauding themselves and their ability to make a difference because they see a man who dedicated his life to making the world a better place."

The San Diego Repertory Theatre's play, being re-run, has received offers to bring the play to television, which could still be an option. Yet Campbell prefers to tour the same air with his audience. "People like catching lightning in a bottle," Campbell said. "Every night I get to feel three things, those roles of recognition."

The entire script was taken from Bucky's dream-of-consciousness "Lectures," said Campbell. "Bucky would sense what kind of questions his audience wanted to solve that evening," said Campbell, cuddling with Chasing Bucky as his performance. "He championed the individual as the most important element of the planet. My job is to walk into the audience and talk to the people." Campbell said that Bucky's ideas are still as relevant today as they were in the 1940s.

"Bucky talked a mile a minute, the information is flowing out of him," Campbell said. "If I've gotten 10 percent of what he was talking about, I'm lucky."

The play only follows Fuller's writings and ideas like energy-efficient homes and cars and appeals for sharing the planet's resources for the benefit of all life on earth. Fuller, a descendant of transcendentalist writer and publisher, Margaret Fuller, was booted out of Harvard twice, suffered severe vision impairment and watched his 4-year-old daughter die in his arms.

Campbell said that Bucky turned tragedy into "a splinterbound that heaved him into new creative avenues" and that his daughter's death spurred his inventions. "The more you look at his work, the more you realize that perhaps his entire life and his inventions were for children, who he thought of as geniuses," Campbell said. "He had a self-imposed mandate to make the world a better place and maybe not for his own interests. He really was doing everything he could to save that child who died in his arms."

Designer R. Buckminster Fuller was known as a modern Leonardo da Vinci who not only gave Compass Lake its geodesic dome gardens, but also gifted Dinky World with Epcot's dome design. The dome was praised for enclosing the largest amount of space with the least amount of resources.

Dalen Morris bought Bucky here as a design research professor to elevate the University's reputation. As SIUC professor from 1959 to 1970, Fuller was internationally known for promoting the best possible use of resources both in lifestyle and architecture. He was nominated for several Nobel Prizes and received the major award given to a civilian in the United States. He founded the geometric branch of mathematics called synergetics. Fuller invented the Dymaxion map, which securely describes the size and distance of the continents, allowing the viewer to see the land on the "big blue marble" as it really is in an aerial. He received 41 honorary degrees from universities, including Harvard, Notre Dame and SIUC.

Campbell said on no discipline took ownership of Bucky and that Fuller wouldn't limit himself to one particular way of thinking. "The poets thought he was an engineer; the engineers thought he was a physicist; the physicists thought he was a philosopher, but he was all of these things," Campbell said.

Perl, an SIUC emeritus professor who served 20 years as design chair, said of the "I, a Fuller for life." Besides owning one of only four "sky's eye" dome prototypes, Perl also owns the geodesic dome house Fuller built and lived in during his 12 years here.

"If you look at the 1961 patent filed for the monohex dome, it is listing the inventors who lived at 407 South Forest Street in Carbondale on Wednesday afternoon. The model incorporates the design of the 68-year-old residential dome."
Popular pill, ephedra, may cause serious side effects

Kelly Dorsch
Daily Egyptian

An unregulated diet supplement that promises increased energy and weight loss—and which is now popular among the college crowd—may instead deliver sickness, strokes or even death, say SIUC and national health officials.

About three billion servings of the supplement ephedra are sold nationally each year, with sales tanking approaching one billion dollars, according to industry figures. Yet Food and Drug Administration watchtowers have logged about 600 reports that the substance, which is derived from a plant used in traditional Chinese medicine, may cause serious side effects.

With FDA reviews of the supplement pending, SIUC health experts are concerned ephedra use among college students is too high. Yet many in the ephedra industry stand behind their wares.

Debra Jones, an SIUC sophomore in work-study education, says for her every dose of ephedra was too much.

"I just felt wired up and out of control," she said. "Always on edge."

Jones first tried the supplement a few years ago, hoping to lose weight but quit taking pills after the first day—though she did not know about possible negative side effects at the time.

"I don't think anyone knew anything then," she said.

Now, in light of recent reports on the drug, Jones says her symptoms made sense.

"I can only imagine the effects long term," she said.

Jones is like many patients whose ephedra use jangled some alarms bell for SIUC Dietitian Lynn Gill.

For the last two years, Gill has been tracking findings on the drug that she believes to be dangerous—especially when mixed with caffeine.

She has also treated patients on ephedra, many of whom tried the pill but did not lose weight. Instead, several suffered ill effects.

"About 5 percent of my patients came in with elevated blood pressure and irregular heartbeats," said Gill, who treats only students. "And 5 percent might not sound like much, but if there's one person, that's too many."

Many ephedra users who reported ill effects to the FDA were otherwise healthy young people, said Neil Benowitz, a researcher at the University of California in San Francisco.

Many who took the pill were women, and many of the side effects seemed related to periods of intense exercise or heavy caffeine intake, he said. Benowitz's findings appeared in a December 2000 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

"The public needs to know ephedra can produce potentially catastrophic effects," Benowitz said. "It shouldn't be used."

The drug works in a con- tent manner of stimulants, Benowitz says, narrowing blood vessels and raising blood pressure.

In Corcoran, dietary supplement stores like General Nutrition Center in the University Mall sell ephedra, which goes by "Ultra Ripped" or "Mitrobolin," many of the ephedra-derivative supplements at GNC are branded ""top selling""

"The display for the GNC brand of ephedra features a young couple neighborhood under a blue sky," she said. ""It's the adjectives for the 25 mg a day."

"And this happy image is juxtaposed to the warning of a health concern," she said.

Organizations like the Ephedra Education Council—a group of five dietary supplement manufacturers—believe the drug is safe when used as directed.

A spokesperson for the council, who asked not to be named, said ephedra is not commonly to blame for the injuries reported to the FDA.

"Some people would've suffered, like a heart attack or stroke anyway," she said, regardless of whether they took ephedra.

The overall conclusion comes from reports by health experts intent to review FDA case studies on ephedra, the said.

But Benowitz believes it's more than coincidence that ephedra users suffered ill effects. He said the next step is a more in-depth study and "it's the industry's obligation to prove they're safe."

The Ephedra Education Council also believes the supplement can be combined safely with caffeine, she says, though daily doses should not exceed 100 milligrams. But alternative medicine expert and physican Sharon Hull isn't buying.

"I don't think anyone knew anything then," she said. "And until the industry adopts standards, government won't be there to play Big Brother."

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"The public doesn't know what it's getting," many people feel "invincible," she said. And until the industry adopts standards, government won't be there to play Big Brother.

Hull also believes Americans would rather gulp down the newest magic oil than commit to exercise and good eating.

"We want a quick fix," she said. "If one pill is good, we take two. But with this drug, even a small overdose can be lethal."

Research discovered half of the products contained much more ephedrine than labels indicated and half contained much less.

In 1997, the FDA itself tried to limit ephedra to 45 milligrams a day. But Congress investiga- tory arm, the General Accounting Office, decided the FDA lacked enough evidence against ephedra to act.

Benowitz says the FDA was forced to bend down by powerful Congressional lobbyists and senators.

"The FDA needs a strong consensus who's willing to fight," she says, if ephedra is going to be regulated. And Benowitz thinks "evidence is strong enough to regulate."

The FDA admits in its report of 15 effects are incomplete, calling its database "not robust" in a 2000, 4. Department of Health and Human Services paper released in August.

"The Ephedra Education Council calls the FDA ephedra database " totally inadequate" and "worthless."

But the FDA said its case studies should still prove, from investigation.

"Day serve as a starting point for an improved surveillance system," the paper said. And despite case study limitations, the report says "many of the adverse effects are biologically plausible."

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Parking tickets pay off

Sarah Roberts
Daily Egyptian

The next time you're tempted to park in a no-parking zone, remember that the ultimate goal of these tickets is not to write you a fine but to improve the campus. The money collected from parking tickets is used for a variety of improvements, including the maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, and signs. It's a win-win situation for both the university and the students who must navigate the campus.

Brian Mager, the director of the traffic and parking division, is committed to improving the campus experience. He noted that parking tickets are a necessaryevil, but the revenue they generate is used to fund improvements. Mager stated, "Our goal is not to write tickets, but to improve the campus." He added that the parking division works closely with Vice Chancellor Glenn Poshard's office to ensure that parking decisions are made with the goal of enhancing the campus experience.

USG dumps Priority One funding

Christian Halle
Daily Egyptian

Student groups could get left out and not receive funding because Undergraduate Student Government's faulty preparation for the spring allocation process. Consequences of USG's indecision between alternative funding plans have produced other related problems, such as the late release of application forms and changing application deadlines. USG Finance Committee Chair Adam Joseph, said he wanted to clear up some Registered Student Organizations' concerns with a recent committee proposal to only fund Priority One organizations, announced in late-February.

"We are not going to do Priority One funding," Joseph said. "Bringing the chair of that body, I don't want to do something that everyone I talk to is not in favor of." Priority One consists of umbrella organizations for student groups with similar or related interests. Under the proposal, USG would fund a Priority One and that organization would be responsible for funding student groups within their domain.

But despite the complications, the new Priority One funding plan was well-received by Student Government. "We talked about this plan all year," Joseph said. "If we don't do something, we're going to lose our funding. We're going to have to figure this out."
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SIU baseball plays the University of Louisville today and Wichita State University next week

JAVIER SERRA
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SIU baseball is at .500 right now. Imagine if head coach Don Callahan had his players swinging the way he liked.

"Getting to the point where we've had plenty of games, plenty of extra swings in practice," Callahan said. "It's time for some of these guys to start producing."

The Salukis (6-4) will get a chance to get their bats in full swing starting today in Louisville, Ky., where the University of Louisville (6-4) will play host. During spring break, SIU will play host to MVC power Wichita State University (0-5).

"We know we haven't been doing a lot of things real well at all," second baseman Dave Kersty said. Kersty is leading the Saluki batters with a .345 average at the plate. Third baseman Luke Nelson is behind him, batting .348.

Callahan is also concerned about senior pitcher Billy Hardin (0-4), who's gotten off to a rocky start.

"He's playing better than his record shows," Callahan said.

Drinking on the quality of fake identification being used. She said their establishment could accommodate approximately 506 fake IDs a day.

"In 35 years we never had a problem with fake IDs of such high quality," Kanyakasid said. "Students will use their fakes, but are afraid to show police because it would lead to a more serious charge."

Addressing the concern of the increased capacity, Kanyakasaid the renovations were geared toward increasing the amount of bathroom facilities at the establishment.

Carbondale Mayor Neil Diller was concerned the renovations could increase the amount of sound produced by the bands playing in the garden. He said some complaints have been raised by residents of Carbondale about the amplitude of the music produced by beer gardens with stages established.

Carbondale has three establishments with beer gardens that have outdoor stages. Kanyakasaid said "Students will use their fakes, but are afraid to show police because it would lead to a more serious charge."

"It's evident in the fact that they've turned some double foul calls into strikes."

"It says something about the pitchers that they can get a ground ball in those situations, but there's also something to be said about the infielders who can turn it," Callahan said.

"We're starting to come together now and figure out what it's about to play at this level," Kersty said of the. .

But a healthy dose of hitting would help even more if the Salukis see the road above .500.

"We've been pretty good, I think," said designated hitter Roman Schooley. "We just gotta start swinging the bats."

Child-care centers have on the children.

"How can you assess a price for our future?" Simmons asked the audience.

Richard Hayes, former associate ½-facutive action officer at SIU, said the center offers children more

Without this moral guidance, Hayes said children would be more likely to lead lives that do not positively contribute to the community.

"We will be the next city in line for a prison if we don't spend money to keep the center operating," Hayes said.
Tee-off time

SIU men's golf competes in spring season-opener over break.

JAVIER CUNICK

It's been a while since these fellows have competed. And their sixth-place finish in the Pepsi Challenge this past October seems to have inspired the SIU men's golf team to achieve higher and better things.

The Salukis will play their first tournament of the spring season starting Monday in the BobBetter Golf Classic. The 36-hole, two-day event will be at The Teeth of the Gator Golf Club in New Orleans.

"I'm excited," said junior transfer Brad Dusak. "Their sixth-place finish to end the fall campaign was arguably their best performance of the season. But they will be the first to admit that they undershot last season's expectations.

Even on the opening day, you wanted to see the players out at a local course working on various aspects of their game. The practice seems to have paid off.

"Coach [Leroy] Newton is going to have a hard time figuring out who to take [to tournaments]," senior Mike Heldt said of the team's progress. "A lot of guys are showing that they want to win."

But even so, there still remains a lack of effort with a player or two.

"Some are in euphoria," sophomore Tom Hest said. "There's a couple of guys who, if they don't put in some more effort, probably won't be here next year."

Newton agreed with Hest.

"They're kind of packing it up," Newton said. "But we don't want to name names," Newton said.

But on the whole, Newton said his squad is a more focused, polished group.

"The kids have worked hard," Newton said. "They're tired of playing each other. We're ready to go and see what we can do."

The Classic will allow each team to use five players in the selection process. It is also hoped that each team can play two more players, who can compete as individuals, but the team's score won't count.

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