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Vigil leaves feeling of hope with attendees

STOP the HATE loyalists gathered together Thursday evening looking for answers to difficult questions.

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As representatives from different groups stepped to the microphone for the STOP the HATE vigil Thursday, three little girls ran wild circles around a nearby tree. The girls, two of Muslim faith and one of Christian faith, stalked with laughter as they scampered after cult questions.

One of the girls, 3-year-old Sabrina LaBlanc, came to the vigil with her grandmother, Regina Eising. Eising, a representative from the Newman Student Center, 715 S. Washington Ave., said she brought her granddaughter down from the stage, he watched the speakers.

"She's what this is all about," Eising said. "It's going to be a very, very, very bloody world to live in if we don't start straightening something out."

Community organizations joined on the steps of Shryock Auditorium for STOP the HATE vigil at 7 p.m. Thursday, bringing Muslims, Jews, homosexuals, Christians, SJUC interim Chancellor John Jackson and one pagan loyalists to discuss solutions and unite against violence motivated by hatred toward members of a targeted group.

"About 100 people came to SIUC's event, all bearing candles and looking for answers to difficult questions," he said. "She feels disabled, but the supporting and the center of attention among white students when they ask her about black issues. "I end up being their token of the day," she said.

"Education is supposed to liberate people, but I feel like whatever I do, it's to uphold the black race and I don't want that role," she said.

"There has been a lot of input, but not a whole lot of support," he said. "About 200 people attended the discussion and listened quietly as each of the four panel members gave their opening remarks concerning race issues at SJUC.

"People are aware and talking about it," he said. "Various city officials are still looking at possible solutions for increased safety of people on South Illinois Avenue in the late night hours on the weekends."

City Councilman Brad Cole said he is satisfied with the way the situation is being dealt with by the police and city.

Council will take no action yet on possible Strip closing.

Panel discussion focuses on race issues

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Rolanda McClinton was one of many students, administrators and faculty who expressed concern about minority treatment at SJUC during a panel discussion on race Wednesday afternoon in Kleinschmidt Theater.

McClinton, a junior in advertising from Chicago who participated in the panel discussions, said she feels uncomfortable being the center of attention among white students when they ask her about black issues.

"I end up being their token of the day," she said. "Education is supposed to liberate people from thoughts like that," she said. "We need to do better."

Najia Abdul-Mousawi, representing the Carbondale Muslim Center, was proud to be a part of an event promoting understanding and tolerance. After Abdul-Mousawi stepped down from the stage, he watched the speakers from the edge of the crowd as his two young daughters ran wild circles around a nearby tree.

"There has been a lot of input, but not a whole lot of support," he said. "People are aware and talking about it."
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Underpass enters second phase

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Phase Two of the Mill Street underpass project has begun, with the successful completion of Phase One, according to an Illinois Department of Transportation official.

Doug Helfrich, resident engineer with IDOT for the Mill Street underpass project, said the project is running on schedule and on budget.

Phase Two of the project will start this week with creation of two lanes on Mill Street and University Avenue.

The construction of a turn lane on University Avenue will divert traffic to the east lanes of University Avenue and some west lanes of South Illinois Avenue. Mill Street will be reduced to two lanes east of South Normal Avenue for the construction of both lanes for the underpass.

This construction will close the sidewalk on the south side of Mill Street and the west side of University Avenue, and two lampp will remain open on the three lanes involved.

Phase Two of the project is expected to be completed by November. Construction on the east side of the railroad tracks will be divided into seven phases. The expected completion date of the Mill Street underpass project is summer 2001.

"In Phase One, the underpass construction, traffic lanes were constructed on University Avenue, closing two entrances to the 710 Bostock parking lot. Two entrances to the 710 parking lot will be reopened Friday," Helfrich said.

"Traffic on Mill Street, between South Illinois Avenue and Washington Street, reopened Oct. 1, with a temporary roadway, because more work will have to be done in the future," according to Helfrich.

Helfrich said that if the weather stays nice, work on raising the tracks at College Street will start before the end of the year, but if there is bad weather, this work will start in 2001. The tracks need to be raised for the addition of the underpass.

By the end of November, the railroad tracks will be moved temporarily to the east of the original site of the tracks.

Officials from IDOT, the City of Carbondale and Carbondale Main Street are working together to compile "The Scoop on Mill Street," a newsletter that will be available to area businesses. The weekly newsletter will include updates on what construction is taking place in conjunction with the underpass.

"Finding Home," an expression of culture

JANET WENDT
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Stina Benjamin gracefully prepares several pieces of art to show the abstract diversity for Artordinaire The Art of Touching, an annual event that presented new works and awareness for the Lothar Grothe Coffee House Friday in the multimedia space opening, "Finding Home.

Benjamin, an art professor, makes a combination of visual colors and textures in her work to raise the questions "What and Who is Home?" She said her work evokes issues such as identity, immortality and motherhood in her Finding Home series.

"A lot of my pieces are bars," Benjamin said.

"I like to talk about the body being the outside and the soul being something that is revealed in the inside," Benjamin said.

Artists came together from 10 to 9 p.m. to Friday at the Lothar Grothe Coffee House. The work of three artists formed one multimedia event. Featured were the artistic styling of Stina Benjamin, the documentary Finding Home: Asian Indians of Carbondale by Gregory Wendt and Joyce Hamagored and visual poetic painting with poetry and performance artist Jack Otis.

There was also a documentary screening for "Finding Home: Asians in Carbondale," a film that includes Benjamin and her art.

The picture documented the Carbondale Indian public and its adaption to life away from home. Wendt, the film's creator, wanted to convey the difference between the Indian culture from their homelands to Carbondale.

"It's about the Indian community of Carbondale and how they find home," Wendt said.

"Leaving their original culture and then coming here. It's one of the things they do to make this new place home for them," the film's creator says.

The combination of Benjamin's work and Wendt's work will be held through the November meeting and probably through December.

"We're going to have another art show during the Christmas season," Wendt said.

Youth inspired to get involved in politics

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The Youth in Government Day Sunday left SIUC student ambassadors from the Political Science Department feeling inspired about housing involved in political action.

The conference brought about 200 high school students around the state to the Student Government Association to listen to an array of political guest speakers provide insight about politics. The ambassador program is designed to urge students interested in political the chance to become involved outside the classroom. "I am interested in being involved in the world I am interested in being involved in the world," student said who went the weekend visiting the campus and talking to SIUC political science professors.

The forum consisted of five speakers who talked about how young people can make a difference in government. The panel was moderated by former Sen. Paul Simon,parallel had an extensive background in government and personnel the audience that it is important to start getting involved.

Panelists included Gene Catlin, former dean of the College of Business; Diane and father of SIUC basketball coach Dan Calhoun; Mary O'Han, associate sociology professor at John A. Logan Community College; Norwood and Lori Williams, former executive assistant to the governor and director of Illinois Capital Jim Edgar.

The panel discussion addressed how young people can get involved in government and how that involvement could help them in a future career. Norwood said she was doubtful a political science degree would be helpful in finding employment after college. Norwood, who has a degree from Yale University Law School, said the intrinsic something other than a political science degree to fulfill back on and to keep her career, "I told my mom I was going to be a politician in some way," Norwood said.

The number of workers on U.S. payrolls unexpectedly fell slightly last month, partly as a result of Hurricane Floyd, which some economists estimated reduced job growth by 26,000 at a 4.2 percent, the Labor Department reported Friday.

The department estimated that roughly 60,000 payroll jobs were lost because of the hurricane, which disrupted businesses along the East Coast, and caused a decline of 8,000 jobs nationwide for the month.

Without the effects of the hurricane, unemployment only about 50,000 payroll jobs would have been added, a much smaller gain than most analysts had been expecting.

"Employment in some areas and industries was held down by Hurricane Floyd, but employment growth was weak even in those areas and industries largely unaffected by the hurricane," Katherine Abraham, the nonresident of labor statistics, told reporters.

Analysts generally agreed that the figures added up to weak reports, but many weren't sure whether it was a sign that economic growth is slowing or that employers aren't hiring because of an acute shortage of workers to hire.

"I think it would be very hard to draw the inference that this is a substantial sign of a slowing of the economy, because we have had a string of other strong jobs reports," said White House economist Martin N. Baily.

Initial claims for unemployment benefit continued to rise at a very low level, he noted, and the most recent survey of conditions in manufacturing by the National Association of Purchasing Management found that sector of the economy growing rapidly.

The bottom line is that we probably won't see very much job growth would have been ex-Floyd, but it was almost certainly quite weak," said Ian Shephardson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics in Valhalla, N.Y.

"The key question remains, 'Why?'" Shephardson.

"The bottom line many economists say that the economy is not going to be a political science degree for the Fed will stay on hold through the November meeting and probably through December.

"We're going to have another art show during the Christmas season," Wendt said.
**Turf’s up! Lawnmower racing grows in popularity**

**Dallas Hughes**

The Washington Post

You've got to hand it to Bruce Kaufinan. As president of the U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association (USLMRA), he has actually turned yard work into a competitive sport. "It's fun and it's humorous," Kaufinan says. "That when that green flag drops, it's just as serious as NASCAR." Don't laugh. At least not yet, anyway. Lawn mower racing really is a serious sport. Serious enough to warrant a 24-hour national circuit and a weekly highlights show on the Nashville Network. We drop you yet?

Since its formation on April Fool's Day 1997, the USLMRA has seen its membership swell like a side bag during a late-July mow. According to Kaufinan, there are more than 500 dues-paying members.

There is no prize money in lawn mower racing, only trophies. The races work like this: First, all drivers remove the blades from their mowers. Then, they select a class in which to compete. The classes include stock, IMOW (International Mower of Weeds), Prepared and FX (Stock mowers, which are basically unaltered one-seat riding mowers, top out at speeds of 8 to 10 mph), and FX, which are restricted to 10 mph, while the FX mowers, which are juiced up through gearing changes and camshaft alterations, sometimes reach speeds in excess of 60 mph. Just imagine how fast you could cut the back yard with one of those bad boys.

The races take place on a one-eighth to one-tenth of a mile oval track. The tracks are laid out like road courses, with two straightaways and several twists and turns. The start is Le Mans style, with drivers clipping into their machines and maneuvering to rock and roll. For races who only want to go fast, there are several drag racing divisions.

Believe it or not, people have been racing lawn mowers for years. In fact, the USLMRA was founded only after executives for STA-BIL (a fuel stabilizer) instead of a 12-hour lawn mower endurance race in England. The STA-BIL people wondered if a national event might prove to be a valuable promotional venture. So, they entered the help of Kaufinan, who is a public relations executive in Glenview, Ill.

Kaufinan attended the British race. He also learned that there were a number of mowage races in the United States. Soon, he and STA-BIL had laid out the guidelines for their own transatlantic association. According to Kaufinan, there were three mandates: 1) Never race for money. 2) Always stress safety. 3) Maintain a sense of humor.

The drivers—don't mind laughing at themselves. Most admit their machines with names such as Sodafix, Weedy Grasshead and the Ave of Blades. But don't let the silly names fool you.

These people take their racing and engineering seriously. They've all got heads, through and through. And L.A. of them, this is a much welcomed and blessed affordable way to compete in the often cost-prohibitive world of motoring sports. "I call it poor-man's NASCAR," says Mike Horn, a driver from Clarkston, Md. "You can find a lawnmower racing takes "keeping up with the Joneses" to the next level. The U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association has more than 500 members and a national racing circuit.

"It's fun and it's humorous, but when that green flag drops, it's just as serious as NASCAR."

**Bruce Kaufinan**

U.S. Lawn Mower Racing Association president

"I take full responsibility for naming the events," he says. "Not everyone is a fan of mower madness. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an Alexandria, Va.-based trade association, has denounced lawn mower racing. The OPEI points out that 'the machine is not running right, I hear about it.'"

The mowers view the sport as a weekend hobby, a chance to earn trophies and bragging rights. Next year, though, national mowing pride will be at stake. That's where British mowers will invade U.S. shores for the "Transatlantic Millennium Showdown," Kaufinan's version of the backyard Olympics.

No sport today can be truly worthy of the public's attention without a titillating scandal of some sort. And rest assured, the USLMRA has done its part on this front. It was recently discovered that Kaufinan, the man who purportedly has gasoline and fence running through his veins, does not even own a lawn mower.

"Well, I did own a gas tank," he says. "But now I don't even have the gas, so a neighborhood kid mows the lawn for me." (Does the man know any chains?)

"Think of it this way," he says. "All that time I don't spend cutting my grass allows me to concentrate on America's fastest mowing sport."
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Wendt's documentary captured the natural essence of his film, which was adopted into the mainstream film industry.

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Shanta Williams, a senior in political science from Chicago, said that a vote was a key factor in the success of the process.

Some students were concerned about the lack of communication between the student body and the administration.

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Race Discussion

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The event was part of the Campus Week of Dialogue, one of President Bill Clinton's initiatives for race awareness in America.

Additionally, more than 600 college and university participants during last year's Campus Week of Dialogue. This was the SIUC's first involvement in the national event.

"The panel discussion was sponsored by the departments of History, Speech and Communications, Black American Studies, the Graduate School, and the College of Liberal Arts.

One of the main issues addressed was the need for more administrative and faculty positions focused with the student minority population. Don Chiles, a professor and an associate professor of sociology, said that in his 13 years at SIUC, there has been no progress in terms of hiring African-American faculty.

"I can count my African-American colleagues on fewer than three fingers," Chiles said.

He said there are even fewer in administration.

Panelist Mike Flores, a graduate student in speech communication, said the University should do more to promote opportunities and programs for Hispanic students.

Flores, who is of Mexican descent, said there should be a multicultural society at SIUC and other universities where none exist.

"We want the other organizations (on campus) to see that it's not just the black and white situations out there," Flores said. "Instead of being the African-American or Latino race, we become the humanity race.

Some panelists talked about their own confrontations with the race issues at SIUC.

Harvey Welch, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, has been associated with the University, as student in the 50s and as an administrator since 1975, for almost 50 years.

Welch, 69, talked about what it was like as a young, African-American student. He shared an experience of when he was not allowed to eat with his white basketball teammates.

"I had to get a little place at the train station," Welch said. "My other teammates could eat at any place they wanted to."

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SIU volleyball team still experiencing growing pains

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SIU head volleyball coach Sonya Locke realizes times will get better—because they didn’t just get worse.

Locked into a season-long skid that has already cost them an assistant coach, the Salukis’ offense didn’t execute.

The Salukis (0-3, 1-8) have not played up to Locke’s expectations through the midpoint of the season; however, Locke somehow justified the growing pains her team would endure this season.

"It’s an uphill battle, and we’re going to be in it until the end," Locke said.

"We’re not even going to come out of the court expecting to lose. We want to win and play to win," Locke said.

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On the subsequent two-point conversion attempt, Poteete (29-for-33 for 331 yards and three touchdowns) scrambled in the backfield before winding up the ball away and fascinating a Penguin defensive back on the goal line, sending the game into overtime for the loyal Saluki fans who stood out.

"We know we can play," said Craig. "Eight catches for 188 back on the goal line, sending this No comment on that," Quatless stuck around. I address those secutivc games with.

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OVERTIME

Saluki kick away shot at upsetting No. 10 ranked Youngstown State

Paul Weliinski
Three Stars

Maybe they knew something the rest of us didn't. Maybe they just didn't want to stomach one more dramatic overtime.

Perhaps they knew that in the end it was going to be the SIU football team on the all-too-familiar side of a 43-37 overtime loss to Youngstown State University Saturday. A good portion of the 7,700 fans in McCormick Stadium were left disillusioned after YSU quarterback Jeff Bylsma fumbled at the SIU 1-yard line carried into the backfield where running back Adrian Brown scooped up the bouncing ball and trotted around the left end unscathed giving the Penguins a 37-39 lead with 1:27 to play. But sophomore free safety Bart Scott, who was benched in favor of freshman Kevin Kobe on the opening drive had just fight despite not all their downsides. The Salukis have been defeated by a touchdown or less nine times in the two and a half years U.S. head coach Jan Quarless has been head coach that the Salukis have a legitimate chance to win in the final seconds. Youngstown State played the villains, executing an exhilarating victory after a game the Salukis had a legitimate chance to win in the final seconds.

The skies were overcast and gloomy all afternoon Saturday, but by the end of the SIU football team's wild battle against Youngstown State University, it was hometown glory for the Salukis. Head coach Jan Quarless arrived in the media room trembling with emotion moments after the game.

Stormy times for Saluki football team

It had happened again. His Salukis lost yet another gut-wrenching game, a game SIU couldn't afford to lose in light of its upcoming schedule.

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Saluki head football coach Jan Quarless and the Salukis continue their streak of losing football games by a margin of less than a touchdown. Their ninth such loss in two and a half years occurred Saturday when the Penguins of Youngstown State University won 42-37 in overtime.