**Morning mountain biking**

Mary Collier, senior, and Benjamin Miller, junior, cruise through the mist-covered cycling trail as they complete the last lap of their morning bike ride. Collier and Miller, both members of the SIU cycling team, will represent SIU at the National Collegiate Cycling Championships and will be competing in two of the mountain-biking events this weekend in New Mexico. See story, page 4.

**Partial-birth’ abortion ban clears house for first time in 30 years**

U.S. Senate to vote, Bush vows to support

Amy Elisert
Daily Egyptian

A federal abortion ban has not been enacted in the last 30 years.

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives took the first step toward making a change when signing legislation that would make it a federal crime for doctors to perform what Congress calls a "partial-birth" abortion.

According to the bill, "partial-birth" abortion occurs when a doctor delivers everything but the umbilical cord from the womb of another human being and then evacuates the brain of the child before completing the birth.

This form of abortion would only be legal if the mother’s life is in danger. Any doctor who performs an abortion violating the bill could be subject to fines, up to two years in prison or both. Either the father or the maternal grandmother, if the mother is under 18 years of age, can file a civil suit against the doctor.

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on the bill later this month, and President George W. Bush has vowed to sign legislation into law when it reaches his desk.

Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., a longtime anti-abortion supporter, hopes Congress will be able to reach a bipartisan agreement, according to his spokeswoman, Laura Miller.

"He's dismayed that in this country we need legislation to reaffirm our ideal that all unborn babies, regardless of their circumstances, are human beings entitled to the protection of the law," Miller said.

The abortion debate has generally moved away from anti-abortion and pro-abortion questions and turned more specifically about specific procedures like partial abortion, according to Joe Shoemaker, spokesman for Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

"There is little room for compromise in this area," Shoemaker said.

The Senate’s pro-choice faction has been marked by a "rare opportunity to force the debate," said St. Louis Post Dispatch columnist St. Louis Post Dispatch columnist David Horanzy.

Due to the vote, Congress will probably have to decide to purchase alcohol in the time line's already accepted hours of church service, senior Bush told reporters.

On the other hand, Congress is moving to approve this ban, "Our goal is to support partial-birth abortion legislation is not a medical procedure," said Bush.

"It is a time when we are being confronted by a criminal element in a particular area of our society, and we are doing the right thing," said Bush.

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**Sunday alcohol sales may move to 11 a.m.**

Liquor advisory board to discuss issue Friday

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

For anyone who has ever wanted to buy a beer in Carbondale before 5 p.m. on a Sunday, your wishes may come true.

The Carbondale Liquor Advisory Board has scheduled a meeting or soon Friday in the Carbondale Civic Center to discuss the possibility of moving the start time for selling alcohol on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bars, restaurants and package liquor stores would all be able to sell alcohol at 11:30 a.m. if the proposal passes.

The decision to pass the proposition rests with the Carbondale City Council, Mayor Brad Graham said. The city’s liquor license committee has recommended the board to see if it warrants the benefit of time commitments.

If the board recommends the proposal, Colle said the city council would vote on the issue in early next month’s council meeting on Oct. 21.

Colle said the proposal to sell alcohol earlier on Sundays was originally made by Carbondale Alcoholic Beverage Control Board member Jack Bracken.

"It has everything to do with giving the citizens of Carbondale a choice," Jack said. "It would just be a simple change in the existing law of Carbondale to simply allow alcohol sales at 11 a.m. This is not any great step in any direction, but it’s maybe a change in the way we think things move.

Jack said another reason he proposed the two-hour change is out of respect for the church and the community. It seems to me that people have plenty of opportunities to drink and to purchase alcohol in time it’s already allowed."

Colle, who is still undecided on the issue, said he sympathizes with someone who wants to buy a beer while watching a football game in a bar before 1 p.m., Sunday, but he also respects the fact that there has been a history of drinking alcohol on Sundays for the last 90 years.

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**Walter Cronkite to lecture**

Andy Horony
Daily Egyptian

As home to one of the nation’s most esteemed communication programs, SIUC has seen renowned, media personalities grace its campus over the years. But none have had the pedigree and credentials of the news anchor once lauded as the "most trusted man in America."

With a career in print and broadcast journalism that has spanned more than 60 years, Walter Cronkite has brought everything from the Kennedy assassinations to the moon landing to the homes of television viewers.

And it is that ethical insight that he brings to his Aug. 4 speech at 7 p.m. in the SIU Arena in a rare public appearance during "An Evening with Walter Cronkite."

Sponsored by the Public Policy Institute, the Robert L. Lombard International Union of North America and the SIU Alumni Association, the free event will focus on Cronkite's position — on the receiving end of an interview. Conducting the interview with the distinguished former CBS news anchor will be Public Policy Institute Dean Paul Simon, another "most trusted man in America."

Before being elected to the first of his four terms in the U.S. Senate, Simon made history when he became the nation’s youngest editor-publisher when he joined the Troy Tribune at the age of 19. Simon will interview Cronkite for the first 30 minutes of the presentation, at which point Cronkite will take the mic toward making a change,Collier and Miller, both members of the SIU cycling team, will represent SIU at the National Collegiate Cycling Championships and will be competing in two of the mountain-biking events this weekend in New Mexico. See story, page 4.

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**Gus Bade**

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Daily Egyptian

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The proposed to sell alcohol earlier on Sundays has been met with criticism from community-oriented and religious groups. Sam Fowlesy, the pastor of University Baptist Church, said he believes moving the sale of alcoh. to 11 a.m. Sundays would create more problems for the city and its churches.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Bush said he has 'no idea' who leaked identity of CIA officer

WASHINGTON (KRT) - President Bush said Tuesday he had "no idea" whether the Justice Department ever will find out who in his administration revealed the identity of an undercover CIA officer.

But the White House ruled out three top aides as the possible sources of the leaked information: Karl Rove, Bush's chief political strategist; Lewis Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff; and Elliott Abrams, senior director on the National Security Council.

White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan said he questioned all three men in response to media reports identifying them as possible leak sources, and they denied it.

Some senior administration officials identified undercover CIA officer Valerie Plame when tailing last summer to predict what President Robert Shoak about Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, according to Novak, who refuses to name his source.

Alleged sniper may not testify against fellow suspect

MANASSAS, Virginia (CNN) -- Prosecutors at least temporarily withdrew their motion Tuesday to summon sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo to testify in the case of fellow sniper John Allen Muhammad.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Three U.S. soldiers killed in two separate attacks in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) -- Three U.S. soldiers were killed in two separate attacks near the Iraqi capital Tuesday, sparking a day in which American troops were called on to quell a violent protest outside the gates of the ruling Coalition Provisional Authority and to confront demonstrators near a military base in southwest Baghdad.

Military officials said one of the dead soldiers was a member of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment whose identity was not immediately released.

The deaths brought the number to 91 of soldiers killed in combat operations in the war so far. Earlier Tuesday, more than 2,000 former officers of Saddam Hussein's disbanded Mukhabarat intelligence service gathered outside the grounds of Saddam's former presidential palace, where U.S. officials have the headquarters for their provisional government, to demand jobs and stipends.

Police Reports

University

A textbook valued at $120 was reported stolen on campus.

Criminology

A window was broken between 5:30 p.m. and 6:10 a.m. Monday on a construction trailer at the Abell Hall construction site. There are no suspects at this time.

Calendar

Thursdays

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Buckminster Dome named historic landmark district
Carbondale City Council officializes title at its Tuesday evening meeting
Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Artists and architects usually see the world in two-dimensional renderings and three-dimensional realities. But R. Buckminster Fuller, creator of the dome home at 407 S. Forest, saw the world in a unique, four-dimensional reality. 

"It wasn't like he was a home designer," said Cornelius Crane, president of the society dedicated to the preservation of the Buckminster dome. "He was trying to show how his geometry worked." 

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The Student Programming Council Homecoming Committee Congratulates
The 2003 Homecoming Court

Candice Bell
Becky Fisher
Lea Hemphill
Jenny Shaughnessy
Held Stillwagon

Darren Brooks
Jawaad Kirkwood
Dee Hay
Chiili Okonnah
Eric Perks

Don't Forget! The King & Queen will be crowned at half-time on Saturday
**Program teaches women how to fight back**

**Rape Aggression Defense Systems taught by SIUC police officers**

**Lindsey J. Mastis**

Daily Egyptian

"Not" Danielle Harvey said Thursday morning. "Not a punch toward a police officer."

Harvey, a sophomore in music business, was one of two SIUC police officers that teaches her how to defend herself from an attacker.

The Rape Aggression Defense Systems is a 24-hour program instructed by police officers.

The free program is being offered from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays for four weeks in October.

Officer Ken Sneed, RAD instructor, said the program gives women the tools to be aware of their surroundings and prevent an attack.

"It provides women with a feeling of empowerment and confidence that they can depend on themselves to get out of a situation," Sneed said.

"And they are much more aware of their surroundings," Harvey said.

Officer Scott Miller, RAD instructor, said the class includes a simulation where the women get a chance to fight off an attacker under the techniques they have learned.

"We induce the stress on them by the attacker," Miller said.

"Out there it's going to be the same thing, and once it gets going they aren't really differentiating in my opinion between an attack and a simulation," Harvey said.

Monday, the six women in the class learned defensive stances and practiced punching a sparring pad. Each time a woman shouted "no!" or "back off!" it helped fend off an attacker, Miller said.

Gina Black, a junior in early childhood from Chicago, said she wanted to learn more about physical defensive techniques.

"It's tons interesting," Black said.

A lot of stuff that he said I'm cautious about already, I think learning the techniques is what it's going to help me the most," Miller said.

RAD was created by a police officer in Virginia who had martial arts training, Miller said.

"What [the officer] wanted to do was make a program that was very simple for ladies and to give them tools to defend themselves against attacks," Miller said.

"Everything we teach here is very basic techniques, and it's been designed by him for that reason."

With his martial arts background, that's why he was able to develop some of these very simple techniques.

Miller said women who take the class could go through the program again anywhere. He encouraged the class to go through the program as much as possible because it is repetition of the defensive techniques that help women fend off an attack.

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**SIUC cycling makes first trip to nationals**

**Miller, Collier to represent SIU club**

Ethan Erickson

Daily Egyptian

For the first time ever, the SIU cycling team will travel to the National Collegiate Cycling Championships. The team will compete in two of the mountain biking events this weekend in New Mexico.

Competing at high altitudes against riders on full scholarships, the odds are against Miller and Collier.

"We're also going to be going from 400 feet in altitude to 11,000 feet in altitude, so I'll be happy if I can breathe," Collier said.

"And it will be against the fastest people in the country." Miller said.

Miller and Collier have to balance going to school full time with jobs and cycling, knowing that a lot of their opponents don't have to overcome.

"I have some classes that are going to be held to get out of," Miller said.

"They wouldn't be if I was a football player," said Brendan Collier, the team captain who will be supporting the two riders this weekend.

"It's going to be a good test to the odds to this point, placing seventh of 15 teams in the conference championships despite having outscored four of them on the team while most teams had 10 members.

Miller and Collier are qualified for nationals based on their finishes at the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference championships. The team tied for first in the country, short track and dual slalom events, while Miller finished third in the cross country and short track.

The cross country race, the meat of the national championships, is more spectator-friendly. The dual slalom is like a BMX track going down a hill.

"Because it's my first year going, it's the first year I've ever qualified to go," I'm going to be excited to compete against the team that has more experience, Miller said.

As SIU qualified for nationals as a team two years ago, it wasn't able to pull together enough money to go. That success helped the team to successfully lobby the Undergraduate Student Government for money.

But the team is hoping that just competing in the national championships will help them do more.

"Hopefully it will give the University and the cycling club more name recognition," I talked to kids who have gone here four years and they'll say, "Wow, I didn't even know they had a cycling club," Miller said.

"This is such an awesome area for cycling in general, for road riding and mountain biking," and I don't think that's well known enough.

"There will also be team-building workshops taught by lawyers that will help the team to grow, and I'm hoping the success and attention will help the team reach its ultimate goal — scholarships."

"Our website gets visited by a lot of people that are prospective students, and I get e-mails a lot of times just raving about how great our team is, if we offer scholarships," Brendan said.

"That's where it's at. There's a lot of good-cause things. There's a lot of good people that are good riders that are going elsewhere because that's where the scholarships are."  

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**Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week brings awareness**

**Not all see the suits as being abused**

**Jackie Keane**

Daily Egyptian

Nearing the end of Law Suit Abuse Awareness Week, Illinois Lawsuit Abuse Watch held a public awareness meeting at the Southeastern Civic Center Monday.

The watch is taking place across the Southern Illinois area to promote public awareness.

1-LAW keeps tabs on what it calls "frivolous lawsuits," or personal suits.

Personal responsibility plays a big part of everyday life, and unfortunately we're getting away from that," Maybe Brad Cole said.

"People need to take responsibility for their own actions."

Cole said these personal lawsuits have effects on the community, such as the lack of monkey bars on playgrounds and diving boards in swimming pools due to the risk of a lawsuit.

"If harmed or injured, they certainly have the right to seek remedy through court but also need to use common sense in that and not tie up the courts in frivolous lawsuits."

Local officials, such as Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, and Cole, who support the watch, came out to encourage public awareness.

"One of the most important things is to realize how the frivolous lawsuits have affected our nation, our state and our community," Bost said.

He said the general public should realize these lawsuits affect everyone and not just because of the lack of services in parks and recreation. There are monetary effects.

St. Clair County in Southern Illinois was labeled by ABC's "20/20" as the lawsuit capital of the world. Because of its notorious status for settlements through the judiciary system on lawsuits, people from all over file lawsuits in this county. This means increased insurance costs for Illinois residents.

In 1995 court reform was introduced, but the Supreme Court threw it out in its nationwide opinion as being some of the best court reform law, Bost said.

He said the reform protected the rights of legal course through civil actions but still put ramifications in civil lawsuits and caps on punitive damages.

"Lawsuit abuse awareness is rolling through the country this week, but not everyone is caught in the wake."

Michael Ruiz, director of admissions at the School of Law, said there are legal procedures and rules to prevent frivolous lawsuits.

But the problem Ruiz said he sees with today's awareness is lack of a provided definition of frivolous lawsuits. Also, he said that what people do not hear about is the good things personal suits can bring about.

"People who don't have any power are up against a major corporation. The only way to address the situation is to address the courts," Ruiz said. "Where should the burden be? Should it be on the consumer or on the multi-million dollar corporation that the burden is unbalanced?"

"Also said the cost for an attorney and the cost to file a lawsuit are not options every individual has the resources for."

"It is too difficult," he said.

While Ruiz said he is not blind to being unnecessary lawsuits at times, he recognized that not everyone files suit. There are people who move on and do not seek legal counsel.

"If there are special instances where there are frivolous laws, what are they?" Ruiz said. "Ask 'em to go back and figure out what went wrong."

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Indigenous People’s Day to be celebrated on campus Oct. 13

Jennifer Rios
Daily Egyptian

Monday is a day typically recognized as Columbus Day in America. However, some SIUC students and faculty members want to present a new celebration in Carbondale to replace the original holiday.

Indigenous People’s Day will be recognized on campus and in the community in an attempt to challenge Native American heritage, along with other indigenous peoples in the world.

According to Jeff Doherty, the city manager, the city council voted to make Indigenous People’s Day the city holiday.

“People of all ethnicities can hang out and celebrate with authentic music, dance and art couch,” said Boyll, a junior in university studies.

This portion of the event will be concluded with a contest that judges young students on their original essays and art projects. Local high schools, middle schools, SIUC students and community college students are invited to submit art and essays. The winner will be announced later in the evening.

The celebration will then move inside to the Student Center for a presentation about the Embera Deu tribe. Brooke Thurnam will speak and present a photo presentation on the tribe. Following that, Gregarren Harrigg will show self-produced documentation on the Zapotecs and Chippewa tribes.

At 5:30 p.m., singer Annie Humphrey will perform in Ballroom D. In 2001, Humphrey won a Grammy award, a Native American award equivalent to a Grammy.

The final speaker will be Wizena LaDuke, who was the 2000 Green Party vice presidential nominee. LaDuke has written several books, serves on the board of the Indigenous Women’s Network and is the program director for the Honor the Earth Fund. She will be delivering a speech with a book signing.

“Is it as honor to have Wizena LaDuke speak because she is well known and really comes to the Midlands,” said Boyd.

Both Boyd and Summer encourage students to come to the U-Card Center to make this day more positive.

“Students should question why we celebrate what happened in 1492 because nothing good has made of the stealing of land and the killing of people,” Sumner said. “This is not a thing of the past but the present. It happens every day and week by week and year by year.”

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Actor from London Stage visit SIUC

Actors to educate, entertain during one-week residency

Rachel Lindsey
Daily Egyptian

When Les Reed heard that Stewart Fox, a member of the theater company Actors from the London Stage, had played a role in "Return of the Jedi," he promptly watched the video to look for the actor.

"I love them," said Courtney Burgette, a junior in theater, while pretending to swoon. "I want to be like them." Burgette, who wants to be a theater professor, said she liked the actors in many different ways of the actors from the London Stage, which is an amazing addition to all the fine arts activities here on campus," Merrill-Fink said.

"And it wouldn’t be possible without that kind of support," the actors will perform Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and will have a free Shakespeare workshop open to all students from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday in the London Stage.

"These are world-class actors," Merrill-Fink said, and "we have the opportunity to have them here."

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National Depression Screening Day

Thursday, October 9, 2003

Screening Sites

SIU Student Health Assessment Center
Student Center
3:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wellness Outreach Office
106 Trueblood Hall
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

For confidential counseling or more information, call 536-4441.

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Members of the London Stage will perform at McLeod Theater tonight at 7:30 p.m. The group will be in Carbondale for a week visiting classes, doing guest lectures, conducting workshops and performing.

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Find out.

Get help.

Screening for depression, manic-depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress.

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Our Word
SIU lucky to host living legend

Tonight the man who has spoken to us through the television for so many years will speak to us in person. Walter Cronkite has told us about every major news event in the past 60 years. He has interviewed all the U.S. presidents since Harry Truman. He announced this nation's special election of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and he mourned those angels with us. He informed us of the Watergate scandal and the Iran hostage crisis.

He is credited — and sometimes blamed — with influencing the American public to push for a removal of U.S. troops in Vietnam. Many of us, young and old, have grown up with Cronkite in our living rooms telling us these stories and countless others. So why is everyone in such a fuss about seeing him again?

Instead of coming to us through television, he will be here in Carbondale at the SIU Arena. And instead of telling us what is new, he will tell us the stories behind it and the lessons he learned from 60 years of reporting it.

Everyone at the DAILY EGYPTIAN is impatiently awaiting his arrival. We can't wait to hear his stories — and his voice.

But we know something besides SIU's gracious welcome has helped convince Cronkite to spend this evening with us. Cronkite is being paid $85,000.

He will be the guest of honor at a formal dinner, in which a single ticket sells for $250. Following the dinner, he will speak to an expected crowd of 2,500 to 3,000.

But before all that, Cronkite will be flown in first class to St. Louis where his hotel accommodations have been paid. From there, he will be flown onward from Carbondale on private jet and driven to campus in a luxury vehicle.

Following DAILY EGYPTIAN tradition, you may be waiting for us to admonish with harsh spending habits, especially when this University and the state of Illinois are in serious budget crises. But it isn't going to convince Cronkite to spend this evening with us.

Instead of coming to us through our televisions, he will be here in Carbondale at the SIU Arena.

Simon's working friendship with Cronkite is the most likely culprit. He publicly 'threw a bone' to student reporters at SIUC in 1999 and not bringing a whole suite of speakers in to address the rate of the U.S. military as peacekeepers, including former U.S. Gen. Anthony Zinni.

And there are just a few of the hundreds of guest speakers who have spoken or will speak at this University. Influential people are brought in by virtually every department on this campus to educate us on their fields. This is one of the few things that brought us free of charge. And we should take advantage of it.

In the last year, Cronkite has only made a select few appearances at universities. And at least two of the universities charged for admission. If this were the case here, an $85,000 speaker fee and 3,000 in attendance would equal out to each person paying at least $26 to attend.

Thankfully, all of you have to do is show up.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value." — Albert Einstein

GUEST COLUMNIST
We have a serious problem

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We have a serious problem within the Black community. I know many only see it as what I am about to write, but I have to relay an incident from last year in order for you to understand.

Last year, an organization on campus sponsored an event called the Hip-Hop Olympics. This was an event with several games, each a West Coast-style event, such as Kool-Aid-eating contest, chicken-wing-eating contest, a jeans-stitching contest and several other games considered to be a linkage to thehetto. While I received several letters in support of my view, I also received a complaint from a student who thought this event was a great idea.

One argument was that it was reclaiming a negative stereotype and making it into a positive. The event was celebrating "our heritage and culture," as I was told.

Well, mostly a new game has been released on the market. The game is called, "Crack House." David T. Chang of Pennsylvania is an Asian man; created the game and is an interview said he got the idea from watching music videos on MTV and BET.

In addition to the game already out, there is also the game, "Hoodopoly," which is the creation of a hip-hop artist, a "Phillyopoly," "The Game" and "Hoodopoly." What's going on?

This game acceptable? Are Black people reclaiming a negative stereotype now?

"Crack House" is set up just like the original Monopoly, but instead of houses and hotels, players compete to get enough money to buy crack houses and properties. Instead of chance and community chest, you pull from stacks of ghetto trash and hustle cards. The game pieces players use move around the board are a gun, blow, 40 oz., machine gun, mari­juan leaf, basketball and crack.

The game board and box show a young black male with a gun in one hand, a gun in the other and a marijuana cigarette in his mouth while wearing a bandana and gold chain. I don't know about anyone else, but I don't find this game amusing or entertaining. When I first heard about it, I did not believe it was real, but after going to the website and seeing for myself that this piece of crap costs $50, I was beyond upset.

But can we blame Mr. Chang for creating a game so offensive that it plays on every stereotype of Black people? Where does the blame fall? I can only fathom that because he did his research by "watching what Black people consider entertainment," that the blame lies within.

After long consideration of the issue, I can't help but wonder if this is a good thing. People watch television and get excited when their favorite artist has a new video out that features naked women and portrays a lifestyle of money, drugs and women.

If Black people were not glorifying the drug game, the use of guns and women as virgins, then maybe Chang would not have felt it was okay to create such a game. Something that also暧昧 not so odd if the clothing store Urban Outfitters believed the game was okay and began selling the game throughout the country. Response has been so negative that several of the stores have removed it from the shelves.

But what about the stories that continue to sell the game, allowing "Crack House" to stay off the exploitation of Black people? Hypothetically, the game is popular among young white children who think it is cute among young white children who think it is cute to be a pimp and whore. Is this what we want to celebrate? Is this a part of "our culture and heritage?" Or is it just an attack on Black people by an Asian man in response to our " reclaiming a negative and making it a positive?"

I think not.

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Again, and I'll say it as many times as I need to, I'm not blaming anyone or placing fault on anyone but the rapist, OK?

I had this poor girl who expected me to do this for her. I was scared from the second I heard her request because I knew I wasn't going to be able to express myself in the fashion I wanted without stepping on a few toes.

And I'll be the first to say that I should have denied her request right then and there. To all of you out there that had the nerve to reduce me to nothing in your e-mails and in Monday's paper: try talking to me sometime.

Or that you don't know if you'll be able to do something like that for her because you've never worked piling up in your shoulders. Not to mention the fact that, no matter about such a double-edged sword like this makes you seriously uncomfortable.

That just about pissed out of me, I was speechless, finest and I knew this wasn't going to be pretty.

Unfortunately, like a lot of people around the fifth week, I was really starting to slack in school. For me, it was because of the column, and the column was really beginning to slack because of school.

Now, again, that's not any of you Charlie-hating care about what I have to say anymore, but not that I ever said any of you to actually put yourself in my shoes, but I wasn't really a in an extremely tough situation.

I'm going to go back to being one of those who are going to actually read my column and completely destroyed it. I can't handle that kind of thing with a grain of salt. I wish I could handle every1one falling for me. But the sad fact is, I don't deserve it.

So, again, to everyone out there in the peanut gallery already writing the e-mails and cursing my name again, you can save yourself the energy because you'll have to read my garbage again.

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Rehabilitation graduates struggle to find jobs with state
Office of Rehabilitation suffers 80-employee loss
due to retirement

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

With a 70-percent unemployment rate
targeting people with disabilities, the Office
of Rehabilitation Services is trying to find
qualified applicants to fill a large opening,
without the aid of a federal grant that supported
more than 80 employees.

"We are facing a problem, however, has been
a challenge for the agency, which asists people
with disabilities in locating jobs and allowing
them to function in a highly competitive job
market. Rob Kilburn, the associate director of the,
Office of Rehabilitation Services, said that
employers have been hard to find. The
demand for graduates with specializations in
rehabilitation counseling. Typical enrollment
for the Office's program is 80 students a semester.

"That does not mean they do not work for
the Department of Rehabilitation Services," he
said. "They go where ever they want to go.

John Benshoff, the Rehabilitation
Counselor Training Program's director,
explained that the cause of the
delay in filling new positions
is a result of the requirement of
a master's degree in rehabilitation
disabilities and the deficit in
employee turnover. "In terms of filling positions, it takes a
long time to get the staff the list and it takes up to a
long time to eventually get a job with the
state," Benshoff said.

"And many of our graduates realize
that they have a variety of employment opportuni-
ties in the field, and the Office of Rehabilitation Services
will do hiring in many positions.

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would have been used to fill vacancies within
a constantly changing environment.

"Of course these programs exist around
the nation," Bordieri said. "That is one labor market opportunity for graduates of these
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"We have graduates who were ready to go
work for the state, and positions were frozen," he
said. The budget more by the governor was
an effort to curb state spending.

"Job freezing stopped the filling of positions
after someone retired or left for other reasons.

"Positions were left unfilled due to budget-
ary reasons, and the agency suffered a drought
in its recruitment efforts.

"The state's starting positions offer students
a salary around $35,000 plus benefits. Private
insurance companies that compete with the
state's agencies have starting salaries that are
more than $35,000.

"What is actually happening is that a num-
ber of our students have crossed the border," he
said. "They actually have gone to Mississippi
work for the state because they don't have
sufficient. Students were able to go there and get
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CRONKITE
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It is an even more uncommon occurrence given Cronkite’s normally sparse speaking schedule. The 86-year-old Presidential Medal of Freedom winner has significantly scaled back his public appearances in recent years, which Simon said makes Cronkite’s visit to Carbondale at the more special.

He is kind of getting up in years, and normally he turns down speaking invitations,” Simon said. “It just so happened that when I asked him, he decided to say yes. I had dinner with him and his wife during a trip to New York City, and I just hoped he would accept.”

Despite cutting back on his speaking engagements, Cronkite has still remained active, continuing to serve as a special correspondent for CBS. He has also co-founded the Cronkite Ward Co., which has produced more than 60 award-winning documentaries for The Discovery Channel, Fine and other cable networks.

Mark Baughman, Public Policy Institute representative, said Cronkite’s lecture should provide a wealth of current events and historic news incidents that highlighted Cronkite’s career.

“I expect that he’ll have a wealth of things to talk about as the premiere broadcast journalist of his generation,” Baughman said.

Prior to his entry into broadcast journalism, Cronkite began his career as a campus correspondent for The Houston Post while still in high school. He later took a position with the Rome, Ga., radio station KCNO where he served as a one-man news and sports unit. His stay in the sunshine state lasted only a year but, though, with war being overseas, he joined United Press International where he became one of its first newsmen to participate in the Allied news B-17 raids over Germany.

In 1945, Cronkite returned his native state where he was inducted into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame, becoming one of the first network news anchors to earn that distinction. Cronkite then returned to writing in 1996 with his autobiography, “A Reporter’s Life,” where he looked back on the historic events he covered during his 28 years with CBS.

With a wealth of journalistic experiences that dwarf many of his contemporaries, Cronkite’s appearance will serve as a unique commencement to Homecoming weekend, Simon said.

“This is something that’s a great opportunity for our University and the community alike,” Simon said. “It’s not every day people have a chance to listen to someone the caliber of Walter Cronkite.”

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The purpose is not to stop a procedure; these are people who are committed to eliminating the right of women to make their constitutionally protected choice of when and where to become a parent. The ban creates an undue burden on women’s reproductive choices.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he agrees with the House’s ruling.

“It’s a human rights issue,” Bost said. “Liberals always talk about protecting the little guy. Well, this is the littlest guy of all, and we let human life needs to be protected at all costs.”

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EQUESTRIAN EDUCATION

Carbondale Park District offers riding classes through Harmony Hill Stables, where students learn all the basics of equine care.

story & photos by ANTOINETTE DENTAMARO

Go east on Illinois Route 13, take a left on Reed Station Road and keep going until you see it on the left. Just when you think you’ve missed it, you’re almost there.

Tucked along a narrow dirt road away from the loud hustle and bustle of Carbondale is Harmony Hill Stables.

It was here over the past summer months that Nils Hoffmann, 6, Dianna Hinkle, 5, and Jacob Robbins, 6, came together every week for an hour. The three children were participating in a riding class offered through the Carbondale Park District.

Kelsey Smith, a 16-year-old high school student from Carbondale, taught the stable’s horse, Gypsy, a 15-year-old quarter horse, for a side, as one by one the children and their parents drove up to the stables.

“We try to get at least three in a class,” said Deon Caron, who heads the property Harmony Hill stands on from the owners. “If there’s more, then we split them up. Otherwise they’re not going to learn anything.”

Before each class, Hoffmann, Hinkle and Robbins would put on their helmets then vacantly wait for Smith to begin class.

Smith started by pointing at parts of various items on the horse and the equipment to quiz the students.

The students that knew the answers volunteered exactly the students who did not know—elseaway.

This was a beginning class, so students were not only learning to ride a horse but also the aspects of equine care.

The students learned what goes where on the horse,
Gypsy, Nils’ mother, Gabriele, signed him up for the riding class with the hopes, yes, and riding. As a required part of the class, Hoffmann learned all the aspects of equine care, the names of the parts of the saddle and bridle and how to groom and bathe a horse.

"If you don't brush him off, then he'll get saddle burns and you won't be able to ride him anymore."  

--- galley Smith
Instructor, Harmony Hill Stables

The reason why we teach everything in the beginning class is because if they decide to go on to an advanced class, all this is stuff they should already know," Carson said.

"Anyone, any age, can join the classes, but it is the children who get 4, 5, 6, 7 who really want to learn.

"The class takes place every fall, spring and summer. Each class runs for eight sessions. After a few minutes of quizzing, Smith would move the class into the indoor arena. The weather was often wretched, so she kept the class indoors to avoid standing in the rain.

Smith has been teaching people how to ride horses for three years. She first started teaching lessons at her own house and has been riding since she was 4 years old. "It just came natural to me. I grew up around horses.

"My grandmas and my mom both rode," she said.

Smith is also teaching the classes this fall. I like helping people who are interested in riding," Smith said. "Some of these people in the classes will probably never have the chance to ride again, and she gives them the chance." Since there was only one horse for all three children, they had to take turns for their lessons.

Each week, someone different went first to give each student a chance.

Smith tried to keep the lessons interesting so the students did not get bored. She tried to put in something different each week in addition to the basic lessons they went through.

One thing Smith did was to have the students perform different obstacle courses in the arena. Large letters of the alphabet were painted on the walls, and Smith asked the students to guide the horse from letter to letter.

Smith also set up poles that the students were told to guide their horse over.

Some weeks, Smith would pole the poles up, making students wear the horse through the poles without knocking any over.

Some of the other exercises Smith had the students practice were "around the world" and "emergency dismount."

"Around the world" is an exercise where Smith stands with a rope that is attached to the horse's bridle, and the student rides in a circle.

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Kelsey Smith helps Dakota Hinkle through one of his obstacles by guiding him over the poles. Smith was teaching the students how to guide a horse over a colored object.
As an engineer in the U.S. Air Force, there's no telling what you'll work on.

(Seriously, we can't tell you.)
Angry voters stoked recall, but analysts disagree on broader impact

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WASHINGTON (KRT) — Angry voters — the people who brought America Rice sensory New, Gingrich and Jesse Ventura are — are back. At least in California. The big question is whether they are as strong enough to turn out other governors or shape the presidential election.

Angry voters turned California political earthquakes Tuesday. Their passion against a logjam of local and a distinctly uncomfortable government faded their historic election to be visible Gray Davis and replace him with a Hollywood hunk uninterested in politics.

This could herald a national movement in the coming presidential election and perhaps among others of the states that permit governors to be recalled after all, as one star American trends more than Californians.

Voters nationwide are upset, especially about the stagnant economy and continuing trouble in Iraq. So the potential is clearly present for voters to turn against incumbents from President Bush on down and replace them with outsiders. That's precisely what two outsiders — former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and retired Gen. Wesley Clark — are banking on as they seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

"Nationally I see this [recall election] vote as anti-establishment anti-establishment," said Thomas Mann, a political scientist at the Brookings Institution, a think tank in Washington. "The success of this effort is going to nationally reinforce the bitter partisan warfare that has characterized our politics."

While Republicans have reason to be happy in California, I think President Bush has just reason to take encouragement from this. He's ought to be grateful there is no recall provision in the national government.

However, it's equally possible that the tensions from California's political earthquakes spill over into its borders, for Californians had more to be mad about than most Americans. They suffered through a long economic crisis. They watched their high-flying dot-com economy crash. And their taxes raised danger of the golden state's mammoth $38 billion state-budget deficit described other states' entire budgets requiring more painful remedies, such as higher taxes and deeper spending cuts.

And while 17 other states permit gubernatorial recall elections, none has procedures as easy to invoke as California.

"It's not going to happen in many other places," said Larry Sabato, dean of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "There's a real black hole happened since 1931. . . . Fewers new California. They were enjoying it immensely, they found it entertaining, but the last thing they want is for their state to become a joke as well.

Still, the anger in California is visible elsewhere, Bush recognizes. "Clearly the angry vote is back," said John Zogby, a New York-based pollster.

"Nationally, there is a percolating anxiety and anger."

Many of it is based in the weak economy, which faltered in 2000 and has failed to rebound with any vigor. There are almost 3 million fewer jobs in America than when George W. Bush became president. Stock indices remain below where they were then. And health care costs are soaring again.

"If the weak economy makes people angry, gobierno bureaucrats can make them mad. California Gov. Gray Davis outraged many of his constituents by defying the laws of his state's fiscal rules until he was re-election last November. Then he compounded their rage by signing the state's tax cut to help out the state's deficit."

More than 40 other states faced budget deficits as well, and many raised taxes and cut services to cope, according to a recent University of Minnesota reports, which observed, "lots of states have financial problems. I can't think of one where the governor is so personally unpopular and the economic conditions are as bad."

The federal government is feeling up big debt as well, with the annual deficit approaching $1.5 trillion. But Bush and members of Congress have not had to anger voters by cutting services or raising taxes — yet. Because the federal government does not have to balance its budgets, unlike the states which must do so through their legislatures.


"When you see decisions they dislike the lawsuit, they will look wildly for replacements. When people really dislike you, they're willing to take risks," said Dave Scif, a political scientist at Carleton College in Minnesota. "The outsider becomes appealing because established politicians become unpopular and untrustworthy."

Does that mean Bush is in danger of being ousted by some still new face such as Dean or Clark? Not necessarily.

For one thing, Bush is nowhere near as unpopular as Davis. For another, the national economy is showing signs of strength — payroll jobs increased in September for the first time in eight months. Many economists think the economy could be humming long before Bush faces voters in November '04.

And none of Bush's Democratic opponents so far is showing Schwarzenegger-style appeal. The 'lame duck' candidate, Clark, is unappearing as a campaigner, and his early stumble on how he would have voted on war with Iraq may be revealing an uncertain footing. His campaign manager quit Tuesday night, according to political disagree. So Clark's initial smart in polls may well fade, as did 1994 Republican presidential candidate Dole. In 1994, Bush became president.

As for Dean, he is an outsider in Washington, but he is also a former five-term governor of Vermont and thus hardly a Schwarzenegger-esque political rookie. Also, Dean's goal is tapping into anger solely among the most partisan Democrats — most voters still don't know who he is.

"There is frustration. But it's all within the Democratic Party," a spokesman for Democratic policy analyst Stuart Rothenberg, who believes the California sentiment will not spread. "That's very different than the anti-incumbent, anti-political feelings that we had in the mid-'90s."
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by J. Tierney

The Average Joe
by Alex Ayala
 INSIDE THE DAWGHOUSE

Former SIU coach Rey Dempsey, now a preacher, continues life after the passing of his spouse

story by ZACK CRECOLW

Rey Dempsey waited to be honored with the SIU player he coached during the 1983 Division I-A national championship season Sept. 27.

The players from that team are men now, some of whom traveled great lengths to walk onto the field with their former coach and teammates.

Many fans remembered the coach and the players who brought the University in its lone national championship in football.

"They came out of every side to say hello," Dempsey said.

But during their wait, thunderheads developed early in the first quarter of the SIU vs. St. Joseph's game. Later in the quarter, lightning began to strike in every direction, except for straight over McKendree Stadiu.m.

To those washing the game, it seemed imminent that a massive thunderstorm would strike down upon McKendree and postpone or even cancel the game, which would in turn rain in the 1983 squad's parade.

Rain poured down and thunder and lightning miled upon cities as close as Marion, but in the skies above Carbondale, it held up for the 1983 teams.

At halftime, Dempsey and the players were able to walk out to the middle of the field dry as public address announcer Steve Falter echoed out their names.

"It was a great honor," Dempsey said. "I was very appreciative of the players and their thoughts toward me. To see how they've grown in their lives and professions using the principles we taught them was humbling."

The fact the weather held up seemed to be an act of divine intervention because a few short minutes after all of them stepped off the field, McKendree turned into a monsoon.

To say it was 40 act where something greater helped hold those storm clouds from striking the field isn't an overstatement.

To people like Dempsey, acts of divine intervention happen quite often — he is in the business.

He also experienced one first-hand in 1979.

The fourth-year coach at the time was on his way to see former Chicago Bear great Gale Sayers be inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

During the trip, he felt something he couldn't explain; instead of sickness or any physical feeling, it was spiritual.

Dempsey was a churchgoer since he first started coaching at SIU. But the unexplained feeling that energized him was something he needed to discuss with his wife, Marion.

The two discussed what had happened and went into prayer to find out what the Lord wanted to tell Dempsey.

It was at that time Dempsey realized he was destined for a life in ministry.

But his departure to that life wasn't sudden.

He continued to coach the Salukis.

During his tenure at SIU, it was the golden years of the program. The team recorded 54 wins between 1976 and 1983. In the 20 years after him, the school has only managed 73 victories.

The highlight of Dempsey's career at SIU was obviously the 1983 team. He still calls that year the high-water mark of his coaching career.

"When I think about the '83 team, I think of its minister had passed away with cancer, and Dempsey answered the call.

The accomplishment was a sign that it was time to move on for Dempsey. A year later, he left to coach at Memphis State, though that lasted just two years.

Then another calling came out to Dempsey, but this time it was the city of Westerville, Ohio. A church there was in need of a minister after his minister had passed away with cancer, and Dempsey answered the call.

He ministered at Christ the King Church for 13 years and was influential around the area, helping improve cross-cultural relationships and spurring local reconciliation.

Ministering and coaching were not that difficult. He credits his faith for it, and miraculously, he was able to move to another level of growth.

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Tony LaChiana: the Chicago Cubs fan with a scary birthday

Tony LaChiana is a junior on the SIU men’s cross country team. He had some time before practice to talk to the DAILY ECLIPSE’s Todd Merchant.

DAILY ECLIPSE: The past couple years you’ve been a little disappointing, but this year you guys have really turned it up a notch. What’s different this year?

Tony LaChiana: I think it’s the team unity. Also, we just got two new guys from Northern Ireland this past year [Joe Byrne and Diarmuid Grant] — we got two bigger guys who will help us in our top five. I think just pushing up the line of workouts has helped too because we’ve got more guys to help pull us along.

DE: It’s the first time in a few years you guys have been ranked. What’s that like for the team?

TL: We’re not really taking it seriously. I mean we’d like to be ranked higher, but it’s all about conference right now. That’s what we’re concentrating on. We definitely want to win conference, and that’s what we’re looking at right now.

DE: The Saluki Invitational is coming up this weekend. What are your predictions for that meet?

TL: We definitely want to come in thinking we’re gonna win the meet, but we’ve got to do it. We all got to run good races and put down the hammer.

DE: You’ve steadily progressed in the past couple all the way from 59th in 2001 and 26th in 2002. How do you think you’ll do personally this weekend?

TL: Personally, I definitely still want to be top five on the team. But I think it’ll help us a little bit better if I was under 26 minutes at this meet. Also, it would help if we had our sixth guy come along too because that would make our team stronger overall.

DE: The women’s team is doing well this season with a first place and a couple third places. Do you see there a bit of a friendly rivalry there?

TL: We’re not really paying attention to the women right now, but I mean it’s great that they’re doing well. It’s good that both programs are progressing in the past few years. It’s good for the school.

DE: Two years ago you came in with a bunch of freshmen; now it’s just you and Eli Baker left. What’s that been like?

TL: It just shows you who wants it and who doesn’t. The guys that’ll come in the first year wanting to run good, they don’t; then they just quit on us. It just shows who wants to be there and who wants to do good.

DE: You’ve been the No. 5 guy for a while now. How important is the No. 5 runner?

TL: It’s just as important as the No. 1 runner. We all have so run the races. As a whole our 1-5 gaps need to be at most a minute if not closer to each other because the closer you are to each other, the less points you’re gonna be able to score and possibly win. Those top five guys are the most important guys on the team.

DE: You guys have been struggling with your grip the first couple of meets. What are you doing to fix that?

TL: We’re trying to help in workouts. They have the slower guys lead the workouts and try and push them along, I think that’ll help a lot, but in the end you’ve just gotta go out there and do it.

DE: What’s it like running in Carbondale compared to your hometown of Oak Lawn?

TL: You’re not stopping at every stoplight every lane, and it’s a lot more scenic and not as many people. It’s a change from high school to here, and I like it that’s why I came down.

DE: Are you a Cubs or White Sox fan?

TL: Oh, I’m a Cubs fan, definitely.

DE: What do you think of their chances?

TL: I think they’ll get to the World Series. I’m not sure if they’ll win it, but they’ll definitely beat the Marlins.

DE: You changed your major from computer and electrical engineering to accounting.

TL: Actually, every time someone comes up to me and I say, “Oh, my birthday’s on Halloween,” they get all excited about it. I just wish I was here a couple years before when they had a big party on Halloween. But it’s not really any different than having it on any other day.

DE: Does it suck having your birthday the day before the Missouri Valley Conference meet — the biggest meet of the year?

TL: Yeah. I’ll be sleeping on my birthday, and I won’t be able to buy my first legal drink until Nov. 1.

DE: Now for the last and most important question of all — which is the better movie: “Without Limits” or “Prefontaine?”

TL: I’d probably have to say “Prefontaine” because Al Bundy’s [Ed O’Neill] in there. That’s the only serious role I’ve ever seen him in.
Shaw picks SIU

Painter nab key recruit in Centralia High School star

Ethan Erickson
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CENTRALIA — First-year SIU men's basketball coach Dick Painter sounded like his most important verbal commitment of the season when he visited Centralia last weekend. 

"I just felt like SIU was going to work with him bigger than me," the Centralia High School senior Matt Shaw said. "I'm a coachable kid and he's gonna listen and get better, and also his physical strength." 

Shaw is a 6-foot-6, 210-pound forward, and this week he announced he was choosing SIU over Saint Louis University, Illinois State and Drake. 

"I think one of his strengths is he's a coachable kid and he's gonna listen and get better, and also his physical strength," said Painter. "He's a guy that's gonna get to the next level," Shaw said. "He's a lot like me," Shaw said. "If we're told Shaw, we're gonna follow in his footsteps. He just really helped me a lot." 

For Painter and his assistants, the commitment helped them get to the next level. "We're really happy," Painter said. "This is our best recruit." 

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Homecoming more than football

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Waterloo and other great losses

Waterloo, like many small towns, has a reputation as the last stop for those looking to escape the small-town life. But for the SIU football team, the town is a bit of a contradiction. 

"People think of Waterloo as the last stop," said Shaw. "But it's not really true. It's a great, small-town atmosphere." 

For Shaw, the decision to choose SIU over other schools was not easy. "I don't even think he's under pressure," Painter said. 

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