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# Blagojevich addresses budget concerns



Most televisions in the WSIU-TV control rooms of the Communications Building were set to watch the governor's address Tuesday afternoon. WSIU also set up a large television in Studio A for anyone wanting to watch. No one showed up.

# SIU loses \$19 million

Katie Davis  
 Daily Egyptian

SIU will start off the '04 fiscal year with \$19 million less than it was able to spend last year, state officials said after Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced an array of cuts from travel expenses to education in his Wednesday budget address.

SIU's budget will be scaled back \$19.3 million next year, or 8.2 percent, said Becky Carroll, Bureau of the Budget spokeswoman.

Blagojevich, facing what he says is about a \$5 billion state debt, announced cuts in higher education amounting to \$202 million statewide. He said much of that money, about \$112 will be pumped back into the general revenue fund, and smaller amounts will go to "secure tuition and protect financial aid."

Carroll said \$31 million will be given to the universities to aid core classroom needs, and \$59 million to Blagojevich's Truth in Tuition Fund, which is to be used to stabilize tuition.

Through the fund, he intends to limit increases for incoming freshmen to 5 percent, and make that a flat rate for all four years of a student's education. Blagojevich said Illinois college tuition rose on average 10.7 percent last year. SIUC also increased tuition 18 percent, and is expected to increase tuition 16 percent next year.

"When a child enters college, it is unlikely that the family budget will increase each year until they graduate," he said. "And yet we expect families to increase outlays for tuition over those four years."

University officials were unaware of the distribution of the University's \$215 million budget between the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses. Steve Binder, spokesman for SIU President James Walker, said he would make no estimations about the impact of the reductions until the president had thoroughly reviewed all information regarding the cuts.

"We haven't seen the budget document," Binder said. "The statewide numbers are the only figures we have seen."

Last year, SIU had an operating budget of \$234.7 million for both campuses, with \$163.8 million, or about 70 percent going to SIUC, \$68.7 million, or 29 percent, going to SIUE. The remaining 1 percent, \$2.2 million, was given to the President's Office for campus-wide administration.

If the proportions stay about the same in the allocation of fiscal year 2004's \$215 million budget, SIUC can expect about \$150.5 million, a cut of \$13.3 million compared to the start of the '03 fiscal year. Sen. David Luechfeld, R-Oleavesville, said the numbers are slightly lower than had been anticipated, but are still devastating.

"There were really ugly predictions earlier that we would have to gut a lot out of this year, fiscal year 2003, and still more next year," he said. "It may not be as bad, but it's still bad."

Although the governor said very little about a possible recession this fiscal year, state sources familiar with higher education budgets said SIU will give back about 2.9 percent in fiscal year '03. That amount is a part of the \$19.3 million cut, not in addition to it.

The University will also not be affected by one of Blagojevich's initiatives to halt state aid of employee pensions. Carroll said the employee pickups were only for executive state agencies directly under the governor's control and do not include universities.

Binder said he expected to receive a copy of the budget document either Wednesday night or today following the Board of Trustees meeting in Edwardsville. "Once we get back, we'll see what this means," he said.

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# Governor shakes up state's budget outlook

Plan is \$34.5 million smaller than last year's

Jackie Keane  
 Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich "shook up a system in need of reform" in his proposed \$52.4 billion budget address Wednesday, while keeping his promise not to raise taxes he made along last year's campaign trail.

He proposed a budget that avoids raising sales or income taxes, but also relies heavily on one-time cash fixes, increased fees, state department cuts and higher gambling taxes.

The governor warned lawmakers that he would veto any budget that raises income or sales tax or that cuts spending on education, health care or public safety.

"We are going to do more with less," Blagojevich said.

The state's financial problems have been building for years as a result of climbing expenses and a severe decrease in revenue. The address called for 6,000 fewer state employees. Many of the positions the governor considered in his downsizing are those left vacant by early retire-

ment that would not be refilled.

He must now try to persuade the Democratic majority in both houses to go along with a budget plan that is \$34.5 million smaller than last year's budget.

Thousands of employees would miss out on raises and pay more to their retirement funds.

Education would see a 3.1 percent increase in state aid and schools would be guaranteed \$250 more to spend on each student. University budgets would be cut by at least \$112 million.

He also wants to raise taxes on riverboat casinos to 70 percent tax on all their revenues above \$250 million, increasing the taxes by 20 percent.

Businesses would pay about \$350 million more in higher fees for everything from liquor licenses to filing annual reports with the state.

The budget still requires approval of the General Assembly.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, supports the cuts made in the government agencies. He said he thinks it is something needed to be done for years, and was actually proposed last year, but the government would not do it.

"Every agency has cuts somewhere and we have to force agencies to tighten belts," Bost said.

Bost support the cuts made in state agencies, but he considers the budget address, as a

whole, something that concerns him because it is an instant fix, rather than filling the hole for the future.

While the governor's address included a more detailed list than ever before of the budget cuts in state departments and downsized personnel, many are left concerned by the amount of borrowing the governor has proposed.

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Highlights from budget address	
• Southern Illinois University:	\$19.3 million
• Higher Education:	\$200 million
• Department of Corrections:	69.7 million
• Department of Natural Resources:	\$204 million
• Public Aid:	\$49.2 million
• Department of Transportation:	\$484.5 million
• Environmental Protection Agency:	\$37.4 million

# Region uncertain how proposed cuts would play out

Sara Hooker  
 Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich called on the people of Illinois to look past partisanship while dealing with the budget cuts he announced, but many from southern Illinois have mixed feelings on how his proposed spending plan will affect the region.

The governor outlined the new plan of attack to deal with the unprecedented \$5 billion budget crater in an hour and 35 minute speech to the General Assembly Wednesday.

"There's an old saying: When times are hard, you drink beer, not champagne," Blagojevich said after cutting the corners of virtually every state agency.

Little was left untouched as agencies were sent to the chopping block, hikes were made and jobs were lost. Among the hardest hit were the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, \$243 million, and the Capitol Development board, \$246 million.

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In addition, he called to hold the line on pay increases for managers in the state not represented by a union, consolidation for many

Gus Bode



Gus says:  
 Due to budget cuts  
 I switched from  
 Budweiser to Paps.

services such as the Mining Board and the Miner's Examining Board, and planned to increase non-consumer fees such as the state liquor license fee and the ticket price to board river boat casinos.

Mayor-elect Brad Cole said he has mixed feelings on how the state is to make some of the proposed cuts.

"I don't know. He [Blagojevich] didn't get the details of how it is that we're going to implement it," Bost said. "I can't say if I support it or not. I have concerns."

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which is expected to cut \$243 million, and the Environmental Protection Agency, which could face \$37.4 million cuts, could specifically affect future water and sewer projects.

Additionally, Cole said the EPA gives approval on such projects at the city's \$10 million upgrade of the water treatment plant. He said the project could be effected, depending on how the cuts are administered.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he has mixed feelings on the budget address because it is non-specific on how the state is to make some of the proposed cuts.

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# Restaurant Spotlight

in the **Pulse**

Join us for  
**Spring Clean Up  
& Recycling Day  
2003**

**Saturday, April 12  
8 am-12 pm**

Sign in at **Turley  
Park** on W. Main St.  
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assignments.

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music by **Clean Ray!**



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### WAR UPDATE

Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Wednesday

• A key Iraqi opposition leader says he has information that Saddam Hussein survived an airstrike in Baghdad and escaped from the capital with at least one of his sons. However, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said he did not know whether Saddam was dead or alive. (cnn.com)

• Three weeks into a war that divided Europe and raised questions at home, the Bush administration on Wednesday savored the images of jubilant Iraqis celebrating the crumbling of Saddam Hussein decades-long grip on power. It was, said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, a "historic moment". (cnn.com)

• Moving into the Iraqi capital from the east, U.S. Marines came under attack Wednesday afternoon at Baghdad University and stormed onto the campus to return fire. CNN Correspondent Martin Savidge, embedded with the 1st Marines, 7th Battalion, said the university campus was a battlefield at one point, with black smoke rising from buildings and machine-gun fire ripping past. (cnn.com)

• The International Committee of the Red Cross said it was temporarily halting its work in Baghdad because of the "chaos" in the Iraqi capital. It also announced that a Canadian Red Cross

staffer had been killed in crossfire. Looters move in as the old regime collapses. (cnn.com)

• Lawlessness in Iraq could hinder the delivery of humanitarian aid to people in need, the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) has warned. A lack of law and order on the streets, which has led to looting in Baghdad and Basra, could also prompt population displacement, the UNHCR said. (bbc.com)

• U.S. and British airstrikes pounded Iraqi forces Wednesday in the northern city of Tikrit, the next focus of the war now that U.S. troops have largely secured Baghdad. Special operations forces also were "softening the battlefield" before any U.S. ground troops move into the hometown of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the presumed hideout for his supporters, U.S. officials said. (foxnews.com)

• Britain and the United States expressed satisfaction after US forces took control of Baghdad on Wednesday, but they warned that Saddam Hussein's regime is not yet finished. British Prime Minister Tony Blair watched with "delight" as television pictures showed Iraqis celebrating in Baghdad, his official spokesman said. The White House said the scenes of Baghdad residents helping to tear down a statue of Saddam were historic developments. (foxnews.com)

### Attack on Iraq



### Today

High 59  
Low 37



Partly cloudy most of the day,  
clearing off in the evening.  
Highs in the upper 50s.

### Five-day Forecast

Friday	Mostly Sunny	67/42
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	69/46
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	73/52
Monday	Mostly Sunny	81/51
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	81/52

### Almanac

Average high: 64  
Average low: 41  
Wednesday's precip: 0"  
Wednesday's hi/low: 51/32

## CORRECTIONS

In Wednesday's issue of the *Daily Egyptian*, the page 9 article, "Former SIUC student wins third Pulitzer Prize," said that Hal Stoeckle won the Pulitzer Prize for photographs of the 1984 Summer Olympics. The photographs actually covered the 1984 Summer Olympics. The same story said that Stoeckle was inspired by a former professor by the name of William Erie. The name of the instructor was actually William Honell.

In Wednesday's issue of the *Daily Egyptian*, the front page article, "Election re-examination to take place next week," the information regarding the canvassing committee's makeup should have stated that the committee consists of the mayor, city clerk and city attorney.

The *Daily Egyptian* regrets the errors.

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## CALENDAR

### Today

Golden Key Honor Society  
general meeting for juniors and seniors with 3.3 GPA  
Student Center, Missouri Room  
6 p.m.

Panel Discussion for Africa Week  
External Debt of the Africa  
Student Center, Video Lounge  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Friday

French Table  
general meeting  
Cafe Melange  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Japanese Table  
general meeting  
Student Center McDonald's  
6 p.m.

Cultural Show and Art Exhibition for Africa Week  
special guest, Josefina Diakite, ambassador of Angola  
Student Center, Gallery Lounge  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Stir-Friday Night! Sketch Comedy  
Asian American Awareness Month event  
Student Center, Ballrooms A and B  
7 p.m.

## POLICE REPORTS

### University

A copy machine was damaged and \$300 cash was reported stolen between 5 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Monday at Quigley Hall. Police have no suspects.

### Carbondale

Two portable CD players, a car cassette adapter, coins, and CDs were reported stolen from two unlocked vehicles between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Old West Main Street. Police have no suspects.

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# Carboz NIGHT CLUB

## Thursday

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## Friday

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Malibu Mixers

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## Saturday

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\$2.50 Stoli Mixers  
\$2.50 Imports  
And Much More

## Home of the Bomb

# Senate passes proposal to raise minimum wage

\$1.35 increase to take effect in September

Moustafa Ayad  
Daily Egyptian

By September of next year, many employees in Illinois could be on the receiving end of a \$1.35 raise, despite current state fiscal woes.

The Illinois Senate approved a proposal Tuesday to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.50 an hour. By a vote of 33 to 32, primarily across partisan lines, with Democrats voting for the increase and Republicans voting against, Illinois came one step closer to entering an elite class of six states that offer a minimum wage of \$6.50 and above.

Illinois currently has a minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour, the level set by federal law in 1997. The proposed bill, which will now be sent to the House, is calling for the minimum wage to be raised to \$6 in September of this year and then raised another 50 cents in September of the following year.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the purchasing power of \$1.60, the minimum wage in 1968, is equivalent to \$7.38 an hour in 1997. However, the \$5.15 wage increase of 1997 did not match that, with a \$2.23 shortfall.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, voted against the proposal because he said Illinois should

not act unilaterally in an effort to raise wages. Instead, he said Illinois should gauge a salary increase upon the national wage level and then decide whether the increase is in the best interests of the people and businesses of the state.

"Illinois is in a very difficult position compared with other states," he said. "Businesses go where they go to make money. When you raise your base wage by a \$1.35, then you have to raise the wages of others. If someone is getting paid \$20, you have to raise their wages too."

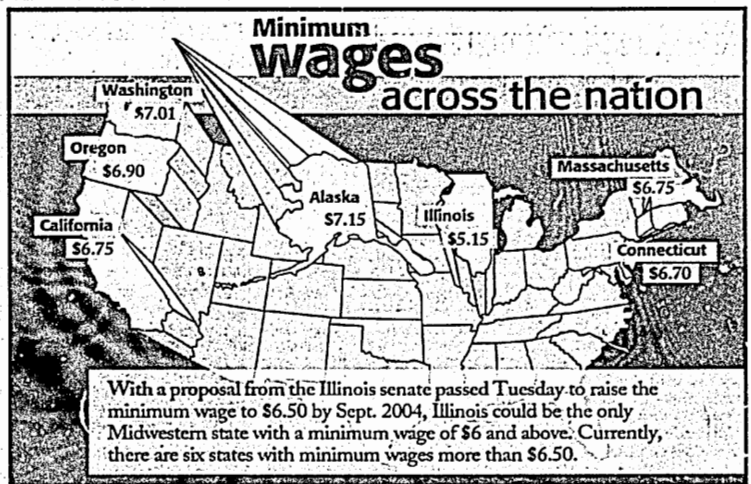
Thus businesses must raise wages across the board for all their employees, making it very difficult for small business owners and easier for states with lower minimum wage standards to attract businesses.

"It makes it very difficult to compete with neighboring states," Luechtefeld said.

Sen. John O. Jones, R-Mount Vernon, also opposed the measure, citing many of the same reasons as Luechtefeld.

"Because we are experiencing hard economic times, the last thing we want to do is something detrimental to small businesses," Jones said. "Increasing the minimum wage should be set at a federal level."

State senators are not the only ones who foresee the negative impact a wage increase could have on the constituents and business owners of Illinois. John A. Linehan, executive director of the Carbondale Business Development Corp., sees a potential wage



SHANE PANGBURN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

increase as not only detrimental to the southern Illinois' economy, but also a deterrent for businesses.

"The proposal could have a negative impact on small businesses with no time to respond to a wage hike, to put it in their budgets," he said. "This kind of action severely handicaps small business."

Linehan said he is not against workers receiving a larger share, but at the same time, the proposal seems to be trying to achieve an unrealistic goal by asking employers and businesses to absorb so much of the financial burden.

"People [businesses] won't be interested to come to Carbondale and pay a \$1.35 extra an hour when neighboring states offer a lower wage," Linehan said. "We compete with Kentucky and Indiana and if

their wages are less, that's where businesses will go."

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said that unless there is some language in the proposal to exempt state institutions from the pay hike, universities could be in a financial bind.

"Mostly, this is a good situation; students would particularly benefit," Dietz said. "But most likely it would mean fewer jobs. Since the dollars are fixed, more people would mean more money, and that would mean less jobs."

Dietz said that currently there are approximately 6,000 students employed on campus, all receiving a minimum wage of \$5.65, with one exception — students who work at late-night dining halls and

get paid \$6.10.

The chancellor raised the minimum wage to attract more students to work opportunities on campus. However, Dietz does not know if wages would be raised at the same rate with a higher minimum wage.

"Any situation where the budget is fixed, the net impact would be fewer jobs," he said.

Non-tipped employees over the age 18 are now being paid \$5.15 an hour and tipped employees are being paid \$3.09 an hour. Workers under the age of 18 receive a \$4.65 wage. The current minimum wage in Kentucky, Missouri and Indiana is \$5.15 per hour.

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# What would the women say?

Teach-in focuses on war's impact on women

Jane Huh  
Daily Egyptian

If alive today, Virginia Woolf would probably question the motives of war supporters as well as anti-war protesters, said Janice Staab, an assistant professor who teaches feminist philosophy.

Wednesday's teach-in, sponsored by the Committee Against War, the History Department and Women's Studies, posed questions and ideas that led to a discussion following the topics of how war conflicts impact women and Woolf's view of war.

From Woolf's essay titled, "Thoughts on Peace in an air raid," Staab spoke about the author's central theme of evaluating motives before acting on them.

Woolf's essay challenged individuals to avoid acting blindly and to be honest with the real motives for their actions. Staab said individuals must be aware of our 'subconscious Hitlerism'

— a phrase coined by Woolf to mean "aggressiveness, tyranny and insane love for power made manifest,"—by using creativity to stay clear from conflict or institutionalized actions such as protesting the war simply for the sake of protesting.

"It doesn't matter what the content is," Staab said. "The motive is the same. Hatred and fear leading to subconscious Hitlerism, or in our day, Woolf might have called it Husseinism."

Mary McGuire, assistant professor of American and women's history, talked about how war impacts women. She recalled some of the conversations she had with multiple refugee women at a feminist center in Berlin, East Germany, in 1991 while she was doing research for her college dissertation.

One of the women she befriended had lived in Berlin for 15 years without speaking German, feeling isolated and going through the advanced stages of mental dystrophy.

"I will never forget her telling me in tears, 'My mother died of a broken heart because I had to flee my country,'" McGuire said.

McGuire said that during times of war, women, along with children, the elderly and the disabled are quite often



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Dr. Janice Staab (left) and Dr. Mary McGuire lead a discussion on women's perspectives during wartime. A large audience of both students and community members attended and offered their input on the current crisis in Iraq and where women fit in.

most vulnerable. However, she added, it would be inaccurate to make generalizations of women being victimized because they respond differently.

"Women have very different responses to military conflict, ranging from participation in that military conflict to support of that military conflict to rejection of that military conflict to being victimized by it and then being forced to respond to it," McGuire said.

Still, women, especially in war-torn

areas, are subjected to certain burdens which range from supporting the family to sexual violence, McGuire said.

On the other hand, McGuire said the will of women to overcome their plight is inspiring.

"When I read stories of displaced women, what strikes me is their resilience, strength and ability to survive situations that, from the outside, seem unsurvivable," she said.

McGuire's topic went hand in hand

with Woolf's philosophy explained by Staab. There's one thing everyone has the ultimate power over.

"You may not control the decisions of my leaders, you may not be able to control the global economy, you may not be able to control global politics, but you can damn well control what goes on in your own brain," Staab said.

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# Signs point to Human Relations Commission changes

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

Councilman Brad Cole walked out of the City Council meeting Tuesday night after an ordinance forming the Human Relations Commission, which he voted against, was passed by a 3-2 decision.

Wednesday, Cole said he did not leave because he was upset at the decision. He simply had to blow his nose before rejoining the council a few minutes later. But looking back, he realized it might have been bad timing, as it could be interpreted that he walked out to make a point.

"It might have been a little bit of both," Cole said. "But I really am fighting off a flu."

Though Cole did not mean for his "walk-out" to be taken the wrong way, it did seem to describe the mood of many people who showed up at the meeting for the sole purpose of speaking on or hearing what would become of the HRC. No one seated in the room were smiling after the commission was passed, and some, particularly those who spoke on the matter before the voting, seemed dejected and insulted at the decision.

Cole had an answer that explained why. "Nobody wanted what we approved last night, yet we did it anyway," he said. "So now, we have

to work with what we have, which is fine. At least it's a place to start."

Saying that nobody wanted the commission as outlined was not completely accurate, as there were at least three on the council who did want it. Mayor Neil Dillard and council members Maggie Flanagan and Corene McDaniel all voted to join the HRC, while councilman Mike Neill joined Cole in opposing it.

Before voting for the commission, the three council members explained why they supported it. All said the HRC outline is strong and probably what the city needs, but they also agreed that putting off forming the commission because it is not perfect does not accomplish anything. They added that if the HRC does not meet the needs of the city, it could be adjusted in the future to do so.

One of the HRC concerns brought forth at Tuesday's meeting, which has a strong chance of being addressed as soon as next month when the newly elected council takes over, is that the commission cannot issue subpoenas or hold any real legal power. Its main job will be to serve as an advisory body to the City Council and assist the public in contacting the proper authorities if they have a complaint against local businesses, fellow citizens or city officials such as police officers.

Bill Norwood, a member of the SIU/

Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations, which proposed the idea for an HRC almost a year ago, said he examined Illinois cities that have an HRC with subpoena power. He found that just because the power is there does not mean it will be abused.

"The vast majority of HRCs in Illinois that were contacted have this power, and in most communities, the power was never used," he said.

Neill said HRC will likely have subpoena power, in a month because the new council members voted into office April 1 will take their seats May 6, and all are in favor of subpoena power.

Helen Porter, president of the Carbondale NAACP, was one of four people to speak before the council Tuesday on why she thought the commission was not ready to be approved. She said the council "lost sight of the real reason for setting up the HRC" and requested the council table the issue until the new members are in office.

Dillard disagreed with Porter's assessment and said the council is still focused on the best interests of the citizens of Carbondale in its assembly of the commission. "It may not be what everybody wants right now, but let's get started now," he said.

Counting Carbondale, there are 14 cities in Illinois with Human Relations Commissions. Dillard said after attending a Mt. Vernon meet-

ing Carbondale's new commission is very similar in the way it functions and operates. He said Mt. Vernon's HRC seems to be effective in the way it deals with problems and the one in Carbondale will be just as effective.

Though there is still much opposition to the commission, the council continues to say nothing is written in stone, and the HRC can be reexamined at a future meeting.

Chris Wissmann, one of the newly elected city council members to take office in May, said he hopes he will be able to help change the commission in the near future. He called the new HRC a "disaster" and said it can be made better.

Hugh Muldoon, member of the SIU/Carbondale task force, said the council will have to make sure it is capable of imposing consequences on people who bring forth false claims. He understands why some businesses might be concerned with the current commission, but added that with some adjustments, the business community should rally around the commission. "Good businesses have nothing to fear," he said. "[The HRC] makes the community look better, and by association, they look better."

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# New policy keeps freshmen living on campus

University Housing hopes policy will help with retention rates

Samantha Robinson  
Daily Egyptian

With the new University Housing policy making freshmen live on campus set to take effect for the 2003-2004 school year, off-campus facilities that were once approved housing for freshmen will no longer be able to direct advertising toward new college students.

The decision to change the housing policy stemmed from statistics that show on-campus living for college freshmen is extremely valuable for retention and for their ability to adapt to the new environment.

Crystal Boughl, coordinator of marketing and public information for University Housing, said the need for retention, along with outside businesses carrying the label "University approved housing," were the

two main reasons for the decision.

"We don't have the staff to inspect off-campus facilities," Boughl said. "In order to put 'University-approved' on a facility, we would have to inspect it and since we don't, liability issues arise."

When the decision was first announced, there was opposition from the city and Undergraduate Student Government because it was believed the decision would hurt members of the business community and neighborhoods.

"I think my understanding in speaking with other managers in other SIU approved facilities that this policy change will have a significant negative effect on our population and profitability," said Jeff Woodruff, manager of University Hall.

He said that in his opinion, the new plan does not have the best interest of property owners or students in mind.

But Boughl said it is not appropriate for the University to approve facilities if it does not actually inspect the buildings.

"It is important to know that on-campus living influences retention and academic success and that is what we are most concerned with," Boughl said.

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— Crystal Boughl  
University Housing

Woodruff said the only thing that will have to be done differently for the facility is marketing. The operating structure will not change, but he hopes the one thing the policy does is show other students what is available to them...

"Students who are not effected by the policy change ought to use choices wisely and make comparisons before they choose housing," Woodruff said.

The other facility that was approved for freshmen was Stevenson Arms. But repeated attempts to contact facility administrators went unanswered.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CARBONDALE

#### New IBHE chairman announced

Gov. Rod Blagojevich has appointed James Kaplan to Chairman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He succeeds Steven Lesnik, who held the post for the past year. Kaplan, a long-time advocate for students with disabilities, has served on the board since July 1999.

He earned a bachelor's degree in history at the University of Arizona and his law degree from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law. Kaplan is also past chairman of the Illinois State Advisory Council on the Education of Children With Disabilities.

#### Wellness Center sponsors alcohol-drug screenings

The Wellness Center will sponsor free alcohol-drug assessments for students three days in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month. The Student Health Assessment Center in the lower level of the Student Center will have a table set up from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will also be tables set up in Trueblood Outreach Office from 3 to 6 p.m. and the West entrance of Rhen Hall from 9 a.m. to noon. The three days the tables will be set up are April 10, April 17 and April 24. Anyone can take the free, anonymous assessment.

# SIU administrative salaries in line with national average

Many wages still below average

**Katie Davis**  
Daily Egyptian

SIUC administrators on average are paid slightly less than their counterparts at doctoral institutions nationwide, a recent study by the Chronicle of Higher Education of median administrative salaries showed.

In November, Faculty Association President Morteza Daneshdoost said a similar study conducted by the Chronicle revealed a 28 percent gap between SIUC faculty salaries and faculty salaries nationwide.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler said the numbers Daneshdoost cited do not accurately reflect a good average for the University and its peer institutions. The figure includes Ivy League schools and private institutions, which generally pay higher salaries.

"It would be like using those numbers to determine tuition," he said. "You wouldn't want Harvard or MIT in the same class because it raises the average."

Yet both Wendler and SIU President James Walker are paid comparable salaries to the national average. Walker's 2002 salary was \$275,000, only \$10,000 less than the national average for the chief executive of a system. But Wendler's salary of \$210,000 falls more than \$40,000 below the

COMPARING SALARIES			
Office	Average	Office	Average
<b>Institution</b>		<b>SIU</b>	
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Associate Director, Housing	\$79,316	Associate Director, Housing	\$68,220
Financial Aid Director	\$80,107	Director of Financial Aid	\$87,540
Residence Life Housing Officer	\$54,250	Associate Director of Housing-Residence Life	\$41,832

Average salaries for doctoral institutions nationwide are similar to university administration salaries.

SOURCE: The Chronicle

JOSH MISKINIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

average for the chief executive of a single system, or 16 percent.

According to comparative salary information for 2002, provided by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Walker is the top paid administrator in Illinois behind the president of the University of Illinois system (\$375,000) and chancellor of its Chicago campus (\$285,375).

The average for Illinois single-institution leaders is around \$222,000.

Walker's spokesman, Steve Binder, said that when Walker was hired three years ago and Wendler two years ago, the SIU Board of Trustees researched salaries at similar institutions throughout the Midwest before assigning salaries to the administrative positions.

"They were careful in offering salaries and benefits that were in line, not exceeding, but certainly in line with what was being offered at

similar institutions," Binder said.

Though there are great variances in the numbers provided by the Chronicle and the salaries of several SIU administrators, many can be attributed to a difference in job function.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz makes \$13,000 more than the average chief student affairs officer and \$50,000 more than the average enrollment management officer. Dietz is the head of a single department listed in the Chronicle as two separate departments.

"Part of the difficulty in comparing these numbers is that there are different enrollment and job duties associated with the administrative salaries," Binder said.

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# Fine Arts Fee reaches final stage

Dietz hopes to finalize by end of week

**Valerie N. Donnals**  
Daily Egyptian

With almost a month of spring semester remaining, Larry Dietz has decided to step in and take over the negotiations for the Fine Arts Fee.

Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, has created a final draft of the committee's operating papers and handed them down to the Undergraduate Student Government, Graduate and Professional Student Council and the Fine Arts Committee for approval.

Dietz said his main concern was finalizing the operating papers before the end of the year so allocations can begin for the fall.

USG and GPSC representatives began negotiating with the committee in September to create a set document on how the committee would operate and allocate funds. However, there were several disagreements between the groups, and legal advice was brought in to give their opinion on the matter.

Because of disagreements over the papers, a smaller group of representatives from USG and the Fine Arts committee met and agreed upon a set of papers. USG approved that draft of the operating papers at its last meeting.

The papers granted USG and GPSC representation on the committee and the power to appoint members, but maintained they had reservations about how the money

was allocated.

However, the agreement did not address the concerns of GPSC, which included how the money can be allocated, the role of faculty on the committee, and several other issues. They created their own set of operating papers for the committee.

Dietz said he has reviewed the proposals approved by USG and those submitted by GPSC and has worked with Jean Paratore, the associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, to combine the two proposals.

"I wanted student input and faculty input, and I feel like we've spent a year getting that," Dietz said. "There's just a point where there are disagreements and where somebody has to make a decision. There has been plenty of time for input and lots of participation, but we need to have this fee in business for the next academic year."

Dietz said the major debates concerned representation on the committee and whether USG and GPSC should be involved and whether faculty should be allowed to vote. The new proposal will allow student government to be involved and give faculty a vote on the committee.

The executive board for each organization received the final draft Tuesday.

Neal Young, vice president for USG, said that the proposal looked good and addressed the main issues USG was concerned about. They would be able to appoint members where, originally, they were appointed by department chairs.

However, he had some reservations about how members would be removed from the committee.

In the papers USG passed, they would be able to remove members from the committee if grievances were filed against them. Young said this is an important way for holding them accountable to the students.

"It's implied in the new papers, but we would like to see it fleshed out a little more," Young said. "It ultimately goes without saying that they work for us and if they screw up we would remove them from the committee, but it doesn't state that specifically."

Amy Sileven, president of GPSC, said the papers Dietz proposed are a vast improvement on the draft approved by USG. She said progress made on student representation and the guidelines for variable and fixed allocations.

However, she said she will be continuing to work with Dietz throughout the week to continue improving the structure of the committee and its membership. She said GPSC would also like to see slightly more money reserved for variable allocations, which can go toward special events produced by campus organizations.

Dietz said that his version will be the final proposal.

"If someone suggests a 'c' be crossed a different way, then I'm open to that," Dietz said. "But in terms of throwing out a whole variety of concepts, I would not agree to that."

Both Young and Sileven said that after working to make some minor changes to the papers, they hope to bring the final draft before USG and GPSC at their next meeting.

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### OUR WORD

## Corking the state deficit

Things aren't always as they appear to be. That was the case Wednesday when Gov. Rod Blagojevich delivered his 2003 budget address to the state legislature in Springfield. Currently the state sits in an estimated \$5 billion budget crater, a hole Blagojevich hopes Illinois can claw out of during his term as governor.

In addition to budget cuts to nearly every state agency, Blagojevich addressed his plans for slashing spending at public universities. His three-fold approach to addressing state university quality is cuts to administration, protecting financial aid and stabilizing tuition costs.

A lot of what the governor said makes good sense. Blagojevich said he will not cut financial aid. He also said his new budget will allot \$336 million to MAP grants.

In his plan for stabilizing tuition, Blagojevich said that the tuition paid by freshman should be the same amount when they are seniors, meaning that tuition increases could only be in four-year intervals. In addition, he said that incoming freshman should only be limited to a five percent tuition hike from the previous year. At a time when tuition hikes in Illinois have been growing every year, this will put a cap on bloating budgets.

There's one thing that bothers us, however, about Blagojevich's blow to administrative costs at higher education institutions. Sure, talk of administrative cuts conjures up thoughts of suit-and-tie types in fancy offices having to ground their airplanes and trade caviar for frozen fish sticks. That sounds good, but at SIUC and other public universities, that's not exactly the case. Granted, the Board of Trustees at the University of Illinois should not be spending thousands of taxpayer dollars to charter planes and eat at expensive restaurants.

But when the governor talks about cuts in administrative spending, which could be 10 percent at SIUC, he isn't just talking about the perks. In fact, on this campus, it's likely means he's talking about jobs of employees who aren't making that much in the first place.

Physical Plant workers are on administrative pay. So are administrative professionals, civil service workers research facility workers and individuals who run programs on campus that are beneficial to students.

It seems that people on the state level do not have a clear picture of the complexity of funding at universities

These are not people at the top. On this campus, faculty members with a direct instructional role cannot be touched because of the recently signed faculty contract that guarantees a 26 to 1 student/teacher ratio. At least instructors won't be on the chopping block.

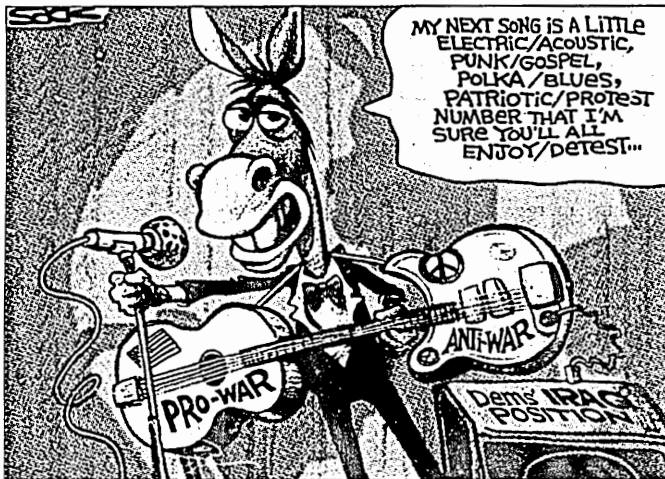
But administrators who teach classes could be. So could administrative professionals, who do not teach, but are working directly with student organizations.

It seems that people on the state level do not have a clear picture of the complexity of funding at universities. We hope they do, but it will be sad thing if the students here have to find out the hard way that Blagojevich doesn't.

"There's an old saying," Blagojevich said in his address, "when times are hard, you drink beer, not champagne."

The problem is, many on SIUC administrative pay have been drinking beer for a long time. In fact, most of the workers who will be losing their jobs never had the chance to drink champagne.

Maybe, Gov. Blagojevich, you shouldn't pop the cork just yet.



### GUEST COLUMNIST

## SARS can be a lesson for the world

Chris O'Donnell  
The Oracle (U. South Florida)

TAMPA, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Some come with a Burberry or Louis Vuitton label — just don't say they take your breath away.

Label or no label, surgical masks have become the latest must-have item in Hong Kong. But this is no mere fad. The outbreak of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome has struck fear into the hearts of Hong Kong's citizens. As of Monday, the disease has claimed its 100th victim, with approximately 2,700 reported infections around the world. Travel warnings issued by the World Health Organization have only fueled the anxiety felt on the island.

Unfortunately for the province, it is not a place that lends itself to isolation. As one of the key financial centers for Asia, business visitors from around the world are the life-blood of the city. Further, the densely populated island, with its population of seven million squeezed into an area some 16 square miles that makes Manhattan look sparse, is an ideal breeding ground for a contagious disease that has already claimed the lives of 23 islanders. My sister, a Hong Kong resident, told me just an innocent cough or sneeze will clear a room in seconds.

Still, you have to admire their ability to turn a crisis into a business opportunity. Designer masks began appearing almost as soon as the disease manifested itself. Like much of the designer merchandise sold in Hong Kong, the designer masks are, of course, fake. Burberry has not moved into the medical apparel market just yet.

The mysterious virus is believed to have originated in mainland China, which was rightfully targeted for heavy criticism from WHO head Gro Harlem Brundtland for its failure to report early cases of the illness and its lack of cooperation with WHO and the international community.

Due to international business travel, SARS has now spread as far as Canada. According to

Brundtland, it is the first disease to spread across the world in this manner. As a consequence, last week the WHO issued a warning against traveling to Hong Kong or the Guangdong province in Southeastern China.

The threat of SARS should be a salutary lesson to the world. The WHO's mobilization and coordination of expertise from around the world has come at a time when events elsewhere have called into question the future role, if any, of the WHO's parent organization, the United Nations. The United States and Great Britain's decision to eschew the democracy of the U.N. Security Council and invade Iraq is only the most recent example of the battle of national interests played out within the United Nations that has threatened the credibility and future of the organization.

Without the intervention of the WHO, it is difficult to see how the spread of SARS could have been checked. Which country would willingly cut itself off from business and tourist currency in order to contain the disease?

With mass air transit, globalization, increasing industrialization and the eradication of trade barriers around the world now, more than ever before, the fates of all nations are inextricably intertwined. Events such as the SARS crisis have shown the value of a world body able to act independently of national concerns.

While there is an obvious necessity for the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, with its Cold War-orientated veto system, to be restructured, the reduction of the United Nations to a humanitarian organization would be a step backward for the world. The challenge facing the countries of the world is to create a United Nations worthy of the name.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas A'ra Edison

### WORDS OVERHEARD

"They think all we do over here is pray and fight, pray and fight, and then pray and fight some more, which isn't the case."

She-ran Turjeman  
Israeli student commenting on stereotypes by Americans toward the Middle East

COLUMNISTS

# Weather brings pool of choices



If I May

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If I've offended any theng wearers out there (sorry, I have a personal quota of one to offend per article; men are next — keep reading) you're probably thinking I'm just mad because I can't wear a thong and look good in it. Well, you may be partially correct. I probably wouldn't like the girls on Snoop Dog's "Beautiful" music video but we'll never know for sure because I need a little more security than knowing the only thing between me being fashionable and being arrested for indecent exposure is a piece of string. I know to save the Earth people are encouraged to reduce materials but come on now, we can splurge on fabric for swim wear.

In the world of swimwear men have it easy (as they do with everything else in life). They can wear swimming trunks or Speedos. Girls have multiple choices. Of course there's the reliable one piece. There's also a multitude of tops to choose from: halter, string/ie, triangle, tankini, bandeau, full coverage, and underwire. The bottoms are no easier to deal with. There's hipster, hot shorts, scoop, classic high waist, low ride, cinch bottom, boy shorts, full coverage high waist and skirt. And just to confuse things the retailers sell the tops and bottoms individually. I enjoy choice but by the time I decide what type of swim suit to buy it will be September.

So let me summarize things (more for my sake than for my readers, I can't really remember where I was going with this article; blast my short attention span). 1. Summer's almost here. 2. No one keeps "15 pounds by summer." 3. There's lots of swimming suits to choose from so save the world and don't wear a thong. And 4. Boys are stupid (oh sorry but I just had to throw that in.)

Happy swimming!

*If I May appears every other Thursday. Shanita is a freshman in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.*

So, it's cold outside. I know I am constantly complaining about the weather, but I knew this would happen as soon as campus housing decided to turn on the air conditioning. My psychic powers are unbelievable. But even the temporary forces of evil, which have cast a frigid bite on the temperature, cannot delay the fast approaching summer. June 21st starts off backyard barbecues, overrated blockbusters staring overpaid actors, and the swimming suit season.

Everyone loves and dreads swimming suit season. Women start thinking about it right after the Christmas. What's the first thing we do after gorging Christmas cookies, candied yams, and Aunt Rena's home made bread pudding that we know will thicken our already plump midsections? We set the "lose 15 pounds before summer" New Year's resolution. This resolution is probably one of the most popular. It's probably in the Guinness Book of World Records or it should be. It's right up there with "Quit smoking before I die a long and horrible death." How many of us actually keep this resolution? Sure we all have good intentions at first.

We stock our refrigerators full of fresh fruit and vegetables and promise to avoid fast food. This works for the first couple of days, weeks if you're strong but eventually most of us quit our diets. You can only eat celery so long before turning into a rabbit. Only those super determined or who have hit rock bottom in the weight world usually are able to punch off the pounds with Tae Bo, or Richard Simmons Sweating to the 80s.

I've failed to keep the old "15 pounds before summer" resolution consecutively for years. I can tell other students have, too. Back in January the Rec center was packed with enthusiastic exercisers. Now I can walk in at anytime and have my choice of exercise equipment. Which reminds me I think I'll go work out tomorrow (yeah, right).

Each year swimming suits seem to get smaller and smaller. It amazes me how this is possible. Who thought there could be less coverage than the thong bikini? They are outrageous. I know people who don't even floss their teeth why would they want to lose...never mind — my mom's an avid reader.

I need a little more security than knowing the only thing between me being fashionable and being arrested for indecent exposure is a piece of string.

# Papa's little angel and puppy love



Poetic Justis

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## Papa's Little Angel

The warning signs would make you cry, going through my childhood fictional characters, I meta-morphed into a spy sneaking in neighbors' gangwys I can't deny the truth because there's no reason to lie.

But the house next door was occupied by a crazy tenant, when it was vacant I used to sneak into the broken windows until the side panel broke off the hinges, and then they moved in, a middle-class looking has-been and his daughter.

I overheard the confirmed facts from my mother talking to her sister about unwanted visitors, they didn't like his demeanor, I was too young to understand what I witnessed at that time, but I heard sounds, the noises reminded me of a boxing match in the first round and then I heard daddy stop, eager to get a better peek.

I wanted to watch, I'm sure everyone on the block heard her screaming before the old lady on the corner called the cops, they must had been around the corner because they arrived in like five minutes, the look on her face was horrendous.

This was a crime that wasn't intended to be one of the broken 10 commandments, her shirt was ripped, her pants was twisted and two days later I found out the whole story that she was raped, two days too late papa's little angel had a bloody face while her father was incarcerated pleading his case on her birthday.

But her present this year could never be replaced, but I guess since his wife passed he found the urge to cross dress and molest his 9-year-old daughter...

Sometimes I still think I'm too young to understand  
God help me...

## PUPPY LOVE

Lets take it back to the 4th grade, close your eyes, picture me attempting to be brave, abnormally innocent at such a young age, we played games at recess and even held hands at the Bud Billiken day parade.

She was my first crush, in times where cupid didn't involve all that mushy stuff, when thunder cats and a pack of Now 'n' Laters were always good enough, she gave me her lunch I was always sad because I could never afford to buy her favorite tropical punch.

We had puppy love and our classmates had already been through these obstacles once, circle yes or no never predicted what was to happen in the next upcoming months.

a morning without her turned into an entire week, something was wrong because she didn't even make an appearance at the spelling bee, confused, I know she wouldn't leave without telling me,

at lunch I drank chocolate milk and gave away my breadsticks and celery, I ate sunflower seeds after school I found her jump rope in the coat room and all this did was bring back memories, two months had passed and that was the last time that I'd ever see her...

Until recently 12 years and two kids later our eyes still connected as it did when we were in elementary, our ESP spoke to each other before our lips moved in slow motion, her big brown puppy eyes stunned me like I overdesed one such cupid's love potion, "excuse me miss" Inquiring minds want to know if I could buy you a bottle of tropical punch, and 1 year later we just celebrated our 6 month anniversary over 3 p.m. morning brunch...we've got a lot of catching up to do.

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# LETTERS

## USG will continue to provide accountability

DEAR EDITOR:

On multiple occasions Tim Wills, chair of the undergraduate technology fee committee has expressed his disappointment on not being an executive appointment under my administration. While it is obvious he is disgruntled, I would like to take this opportunity to inform students on why that decision was made.

The tech "surcharge" issue comes down to my administrations and the current senates dedication to fairness in funding for all fees, whether the Student Activity Fee, the Fine Arts Fee, or the Technology surcharge, being responsible with students money, accountability to students that elect us, and a deep commitment to empowering students and promoting a democratic USG. To give a fuller picture it would be appropriate for me to give some history.

Before my administration and before the Freedom Party became the majority of the Senate the Student Activity Fee was allocated to special interest. There was also no responsibility with your money because some organizations were wasting student money by buying themselves private dinners for their officers or expensive clothes for only the members in that organization. Over the last two years the members in the current senate stopped all of this corruption and wasteful spending. Organizations now receive money on the amount of size of events they have to benefit the campus. Wasteful spending of your money is almost non-existent and when it does happen measures are taken to make sure students' money is repaid.

This year under my administration, Neal Young and senators were able to fix concerns with the Fine Arts Fee, which was implemented by help from the Freedom Party over two years ago. We helped come up with a great compromise that ensured language in the operating papers to secure accountability to stu-

dents, and allow channels for students to make democratic changes.

While the current senate and my administration have accomplished much in the past two years we plan on doing more for students next year, and reform of the Technology surcharge is one of those changes. This is at least one reason why I am supporting Neal Young for President of Undergraduate Student Government.

Every fee we have ever reformed has guidelines to ensure fairness, accountability, and responsibility with spending your money. The Tech Fee needs guidelines to accomplish these goals. Currently there are no operating papers for this committee. While Wills talks about guidelines he has failed to show guidelines when asked. Most importantly these guidelines will be followed unlike the ones Wills says he has.

Another central tenet of my administration and the current Senate is accountability to the students. Unfortunately the Tech surcharge was not being administered properly because

expenditures were made secret and voting conducted through e-mail. This is part of the reason why my administration had trouble finding out about these problems. Keeping how student money is spent a secret is not appropriate and this will not stand under my administration. All executive appointments are directly accountable to the president and policies of USG. Policy was made and will be followed. Anyone who does not follow official should and will be removed.

Please do not think that what happened with Wills is common in USG. In fact it is rare because most executive appointments understand the concept of having their power derive from USG, which derives its power from the students. Almost all executive appointments are representative of the students because my administration strives for that, which is a central tenet of my administration and the current Senate. In fact, the empowerment of students and a representative USG is central to my mission, Neal Young's mission, and the Freedom Party's mission.

Michael Jarard  
USG president

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# Perspectives vary in international war coverage

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Daily Egyptian

*EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part two of a two-part series about media coverage of the war in Iraq.*

Same day. Same website. Same story.

Two totally different link headlines.

"Three journalists killed in Baghdad," bannered CNN.com Tuesday night.

"U.S. attacks kill 3 media," was the headline for the same story on CNN's International link.

Both links lead to the same story. The story was about three journalists who were killed in Baghdad Tuesday. They perished in two different buildings, both attacked by the U.S. military, according to CNN.

CNN did not return numerous phone calls from the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Still, William Recktenwald, a journalist in residence at SIUC and a retired Chicago Tribune reporter, said he hopes people would not just draw conclusions from link headlines.

"I hope people don't base decisions on just a very small headline probably

written by someone one step above a clerk and not read the story written by someone who is risking their life to report accurately," he said.

Recktenwald said the differences in wording between media groups are clear by their banner headline.

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) and CNN's websites title the events unfolding in Iraq "War in Iraq," while the Canadian Broadcasting Company calls it "Attack on Iraq" and Al-Jazeera website uses the term "War on Iraq." Fox News said "Operation Iraqi Freedom." (All headlines are based on media websites as of Wednesday.)

"Fox says 'We report and you decide,' but it appears to me they have decided with that headline," Recktenwald said.

Recktenwald said the Internet gives people the opportunity to look for the different styles of reporting, something he recommends.

"If you go to one source, you are going to get one source," he said. "You have to look around for a different view. You just have to understand where that view is coming from."

Recktenwald often checks international news sources such as Al-Jazeera for a variety of news coverage,

though he said Al-Jazeera's website is occasionally hacked into and made inaccessible.

"They [Al-Jazeera] are credible," he said. "You just have to understand it is being reported by people from the Middle East watching people come in from other places with 100,000 troops."

Recktenwald said Al-Jazeera covers civilian casualties in more detail and has shown photos of dead coalition troops, something American media do not often do.

Scott Gust, a doctoral student in speech communication from Canada, agrees that the international media and the American media clearly differ.

"It is hard to express how the international media is different," Gust said. "They have a less patriotic vision of war and they show more human tragedy on both sides."

Gust said he always checks at least two sources for news. Usually at least one of them is an international source. Although Gust said he does respect many American journalists, he said he is not sure they get to the real story.

"I tend to think they can't tell the truth because they don't know it," he



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said. "We are just getting what is safe for the armed forces to tell them."

Gust said that might also be true of the international journalists who are embedded with coalition forces.

Although he is said he understands why journalists are not allowed to report certain details and said reporters in most cases should not report on things that would put soldiers in harms way. He still said American newscasts and newspapers could be more sensitive to international issues.

Gust said he noticed many journalists reporting for American sources who used to report for Canadian stations, including Peter Jennings.

Either way, more Americans are turning to the Internet to get their news. They are visiting more than just American media outlets, said Judith Roales, an SIUC alumna and former publisher of the St. Petersburg Times who is an adviser to newspapers in former communist countries.

"For the first time in history, the Internet is playing a huge role in the coverage of this war," Roales said. "Some people who have become disenchanted [with the American media's coverage] have turned to the Internet for international coverage."

Roales said anyone who has taken the time to look at the international press for news coverage of the war has noticed a substantial difference.

Thousands of journalists in the Middle East have given people a variety of outlets to find their news. However, the price tag of getting the news has been a cheap one.

Roales said she is interested in

seeing the figures of what the war cost not only the U.S. government, but also the media.

She said stations like CNN lost millions in advertising revenue because they did not run commercials during the beginning of the war or break for coverage during important speeches and events. Many advertisers also pulled out during the early coverage.

"At first they didn't want anything to do with the war," Roales said. "But now those advertisers have returned."

Chicago Tribune public editor Don Wycliff said the costs of covering war are not low, but they should not keep the media from covering it.

"It will be impossible to say until the war and the coverage are over," he said of the cost involved with the Chicago Tribune's coverage. "I suspect most news organizations are taking the same approach as mine: Send what you need to and we'll worry later about how to pay for it."

Roales said she thinks the organizations of embedded journalists have a monetary agreement with the U.S. government. She said she has no idea how much media might be charged for having journalists with the troops, but she is sure they are paying for their expenses with the collaboration forces.

"The cost to them now they must treat as an investment in their ratings and the ability to get more for advertising in the future," she said.

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## Michigan case could affect college admissions

SIUC may not be affected

Lindsey J. Mastis  
Daily Egyptian

Even though the University of Michigan case before the U.S. Supreme Court involving affirmative action could cause universities throughout the United States to restructure their admissions policies, SIUC may not be affected.

In two cases, Grutter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, the students say that the University of Michigan is discriminating against white Americans because the university's admission process point system gives applicants of minority races a 20-point boost. SIUC's admission policy, however, does not consider race.

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for diversity at SIUC, said the case would affect universities that are "highly selective." Because SIUC is a public university that actively recruits minorities, the case would not affect the University, he said.

"SIUC probably has one of the most diverse student bodies in the state, if not the Midwest," Bryson said. "Our population pretty much mirrors minority enrollment in the state of Illinois, particularly black Americans."

The cases could affect businesses

and the military as well as admissions policies at universities. But James Shutt, professor of military science at SIUC, said that whatever the outcome of the cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, the military would follow orders.

"I guess if they pass a federal law and implement some policies and we follow the policies in accordance with the law," he said. "Just like any federal organization, the Army follows the law of the United States government."

Bryson is concerned about universities that accept minorities only because they are required to do so by law. He said SIUC could be used as a model for other institutions that want to recruit and admit minority students through ways other than a point system.

"Those institutions that have a moral commitment to having a diverse student population will find creative ways to ensure that they have the quality and fairness and representation of all races and sexes in their student body," Bryson said. "A lot of this depends on if you have strong committed leadership and there's a commitment to having a diverse population that people will find creative ways to address the issue."

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# African Renaissance visits campus

African Student Council sponsors week of events honoring culture

Jessica Yorama  
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The African Student Council is trying to revive interest in the culture during four days of events known as Africa Week 2003.

African Renaissance is the theme of the festivities that began Wednesday. The celebration has been sponsored by ASC for almost three decades.

"Everyone has a different opinion about Africa, some people don't even know that it is a continent," said Freddy Kadima, president of the African Student Council and a junior in business management and finance systems from the Republic of Congo. "We want to show the Carbondale community and other international students where we're from via a food fair, cultural show and activities that provide a taste of Africa."

He said in spite of Africa Week being trimmed to four days, the amount of activities has not been cut, simply condensed.

The festivities kicked off with an opening ceremony and proclamation, during which mayor-elect Brad Cole and SIU Chancellor Walter Wendler appeared to declare the official start of Africa Week. The presentation was followed by a showcase of African art.

After this sample Wednesday,



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Freddy Kadima, president of the African Student Council, looks over some pieces contributed by members of the council for the art exhibition for Africa Week Wednesday evening in the Student Center.

students will have the opportunity to get a taste of what the culture has to offer through "A Taste of African Food," at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Ballroom D. The evening will give those taking part in the festivities a chance to discuss issues of Africa

during a panel discussion taking place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Center Video Lounge.

"It's an opportunity to learn about the culture that we know to be the cradle of civilization," said Carl Ervin, coordinator of multicultural programs and services. "It's where everything began and much more than just a continent."

The two remaining days of events will maintain the steady flow of activity with a Reception of Her Excellency. The ceremony, which will take place in Student Center Ballroom D will honor the Ambassador of Angola, Josefina Diakite. Ballroom D will also be the setting for a variety of African dances performed by the Black Fire Dancers.

"Most people are not too aware of the African culture," said Oladotun Aremu, a junior in management from Nigeria. "We want to try to move the bridges between cultures and discuss any problems we might have."

"We just want to let people know that Africa is not just what you see on television."



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Mayor Neil Dillard presents SIUC alumnus and former treasurer of the African Student Council Noel Werru with a proclamation from the city of Carbondale honoring the start of Africa Week.

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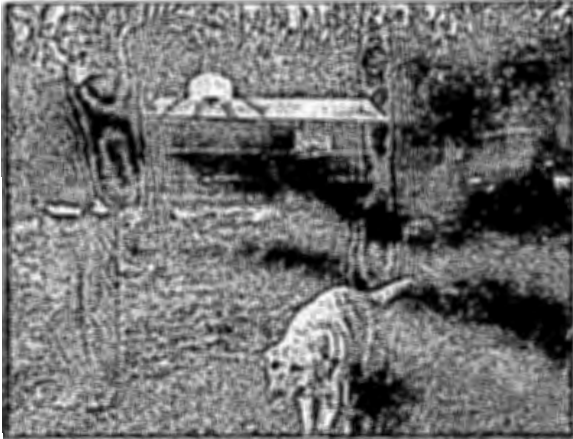
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Emerick Neitzer, an undecided sophomore from Oswego, has been working on a farm owned by Patrick Sweeney since November while attending class.

*Anti-war activists find inspiration from America's democracy: wield right to speak out against war*



Sarah Curtis and Emerick Neitzer sit and enjoy music during the 'Peace is Action' event Saturday at the Old Town Pavilion. Although they know others may not share their opinions about current situations, it does not stop them from voicing theirs.

# F Freedom

One student follows a path that even student couple looks for a day when of the past. Both hope for peace a

story by JANE HUH

On an unusually cold Saturday morning, Sarah Curtis and Emerick Neitzer were two of the handful of activists setting up the Old Town Pavilion for the long day's "Peace is Action" event.

The anti-war protestors are fully aware that there are people who don't share their views about current affairs.

Yet, if there's one thing Curtis and Neitzer appreciate about being an American today, it's their right to speak out against the government and assemble with other people who agree with them like they did that day.

While there are times when the local activists feel like their efforts are futile, when their opposition to the war in Iraq gets unnoticed, it would be regretful not to follow their conscience.

Throughout the day, both are busy making the event run smoothly and productively either by bringing in more food to set on the table or engaging in a conversation with children as they colored rocks with sharpie markers.

"The world isn't over. My life isn't done yet. Just because the president isn't going to listen to me doesn't change what I want, what I believe and what I think is right," said Neitzer, an undeclared sophomore from Oswego. "I would love it if I could affect national policy but even if no one listens to me, I'll still be here saying that we should be peaceful."

Neitzer and Curtis, who live together, share more than just a home. They say their passion and hope for change drives them to remain loyal to current anti-war protests even when they get ignored.

### World Citizens

Curtis said she owes it to herself to take an active role in supporting victims of injustice.

Two years ago, Curtis, a sophomore in creative writing from Carbondale, was date raped after bringing an acquaintance home.

"I didn't even realize that I had been raped until I was talking to a friend of mine one day telling her the story and she said 'Sarah, you got raped' and that really hit home," she said. "That's also when I realized that there's a lot of women out there who haven't been able to even identify that they've been assaulted and they just feel bad and they don't know why and they don't have people to talk to."

But instead of allowing the incident to label her as a victim, she took charge and reclaimed her identity.

Curtis sought out support from the community taking part in Carbondale's annual "Take Back the Night" marches and found solace in the feminist movement.

"I think that my generation of women is afraid to say 'Well, I'm a feminist' because I think that that word now has a lot of derogatory, raw-burning, lesbian-type-of-connotation," she said. "I really think feminism is

about everyone getting together and making the world easier for women, equality."

Since declaring herself a feminist, Curtis took interest in other societal matters such as globalization and the Middle East conflict.

Last year, Curtis and a group of friends embarked on a trip to the nation's capital to protest the International Monetary Fund Bank and the economic policies third world countries must abide by in order to participate in the global economy.

"That was an introduction to activism but I've always been interested in being active, sharing my views and trying to converse with people about political issues," she said.

For Neitzer, political activism began from attending Carbondale City Council meetings and various peace vigils about a year ago.

Neitzer was not brought up to cause scenes or stir up emotions. However, his opinionated nature tends to get involved in the debate regarding the war in Iraq. His unabashed disapproval of the U.S. president and the government's foreign policies shows up while he stresses his support for the American troops in Iraq.

"I don't think this is what the troops signed up for," he said. "They entered the Department of Defense and we're not defending anything, we're making preemptive strikes."

"It's the policies that I'm against. This is unprecedented that we would go off and do this sort of activity. It's this activity that I think is endangering our troops. I completely support the troops. I don't support the leaders."

Neitzer and Curtis say they support the nation's troops, especially because they have a friend stationed in Kansas waiting to hear where she will be deployed. Protesting against the war should not be construed to depict them as not supporting the troops, they said.

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Sarah Curtis waits for her literary analysis class to begin Tuesday afternoon inside Faner Hall. Curtis wants to write poetry after graduating, but says that she might become a literary publisher or teacher, if she cannot make a living from her first occupation.

# Choose

ly could lead him to war. One military conflicts will be a thing they prepare for the future.



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David Spanton checks over a report at Rep. Mike Bost's office in Carbondale. Spanton is currently doing an internship during his last semester at SIUC. Spanton handles matters of constituent service and types letters of recommendation. Spanton works 12 to 15 hours a week.

story by BEN BOTKIN

Lately, David Spanton has been getting mixed feedback from strangers when he walks through the SIUC campus every Thursday. Some people show a thumbs-up and others go so far as to give obscene gestures or call Spanton names when they see him.

It's not because of the 21 hours of classes that Spanton, a senior in public relations from Lincoln, is taking, or the work he does at a local representative's office. Indeed, his busy class schedule and part-time job — typical for many SIUC students — isn't what the casual observer sees when Spanton, an Army ROTC cadet, is clad in his camouflage greens every Thursday.

"You get some thumbs up. A lot of people look you in the eye more," he said. "They look at you with a quick nod."

"In the negative, people will look at you and they'll just shake their head no. I've been flipped off on campus before."

With war raging in Iraq, Army ROTC cadets are affected by the conflict in ways that are both different and similar from civilians and those called up for duty to serve in the Middle East. Spanton is one of about 163 Army ROTC cadets who attend SIUC.

While at the University, they attend classes, gain military training and have a life largely similar to that of many other students. In exchange for a paid college education, the cadets, in turn, promise to serve as officers for several years following their graduation.

For Spanton, signing across the dotted line was an obvious choice.

"Military is pretty much tradition in my family all the way back to my great-grandpa," Spanton said in a recent interview. "If you were a guy in my family, you're pretty much going in. I figured: Why not go in as an officer?"

### Cadet life

ROTC cadets practice the same drills, marches and field exercises that any other group of U.S. soldiers might use. But those who aren't familiar with the Army ROTC program sometimes don't realize that cadets won't be called up for service while they're completing their education, said Justin Gadberry, Spanton's fellow cadet and roommate.

And those who ask cadets about the war may not be aware of a soldier's first obligation—follow orders without giving opinions. This is a common inquiry that happens on a frequent basis, Spanton said.

"The other big question is 'What do you think of the war?'" he said. "Being part of the military, you don't really think about it."

The cadets aren't on alert status, but Spanton still follows a routine of meeting with his unit Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a.m. for exercises and drills. The early hours can be a challenge, but since Spanton lives with three other cadets in his apartment, they are able to help each other live a disciplined life.

"We've kind of got to do a little bit of hanging out with friends and then get up early and run hung



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Cadet 1st Lt. David Spanton (right) observes a cadet during a field training exercise that took place during March. Capt. Thornton (left) was in charge of Spanton's squad during this exercise. Spanton acted as an adviser during the exercise to assist other cadets since he had already been through this drill. Spanton will graduate in May and go to flight school in Fort Rucker, Ala., to become a helicopter pilot.

over and feeling like crap or learn how to go to bed early and say 'no,' he said.

Several Army backpacks are in the corner of the apartment, and the roommates begin their mornings by catching the latest war developments on Fox News. And Spanton will closely watch what happens in Iraq and hope that his brother and uncle, both serving in the Middle East, will make it through the war unharmed.

His brother, J.D. Welsh, serves in the special forces of the Air Force and his uncle, Dirk Spanton, is in the Army's special forces.

"They're doing fine and having a lot of missions," he said. "That's all that they really say."

And although the cadets aren't participants of the missions, they still have the chance to learn from them. If the war is mentioned in an ROTC class, it's usually in the context of learning about proper battle tactics, Gadberry said.

"If something we're learning applies to something what happened in Iraq recently, they include it in class," he said.

For example, the female POW who was recently rescued and became a captive after her group was separated from the unit was a

Cadet life continues at SIUC during wartime: lessons from war learned in classrooms, not Iraq



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Greek Week. Spanton competed for Sigma Pi and won during the first round but not in the second. Spanton has been a member of Sigma Pi for 4 years and is a former vice president for the organization.

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**Power of assembly and mass media**

More than confronting opposing views from other Americans, contending the mass media's representation of anti-war protestors has become a greater obstacle, they said.

Curtis said she felt the mass media overlooked her and most of the other IMF protestors at Washington, D.C., last year.

The few who set off violent scenes give other protestors an inaccurate characterization because, they say, the media zoom in on those events.

Neitzer added that some people have labeled anti-war protestors as not being patriotic.

This is only reinforced by state-

ments by our president such as, 'You're either with us or against us.' That ideology leaves no room for people who love their country but disagree with some of their country's actions," he said.

Despite the setbacks, having fellowship with like-minded individuals is not only an empowering experience; it is a vital component of democracy, they said.

"When thousands of people get together and march and chant in unison for a common goal, we get a message out," Curtis said. "I think that if everyone who agreed on an issue came together and tried to express their opinions and share them with others, we'd see a tremendous change in world policy."

**Apathetic peers**

Neitzer and Curtis cannot fathom

how their peers, including some friends, can be apathetic to today's events and issues, especially those who have been wronged.

"I try to convince them that if they care at all about themselves or the world that they need to do something, whether it's write a letter, participate in a rally or simply vote in the next election," she said.

Whether no one cares about their views, the two stand undeterred from staying true to their political activism.

"Sometimes there is no visible change at all," Neitzer said. "Sometimes the only change is only in ourselves, but we are trying to make a difference and that alone is a change in the right direction."

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reminder of the importance of good land navigation skills, said Capt. Doug Thornton, an ROTC instructor at SIUC.

"All the instructors use a lot of examples. We use the war in reference in class all the time," he said.

Spanton rounds his schedule out with a part-time job at the office of Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, where he assists constituents who have questions. His duties can include

giving information about bills and communicating with state agencies for people who run into difficulties when trying to obtain a driver's license or public aid services.

**A future officer**

Spanton will graduate from SIUC this May and go on to Fort Rucker in Alabama, where he will begin a year and a half of training to become a helicopter pilot.

At this point, all he knows is that he will spend the first six years of his life after SIUC in the Army and go where his superiors send him.

After his six-year contract is up, Spanton isn't sure if the Army will become a career or a stepping stone into the civilian workforce.

"I want to keep my options open. If I do my time and I'm having fun, for sure I'm going to stay — definitely," he said. "But if it's time for me to get out and move on, I don't think I'll have a problem walking away. I like the military style — on time, people are all on doing the same mission — that's my style."

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Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute and press secretary to former Gov. Jim Edgar, said, "I endorse the idea of asking for revenue increases. I think we are going to need additional revenues. But I would be more comfortable if he proposed more cuts and more increases in revenue and stayed away from borrowing."

Proposed one-time fixes would include putting a "for sale" sign on the government's Chicago headquarters, the James R. Thompson Center, the sale of the 10th gaming license and the Elgin Mental Health Campus.

The state would lease the Thompson building for 20 years, owning it again at the end of the lease. The sale of the casino license currently tied up in court battles could bring \$350 million to the state of Illinois.

While Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, agrees that short-term

borrowing to pay off Illinois bills is what needs to be done, he said the selling of the Thompson Center would not save Illinois money and still pose long-term problems.

While these one-time fixes may bring immediate benefits, Republican legislators Luechtefeld and Bost estimate a more than \$700 million increase in spending for 2004.

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Bost said that selling the 10th riverboat license, selling the Thompson Center and the bond proposal are all things that are a quick fix but will not benefit the state in the years to come because they are a one-time deal.

"And because of that I'm concerned about the long term," Bost said.

Bost said he is happy about the guarantee for raising the per-student per diem by \$250 and that there were no sales or income tax hikes, but said he has concerns for the region that reside in the elimination of some of the corporate loopholes.

He also said that the corporate loopholes Blagojevich is hoping to close to save the state \$127 million dollars could in turn affect Carbondale business, which has relied on tax incentives to bring big name businesses to the community. He said the elimination of the loopholes could discourage businesses from coming

to Carbondale and maybe even cause them to relocate to places that could offer those incentives.

"We need every tool that we can in southern Illinois because we are competing with Kentucky and Tennessee to make sure we can reach out to new industry," Bost said. "And this just takes away some of the new tools we've got."

Cole agreed, saying that Carbondale has always been competitive with neighboring states, but losing the freedom to offer tax incentives could decrease the city's chances to attract businesses.

Cole said he thinks the single largest regional effect will be issued to SIU.

In particular, he said Blagojevich's proposal to hike out-of-state tuition would hit SIU hard because Murray State and South East Missouri State are so close. He said both of those universities waive out-of-state tuition for people who live in the border counties.

"We're charging three times as

much. We lose a lot of quality students that way," Cole said. "He [Blagojevich] references U of I and Wisconsin. I don't think he's taking the situation here in southern Illinois into account, particularly with the neighboring colleges."

But all in all, Cole said Carbondale would probably be better off than most of the smaller towns in the area because of sales tax and other means of revenue that could fund future projects without the help of the state.

He said now it is just a waiting game to see exactly how the region will be hit.

"There are a lot of expectations and creative proposals and it will just take some time to see if the legislature will agree with those and if they will be implemented," Cole said. "The state is in tough times. We all have to work together to provide the services and to do so with less money."

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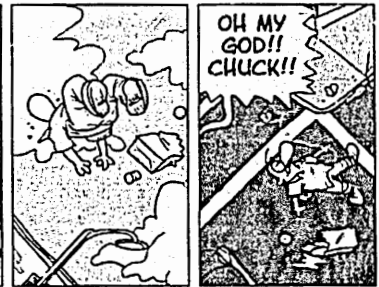
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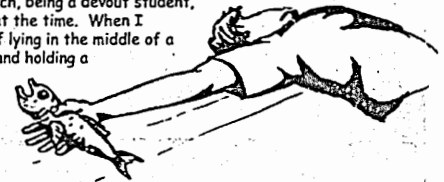


**Random Filler**

The other day I began to feel that the world was against me...that the institutions and status quo were in a constant battle over my money, privacy, and livelihood, not unlike some proverbial deities in constant battle for possession of my soul. Feeling torn, used, and oppressed by forces both seen and unseen, I took to the streets in an effort to expound on my struggle in so many mixed and jumbled words to the masses. At some as-of-yet undetermined point I began to imbibe heavily some inexpensive liquor which, being a devout student, I just so happened to have on my person at the time. When I regained my senses at last, I found myself lying in the middle of a football field, clad only in my underwear, and holding a tuna fish.

**by Sheldon Matthews**

...and everything was better.



The End

**The Quigmans** by Buddy Hickerson



**Daily Horoscope**

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday (April 10).** They say that the more you learn, the luckier you get. You'll have a chance to test that theory this year. Studying and practicing helps, but you'll hit a phase where the struggle starts to dissipate. Hang in there until that happens.

**To get the advantage, check the day's ratings: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.**

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - It's good to think of everything that might go wrong, but don't frighten people to death. Help prepare them to take care of themselves.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 6 - Be patient with a person who doesn't seem to be listening. Wait until later to make your explanation.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 6 - Here's another instance where talking too much could get you into trouble. It's not easy for you to pre-evaluate what you say, but you can learn.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 7 - There's a lot to be done, but where to begin? Take care of your job first. The money coming in will help make the other stuff easier.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is an 8 - Conditions are still in a state of flux, but they're shifting in your favor. You'll have to act quickly at first, but then you should be able to relax.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Home is your place of refuge in an ever-changing world. But what if your home is changing, too? That's OK, as long as it's a change for the better.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is a 6 - Are the ones who've been working behind the scenes finally out in the open? It's a relief in some ways, and disgusting in others. Hold them accountable.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - If you pitch in and help, you might earn a bonus. You're good at that, and it looks like something does need to be done quickly.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - An impulsive gesture, though well intentioned, is apt to backfire now. If in doubt as to how to proceed, wait.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - A change you've been thinking about for a while can finally happen. A loved one is concerned that it'll cost too much, so shop for a good bargain.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 6 - More effort may be required to achieve the results you want. Tomorrow should be much easier, if that's any consolation.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - Everybody has an opinion, but don't let others keep you from doing your job. Simply take care of your own.

**JUMBLE**  
 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 by Herd Arnold and Mike Arginton

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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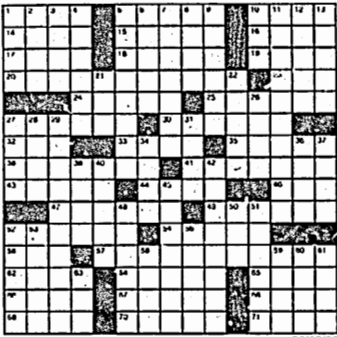
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Ans: HE A " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TEASE ELATE JABBER WALLOP  
 Answer: That position at the candy factory turned out to be - A "SWEET" JOB.

# Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Crazy bird?
  - 5 University of Maine setting
  - 10 Greedy
  - 14 Australian heroine
  - 15 Canadian island
  - 16 Treat for flower
  - 17 Gossip or trait
  - 18 Di-colored cookies
  - 19 Hint
  - 20 Available for purchase
  - 23 Psychedelic drug
  - 24 Contest site
  - 25 Conical hoodies
  - 27 Bard's offering
  - 30 With prudences
  - 32 G.I. entertainers
  - 33 Washstand pitcher
  - 35 Lonely
  - 38 "Mourning Becomes..."
  - 41 Refrain
  - 43 Kind of system power
  - 44 Cowie Carvey
  - 46 Inc. in Britain
  - 47 Reviewer
  - 49 Soup dispensers
  - 52 Criticisms
  - 54 "As You Like It" role
  - 56 J. L. Lewis' org.
  - 57 WWII planes
  - 62 500 sheets
  - 64 Compoke contest
  - 65 See 50
  - 66 Taj Mahal site
  - 67 Severe
  - 68 Type of duck?
  - 69 "Name" star
  - 70 Trail runs
  - 71 Maxwell or Lancheater



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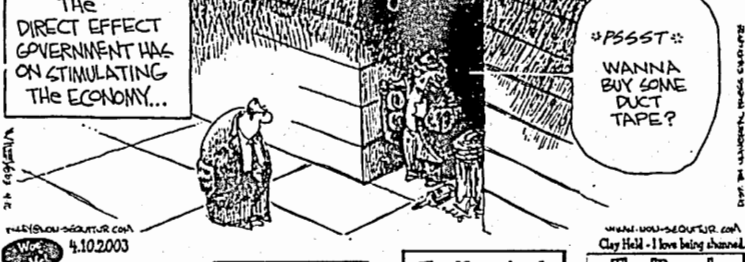


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# A day in the life of a GROUNDKEEPER

story by CHRISTOPHER MORRICAL

*Doug Mayer is a man of many talents. Even he says he has far too many hobbies, but none of them will interfere with his job as the groundskeeper at Abe Martin Field.*

*Mayer said that in his case, becoming a groundskeeper was a bit of dumb luck. His seniority at the Physical Plant earned him the spot.*

*Whether it's mowing the grass at the ballpark or digging up evidence of lost civilizations, Mayer is always a busy man.*

*He recently took time from his job to speak with reporter Christopher Morriscal and photographer Hannah Simmons about a typical day in the life of a groundskeeper at a collegiate baseball field.*

*This is a day in the life of Doug Mayer.*

## 5:30 a.m. A typical morning

Mayer climbed out of bed between 5:30 and 6 a.m. to get ready for another day at the ballpark. He read the newspaper, looking specifically for a weather report, because the weather plays an integral part in his job.

Breakfast is "just about anything. I'm not real particular in that department. Anything will work for breakfast ... as long as I get coffee with it."

Wednesday's weather was cold and overcast, but that didn't concern Mayer too much. An occasional day or two of cold weather does nothing more than slow the growth of the grass, but it does not make much of a difference.

He would have been much more concerned with precipitation, because that would mean keeping the tarp on the field, hindering what he can do.

## 8 a.m. Work begins

Mayer reported to the Physical Plant before making his way to Abe Martin Field, and once there, opened the gate for business at about 8 a.m.

He then took a walk around the field and looked for anything that

might have needed work — things like standing water on the outfield, trash that was strewn about or weeds that needed to be dealt with.

There was no standing water this day, but if there were, Mayer would have taken out a pump that runs on a 12-volt battery and pump the water off the field.

If there was water on the warning track, he would dig a little trench and let the water flow out under the fence.

If rain had been predicted and the tarp lain over the infield, more problems would have occurred.

The tarp, which weighs two tons, can collect more than 1,000 gallons of water. The combination weight of the two means 20 ballplayers will have had to try to pull six tons. The same little pump that pumped the outfield is used again to pump water off the tarp.

Mayer also has to deal with the problem of leaving a tarp on the field for too long. It could cause the grass to dry up from lack of moisture or too much heat during the warmer months. If there were a practice that afternoon, Mayer would've had to water the grass several times to keep the dirt down.

He did need to work on some edging so that the grass does not keep growing into the dirt areas of the infield and on the Astroturf in front of the dugouts.

Every day, Mayer has to tour the field, picking up trash that has found its way onto the grass.

"Quite often it's from animals simply digging it out of the trash cans," he said. "I wouldn't mind them digging it out if they'd put it back."

With the field free of debris, Mayer cut the grass. This time of the year, he cuts the patterns into the grass three times a week.

The designs can take anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half and must be changed frequently to avoid rutting the dirt with the mower.

The grass that he mows is a mixture of two types of grasses — a perennial rye grass that grows in cool weather and Bermuda grass that grows in the hot, dry weather.

During Saturday doubleheaders, The Hill Gang makes its way to the hill down the right field line at Abe Martin. With the huge party, there is serious potential for a huge mess to be accumulated, but that is not the case, Mayer said.

"The people who are on the hill, they generate a lot of trash," he said. "At the end of the day, it's in the trash can. I saw a lady the other day snuff out a cigarette butt with her foot then she bent down, picked the butt up and put it in the trash can. They're to be commended on that. They do an excellent job of picking up after themselves."

Mayer is also responsible for fertilizing, sowing the grass and eliminating the lip that forms between the grass and the dirt.

With all of his jobs finished for the day, Mayer headed back to the Physical Plant to fill out his time card before driving back to his home.

## 4 p.m. Home and hobbies

Mayer is at home in southern Illinois — literally. He lives 100 yards from where he was born and a mile and a half from where he was raised, 10 miles south of Carbondale in Cedar Lake.

Mayer, who said he has too many hobbies, enjoys doing many different things. This time of year he likes collecting woodland wildflowers.

He also has a passion for restoring old motorcycles, which he finances by buying modern bikes and selling them for a profit.

Mayer has also joined archeological digs with his wife around Thebes and enjoys collecting artifacts.

To go along with the collection, Mayer is a flint knapper — someone



HANNAH SIMMONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU baseball field groundskeeper Doug Mayer edges the infield Wednesday morning. Edging usually requires two full days of work and is one of the worst, yet necessary, parts of the job, according to Mayer.

who makes arrowheads.

Mayer said he is becoming more of a baseball fan with each game and stays around for each game even though he is officially off the clock.

With all of the activities Mayer has for himself, he doesn't watch much television, but makes an effort to catch Two Wheel Tuesdays on SpeedChannel. The program airs

from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., keeping him up past his bedtime.

Otherwise, Mayer hits the hay between 9 and 10 before getting up to check the newspaper's weather forecast once again.

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## MUELLER

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her because, as Mueller puts it, she is very "indecisive."

"I wanted my parents just to tell me which one to go to, but they wouldn't do it," Mueller said.

Before she even arrived on campus, one of the reasons she chose SEMO was gone when pitching coach Buddy Foster left the Otathkians for SIU to join Blaylock's staff. The new pitching coach tried changing Mueller's pitching style, something that led to her leaving SEMO as a less successful pitcher than when she went in.

"I was like an Amy coming out of high school

and I left like someone really slow," Mueller said. "It was terrible, a terrible experience."

Mueller's path next took her to John A. Logan College, where in her one season she won 22 games, posted a 0.91 ERA and struck out 150 batters. Her next stop was the place she now feels she should have been at all along — SIU.

Blaylock can't describe how happy that decision made her. Mueller's success since arriving in Carbondale has just added to Blaylock's joy.

"She has really just stepped up and last year came up with some big victories for us through a lot of back pain," Blaylock said. "This year she finally got herself healthy and she's won some good ball games and her ERA's under one. You can't really ask for much more."

Besides excelling on the field, Mueller was done a good job of fitting in off of it as well.

Junior catcher Adie Viehhaus said she is amazed at how well Mueller has fit in with the team, especially since hasn't been here long.

"She just says the funniest stuff sometimes and cracks us all up," Viehhaus said. "She's fun to have around."

Although she has been at SIU for so short a time, Mueller said this is the best team she has ever been a part of.

"We all get along and we do things together and it's not like on other teams I've been on, where there's certain people that just hated each other," Mueller said. "We're never at each other's throats like a lot of girls' teams are."

Looking back on the path her collegiate career has taken, Mueller said she wishes she had chosen SIU in the first place and saved herself all the stops her path has taken.

But now she is happy with where she is at and is enjoying what could go down as one of the best seasons on the mound in recent SIU history.

"If I would have picked here in the first place, it would have saved me a lot of trouble," Mueller said with a laugh.

Now Mueller is simply trouble for opposing hitters, and that is something the Salukis hope to ride all the way to an MVC title.

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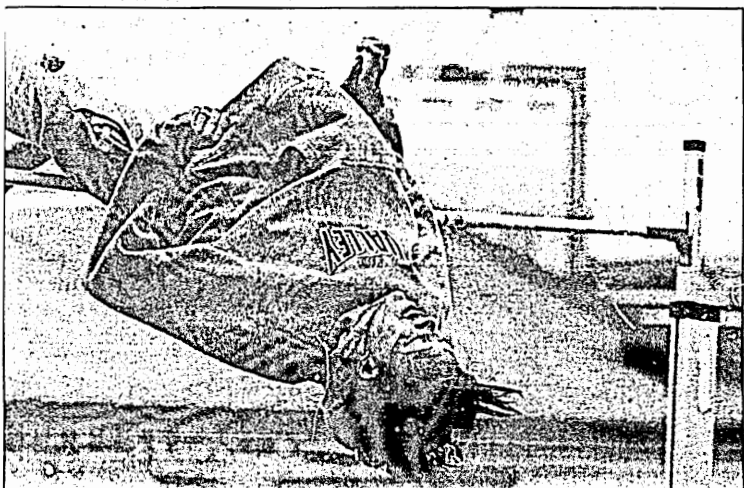


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SIU's Latrice Gray clears the crossbar while practicing the high jump Wednesday at McAndrew Stadium. This weekend the track team will compete at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

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# SIU looks to leap to top of heap

Saluki men's and women's track and field squads are competing at the grossly competitive Sea Ray Relays

Zack Creglow  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's track and field squad is heading to the Sea Ray Relays this weekend, which boasts more than 1,500 competitors and 114 teams, just a few days after suspending four of its top runners for two meets and permanently releasing two-time All-American Jeff Young.

Talk about bad timing. "I don't know really what is going on for this weekend," sprinter Luke Stenberg said. "Kevin [Mills] and I were just talking about whether or not we are going to have a relay team."

The dismissals stemmed from an incident at last week's Cardinal Classic in Louisville, Ky., in which five members of the 4-by-400-meter relay squad chose not to compete in the final event for fear of injuring themselves in the cold weather. Relay team members Felix Anderson, B.J. Davis, Maurice Moses and captain Marvin Primo all received two-meet suspensions, while Young was kicked off the team.

No matter who is going, SIU men's head coach Cameron Wright promised that the intense competition will provide a great opportunity for them.

"This will be the most competition we have seen during the indoor and outdoor season," Wright said. "With the players that are going, they will all get a lot of experience from

this meet."

Stenberg agrees that it will be a great opportunity, but says the recent week's events are disheartening to everyone on the team. Now the team will just have to search for positives to bring back from Knoxville, Tenn.

"We are probably going to try and get some training from this," Stenberg said. "Running against competition never gets old, practices get old. But we are going to go out there and run our best."

Women's head coach Connie Price-Smith also noted the hefty amount of competition and said that there could be some people in the field who have golden futures.

"[This is the] most competitive meet I have had my team go to since I've been coach here," Price-Smith said. "I know there is like going to be like 120 schools. There will be a couple Olympians of the future and present Olympians will be there."

But despite being part of such a large crowd, she doesn't believe her runners will get lost in it.

"It is a relay meet and it is not an invitation meet, but you have to qualify," Price-Smith said. "I am not at all surprised all these people qualified. We have a small roster but they are all quality."

For the runners who are going there, this will also provide a launching pad for some of their futures.

"I am definitely looking at this to help my future," said Korty Dunbar,

who will be competing in the 4-by-800 meter relay and will run in the 60-meter hurdles. "This should be great exposure for me. I am really looking forward to the competition, because it should make me run faster."

Dunbar said she hopes to reach her season goal of 13.5 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles, which she believes would put her among the 15 fastest hurdlers in NCAA women's track.

Field events will kick off Friday at 9 a.m., and the meet continues Saturday night with the 4x400m relays.

The teams will be running at the famous Tom Black Track at the University of Tennessee, which has one of the more renowned track programs in the nation.

"It is a great meet. It has great tradition and is at a school with great track tradition," Price-Smith said. "It has a really fun atmosphere. The stands are usually full and I competed there myself and I had a great time. It is really well-run meet."

And Price-Smith knows no matter how they finish, they will provide a great effort collectively.

"It will tell me a lot, but I already know about them," Price-Smith said. "They have heart and determination and this will just reconfirm that."

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A rumor had been circulating that Wendler was going to ban alcohol at Abe Martin, so I called him with plans to berate him for such a blasphemous idea.

But when I asked him about it, he seemed ignorant as an Al-Jazeera reporter.

The rumor was new, to him, and he went on to say he had no plans to change anything at Abe Martin.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk shared the same sentiments so at least

for now, The Hill is safe. But that does not mean the administration will keep it around forever, so at least attempt to act like post-Roman human beings.

Ever since broom-headed soldiers ruled the Mediterranean, people in the civilized world have been using bathrooms, and I suggest certain people, especially a certain person who tested the absurdity of his pants during the weekend, find them.

It would also be cool if The Hill people elected a leader and named him Lothar.

Aside from that, keep up what you're doing. The groundskeeper

loves you for picking up your trash and the opposing team is annoyed with your noise.

To those of you that have never been, drive your vehicle across the rugby fields and park at the top of the hill overlooking right field. Unload a keg, a grill and if you want, a couch.

Sit back, relax, watch baseball SIU style and if you want to, embrace the madness — because unless certain high-ranking people are lying, it is here to stay.

Michael is a junior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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# Mueller finally arrives at SIU



SIU senior pitcher Renee Mueller has an 8-2 record this season with a 0.94 earned run average and is in the top 10 in seven different pitching categories. Mueller, who had her softball jersey retired at her old high school in Johnston City in 2000, bounced from Southeast Missouri State to John A. Logan before finally finding a home with the Salukis.

JESSICA EDMOND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Pitcher quietly putting together solid senior season after stops at Southeast Missouri State and John A. Logan

**Jens Deju**  
 Daily Egyptian

When the name Mueller is uttered, most people have flashbacks to the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and hear in the back of their minds Ben Stein monotonously uttering, "Bueller... time and time again."

Few people at SIU think of Saluki senior pitcher Renee Mueller.

Even fewer people outside of southern Illinois think of her, if any.

Despite that lack of recognition, Mueller has quietly become one of the top pitchers in the Missouri Valley Conference, even though few people

even in Carbondale realize this because of all the attention given to star sophomore Amy Harre.

This is something Mueller realizes and does not mind.

"When they play SIU they focus a lot of times on her," Mueller said. "They probably don't even know what I throw."

SIU head coach Keni Blylock said there is no question that Mueller sneaks up on opponents and that is a dangerous thing because of one attribute she has that hitters rarely see — a left-handed delivery.

"A lot of hitters don't see a lot of left-handed pitchers," Blylock said. "Then

if you throw the ball off-speed and you throw low and inside well and you mix it up, you're going to keep people off stride."

Mueller has quietly put up some of the top numbers in the conference. She has a record of 8-2 with an ERA of 0.94. Mueller has allowed just 10 earned runs and 54 hits in 74 innings pitched.

The senior ranks in the top 10 in seven different pitching categories among MVC hurlers. She is second in ERA, fifth in batting average against, earned runs allowed and walks allowed, sixth in saves, seventh in runs allowed and ninth in wins.

In the ERA race, Mueller's mark of 0.94 sits only behind Harre's mark of 0.76.

Part of the reason Mueller is so unknown is that this is just her second season as a Saluki.

Mueller graduated from Johnston City High School, where she had such a successful run that her jersey was retired, a fact she said she often forgets.

Coming out of high school, Mueller was deadlocked between SIU and Southeast Missouri State but ultimately chose to head to Cape Girardeau, Mo.

This decision was especially hard for

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# Saluki baseball falls to SE Missouri ... again

**Michael Brenner**  
 Daily Egyptian

SIU had victory within its grasp, but the turf at Capaha Park at Southeast Missouri State had other ideas.

With SIU ahead in the eighth inning, right fielder Sal Frisella ranged to his left and let a single bounce off his glove that would have put runners on the corners, nullifying a 3-2 advantage and leading to the eventual winning run.

SEMO took the game 4-3, extending its winning streak to a school-record 13 in a row while SIU dropped its second straight.

"It was a play that I definitely should have made, and it ended up costing my

team the game," Frisella said. "Being a senior and being around for a long time, I don't know if I ever let my team down like that. It was a bad error at the wrong time."

With the non-conference loss, the Salukis drop 17-13 overall and have now lost seven of their last eight games against the Indians, including both this season.

It is something that seems to be wearing on head coach Dan Callahan.

"I'm disgusted," Callahan said after the game. "I'm tired of losing to SEMO."

According to Callahan, Wednesday's game was one his team should have won, and it should have put a win in the column of starting

pitcher Jared Deitering.

"He was decent. I was pleased with him," Callahan said. "He gave us a chance to win the ballgame; we just didn't get it done in the other two areas."

Deitering gave up only one earned run in 5 2/3 innings and allowed seven hits before relinquishing the game to the bullpen.

But it was not the bullpen that blew the game, either. Only two of the Indians' four runs were earned.

Two errors, the kick by Frisella and a boot by P.J. Finigan in the sixth led SEMO to victory. Finigan's error, like Frisella's, resulted in two runs being scored.

Callahan was disappointed in the

lack of execution on defense, but also with the little things his team has been unable to do.

The Salukis were unable to lay down a key bunt in the eighth, and Callahan said they lacked clutch hitting throughout the game, especially when SIU ended the game with two straight pop-ups.

"It's a close game, and when we need to make a play, we don't make a play," Callahan said.

SIU will attempt to break its young losing streak this weekend when it travels to Bradley for four games.

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### COMMENTARY



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## Baseball SIU style

They're drunk. Beer bong and kegs litter The Hill as fans watch baseball as if they are playing softball.

They're a horrid example for children. I saw a grand total of two kids last weekend at Abe Martin.

They perpetuate the stereotype that SIU is a party school. One Illinois State fan yelled "Go have another beer you \$#% Southern drunk!" to a fan coming back from the bathroom last weekend.

You have to love the fans on The Hill. Seriously, you do — there is no sarcasm implied.

It's crazy, it's rowdy and it's an experience every student should enjoy before leaving this school.

The fans on The Hill exemplify the perfect, well, almost perfect, synergy between alcohol and sports on a college campus.

They exhibit the best of both worlds — they are not nearly as subdued as the alcohol-deprived fans at Charlotte West Stadium, and unlike the inebriated tailgaters at football games, they pay attention to the action on the field.

Whenever they are staging a beer bong rally, they are recognizing that the team is behind and attempting to do something about it and should be commended for showing interest in the fortune of the Salukis — something that will never be said of the beer guzzling people who spend every football game outside the stadium.

These people are representatives of the student body of SIU, and I love what they bring to Abe Martin. If I had not been covering the game, I would have been out there with them — keg stands and all.

The Hill Dwellers are a unique aspect of SIU sports culture that should never die, no matter how much criticism it may receive from other schools. I've had students from other universities tell me our fans are nothing but drunken lunatics — which is OK.

This isn't Harvard. No one from SIU is likely to grow up to be president of the United States. (If there are any latter-day Paul Simons out there, prove me wrong.)

This isn't Ohio State, where every sport is supported with the fervor of an anti-American rally in the Middle East.

And this definitely is not BYU, where virgin students drink milk, tell stories around a campfire and believe Budweiser is slang for someone you really care about.

This is SIU and this is the way we watch sports. Beer, friends and food.

The administration, all the way up to Chancellor Wendler, realizes this and is content with the house party atmosphere at Abe Martin.

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