Circus brings entertainment, education and protesters

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As the circus traveled through Carbondale, it brought exotic animals, educational opportunities and activist protests alike.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus stopped at the university from Friday through Sunday as part of its "Super Circus Heroes" tour.

Animal Trainer Cathy Carden, of Springfield, Mo., said the circus consists of 120 people, three camels, two horses, two Shetland ponies, seven miniature horses, 18 dogs and three elephants, two of which she grew up with.

Carden said she has been performing in the circus business since she was five years old and has worked with Ringling Bros. on and off since 1999.

"I come from a family of circus performers, seven generations of circus performers," she said. "My mother was a trapeze artist. My dad was a bareback rider and when they decided to retire from the physically taxing performing life, they decided to take out their own little circus. That was my dad's dream and you can't have a circus without elephants."

Carden said her mother acquired the elephants from a breeding compound in Thailand. Carden was raised with elephants Patty and Carol, who are now both 40-year-old. The other elephant, 45-year-old Duchess, grew up with Carden's husband Brett. Each elephant weighs more than 8,000 pounds. Carden said the elephants are not related and live on her farm in Missouri when they are not traveling.

She said her circus works roughly 45 weeks out of the year in each city for one week, performing anywhere from four to seven shows, which usually run Thursday through Sunday. She said each show is two hours long and the elephants perform for about five minutes per show.

She said she was happy to give students and faculty in the Department of Animal Science a behind-the-scenes look, which took place around 12 p.m. Thursday.

"We just basically talked about the animals," Carden said. "This one young lady was interested in working with elephants and doing maybe an internship."

She said some of the things discussed were daily care, such as feeding and cleaning the animals.

"We like to monitor how much they drink. The elephants drink 100 gallons of water (a day.)" Gary Appar, an associate professor of animal science food and nutrition, said he was glad to see how Ringling Bros. takes care of the animals.

"Comfort before the catwalk"

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Shulak wins USG presidency

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After winning 54 percent of the vote against opponent Chris Wheelley, a junior from Murphyhoro studying political science and paralegal studies, Cameron Shulak will serve as president of the Undergraduate Student Government beginning June 1 after Adrian Miller's term expires.

Shulak, a junior from Louisville, Ky., studying aviation flight and aviation management, said more than 1,700 students voted for the election Wednesday and Thursday on Desire2Learn.

Shulak said his executive board will consist of Tracy Shorter, an undecided sophomore from Chicago, as vice president; Shantel Franklin, a sophomore from Chicago studying political science, as chief of staff; Nick Roberts, a freshman from Greenville studying psychology, as treasurer; and Desmon Walker, a sophomore from Champaign studying business management, as executive assistant.

Miller secures student trustee position

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After winning 60 percent of the vote against opponent Karl Hudson, a freshman from Poria studying engineering, Adrian Miller will serve as SIU's student trustee on the SIU Board of Trustees beginning June 1 after Jesse Cler's term expires.

Miller said more than 1,400 students voted Wednesday and Thursday on Desire2Learn.

Miller, a junior from Carbondale studying political science, said he wants to not only better the Carbondale campus, but also the university as a whole.

"I'm going to) advocate on student issues, whether that be tuition or fees, but also to ensure that the environment — not just here at Carbondale but at Edwardsville and Springfield — is conducive to the academics and to what you would expect when you attend a university," he said.

Miller serves as president of the Undergraduate Student Government and has served on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. He said he is prepared for the position, as he has attended every trustee meeting for the past two years.

Three charged in Carbondale strip shooting

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Carbondale Police have confirmed three arrests were made in response to the shooting of SIU student Drexler Lee.

Drexl Lee of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Terrell Albritton of Carbondale and Robert E. Glass of Carbondale were taken to the Jackson County Jail Friday evening.

Jake is believed to be the shooter. He was charged with aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated discharge of a firearm and mob action. Glass and Albritton were each charged with mob action, according to Carbondale Police.

Lee, a senior from Chicago studying electronic systems technology, said he was shot in the abdomen and sent to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale to have the bullet removed from his colon. He remains in recovery.

Lee said he was attempting to break up an altercation, but has learned not to always try to be the hero.

"When I said, 'We've got everything under control,' I guess he thought I was the guy he had got into it with," Lee said. "And he ended up shooting the gun."

The shooting took place around 12:30 a.m. Friday outside the La Fogata Taqueria restaurant at 519 S. Illinois Ave., prompting several fights in a large crowd. Around 1:30 a.m. police began to block off traffic in front of Sam's Cafe. Police said they used pepper spray to break up the group of more than 200 people in the area.

An employee at La Fogata said he thought the weapon was a BB gun, and said Lee was able to walk in the ambulance and did not appear to be critically harmed.

Police on scene refused to comment about the nature of the incident.

Lauren Hentschel, 8, and her father, John Hentschel, of Carbondale, wait backstage Saturday during the Easter Parade Spring Fashion Show at University Mall. Hentschel said his daughter, who walked the runway on behalf of JC Penney, was nervous to take the stage. "She was really scared to go out in front of the crowd," he said.

The show was put on by University Mall with assistance from SIU's Department of Fashion Design and Merchandising. Please see page 2 for the rest of the story.

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"She explained everything and all the protocols she goes through on a daily basis, which puts all these concerns at rest," Appger said.

Roughly a dozen local protesters expressed some of these concerns outside SIU Arena before several shows throughout the weekend.

Kori Craig, a graduate student in speech language pathology from Manhattan, said she was protesting because she wants people to think about what they are paying for.

"If people question it, I just want them to do their own research and discover that a lot of animal abuse occurs with elephants," Craig said.

"These animals don’t do it by choice, so we have to think what makes a one-ton elephant want to stand on a ball?" Craig said she protested when Ringling Bros. visited the university in 2012.

Jessica Booth, 53, and Marcus Booth, 51, both of Carbondale, protested alongside their children Gabriel, 8, and Ayla, 6. Jessica said they were protesting because it is morally wrong and not natural to keep animals in cages.

"In my mind, if it’s illegal to keep a dog locked up in a car on a hot day, I think it should be illegal to pull elephants around by hooks and chains to walk, she said. "They need to be in the wild."

Marcus said there are many ways to entertain children and make money that do not involve exploiting animals.

Jessica said even children, such as her son, can tell elephants have emotions.

"I’ve actually seen a live video of an elephant painting a picture of a baby elephant holding a flower," Gabriel said. "They have feelings."

Carden said prontors are just another aspect of the business.

"People fear propaganda that’s out there and basically they just buy into that," she said. "I think they’re basically misinformed. A lot of the agenda for the activists is to separate all animals from humans in all aspects of life. That’s pretty unrealistic in my opinion."

Carden said her animals are well taken care of and receive veterinary care, exercise and day-to-day human interaction.

"If you want to survive in the wild," she said. "When you take that job away, you have to give them something else to think about to stimulate them."

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Ashani Hamilton, a junior from Brooklyn, N.Y. studying animal science, gets up close with Sheik, one of three camels featured in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Thursday at SIU Arena. Hamilton and his zoology class were given a behind-the-scenes look at how the animals are cared for during the circus’s tour, which performed five shows at the arena during the weekend. Hamilton said it was a great opportunity to ask unique questions about the mix of exotic and domestic animals. “We don’t have many opportunities like this, so this was pretty special,” he said.

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Welcome to America

Students protest educational debt

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Roughly 20 years ago, an SIU student accepted her very first credit card just outside Faner Hall. Now at age 65, Rene Cook, of Carbondale, said she is still in debt after graduating in 1996 because of that longtime-regretted credit card, along with her ever-dwelling student loans.

“I don’t know what I could’ve done any differently,” she said. “I’ve only used my credit cards to maintain (my debts), not to buy anything.”

Cook graduated with a degree in university studies and said it did not help her get a job after school. She said attending college is no longer worth the debt that follows.

“I think we should go to a system like other countries have where they value young people as a resource,” Cook said. “We have this all back-asswards.”

According to the Federal Reserve Board of New York, 37 million student loan borrowers have outstanding student loans. Nearly 35 students and community members assembled at 2 p.m. Thursday on the north side of the Student Center to discuss these issues, and the anxiety debt creates.

Strike Debt Carbondale, Graduate Assistants United and SIU Socialists assembled the protest and held a banner that read, “Alone: they own you. Together: we own them.” It is the first debt assembly put on by these groups.

Adam Turl, president of SIU Socialists, said the purpose of the protest was to show student debt is a structural problem and is not a difficulty someone in debt should be ashamed of.

“Student debt loans now in the United States is upward around $29,000 in some parts of the country per student.” Turl said. “It’s even higher for graduate students.”

According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau in 2012, Americans owe more than $1 trillion in student loans.

Nick Smaligo, a graduate student in philosophy from Carbondale, said most people take the first job they can get after school, even if it is something they don’t enjoy, in order to pay off their debt.

“You spend the next 20 or 30 years of your life paying back the banks that you took out loans for in order to qualify for a job,” he said. “So you basically borrow in order to work in order to pay back what you borrowed in order to work.”

Turl said another issue students face is the continual debt put on students’ families for attending school.

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More than 150 white chairs surrounded a catwalk lined with flowers. Live piano music lured in curious spectators alongside anticipated guests, eager to see the latest fashion modeled by SIU students and mall shoppers of all ages.

University Mall sponsored its first-ever Easter Parade Spring Fashion Show Saturday, an event that took five weeks of planning. Debbie Tindall, general manager of University Mall, said she played a major role in the production of the show.

“I’ve worked with the store managers in the different department stores and they then worked with their employees who recruited,” she said. “I’ve also been recently introduced to Dr. (Seung-Hee) Lee who brought on board some students.”

Tindall said Master of Ceremonies Cory Henkelmen, a senior from Danville studying political science and an employee at the mall, introduced her to Lee, the program director of the Department of Fashion Design and Merchandising.

Lee recruited several students from the department to help in various capacities, Tindall said. Xzavia Gasque, a senior from Augusta, Ga., studying fashion design merchandising, was one of the recruited students who helped behind the scenes as a model coordinator.

“We’re doing check in, helping with the food backstage and I’ll be helping along the stage because there will also be children,” Gasque said. “I’ve been super excited and it’s been fun so far working with Debbie for this fashion show.”

Fashion design merchandising students include Lauren Cook, a senior from Carmi, and Marcella Smith, a senior from O’Fallon, who were model coordinators as well. Kyla Williams, a junior from Carbondale, and Brennan McMillen, a junior from Robinson, coordinated as well as modeled clothes from Old Navy.

“Dr. Lee stopped me after class and asked if I wanted to volunteer, and I’m glad I did,” she said. “As far as fashion shows go, I’m very interested in planning them and running them.”

Clothing from The Buckle was the crowd favorite. Many chattered about the accessories, and admired at the various styles the models wore. Ashley Willk, a junior from O’Fallon studying psychology, modeled for the store.

“I came into the store one day and was asked to participate in the show,” Willk said. “Basically, I came into the store and everybody had a general theme. They would give us clothes and then we would dress them up and dress them down however we like.”

Tindall said there were 15 department stores included in the production of the show. Many of the models were employees of the stores, shoppers who were recruited by employees and students from Lee’s department.

After the show, Henkelmen said he was incredibly grateful for the help from the students.

“We literally could not have been able to function without them.”

Tindall said she believes the production of the Easter show is a stepping-stone for more shows between the mall and university students.

“I’ve already started talking to Dr. Lee about doing another show,” she said. “We’re going to collaborate with the department of fashion design and merchandising for a back-to-school fashion show.”

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jaden Perryman, 8, Harrison Shields, 8 and Jamie Cochran, of Mount Vernon pose for a picture backstage Saturday before taking the stage during the Easter Parade Spring Fashion Show at University Mall. Cochran said the girls asked to use her phone to look at videos of models so they could practice once more before hitting the runway.

Lucy Kagle, 5, of Murphysboro, walks the runway Saturday during the Easter Parade Spring Fashion Show at University Mall. The show included more than 100 models that presented spring looks from stores located in University Mall.
“Draft Day” as indecisive as Reitman

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In football, being a bandwagon fan is a cardinal sin.

Jumping from one team to another because of victory or defeat is considered despicable by many. But Dave Mandat, Director Ion Reitman coachers “Draft Day” in a manner as wishy-washy as a Jets fan suddenly rooting for Seattle. It helps a little that the film is about music and the journey has been both humbling and rewarding.

McCowen presented what he has learned as an independent musician and how he found his path.

For John McCowen, C’s don’t get it. Music is the healing instrument, you just live it,” McCowen said. “In my life though, it’s been very natural.”

Before coming to SIU to study music, McCowen made a living as a touring musician. He spent great lengths of time on the road playing saxophone in a rock band, he said. “I got to a point where, getting in the van and going to a bar and playing. Doing that night after night, I wondered, ‘Isn’t there more to music than this?’” McCowen said.

Mandat said McCowen dug into the recital to explore new and innovative sounds the clarinet can produce. The recital moved from a classical orientation to a more modern approach crafted through McCowen’s dedication.

Musician must gain strength and flexibility in traditional clarinet playing to work with multiphonics, he said. “John’s compositions use extended performance techniques like multiphonics a lot,” Mandat said.

“Draft Day” is a fictional tale that emboldens an annual event the writers love: the NFL Draft.

“Because Reitman and his crack team realize they must expand the appeal beyond NFL fans to make this movie a success, they inject some personal drama into the film. Weavers is cannoliing with another executive named Al (Jennifer Garner) and just lost his father, a former Browns coach Weaver actually fired, one week prior. Much is made of how fans don’t want Weaver to tarnish his father’s legacy, but he clearly didn’t have the best relationship with his father, he said. “I’ve never heard him do anything like it before and it was an incredible but compelling. “Moneyball” was an incredible but the is plot isn’t nearly as

For his part, Reitman films as if he’s captivating true emotions from the players. The scenes shot at the actual 2013 NFL Draft, the few things filmed, don’t feel like a movie.

The rest of the film is shot like a comic book, with thin white lines separating two different scenes sharing the screen and characters occasionally drifting between the scenes. This technique has no real purpose in the film and only serves as a distraction, almost like a way to

Edited the movie quickly for younger viewers without cutting long takes.

It’s a shame the filmmakers chose to take inherently dramatic material and overlay it with boardroom draft scenes that doesn’t work nearly as well as they thought it would. Front-office drama can work. But the awkward mix of reality and fiction — both in the NFL scenes and in the film’s crucial conflicts — keeps “Draft Day” an extra point rather than a touchdown.

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WEEKEND WRAP-UP

Dawgs split two matches at home

The Saluki men’s tennis team competed in two of three matches in its final home stand of the season with a tough loss followed by a dominating win. SIU (9-10) returned home to University Courts after a five-match road trip where the Salukis were only able to salvage one win. On Friday, the Salukis welcomed Missouri Valley Conference opponent Wichita State University.

They fought hard in their match against the 75th-ranked Shockers, but fell 5-2. In doubles, the Salakis’ No. 1 pair, sophomore Jonny Rigby and freshman Michal Kianicka, defeated WSU’s No. 1 duo, sophomore Tim Ostojic and junior Tomislav Gregurovic, 8-4. The Salukis did not follow up Rigby and Kianicka’s victory with a win at two or three doubles, which surrendered the point to Wichita.

The Salukis had their chances to score points during singles, but could not keep up. “They fought hard to the last point,” coach Dann Nelson said. “We have a couple of guys not feeling 100 percent, but at this time of year no one is 100 percent. So you’ve got to bring it every time, and our guys did. We just came up a little short today.”

Saturday, the Salukis bounced back with a 7-0 win over the Leathernecks of Western Illinois University. SIU set the tone during doubles play with wins in all three matches.

The Dawgs dominated singles and won all six matches in straight sets. Cavero stepped in for Rigby at No. 1 singles to allow Rigby to rest. Cavero defeated sophomore Christoph Harrett 6-0, 6-1.

Cavero has now won 12 of his last 13 singles matches, and said he didn’t approach his first try at the No. 1 spot any differently than he would another match. “Yeah I was playing No. 1, but I didn’t feel any pressure at all,” Cavero said. “I just stepped on the court, played my strategy and did everything I should. Things went my way.”

At No. 2 singles, Kianicka won his second-straight match with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over sophomore Minda Granger.

Kianicka’s two wins came after three-straight losses. He said he was pleased to be back on a winning streak this late in the season.

“I wanted in the beginning of the season to have my best matches in conference,” Kianicka said. “Thank God I’m doing well so far in conference and I hope it will go on a little while.”

Junior Szymon Opieczonek won his match 6-0, 6-0 and senior Rafael Gaitardello defeated junior Brandon Merker 6-1, 6-2. Freshmen Jeremy Dixon and Filip Aleksić grabbed the last two points for the Salukis.

The Salukis will play their final home match of the regular season at 1 p.m. Saturday against Illinois State University.

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Despite four extra innings and a win Friday, SIU couldn’t catch up to the pitching of the Sycamores and lost the final two games of the series.

The Salukis (19-17-1) failed to get their bats going with runners in scoring position against Indiana State University (23-10) and have dropped five of their last seven games.

Friday night, the Dawgs and Sycamores sent their best pitchers to the mound in what would turn out to be a duel between the two starters.

Junior Sam Coonrod shined under the lights of Itchy Jones Stadium. Coonrod threw eight scoreless innings with nine strikeouts and just three hits before being pulled from the game for freshman Kyle Pauly.

Unfortunately for SIU, Coonrod’s performance was overshadowed by the opposing pitcher’s.

Sycamore junior David Stagg carried a no-hitter through nine innings with eight strikeouts and just three walks before lasting the game in the 10th inning.

The Salukis would need extra innings for the eighth time this season to score their first run of the game, and they had to come from behind to win.

In the top of the 13th inning, the Sycamores broke the stalemate when junior Donik Hanna hit a single to centerfield to score the runner from second base to tie the game at one. On the next at-bat, sophomore Mitch Granger won the first match of the series with a single to centerfield to score junior Derek Hannahs from second for the win.

The Salukis didn’t roll over, though. At No. 2 singles, Kianicka won his second-straight match with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Donny Duschinsky from second for the win.

Day allowed back-to-back one out RBIs to give ISU a 5-4 lead. SIU failed to put any runners on base in the bottom of the ninth to give Indiana State the win.

Senior Todd Eaton started the game for the Salukis and pitched well in seven innings of work. Eaton said he settled down after allowing two runs in the first two innings.

“The first inning seemed like it had a pretty slow pace,” Eaton said. “From the second inning on I felt like I had a better pace and got after guys a little bit better. For the rest of the story, please visit www.dailyegyptian.com.

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Junior Parker Osborne reacts to the final play of SIU’s 5-4 loss against Indiana State University Sunday at Itchy Jones Stadium. Osborne had two hits in four at-bats with one RBI. The Salukis lost the weekend series 2-1. SIU will take on the University of Tennessee-Martin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Itchy Jones Stadium.

Junior Jorge Cavero celebrates a point during his win against Wichita State’s Tin Ostojic Friday at University Courts. SIU lost to Wichita State Friday 5-2 and swept Western Illinois 7-0 Saturday. The men’s tennis team will play Illinois State University at 1 p.m. Saturday at University Courts.