Dome inventor's ideas ‘more pertinent than ever’

Sean McGahan

Stepping into the most unconventional house on Forest Avenue is like walking into an eccentric time capsule. A rusted Remington Rand typewriter sits adjacent from a dusty Magnavox television. Paint chips from a deteriorating ceiling line a novelty check dated March 15, 2007. For a man above six feet tall to come within four feet of the books that remain on the upstairs bookshelf, he would have to duck.

But it is here, scholars say, that “the Leonardo da Vinci of our time” connected some groundbreaking inventions and ideas that could continue to benefit society today more than ever.

R. Buckminster Fuller, the man who shared a mastermind behind the Mona Lisa, built his atypical dome at 407 S. Forest Ave. in Carbondale nearly 50 years ago. It still stands to represent the timeless ideas of doing less with more, said Cornelius Crane, president of the RBF Dome nonprofit organization.

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But the former SIUC professor’s longest-lasting mark on Carbondale has always been his dome home, Crane said. The only house Fuller ever owned, the dome first appeared to the benefit of many Forest Avenue residents in 1960.

It was an innovative concept — a self-supporting structure composed of a series of triangles to form a hexagon, with the hexagons bolted together to form a sphere. But it was simply in keeping with his philosophy to use the rules of nature to benefit men, Crane said.

“When I started out to build domes,” Crane said of Fuller. “He started out to find out how nature organizes itself so that it’s so efficient and continued to find out how nature coordinated itself and then applied those ideas so we’d have more resources to find out how to help other people out.”

Fuller patented the geodesic model after viruses, 85 percent of which have a similar form, Crane said.

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Official: Public response helps keep train routes

Legislators look elsewhere for cuts

Jenn Loffton

Members of Facebook group “Save the Illini and Saluki Illinois War on Amtrak” were a small portion of the overwhelming voice that influenced legislators to halt measures to eliminate two popular train lines through Carbondale. After Gov. Rod Blagojevich and other state officials pledged to continue funding for Amtrak and several other programs set to be put on the chopping block, legislators are looking for other ways to deal with the state’s $2 billion budget deficit. But for now, the more than 200,000 passengers to use the lines in the past year are pleased the Saluki and Illini trains are staying on track.

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A splashy new year

Men and women’s swim teams to focus on recruits, tradition in upcoming season.

PHOTO COLUMN, PAGE 6: Gus Bode says some moves are not measured in miles.

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Rayment has known many people traveling using those two lines and worried how the government cut something that would affect so many.
"I came down here last August and in the past year I've seen the train right out of the 12 months," Raymer said. Before jumping to conclusions and creating the idea, Raymer said he researched several articles to make sure the cut was really on the state's agenda.
Rayment said everyone has the train there has always been an incredible amount of students on board. He figured if he made the group there would be people from the university and others that might want to speak out about this problem, he said.
Currently the group has more than 300 members, and several wall posts and discussion topics have been made.
Conversation among the group ranged from students wondering how they will Raymer hopes to have more people interested in Amtrak the more ways it could affect students.
"We saw that the larger audience had increased and with rising gas prices, we know funding for these lines was important," Raymer said.
Weber said Illinois rail fans are some of the lowest in the Midwest and that is why it is used the most frequently.
"It's important the lines continue to stay in service and groups continue to help you understand the study of geodesic domes and all those shapes," she said. "You're actually seeing the dome, the hall probably real- " like on playground equipment, Disney World — to see it from the concept to reality it really is interesting."
Seniors find food, friendship

Volunteers lend a helping hand at senior center

Justin Lange
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With the average life expectancy of American citizens at an all-time high, one group is fighting to make those extra years more enjoyable.

With nutritious and affordable meal programs, frequent live entertainment and constant social gatherings scheduled, Senior Adult Services in Carbondale has become the hot spot for citizens age 60 and beyond.

A trip to the center, located at 409 N. Springer St., for lunch Tuesday featured a $3 chicken salad and side dish accompanied by a piano rendition of “Don’t Fence Me In,” and roughly 50 smiling faces.

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Aside from providing nutrition, the center offers several other programs to help seniors stay active and social. They have a ride program for those unable to drive, and take several seniors shopping every afternoon. Medical staff from the area and students from SIUC come to give seminars about healthy living and to give regular checkups.

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TORONTO — In a video released Tuesday, a 16-year-old captured in Afghanistan cites his mother for his battle wounds during questioning by Canadian officials at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay.

The two hours of video — selected from more than seven hours of footage recorded by a camera hidden in a vest — provide the first glimpse of interrogations at the U.S. military prison. It shows Khadr weeping, his face buried in his hands, and other Canadian intelligence agents over four days in January 2003 in Cuba and Guantanamo Bay, where he was first detained after his arrest in July 2002.

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A new kind of ride

Photo column by
Jennifer Johnson ~ Daily Egyptian

Until fall 2007, I thought coming to Carbondale was the biggest move of my life. I loved the school, my classes and the amazing scenery, but the friend situation was a little iffy. I had acquaintances, but no one that was really there for me. At the time I was not attending church, but I would pray for God to bless me with at least one good friend I could trust. Spring rolled around and I started attending Vine Community Church in Carbondale. Almost immediately, I was saved. I fit in perfectly and met so many people right away. By meeting all these people I was able to gather the friends that my heart yearned for, not just in the church but in classes, too. God knew and he provided. From that point on I gave my life fully to him. Do not get me wrong; there are still bumps along the way. But the gift I had received was enough for me to continue to stick it out. This is just one example of the gift of friendship that I have received and hoped to experience. I have the type of friends who take the time to get to know what kind of person you really are, notice your hard times and try to help you through it without even asking. It is also a gift for me to be able to do this for almost immediately, I was saved.
Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

When the class got rowdy, it was Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

ATHENS, July 16 (UPI) - The elderly Briton who identifies himself only as "Mr. Smee," who was aboard a cruise ship with 1,500 passengers, said he witnessed a woman his mother's age jump off the ship and into the sea during a storm. The woman, he said, was 75 years old and suffered from arthritis. The man said he watched her as she was put in a life raft and then pushed off the ship. The man said he then saw her jump into the sea. The woman was never found. The man said he saw her splash into the sea and then hear her voice as she called out to him. He said he heard her voice for about 10 minutes before she disappeared into the water. The man said he then saw her body floating in the water and decided to report the incident. The man said he reported the incident to the ship's captain and also to the Coast Guard. The man said he was the first person to report the incident. He said he was the only person who saw the incident and he was the only person who witnessed the incident. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the authorities. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the ship's captain. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the Coast Guard. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the authorities. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the ship's captain. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the Coast Guard. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the authorities. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the ship's captain. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the Coast Guard. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the authorities. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the ship's captain. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the Coast Guard. The man said he was the only person who was able to report the incident to the authorities.
Allison Huber

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Altgeld Hall echoed with the familiar sounds of music as participants in the SIUC Youth Band Camp began to play warm up scales Tuesday morning.

Waiting for the day to begin, students conversed around the vending machine, and a lone horn plunked out “The Imperial March” from “Star Wars.”

The camp is designed to aid beginning musicians in developing their talents, along with making new friends. Director of SIUC Summer Camps Jennifer Presar said the experience provides valuable learning opportunities for students at all levels of education. Presar, a professor of horn and music theory, is in her second year of directing the summer camp programs.

July 14 through 18 has been the second of the youth band’s two-week program. Each day, participants begin the morning with a full band rehearsal, followed by rhythm games, music theory and sectional practice, until students reconvene for another full band rehearsal. Playing in a large group can be a unique experience for the youth, Presar said.

“Some of the kids come from school bands that only have eight or 10 students,” Presar said. “Camp gives them the opportunity to play with a larger ensemble.”

Youth Band Camp is open to students in 4th through 6th grade, most of whom have been playing their instruments for one or two years.

Jodi McCann of Carterville has been playing percussion for three years, and is a returning camp participant this year. Jodi, 12, said her favorite activities at camp are playing the music and rhythm class.

In addition to the 17 grade school students who practiced instruments diligently, Emily Plumlee sat behind a music stand playing the flute. Plumlee is a junior from Pinckneyville studying music education. In order to become a band director, she is required to learn how to play all band instruments. Youth Band Camp provides Plumlee with the fundamental knowledge she needs to complete her college degree.

Marc Henshaw of Marion fills the conductor’s spot this year. Henshaw, who teaches music classes in the Harrisburg school district, completed his master’s degree at SIUC — a further example of how the Summer Band Camp programs tie together a plethora of community members at different levels in their musical education experience.

Students at the Youth Band Camp learn several pieces of music per week, and perform what they have learned in “mini-concerts,” which are held on Fridays. The compositions may be as short as 30 seconds to a minute in length, but they are pieces students would normally work on for the better part of a semester in school, Presar said.

Music, just like any other discipline, can only progress when students continue to practice. Presar said one of the main goals of Youth Band Camp is to keep kids playing their instruments through the summer months so they will be better prepared to participate in bands throughout the year.

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Nobody is arguing that ending big-head Barry's bequeathed career would be a tragedy, but his agent said Bonds would donate the salary back to the team to give to charity for tickets for underprivileged kids. You are telling me the Seattle Mariners wouldn't want to blemish their 37-58 record with a little charitable sideshow public? Baggs has definitely passed down the ranks that any team that gives Bonds a chance will pay, and that is the definition of a conspiracy.

**A lot of people donate to the scholarship fund based on straight philantropy because they know it helps our student athletes and we ultimately turn around and get all that money back to campus in the form of scholarships,** Mocia said. “And the other reality is that membership in the scholarship fund helps you see your seats and your parking. So, it’s transactional as well as philanthropic.”

**I don't know how far this class will go,** Walker said. “They'll definitely go far, though.”

**The SIU men’s team will also look to overcome Missouri State, which beat the Salukis by more than 300 points in the spring. That means swimmers such as Brazilian senior Alex Marsusco and Cape Girardeau product, junior Jamarion Kuper, will have to build upon their senior-converted top ten finishes at last year’s Sun Belt Championship meet and become team leaders.**

**We’re vastly improved both individually and team-wise from previous years,** Kuper said. “We’ll have potentially 20 kids that can come in and score for us this year.”

**Overcoming a 300 point deficit will be no small task for the men’s team, but Kuper and Walker said this team is hungry and ready to step up to the next level.**

**We came fourth last year,** Kuper said. “I don’t like that number, no one on this team does.”

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SASF donations up, costs up too

Brandon Augsburg
Daily Egyptian

Many student-athletes attend SIU on scholarship, but the athletic department cannot foot the bill all by itself.

Helping to offset those costs is the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund, which is funded completely through donations. The fund is used to pay a portion of the total scholarship cost for about 350 student-athletes at SIU.

The goal was to raise $1 million and the donations exceeded that expectation, coming in at about $1.1 million, associate athletic director Mark Scally said. The numbers have not been finalized, but Scally said he estimated the scholarship costs to top $2 million next year, so the fund will only account for about half of the cost.

"Every time the tuition goes up or the fees go up, so do my bills," he said.

In 2007, the total cost of athletic scholarships was about $1.9 million and the fund accounted for more than $875,000 of that total, according to Saluki Media Services.

Each year the cost of athletic scholarships can be expected to increase by about 10 percent Scally said, and the goal of the fund is to someday completely pay for those scholarships. Whatever costs the fund does not cover come out of the athletic department budget.

For the 2006-2007 school year an in-state scholarship cost $14,832, and an out-of-state scholarship cost $21,558; for 2007-2008, the in-state cost was $15,963, and the out-of-state cost was $25,458, according to Saluki Media Services. The scholarships cover tuition and fees, books and room and board.

Athletic director Mario Moccia said his biggest challenge in soliciting donations for the fund is continually explaining to donors the necessity of the fund. As the costs go up each year, he has to constantly ask for higher donations from SASF members.

"In reality I am ‘selling’ a much better product — somebody’s education," Moccia said.

He said every dollar donated to the scholarship fund goes directly to helping pay for student-athlete scholarships.

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Swimming

Swimming program prepared for strong season

Men and women’s teams want legacy

Ian Preston
Daily Egyptian

Isaiah Mackers has a theory on why MVC women’s swimming champion Missouri State University does not have a SIU swimmer as much.

They are scared.

Even though MSU easily took the relay and women’s title in 2007-2008 and are the favorites to take this season’s titles, she said the Bears are infamous for having signs posted all over their locker rooms that single out SIU. They even go as far as putting SIU swimmer’s names up, she said.

Swimming powerhouse MSU is worried for the same reason SIU head coach Rick Walker is so excited about what this season could bring. "I think it is great to just be good for one year," Walker said. "I want to be good for many years in a row. I feel we have the ability to do that, possibly starting this season.

The four-time MVC coach of the year said his team will bring back eight first-team all-MVC swimmers and four more honorable mentions. Numbers that dwarf every other conference school except one — Missouri State boasts 10 returning first-teamers.

With both MSU and SIU holding all but six spots on the all-MVC team, Walker said this season will not necessarily come down to who wins more events but which team will have more depth and be able to place more swimmers in the top positions and score more points.

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SIUC Athletics Scholarship Total 2005-2007

Source: Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund

Pablo Tobon — Daily Egyptian

SIU swimmer Isabel Madeira, left, talks with assistant coach Gustavo Leal during practice at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium Jan. 23.