SIU’s ‘guardian angel’ dies at age 81

Clyde Choate, former legislator and administrator buried Thursday

MOLLY PARKER, DAILY EGYPTIAN

The two young grandchildren of Clyde L. Choate wielded their umbrellas in the cold October rain Thursday afternoon, shortly after those gathered to bury their grandfather crept slowly away. They each held, in their small hands, an American flag and a rose taken from two of the vassalry that were there to adorn Mr. Choate’s grave.

The American flag, that his grandchildren so innocently waved, is no stranger to a man that went back to search the vehicle for umbrellas in the cold October rain. That ripped head.

He killed two German soldiers as they emerged from the tank. And running again through enemy fire, he reloaded the bazooka and fed at the tank and completed its destruction, this time from only 10 yards away.

For his bravery, Choate was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award. And at his burial, his two tear-filled daughters that draped the American flag, that draped the coffin.

After he made sure his fellow soldiers were safe, Choate hit the German tank with a bazooka from only 20 yards away. He immobi­lized the tank, but the tank continued to shoot cannons and machine guns. With his pistol, he killed two German soldiers as they emerged from the tank. And running again through enemy fire, he reloaded the bazooka and fed at the tank and completed its destruction, this time from only 10 yards away.

For his bravery, Choate was awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest award. And at his burial, his two tear-filled daughters were hailed the flag that draped from his casket.

Choate, who served as an Illinois legislator and as SIUC director of external affairs, died Oct. 5, at age 81, after suffering from a long illness.

SIU president scores $50,000 raise from BOT

Walker donating $30,000 to fund scholarships

GINNY SOKALEK, DAILY EGYPTIAN

A little more than a year has passed since SIU President James E. Walker arrived on campus, and his accomplish­ments have already earned him a hefty pay raise.

The Board of Trustees approved the $50,000 salary increase for Walker at its meeting Thursday. Walker now earn $275,000 yearly.

The board unanimously approved the pay raise after evaluating Walker’s perfor­mance in an executive review Wednesday. Walker took the reigns at SIU Oct. 1, 2000.

Chairwoman Molly D’Esposito said the board authorized the salary increase based on Walker’s initiatives in handling issues debated by the board and by setting the chancellor’s position so quickly.

“We looked at what we asked Dr. Walker to do when we hired him, one was to bring stability to the University in terms of leadership,” D’Esposito said. “This is a sense in our University that we are moving forward.”

President Walker’s Shared Vision plan, released last month, serves as a map of the direction Walker wants the University to move. The plan cited seven major areas, including the creation of a committee to keep SIU at the forefront of educational trends, the launching of a multi-million dollar capital campaign and the develop­ment of annual presidential scholarships for Illinois high school students.

Walker also announced his intentions to donate $100,000 to the presidential scholar­ship fund at the meeting. The scholarships will be offered to in-state high school stu­dents who excel academically.

“Believe in us is a mantra that I wanted to make sure we are a small gesture of support of the program,” Walker said.

Walker’s raise went into effect Oct. 1 and, in the future, his evaluations will occur in June with the rest of the University’s evaluation.

That Shared Vision statement will be the template by which we will judge him in [June],” D’Esposito said.

Board member John Brower praised Walker’s accomplishments so far, noting that SIU was lucky to snatch Walker away from Middle Tennessee State University, where he served as president for nine years.

Brower acknowledged Walker’s perfor­mance saying that the future at MTSU will soon be named after Walker.

“Obviously the board was very pleased with your performance,” Brower told Walker. “You did everything we could have imagined. You’re finding our University and taking us where we need to go.”

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Silence, bagpipes rang at attack site

NEW YORK — Hundreds of New York recovery workers gathered for a memorial service Thursday one month after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. A bagpipe band played the service, led by choirs from the police and fire departments and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Bagpipes rang over the jumbled concrete and mangled steel remains of the tower as Giuliani saluted the thousands who lost their lives in the attack.

Sandford Police Almke announced a significant donation to the Twin Towers Fund for disaster relief after the ser-

As the bagpipes died down, workers returned to their posts, continuing to clear the mass of rubble.

‘Muppet’ producer upset about Bert-bin Laden

NEW YORK — Producers of the popular children’s show “Sesame Street” expressed their concern Thursday because protesters in Bangladesh are carrying anti-American

NYKIAWA, Washington — A hacker discovered the murmi-

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia with-

The United States has informed Indonesia that weekend in New York not to take advantage of the current situation to launch attacks. In a

Partly Cloudy

low of 56

Thunderstorms

high of 42

Scattered Showers

high of 75

low of 37


Indonesia prepares for protest

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Indonesia with-

The French Table

Friday, 6 p.m.

Spanish Table

Friday, 4 to 6 p.m.

Japanese Table

Friday, 6 p.m.

Cafe Melange, 406 S. Illinois Ave.

International Students and Scholars

International Night

7:15, 17 p.m.

Lower level, Recreation Center

SIU Chess Club

Meet and play

Oct. 12, 7 p.m.

Roman Room, Student Center

Department of Speech Communication

Busted Flat in Baton Rouge

Oct. 12, 6 p.m.

Klinke Theatre

SABAYDAY

Barrett Chiropractic Clinic

Oct. 13, 11 a.m.

604 Eastgate Drive, across from Walgreens

The Women’s Center and SIUC Women’s Services Presents

Women’s Safety Week 2001

Monday October 15, 2001

Clethone Project

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fayer Breeway, South End

SIUC Graduate Student Performers

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., Fayer Breeway, South End

Performance collage dealing with the personal and social ramifications of rape and domestic violence in our culture.

Tuesday October 16, 2001

Porter Reading to Sexual Violence Survivors

4:30 p.m., Langbranch Coffee House Contact Pantie Kantkamp at 549-4077, Ext. 337 for more information

Wednesday October 17, 2001

Make a Mark: Make a Statement Reception

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., University Museum, North End, Fayer

Thursday October 18, 2001

Clethone Project

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fayer Breeway, South End

Media Literacy Issues of Women and Men in Mainstream Media

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Lawers Room 121

Friday October 19, 2001

Women Only Safe Space and Healing Hearts, Minds, and Souls Program

Women Only Safe Space and Healing Hearts, Minds, and Souls Program

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Westley Foundation

Discourse on men’s role in the anti-violence movement and Healing

Hearts, Minds, and Souls Program

Take Back The Night March and Rally

Meet at the Interfaith Center at 7:00 p.m., for the march to the Carbondale

Town Square Pavilion

Bring (and donate) headlights for children

Rally will take place immediately following the march to the Carbondale

Town Square Pavilion. Join us for music by For Healing Purposes only

keynoter speaker, SIUC Graduate Student Performers, a viewing of the

chiletine project and speak-out.

Immediately following Rally, join us at Langbranch Coffee House for

music by Lone Gravel.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse while helping students understand the issues affecting their lives.
Residents question the amount they have to pay

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EAGLE

Property taxes are due in October and November for the year 2000, and the figures may leave property owners wondering what they are paying for.

Carbondale City Council members have been discussing the city's tax rates at several recent meetings. Some residents are loaded down by property taxes, and others who work in Carbondale are asking those who work in Carbondale from existing

Average Property Tax Rate for Jackson County, Illinois

| Carbondale | 8.00 percent |
|Murphysboro | 8.15 percent |
Pomona | 6.85 percent |
Makanda | 6.25 percent |
DeSoto | 7.25 percent |

Carbondale has much to offer, including high property taxes because cities in this country do not charge townships. A township is an area physically outside the city limits, but close enough to be considered part of that city. Cities in Jackson County charge a township tax, which is $0.27 percent, or 35 cents for each $1,000.

Dillard said the main idea of property taxes is to collect enough revenue to cover the services, and that the city of Carbondale has built on using property taxes to fund things, relying more heavily on sales tax.

The city's portion is used for fire, sidewalks and police. If the city cannot get enough money from those sources, it has to look to the state for its yearly budget. The city of Carbondale is one of the largest cities in the state of Illinois, and the cost of living is high, but the city has to fund the services.

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Carbondale Police officials were not available for comment Thursday afternoon.
Mike Pettit
Daily Egyptian

Washington's role turns the tables
Corruption does the job for 'Training Day'

"Training Day" starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke. Rated R

We've all had bad days. I just had one myself last week. But "Training Day" does a good job of pushing the bill when it comes to bad days, especially when it's your first day on the job.

Denzel Washington plays Jake, a young cop trying to make his way into the Los Angeles narcotics division by going on his first training assignment with Alonzo, an experienced but corrupt cop played by Denzel Washington.

Now, the beginning of the film made me groan, thinking that this would be another veteran bad-ass/rookie-idiot partnership cliché. Something different, for no reasons in particular robbers action with blue and red lights, and guns, it actually made me think morally.

I was also surprised to see how well Snoppy Dogg decayed his appearance playing blue, a wheelchair-bound crack dealer trying to avoid Alonzo. He does a better job than Dr. Dre does in an unconvincing minor role as a corrupt cop who has teamed with Alonzo to cash in their dirty chips.

While the whole movie takes place in one day, it seems like an eternity in hell for Jake. Alonzo is determined to get the rookie accustomed to his own ends by forcing him to tag along on his day of destruction.

Alonzo has Jake do everything cops usually refrain from, like smoking PCP and stealing money, and he even makes it look like Jake has shot and killed someone in a "fist.

But all of this is part of Alonzo's plan to pull himself out of a hole of debt he's dug with some Russian thugs in Las Vegas, which isn't explained clearly enough to understand in a few scenes.

There are numerous times when Alonzo leaves Jake hanging in a time of crisis, pretending to test Jake's street smarts, when it is really the crooked character taking over.

Throughout his first day on the job, Jake wonders whether Alonzo's street justice ideology suits his style, and his actions show that he needs to make a decision before the working day ends.

"Training Day" is a gritty cop film that is more than gunshots and badges. It shows how the evils of corruption and crime attempt to serve justice on the street, but also how morals and ethics can help make the decision on whether you want the job.

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Dead Musicians seize Shryock
Unique group celebrates latest CD with hometown crowd
Sarah Roberts
Daily Egyptian

Kevin Lucas is just another one of your typical starving artists.
He flies with homelessness. Stacks of bills pile up on his counter top while he looks into his empty pockets.
And he's still trying to graduate in May.

But at least he's enjoying himself.
He's getting the chance to share his childhood dream, touring across the Midwest with his own band, the Dead Musician's Society (yes, like "Dead Poet's Society").

"Yeah, it's poor, but he's in charge. And he says he doesn't mind if no one knows his name just yet.
"You don't do it to become famous. It's the only reason you would continue to be miserable," Lucas said.

But Lucas and his bandmates aren't miserable — and they really aren't that bad off either. They regularly tour the Midwest. They've played in front of thousands of people at the St. Louis Art Fair. And they already have three CDs to their name.

Not bad for a band that started out as a one-time gig four years ago when Lucas was looking for someone to perform some songs he had penned and ended up as the leader of his own group.

"We played a local club, then we got a couple more gigs, and it just evolved into what it is," Lucas said.

What it is is an eclectic instrumental mix of several different musical genres, from Celtic and jazz to hard rock and pop. It's not the typical Carbonilde fire, and Lucas admits introducing the band's unusual sound to the bar crowd was rough at first.

"We literally had to win the crowd over every time we played," he said. "We just had to have more energy than most bands were required to have. We really had to sell our music.
It took a couple of years and some tinkering with different sounds, but the band eventually made a few believers out of the locals and has since moved on to bigger venues, often dragooning by the elite club scenes in St. Louis and Nashville, where it has nabbed critics picks.
The monkey shines

What 'Iron Monkey' lacks in plot, it makes up for in action

COSSELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EDITION


Don't waste your time searching for the plot when the action is enough to keep your jaw on the floor.

"Iron Monkey" lives up to the wire-work martial arts hype started by movies like "The Matrix" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" which choreographed the fight scenes for both. But other than some comedic aspects, it doesn't really accomplish anything else. But does it really need to?

Just begging out $5 to see this flick means a buffet of beautifully choreographed kung-fu action scenes. But few for the fanny pack sorts who should not walk into the theater thinking they're going to get the monster epic of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." "Iron Monkey" is less than stellar acting and funny sto­ryline probably won't earn it any Oscar nomina­tions. The filmmakers try to make the filmable in one scene, the slave of a monkey's locket. Anybody who remotely likes watching kung-fu should have no problem falling in love with this movie. Guys using kung-fu? This movie has it. Women using kung-fu? This movie has it. Children using kung-fu? This movie has it. Monkeys using kung-fu? OK, despite the title, there's none of that.

The best part of the fight scenes is how inventive they are. The locations of the battles range from exotic streets to the stage from simple to the deadliest. And the fighters use just about everything as a weapon, including swords, chains, bags of rice and in one case, the slave of a monkey's locket.

Nobody should go to this film thinking they're going to get a little culture because they are going to see the new foreign film. But in this age of convulsing tigers and hidden dragons, there's still room for a little iron monkey.

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and favorable reviews.

But Lucas said any perceptions of a laid-back character in the film is a myth.

"People think you're making so much money, really rolling in the cash," he said. "But that wasn't really his style. He eventually will his appetite for performing.

"The music industry is so up and down," says the reporter. "It's better.

WILLIAM ALGON
DAILY EDITION

Sitting on mom's lap; a feeling of security. Whispering wishes on Santa Claus' lap; warm memories. Sitting on this "Grandpa's Lap," repressed memories, increased apathy and weeks of therapy.

"Grandpa's Lap" is an underground comic book created and drawn by local twenty-six year-old artist. To celebrate the release of the third issue of the monthly comic, there will be a reception at 314 Pecan St. on Saturday.

"Grandpa's Lap" isn't your typical Disney animals and draw them doing drugs and having sex, it's better.

"Grandpa's Lap" is a collaborative art project that ran the gamut from the perverse and absurd to the ever more realistic human relations. The boys of Grandpa's Lap love a good thing though, it's just not enough. The artists and their supporters are looking to attract more contributors to the book. See the book's website online.

Local artists collaborate to create comic book

WILLIAM ALGON
DAILY EDITION

"Grandpa's Lap" third issues hits the street

"Grandpa's Lap" is the ongoing story of a young man blindfiling his destiny, it is a brilliant rip-off of Japanese animation stories and self-playing video games.

"I rip off 'Final Fantasy' and 'Record of Lodoss War.' Just all the stuff I grew up watching and playing video games," Powers said. "Ideally, I want to do something more serious and artistically valid.

Powers says where his is looking for a "Scrapschophool." Influenced by the work of David Clovers, author of "Ghost World," "Anxiety Scrapbook" was one of the more professional strips in the publication. They're looking to attract more contributors to the book. See the book's website online.

"We've been out there trying to find people. That's a good thing though. It goes along with what we are doing here," Stidler says. "We want to give people a chance to express themselves. It's a venue for people to express themselves who normally don't have an outlet."
Creation theory controversial

Science professors upset by recent WSIU-TV programming special

Brian Peich, Daily Egyptian

Part of the SIUC science community took offense at a recent programming special that aired on WSIU-TV recently. During the week of Sept. 24, WSIU-TV aired a half-hour programming special that attempted to conquer touchy-evolution topics such as the evolution of Earth, the Big Bang Theory, with religion playing a factor at times.

The battle between creationists and evolutionists is not a new one. The infamous Scopes Trial of 1925, or "Monkey Trial," attained national attention, after a famous science professor was put on trial for teaching Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

While this doesn't quite have the drama of the 1925 trial, some SIUC science professors have rehearsed the issue in light of WSIU-TV's evolution specials. For months, Professor Kuhn, who is chair of the Department of Geology, was out of the field with an illness, and Professor Kuhn was called "SIU-TI" to complain about the evolution programming.

"Our University is based on an educational responsibility to our community," Kuhn said. "They want answers. Kuhn did not think the programming was accurate and said that it appeased the creationists.

"This deliberately misleading approach undermines the patient work we have done. We need to educate our students," Kuhn said.

"There were interesting facts about how features of Earth were formed, and wrong (and getting wrong) models were presented," Kuhn said. "If tested with conventional scientific methods, the models would prove to be wrong. There is an observational evidence to back them up.

WSIU-TV's Director of Broadcasting Services Bob Gerig, the one who approved the programming to be shown, stated that the material shown in the programs on Earth is not correctness but personal opinion on the issue.

"We want to show one program at a time," Gerig said. "From time to time we broadcast topics that are controversial to our viewers. As a public broadcasting station, we have a responsibility to let people debate and talk about, and he believes in freedom of speech to science. If I said it did in fact, they would have donated money to WSIU-TV in the past, but only the older viewers will continue, Kuhn said. Gerig said he would transfer his financial support to KCET in St. Louis.

"It is very important for us to understand evolution, a large portion of the station's funds come from viewer support, and it hurts the station financially when people stop giving.

"There is no right or wrong; it is not the point," Gerig said. "We are giving people access to information that they can decide for themselves."

Even though the programming is controversial, Gerig said he was glad it had turned some evolutionists to debate and talk about, and he believes in freedom of speech to science.

Some of the programs do not address the controversy either. This week's programming special only show one program at a time. From time to time we broadcast topics that are controversial to our viewers.

"If you are the final gatekeeper of the television," Gerig said. "We have put a lot of time, money and effort into this," Gerig said. "We want our viewers to have a sensitive topic. You can't win when people pull out the facts."

"It is the responsibility of the viewer," Gerig said. "We have a responsibility to let people make their own decision."

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Cable service changes in the works

Mediacom increases capacity but St. Louis stations questionable

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The Chronicle (Durham, N.C.)

Additional cable television channels will be possible for Carbondale in the future, according to Mediacom's government and community relations manager Randy Hollis.

But more channels cannot currently be added to the cable system because there is not enough bandwidth, or space, for additional channels. Hollis said the only way to add more channels to the current system is to remove something else.

"No matter what you take off, it's going to be somebody's favorite channel," Hollis said.

"Equipment is already starting to go into the future," Hollis said. "Mediacom is trying to keep up with the demand for more channels." Hollis said that Mediacom plans to rebroaden the current system and increase the capacity by still more. He said Mediacom will allow more channels be added as well as high speed Internet access and digital services, according to Hollis.

"We've got to get bandwidth first," Hollis said. "And the good news is, we're working on doing that." Hollis said that customers will not see channels added gradually. Instead, he said customers will see the changes all at once, and Mediacom is working on the upgrades.

"It seems to relate in general to exercising a pleasant mood, and inducing a pleasant mood seems to disturb thinking," Labar said. He explained that if anything, listening to classical music can make a mood worse.

"If you put in a positive frame, it creates a calming state, which allows you to process another task more efficiently," Labar said, adding that no one has shown that listening to classical music is different from engaging in any other calming activity.

"The calming stress hormones release while minimizing negative hormones, both those that cause stress. According to research, creating a balance between those two types of hormones can help mediate memory. However, scientists say the potential effects of classical music depend on music preference — if a person does not find it calming, he will most likely experience few results.

"But will listening to classical music while cramming the night before a big test still improve your performance?"

"Not likely, says Labar.

"The best way to enhance memory is to study over a longer period of time, he explained. "Cramming the night before a test decreases the likelihood of performing valuable and deeper encoding tasks, " Labar said, material should be encoded in a variety of ways, and then retained in one's personal experiences or other domains.

"Whether it be by listening to Pachelbel's Canon in D or simply thinking pleasant thoughts, research shows that the benefit from listening to classical music — which may or may not be a calming effect — can be produced.

"Mary Duke extended expression up for classical music, not love of the genre itself. Still, some said they listen to classical especially for its mood-creating effect.

"If I just calm me down," freshman Rachel Jones said, "Sometimes, silence is just too much.

"Jenelle Song contributed to this story.

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"We don't do everything ourselves, we work with people in the countries and communities we serve," said Kuennen-Asfuw.

She has worked in Ethiopia for the organization. In that country, a ship would bring the product from the United States to a port. The food is then unloaded onto trains or trucks to be shipped inland.

Catholic Relief works with other groups in the countries where food is being shipped. Kuennen-Asfuw said that no more than 700 people work for the Catholic Relief worldwide.

"Our main function is to build local capacity. We want these communities to become self-sufficient eventually," Kuennen-Asfuw said.

The organization has numerous programs that involve the canary soy blend that Bethel Group produces. They send food into schools, orphanages and health-care facilities that feed children and mothers.

"We are just a link in the chain of many," Kuennen-Asfuw said.

She said the number of people that Catholic Relief helps is hard to gauge.

"From year to year the numbers change, sometimes you have disasters or emergencies that makes the number go up," Kuennen-Asfuw said.

Food relief is sent to nations where there are refugees, natural disasters and war.

The relief from the organization includes oil and a grain product along with canary soy blend. Kuennen-Asfuw said the canary soy blend can be used as porridge or as a flour to make bread.

She said her organization is in Pakistan delivering food to the refugees crossing the border from Afghanistan.

In Benton, halfway around the globe, the fight continues mainly unnoticed. The workers are there seven days a week, 24 hours a day, helping to feed the world with Southern Illinois corn.

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Other communities, but because he hails from New York, he said his perspective might be different.

"As long as they don't go up," he said. Tebout also added that the taxing bodies in Carbondale are reasonable, but because he does not have children, he would like to receive a break on school district taxes.

Richard Grant, director of the park district, said the organization has been lowering its tax rate.

"We try to keep the taxes as low as we possibly can and still provide the services," Grant said.

As a taxpayer, Grant said Carbondale's taxes are high but not too high.

"The services you get in Carbondale are better than other towns," he said.

But City Councilman Brad Cole said instead of "taxing people to death," for services, there is room to trim.

"Almost everyone that's a homeowner or that's new to the area has said something to me about the property taxes. When you add them up, they are pretty high," he said.

Cole said duplication of taxing bodies, such as two school districts, are unnecessary and in 1999, library taxes were increased, although the funding would have come from the city budget.

Cole said voters have approved some increases, such as the John A. Logan Mansion special service area, which supports the Main Street program.

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Alcohol Awareness Week begins Monday

BETH COLDWELL  
DAILY EAGLE

Rick Rudnick encourages students who think they know everything about alcohol use to think again.

Rudnick, a graduate student in public administration from Geneva and head resident of University Housing, has been planning events for Alcohol Awareness Week, which begins on Monday.

Ken Calin, the new alcohol and drug awareness coordinator and clinical social worker for the SUCE Wellness Center, has also been instrumental in planning the week's events. Together, the Wellness Center and University Park Residence Life have scheduled demonstrations by the Illinois State Police, a presentation by the Chicago Comedy Company and activities in the residence halls to educate SUCE students on the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Culin said that while most students do not have serious alcohol problems, one in five reported that alcohol use disrupts his or her school work.

According to Culin, binge drinking is the main alcohol problem among SUCE students. He said a person who engages in binge drinking consumes more than four or five drinks in one sitting multiple times during one week.

"It is a problem, but there are alternatives and SUCE students are finding them," Culin said.

About 3,200 college campuses across the nation observe Alcohol Awareness Week. Alcohol Awareness Week will begin this year by the Chicago Comedy Company Monday in Georl Hall at 8 p.m.

The Chicago Comedy Company is a group of three improvisational actors who promote healthy lifestyle messages while including audience members in their performances. The group originated at Second City comedy club in Chicago.

"The goal is to deal with a serious issue in a funny way, and they're very effective," Culin said.

Other events for the week will include a rock-inspired demonstration, a "seatbelt crusader" presentation and a mock DUI, all presented by the Illinois State Police. Students will also have the opportunity to operate a golf cart while wearing formal vision goggles.

A "mock tail" competition in the residence halls and a student tailgate at the SIU vs. Eastern Illinois University football game are also scheduled.

Rudnick said the hands-on activities are more appealing to students than speakers or information displays.

"They're educational, but they're designed to be fun," Rudnick said. "They're naught, so they'll impact you."

Chuck Parrott, director of Nedy Hall, said he is sure the events of Alcohol Awareness Week will be effective in educating students about alcohol use and abuse.

"Emphasizing the pitfalls of alcohol is important for college students," Parrott said.

He said that automobile accidents cause a high rate of fatalities for high school and college students, so presentations by the state police are especially important.

"Parents said that because most of the events will take place near Trueblood and the Nedy Circle, students will be exposed to them," Culin said. "Students in 18-year-old and 19-year-old students because it's important for them to learn about problems associated with alcohol early in their college careers."

According to Culin, SUCE students need to realize that if they believe they have an alcohol problem, help is available.

"Students can call to ask about treatment or rehabilitation, or just to talk," Parrott said.

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NEED HELP?

For more information about alcohol counseling, call the Wellness Center at 312-6421 or go to Center Hall main 114A.

Abortion pill, RU-486, hasn't had impact that was expected

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THE RECORD (BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.)

HACKENSACK, N.J. (KRT FEATURES, October 12, 2000) -- When the federal government approved the abortion pill RU-486 one year ago, the drug's supporters predicted it would revolutionize the way women ended their pregnancies - and sap the immensity of the public debate.

But a new national survey finds that only 6 percent of gynecologists and 1 percent of family practice physicians use misoprostol, known commonly as RU-486.

"People thought all these doctors were going to come out of the woodwork to offer the pill," said Rita Patten, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, which represents 160 clinics, including seven in New Jersey. "It hasn't happened."

Some doctors who offer it say they're finding few takers. One New Jersey abortion provider said only 5 percent of his patients who are eligible for the method opt for it.

Fifty percent of surveyed doctors said they "personally oppose" the use of the drug. Of the remainder, half said their decision not to offer it was based on a belief that patients prefer surgical abortion. The survey of 790 doctors was conducted by the Kaiser Foundation, a nonprofit, health care research group.

Prior to Food and Drug Administration approval of misoprostol on Sept. 28, 2000, 24 percent of gynecologists and 31 percent of family practice physicians told Kaiser they would offer the abortion pill if they became available.

They were drawn to the drug's advantages: the fact that it didn't require anesthesia or surgery, it offered privacy, and it mimicked a natural miscarriage, prompting bleeding, over the course of nine to 16 days.

In addition, misoprostol allows a woman to end her pregnancy right after discovering it, instead of having to wait until her sixth week for surgical abortion. For many women, those few weeks make a big emotional and moral difference.

Abortion rights supporters hoped that the enthusiasm for the drug would wane, the rates of abortion providers, at a time when the number nationwide was plummeting. Many believed misoprostol would move tens of thousands of abortions out of clinics, shifting costs to patients.

But the more familiar doctors became with the drugs' financial, procedural, and political hurdles, the less enamored of it they were.

Even among the 37 percent of gynecologists nationwide who already offer surgical abortion, many who had expected to use misoprostol have since backed away from it. In large part, that's because few anticipated the drug-manufacturer would charge as much as it does for the three-pill regimen: $720.

"The medication cost alone is so high, and when you add the physician fee and the cost of a nuisance, the price is prohibitive," said one New Jersey abortion provider who had planned to offer it.

"Once we presented it to our patients, they all said no," Patten said.

The protocol for patients using misoprostol requires them to visit their doctors three times in two weeks. The $5 protein to $8 percent of cases when it doesn't work, a surgical abortion is necessary. Misoprostol-induced abortions may only be used in the first few weeks of pregnancy.

Another New Jersey gynecologist, whose clinic performs more than 2,500 surgical abortions a year, has offered the 400-milligram regimen of misoprostol for the past eight months - at double the price of an early surgical abortion, which averages about $300. Patients face for many reasons, though few end up using it.

"They want to avoid anesthesia, and they want to have the abortion in the confines of their own homes," he said. "Laws of other women want that method, too, but they can't afford it."
the legislature where he "brought home the bacon" to his Union County district. Choate was a prominent player in SIU's move from a small teacher's college to a major university, along with other Southern Illinois giants including Rep. Paul Powell of Vienna, former SIU President Dylane Morris and state senators R.G. Cristenberry and John Gilbert.

"For every puny [the late Mayor Daley] was getting for Chicago, they were getting every penny back for Southern Illinois University," said Gene Callahan, who covered the General Assembly as a reporter during this time.

Callahan is now a member of the SIU board of Trustees. During Choate's 30 years in the House, he served as minority whip, majority whip, majority leader and minority leader. He was poised to become Speaker of the House after his longtime friend and former associate Powell left the seat. The battle raged for 90 ballots before Choate finally was defeated. The late Mayor Richard Daley worked against him and Bill Redman won on a compromise vote.

But Choate would later get his revenge on Daley with a legislative maneuver that blocked the passage of the Daley-backed remap of U.S. House districts. Choate orchestrated the defeat of the remap that would have given Chicago two more seats from a restaurant telephone.

Gene George Ryan, who served with Choate as a state representative said at the funeral: "Choate, a staunch Democrat, won a master 12 deal making and reaching across party lines when it was necessary to get a bill passed. Ryan, a Republican, said Choate took him under his wing as a junior member of the House."

"I don't know anybody who met Clyde Choate that didn't like him and couldn't work with him," Ryan said.

Ryan, who went on to become governor after Choate retired, remained a close friend and associate to him in his later years.

"The Cancer Institute at Southern Illinois University -- that was the last deal that Clyde and I ever made together," Ryan said.

Two sessions ago, when SIU was trying hard to get $3.1 million in the budget to start construction of the Cancer Institute, Choate again became a "guardian angel" for the University. The money was being blocked in the Senate by a prominent Republican and Choate called both Ryan and Senate President Pete Philip. Choate informed SIU officials that the money would be included. This was on a Wednesday. On Thursday, Philip bought it up before the Senate but didn't get the OK of any other leaders and it died.

Garret Daskin, SIU's budget lobbyist was standing above the Senate floor watching and made another call to Choate. They needed him to make another phone call.

"And Clyde says, 'I can't. I'm blind and my in-home health care worker has gone for the day,'" Daskin said. "And then he says 'I know what to do.'"

Choate was 78-years-old.

He walked down to his daughter's house and had his dial the phone number to Philip and took care of the issue. He called back the SIU crowd and told them Philip would adjourn the Senate and then the money would be in the budget. "Just a few moments later," Daskin said, "Philip adjourns the Senate and later that night we found out that the funds for the institute were included." Daskin said. "Southern Illinois University never had a better guardian angel than Clyde Choate," Letchworth said, who shared rooms with him for 22 years when traveling.

The things that Choate accomplished during his life serve as a testament of a great man, added former U.S. Rep. Ken Gray, another long-time friend.

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At the end of the funeral, the nearly 200 people that filled the pews of the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna sang a song written by an old southern governor: "You are my sunshine. My only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are gray. You'll never know dear how much I loved you. Please don't take my sunshine away."

The funeral of Clyde Choate is given to the daughters of Clyde L Choate during his burial service Thursday afternoon. Choate was awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in France during World War II.

Then the crowd proceeded out the door and into their cars where the overcast sky had broken into a cold rain and there was no sign of the sun. At the cemetery, five soldiers raised their rifles to the sky and fired into the air as a final salute to their fallen comrade.

It was there that a lone soldier stood near the burial grounds without movement, with a shiny gold trumpet in one hand. He raised it to his lips and belted out the mournful tune of "Taps." The bugled melody was smothered by the rain, which rolled down black umbrellas and joined the tears running down the cheeks of those that once loved and held to their fallen comrade.

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Water Dawgs look to continue conference domination

Swimming, diving teams travel to Peoria for MVC Shootout

The Missouri Valley Conference Shootout this Saturday in Peoria will provide the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams with an inviolable opportunity to scope out its competition. The men will be the first chance of the season for the conference teams to display their new talent and show how much their returns have improved. "We're really excited to see the competition, feel everything out," said sophomore transfer Jeremy Olson. "It's good to do it once a year and see what you have to train to, what you have to keep up to, so when it comes to conference you know what you've stacked up against."

SIU women's head coach Jeff Grotel said that while it is a competitive meet, he also looks at it as a fun activity. "It's a pretty big deal for both of us," Kenner said. "Out of a group of 13 our freshmen, year was only two of us left, me and Kelly. After the Lady Raiders took the championships, both Harman and Kenner recall the team celebrate on the court and becoming the first team ever to off the court by officials for excessive dancing. "I think it's great for the coaches and the priests and nuns of our school up there leading the cheer," Harman said. "It was a good time."

The Salukis, now in seventh place in the MVC, are shooting for one of the conference's top six spots to qualify for postseason and possibly another lane exhibition. "It's a really cool rivalry," Harman said. "It's a great opportunity to see how everybody mixes against each other."

Still, the Salukis plan on using the meet as a measuring stick to see where they currently stand in the MVC. "We'll see where we're at and we'll be ready for the next one," Grotel said. "It's going to help us keep up to speed, to see where we need to work on, so we can be in the best position possible if we want to be competitive in the league this year.

"I think it's going to help us in the long run and what we need to work on," said sophomore transfer Brent Menghini. "For a lot of us, we haven't competed since last February or March. It's just, early to start focusing on wins and losses, good performances and bad performances."

It's a conference obligation. "We're going to go up and come back the best we can," Harman said. "It's just, early to start focusing on wins and losses, good performances and bad performances."

The women's team also has high expectations for this season. "This is still very early in the season, but I'd like to go there and do well," Walter said. "We're ready to go and do well."

"We expect to do great, we have a really good group of girls going ..." Harman said. "I think we dominate the competition."

Dana Woodruff
senior, swimming and diving team

Southwest Texas State U. facility question move to Division I-A

Johnny Lewis
The Daily University Star
SOUTHEAST TEXAS STATE U.

SAN MARCOS, Texas (U-WIRE) -- Students will be paying more money in student service fees and designated tuition to support athletics if the school is to move to the University System of Texas.

James Studer, vice president of Student Affairs and Athletics, formerly General Waste Fee, will increase from $12.49 to $50 per semester hour by 2005 to help subsidize the $1.7 million Division I-A football program.

According to the "Business Plan to Move to Division I-A," which SWT had to present to the Texas Usytem Student Government Board as a condition of the board's support of an expanded football program, the "minimum acceptable scenario" projects the annual expense of a certified Division I-A football team as about $84 million.

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It's not just the football program that will be affected by the move to Division I-A. The Sports Notes section covers the women's cross country team headed to Pennsylvania. The SIU women's cross country team is making its biggest trek of the season as it heads to College Station, Tex., for the Penn State Invitational on Oct. 13.

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Travis "Trapper" Pressler strives for speed in preparation for the Illinois State Invitational

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Who is Travis Pressler? If you go to Germantown, Tenn., not many people would know the answer, not even his schoolmates.

That's because, ever since he was about three weeks old, Travis has been known as Trapper Pressler.

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"I had decided to start calling me Trapper," he said, and screw ever since, Pressler said. "I was not always happy with Travis or something." He added that his mother has established himself as an exceptional distance runner.

Pressler, a junior on the Saluki cross country team, has only been running for about seven years, but in that time, he has attained much success.

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He ran exclusively with the track team and, during his junior year, his coach gave him an ultimatum.

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That little bit of motivation was all Pressler needed. During his senior year, he and his teammates had a 4x100-meter country season that was nothing less than perfect. The Houston team had always been strong in that region, but that year, it went downhill from there.

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Kelly Harman steps up her play for Saluki volleyball team

Clint Hartung

With monster spikes and 242 kills so far this season, junior Kristie Kemner has been a visible offensive threat for the Salukis.

However, it is Kemner's old high school teammate known as Quincy Notre Dame High School as "Killer Kelly" that has provided the spark for the SIU volleyball team of late.

Sophomore outside hitter Kelly Harman, who stands 5-foot-10-inches tall, has fully taken advantage of the opportunity to start for the Salukis that came four games ago against Murray State. The Quincy native has recorded 52 kills in the last four matches, eight more than she recorded all of last season.

"If we do those things, we'll win. But if we don't survive the rush, we'll be in trouble," Kill said. 

Kill thinks Northern Iowa is playing the best football in the Gateway right now. Freshman Panther quarterback Tim Petrie is already making a name for himself, but he faces the rush and a tremendous offensive line of the Panthers for the first time this week, according to Kill.

"It will be a real challenge," Kill said. "They have a lot of offensive weapons." 

For the Salukis, Kevin Kobe is expected to make his second consecutive start at quarterback. Nine of Kobe's 13 completions last week were to Mark Shasteen, and he'll be trying to spread the ball around a little more this week.

Salukis aim to cool off sizzling Panthers

Jay Schwab

The Saluki football team finally broke through last week for an uplifting victory, and the Salukis are hungry to build on the momentum generated by their victory over Illinois State.

But this Saturday, the Salukis are dispatched to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where they will challenge the Gateway Conference's hardest team in Northern Iowa for a 1:05 p.m. kickoff at the UNI-Dome.

Meeting arguably the best team in the conference is not an ideal date for an improving team looking to establish some confidence, but SIU head coach Jerry Kill said his team can win on Saturday — provided it masters a special effect.

"To go play them at their place, we can't turn over the ball zero times, we've got to play good defense and not give up the big play," Kill said. "If we do those things, we'll win. But it is that easy to do against a good football team? It is not."

Northern Iowa (4-1, 2-0) is notoriously difficult to beat at the UNI-Dome, and the fact that Saturday's game is Homecoming for the Panthers makes the game all the more forbidding. The Salukis have blazed music during practice this week in preparation for what will be an unusually atmospherics in the dome, and Kill knows the Panthers will be going for blood from the outset.

"If we can survive the first quarter and the rush, we'll be OK," Kill said. "But if we don't survive the rush, we'll be in trouble.

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"Defensively, they're just solid. They're a dangerous football team," Kill said. "But if we don't

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"Kobe is very consistent, and he's got good, strong kids who just do what they're supposed to do," Kill said.

Like SIU, Northern Iowa is playing upset fodder in the first-year coach is former Panthers star Mark Farley. Although Farley is encouraged with his team's early achievements — which include a 42-39 win over Division I-A Ball State — he said he's still looking for his squad to make improvement in all facets of play.

"We've pleased and fortunate to b where we're at with our record, but we have things we need to do a lot better at because there are a lot of great teams in the Gateway," Farley said.

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"Kobe should be a lot more 'in tune with all of us this week,'" Kill said. "When you give Kelly the opportunity, she is showing you what she can do."

The soft-spoken Harman has always had enough ability to set up kills. She said it was just a matter of having an opportunity to showcase her skills.

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"Right now, she is doing a great job, and I'm not surprised."