Football, rugby players clash in bloody brawl

Sunday melee sends one to hospital; Kill to discipline involved players

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian Reporters

A weekend melee that included members of the SIU football team and rugby club resulted in a handful of injuries and a plea from many students for those involved to be held accountable.

A Saturday night party at the "rugby house," 500 S. Washington St., was the starting point of what rugby players allege to be an attack of violence triggered by members of the SIU football team that concluded with an assault on the people congregating outside the house.

Michael Leahy, a rugby player and former Undergraduate Student Government senator, asserts there were "two large individuals" he didn't identify as SIU football players but at least one of whom later told police he was on the party and was approached by a group of rugby players who were involved in an incident with Leahy. Leahy said he was attacked by about 10 men.

"I was thrown to the ground, I was punched, and my head was slammed against the wall," Leahy said.

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Amazon 'exhaling' CO2

BRAZIL - U.S. scientists and researchers say waterways in the Amazon are exhaling for more carbon dioxide than the atmosphere that historically discovered - a finding that suggests tropical rainforests are not carbon "sinks" and offers new clues to how carbon dioxide is naturally absorbed and released worldwide.

Using airborne optical and streamflow measurements, researchers determined that the carbon dioxide emitted by huge amounts and flooded areas in the Amazon basin is triple what they expected to form. The study's lead author, K. T. Summa, said that nearly 20 percent of the carbon released from the waterways, while the rest is being absorbed in the forest.

The carbon dioxide release into the atmosphere takes several years to complete as trees and plants decay.

Using the data from the findings, the researchers estimate that the total waterways in the Amazon are emitting two billion to four billion tons of carbon dioxide annually. That's equal to about one-fourth of the amount of carbon dioxide generated every year by deforestation, burning fossil fuels and other human activities.

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Archer runs for trustee position instead of Undergraduate Student Government

Archer says he’s matured a lot since last year’s scandal.

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Bill Archer said he’s had his fill of Undergraduate Student Government.

A former USG president and commissioner, Archer has now set his sights on obtaining the SIUC student trustee position on the SIU Board of Trustees.

The seven-member board is the major policy-making body for the SIU system. The governor appoints the regular members, and the SIU and Southern Illinois students are elected in a campus-wide election.

Most of Archer’s time in USG was marked by controversy. "People won’t remember all the good things we did in USG, just the stuff I get criticized for," Archer said. "They won’t remember that we tried to change for the better."

"What Archer is referring to is a run-in he had with some resident assistants in his form room while he was involved with USG. The resident assistants accused him and a group of friends of using marijuana, and Archer was brought before the student housing board. The board found him guilty, but an SIU administrator later reversed his sanctions and allowed him to remain USG president.

"Friendship didn’t help with the hearing, but I feel the USG Senate, and the year Archer was president was filled with arguments and debate. At one point, a senator was too upset to leave the meeting. But Archer said things have changed, and he’s ready to take all the good experiences he had in student government and turn them into future victories.

"I’ve grown up a lot," Archer said. "I’ve matured a lot." He said he’s learned that when involved with campus politics, it’s not always about you.

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Missing bouncer found

Search ends after long weekend

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The Carbondale bouncer reported missing since early Sunday morning has been located and returned home after a long weekend in Union County with the female whom he was leaving the bar Saturday night, police said.

"I’m alive, my friends are not crazy," he said. "I didn’t tell or make any mention to them of me going away for a little while," William Anthony Cole said.

Cole, 21, was an unknown freshman searching for the man until he was found, home, and on campus.

"I was walking through Giant City and a stranger pulled up alongside of me and asked me if I was the man in the Daily Egyptian that has been missing since Sunday," Cole said.

Cole said the stranger didn’t think so and kept walking.

"I called notified Cole’s roommates, William Morgan and Joslyn Hamby," the woman in Cobden had seen the Chantel 3 news Tuesday night regarding Cole, was able to find the man staying with her daughter.

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Campus concerns addressed at debate

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Daily Egyptian

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The four candidates for USG president and the two candidates for trustee are (from left to right) Timothy Wills, Mike Rivers, Marty Obst, Michael Jared, Bill Archer and Ted Clark.

How do students feel about that? Is it justified? We need student input and got proper definitions," Rivers said. "Instead of attacking the city, let’s work with the city and community and come up with the proper definition of encroachment.

The other three candidates said the law needs to be more specific and outlined for residents- and students distracting for some, but the fact of finding more options to get involved and participation.

"Students are paying, and they should be able to control their living conditions. Living on-campus can be distracting for some, but the fact of the matter is, we have to let students have a choice as to their education," Jared said. "It’s not up to the University to provide for the students. It’s not so important, even though they choose, because we’re paying this institution for our education. Just because the policy doesn’t mean we can’t fight it.

One of the major concerns this semester is housing conditions. Students still need to be held to a higher standard to provide a more quality. As of now, almost all of the housing options in the city and the school prevents better living conditions. Cole and Rivers said things like fresh food should live on-campus, or the parents may be uneasy with the school’s housing options.

Near the end of the debate, the candidates were asked how the school should accommodate student participation.

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City Council approves marketing plan

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After a year of planning and two hours of discussion on Wednesday night, the Carbondale City Council approved a marketing plan geared toward improving the city’s image and boosting the local business.

The plans, which are still preliminary, were formulated by Noteworthy Communications, a marketing company in Carbondale. The plans focus on building community pride, encouraging new businesses, attracting people to the city, and assisting SUC with student growth and retention.

City council members discussed the plans at length, with some objections from Councilmen Brad Cole and Mike Neill, who voted against the plan, and the remaining council members voting in its favor.

The plans might possibly incorporate the slogan “city of education” into promotional materials, and stress that he wants to work with the city.

"We’re a Carbondale company and they have a business here,” he said. “They have a good stake in the success of our effort.”

After the vote, Freeman said he understands concerns and questions council members made and stressed that he wants to work with the city.

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All about the money at BOT

Substantial tuition hike next year; fee and housing increase fall 2003

Molly Parker
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It’s all about the money at today’s Board of Trustees meeting. The chancellor will pitch his proposal to increase tuition 18 percent next year. In addition, a bundle of student fee increases and an additional charge for on-campus housing will be tabled for board consideration.

Most of the money talks will be discussion only, and the board will vote on increases in May. Both the tax increase and the recommended 6 percent increase for room and board would not take effect until fall 2003. The board generally votes on increases one year in advance.

Chancellor W. Wendler, however, is asking the board to trust the university’s one-year advance policy and consider a substantial tuition hike next year. The University is facing one of its toughest budget years in a decade and has been forced to shave about 9.5 million in state appropriations next year.

President James Walker said tuition increases at both Edwardsville and Carbondale are necessary to compete in the realm of higher education.

"SUU has traditionally been at the bottom of their Illinois peer institutions as it relates to tuition, and for many years we had a policy of not raising tuition any more than 3 percent," Walker said. "For that reason, we have found ourselves, as it accumulates over the years, that we are getting further and further behind." The current tuition proposal approved last year will raise tuition 5 percent in the fall, followed by 6 and 7 percent the next two years.

Wendler is proposing the board replace that plan with an 18 percent increase next year, followed by 6, 7 and 8 percent the following three years.

The increase translates to an undergraduate student paying $631 more next year, bringing total tuition and fees to $4,564.80. Four years from now an undergraduate student would pay $6,370.20 under Wendler’s plan.

The board will also discuss a 6 percent increase for on-campus living to fund a long-term housing renovation plan. The cost of living on campus has been going up 6 percent for the last several years, and the plan is to continue at that rate for another seven years, according to Ed Jones, director of University Housing.

"Jones said the housing project would include building new apartment-style living complexes, as well as renovating the current housing facilities. There has been no major renovation to housing since the mid-60s, when baby boomers hit the campus in large numbers. Jones said this is a typical trend across the United States, as most housing units have surpassed their 30- to 50-year life span.

In addition to housing, the board will also discuss seven student fee increases on the Carbondale campus. If all the fees are approved, students would be charged an additional $457.72 in 2003.

The steepest increase is a proposed $20 addition to the student health fee. The funds will be earmarked for construction of a new health facility. Plans to build the new facility are part of the load use plan, blueprint to overhaul campus infrastructure in the next decade.

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Horticulture Club sells plants

Students, faculty and members of the community can take advantage of the Spring Plant Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday on the east side of the teaching greenhouse behind the Agriculture building.

The event will be hosted by the Horticulture Club and the College of Agricultural Sciences and will include herbs, garden vegetable plants and hanging baskets.

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, call the USG office at 530-3361.

ON CAMPUS

USG needs volunteers for election April 16, 17

Undergraduate Student Government is seeking volunteers for its upcoming election. Volunteers are needed to serve as poll judges and election workers for two to six hours during the election from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m., April 17.

There will be a training session for volunteers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday in the Student Center Sangamon Room. For additional information or to sign up as a volunteer, call the USG office at 530-3361.

Finalists named for student worker scholarships

A select group of student workers will receive $100 scholarships Friday during a ceremony sponsored by the Financial Aid Office.

Four students were named as finalists. Autumn Ratliff, a junior mechanical engineering student from Chicago, Griselda Del Rio, a junior business student, and Emily Smith, a graduate student in linguistics from Roddorford, are part of the land use plan, blueprint to overhaul campus infrastructure in the next decade.

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

The Clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Tiffeny Henry, a senior in management from Harvey, is an educational outreach assistant in the breasting room. Dawn McClelland, a senior in accounting from Mason, is a receptionist in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

SUC employs about 6,000 student workers in 21 job classifications.

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Immunization Clinic extends hours

In honor of National Infant Immunization Week, April 14-21, the Jackson County Health Department will offer expanded immunization clinic hours.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, the clinic will be open from 9:00 until 3:30 and will remain open until 5:30 on Thursday.

The clinic is located at 415 Health Dept. Drive in Murphysboro. For more information, please call 684-3147.
The nerve of it all

Research on important nerve could lead to new anxiety treatment

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

If Tiffanie Markus has her way, severe anxiety disorders can be treated with a little tinkering of the brain.

Markus, a doctoral student in psychology, is collaborating with Robert Jensen, professor of psychology and research advisor, on researching the use of the vagus nerve as a way of reducing anxiety.

She started the project because previous research was done on stimulation focusing on the left branch of the vagus nerve. This research is different from previous studies because it focuses on stimulating the right branch of the vagus nerve that comes in contact with the heart.

A report came out about patients receiving vagus nerve stimulation for epilepsy and were also showing an improvement in mood, so I wanted to look at something similar and see if it worked,

"I looked into the literature and what I was finding was that it was not so much that people were less depressed, but it was more some connection to anxiety." she said.

The vagus nerve comprises two nerves that run and join the brain stem and goes down both sides of the neck running along the esophagus towards the abdomen, sending signals out to all the visceral organs. It carries messages about the body's psychological state to the brain.

Markus said vagus comes from the Latin word for wander because the vagus nerve winds to wander around the body and controls everything.

"We're thinking of changing the heart rate and respiration rate through the vagus nerve stimula-

tion, we're changing the peripheral state which then changes the feedback that goes to your brain," Markus said.

"Then you interpret your feelings from your peripheral state, thus creating less anxiety in the animal." she said.

Markus performs her research in Jensen's laboratory and uses three techniques for the study. The first one is the optogenetic tool designed to measure the lab rat's behavior. They measure time spent in the open space and time spent in safe perimeters of the box. If the rats spend time in the open area of the box, it indicates less anxiety.

The second technique is an electrodiagnostic maze, which is made up of two enclosed arms and an open arm extending from it. Like the other technique, the time the rats spend on the open arms indicates less anxiety.

The third technique is the photocell vent, which is a beam with a cat color extending into it. The olfactory has the cat's scent exit and the rats are placed in the box. Because the second cortical lightness anxiety in rats, Markus observes how much time the rat spends adjacent to the odor and how much time the rat spends in the hide box or on the safe dark arms of the box.

"This study is part of a large-scale investigation of the role the vagus nerve plays in modulating emotions and learning and memory recovery function after brain damage," Jensen said.

The project is largely funded by the SRC Psychology Department and Markus received some funding from the National Science Foundation in the form of a grant in which Jensen is the principal investigator of the organization.

The research is a follow-up to Jensen and Smith's study on how electrical stimulation of the vagus nerve can improve memory and learning in humans and can help lab rats recover much more quickly from brain injury. In August 2000, Jensen and Smith, along with SIUC psychologists, a neurologist, a former SIUC graduate student and a representative from Houston-based Cybernatics Inc., were issued a patent for methods of using an electrical nerve implant to improve memory and learning.

Markus says vagus nerve stimulation is currently a treatment for epilepsy and for individuals who do not respond to medication or who are not candidates for surgery. The stimulator is surgically implanted like a pacemaker and connects to the vagus nerve. It is programmed to deliver stimulation during a specific time period.

The implant was developed by Cybernatics to suppress seizures in patients with epilepsy by delivering pulses of current to the vagus nerve.

"If this proves effective, this could possibly be a treatment for people who suffer from severe anxiety disorders," Markus said.

Jensen said the project, which started a year ago, will continue until the end of the summer when Markus receives her doctoral degree.

"Tiffanie is a very talented graduate student who is pursuing a research project that may contribute to significant advancements in anxiety and panic disorders," Jensen said.

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The vagus nerve is the longest nerve in the human body, running from the brain to the stomach. Electrical stimulation of the vagus nerve is already in use as a treatment for epileptic seizures, but doctoral student, Tiffanie Markus is beginning studies to see if stimulation of the nerve could be used to treat anxiety disorders also.
Prize-winning poet to read on campus

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

Thomas Lux will bring a little culture to Carbondale tonight, cradled with laughter. Lux, a prize-winning poet and faculty member of Sarah Lawrence College and the Women's Center, will give a reading of his poems at 7:30 tonight in the Missouri Room of the Student Center. The event is being presented by the English Department, the chancellor's office, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Lux is famous for works that have been described as witty and irreverently quirky. Jed Brovner, an assistant professor of English, said Lux is very accessible and often funny.

"Lux's poems are sort of silly and more difficult to understand," Brovner said. "He shows you that you can be intelligent and engaging without being abhorrent.

"He likes Lux to one of the most famous 20th-century poets — Robert Frost. "Like Frost, who was from New England, Lux is from Massachusetts and has written frequently about New England," Brovner said.

One of the poems that has made a lasting impression on Brovner is "People of the Other Village." The poem talks about the trials and tribulations of factional groups as they resist against each other for minor offenses.

"The poem could apply to the Israelis and the Palestinians or any group that gets in the cycle of you hurt me, so I'm going to hurt you," Brovner said.

Rodney Jones, a professor of English, said Lux is one of the most entertaining poets in the country.

"His poems have a Far Side type of humor while at the same time being very tender and funny," Rodney said.

He said Lux stars out as a surfer but has evolved throughout his career.

"His poems took an absurd view of the world that continued to evolve in each book," Jones said. "Now he is much more philosophical.

As for Lux and future generations, Jones said no poets will be remembered like Whitman, Dickinson and Frost, but some will still be reading Lux in the future.

"If people love the language, they will still be reading Thomas Lux in the future," Jones said. "Throughout his entire style and dedication, you can clearly see he loves the language."

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The 2020 Vision Committee is beginning to see a little clearer.

It conducted its first meeting Tuesday at SIUE Edwardsville. The meeting was a precursor for future developments to better SIUC.

A very diverse group of individuals from higher education associations, communication organizations, political historians and business groups gathered to familiarize themselves with each other, said Scott Kaiser, assistant to SIU President James Walter.

The committee was formed by Walker after his Shared Vision address in September when he recommended seeking an outside perspective.

Chairmen across the nation voted different ideas on the table. Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute and chair of the committee, conducted a portion of the meeting.

"It was really just kind of a brainstorming session," Simon said. "No decisions were made, but there was a lot of feedback from the group.

Although the group is gathered from across the United States, the focus still remained on the individual institution and what can be done for future improvements.

"There was a lot of discussion about how it is important to focus on mission," Kaiser said. "To stick to it and how you can best help the region you serve."

The meeting gave the committee members a chance to throw out some big-picture ideas for an ongoing project in the next 18 to 20 years. There was discussion about not being afraid to think big, Kaiser said.

Keith Sanders, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said it's important to take current trends in higher education as well as what the Illinois education system is like. "Tuesday's meeting was productive in generating ideas to formulate for the next step. Once solid ideas are brought to the fore, recommendations will be made to improve SIU. Though no date was set for that meeting, the meeting will probably be sometime in June," Kaiser said.

"I think it was a good session," Simon said. "We're not at the point to make recommendations. My hope is we can come up with some recommended no later than this fall."

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BLOODY SUNDAY

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Like this in coaching had to do with alcohol," Kill said. "But the situation happened, and some young people need to learn from it."

Several members of the football team indicated that there has been past conflict between the rugby team and football players, dating back several years. "When Coach Kill was at SIU, there was a lot of conflict," Jones said. "There was the leadership to work this out. I think he was so well-regarded, and hope that there is no repeat of the Sunday morning ugliness.

"Many of the rugby players or SIU football players to end up hurt or dead over this," LeRoy said. "I hope Coach Kill has the leadership to work this out. I would very be disappointed if this happened again in the future."

Several USG members had cynical views of the football program, which has long been a topic of discussion on campus.

"The rugby team may have a reputation for being rude or crude, but we have a lot of these programs — even when we have veterans, who have served in the military — and I think they've made a point to present a good team," LeRoy said. "I have a real feeling this is going to be written off as the rugby team is, and it's not fair.

"We do go around looking for fights or problems. These guys could have come up, gotten a cup and happily drink with us rather than start fights or problems. These guys could have come up, gotten a cup and happily drink with us rather than start fights or problems. These guys could have come up, gotten a cup and happily drink with us rather than start fights or problems."
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**Guide dog day**

**Story by Brian Peach** • **Illustration by Josh Miskinis**

Dog and postal workers go together almost as well as oil and water, but in the case of some邮政 workers, exceptions can be made. Many of these postal workers, who have been independent for 10 or more years, have created a community of their own in the city of Chicago. Some have even joined the American Council of the Blind. The dogs are trained to the needs of the blind, and they are also used in public places. This includes in most cases, a guide dog is for the hearing impaired at the 2 p.m. meeting.

**Student Services** also show videotapes depicting how development and different types of the Student Center: Assisting students interested in living independent life. "Our money isn’t enough to show the students what there really is. We don’t want them to think they can do something they are supposed to do. The minimum age for owning a dog through Maxey’s company is 16. "The reason why, Maxey said, adding that the money they are supposed to leave is their money. The minimum age for owning a dog through Maxey’s company is 16.

Dawn Mixes, a 12-pound yellow labrador, who was born in 1999, said Maxey, who is the dog through Maxey’s company is 16. Dawn Mixes, a 12-pound yellow labrador, who as a 16-year-old Lea, is the Illinois representative for Guide Dogs for the Blind, blind people do not make the same decisions. Students without guide dogs are gotten out to San Rafael, Calif., to be trained for a month with dogs and special professionals who will teach them everything they need to know about owning, using and caring for a guide dog.

"For 28 days, there are 28 students interested in becoming a guide dog helper and ready to go," Maxey said.

The company has 455 dogs being trained for students to come and learn with them, and most of these students are from the more than 10,000 other dogs currently assisting blind individuals in the United States. The numbers would likely be higher, but companies such as Maxey’s prefer to deal with the dogs they are able to handle. Another requirement for obtaining a guide dog is the dog’s age. In the case of a guide dog, a 12-year-old, is the dog’s age. Maxey said that at her company, they train children before taking them a suitable guide to岗 help their needs. This includes having blind people walk as straight as possible to determine if they have a guide to their walk or not.

"A guide dog is not a 12-year-old radar robot, but you still have to be able to think," Maxey said. "You can’t just take a dog to take you somewhere. A guide dog is too valuable to be lost without [their guide dogs]."

"These dogs have been used for years, and I don’t see humans coming up with a better alternative," said Melissa Campbell, a company manager. "These dogs have been used for years, and I don’t see humans coming up with a better alternative," Campbell said. "Blind people everywhere would be lost without [their guide dogs]."

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There was a time when SIU invested all of its faith in vinyl furniture. History makes funny choices sometimes. For SIU of the '50s, this was the next big thing—a small arsenal of slippery seats and cutting edge furniture brought in for the next era of Salukis by a savvy president whose eyes were on the prize. Now that prize of tattered chairs and weather-beaten tables clutters the residence halls and library corridors of campus, faded representations of an age half a century past. For most of us, it simply is what it is—old, dusty and smelly furniture. Some people like it. Some people hate it. It speaks of a time when SIU invested all of its hope in vinyl at the University Museum as part of an exhibit displaying design at SIU during the Morris Era.

About 20 pieces of furniture dating from its golden age. “But if you look through a book on 20th century design, you’ll see a lot of these pieces in there. It speaks of the statement (former SIU President Delyte Morris) was trying to make.”

Uncovering that statement is the focus of a new exhibit German is curating for the University Museum, titled “A Modern Institution: Design at SIU During the Delyte Morris Era 1948-1970.”

Looking at SIU through the lens of the furniture, buildings and design elements that helped transform it from a teacher’s institution to a major state university within 20 years, the exhibit speaks volumes of where the University has been and sheds incredible insight on where it might be going.

“Morris was trying to create a very forward-thinking University, to make sure SIU had the most force and influence it could,” said Shirley Cowan, a professor in art and design who has spent her two years at the University poring over examples of SIU during the Delyte Morris Era 1948-1970.”

By 1969, more than 150 designers were employed by Morris, streamrolling his dream into reality from a wing they occupied in the new Communications Building. The list of names—drawn from some of America’s most influential designers of the time—was impressive: C.D. May; Clay Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who loaned a chair and a table from her conference room for use in the exhibit; and the designers of the time, who looked at the Morris era, they tend to look back at the glory days. He wanted us to look forward. Sometimes people have missed the message. He was interested in progress.”

The progress dreamed up by Morris—some of it realized, some of it remaining only as a dream—comes as a concept to German says may have been lost by the SIU community as time passed. Shortly after Morris ascended to the presidency in 1948, he established a Board of Trustees for the school that existed separately from the state, got permission to create a Campus Architect’s Office, and began what became the University’s most forceful period of growth.

Of course, this included the construction of more than a dozen campus buildings during two decades, including Morris Library, the Student Center and the halls of the residence halls. But there was also a subtle fling to Morris’ brand of progress, an attentiveness to design and aesthetics that gave the University an enduring style of its own.

“He understood the value of appearances,” German said. “If you look at pictures of him, he’s always meticulously dressed and meticulously groomed. He was really suave, and he had a sense that people needed to see the school as a more modern place.”

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The furniture displayed in the exhibit has been used in the University for the past 50 years. Each piece represents a part of SIU’s past.

As a new exhibit in the University Museum tells it, the crafty eye of Delyte Morris brought to SIU renovated the way Southern looked at itself, as well as the way others looked at Southern.
**Terrorism: coming to a theater near you**

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Today is April 11. If you have yet to turn over a new leaf, be responsible for yourself the inevitable deluge of political assurances and soft-spoken teasers that have become synonymous with the number 11. The poignancy pleas of the Red Cross, or the chowed-down of yet another home-maker left without a husband or a son or a neighbor or a friend. Every moment of this terrorist state at you is darkly surreptitious in its own center. 11. They’re two towns just waiting for its inevitable moment of destruction.

Perhaps Carthage is just far too from New York City. Perhaps we really can’t understand, but there is a sickening truth that surrounds this flood of sentimentality and despair. Let us do what we usually do and blame the media and their desperate quest for sound bytes and the promises to self newspapers. They’ve given us books. They’ve given us brutal analysis and the novelty. Now, they’re giving us a movie.

Initial pessimism is to be expected, we keep on them to commercialize this great American tragedy into this year’s “Pearl Harbor.” Will it work? If we turn our eyes to our past and thecircumstances surrounding this production are surprisingly delightful and low-key, both in the New York Times and the New York City where the two towers fell. The frustration remains is it is too much too soon?

“I hope it helps people outside of New York feel a personal connection to what happened here,” said Anne Nelson, the director of international communications for the Columbia School of Journalism in New York who penned “The Guys,” the off-Broadway play that is now heading this world.

“Beaux Stratagem to close McLeod season”

McLeod Theater has picked quite the show to close out its 2001-2002 season. “The Beaux Stratagem” completed its US drama tour in 1939, played in 1942, followed two English tongues through a scheme by which they would many two wealthy country ladies. How-ever, a few comedic complications arise, including mistaken identities, scheming servants and a local gang of highwaymen.

“The Amazing Rhythm Aces will bring their self-defined brand of country-rock to town Saturday”

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Room—music and Americans. Jeff Davis yearly really sure what tastes of them were defined as — all he knew was that he woke from a hibernation to find himself and his hand in that niche.

This was in 1995. Twenty years ago, when his band, The Amazing Rhythm Aces, was dealing a full hand at emcees over the country, nobody even thought to put them in a genre. They were a bit too eclectic, their musical influences a little too wide-thy.

Now, six decades later, some journalist or promoter finally gave them a home. Did their music change in those intervening years? Not really. They still stir a hot stew of soul, country and poetry. This was just a take of one’s own sense.

“We didn’t have a name for us before,” said Davis, of them to critics raved. Since then; it ’ll be sure that the Aces could only be one of the few towers opened at the Flea on Dec. 4 with tickets available for $51, $9 for seniors and $6 for chil-dren or students with an SIUC ID. For more information, call 453-3001.

*The Amazing Rhythm Aces* — along with Devon Allman — will appear at McLeod Theater at 11:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are $20 and are now on sale at Mugsy’s.

The Amazing Rhythm Aces bring their hodgepodge of sounds to Mugsy McGuire’s this Saturday.

Galactic to headliner Copper Dragon

They once went by Galactic Prophecy, if that tells you anything. That was in the early days, though, and Galactic has grown a lot since then. Originals from the slating bands of the New Orleans scene, the band watched itself grow from two Washington D.C. college students to an all-out ensemble that includes a horn section, a saxophone and guitar. Now, the eclectic group will make its way to the Copper/Dragon on Sat., April 20 for a show that promises to capture music from many walks of life. Tickets are now available at $12 in advance or $17 at the door, and they can be purchased at Pinch Penny Liquors.
Through the Looking Glass

Mike Pingree
KRT Campus

SURGERY ALONE DOETH NOT A MAN MAKEETH

A man had a sex-change operation to become a man, got "married" to a woman (she knew his history), and broke up with her nine years later.

The former woman, Michael, is now suing for custody of two children. (It's a long story.)

The ex-wife says Michael has no right to custody, as he is not a woman in the eyes of the law. Therefore, he married someone of the same sex, which is illegal.

Also, she testified that Michael didn't behave like a man in private, and, after the marriage ended and her son was around other men, he grew in ways he hadn't before.

SO THEY REALLY MISSED THE POINT

When a college professor in Ottawa read the essays his students had submitted, he found that 31 of them had committed plagiarism. The subject of the papers: ethics.

NOW THAT I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT

A Kentucky man who fathered 12 children by 11 different women was arrested for failure to pay child support. In court, he agreed to a plea bargain in which he would avoid jail if he promised never to have sex again.

The man returned to court some weeks later to hear the sex clause revoked as he thought it was a joke.

MMMMMM, SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD

A fire in an enormous poultry facility in Hofgemark, Germany, killed 4,000 chickens to death.

THEY WERENT HARD TO TRACK DOWN

A man and a woman jumped into a Kregg Kreme doughnut truck parked at a convenience store in Louisiana and drove over the highway while planting crack cocaine.

Unsure that the rear cargo door was open, they left it a 15-mile-long trail of doughnuts in their wake. Arrests followed.

SO, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME OFFICER...

Police investigating a report of a man carrying a dead woman into his Monich, Germany, apartment, discovered that the corpse was actually the guy's newly acquired silicon sex doll. (He owns four others.)

A police spokesman said, when the cops knocked on his door, the suspect "had just been testing out his new acquisition." Let him go.

NO! NO! DON'T LOOK DOWN THERE!

Salvador Bravo returned to his Yakima, Wash., home to find the police inside. They had initially responded to a burglary alarm. There was no burglar, but the cops decided to investigate the strong odor of narcotics coming from the basement.

When they informed him of this, he fainted. They arrested him when he came to.

BUT OF COURSE, SIR, RIGHT THIS WAY

A man robbed the Wells Fargo bank in Salem, Ore., and then fled to a nearby restaurant where he raised the waitser's suspicions by tipping him $100 for a table away from the window.

When police showed up by looking for the robber, the big tipper came immediately to the waiter's mind.

I'M MAD, VERY MAD, DARLING, BLAM!

In the Don't-Date-People-at-Work Department, a Pennsylvania narcotics officer got into a spirited discussion with her boss—who used to be her boyfriend—outside his condominium.

She fired three shots at him before he wrestled the gun away.

#### Daily Egyptian Hot List

**Thursday, April 11**

- Carboz Live DJ - 9 p.m.
- Gatsby's II Live DJ Show - 10 p.m.
- Hangar 9 Ger Project (hip-hop) 10 p.m.
- The Hot Spot College Night
- Mugy McGuire's Memory Lane Karaoke - 9 p.m.
- PK's Plus (progressive pop) 10 p.m.
- Plunk Penny Pub
- Well Hello Sidetracks
- Live DJ 10 p.m.
- Trees Bambrose Open Mic Poetry
- Sizz Live DJ Show - 10 p.m.

**Friday, April 12**

- Boo Jr.s Shades of Grey/Splittashin/D.D.
- 10 p.m.
- Carboz Live DJ - 9 p.m.
- Copper Dragon Hello Dave - 10 p.m.
- Mugy McGuire's Live Piano
- Cynthia Figel - 6:09 p.m.
- PK's Woodbox Crypt Stixs Live DJ show - Key West By request DJ sets
- Plunk Penny Live DJ
- Planet X Live DJ
- Plume Criba Si Seel Cosmic Parking

**Saturday, April 13**

- University Teletrack Off-Track Betting
- The Upstate Downtown Live Jazz - 9 p.m.
- Mungo Jerry's Pat Cat Cafe Open mic/poetry slam - 8 p.m.

**Sunday, April 14**

- University Teletrack Off-Track Betting
- The Upstate Downtown Live Jazz - 9 p.m.
- Mungo Jerry's Pat Cat Cafe Open mic/poetry slam - 8 p.m.

**Your Weekend Entertainment Guide**

*Check this section every Thursday for your weekend plans!*

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**WEird News**

**Thruough the Looking Glass**
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Art in the Garden brings free music to university

Concert series outside of Faner for students to enjoy local music

Jadde Keene
Daily Egyptian

Williams Snyder has spent much of his time putting together various creative ideas to bring the University Museum and local community together.

Several local bands brought together by Snyder will be supplying the SIU campus with harmonious tunes to enjoy during the month of April and the beginning of May.

This annual event, called "Art in the Garden," will include free performances by Candy Davis on April 17, Robin Anderson and Jean Reh on April 24, and Dale Herbert on May 1. These events will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Museum Sculpture Garden, located at the west side of Faner Hall. Several dozen chairs will be set up for those who forget blankets.

"Art in the Garden is an outreach program just to please people with some entertainment," said Snyder, the museum assistant development officer. "We're hoping every little thing we do will bring more people to the museum."

Students and faculty are encouraged to spend their lunch break enjoying the soothing tunes and performances the museum has to offer. Instead of going to the bars during the week and spending money on concerts and beer, this is a good way to get a free jump-start on the weekend, according to Snyder.

He considers Bandjotz, one of the more popular bands, Bandjotz consist of four members who play mostly cover songs. One particular song they do is "Pinhead Wizard" by The Who. Lois Hendrix, Bandjotz's banjo player, views their version of "Pinhead Wizard" as having "a fast banjo rhythm to it. The words are the same, the tune is the same, but we play it the way God intended — bluegrass."

According to performer Jean Reh, her band covers great songs by writers that nobody knows about.

"We really love to harmonize," Reh said. "The idea has previously performed in St. Louis and just an upcoming event in Mississippi. Regarding the recent display of a comeback by folk and bluegrass music at the Grammys, Reh said it's good to see people finally setting what great music is out there and they're getting recognized. "This year has been out there for a long time."

Dale Herbert, who will perform May 1, wants these performers at the Art in the Garden event six years ago. Herbert's music is described by a fan as a combination of traditional's and New Age guitar with a funny style.

With the exception of Robin Anderson and Reh, these musicians all have prior experience performing at SIU.

"We get local performers whose hobby it is. This is their way to get some exposure," Snyder said.

High Crimes — Ashley Buda stars as a happily married, successful lawyer who is shocked to learn that her husband has a secret plot as a classified military officer and has been arrested of a heinous war crime. Morgan Freeman is the private investigator who helps her as she wrestles with her doubts about her husband's innocence as she defends him in a top-secret military court where none of the rules apply. Also starring James Caan and Amanda Peet, Directed by Carl Franklin. Rated PG-13. Running time 1 hr. 55 min. Playing at University Place 8.

Ocean's 11 — A slick, wooly-mammal, sea-thief tiger and slymill band together to form the ultimate group of criminals as they attempt to return a human-like to his empire. Featuring the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, Jack Black and Denis Leary. Directed by Mike Wente. Rated PG. Running time 1 hr. 25 min. Playing at University Place 8.

National Lampoon's Van Wilder — Van Wilder may be entering his seventh year of college, but he has no plans to graduate. His legendary campus status is threatened, however, when his dream to return to any small college town — Desperadoes. Wilder's true talent playing to make money and soon finds himself as the subject of an expose by a disgracing journalist. Written and Directed by Jay Travis. Rated PG-13. Running time 1 hr. 15 min. Playing at Vanity Theatre.

We're Soldiers — Mel Gibson stars as Lt. Col. Hal Kovac, who led 400 American soldiers into the first bloody battle of the Vietnam War. Also starring Chris Meloni, Barry Pepper, Greg Hatter and Madeleine Stowe. Based on a novel by Donald Wood. Rated R. Running time 2 hr. 19 min. Playing at University Place 8.

Hendrict is also a sociology professor at SIU, while Candy Davis is a faculty member of the Anthropology Department. Reh is an employee of the Neighborhood Co-op, and Dale Herbert is a SIU student majoring in social work.

Rain or shine, the performance will still go on. If weather does not permit outside seating, "Art in the Garden" will become "Art in the Museum Auditorium."

Turnout for this event can vary from five to 25 people.

"You never know because sometimes people are just busy that day," Snyder said.

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Art in the Garden, held in the University Museum and sculpture garden outside of Faner Hall at noon on Wednesdays, will conclude with performances by Candy Davis on April 17, Robin Anderson and Reh Herbert on April 24 and Dale Herbert on May 1. Admission is free.
"Big Trouble," no big laugh

Sarah Roberts  
Daily Egyptian

"Big Trouble" is the perfect movie for those with a high fever, a Martha Stewart fixation or nothing better to do on a Friday night. It's not that it's bad; it's just not very worthy of your S550 (if you remember to bring your student ID). You can't really recommend it because it's all promise and no delivery, but you can't really bring yourself to dislike it either.

The film, based on a Dave Barry bestseller, is essentially an ensemble of quirky characters who find themselves continually thrown together somewhere in Miami. There's Eliot Arnold (a Pulitzer Prize winning columnist who gets fired for giving his wife, Anna (Russo), sits around watching Martha Stewart programs and can't remember why she married him, and her daughter can't figure out why she doesn't dump him for good.

There's Buddy (Jason Lee), a Frito-loving hippie who lived in a cardboard box on the East Coast until a Martha Stewart living magazine inspired him to move to Miami.

And the list goes on: Janice Garofalo and Patrick Warburton ("Seinfeld's" Puddy) as a mismatched pair of Miami's finest; Omar Epps and Henry D as FBI agents hot on the trail of the bomb; Dennis Farina and Jack Kehler as two waxy hit men who hate Miami and just want to kill Herk so they can get out of town; Tom Sizemore and Johnny Knoxville (of MTV's "Jackass" fame) as Snake and Eddie, two idiot street thugs (sample dialogue: "Snake, let's get the hell out of here. I think I hear one of them silent alarms."). And let's not forget the road with the hallucinogenic split.

These characters keep running into each other in increasingly implausible situations, and by the time Allen jumps onto a moving plane at the end to save the day, you have to roll your eyes.

In the film's credits, there are a few genital guffaws and perhaps more, depending on how strong your willing suspension of disbelief is. And it's enjoyable in that you can check your brain at the door and just stare blankly at the screen for an hour and a half.

But if you're anticipating an intelligent, zany comedy, you're better off renting director Barry Sonnenfeld's 1995 gem "Get Shorty" instead. And while I like Dave Barry, his book doesn't hold up on the big screen... and he's on "Almost Leopard."

"Big Trouble" wants to be a readable comedy with lots of quirky characters, and on some levels, it succeeds. But the plot sometimes descends into the ridiculous, and there are so many characters that scenes often become cluttered.

In the end, you wish you would have waited for the video, but can take comfort in knowing that at least you didn't waste your money on "National Lampoon's Van Wilder."

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SIU researchers make horse livin’ possible

Animal Science Department finds a way to cure infertility disease in horses

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Sheryl King discovered a helpful remedy to prevent infertility in horses by using a sugar found in chewing gum.

King, a professor in the Animal Science Department, developed an inexpensive treatment — a plant-based sugar called mannose — that can cure and prevent endometriosis in horses.

In endometriosis is a common uterine infection that makes mares, especially broodmares, infertile. It is an inflammation of the uterine lining caused by bacteria and is costly to treat.

King’s mannose sugar treatment is inexpensive and only costs about $1 per gram compared to as much as $2,000 for a 10-day antibiotic.

Her treatment was tested on three different bacterial strains and proved to be successful in all of them.

King uses a double procedure in which she flushes out the uterus with a mannose-salt mix and then instills the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix and leaves the mix.

The idea for this treatment was suggested more than 10 years ago by Graca Diaz, a doctoral student working with physiology professor Lynn Nogin.

Several graduate students have worked on the project throughout the years. One of them is Sarah Wessels, a research assistant in the Animal Science Department. She incorporated her work into a master’s research project and defended her thesis last week on the topic, “Xylitol and the Horse: Does xylitol prevent bacterial infections in the equine uterus?”

“My study questioned whether xylitol would be effective in fighting bacteria in the equine uterus. Wessels said, “This project added a new twist to a series of studies investigating the ability of sugars to prevent infections in the horse.”

Xylitol is a sweet crystalline pentahydrated alcohol obtained by a reduction in glucose.

Wessels said previous research done at SIU determined that the sugar mannose is capable of preventing bacteria from attaching to the mare’s uterine tissue. Also, other studies conducted elsewhere have shown that xylitol can prevent bacterial growth and attachment in the human mouth, nose and throat.

Wessels’ study did not find any significant difference in bacterial attachment between the xylitol-treated group and the controls, but further research is needed. There is no documentation of previous xylitol administration to horses.

“It is very possible that this study did not utilize strong enough concentrations or frequent enough dosage of the sugar,” Wessels said. “Future research should investigate exact dosage needed to be effective in the horse.”

Wessels said many aspects of the research project have aided horse owners across the country, and more research will be done to find a way to fight bacteria in the uterus.

“This and other sugar studies are important because they are investigating possible alternative therapies to antibiotics,” Wessels said. “Bacterial resistance to antibiotics is a growing problem, and sugar therapy may be a way to fight bacteria in the uterus.”

An inexpensive sugar treatment developed by Sheryl King and her colleagues prevents and treats endometritis, which can make broodmares infertile. With King here is Fortune Leader, one of the stallions in SIUC’s horse breeding program.

ASC Food Fair serving culture for lunch

The African Student Council is hosting its annual Taste of Africa Food Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in Ballroom D of the Student Center.

Attendees will have the opportunity to sample food from many different regions of Africa and witness the different cultural influences present in the cultures.

Some of the dishes not included in the graphic above are: Foufou Belignets d’Hanote, a Ghanaian dish; Snegale, a Senegalese dish; and Cote d’Ivoire, a type of Ivorian dish.

These are some of the dishes planned for today’s ASC Food Fair and their countries of origin.

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Defensive linemen lead charge in NFL draft

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PHILADELPHIA (KRT) - If this hadn't been the year that the expansion Houston Texans entered the NFL draft, many believe Julius Peppers would have been the first player taken April 20.

Expansion teams typically start building with a quarterback, so the Texans likely will take Fresno State's David Carr with the No. 1 overall pick.

Still, Peppers had to withstand the scrutiny of Houston general manager Charley Casserly and coach Dom Capers.

Called the best overall athlete in the draft by several scouts, the North Carolina defensive end hasn't played his best football yet. Don't be surprised if it's thrown out the bad stuff. We all have bad days. When you play hard, you can overcome them, and that's what Peppers is expected to be a terror of a come off the edge is what he can do.

Peppers has been drafted by the New York Jets in the top-50 of this draft, and has been drafted by several of the top 10 teams. He has a nose for the football and is a physical presence on the field.

Defensive end Michael Samlin of the Dallas Cowboys has had a strong season and is expected to be a first-round pick.

The defensive end position is the deepest in the draft, with many teams looking for talent to add to their defenses.

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Saluki track star still loves the sport she was ‘conned’ into

Laura Grafton is a junior on the SIU women’s track and field team. Grafton competes in the heptathlon, which consists of seven different events, for the Salukis. She recently took some time off to speak with Jen Deja of the Daily Egyptian.

Daily Egyptian: What got you started in track and field?

Laura Grafton: My older brother kind of conned me into it. I started in first grade. We had just moved up here and I wanted to play soccer and he wanted me to run because he didn’t want to do it by himself. So, I got into it. I haven’t stopped since.

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McGlown says farewell to Saluki hoops
Little-used point guard to transfer out, vacancy frees up athletic scholarship
Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

McGlown, a junior guard on the SIU men's basketball team, announced Wednesday that he plans to transfer to a school out of the Missouri Valley Conference. While his playing time was limited, he leaves the program with a message of appreciation.

"I feel good about my decision," McGlown said. "I'm not sure yet where I'm going, but I'll be happy to be somewhere where I can contribute more." McGlown, a 6-foot-7-inch guard, was not a part of the starting lineup for all of his three seasons at SIU. However, he was a valuable contributor as a sixth man, providing energy and defense off the bench.

"We were excited to have him a part of our team," said SIU head coach Bruce Weber. "He brought a lot of intensity and effort every time he was on the floor. We wish him the best in his future endeavors." Weber added that the team would miss McGlown's leadership and work ethic.

McGlown transferred to SIU from Schoolcraft College in Michigan for this season, and was supposed to share the point guard position with Marcus Belcher. But the transition to Division I basketball wasn't kind to the friendly 5-foot-9-inch guard, and he was never able to play his way into SIU's main rotation.

"It was a difficult decision to make," McGlown said. "I had offers from other schools, but I felt like SIU was the best fit for me. I want to thank the fans for their support and the coaches for giving me the opportunity to play." McGlown expressed gratitude to his teammates, particularly Marcus Belcher, for their support during his time at SIU.

"He was a good teammate," Belcher said. "He always brought energy and effort to practice, and we'll miss him on the court." Belcher added that McGlown's departure opens up another opportunity for him to step into a starting role.

"It's a tough pill to swallow," Weber said. "But I'm proud of McGlown for taking control of his own future. I wish him the best in whatever he chooses to do next."