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**Young at Heart**

An energetic Simon finds that the hardest part of bypass surgery is the long road to recovery.

**TRAVIS KUMAS**

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**Early detection key to coronary health**

Angioplasty is a widening of the blood vessels with a miniature balloon inserted into an artery. This can unblock the blood vessel but may not be useful in severe cases. The plaque is usually removed from the body — it remains in the blood vessel.

There are two methods of coronary bypass surgery according to Hurley Myers, a professor of physiology and internal medicine at the SIU School of Medicine. One method is to remove a vein in the patient's leg and use it to channel blood past the blockage and into the heart.

The other method is called an internal mammary artery graft. An artery in the chest is cut and moved to the heart where it is grafted, or attached, to the heart in a place past the blockage.

In Simon's case, he received both procedures.

Weilons said he used the internal mammary artery graft from each side of the breast bone and attached it to the heart. He also used a vein from Simon's right leg.

The patient’s heart needs to be stopped to perform the procedure. According to Myers, stopping the heart during this procedure is actually safer than letting it beat.

Simon’s heart was stopped. He was kept alive with a heart and lung machine. Stopping the heart in a bypass is common practice, according to Wellons.

“It’s safe to stop the heart for periods of up to two hours or so,” said Wellons. “I’ve done this thousands of times.”

Each time the heart started again, Simon sailed right through it. “His heart responded well,” said Dr. James T. Dove, a cardiologist who has known and offered medical advice to Simon for 10 years.

“He went into it with a good attitude and great family support. That’s why his recovery process was so fast,” said Dove.

According to him, early detection of heart disease could put a person back to an active life quickly. The earlier the detection, the better. In Simon’s case, he acted early before any serious problems could develop.

**Campus issues warning after random knifing**

A campus safety alert was issued by University officials Wednesday in connection with an assault that occurred outside of the Student Center Tuesday night.

An unidentified 19-year-old campus employee, who is not an SIUC student, was in a crosswalk just south of the Student Center entrance about 6:15 p.m. Tuesday when he was approached by a dark gray or brown Honda compact vehicle.

A passenger in the vehicle jumped out, pulled a knife and grabbed the victim’s body. The attacker then returned to the car, which had other passengers, and drove away.

The victim released the windows and police arrived. The police released the 19-year-old suspect.

Anyone with information about this crime should call the SIU Police Department at 453-2381 or the Crime Stoppers Tipline at 549-2077.
Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

• Carbondale Police are investigating a residential burglary that occurred between 10 a.m. and 11:55 a.m. Tuesday in the 800 block of West Cherry Street. Someone snatched through one of the broken win-
dows and removed a microwave and full-size refrig-
erator, according to police. Damage to the home was
valued at about $50. No value given for the
taken items.

• A 24-year-old female SUIC student reported her
book bag and its contents, worth $600, were stolen
between 10 and 11 a.m. Tuesday while she was in
Wooly Holl; there are no suspects.

• A 20-year-old woman reported that at 3:45 a.m.
Tuesday Amere M. Morgan, 19, of Carbondale,
removed her wallet with $5 and a cell phone in
addition to a half bond condition. A report was
filed with the State's Attorney.

• A 21-year-old, of Carbondale, was arrested at
11:18 a.m. Tuesday in the Max Smith parking
circle for outstanding possession of less than 2.5
grams of cannabis. He was released on a personal recog-
nition bond.

Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should
contact the Daily Egyptian Newsroom Desk, 536-3181
extention 229 or 229.

TODAY

• Panasonic Regional/VW
- Radio show all to the alt
digital cameras, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Room, Building Room 1032, 536-7363.

• Orchids, Trains, Menus and
- Menus are represented by the
- Holiday show, Feb. 11, during the Starry Night at the Society Business Center, 605 E. Olive, 536-1354.

• Sign Plaza Apartments
- business and professional tenancy open
- house, five to 6 p.m., The Regional/Center Art
- 351-1367.

• SIU Geography Club meeting.
- 5 p.m., Patterson Room, 102
- Ryan 536-8136.

• The Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Classic Company, 5:30 p.m., Faber
- Hall, 536-4192.

• College Democrats host
- on campus. The political
group is seeking members to add
- more council meetings and
- more political issues on campus.

• Gamma Beta Phi Meeting,
- 6 p.m., Living Room, 5th
- Floor, 536-3398.

• American Marketing
- Association meeting, 7 p.m.,
- Video lounge, Student Center
- Arena, 536-7364.

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• French Club meeting to allow
- students to practice their French.

• Student Environmental Center
- registration and information
- session, 7 p.m., Student Center
- Arena, 536-7364.

• Safety Food Center meeting,
- 7:30 p.m., Student Center
- Arena, 536-7364.

• SIU Student Center.
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., State
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This Week in 1967:

• Movie appearing in Carbondale were Woody
- Allen's "You Don't Mess With the Zohan" and Federation's "Dancing on the Walls."
• The Saluki men's basketball team was on a win-
ning look for its ninth straight win. This fifth consecu-
tive win would put the Salukis within three of the as-
scape winning streak of 12 games.
• A new electron microscope was introduced on
topas and was shortly in the Life Sciences
Building, while another one was located in the build-
ing on South Marion St. An electron microscope can
snag objects in one micron or less, which is the field of
research in a myriad of the science departments.
• This month was the first time ever that the Film-O-
C (Film animation) screening was on the silver screen.
A "maginal film" of Oil City printed on a strip of film
was a topic of the screening, and both freeport and some
"comedy to give you a real adventure is good
food."

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• Jimmy John's! 

Jimmy John opened his first store in
Charlesto, IL in 1982. Today he has a whole
bunch all over the place, including here.

Q: HE: JIMMY JOHN! My mom and dad
came down for a football weekend last Fall and
I brought them over for a sub. Now my dad wants
to open a Jimmy John's back home. Can he call you?
Jenny Moran, Eofo State University
A: Sure, Jen, but not at dinner time.

Q: HE: JIMMY JOHN! I'm a theater major. Can I get a job acting in your commercials?
- Arlene Jasper, Northwestern University
A: Okay, Arlene. But first you must rehearse by being a customer at the Evanston store like a hundred times.

Q: HE: JIMMY JOHN! My dog ate my pepper!
- Jerry Kopecky, University of Tennessee
A: At 11:30 it's tough to do, Jerry, but save the poor dog a bite of your sub.

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TODAY'S WEATHER: 
Thursday, February 11, 1999
High: 52
Low: 34
Professional staff calls for union vote

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC Professional Staff Association filed a petition with the Illinois Labor Relations Board Wednesday, taking the first step toward ending its status as the largest unrepresented group at SIUC.

Consequently, an election is expected to take place to determine whether the PSA will be the exclusive representative for all non-administrative, non-managerial professional staff at the University.

How quickly the election takes place is contingent upon the expediency of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board in certifying the petition—a timeframe of which organizers are unsure.

The PSA, which is conducting a union-organizing drive to secure collective bargaining rights for 460 SIUC administrative and professional staff employees, operates in conjunction with the Illinois Education Association/National Education Association.

LIKE MIKE:

Enjoying the unseasonably warm temperatures, 2-year-old Shamar Bursey practices his basketball dunk in the warm sun Wednesday afternoon as his mom Bettye Brilett chats with Alfred Hall.

Tae Schramm/ Daily Egyptian

GPSC gears up for next week’s council meeting

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Graduate and Professional Students Council seized one first opportunity Tuesday night to review the landlord/tenant issue before the proposed ordinances go before the Carbondale City Council near Tuesday.

GPSC President Michael Speck told the council he had placed the landlord/tenant ordinances on the Carbondale City Council agenda for Tuesday because he was not able to get all six items on the Feb. 2 agenda as GPSC had planned.

He said each point was a separate ordinance. He expected some of the points, such as a 48-hour notice of a landlord’s intent to fold several years ago, placing it under the concerns of SJUC student leaders, tended to focus more on pleasing stock-ordinances on the Carbondale City Council fall.

Both Dodds and Speck asked landlords to bring as many people to the council meeting as possible.

Inmates were less likely to have much influence. They’re only one in the workplace.

You must be a full-time SIUC student and be present at the game and dancing to win. Call the SIU Alumni Association at 453-2408 for more information.
Dead students could boost enrollment

Enrollment is up at SIUC, and I couldn't be happier. Our graduation rate may not be the highest in Illinois, but at least there are a lot of us. I applaud this accomplishment but feel we can do even better with a little extra recruiting. One group that has been ignored by recruiting efforts stands out as having the potential. I think it's time SIUC took a bold step — let's enroll the dead!

I know what you're thinking. You say, "They smell bad. Dead people may be uncleanable," or "I'm not sharing a bathroom with one of them." Dead people can be pretty hip. In my opinion they're the only ones with a right to improve themselves. Anyway, the existence-challenged student has a lot to offer. They can also help with morale by providing a change of scenery. Let's take a look at your prospective deceased roommate — we'll call him "Marty." Marty doesn't own any clothes because he can't wash them. He can probably afford a meal on campus, but not much else. It's easy to see how Marty could be an improvement.

The dead student could help with the most pressing problem — the residence halls. SIU students are known for their neatness, but Marty is unmatched. He could clean up the halls in no time.

Marty could also be a great study partner. He can't be disturbed by the usual distractions, so he could help you focus on your studies.

There are other benefits to enrolling the dead. They don't eat campus food or use campus facilities, so SIU would save a fortune in operating costs. And if they were to find a way to bring in visitors, SIU could make a killing on hospitality services.

In conclusion, enrolling the dead is a win-win situation for SIU. Dead students would boost enrollment, improve the residence halls, and help SIU save money. It's a no-brainer.
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Paul. It was hard not to cry, but it was all right. But Jeanne's diagnosis was replaced with rupture of a membrane lining the waiting room unexpectedly.

"Because of the ice and snow, we knew it wouldn't be a good travel day. It was the biggest surprise when Marion, who lives Washington, dashed into the room at 7 a.m.," Rossiter said.

"To have our son there was such a surprise. He got a flight at the very last moment and was a very short period of time."

Robert Gray, priest at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 700 S. University Ave., is Simon's parish, also made the pilgrimage to Springfield to wish the former senator a safe surgery.

"He's doing right along. I've only asked him to start doing things for me, but he's quite able. They said with a laugh. "We'll be able to have him back." Simon was released from the hospital Jan. 9 and has spent the last few weeks regaining his strength to prepare for the upcoming semester. Everyone apparently heals at a different rate," Simon said. "I would like to be teaching right now, carry ing a full load, but I know the doctors say I shouldn't." I can feel that I'm not quite there."

Simon was to begin teaching History 493 and Political Science 416 at the start of the semester, but the surgery process has postponed his teaching until Feb. 18. During Simon's recuperation, Associate Professor Eulalia Giri has led his history class and his political science course has been handled by political science inspector Barbara Brown.

According to Jeanne, the response from the community and faculty has been more than a blessing.

"It's such a good feeling when you face a surgery and everyone seems to care more and more every day," Jeanne said.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the SIU Public Policy Institute, said he is glad to have him back. "He seems to care more and more about the community and the world. We're all here."

According to Jeanne, this event is going to be a "place to remember." The PSA is making it better, Rossiter said. "We are excited about the opportunities for communication and dialogue that this election campaign can provide for the professional staff."

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With the help of her father, Jim Blevins of Thompsonville, holding her up, Emily Blevins, 8, gets a peek at a bald eagle's nest off in the distance. People from all over Illinois came out to experience seeing the eagles in their natural habitat. Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge sponsors eight tours throughout the month of February.

Where the eagles fly

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canning the skies in anticipation, the group stood in the open field watching, waiting with object in their hands loaded and ready to shoot. They had spent more than an hour hunting the majestic bird with no luck. The bird of prey was being virtually, but this did not account for its elusive nature.

There were just not many sight.

The group searched not only for a sign, but it remained empty, except for a single airplane which flew overhead, seeming to mock shots. The only entities of the giant bird were silent, except for a young boy complaining about hunger.

It was soon agreed the group would move on and search another spot.

But as the group headed off, a headstrong scout who had lingered behind began frantically pointing to the sky.

"It's coming in, straight overhead," he yelled. "It's coming in right toward us!"

Within seconds, the group aimed their cameras and began shooting pictures of the symbol of the station — the bald eagle — as it glided over the heads of more than 50 visitors to the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge in Carbondale.

The sight of spectators sighted four bald eagles during Eagle Watch Tours, an event sponsored by Crab Orchard refuge educators and inform visitors on the eagles' nesting and breeding habits.

Visitors from ages five to 74 came from as near as Vienna and as far as Charleston for the first 2-1/2-hour tour to witness the eagles in their natural habitat.

Jim Stichomyer, of Crewe, lopped with the aid of a

Two participants in the Eagle Watch Tour, Tom Lilly was found on a lily pad in the middle of a lake by park rangers. She is kept in captivity because she is unable to fly.
**EAGLE**

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Rivka Menos, a member of the Southern Illinois Audubon Society and Eagle Watch tour guide, said the eagles had increased, although she was hesitant about the statistic.

"If it was up to me, I'd keep them on the Flying Kite," Menos said. "Killing, capturing or possessing parts of a bald eagle can result in a $100,000 fine and up to a year in jail, under the Bald Eagle Protection Act of 1940. Under this law, possessing an eagle's feather can result in the same punishment."

Today, Illinois is one of the premier sites for bald eagle watching, especially along the Mississippi River. Thousands of visitors a year flock to observe birds and rivers to experience the thrill of viewing a bald eagle, according to Menos.

The bald eagle migrates south during winter months, but many eagles spend the winter here. They feed on fish in area rivers and lakes. Including Crab Orchard Lake, which was established in 1947 by Congress for protection and enhancement of endangered species. Crab Orchard sponsors a total of eight tours, which will continue this Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Menos said. "There's just such a graceful presence they have, I'd just love to do this again."

Heart

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"Senator Simon takes good care of himself," Dave said. "He detected problems early before the onset of serious problems."

Simon became concerned about his cardiovascular health after reading an article in newspapers.

"Many people have signs but ignore the signals," Myers said. "Aging or presence of risk factors can result in little or no damage to the heart."

Although Simon did not feel any symptoms or suspect problems, he decided to get tested. His first step was a nuclear myocardial test, which determined that a blockage could be present. A CT scan confirmed the plaque blockage.

Finally, a heart catheter determined whether Simon would need a bypass operation or an angioplasty.

"Clearly the operation was the better choice," Wells said.

Myers explained the heart supplies blood to the body depending on how much activity the body is doing.

When the body becomes more active, such as running, walking, or other physical activities, the heart pumps more blood. If the heart cannot supply enough blood during these activities, then chest pains will occur.

"Although Simon is 70 years old, this type of treatment should become less common in today's society," Myers said. "It is not a common disease, especially if they exist in one of the risk factors. These factors include smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels, stress, family history of heart disease or being overweight and sedentary."

Dave, Myers and Wells agree prevention is the best way to avoid or prolong suffering from heart disease; however, prevention can prevent the blockages from occurring early.

"If you want to avoid bypass surgery, you want to work on prevention early," Myers said.

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They got Southwest Missouri State University guard Kevin Ault, an 84-percent free throw shooter, to miss the front end of a one-and-one with his team ahead by three late in the game. They got a dramatic

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three-pointer from Saluki junior forward Chris Thunell with 2.3 seconds remaining to send the game to overtime.

Then they got a clutch three-pointer from senior guard Monte Jenkins to roll the Salukis within two points with 8.7 seconds left in the extra frame. What they could not get is Bears guard Ryan Barrett to miss a free throw in those remaining 8.7 ticks.

Bettenhausen nailed four free throws to make 57-55 in favor of the Bears before settling for a thrilling 72-68 victory in front of 5,800 at the Harrisburg Center.

"The kids really battled tonight," SIUC coach Bruce Weber said in his postgame radio show "Win or lose, all I wanted them to do was keep playing. They did it, but we made a couple plays. They just didn’t do enough."

Jenkins led the Salukis (13-9, 8-6) with 21 points. Junior forward Derrick Tilmon also added 12 points and five blocks before leaving the game with a minute and 42 seconds left to play.

The Bears (17-7, 9-5), who played without standout Danny Moore, who was suspended for the first half, were paced by an uncharacteristic 19 points from Ken Stringer. Stringer only averages four points per game.

"You’ve got to play off of somebody, and he made some shots," Weber said. "He stepped up and hit a three, and then he’ll go in the basket. That was key."

The Bears were in front for the majority of the game and actually led by eight at 43-35 early in the second half. The Bears clawed their way back into the game behind the play of Ault and Salgare. A Stringer three-pointer and back-to-back baskets from Ault brought the Bears within two. But it wasn’t until..."
Men look for fifth crown

There is a certain aura that surrounds the SIUC men's swimming and diving team around the same time each year. The enthusiasm is so loud and obtrusive that it can be heard from several miles away. It comes from winning four consecutive Missouri Valley Conference championships, placing them amongst the elite in the country. The objective is no different for Salukis training today at the Recreation Center and ending on Sunday—taking home the crown once more.

Unlike the Chicago Bulls and Florida Marlins, the Salukis are not so willing to break up a good thing. "I say our guys are looking good," Saluki coach Rick Walker said. "I think they are ready and I think they are hungry. They are hungry to keep it, rather than letting themselves in a dog fight. But if they get in a dog fight, they'll come out scrapping."

Since the revival of the conference championships in 1994, the men have won 65 out of 80 (81.3 percent) individual titles. After posting a "W" at their last dual home meet against MVC rival Southwest Missouri State University (159-70) Jan. 30, the Salukis had 10 days of rest to prepare for this moment. The momentum to defend their title is their own cause.

"It's kind of something we feel we own," Walker said. "If it's mine, you can't have it. Obviously, we are also aware that we can probably lose, and that's a reality in any type of competition. That's the gamble you have to take.

For senior swimmers Jason Oliver, Lathan Weather and Trenor Peterson, the MVC Championships mark the last time they will compete in a Saluki uniform. "There are a couple of them that maybe aren't as good as what they thought they would be," said coach Mark Kluempner. "But that's the goal, to get them ready to really go at the end of the year. Some of them just get a little faster and contribute a little more during the season."

Women seek second straight

Mix three championships in four years, six seasoned veterans and eight snarling freshmen and what you make is one potent team.

The ingredients may not be the same as last season's Missouri Valley Conference championships, but the SIUC women's swimming and diving team has the perfect combination of speed, skill and determination needed to defend its MVC title starting at 11 a.m. today at the Student Recreation Center.

But what has transpired has could have been predicted. Eight freshmen have come out of their shells, and taken the Salukis to unachievable levels early in their collegiate careers.

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Led by newcomer Brooke Radostits and sophomore Beth Ann Erickson, who is the defending league champion in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly, one can understand why SIUC has been picked again by the circuit coaches to win the Missouri Valley Conference Championships starting today at the Recreation Center.

"I think, if we win the way we are capable of swimming, we should be able to win the meet," Kluempner said.

Radostits, who has won two MVC Swimmer of the Week honors, looks first place in the MVC this season in the 100-and 200-yard backstroke. Radostits' time of 2:05.67 in the 200 Nov. 21, at the UIC meet.