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Pershord about the upcoming retirement.

But the talk soon drifted to future projects that still need to be done at SIUC, a reminder for Gatton of what he says is Poshard’s dedication to the University.

“Always doing staff around the University,” Gatton said. “The guy is the most honest person that’s ever been around. The guy is always thinking about the University.”

Poshard was a student at SIUC in the 1960s and later went on to have a career in public administration. Also a polcerer, he served five terms in Congress representing the 17th and 27th districts.

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House opens debate on welfare reform

WASHINGTON — House Republicans called welfare reform a resounding success as the House began debate Thursday on new legislation that would press more single mothers to work and devote billions of dollars to promote marriage.

The predictions of gloom and gloom have not been realized," said Rep. Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio.

Democrats averted a long-term race by the struggling economy has changed the welfare landscape. Their priorities include boosting child care spending, providing benefits for legal immigrants and encouraging education and training for poor females.

They challenged, without success, the Republican move to bring the welfare bill floor without a committee vote.

The measure, virtually identical to a welfare bill approved by the House last year, would remove a 1996 welfare overhaul that allowed states to impose tough new rules and sparked a massive reduction in the rolls.

International News

Plane carrying five Americans crashes in Colombia

BOGOTÁ, Colombia — A U.S. government plane carrying five people crashed short of an airport Thursday in rebel territory in southern Colombia, and those on board may have been killed or taken hostage, a Colombian official said.

The Colombian Civil Aviation official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Cessna was flying from Bogotá to the Florencia, 256 miles to the south, when radio contact was lost eight minutes before landing.

A U.S. government spokesman told the AP that the U.S. government plane, a single-engine Cessna 208, "crashed near Florencia during an attempted takeoff following an emergency landing shortly before 9 a.m. The cause of the crash was apparently engine failure."

Human shields' gathering in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — American and European peace activists squeezed their arms around each other on a bridge over the Tigris River Thursday, symbolizing their intent to act as human shields in any U.S. war on Iraq.

The 14 activists, mostly from Italy, were one of the first groups here using the "shield" life, which suggests they might place their bodies at potential targets to deter bombing, but that they acknowledged their mission was only a gesture meant to try to deter an invasion to topple Saddam Hussein.

"I have no intention of being a martyr," Canadian activist Tania Hare said. "I have no intention of being someone the world wants peace and that we can achieve peace."

The campaigners, organized by the Iraq Peace Group, have been wearing banners over public facilities in Baghdad this week — an eye-catching stunt that began Tuesday and, on Thursday, the Murtiz Bridge over the Tigris. "Booing This Site Is A War Crime," the banners read.

 Corrections

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 535-3311 ext. 253.

Daily Forecast

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High Average: 49
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Thursday's hi/low: 48/35

Police Reports

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- Oscar Montalvo Villegas, 25, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving with a driver's license, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and on a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 8:45 p.m. Monday in the 1200 block of East Main Street. He posted $250 bond and was released.

- Theodore Joseph Kirk, 19, Marion, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 9:29 p.m. Tuesday at Brown Hall. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

- A wallet was reportedly stolen between 8 and 9:27 p.m. Tuesday at the Recreation Center. The theft has led to a credit card fraud and police have no suspects.

- Derek J. Sims, 19, Mounds, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle at 8:47 p.m. Tuesday at the 1200 block of East Main Street. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

- A "skateboarding" sign was reportedly stolen at 1:29 p.m. Wednesday at Farmer Hall. Police have no suspects.

- A wallet was reportedly stolen from a vehicle between 5:20 and 5:25 p.m. Tuesday at a parking lot in Lincoln Drive East. Police have no suspects.

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Media effects on war discussed at teach-in

Kristina Herndon  Daily Egyptian

It started a few minutes off schedule, but the message was strong, as a group of about 30 turned out to attend a teach-in discussing the "Media and War." Lisa Broten, assistant professor in radio and television, first addressed gender issues.

"The Works" is a television series worked for "Fresh Air" on National Public Television, said the same images of women that appeared in the media long ago still appear today, just with different storylines.

She said that white women are currently appearing at soldiers in the media, but that all change if bombs fall starting in Iraq.

Once was starts, that image disappears, and we see a picture of a home at home with babies or sewing the American flag, while the men are all shown in suits or uniforms," she said. "The men go out and protect. We stay at home..." (Above) Nilanjana Bardhan discusses the coverage of war and the media in Lawson Hall Thursday. Bardhan is an assistant professor in speech communication. (Right) Lisa Broten, an assistant professor in radio and television, spoke about the stereotypical portrayals of gender in the media.

She told the audience to examine pictures of men in the media verses those of women. The women are often photographed with their children, while men are often seen in such family settings, she said.

She cited People Magazine in its advertisement, the Sept. 11 to the United States. The vigil begins at noon at the Interfaith Center and will end at 9:30 p.m. Sunday in the City of Springfield. It is open to faculty, staff, students and the public.

'In stores' and 'Music and views'

With news "Music & Views" every Saturday during "Black History Month, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., students will have a chance to music and discuss current events with students who are sponsored by Student Development and Academic Programs and Student Council.

The Interfaith Center Alumni Lounge. All rosiers must wear a "Resized Saluki" T-shirt, which can be obtained at the Supermart, 915 West Main Street, from March 17 in the Student Recreation Center Alumni Lounge. For more information call, 453-3273.

Anti-war vigil, march Saturday

There will be anti-war vigil at noon to 2 p.m. and a march at 2 p.m. Saturday followed by a 1 p.m. march south on Main Street and a 5:30 p.m. rally at the Interstate Center, at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Front Street.

The gathering will feature speakers, music, poetry, drumming, street theater and artistic activities. For more information call, 453-2379.

Tamaroa almost completely open to residents after four nights

Greg Cima  Daily Egyptian

Most Tamaroa residents were able to return home Thursday night after spending four nights without power.

The one-mile evacuation radius was lifted at 8 p.m. Thursday, but homes within a "hot zone" around the site was blocked off. The area is wide and more than four blocks long kept clear while firefighting continued.

Residents in a three-mile radius were forced to leave their homes and to 21 homes from a 100-mile radius. National Fright train derailment Friday morning in Tamaroa, according to police, said at least three tankers were leaking, starting fires.

If a person feels nervous about waiting outside alone, the University Police can escort that student home if needed.

Lt. Todd Sigler, of University Police said that there have not been any negative reactions from the students who have come by.

The decision was dependent on testing for contamination in homes and cleanup of hazardous chemicals that spilled during the accident, according to Fire Chief Bill Neithardt, the official. The spill caused the evacuation of nearby residents. The incident was first reported to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Department of Public Health, fire officials said.

The Tamaroa accident was one of three derailments in three days. The other two derailments included a coal car on a Canadian National "City of New Orleans" train Monday in Rockville and a rail car on a freight train Tuesday in Aurora.

In a statement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said that the incident is under investigation. The agency continued to be based out of Carbondale and Champaign because of the Tamaroa wreck.

Businesses within the three-mile radius around the wreckage began being tested for chemical residues Wednesday. All eight locations tested, including the home closest to the accident, showed no evidence of contamination.

One water main below the coal ship will not be able to cause seawater to escape and testing determ ines no contamination occurred. Joe Stewart, an engineer with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, said that the long-term effects from spilled substances in the derailment. Police and federal officials were at the site throughout the night.

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During the evacuation, residents were advised to stay inside and away from the spill. Fire and police departments responded to the scene to contain the spill and ensure the safety of the surrounding community.

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Black Affairs Exposition presented cultures

Black culture diversity displayed with arts at Student Center

Jessica Yoramo
Daily Egyptian

In the lounge, individuals are pacing between tables displaying various forms of art. The tables display an array of artwork — large paintings in warm colors, next to small black sculptures and accessories. Freshly painted portraits are scattered across the area. Visitors stroll along with the pieces, adding to the allure of black culture that is evident across the space.

The sound of black spirituals, sung by Voices of Inspiration, adds to the ambiance of the adjacent ballrooms. People sing along with the songs as they wander back and forth between the lounge and the ballrooms, trying to catch a glimpse of the various forms of entertainment available for them.

The above scene was observed during the annual Black Expo on Sunday. The expo was an all-day affair featuring an array of black culture and talent in the form of art, comedy, poetry, music, and lectures. Although the melodies sound of poetry and music continue throughout the day, there is an availability for attendees to laugh and laugh at the featured comedians, soothing to the ears of the audience.

Brown Bag discussion sparks talk about what it means to be Black

Assistant professor Kevin Cokely gets people talking

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Borrowing words from a famous Shakespeare play, the topic of discussion Thursday's Brown Bag discussion for Black History Month was "To Be or Not To Be Black." Kevin Cokely, assistant professor of psychology, led the discussion, which took place in the Illinois room of the Student Center, on what it is to be black and what makes someone authentically black.

The title of the discussion came about while Cokely was a doctoral student and had a topic for a paper. Since then he has continued to write about the subject, even devoting a chapter to the topic in a book. "My professor was talking about why we need to identify ourselves as African and why ethnicity was more important than race in terms of identity, and that is where I initially got the idea," Cokely said.

The Brown Bag, which was sponsored by the Black History Month Committee, generated consistent plea for black people, based on a culturally sensitive notion of blackness guided by a sense of right conduct. "Ideological is defined as "or beliefs, or social behavior of a person or group. It is a way of thinking about the world," Cokely said.

"Some people think it is enough to be black or looks black enough, but they are automatically perceived by others as needing support and have a problem with the community," Cokely said.

In order to express this point, Cokely presented two ideas to justify "Racial Solidarity." Principled, one of the ideas is defined as "to support a person or group in ways that involve a commitment of time and resources." People who are principled in their behavior, Cokely said. "Lackluster discussion of the African-American community is important for them no matter what they have done, simply because they are black."
V-Day prevents violence against women

‘Vagina Monologues’ performed to benefit the fight against abuse

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

For many people, this weekend will be spent with the one that they love, eating a nice dinner, and cuddling close to watch as 19 women pay homage to their vaginas.

This is the third year that the ‘Vagina Monologues’ will be performed on the SIUC campus in honor of the V-Day College Campaign. V-Day is a global movement organized by Eve Ensler, the play write, to stop violence against women and girls. For the past five years, the campaign has allowed members of colleges and universities around the world to perform the monologues for free on or around Valentine's Day.

All of the profits from the performances go toward ending violence against women. The proceeds from this year’s show will go toward the Carbondale Women’s Center and the AIDS Foundation in Chicago.

Melissa Albertario, a senior in theater from Deerfield, performed in the monologues the first two years and is directing this production.

It’s a really important project to me because I relate to it, and it’s sort of a labor of love,” Albertario said. “I really believe in the cause, not so much because I’ve been connected to violence against women, but because I feel like it’s my job to do something to make it end.”

The monologues will be performed in the auditorium of Lesser Law Building Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The show sold out every night last year, and Albertario is expecting a repeat occurrence.

"It’s naughty, and it’s saucy and it’s dirty and it’s funny and it’s the truth."

— Melissa Albertario script theater

The men wrote an original piece, following the guidelines established by the organization, and will perform together.

“My men wrote the most gorgeous things,” Albertario said with a wide smile. “They were so creative and beautiful — it’s going to be amazing.”

The cast has been working on the pieces for more than a month, and Albertario said they are all amazing and beautiful.

“It’s a great piece to work on; there’s so much joy in it,” Albertario said. “It’s naughty, and it’s saucy and it’s angry and it’s dirty and it’s funny and it’s the truth.”

Krista Atkinson rehearses Thursday night for the opening of the ‘Vagina Monologues’. The play opens today at 8 p.m. at McLeod theatre. It will also show Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday 2 p.m.

Factoid: Tickets are $10 at the door and will be sold ahead of time at the McLeod box office.
Reluctant allies have a point

(RRT) — President George W. Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld think they see an axis of evil in the moves by France, Germany and Russia to delay war with Iraq. But there is a lesson for Mr. Bush: Important allies don’t want to be bullied into war. Last weekend, Mr. Rumsfeld dressed down Europeans for “20th century thinking.” In Mr. Rumsfeld’s lexicon, that means Munich-style appeasement — an exaggerated and erroneous analogy. It was Mr. Rumsfeld’s latest demonstration of how to win friends and influence enemies in the “old Europe” — a group of countries that just happens to include some of our best friends.

Then, this week, America reasserted courage to efforts by France, Germany and Belgium to block the deployment of AWACS planes and Patriot missiles to the defense of Turkey. The rift is one of the most significant in the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The French and Germans saw the deployment of the defensive weapons as capitulation to Mr. Bush’s timetable for war on Iraq. They have a point, but they fought the wrong battlefield. The place to make the point is the U.N. Security Council, not NATO, where solidarity is the watchword.

The United States is angry that France and Germany have been working behind the scenes to come up with an alternative approach to disarming Iraq. But Mr. Bush should remember these are free-thinking nations, not puppet states. They are put off by the arrogant national body language that Mr. Bush has conveyed in his run-up to war. It is as easy to ridicule the French as it is for the French to ridicule “le cowboy” in the White House. But France’s advocacy of strengthened weapons inspections makes more sense than launching a war this spring. Tripling the number of inspectors and backing them up with U.N. forces could improve the inspections process.

On Tuesday, Secretary of State Colin Powell tried to show the weakest link in the administration’s case for war — that Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein are working in concert. Mr. Powell pointed to a new statement allegedly by bin Laden that called for suicide attacks, urged Iraqis to fight in their cities, and called Arab states that support the war “apartheid.” But Mr. Powell failed to mention he had been calling the Israeli government “apartheid.” Not is rhetorical support the same thing in an operational link.

Instead, the U.N. secretary-general, offered good advice last weekend: The nations of the Security Council should remain united. As fermented as Mr. Bush may be with our allies, he should move ahead on a timetable that the Security Council can agree upon. Giving up the run-up to war, because Mr. Bush has an itchy trigger finger, the troops are deployed, and the moon is new, is not adequate justification for war.

Letters to the ones I love

Samantha Robinson
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Today has come, and by tomorrow, or even late in the evening, the gifts bought will be placed on a shelf to sit for a year with no thought given to them. It is unfortunate that we spend so much time and energy on one day to show or tell someone we love them. What about the people? What does this mean for them? It is just a constant reminder that they are the ones who bring up old memories of the love most lost.

Either way it goes, I am not getting caught up in the hoopla of V-day, but I would like to take this time to tell three special people that they are just that special.

To you:
I want to take this time to say how I really feel. Having you in my life has been wonderful, beyond what anyone could imagine. People say we look alike, but I don’t see it, but when they talk about you it makes me feel good because I know what you went through to get to that point. Living life with you cannot be put into words, but, as you see I am trying to put it any way I can. No matter what I say, when you get to the end of this I truly want you to know that I love you and appreciate all the things you have done for me.

You may not know, but bringing Tyga into this would give me a different outlook on life, and at a time when I really was giving up, the music was a reason to continue.

You know better than anyone who your song in particular that made me think of you, my baby, my sweetie, and my little angel.

I love you.
To you:
I love you,

Samantha Robinson

GUEST COLUMNIST

Today you may not know, but bringing Tyla into this would make me think of you. My baby, my sweetie, and my little angel.

I love you.

To you:
Since you have been in my life, I have grown to appreciate more. I have learned to be patient and a little more considerate of others.

I have taken the time to listen and understand — even when it seems I am not.

It’s hard to express how truly felt.

Sometimes I am at a loss for words — I know that is hard to believe — and can’t seem to put together a coherent sentence to express what I mean.

Without you in my life, I can’t imagine it.

I was listening to K-Ci and Jojo’s new album Emotional, and I thought of you. I know that is hard to believe — and can’t seem to put together a coherent sentence to express what I mean.

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WIRE HANOVER, N.H. — After the State of the Union Address, that lawmaker Democratic response, I found myself watching a focus group organized by Republican Rockefeller Associates. All letters are limited to 300 words and guest comment must include an affiliation.

There is no law about the blind. There is nothing to make us feel good about the company because they care. The feeling of respect and recognition is missing from them, and the intention is completely self-serving.

Compare the statement with the statement of some other. The first is so obvious; the other can be subtle. The political correctness makes me want to instigate something I endorse proudly. I think that most

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"Let's work together to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed in life."

Dear Editor,

I am writing to the editor to express my disappointment with the recent coverage of the President's State of the Union Address. As a member of the Dartmouth community, I was deeply concerned by the way in which the address was presented.

First, I was disappointed by the way in which the President referred to the "top-performing nations" in the world. While this may be a valid point, I think it is important to recognize the efforts of other countries who have also made significant strides in education and innovation.

Second, I was concerned by the President's emphasis on the "的梦想" and "教育". While these are certainly important goals, I think it is important to balance them with a focus on the needs of individual students.

Lastly, I was concerned by the President's use of "民族" and "平等". While these are important principles, I think it is important to ensure that they are applied in a way that respects the diversity of our society.

In conclusion, I urge the President to take a more balanced approach in his future addresses. By doing so, he can work together with all members of the Dartmouth community to achieve our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hanauer
The Dartmouth (Eldorado College)
New database compiles international students' enrollment information

Brendan Collier
Daily Egyptian

The Immigration and Naturalization Service may soon be able to get up-to-date information about SIUC's international students using a new computer database — if they can work the bugs out.

Saturday marks the latest deadline for universities across the nation to adopt the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Full implementation of the computerized tracking system has been delayed several times as test universities encountered technical glitches.

Carlos Coppo, associate director of International Programs and services at SIUC, said that her office has been expecting the arrival of the software since June 2002. They finally got the system up and running last week. She said they have not had many problems with the system yet, but noted that her office has only logged five of SIUC's 1,700 international students.

"We wish we had time to implement it nationwide after the glitch was worked out. But I have to say, so far, so good," Coppo said.

People already at SIUC can expect that the information SEVIS is compiling is the same data that her office has been recording for decades. The difference, she said, is the fact that her office now has to report those facts.

Coppo also stressed the importance that international students stay informed about changes to the system in the future. She noted how easily a student can forget to update his or her address or reissue a passport. These are all things that students agreed to several years ago when they registered their immigration documents, Coppo said.

"Nothing's really changed, but international students need to have a heightened awareness of the rules they've agreed to," Coppo said.

Despite the fact that the system is initially targeted for international students, Alannah Pepaj, a graduate student from Albania, said she does not like the idea of the database.

"It bothers me a little. You come here to a free country, but you still don't feel free," Pepaj said.

SEVIS was implemented in an experimental capacity in the fall of 1993, following the 1993 attacks on the World Trade Center. On: May 10, 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced his intention to see the system's full implementation, and on a Jan. 30, 2003 deadline was set. As the date neared, complaints from universities across the country prevented a smooth launch.

SIUC fully adopted the new system — which, and will have everyone international students reported by Aug. 1.

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Whether you’re bitter or sweet this Valentine’s Day, you’ll enjoy reading these love lines from one sweetheart to another.

Look closely, maybe Cupid sent a Loveline your way!

DE STAFF
Multicultural Festival brings diverse blend of cultures for night of dancing, fun & food at Carbondale Civic Center

story by BURKE WASSON • photos by DEREK ANDERSON

There was a lot to take in Tuesday night at the Carbondale Civic Center. Children gawked at things they had never seen before. Parents smiled as they saw their children enjoying the Multicultural Festival. Carbondale High School sophomores Chelsea Bryant and Briana Otey casually chatted about the festival, even though they were there for different motives.

"I'm getting extra credit for carl about Carbondale's diverse nature. coming here for my English class," Bryant said. "But I wanted to see it. It's not every day that you see all these cultures combined into one room."

The annual Carbondale Multicultural Festival hit the civic center Tuesday night as almost 20 schools and day care centers from around the area participated. The festival was a celebration of Carbondale's diversity and gave people a chance to see the cultures of the community from around the world. A crowd of about 200 people was treated to a night of entertainment and education.

Participating schools set up more than 40 tables filled with pieces from many cultures. Percussion instruments from countries as diverse as Mexico, China and India were on display for children to play. Children admired brightly colored dolls of various shapes and sizes from places like Poland, Kazakhstan, Mexico and Thailand. A dark brown, wooden horse from Malaysia drew a few stares. Clothing fashions from India, Mexico and China were admired. A wide array of music from China, Latin America, Africa and India filled the building. The culmination of various kinds of music, clothing, foods, art and toys signified diversity of Carbondale's native culture.

Carbondale's diverse nature teacher, Sharon Lorinskas, who teaches English as a second language, said understanding the world's diversity is especially important to the youth of Carbondale.

"I think this is a really nice opportunity, especially for elementary students, to find out about the wide diversity of cultures that are represented here in Carbondale," Lorinskas said. "My students enjoy coming, but it's also a nice time for them to share something from their cultures as well."

Connie Stotlar, an elementary art teacher, was part of the group that offered international musical instruments for children to play. She said that art and music are the best ways for international students to understand each other's cultures.

"We have a lot of international students, so this makes everybody feel really proud about their culture," Stotlar said. "Music and art are globally understood. You don't have to speak a certain language to appreciate the music of the art."

Local schools had been preparing for the festival by practicing their hand at creating origami jumping frogs at one of more than 40 tables filled with pieces from many cultures set up by participating schools Tuesday night at the Carbondale Civic Center's Multicultural Festival.

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learning about the ways of other cultures. Daphne Grigby, a teacher at the Rainbows End pre-school, said teaching about cultures is a year-round activity for her because many of her students are culturally diverse. "We have a lot of kids that come from different cultures and we cover a lot of multicultural aspects in school," Grigby said. "We celebrate different holidays at school. We've been doing multicultural teaching for over 10 years and it's part of our curriculum."

The last festival celebrated at Rainbows End was a Chinese New Year. Children made Chinese lanterns for an art project and were read Chinese stories. DOE

Misty Painter, a kindergarten teacher at Carbondale New School, has also been preparing her students for the festival. She has taught her students to name part of the human body in other languages. Those languages include French, Japanese, Spanish and Egyptian hieroglyphics. Her table at the festival featured an Operation-style sketch of the human body. Participants pointed at different body parts and told what each is called in a different language. "The New School is thema-


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American experience. "My wife and I went to Kazakhstan, which is just below Russia and far away from our mission trips for our church," Mr. Malone said. "We worked and preached in the children right in their homes and schools. They're very eager to learn and once a Kazakh child hears something, it stays with them for a lifetime." Malone brought wooden sculptures from Kazakhstan depicting various things. They included a car, a hook in the form of an elephant, a small guitar and a corn. "The Malones also wore fuzzy, woolen-drawn snowsuits from Kazakhstan. The hats are thick and protect the Kazakh people from the harsh winter. The Kazakhs' methods of keeping warm in winter can be drastic, the Malones said. "At times, they'll stuff per-bellied pieces filled with hot ashes inside their coats to keep them warm," Mr. Malone said. "Many times, they lose their fires when the ashes spill on them and they catch fire." 

Some local students chose to express their culture through song and dance. Three students from Carbondale High School, Nadia Ali, Sheena Sharma and Neha Venkatrao, performed an Indian dance incorporating aspects from both traditional and modern Indian dance routines. Each of the girls were dressed in a brightly colored Indian dress called a sari. A sari is an Indian dress made of five yards of fabric wrapped around a woman's body. "The type of Indian dancing that we did, you can't learn it because it's part of our culture," Ali said. "It's kind of a mix of traditional dancing with modern pop or the kind of dancing you would see at a club if you went to India." "The dance was from a popular Indian movie called "Devdas."

"Most of the Indian pop songs come from India," Sharma said. "It's a lot of fun working with it."

A group of Unity Point School elementary students led by instructor Kay Tennill performed a custom popular in Swahili music. The children sat in two separate circles, one for boys and girls. The music played and the children were instructed by Tennill or pass a small bean bag to the next child while all the children stuck their thumbs up to keep rhythm. "Pick it up, put it down, thumbs, thumbs," Tennill said to the children as the song played.

Children watching the fun on stage were invited to come up and join in the activity. After Tennill persuaded more boys to come on stage, both circles added up to about 35 children. Many in attendance had been to past festivals, but some were there for the first time and were pleasantly surprised. Orey said she was impressed with her first visit to the festival. "This is the first time I've ever come to this festival, and I really wanted to see it," Orey said. "I had fun with this abstract mask I made, even if I was uncoordinated.

Cathy Cook, a seventh grade student at Unity Point School, helped with her school's exhibit of Asian artifacts. "This is the first time ever I've been to," Cook said. "I've seen a lot of people that are really interested in this exhibit. I've not been able to see any of the performances yet, but I'm trying to. For now, I definitely come back next year."

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Five-year-olds Anjaliika Mohanty and Shruti Kumar watch a performance by three Carbondale High School students at the Multicultural Festival Tuesday night.
Dental students clean up community smiles

Heartland Dental Clinic provides free toothbrushes and shiny polish

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

“Are you nervous?” Stephanie Clark asked her first little patient of the day.

Lacy Roberts, 5, looks around the Heartland Dental Clinic anxiously and slowly nods. But the smile on her face is a different story.

She knows what to expect.

And so does Clark — a quick exam, a toothbrush and a smile. And the end — a free toothbrush for the little customers, who leave charmed and usually return for their second session with an SIU dental hygiene student.

The student enrolled in the dental hygiene program works in the mouths of scores of patients, working with baby teeth as well as dentures, starting as early as their second year of course work.

Dental Hygiene majors in their fourth year are required to contribute 12 hours of community service to the Heartland Dental Clinic, a health care center that provides dental care to low-income patients.

Ms. Meyer, clinic coordinator, said that while the center generally schedules two or three patients each week, many may not attend depending on the weather. Generally each student would work with three to five patients each four-hour session.

Students need to get work with volunteer dentists through the area, which is stressful,” said Meyer. “And they get to work with different children.”

Students are seen patients starting the second year of course work, but only work with assigned clinic dentists. Meyer said the Heartland Dental Clinic, while providing a service to the community, gives the students an opportunity to branch out to private practice.

Douglas Simmons, assistant professor for Dental Health Professions, said the program gives the students with real-world experience. And like the real world, some cases are harder than others.

Propective patients are rated on a scale of one to four on the amount of cavities and decayed teeth that need to be removed. Simmons sees about eight real-world patients and a few second-level students.

“They start at the easier level as a way to learn the proper techniques,” Simmers said. “It helps them get associated with the different instruments.”

Level-one patients, like Roberts, require little work. Clark merely polished individuals in tooth development (the 6- to 8-year-old group had already grown) and cleaned their teeth before sending her off to the attending dentist.

Roberts said she knew what was going on. She remembered all the steps of what a hygienist was going to use.

“It tasted like oranges;” Roberts said she knew what was going on. “It’s cheaper, but it will take a long time.”

By the time the student walked it out to the Heartland Dental Clinic, he or she is a seasoned pro. Clark finished work on Roberts’ teeth in 30 minutes — compare with complimentary toothbrush and proper dental care instructions.

“I like seeing the kids best,” said Clark, who has the aspirations of graduating dental school. “It’s fun teaching them how to take care of their teeth.”

Heartland Dental students also seem to have a shortage of patients, either.

Brittany Evans, a senior in dental hygiene from Decatur, said students often have difficulty finding the right patient at the right time. “And if we don’t do so many level four or level ones, we can’t graduate,” she said.

Many students do not realize they can make appointments during regular class times to have their teeth cleaned at prices well below that of private practice.

But Simmers said that what the program lacks in cost, it makes up for in ideas.

Students working in clinics are also trying to minimize time it takes to go through to complete a session. Private clinics schedule patients in one-hour blocks, but the student sessions usually require two to three hours to complete the same amount of work.

“We exchange time for money,” he said. “It’s cheaper, but it will take longer.”

To make an appointment with the SIU Dental Hygiene Clinic, call 453-8826.

Lacy Roberts, 5, gets to wear the cool neon green and orange sunglasses to have her teeth cleaned at the Heartland Dental Clinic. A medical student, Clark, a senior from Joliet in dental hygiene, cleans and examines Roberts’ teeth at the clinic that is open weekly to provide dental care to Medicare recipients.

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SIU heads to Bama
Saluki softball competes in ‘Bama Bash this weekend
Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

Last week, the SIU softball team won a tournament with big names such as Purdue, Mississippi and Kansas.
Now the Salukis are off to play in the Bama Bash in Tuscaloosa, Ala., with even more top teams, highlighted by No. 22 Alabama.
Other opponents for the 4-0 Salukis include Western Kentucky and Winthrop, both of which have yet to play this season.
SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said last weekend’s Triple Crown Invitational was an ideal start to the season even though she is not surprised her team played as well as it did.
"They did exactly what they were supposed to do," Blaylock said. "They came out with a lot of energy and played well against some tough competition, but they seem to do that. They like to rise up and play people."
Jen Deju
SIU junior shortstop Jenny Boehring fields a ball during practice earlier this month in Davies Gymnasium. The Salukis posted a 4-0 mark in last weekend’s Triple Crown Invitational in St. Augustine, Fla., and begin play today at the ‘Bama Bash in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Scotten dawgging the competition
SIU men’s and women’s track and field will host the USA Track and Field Open today
Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

Somebody forgot to tell Ray Scotten that freshmen are supposed to play a while before stepping up to the competition.
The SIU men’s track and field star freshman pole vaulter has skipped the learning curve and now has the top overall mark in the Missouri Valley Conference. His season mark of 16-8 3/4, the nearest competition.
Last weekend at the Illini Classic, Scotten was victorious in the pole vault, defeating top athletes from Illinois, Iowa State and Kansas after a vault of 16-8 3/4.
"Scotten, who was an All-American at Ben Davis High School in Indianapolis, Ind., has won all but one meet this season."
He finished second at the Realized Open on Jan. 31 in Normal.
Despite his dominance, no one is shocked by his performances this early in his infant career.
"I am not at all surprised," said SIU head coach Cameron Wright.
"He is doing well. So far he has been doing what I expected him to do. He has vaulted well and has been consistent in practice."
Scotten said this season he is doing so well because of the fact he vaults on a pole that outweighs him by 35 pounds.
He said he has also been involved in gymnastics and that has improved his flexibility.
Wright, however, is not so humble about his standout freshman.
"[Scotten’s success] has nothing to do with his size," Wright said. "It has to do with how big his heart is." While Scotten is having no problem adjusting to collegiate competition, he said he is working on a work that needs to be done for him to reach his season goal of 17-7.
"The key to that height, one of the main things Scotten will need to do is allow the pole to do more work and use his form tighter."
"I think that is a reachable goal," Scotten said. "Once I get everything cleaned up, I should be OK."
Diamond Dawgs start season in Louisana against Centenary

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team will open its season today in Shreveport, La., when it faces the Centenary College (3-3) in a series that will continue Saturday and Sunday at Shehee Stadium.

Dan Callahan's Salukis are looking for a series win to start the season off on the right foot.

"We're going down there looking for a series win and that's something we need to get out of the way," said Callahan, who is entering his ninth season with the Salukis. "We've got some guys that had good years last year that need to have either better years or maybe duplicate what they did in 2002."

Catching

Outfielders such as Andy Sawicki had a better year than catcher Toby Barnett. The Kahle, Australia, native hit .306 with 45 RBIs in his first season at SIU. Callahan said Sawicki helped the Salukis to the best season under Callahan.

Barnett was part of a 2002 Saluki early season threat that could be first in the MVC in overall defense with a .969 fielding percentage. This percentage was also tied for 14th best in the country.

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Callahan said Newman is the best centerfielder in the MVC. "I think he's had a substandard improvement over the 2001 season and I think we have a chance to build on that," said Callahan, who is entering his ninth season with the Salukis. "We've got some guys that had good years last year that need to have either better years or maybe duplicate what they did in 2002."

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Big weekend looming for women's basketball

Salukis battle Drake Friday and Creighton Sunday

Ethan Erickson  
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Facing an uphill battle to get to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, the SIU women's basketball team needs to carry some momentum from its first conference win into a tough weekend tournament with two of the league's top teams.

Third place Drake, which routed the Salukis 76-46 Jan. 18 in Del Mar, Iowa, brings in All-American candidate to the SIU Arena for a Friday night showdown.

Reigning MVC Player of the Week Ceola Bennett, who pulled down a career-high 19 rebounds in her last outing, presents quite a challenge to the Salukis.

"She's got great size," said SIU head coach Lori Opp. "She runs the floor well. She rebounds, just a really solid all-around player. She does pose problems for us because we haven't been great defensively overall. She plays well off the dribble and presents a challenge to our defense.

"It's a tough weekend, but we need to carry that momentum in and not give in to the pressure to win.

Third place Drake will provide another tough test for the Salukis, who lost to Creighton in the semifinals of the MVC tournament last year. Drake is led by senior guard Darrae Brooks, who scored 14 points and pulled down seven boards.

Creighton, despite not having the conference's leading scorer, has a balanced team with three starters averaging double figures.

"They have a balanced team with three starters averaging double figures," Opp said. "They have a good defense and their guards are tough. We need to give them a good game and play well defensively in order to win.

The Salukis will need to focus on their defense and rebounding against Drake, who averages 70 rebounds per game.

"We need to rebound better and contain their guards to have a chance to win," Opp said. "We have a tough weekend ahead, but we need to show the league that we can compete and get some momentum going.

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