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Will it work in Carbondale?

As the City Council begins to explore what type of Human Relations Commission will be an appropriate match for Carbondale, the DAILY EGYPTIAN takes a look at other commissions across the state to see how they could work here

Brett Nauman
 Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council will decide in upcoming months whether a proposed Human Relations Commission charged with addressing racial unease should have legally binding power or the ability to discipline police officers.

Criticism of the city's plan, which doesn't include a commission that could subpoena witnesses, levy sanctions or address police complaints, was voiced at a recent council meeting by former co-chair of the SIU/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations William Norwood.

In an attempt to find out what type of

commission would best serve the Carbondale community, the Daily Egyptian looked to other cities in Illinois to see what kind of effects similar commissions are having in their communities.

Civic leaders from Normal, Decatur, Champaign, Urbana and Bloomington say their local Human Relations Commissions are educating the community more than anything. This education, they argue, cuts down on the amount of complaints that they have to deal with.

Jose Garibay, director of the Normal Human Relations Commission, said citizens file complaints that eventually get dismissed, many times against police officers, because no policies or procedures were bro-

ken. The education comes, Garibay said, with the citizen learning that the officer's actions were lawful and the officer finding out what he should have done to avoid the incident.

"Maybe there was no policy determined to be broken, but what led to the complaint could have been handled differently," Garibay said. "Things like rudeness and gruffness."

While all five commissions have power to subpoena witnesses and sanction those who violate a person's civil rights or discriminate in areas of employment, housing or public accommodation, the range of how

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Illinois Current Human Relations Commissions

Bloomington
 Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction those who violate the civil rights of a citizen. Several citizen oversight groups are in place to handle complaints against the police.

Normal
 Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction anyone who violates a citizen's civil rights. Police officers aren't protected from the commission's authority.

Decatur
 Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction those who violate the civil rights of a citizen, but does not handle complaints against city employees such as police officers because they consider that a conflict of interest.

Champaign
 Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction those who violate the civil rights of a citizen. Commission doesn't directly handle police complaints, but audits complaints annually to make sure negative trends between police and the community doesn't emerge.

Urbana
 Commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction anyone who violates a citizen's civil rights. Urges citizens to file complaints against with police chief.

ROBIN JAMES - DAILY EGYPTIAN



Volleyball 101

Campers at SIU volleyball head coach Sonya Locke's junior high volleyball camp dance in their group on Friday afternoon. The SIU volleyball program holds the camp at the SIU Arena to teach fundamentals to young volleyball players.

LESTER MURRAY
 Daily Egyptian

Appeals court denies Carbondale funds lost from census miscount

Council must decide whether to appeal decision by July 31

Phil Beckman
 Daily Egyptian

The city of Carbondale suffered a setback in its effort to recover state funds lost because of mistakes in the 2000 census when an appeals court ruled against the city on July 10.

The Illinois Appellate Court for the 5th District in Mount Vernon issued a ruling reversing a decision by the Jackson County Circuit Court that had ordered the State of Illinois to place the tax money in an escrow account until the Census Bureau corrected its count of Carbondale's population.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said he was disappointed by the appellate court's decision.

"The city's attorneys feel the appeals court didn't deal with the real issues of the case," Doherty said.

Carbondale City Attorney Paige Reed said the appellate court decid-

ed that the circuit court did not have jurisdiction because the state was protected by sovereign immunity from being sued by the city on this issue.

She said the state can be sued for some claims, but it must be done through the Illinois Court of Claims.

The census figures released on March 15, 2001, set Carbondale's population at 20,681. But the city challenged this figure and initiated an appeals process through the U.S. Census Bureau to have the number recalculated. In May 2002, the Census Bureau notified the city that they revised the population number to 25,033.

It turned out that 4,832 students living in SIUC campus housing had been placed in Murphyboro when the information was entered into a database.

The state disburses money every month collected by income taxes

and the motor fuel tax to cities around Illinois based on population. With the error in the census count, Carbondale would have received less money.

In order to make sure that they would not lose the money, Carbondale sued the state of Illinois in the Jackson County Circuit Court to prevent the state from disbursing the funds the city would receive if the mistake had not been made. The court issued an injunction July 17, 2001, in the city's favor ordering

the state to place the funds into an escrow account. The state complied with the injunction but appealed the decision. Doherty said the escrow account contains about \$420,000 that accrued between August 2001,

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Gus Bode
 Gus says: I'll hang on to the \$400 grand while they figure out what to do with it.



Kidnapper accused of rape

Brian Peach
 Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale man accused of kidnapping two women in Carbondale Saturday is also accused of raping one of them twice before threatening to commit suicide, according to the probable cause statement filed at the County Clerk's Office in St. Charles, Mo.

According to the court file, Robert Gibson, 20, allegedly abducted two women, ages 27 and 31, shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Convenient Food Mart, located at 315 E. Walnut. The suspect allegedly kidnapped the women at gunpoint and forced them to drive him in their car.

Donovan Kenton, public information officer at the St. Charles Police Department, confirmed that Gibson allegedly raped one of the women when the three reached Marion. He then allegedly raped the same woman again when they reached Effingham via Interstate 57.

According to the court file, upon reaching St. Charles at about 6 a.m., Gibson forced the women to drive around the town before stopping for fuel.

At the gas station, Gibson allegedly left the car keys with the women and went inside to pay for the fuel. The women started to drive away when the suspect saw them and attempted to

stop the women by smashing in one of the car windows with his pistol.

Free of their assailant, the women drove to a nearby gas station and called police, giving them a description of the suspect.

Police began searching near the gas station where the women escaped, and Donovan said police viewed Gibson walking down a street with his gun in clear view. According to the court file, when police attempted to stop Gibson, he put the gun to his head and threatened to kill himself. Two officers managed to talk down Gibson and took him into custody.

Gibson is being held in the St. Charles County Jail in lieu of a \$1 million bond. He is charged with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of armed criminal action and one count of possession of more than 35 grams of marijuana. Additional charges are pending.

The crime has brought on a joint investigation by the FBI and the Illinois State police. The FBI is still deciding the jurisdiction and state Gibson will be tried in since he traveled across state lines.

Carbondale Police say Gibson's last known address in Carbondale is 613 E. College St.

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Bush signs Yucca Mountain bill

WASHINGTON — After two decades of study and fervent protests from Nevada, President Bush signed a bill Tuesday making Yucca Mountain the nation's central repository for nuclear waste.

"The successful completion of the Yucca Mountain project will ensure our nation has a safe and secure underground facility that will store nuclear waste in a manner that protects our environment and our citizens," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in a statement.

The project had been studied for more than 20 years, and Bush signed the measure with no fanfare. Reporters were not allowed to witness the bill-signing.

The House and Senate voted earlier this year to bury thousands of tons of radioactive waste inside Yucca Mountain, in the desert about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

Nevada's senators, who tried for months to rally their colleagues against the Yucca waste dump, argued that the issue was much broader than Nevada. They hoped concerns over thousands of waste shipments crossing 43 states would sway some lawmakers, but they were defeated.

On Tuesday, Bob Levin, the chief Nevada state official involved in the anti-Yucca Mountain effort, said "We knew after the Senate vote that this was going to happen. This was a mere formality. For us, it's on to the legal arena."

Bush has long backed Yucca Mountain as a repository site, formally recommending it in February.

Nevada filed a formal protest, as was its right under a 1982 nuclear waste law, leaving it for Congress to make a final decision. The House approved it in May, the Senate this month.

Girl grabbed off Philly street

PHILADELPHIA — A 7-year-old girl was abducted, kicking and screaming, from a street corner by two men who shoved her into a car and drove away as neighbors were at a block party down the street, police and witnesses said Tuesday.

The kidnappers later threatened to kill the girl unless a \$150,000 ransom was paid, authorities said.

Witnesses told police Erica Pratt was playing with a friend when she was grabbed from a corner in southwest Philadelphia about 8:20 p.m. Monday. A 5-year-old girl told police a man dragged the screaming victim into a vehicle as she resisted and drove away, authorities said.

Witnesses told police Erica was taken away by two heavyset men in a white car with dark windows.

Residents of the rowhouse neighborhood said many of the adults were down the street at a block party at the time.

The child's grandmother, Barbara Pratt, got a phone call about 20 minutes after the abduction demanding \$150,000 for the girl's return, police Inspector William Colarulo said.

Pratt received at least five more calls in the hours after the girl's disappearance, and the kidnappers threatened to kill her if they didn't get the money, Colarulo said.

Erica's mother, Serena Gillis, pleaded for her safe return. "All I want them to do is treat her with care. Do not harm her," Gillis said. "She's only 7. She's just beginning her life."

Although police had no immediate suspects, "I'm confident that Erica is going to be returned safely," Colarulo said.

A \$10,000 reward was being offered for information leading to Erica's return.

WORLD NEWS

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Hamas leader's killing sparks criticism worldwide

GAZA CITY — The United Nations, the European Union and the United States criticized Israel Tuesday for the killing of Hamas' military commander as tens of thousands of Palestinian protesters filled the streets of Gaza City vowing revenge.

The outcry was triggered by an attack Tuesday by F-16s in the heart of Gaza City, killing Salah Shehade, leader of Izzedine al Qassam, the military wing of the militant Islamic group Hamas. His death was confirmed by Hamas. Fourteen other Palestinians were also killed in the attack, several of whom were children.

At funerals Tuesday afternoon, crowds estimated by police to be as large as 100,000 people filled the streets, firing weapons and chanting cries that the "blood of the martyrs will not be lost."

Israel expressed regret at the loss of civilians but characterized the strike on Shehade as an act of self-defense. Israel blamed Shehade for hundreds of terror attacks that caused scores of Israeli casualties.

Bosnia mass grave reveals secrets

SREBRENICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Forensic experts discovered a mass grave in northeastern Bosnia that may contain up to 100 bodies of Muslims killed in the Srebrenica massacre of 1995.

Murat Huric, a member of the Muslim Commission for Missing Persons, said the mass grave was found Monday near the Serb-held village of Kamenica, 45 miles northeast of Sarajevo.

This month marked the seventh anniversary of the killing of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Srebrenica in what was supposed to be a United Nations "safe area."

When Bosnian Serbs captured the Srebrenica enclave on July 11, 1995, and rounded up the Muslim men, lightly-armed Dutch peacekeepers had no orders to fight and stood by helplessly.

The remains of more than half of the victims have already been found in various mass graves in eastern Bosnia.

Huric said the newly discovered grave contained bodies that had been brought from graves elsewhere for reburial in an attempt to hide the remains from war crime investigators.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

The Individualized Learning Program is offering extended testing hours the last week of school. The Division of Continuing Education will be open late July 29 through Aug. 1 and two day advanced notice is required for after-hours appointments. For more information call 536-7771 to schedule an exam.

POLICE BLOTTER

- Jade D. Anderson, 18, of Carbondale, was arrested at 12:55 a.m. Tuesday for possession of drug paraphernalia on St. Park and Lewis Lane. She was released on personal recognizance.
- Jerard D. White, 22, of Chicago, was arrested at 3:11 a.m. Tuesday on an outstanding Jackson County warrant for theft at South Wall and Pleasant Hill Road. He posted \$200 cash bond and was released.

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Playwrights Workshop kicks off this week

Arin Thompson & Jack Piatt
Daily Egyptian

All the hard work will finally pay off.

After months of writing, planning and preparing, graduates in the Theater Department will get the chance this week to showcase their thesis plays in full production for the first time as part of the Playwrights Workshop.

The annual workshop presents three plays every summer written by graduate students studying theater.

Fully staged in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater in the Communications Building, three productions as a part of graduate thesis work will premier at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 at the box office in the Communications Building. For more ticket information, contact the box office at 453-3001.



Guilt Comes After Play examines dark side of human sexuality

When a man spends his whole life lying to himself, his life just might spin out of control.

"Guilt Comes After," a play by Marc Herb, will try to expose those tender feelings on July 26 for the Playwrights Workshop at the Moe Laboratory Theater.

"This is my first full-length play," Herb said. "I've had a couple of one-act plays produced."

Ken Bright, a graduate student from Makanda working on his doctorate in theater history, is directing the play.

"I like it because it's actor-centered," Bright said. "It's simple sets, simple production and a small cast."

The play follows a married man, Alex, who is secretly gay and has an affair that could stand to destroy his whole life. The man with whom Alex has the affair, a mysterious stranger named Chris, turns out to be his sister Drew's fiancé.

Melissa Albertario, a junior in theater and speech communication from Deerfield,

plays Drew.

"This is a great script, so I was lucky to be cast in this one," Albertario said. "It's abstract, it's not necessarily dead-on realism."

"Guilt Comes After" focuses hard on interpersonal relationships and how people treat each other and themselves.

"This is about a man who ends up alienating himself from everyone he loves because he can't be honest with himself," Bright said. "The play deals with the traps that people get into if they don't accept who they are."

"Guilt Comes After" is a play with a message, but it's not said outright. According to playwright Marc Herb, it can't be put into words, and the play will do that on its own.

"It's a good dose of drama if you're looking for your fix," Albertario said.

The play is not recommended for children. "Guilt Comes After" is slated for opening on Friday, July 26, and it will also show again in the Moe Laboratory Theatre on Aug. 3.

Virtual Roses

The many stages of Internet love hit theatre

Emily wants to write, but she can't seem to harness her male voice. So she ventures to that place where no one would know — the Internet, where she beefs up her writing skills as a man.

"Virtual Roses" was work-shopped as part of last summer's script camp and has now been developed for full production. One of the actors in it when it was only a first draft was Don Barnett, the current director.

"Virtual Roses" has only two scenes, and the rest of the play is executed through the use of computers. There are five computers set up on stage.

"It goes through all aspects of an Internet romance," Barnett said. "From flirtation to courtship to becoming intimate to when the time comes to finally meet."

Emily is a fiction writer and doesn't feel that she can write believable male characters. To combat her problem, she goes online and poses as a male in chat rooms and, as a he, falls in love.

"The male part of her persona starts to clash with her female persona and tries to take over her life," Barnett said.

Margie Pignataro, a graduate student in playwriting, wrote "Virtual Roses" last year. Pignataro came across the idea when she was doing research on the Internet. She ran across chat rooms and instant message programs and thought it was a dramatic way to tell a story.

"It's a world that doesn't exist," Pignataro said. "I like the paradox of that."

Barnett and Pignataro made the decision to cast no males in this play to further enforce the confusing ideas of gender switching and cross-dressing that goes on over the Internet.

"Virtual Roses" is not a play suitable for children to attend. It will open at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at Moe Laboratory Theater, and it will be performed again on Aug. 2.

"Even though the Internet offers anonymous intimacy, there is still the emotional attachment of a real relationship," Barnett said. "Emotions aren't to be trifled with."



The featured cast of "Resurrection Men" consists of Chris Marcum as William Burke (left), Arin Peebles as William Hare (right) and Michael Gonzalez as Dr. Knox (top).

Resurrection Men

True-tale grave robbers mix comedy, horror

"Resurrection Men" digs deep into the lives of two infamous grave robbers, William Burke and William Hare, compelling the audience to sympathize with the ill-fated duo.

The play explores the darker side of early 19th century medicine. It is a true story that mixes comedy and horror to bring to life the clumpy pair as they procure corpses for medical autopsies.

It features Chris Marcum as William Burke, Arin Peebles as William Hare, Michael Gonzalez as Dr. Knox and Joseph Martinez as Detective Evanrud. The play will be performed July 27 and Aug. 1 in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater.

"Resurrection Men" was written by Jody Price and is directed by Blair Beasley, who also directed last fall's production of "Dracula."

Price began working on "Resurrection Men" in September 2001. The play is still in the workshop stage, and this production will be a step towards improving and finishing the final product.

This play is the latest work from Price, who is also known for plays such as "Lights on the Acre" and "Hapless Hearts."

He graduated from Ball State University and is working as a graduate student at SIU in the Theater Department.

Price spent 10 years in Minnesota performing in commercials and local television shows before coming to SIU. He teaches Acting 217 in the Theater Department and hopes to continue teaching college after he graduates.

"My main goal is to write professional plays and continue to teach at a university," Price said.

Sunset concert season ends Thursday with Big Smith's Ozark sound

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

They all call the same gene pool home, and it's all in the jeans.

The band Big Smith from Springfield, Mo. will bring their grassroots style to Shryock at 7 p.m. Thursday for one last romp in this year's Summer Sunset Concert Series.

Early on in the band's career, someone asked what the name of the band was before they even had one. Mike Williamson, the bass player, looked down at his overalls for the answer.

"Big Smith," joked Mike, telling the brand name of his jeans. Big Smith was a clothing manu-

facturer that made work clothes at the time, and the boys' grandparents wore the brand.

"It just kind of fit the spirit of the band," Bilyeu said.

The band formed professionally in 1996 and is composed of five cousins and two sets of brothers. Since then, the group has accumulated a large following, playing raucous acoustic music that resonates from their native Ozarks.

"We have a long extended musical family," said Mark Bilyeu, guitar player and primary songwriter.

Growing up, Mark and Jody Bilyeu, Jay and Mike Williamson and Rick Thomas all spent time making music with their aunts, uncles, parents

and grandparents. Big Smith is continuing the tradition of folksy, family-made music. According to Bilyeu, members of Big Smith take some of their style from their parents' love of gospel.

The music is all based around the sounds of a mandolin, an acoustic guitar, a bass fiddle and a washboard. In recent times Big Smith has broadened its horizons — just a little bit.

"The way we make our music really hasn't changed over the years," Bilyeu said. "We eventually decided to stretch out a little bit."

Big Smith now includes piano, electric guitar and brass instruments. At any given time, there have been as many as 20 different instruments on stage. But when Big Smith hits the stage, band members expect the audi-

ence to get involved.

"It's not like a Pete Seeger sing-along," Bilyeu said. "We're not aloof on stage."

Though Big Smith has "old-timey" influences, like some of the music to come out of the film "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou," the band members add their own flavor to bluegrass and folk. One of their major outings was playing with Emmylou Harris, a country/folk musician, according to their Web site, www.big-smithband.com.

"I like to rock out myself," Bilyeu said. "It really is just a big mix of all types of music."

Big Smith's new double CD, "Gig," encompasses the band members' musical careers. The album brings their style full-circle. The first

CD is full of acoustic licks that are more of what the band likes to call a "strip-down" sound. The strip-down sound is derived from when the boys would all sit around with family members and just let loose with guitars and vocals, creating truly raw music. The second disk — Yers up their more rocking sounds with drums, electric guitars and piano. The same succession can be expected at the show Thursday night.

"Lately, we've been starting out with more tradition strip-down stuff," Bilyeu said. "Then we rock out."

Reporter Jared DuBach contributed to this story.

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Professor makes summer math bearable for students

Math 113 continues to better students with the basics of probability

Brett Luster
Daily Egyptian

Students who hate math are learning to like it this summer.

The class, Math 113, is part of the core curriculum requirement and nauseates some students who are forced to pass it to get their degree. However, students have been impressed by the teaching of Gregory Budzban, associate professor in mathematics and SIU teacher since 1991. Many say they have been impacted by his love for the subject.

"He takes out time when you get to the class session to go over the homework where the other teachers don't go over the homework," said Monique Walker, majoring in health care management.

Budzban's students say they are less likely to get frustrated and find the class hard.

"I really stuck at math and after two math classes, I feel like he's the best," said Tonya DeRosa, a junior majoring in English.

The extra effort and vigor Budzban brings to the classroom takes his students closer to the subject many of them didn't particularly care for, he said.

"Instead of just looking to get his paycheck, he wants to teach us," said Madonna Spann, a West Frankfort native majoring in social work.

Budzban is careful, explaining to his students

the problems so they are clear before moving on to another formula or approach.

In addition to teaching in the classroom, he looks forward to being there for students, making himself available outside of class.

"He makes himself pretty accessible," said English major Jill Taylor. "No questions are stupid in his class."

It's not a free ride, though. For everything students want to learn, they have to pay for it in time if they want to succeed.

"There's no panacea; there's no magic wand for knowledge," Budzban said.

Budzban puts in little sayings and anecdotes to make life a little easier in a subject that is difficult for most students.

"Confusion isn't always a bad thing," he said. "Confusion is the beginning of wisdom if you are willing to work through it."

While Budzban may make math more enjoyable, he also has a no-nonsense policy in his class when it comes to effort.

"I have zero sympathy for a student if he doesn't do his homework, doesn't come to class and then doesn't do well," Budzban said, "and if a student doesn't do his homework and comes to class, I have about 15 percent sympathy."

Most students in his summer math class said they have not been so good at math in the past. Fixing the problem is not as complex as many students fear, though.

"What's the source of the problem and we can cure it," Budzban said. "You just got people who have phobias, and if you can just get them less anxious."

While growing up in Tampa, Fla., Budzban was part of his high school drama club. The 1975

Jesuit High School class comedian brings humor to his classes as he informs.

"There's a bit of entertaining that goes on in teaching. You've got to be able to project the information," he said. "Being onstage as an actor, you've got to project your voice."

To gain the attention of students in a recent class session, Budzban said to his class, "I'm getting that old math teacher look."

Budzban earned his master's degree in theoretical computer science and his doctorate in probability at the University of South Florida.

Budzban equips his students by using experience he has gained. While Budzban was in school, he worked for Marietta, now the Lockheed Martin Corporation. He directed research that developed smart weapons for the Department of Defense.

He says his job here offers benefits that are worth the effort.

"When you're in a career where I think about relating problems and just helping students experience some of the beauty of mathematics, what can I say? Why would you want to stop doing that?"

The extra time he spends preparing to teach the subject he loves pays off when he gets to the classroom.

"It's gratifying, the moment you can literally see that moment of insight when actual information is transferred into the student," Budzban said.

Math 113 will continue to use formulas and help students understand the basics of probability. With Budzban in charge this summer, a successful outcome is likely.

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Gregory Budzban, associate professor of mathematics, explains financial mathematics to his Math 113 class Tuesday afternoon. "There's a bit of entertaining that goes on in teaching," Budzban said. "You've got to be able to project the information."

Charges filed from fatal accident

Community prepares to pay last respects to Hurd Brothers as charges are being filed against driver

Lena Morsch
Daily Egyptian

Saline County Assistant State's Attorney Paul Myers filed charges against Raymond Moss Tuesday for the accident that resulted in the deaths of brothers Doug and Forrest Hurd.

The Hurd Brothers were well known musicians who have played blues throughout Southern Illinois for the past two decades, including venues on Carbondale's Strip such as Booby's and PK's, and they opened for such national acts as Buddy Guy, Robin Trower and Steppenwolf.

They were returning home from a show in Fairfield when the accident occurred.

Moss, the driver of a 1996 Kia, is being charged with reckless homicide, aggravated driving under the influence, disobeying a stop sign and driving with a revoked license. According to Myers, the reckless homicide charge was stepped up from involuntary manslaughter because two deaths were involved.

"There is an allegation of alcohol as well as drugs being involved, so the penalty could be up to 28 years in prison for Moss," Myers said.

According to police, Moss, 38 of Harrisburg,

ran a stop sign early Sunday morning. The Hurd vehicle, a 1972 Chevy Pickup, swerved to avoid hitting Moss. The truck struck the left side of the Kia, causing it to flip on its side and burst into flames. Moss' vehicle hit a tree and caused major injuries to both him and his passenger, Aimee Debose, 21, of Eldorado. The Hurd brothers were pronounced dead at the scene.

Moss, who remains in good condition at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, has an extensive criminal history. At the time of the accident, he was awaiting trial for several felony charges stemming from two incidents earlier this year that involved high speed chases with police.

Saline County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Duncan, who was called to the scene of the accident, said Moss had been involved in a domestic incident earlier that evening. He said police were searching for him for questioning at the time of the accident.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today in Harrisburg at Gaskins Funeral Home. A spokesman for the funeral home said that they were preparing for a large crowd at both the visitation and dual funeral.

Duncan, who works with the Hurds' sister, Marcia, said the family is struggling with the tragic events.

"This has really hit home. Marcia is such a sweet lady; it was so difficult to have to be the one who told her about her brothers. I think everyone is still in shock," Duncan said.

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Illinois enacts license law for buggies

Amish community seems in good spirits about buggy licenses

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Imagine a police officer calling in that he had just pulled over a brown quarter horse leading an old black buggy with the license plate number PHH 13987.

Now this can be possible. A new state law gives local officials the ability to tax and issue license plates for anyone with a buggy:

"I've never clocked a buggy," said Tim Shadwell, a police officer from Arcola. "They don't go very fast."

One reason the law was made an option for local law enforcers is that horses that draw buggies wear a type of horseshoe that tears up roads.

Even though it contradicts their whole lifestyle, Amish farmers seem to understand fully why they are being taxed.

"The horses seem to tear up the sides of the roads," said Conrad Wentzel, a Mennonite who works for the Illinois Amish Interpretive Center located in Arcola. "But everyone in the town is all right with the tax and they understand."

This is not the only law the Amish drivers had to face. About two decades ago, the Amish had to put a reflective triangle on the back of their buggies so that passing motorists would safely see them.

Illinois is just catching the trend of this law. Some counties in Indiana are required to have licenses on the back of their buggies. But the Amish in the town of Arcola do not seem to disagree with the law.

"The Amish bishop seems to feel positive about the whole experience," Wentzel said. "I know the Amish leaders of the town do too."

But does the license plate law in Illinois contradict the Amish way of life?

The Amish do wear homemade clothes and basically make everything they use. But the Amish are allowed to use modern technology under certain circumstances. For instance, if an Amish family owns a business, it is OK for them to have a phone, but the phone has to be outside the building, and they cannot have a phone in their home.

As for a car or motorized vehicle? Not likely. That is why they ride a horse and buggy.

But the license law helps to protect the safety and well being of the Amish community. Before, if someone got into an accident, the police would not know the person in the buggy or have any way to communicate with family members. With the licenses, police could scan the license and find out who exactly the person or persons are.

"I've dealt with buggies before, but only when they get into accidents. It's always with cars," Shadwell said. "As for the licenses on the buggies, it's a great idea."

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Number of Peace Corps volunteers on the rise with increase in foreign interests

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The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)

BATON ROUGE, La. (UWIRE)—Throughout the past year, Americans have become increasingly more aware of activity in other countries and have taken a greater interest in worldwide events.

As U.S. citizens realize they are members of a global community, more people seem to want to get involved with other countries and areas outside American borders.

Because of this awareness, the number of people volunteering for the Peace Corps is on the rise, especially among Louisiana State University students.

"The world is becoming a small place, and I think the rise in interest among students can be attributed to a greater awareness of worldwide events," said Jesus Garcia, the

Southwest regional public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps. "Americans are beginning to see how what happens in other countries affects us domestically."

Maggie Bievenue, a 23-year-old University of Louisiana-Lafayette graduate, has taken theater classes at LSU for the past two semesters, but signed up for a different kind of drama when she applied for the Peace Corps in March.

"I think now is the time to do it," Bievenue said. "I feel I'm mature enough now, but I'm still young enough to go before I've made any major commitments in my life."

Bievenue said she is both optimistic and nervous about helping others and said even though she is just one person, she feels she can have an impact on the people she comes into contact with.

"I'm excited about the fact that I

get to help people out on a personal basis," Bievenue said. "I hope I can make a positive effect, and I know this experience will help me appreciate more the things I have."

As a Peace Corps volunteer, Bievenue said she will assume a position teaching English wherever she ends up.

Since 1961, 166 LSU alumni have served in the Peace Corps in 71 nations, with Honduras, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Micronesia and Morocco receiving the most University volunteers. There are currently 10 LSU alumni serving in 10 nations.

Although Bievenue said she will go the country where she can be the most productive, the Republic of Georgia in Russia is her personal preference.

"I've always loved Eastern Europe, and I have a fascination with Russia

and its culture," Bievenue said. "I also have a lot of experience with the French language, so I may get sent to a French-speaking country. The placement committee will take a look at everything and decide what's the best fit for me."

Bievenue expects to know her destination in December. In the meantime, Bievenue and her family are preparing for her "next big adventure."

"The waiting is not such a big deal for me, but my family and friends are a little more uneasy," Bievenue said.

Aside from a personal sense of satisfaction, the Peace Corps also offer a potential professional advantage, said regional recruiter Kimberly McMinn.

"People who volunteer for the Peace Corps receive excellent experience in cross-cultural skills, language training and technical skills,"

McMinn said. "Those types of skills are very enticing to employers."

Throughout the past four years, the number of students and alumni from LSU who requested a Peace Corps application has risen dramatically.

The number of applicants increased from 12 in 1998 to 149 in 2001.

"We've always received tremendous support from LSU," McMinn said. "There's always been a good interest there, and we look forward to recruiting there."

Although certain regions of the world are extremely volatile, Bievenue admits fear was not a determining factor in her decision to join the Peace Corps.

"I can handle myself," Bievenue said. "I try not to let fear take over, and I never let fear keep me from a great opportunity."

COLUMNIST

Spy v. Spy



Tales from Oz

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I'm typing this in the least of one of those Southern Illinois muggy nights when the air conditioner struggles just to knock the humidity out of the air, let alone cool the house. It's in part the hot muggy weather that led to the odd scene at the dinner table tonight: my daughter was unhappy because her brother was "looking at her plate and laughing." Don't ask; I don't pretend to understand.

There's no tattling allowed in my house, so that means my daughter voices her displeasure directly and loudly to the source. It serves the same purpose; an adult is sure to intervene to at least quell the whining noise.

My kids have a distinct tendency to mind other people's business, so the "no tattling" rule is mostly aimed at getting them to be responsible for themselves first. Besides, I would be inundated with reports of insignificant or imagined offenses.

The government is trying to encourage tattling as part of its war on terrorism and homeland security efforts. Operation TIPS will set up a central reporting system for such workers as cable installers, phone and utility technicians to report suspicious, potentially terrorist activity.

It sounds like a good idea; the pilot program calls for a million sets of eyes in ten cities next month. It may sound like a good idea on paper, but it's a potential disaster in practice.

The Justice Department's TIPS program will have potentially millions of eyes out there prowling our neighborhoods looking for "unusual or suspicious activity." Sounds good, but what does that mean? The 9/11 hijackers attended flight school, a hardly suspicious activity. About 300 students attended flight school right here at SIUC in 2001.

On the other hand, not long ago, a TV news reporter filmed the purchase of a length of pipe from a local hardware store and called it, "the first step in making a pipe bomb." Under that rationale, any hobbyist with a garage full of half-finished electrical projects, any do-it-yourselfer with a bin of cutoff pipe remnants, is likely to be an entry in the TIPS database.

The American Civil Liberties Union, among others, opposes the idea based on privacy concerns. I don't agree often with the ACLU, but in this case I'm with them all the way. Now, to be fair, the idea of the government's program is that the reports are based on what they see in public areas. The concept is these people spend a lot of time in the same area and neighborhoods and are likely to notice things that suddenly appear out of place. These people are not supposed to be spying on their fellow Americans.

Let's be realistic; that is exactly what this program will do, good intentions aside. Especially when the people the program is looking to recruit are the people who would potentially be entering our yards and homes for other, more legitimate reasons. It sure seems like a nifty way to get around that whole messy Fourth Amendment requirement for a search warrant.

And how much useful information is this program likely to yield? No doubt there will be a few useful nuggets among the tons of red herrings, but how much time and resources will have to go into weeding out the useful from the useless? What's the chance something significant will be missed as the Justice Department chases flocks of wild geese?

The whole country is on heightened awareness and alert since 9/11. The government frequently issues new warnings keeping the peril of terrorist activity in our forebears. Isn't this enough? Do we really need an unofficial police force out there, one with little or no training, little or no restraint, monitoring us?

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Salukis got game and the fans know it

In 2001, former SIUC linebacker Teddy Sims attended training camp with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, and even though he didn't make it past the final cut, he opened scouts' eyes to the SIUC football team.

Now, both Bart Scott with the Baltimore Ravens and Jon Pendergrass with the Seattle Seahawks are on NFL rosters and hope to stay on throughout the season.

These players are out to prove that one doesn't have to go to a big-name football school like Notre Dame, Nebraska or Michigan to watch a good game on Saturday. People can watch quality players here at SIUC.

While SIUC isn't known for producing top-10 sports teams, the Athletic Department is producing quality athletes and attracting national attention.

Professional scouts notice SIUC's players, and they get the chance to play pro sports even though they don't receive the same national media attention as players such as Eric Crouch (2001 Heisman Trophy winner) and Jay Williams (former Duke point guard and Chicago Bulls first round pick).

Scott and Pendergrass are not the only Salukis from last season to make it to the professional level.

From the SIUC baseball team, two players were picked in the recent Major

League Baseball Draft. Luke Nelson was taken by the San Francisco Giants, and Jeff Stanek was picked by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Even more recently, former SIUC center Rolan Roberts from the basketball team competed on summer league teams for the NBA's Indiana Pacers and the Washington Wizards, and he is hoping to be signed by an NBA team for the upcoming season.

While these players illustrate the recent upward trend in Saluki Athletics, history proves that SIUC has consistently produced professional athletes from what many people consider a mediocre sports program.

Former basketball great Walt Frazier, who played for SIUC when the team won the NIT championship in 1967, later went on to be elected to the NBA Hall of Fame and has also been named as one of the top 50 players in NBA history.

Troy Hudson and Chris Carr, who played SIUC basketball in the early '90s, both left school early to join the NBA.

Former SIUC baseball players Steve Finley, Jerry Hairston Jr. and Sean Bergman made it to the Major Leagues.

In the NFL, former Salukis include Jim Hart, Damon Jones and Terry Taylor.

All these players getting their shot at

the pros proves a few things.

First, this proves that SIUC's athletic teams have a storied past that cannot be wiped out by recent disappointments.

Secondly, it proves that the programs are back on the rise, and they are attracting more talented players and the attention of scouts.

Another thing this proves is that the coaching staffs are doing a solid job of developing their players to the point that professional scouts are interested.

The entire Athletic Department should be recognized for their efforts, and we hope they not only continue what they are doing, but that they keep improving.

SIUC Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk and Associate Athletic Director Kathy Jones have been providing the Department with the leadership necessary to be successful and continue to show that you don't have to be a school like Syracuse, University of Miami or UCLA to have good sports teams.

As long as you have strong leadership, commitment and, of course, patience from your administrators and coaches, any school can be a sports powerhouse.

Hopefully, Kowalczyk and company stay on this path and keep giving the SIUC community sports programs that we can be proud of, regardless of the wins and losses.

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Youths from across nation visit SIUC for religious conference

Participants say Christ in Youth conference helps them better understand God

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

The high school students that visit the Student Center from noon to 1 p.m. have more in common than age. Aside from the trays holding their meal of choice, they also carry a copy of the Bible and a passion for God.

Each year, for three weeks out of the summer session, the Student Center will have more than 1,100 visitors. The visitors to the SIUC campus Christ in Youth campers comprised various youth group members across the nation. They have ventured to Carbondale to become more intimate with the campus, old friends and new and, of course, God.

"The camp allows you to worship and study the bible," said 15-year-old Michael Fesse of Lindon, Ind. "It gives you the chance to talk to more people about Christian life."

Fesse is one of many children who gather in the Student Center for lunch each day. And while 1,100 additional occupants may cause a bit more chaos in the Student Center, according to marketing director Kathy Dillard, the presence of the camp is far more beneficial than anything else.

According to Dillard, in addition to extra revenue that helps to maintain the cost of dining in the Student Center, it is also an outlet for students to view the campus.

"The children get a chance to get a taste of the school while they're at the camp," Dillard said. "Hopefully, they will form an interest and consider SIUC for college in the future."

The campers that she hopes to one day see at SIUC students are teenagers from across the nation. The youth come to the campus each summer to attend one of three weeklong sessions that take place at SIUC. During this time, they attend numerous lectures and classes that aim to bring them closer to God.

High school students spend from about 2 to 5 p.m. each day performing recreational activities at the Recreation Center. The remainder of the day, however, is devoted to religion.

The children spend the day in worship, studying the Bible and listening to speeches that encourage adolescents to help campers grow as individuals.

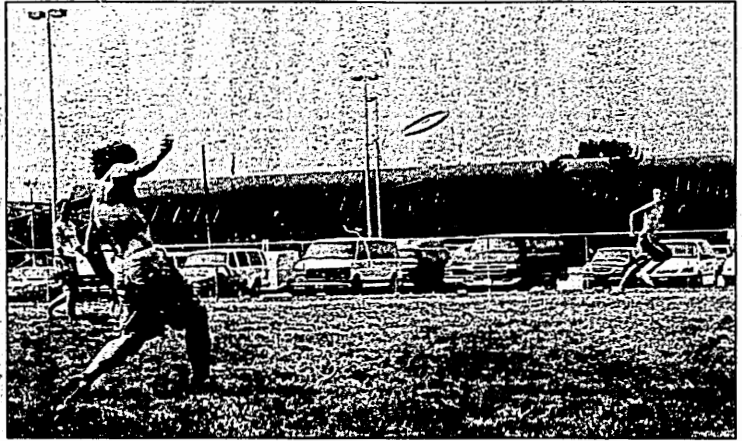
"We want to help them become better people and, as a result, better citizens," said Robin Sigers, associate director of conferences for Christian Youth in Missouri.

Sigers also hopes the camp will encourage students to better their church as well.

"We want them to see the church as their home too," Sigers said. "And not just mom and dad's church."

Although there are goals that Sigers and other youth counselors hope to accomplish each year, they are satisfied with the progress of the program so far.

When Sigers began work with Christian Youth's services in Missouri 12 years ago, there were only eight conferences for high school students, and there are now 22. He also takes pride in mentioning that the particular chapter that comes to SIUC each year began in 1996 with only 500 campers and caters to more than twice that amount six years later.



WILLIAM RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

High school students participating in the Christ in Youth conference play ultimate frisbee July 15 across the street from the Recreation Center during the recreational activities portion of the day. For the remainder of the day the students study religion in lectures and classes designed to bring them closer to God.

During their week stay in Brush Towers, campers get closer to God through such programs as "The Road to Unity," one of many lectures intended to strengthen their faith and inform them of the appropriate manner in which to conduct themselves at school, work and even in dating situations.

Participants in the program, such as 15-year-old camper Jake Harper of Plainfield, say the camp, particularly the worship sessions, have given him "a greater understanding of God" as well as the "desire to learn more."

The learning experience is hardly limited to teenagers. While the adult

counselors are available as mentors for the campers, according to Simon McDaniel, a youth minister from Florida, he hardly ends the day with a sense of feeling unfulfilled, despite the long hours.

"To me, going to church has always been like going to a filling station," McDaniel said. "It provides you the energy you need after a long week. So even though the day is long, the camp provides you with everything you need at the end of the day. It's like Super Wal-Mart."

McDaniel's wife, Marcia, also a counselor at the camp, agrees that the camp is an essential experience for

Christian youth.

"People have a lot of stereotypes about Christians that the kids have to deal with at home," McDaniel said. "At the camp they get to be around other people who feel the same way they do about God. They get to be themselves."

According to Robin Sigers, the program helps to strengthen his faith in two different aspects.

"The camp brings me closer to God and the teenagers," Sigers said. "It helps every year to restore my faith in both."

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Student activists discuss universities' limits on free speech

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WASHINGTON (KRT) — Conservative campus activists complained Friday that since Sept. 11 university administrators have stifled displays of patriotism and support for the war on terrorism.

In a panel organized by the conservative group Accuracy in Academia, three student activists told stories of how they felt their speech rights were hampered on campus.

"Patriotism at the University of Michigan was suppressed by political correctness," said U-M student Allison Tarr. "After 9/11, we were hit by a barrage of anti-war demonstrations, which only reinforced the repugnant anti-American image of Ann Arbor."

Tarr said that the Diag, the main area on the U-M campus where students demonstrate with university permission, saw many displays and expressions of understanding for Muslims and the Islamic world, but little expression of sorrow for the men and women killed on Sept. 11.

"Instead of encouraging women to don Muslim headresses, why not encourage people to wear flags?" Tarr asked.

Arizona State University student Oubai Shahbender said things were worse on his campus. On Sept. 26, a large American flag was hung in one of the residence halls, but it was taken down by the administration, Shahbender said.

The administration claimed that the flag would be offensive to the many international and Muslim students who resided in the hall.

Shahbender, who was born in Damascus, Syria, and moved to the United States with his family at age 7, objected to the university's action. He proposed a resolution in the student senate to put the flag back up, but it was defeated. He continued to make noise, causing ASU to lose \$1 million in alumni contributions.

"Finally, the university acquiesced and put the flag back up," Shahbender said. "We won a small victory in the culture war."

But the battle over campus speech is not new, said Thor L. Halvorsen, executive director of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a legal group that works to protect the individual rights of students and professors in universities.

"The assault on freedom of speech on campuses has been going on for 15 years," Halvorsen said. Restrictions take the form of speech codes and zones of free speech on campus. "It's only after Sept. 11 that people are starting to notice it more."

Halvorsen said that both pro-war and anti-war students and professors sought FIRE's legal help.

"We had a number of people who came to us with their cases who expressed a desire to take immediate military action or hoist the American flag and express their patriotic spirit," Halvorsen said.

The student panel, "Campus Anti-Americanism in the Wake of 9/11," was part of a four-day conference called Conservative University, which featured an array of speakers and events for the dozens of college students who paid to attend. The conference also was organized by Accuracy in Academia.

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COMMISSION

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police complaints are handled varies. The commission in Normal has the most authority in dealing with police complaints. The seven-member commission, which includes a designated official of Illinois State University's Student Government Association, was set up in 1969 after complaints surfaced about landlords and employers discriminating against blacks. Along with activists from ISU, black leaders pushed for the creation of a commission to protect the civil rights of Normal's citizens.

Normal's commission is unique from other local commissions because it doesn't investigate complaints, Garibay said. When a person files a complaint, the two sides meet immediately to conciliate their differences. If the two sides cannot reach an agreement, the commission will hold a public hearing and render its decision.

Garibay said the commission has the power to issue fines up to \$2,500 or order remedies that could exceed that, such as the payment of back wages.

A commission with punitive powers, such as the one in Normal, is not what City Manager Jeff Doherty says is best for Carbondale. The city has taken a stance against giving Carbondale's proposed Human Relations Commission subpoena or sanction power because Doherty said it would work against the city's ultimate goal of mediation and conciliation of complaints that arise.

"By taking an approach where the commission is more punitive in nature, it can lose its effectiveness of bringing people together and working out in a conducive fashion disagreements or various issues that may exist among people within the community," Doherty said.

The creation of a Human Relations Commission was first suggested by the SIU/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations last October. The task force was formed after Carbondale Police sprayed more than 80 black SIUC students with Mace at a block party in April 2001. The commission was supposed to be a joint venture, but the University recently backed out of it, leaving the city to create the commission. The University stated it could not give up authority to a commission because it's funded by the state.

Other members of the task force, besides Norwood, have expressed that the city's plan works against their goal of improving the way police complaints are handled. Doherty said it's unrealistic to expect everyone in the community to agree with the city's plan and that it's important that the commission not be strictly limited to addressing police complaints.

Doherty said people already have avenues locally through the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and at the state level with the Illinois Human Rights Commission to appeal his rulings on police complaints.

Vacelia Clark, staff member for the Urbana Human Relations Commission, said the Department of Human Rights, the agency that investigates discrimination, is swamped with complaints, so much so that it takes more than a year for a citizen to receive a resolution to an allegation. Clark said this makes the concept of a local Human Relations Commission all the more important.

Urbana's Human Relations Commission is comprised of a 10-member body, including a student representative from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, which deals primarily with discrimination complaints in housing, employment and public accommodations. While the city's commission doesn't investi-

gate police complaints, Clark said plans are being made for a joint citizen oversight group with the City of Champaign.

Clark said police oversight groups are essential to a community because they give citizens a venue to grieve against mistreatment and injustices. She said Carbondale's civic leaders shouldn't worry about the negative aspects of a police oversight group, such as people filing frivolous complaints, because the positives, such as protecting the civil rights of citizens, outweigh them.

Decatur's Human Relations Commission takes an approach similar to what Carbondale has in place to deal with police complaints. Jackie Williams, director of community relations, said Decatur's commission has no interest in handling police complaints and refers anyone who wants to file them to the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Williams said the city thinks it's a conflict of interest to have members appointed by the mayor investigating complaints against the city.

Williams said 13 citizens make up Decatur's commission and that the commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and issue sanctions. Williams said the city strives to accomplish mediation in all cases, and that since the commission was created in 1993, only one case has had to go to the public hearing stage.

"We count it as a failure if we have to go to a public hearing," Williams said.

The group of citizens that sits on the commission also reflects the diversity of the Decatur community, Williams said. She said Decatur's commission has goals that are narrow and that many times people want the commission to take on issues it doesn't have the power to address.

The city of Champaign didn't have the power to monitor the police three

years ago when local allegations of racial profiling surfaced. To address concerns of activists, the Champaign Human Relations Commission took on the task of auditing police complaints. The commission now looks at police complaints annually to look for trends, according to Denise Gordon, assistant to the city manager.

"Say if there's one particular police officer who has more complaints that are negative or derogatory in his file, then that would draw a red flag. We would then bring that to the attention of the police chief," Gordon said.

The new power caused the commission to draw criticism from various segments of the community. When statistics showed that racial profiling complaints weren't as prevalent as some had expected, the commission was accused of covering up the truth and being an arm of the city. Gordon said in the last three years, members of the commission have consistently worked to promote harmony between minorities and police in the community to combat those allegations.

"Perception is everything," Gordon said. "If I think it's going on, then in my mind, it's going on. So you've got to do something to let me know that my perception is just that, that it's not reality."

The commission also received resistance from the police when it began auditing complaints against officers, Gordon said. But it didn't take long for high-ranking law enforcement officials to realize members of the commission weren't there to handcuff them in their duties.

"We have to be careful how we exercise our power, because we're not here to make enemies," Gordon. "Yes, we have powers. Have we had to use them? Once, maybe twice in the last 10 years."

Gordon said the only officers who had any reason to fear the commission were officers "who needed discipline

anyway."

Gordon said the power to subpoena and sanction gives the Champaign Human Relations Commission "more teeth," but she said it also serves the purpose of instilling credibility with its citizens. What Carbondale needs to do, Gordon said, is evaluate what it's truly trying to accomplish by forming a Human Relations Commission.

"You must be the change that you wish to see," Gordon said. "If you're afraid of what people might think or what they might say, you'll probably never get the work done you're trying to do."

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CENSUS

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when the state began using the incorrect census figures, and May 2002, when the new population figures went into effect.

The Carbondale City Council has until the end of July to decide whether to take the case to the Illinois Supreme Court.

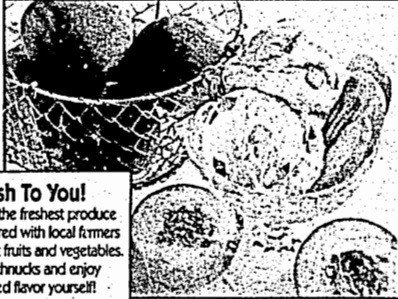
Read said the city must file an affidavit with the appellate court stating the intention to appeal to the Supreme Court by July 31 and must initiate the appeal by Aug. 14.

"We have been wronged," Doherty said, "and there must be a remedy providing for a correction to be made."

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Wrestling for Hope

Attitude Championship Wrestling league organizes event to raise money for cancer victim

STORY BY CODELL RODRIGUEZ • PHOTOS BY WILLIAM A. RICE

Aaron Smith takes dropkicks, chairs to the head and splashes off the top rope. It's all in a day's work. But on July 29, his pain will not be for a paycheck or for fame. Smith will take pain so a 6-year-old girl won't have to.

Smith is wrestling with the local organization Attitude Championship Wrestling in an attempt to raise money for Melina Lashbrook. Melina is fighting a tumor under her right eye. To help her with her fight, ACW is having a benefit show to help Melina's family pay for her medical expenses.

"[Her dad] definitely needed it," Smith said at a practice Monday in a stuffy Marion warehouse. "So it's for a good cause."

Smith works with Melina's father, Quentin, as a paramedic at Williamson County Ambulance Service in Herrin. Quentin told Smith about his situation and learned soon after that the ACW was planning the benefit show.

"I was just like, 'thanks,'" Quentin said. "It just doesn't seem like 'thank you' is enough."

Smith said the event will be beneficial for both parties because the organization is looking for ways to get its name out. So far, ACW has been mostly limited to shows in Herrin.

"We've been kind of wanting to spread out in the Southern Illinois area," Smith said.

This particular show will feature two title matches: a women's match and a

battle royal. For the members of ACW, taking part in these matches is routine. According to Homicidal Steven Davis, who doesn't want to use his real name, it takes time to get used to the wrestling lifestyle.

"It's not something that just comes naturally to everybody," Davis said as he watched from outside the ring as one of his peers was dropkicked in the head.

Davis, who is currently managing the organization, said sometimes he deals with wrestlers who take the fights too seriously, and he said those are the ones who don't last very long in the business. He said even though he's been wrestling for about three years, he still suffers from some jitters.

"I generally get a little nervous before every match," Davis said, "making sure you're keeping everybody safe."

Unfortunately, the wrestlers have to deal with some self-inflicted violence.

If one of the wrestlers is supposed to bleed during the show, usually from the head, they have to use a small blade and make a tiny incision just below the hairline. Wrestlers refer to the action as "juicing."

But Davis said there would be no blood at the benefit show.

"It's a very family-oriented show," Davis said.

"Except when I shove that chair up her a---," said Slayer shirt-clad wrestler Ax Stevens, pointing at a dented blue folding chair hanging on the wall.

"Well you know, some things you can't help," Davis said, laughing.

Stevens and Davis both play "heels." To differentiate between the good guys and the bad guys, wrestlers apply the terms "heels" to bad guys and "baby faces" to good guys.

"I enjoy playing the bad guy," Davis said.

Smith, who plays Hot Stuff Tony Storm, takes the role of the baby face. He said his character is usually clad in flashy clothing such as glittery jackets. He said his character tends to keep the old-school style of wrestler from the late '70s and early '80s.

While the wrestlers get along with each other outside of the ring, the same can't always be said of the fans, according to Davis. He said because of fans who get too involved in the storyline, he doesn't wrestle at venues where alcohol is served.

"You mix alcohol and stuff like this



Big Bubba Floyd drops an elbow on Hot Stuff Tony Storm during an Attitude Championship Wrestling practice. ACW will be holding a benefit event July 29 at De Soto Grade School to raise money for Melina Lashbrook, who recently began chemotherapy treatments.

and people tend to get a little stupid," Davis said.

But Davis said that with a minor exception, the fans are great. One fan he and the other wrestlers are looking forward to is Melina. While it's uncertain if she can attend because she is starting chemotherapy, the wrestlers are looking forward to meeting her.

The only one who has already met her is Smith. He said Melina is an active girl and is staying brave for the situation.

"Her spirits have stayed high," Davis said. "She's a great little girl."

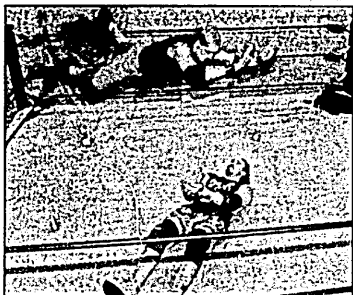
Melina's father, Quentin, said her

condition is 90 to 95 percent curable, but there is always the danger of her losing vision in her right eye. She's been receiving radiation treatment once a week at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Quentin said that with the costs, he can't even begin to thank the ACW enough for the more than \$1,000 they hope to bring in.

"Thank you is just a small word for what everyone's doing to help," Quentin said.

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Homicidal Steven Davis frog-splashes Ax Stevens from the top rope Monday evening in Marion. The wrestlers of ACW are hoping Lashbrook will be healthy enough to attend the benefit on Friday.

Study finds gender a factor in memory

Bill Hutchinson
New York Daily News

NEW YORK (KRT) — A team of psychologists has concluded what most couples already know: Women remember lover spats long after men forget.

The reasons have more to do with biology than vindictiveness, said the study's lead author, Tuhlan Canli of the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

"The wiring of emotional experience and the coding of that experience into memory is much more tightly integrated in women than in men," said Canli, an assistant professor of psychology.

Canli said his team reached their results after showing men and women a series of provocative photographs, such as a dirty toilet and a gun.

Three weeks later, the same people were shown the photographs again and asked to pick out the pictures they earlier rated "extremely emotionally intense."

Brian Pagano, 24, of Monroe, N.J., said the study explains one of the reasons his five-year romance recently went bust.

"Months down the road we'd get into major arguments, and she would be like, 'I remember the time you did this and you said that.' I'd be like, 'What are you talking about?'" Pagano said.

Tiffany and Kyle Bynoe of Akron, Ohio, have been married nine years, but offered differing takes on the study's results.

"We can get past it quick," said Kyle Bynoe, 36. "There's nothing worse than having a stressful woman next to you."

But Tiffany Bynoe, 32, said women remember arguments longer because they can't get satisfactory answers immediately.

"I think that it's because the issue goes unresolved, and because it goes unresolved then we keep bringing it back up," she said.

Diane Halpern, director of the Berger Institute for Work, Family and Children in California, said the study supports the folkloric idea that wives more than husbands have a truer memory for marital spats.

"But you can't say that we've found the brain basis for this, because our brains are constantly changing," Halpern said.



In Season: Former SIU forestry professor Ken Chilman buys some peaches from SIU graduate student Mark Rundle near the Life Science buildings. Plant and soil science students grow the peaches at University Farms.

LIBA SONNENSCHNEIN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Consolidation may not answer debt problems

Mary Kuehner & Chris Mahan
Kaleidoscope
(U. Alabama-Birmingham)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (U-WIRE)—According to recent statistics released by Nellie Mae, a national provider of student loans, at least 83 percent of college students now have at least one credit card. That's a 24 percent jump since the study done in 1998.

Nellie Mae publishes their annual report on student credit card use to underscore the importance of educating college students on future credit debt.

"It is interesting to note that while 54 percent of freshman students own a credit card, only 23 percent have a student loan, which is much less expensive and often considered a more positive investment in one's future," said Nina Prikazsky, vice president of operations at Nellie Mae. "For many students entering college today, their first credit experience is with credit cards, whereas 10 years ago it was with a student loan."

And it's not just the number of students with credit cards that is concerning, but also the number of credit cards each student owns that has risen.

In just one year, the number of cards owned by one student rose from three to 4.5 each.

The percentage of students with four or more credit cards has doubled in the past three years.

Luckily, the percentage of students with credit card debt over 7,000 dollars has decreased steadily over the last year.

"The fact that average credit card debt has declined is a promising indicator," Prikazsky said. "The

expanded availability of financial management programs on campus, increased publicity over the dangers of carrying large credit card balances, and the fact that the economy is not at its peak level may be factors encouraging some students to change their credit card habits."

While credit cards and college students seem to go hand in hand, Nellie Mae does offer online assistance to students interested in debt management.

A host of innovative services from debt management tools and calculators to online student loan applications are available on their web site at www.nelliemae.com.

A new, simplified online process allows students to apply for student loans, and get approval within minutes.

For students renewing loans, borrowers can access their own pre-populated applications, which can bring them as close as four clicks away from a new loan.

Nellie Mae reports that online student applications have nearly tripled in the last year.

With more than half of freshmen owning at least one credit card, it is no surprise that many college students find themselves in over their head with credit card debt.

Many of these students seek relief by buying into credit consolidation offers by credit card companies.

These companies offer to transfer all of your existing debts onto their card at a lower interest rate.

However, UAB economics professor Bradley Wilson warns that consumers should not fall prey to such advertising gimmicks.

"The bottom line is companies issuing credit cards are profit seekers, not entities concerned with the welfare of consumers," Wilson said.

Many of the companies offering consolidation have only short-term low interest rates. In other words, if you do not pay off the debt in full by a certain date they raise the interest rate back up to the average rate of 18 to 20 percent.

Many students do not realize this when they sign on, and find themselves in a situation that is equal to or worse than their previous dilemma.

"These companies know full well that the consolidated debt will not get paid down any time soon, but they have successfully taken business from their competitors," Wilson added.

Before consolidating debt onto a credit card, Wilson recommends reading the fine print carefully several times before consolidating debt onto a credit card offer.

Many times these offers contain hidden fees and penalties if the debt is not paid off by a certain date.

There are also other options available to students who find themselves struggling to get out of debt.

Such nonprofit organizations as Consumer Credit Counseling Services and Ameridebt offer affordable credit counseling and debt consolidation to people struggling with debt.

However, the best way to avoid getting in debt is to budget your finances appropriately from the start.

Experts recommend students attend some type of debt counseling or budget management course upon enrolling at their University.

UAB currently offers budget management as part of the UNIV 105 course.

Incoming students should check with their academic adviser or the registrar's office for more information.

Former chancellor at U of I to pay for e-mail sent by athletic recruiter

Leslie Hague
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE)

—More than a year after former University of Illinois Chancellor Michael Aiken sent an e-mail forbidding contact with potential athletic recruits made without the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, a judge is ordering him to pay \$5,000 for it.

Federal District Judge Michael Mihm awarded four University professors and one University student \$1,000 each in damages for the limitation of their free speech in a Peoria, Ill., court on Monday.

"It was a vindication of their rights and a final chapter on this," said Ed Yohnka, director of communications for the Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the organization that represented the plaintiffs.

University spokesman Bill Murphy said he was not prepared to comment Monday night and Aiken did not return phone calls Monday night.

Aiken sent the mass e-mail in March 2001 requiring students and faculty who wanted to contact potential athletic recruits to first get permission from the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, per National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. This was based on several anti-Chief Illini-walk protesters' plans to contact prospective athletes and discourage them from attending the

"We hope this brings closure to this part of our advocacy."

Philip Phillips professor, awarded \$1,000

University based on the Chief. A group of anti-Chief activists filed suit, and Mihm issued a temporary restraining order on the e-mail several weeks later.


Aiken retracted the e-mail in June 2001, but the ACLU persisted in its lawsuit. On May 24, Mihm ruled that the e-mail abridged free speech rights and Aiken could not be granted immunity in the trial, Yohnka said. On Monday, Mihm awarded \$1,000 each to graduate student Cyndey Crue, Associate Professor Brenda Farnell, Professor Frederick Hoxie, Professor Stephen Kaufman and Professor Philip Phillips.

"We hope this brings closure to this part of our advocacy," Phillips said.

He said the goal of the lawsuit was two-fold: a matter of principle, and to pave the way for the University to pay the ACLU's legal costs.

Phillips said that based on the drawn-out nature of the case, he would not be surprised if the University appealed the decision.

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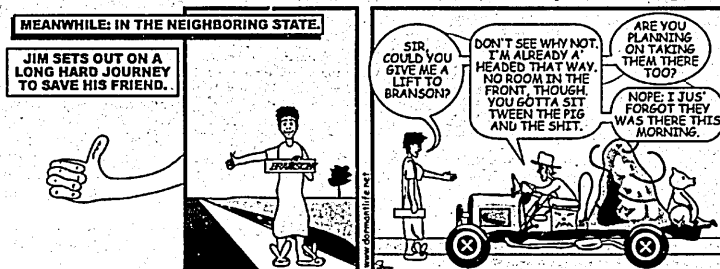


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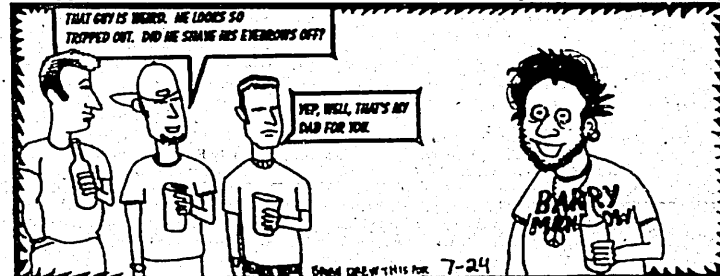
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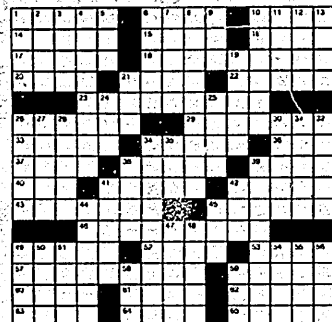


Bonzo Goes to College

by Seth Dewhirst



Crossword



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Still leading women in the right direction

Charlotte West works to help women become leaders in sports administration

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

Former SIU Associate Athletic Director Charlotte West's biggest obstacle has been trying to change attitudes.

Although she's succeeded in changing so many during her 41-year career, she still spends much of her time helping to train women to deal with "dinosaurs" who don't think women want to or need to participate in sports.

So West considers her biggest thrill in life to be helping women gain equal access to sports and athletic administration positions.

"Being a part of creating opportunities for women has been a great achievement," West said. "I very much believe in educational sports."

West now serves as the dean of faculty for the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators. The organization, along with Higher Education Resource Services, hosts an institute every summer that helps teach women skills to become athletic administrators. The organization brings in speakers and puts on workshops that allow role playing as a part of conflict resolution.

"It's rewarding to me because you are leaving a legacy and these women are going to go out with know-how when all we had was trial and error," West said.

And West is the reason many of these women even have the opportunity to go to college in hope of being directors on college campuses.

"We wouldn't be near where we are now if she hadn't been here working for women in athletics," said SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk.

Her former student and athlete, SIU women's tennis head-coach Judy Auld, knows that she is in the position she is in because of West and her work in athletics.

"She's a very significant person and she opened doors for women in the coaching field as well as administration," Auld said. "To know her took my life to another level."

West started it all during a time when women were not allowed on the playing field or on the courts.

She grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla., where

she played sports in junior high and high schools, something she knows was a rare opportunity because schools didn't provide sports teams for women when she was growing up.

But her days of playing softball, volleyball, basketball and swimming came to an end when she attended Florida State University. She was shocked to find that colleges didn't have sports teams for women. It was a turning point in her life.

"Things influence you and when I look back, I think that was a big influence on me," West said. "I thought there ought to be opportunities for women."

After she graduated with a degree in mathematics and physical education, she went back to St. Petersburg, where she taught and coached in high school for two years. After she received her master's in 1957, she began looking for a teaching job.

At the time, SIU was one of the few schools around the nation that provided women's sports teams. West was hired as a teacher and began coaching.

When she first arrived, there were only women's teams for field hockey, basketball, softball and tennis. In her first year, she established the volleyball team and eventually helped start the women's golf team.

In 1975, she retired from teaching and coaching to become the informal director of Athletics for women and then the director of Athletics for women when then SIU Interim President Hiram Lesar formally established the Women's Athletic Department.

In 1986, University President Albert Somit merged the Women and Men's Athletic Department into one, and West became the associate athletic director and then interim Athletic director for a year. When Jim Hart took the position as Athletic director, West went back to the associate Athletic director position until July 1998.

During her term at SIU, West was discouraged that many universities still didn't allow women to participate in sports. West, along with some other women, went to the NCAA looking to it to start an organization that provided sports opportunities for women. When they were turned down, they formed the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. West served as commissioner of championships, coordinating all the championships and then as president.

"The explosion of growth of women's sports in the '70s was the most exciting time in the world," West said.

The organization included women athletes



Former Associate Athletic Director Charlotte West has opened up many doors for female athletes during her 41-year career. West now serves as the dean of faculty for the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

from many of the four-year schools that the NCAA carried as well as smaller schools and junior colleges as well. With more schools participating than in the NCAA, the AIAFW grew larger than the NCAA and had 41 national championships in 19 different sports.

The organization closed its doors in 1982 after being taken over by the NCAA, which continued the tradition of women in sports.

During her career in athletics, West has served on countless committees and has received numerous awards for her work in athletics.

West served as chair of the NCAA Committee on Financial Aid and Amateurism, the NCAA Committee on Athletic Certification, the NCAA Council and was an influential part of the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force. She was also elected by members of the Missouri Valley Conference to be its representative on the NCAA Management Council.

West was also the first woman to be a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the first woman to receive the Honda Award given for outstanding achievement in women's collegiate athletics.

She was the first member to be recognized by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators as the Woman

Administrator of the Year, and she was inducted into the initial class of women in the SIU Hall of Fame.

After her retirement, West was recognized by the All-American Football Foundation with the Senior Sports Administrator Award given for outstanding performance in the profession. Her alma mater, Florida State, recently honored her as one of four "grads made good" at the annual Homecoming celebration.

West said she has enjoyed her journey, bumps and all, and she laughs when people ask about when she decided to be an athletic director.

"I never decided that because there weren't any," West said. "There were no women in athletic administration when I was younger."

But now, 46 years after she started teaching and coaching in Southern Illinois, West sees that there are more than a hundred thousand women athletes at universities around the nation, and there are a handful of women athletic directors leading athletes at universities as well.

"Her scope of influence has resonated well beyond the borders of Southern Illinois," Kowalczyk said.

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NIU baseball coach leaves to take over at the University of Evansville

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DEKALB (U-WIRE) — The recent resurgence of Northern Illinois' baseball team — occurring under the reign of coach Dave Schrage — was no coincidence for the Huskie faithful.

He did such a good job rebuilding NIU's program that the University of Evansville decided that its team couldn't live without him.

Schrage announced Monday that he has left NIU to lead the Purple Aces in one of college baseball's most competitive conferences.

"Dave was a wonderful asset to NIU baseball, for a program that only had four wins before (NIU went 4-51 in 1999)," assistant athletic director Stacy Allie said.

More wins were not the only thing the coach brought to DeKalb.

"He got the team believing that they are winners and that they can compete for the MAC championships year in and year out," said Allie, who oversees the baseball program as part of her job.

Schrage was not actively trying to leave NIU. He simply received an offer he couldn't refuse.

"He was not looking to leave. Evansville contacted him," Allie said.

"He was very happy here, but Evansville invested in a brand new baseball stadium. I'm sure that there was an increase in benefits to the coach, and I know that their budget is larger, being in the Missouri Valley Conference, which is a top competitive baseball conference."

Schrage's exit leaves NIU with a coaching vacancy just over one month before classes begin.

NIU's top baseball assistant Scott Lawler is definitely a candidate for the job, Allie said. Allie did not have an exact date for the search's start or conclusion, but she did discuss some strategies they plan to use.

"Currently, we are looking at all avenues," she said. "We're accepting applications and we'll be researching the individuals that have accomplished similar tasks at other universities. We're compiling a list of names of coaches that have strong ties to the Illinois area, which will help with the recruiting of local student athletes."

Schrage will return to an area of experience, having coached and played for a total of 16 years between Creighton and Northern Iowa, both of which are MVC teams.

"The MVC has long been known as one of the best baseball conferences in the Midwest," Schrage said in a press release. "To have the chance

to coach again in the Valley, and to have a facility like (the new 2,000-seat, \$25-million) Braun Stadium to work with, I cannot wait to get started."

In addition to the stadium, other elements that attracted Schrage include a salary increase, a larger budget and Evansville being a better fit for his family, Allie said.

"The entire package, I understand, was too good for his family, and what was right for his family, to bypass," she said. "He loved working at Northern. It was nothing against Northern, it was just that a stronger opportunity was presented to him."

In NIU's second game during Schrage's inaugural season in 2000, the team ended a 33-game losing streak that had carried from the previous year. The Huskies finished the year 24-33.

In 2001, Schrage guided NIU to a 28-27 record, which was only the second time in NIU's 24-season baseball history that they finished above .500.

The year earned Schrage honors as runner-up for All-America Coach of the Year from Collegiate Baseball magazine.

Last season, the team finished 23-32 to give Schrage a three-season mark of 75-92.

Academic standards for athletes to be re-examined

Todd Willie
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — Members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association have until Wednesday to turn in comments on a proposed set of academic standards for student-athletes.

The NCAA is tweaking its academic requirements for eligibility, seeking to increase both graduation rates for college athletes and access to college athletic programs, said James Castañeda, a Rice University professor of Spanish and chairman of the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet.

Wednesday will end a 90-day comment period on the proposals for NCAA members, and board members will vote on the proposals in October, Castañeda said.

The NCAA has proposed extending the sliding scale of required high school grade point average and test scores to increase access in initial eligibility. Currently, athletes who score an 820 on the SAT need a 2.5 GPA to be eligible. The new rules would allow athletes who score a 620 with a 3.0 GPA to be eligible. The NCAA has also proposed dropping minimum test scores altogether.

Athletes would also have to take 14 core classes in high school, instead of

the 13 now required.

Once enrolled, athletes currently must complete 25 percent of their degree requirements in order to compete during their junior year, 50 percent for their senior year and 75 percent by their fifth year. The new rules would up those numbers to 40 percent, 60 percent and 80 percent respectively.

Castañeda said that because athletes' academic requirements are inadequate, many athletes who meet the requirements still fail to graduate.

Demetrius Marlowe, president-elect of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics, said new standards may have both positive and negative consequences.

"It allows the student in the university to be more accountable for progress," Marlowe said.

Marlowe said there is no certainty that the proposals will be effective.

Marlowe said he thought the rules would be especially tough on students transferring from community colleges since they often don't know what four-year college they will attend.

Chris Plonsky, University of Texas senior associate athletic director, said she did not think the University necessarily needed the new standards.

UT Athletics Director Deloss Dodds agreed but added that initial eligibility requirements should match continuing eligibility requirements.

Risks & Benefits

of hormone therapy during menopause

The Women's Health Initiative reports
HRT may increase the risk
of heart attack and breast cancer

STORY BY MAUREEN JOHNSON

Menopause often brings hot flashes and night sweats in its wake, but Jill DiMeo has managed to get through it unscathed.

DiMeo, 57, from Mt. Laurel, N.J., was approaching menopause and began to have sporadic menstrual periods. As part of a hormone replacement therapy, her doctor put her on estrogen every day and a progestin the first 10 days of the month. But after being on this combination of estrogen and progestin for eight years, DiMeo decided to discontinue the therapy.

"There was just so much controversy about it, the benefits and all, and I suggested to my doctor I might like to go off it," DiMeo said. "She didn't usually keep people on it longer than 10 years anyway. I didn't feel a particular difference when I went on them, and I don't feel a particular difference now that I'm off of them. I was on a low dosage, so maybe that had something to do with it."

Hormone Replacement Therapy, or HRT, is commonly prescribed to women for minimizing the symptoms of menopause. However, the findings of a 15-year study, the Women's Health Initiative, reported that the risks of HRT might actually outweigh its benefits.

Jennifer Hays, one of the principal investigators of the Women's Health Initiative, is an associate professor at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She explained the Women's Health Initiative is a large study of women's health after menopause, with most women between the ages of 50 and 79.

"What was so surprising to those

of us participating in the study as researchers was that many of us were told it was an unethical study or at least unnecessary," Hays said.

Prior to the study, the assumption was that women should be on hormones after menopause. This assumption was made on the basis of earlier data that just looked at women who happened to be on estrogen for a long period of time and compared them to women who were not.

The women who were on estrogen seemed to be healthier. They had fewer heart attacks, and they lived longer. It was presumed estrogen was the reason.

"When you find women who have been on estrogen for 20 years and you find a group who hasn't and you try to compare them, there are differences in those two groups," Hays said. "Women who are on estrogen for a long time tended to be pill-takers. They had access to medical care, and they controlled their blood pressure and their diabetes. They exercised."

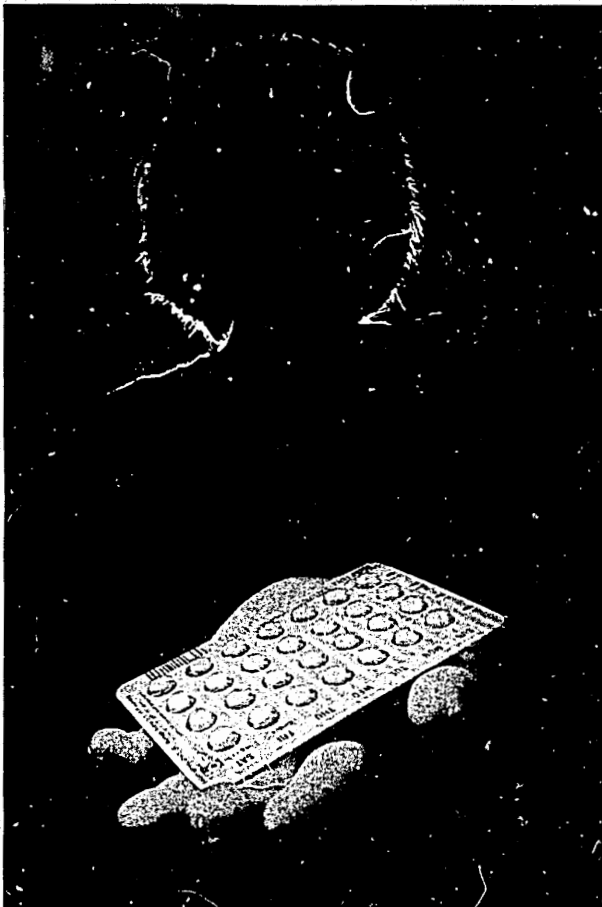
"In every study, they were a healthier group to begin with. And the women who had breast cancer or maybe had a heart attack or stroke, those women were no longer in the study anymore."

However, the trial was stopped 5.2 years into the study because the number of breast cancer cases reached the predetermined number of cases at which the investigators would stop the study. Also, there was an increased risk of heart attacks observed rather than a decreased risk. There was also an increased risk of stroke and blood clots in the women using estrogen and progestin. Furthermore, it was seen that the women who used the hormones longer had an increased risk of breast cancer.

"Overall, the benefits, which are to lower our rate of fracture and colorectal cancer, are not outweighed by the risks," Hays said.

Lynn Chard-Petrinjak, communications manager of the National Osteoporosis Foundation in Washington, D.C., said HRT has been shown to prevent osteoporosis in women by increasing their bone density.

"If you have someone who has no risk for stroke, heart disease or breast cancer, but they're at high risk for osteoporosis, they might talk to the



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Oral contraceptives contain estrogen and progestin, but they are in different forms and in higher doses than those used in Hormone Replacement Therapy, or HRT. The effects of oral contraceptives on the body are different from those of HRT.

doctor about going on it," Chard-Petrinjak said. "But there are other medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of osteoporosis. A Selective Estrogen Receptive Modulator, which is what they call 'designer estrogen' has an effect on bone tissue, but it doesn't have an effect on breast tissue."

Chard-Petrinjak said the best prevention for osteoporosis is diet and exercise.

"Calcium and Vitamin D are so important, as well as getting weight-bearing exercise," Chard-Petrinjak said. "They're the best things you can do for your bones. Working against gravity will help maintain your bone mass."

Chard-Petrinjak said the study only looked at one preparation, so there may be more recent preparations that are lower in dosage but do not have as many side effects.

"The study with women who have had hysterectomies and are only on estrogen replacement therapy have not seen the same kind of risk to date they've seen with the combined HRT," Chard-Petrinjak said.

Hays said the study is only a start in looking at the effects of hormones on a woman's body. She explained it might prompt more research in the future.

"The next question is 'Why?' said Hays. "Was it the progestin? Was it the combination of estrogen and progestin? Are there safer ways to deliver this medicine, such as through skin patches? Is the lower dose as effective and safer? We don't have these answers yet, and I think

that's what we as women ought to be demanding."

Hays said oral contraceptives also contain estrogen and progestin, but they are different forms and in higher doses than those used in HRT. However, the effects of oral contraceptives on the body are different from those of HRT. Women who have taken them have a lower rate of ovarian cancer, and there is even some evidence that they protect women from breast cancer.

The only concern researchers have about oral contraception is the risk of blood clots. The package insert tells women not to take them if they're over the age of 40 or if they smoke. Oral contraceptives can cause clotting in the deep veins in the legs, and possibly in the lungs.

"Frankly, I find it unacceptable that we don't have more information about how women's bodies function during phases of their cycle premenopausally and then after menopause," Hays said.

DiMeo said that she was not concerned about the findings of the Women's Health Initiative.

"Anytime you put anything chemical into your system, someone is going to have some kind of reaction to it," DiMeo said. "I do believe that we do have a proclivity to conditions through our genetics. If I had a daughter, I would just tell her to find herself a good physician and know what she's taking."

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Women's Health Initiative

Study Results

Estrogen/progestin therapy also resulted in:

- 26 percent increase in breast cancer (This caused the study to be stopped)
- 41 percent increase in strokes
- 29 percent increase in heart attacks
- Doubled rates of blood clots in legs and lungs
- 37 percent less colorectal cancer
- 34 percent fewer hip fractures and 24% less total fractures



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BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL teams working together



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Saluki basketball players take a breather Tuesday afternoon before SIU football assistant coach Eric Klein gets them running again during their off-season training.



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU football assistant coach Eric Klein checks his watch as Saluki basketball players run at McAndrew Stadium. Players from both teams work out together twice a week.

Saluki basketball sets new standard

Jack Piatt
Daily Egyptian

The sweet sensation still lingers from last season's trip to the Big Dance, and the Salukis are ready to get footloose one more time.

Last season's success was in part due to how hard the team worked in the off-season. This season is no exception, and the SIU men's basketball team is working out with the football team for the second straight summer.

SIU football assistant coach Eric Klein is once again taking charge of the Saluki basketball team and getting them ready for their regular training in the fall.

Klein was happy to oblige SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber when he was approached about training the basketba! team last summer.

The basketball team works out twice a week with the football squad in the morning doing the same workout.

The team also works out with Klein two days a week, focusing more on basketball training. They

lift weights in the morning at 6:15 a.m. and run in the afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

"Klein has great ideas that are new and keep you interested in the workout," said star guard Kent Williams.

The basketball program is very thankful for the help of Klein, who is also busy taking care of his football squad.

"Coach Klein is a great motivator," said basketball assistant coach Rodney Watson. "We are fortunate to have him on the staff at SIU."

Klein enjoys working with the Saluki basketball squad.

"They all have a good attitude," Klein said. "They had to adjust to the workout and learn how I was, and I had to learn how they were. They had to change."

The dedication being displayed by the players paints a good picture of how hungry they are to add to the success they experienced last season.

"These guys could be doing a thousand different things during the summer," Watson said.

"They are up at 6:15 a.m. lifting weights and running in the afternoon in 100 degree weather. They are really committed and doing a great job."

Klein said the team is better off

for starting training early.

"This will give them the competitive edge they need," Klein said. "Being good last year is not enough to make them good this year. I expect them to work hard, and I have turned up the intensity."

Williams said he is in better shape than he has ever been during the summer.

"The whole team will be in better shape this season," Williams said.

Saluki forward Sylvester Willis said the training is similar to last season's workout, but this summer they are focusing more on their explosiveness and quickness.

"This training is good for the team's chemistry," Willis said. "I see a definite change in the team with coach Klein around."

The Salukis are keeping the ball rolling and moving toward their goal for another appearance in the coveted NCAA Tournament.

Watson said that Weber has always preached to the team about off-season dedication.

"He is always telling the team, if you want to be special, you have to do something special," Watson said.

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What will be the new American pastime?

For as long as I can remember, baseball has been the national pastime.

Now, between the possibility of yet another strike, the lack of parity and the whole steroids debacle, baseball seemingly has shot itself in the head and is reloading the gun for another try.

Baseball's just sitting back and thinking, "Ah, sweet release."

Bam!! Bam!!

Game over.

Season over.

Standing as the national pastime over.

As quickly as a Sammy Sosa homerun leaves Wrigley Field, baseball has gone from being a sport most people love to a sport most people can't stand.

In the early '90s, baseball was on top of the world.

Then the strike of '94 came along and nearly killed off the sport.

Once the strike was over and teams came back to the diamond, the fans, still bitter over losing the World Series, were slow in rejoining the players.

In the end, it came down to a St. Louis Cardinal and a Chicago Cub teaming up to save their sport.

If it hadn't been for Mark McGwire's and Sammy Sosa's pursuit of the homerun record in

1998, baseball still might not have made a comeback.

Now, at a time when fans are fed up with steroids accusations and teams like the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who can barely make payroll, are forced to trade away all their good players while teams like the New York Yankees are closing in on \$200 million payrolls and buying everyone they want, the players union is on the verge of striking once more.

I've had several people tell me they can't stand baseball anymore and if the players do indeed go on strike, they will never watch another game.

Who can really blame them?

With as much love as little children play the game with on street corners is how much indifference professionals seem to play it with in gigantic ballparks.

This made me wonder what should be our new national pastime.

Then it hit me.

Football is the answer.

If any sport has as loyal a following as baseball, used to, it's football.

On any given Sunday, millions of Americans



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sit in front of their television sets and surround themselves with snacks to watch football games.

They watch commentators such as John Madden draw circles on the screen and say "Boom!" like they're contractually obligated to say it 60 times a minute.

In short, Sunday is the American Sabbath, but not because of church.

It's because of football.

And unlike the other major sports, football is pretty much only America's game.

Yeah, there are leagues in Canada and Europe, but for the most part, the teams are completely composed of Americans.

Football is America's sport.

Some people say it is too brutal, but that is most of the attraction.

Just like during the stay of the Roman Empire, when people were drawn to the brutality of the gladiators, Americans are drawn to football.

Players are modern-day Gladiators, except they fight to take yards away from the opponent, not blood.

Any blood that's taken away is merely a

bonus.

Another positive about football is the parity in the sport.

In baseball, you always know it's going to come down to the Yankees. In basketball, it's the Los Angeles Lakers and in hockey, it's either the Colorado Avalanche or the Detroit Red Wings.

In football, however, there is always the chance that your team can win the next Super Bowl!

Before the St. Louis Rams won it in 2000, they were God-awful.

Then the Baltimore Ravens came out of nowhere to take it the following year.

Last season, it was the New England Patriots who came out and shocked the world.

That lack of a truly dominant team leads to added excitement that sports such as baseball and basketball just don't have anymore.

Every team starts out on equal ground and has to earn whatever they get. They're not handed anything.

That's the way life is for most Americans. Why shouldn't their sport be the same way?

All these reasons are why I now consider football to be the national pastime.

As for baseball, I hope you don't pull that trigger yet again, but if you do, it was nice knowing you.