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Alumnus named new state fire marshal

Viña first minority appointed to position in 93-year history

Amber Ellis Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed Monday a former firefighter, investi-gator and SIUC graduate as the new. state fire marshal

Peter Viña, who will receive a salary of \$98,200, is set to begin his new post today. The state fire marshal position is a governor-appointed posiposition is a governor-appointed posi-tion that needs Senate confirmation.

Viña will replace Ernest E. Russel as the 22nd person to hold this posi-tion in its 93-year history. He is also making history for another reason.

Viña is the first Hispanic and minor-ity to serve as the state fire marshal.

[Blago; wich] tried to fill the position with someone who would protect cities in Illinois and work with fire departments around the state." said Tom Schafer, spokesman for Gov. Blagojevich. "Peter's appointment goes back to his 17 years of experi-ence with fire service. The governor was looking for someone with the experience that he offers."

Viña received an associate's degree in fire technology from Triton College and his bachelor's degree in fire administration from SIUC in 1988. He later went on to receive his Arson Investigation Certification from the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

viña, 50, has more than 17 years fire service experience. From Viña, 50, has more than 17 1978 to 1989, he was employed at the Maywood Fire Department. He began as a fraction and worked his way up from firefighter to positions of arson investigator and lieutenant. For the next six years, Viña managed the cago office while working for the e Fire Marshal's office. Chi State

"[Blagojevich] wanted someone who has worked their way up the ranks," Schafer said. "And Peter has definitely done that; he brought a lot to the table."

From 1995 to 1999, Vina worked for the Department of Public Aid as an internal affairs investigator. He currently holds the position of assistant chief of the Bureau of Latino Relations within the Illinois Department of Human Services. Viña also serves on boards of the

Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus , Proviso United Way and Foundation

the Illinois Association of Hispanic State Employees. The State Fire Marshal's Office

works with local fire departments to provide firefighter career development, assistance in arson investiga tions, as well as general information

regarding fire prevention safety. "I have to get in there first," Viña said. "But I pian on making assessments of the divisions and getting to know the different firefighter organizations to figure out what their

needs are." Chief Jeff Anderson of the Carbondale Fire Department said the State Fire Marshal's Office decides how training should be conducted. It also shares information and provides assistance in arson investigations to the Carbondale Fire Department.

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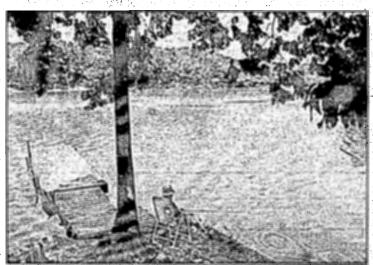
the State Fire Marshal's Office," Anderson said. They help us with a number of

things The mission of the State Fire Marshal's Office is to "reduce death,

injury and property loss of Illinois citizens from fires, explosions and other hazards." 'The agency currently has' three

The agency currently, has three regional offices throughout Illinois in Chicago, Springfield and Marion. "I am excited, humbled and privi-leged to hold this position," Viria said. "This is just a dream come true. When I started working in 78, I remember wishing that I would be able to work for the State Fire Marshal's Office."

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Dave Molner, a social studies teacher at Chester Junior High School, takes a day to relax and fish on Lake Murphysboro Wednesday afternoon. Molner was also fishing with his sons Nate and Zach, who reside in Murphysboro and Carbondale, respectively.

Carbondale teen reported missing

Fourth suspected local runaway in past month

Burke Wasson Daily Egyptian

Carbondale Police said a 13-year-Carbondale girl was reported old missing Tuesday, marking the fourth suspected runaway juvenile case in past month. Carbondale Police the

Sgt. Don Priddy said Jaleesa R. Barron was last seen at 9:30 p.m. July 7 in the neighborhood of South Dixon Stree

Police said she was

pounds with black hair and brown any information on her possible

Priddy said Barron is known to hang around the SIUC Recreation Center and The Crossings mobile home park at 1400 N. Illinois Ave. She had been living at a Carbondale

missing juvenile cases, all teenage girls, are still in the works as none of them have been found.

said Key was last seen June 21 wearing an orange Arizona shirt, blue jeans and brown sandals in the 1000 block of East Park

June 19 in the 400 block of East Chestnut Street in Carbondale. The Department described Harris as a black female who is 5-foot-5 and 125 pounds with black hair and

whereabouts.

brown eyes. Her whereabouts or possible des-tination is not known, Carbondale Police said.

Police said all four girls have been entered into the statewide computer database systems as runaway juve-

The Department said Payne was

last seen May 15 in Carbondale. Payne is described as a white female who is 5-foot-3 and 155 pounds

Police said they believe Payne was headed to either Harrisburg

or Metropolis. Police said Harris was last seen

with a tattoo on her left arm.

Black graduates gather for reunion Ninth alumni reunion to be

generational passing of the torch

Geoffrey Ritter Daily Egyptian

It will be a weekend to focus on

both the past and the future. At least that's how organizers of the ninth Black Alumni Reunion — which will bring about 500 past graduates of SIUC back to campus for a weekend of food, sport, socializing and celebration see the

upcoming festivities. There's more at stake than just a weekend of camaraderie. There's looking at the colorful past of blacks at SIU to consider and also a time to show concern for the future.

After all, who will take the place of all these "old guys" from SIU's past, asks Black Alumni Group President Hubert Avent.

President Hubert Avent. "We want to get people involved while they're still in Carbondale," Avent said of the reunion's theme, "Coming Home To Nourish Our Roots." These are the young peo-ple who are going to go out into the world next, and we have to nourish our root." our roots

And thus, with an eye on the black students who will become the next generation of SIU alumni, this next generation of Sto alumni, this weekend's gathering will include a few special guests — namely SIU alumnus and this weekend's key-note speaker Dick Gregory, who has made a name for himself since his graduation in the 1950s as an imed comedian, author and civil rights activist, and three mem-bers of the Little Rock Nine who can claim SIU as their alma mater.

Those three students — Minnijean Brown Trickey, Thelma M. Wair and Terrance J. Roberts were among the nine black students who were instrumental in integrating Arkansas' Central High l in 1957.

"We have to recognize that many of the people coming back attended in the '50s and '60s," said Seymour Bryson, associate chancel-"

lor for Diversity and the co-chair of this weekend's reunion planning committee. "What you're seeing demonstrated this weekend is SIU's past commitment."

That past commitment was one of the first of its kind in the nation, booming in the 1950s when then-SIU President Delyte Morris welcomed blacks to SIU with open arms at a time when integrated edu-cation was still a taboo. Although blacks from states such as Kentucky and Tennessee had long since made SIU an educational haven, and Morris efforts set a precedent haven, is still felt today. According to a June 5 study in Blacks In Higher Education Magazine, SIU is ranked sixth in the nation among tradition-ally white universities for graduat-ing black students and 16th-total

among all schools. Nourishing that trend so that it continues well into the future is this weekend's primary goal, Bryson said. In addition to the weekend's centerpiece events — namely, the reception at 10 a.m. Friday in 26 of Morris Library with the Little Rock Nine alumni and the banquet with Gregory at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Student Center Ballrooms C and D — the three days will be filled with bowling specials at Student Center Bowling and Billiards, exhibits at the University Museum and a whole slate of workshops Friday in the Student Center.

Among the topics to be discussed are student financial aid, financial anning and the "Relationship of planning and the "Relationship of Politics and Education," presented by alumnus and State Rep. William Davis, D-Harvey, and Linda Renee Baker, the former secretary to the Illinois Department of Human Illinois Department of Human Services and current employee of the SIU Public Policy Institute.

And with such a full slate for the weekend, Bryson and Avent are confident that this year's

wearing blue Capri pants and a white shirt at the time of her last sighting. Police describe Barron as a black who is 5-foot-8 and 140 pounds Police describe Barron as a black righting of describe Barron as a black with blonde hair and blue eyes. righting of describe Barron as a black with blonde hair and blue eyes. righting of describe Barron as a black with blonde hair and blue eyes. righting of describe Barron as a black with blonde hair and blue eyes. righting of describe Barron as a black with blonde hair and blue eyes.

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residence with her mother. Police said the three previous

Sandra Key, 13, Deanna Payne, 15, and Arrysha Monique Harris, 16, were all reported missing in late June. regarding Carbondale Police Anyone with

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WASHINGTON – Even before its release, a report on teen dinking has drawn charges of bias from the \$110 billion-ayear alcohol industry, an intense lobbying campaign, and congressional warnings not to interfere with the industry marketing. The pending report, by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine (OM), will assess sument efforts to control underage dinking and propose some new ones. It is expected to weigh, among other things, what additional taxes on alcohol and restrictions on adventising and marketing might do to teen dinkine.

Alcohol industry girds for battle over report on teen drinking

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on alcohol and restrictions on advertising and mericaning imagin suc-teen drinking. Studies indicate that underage drinking, especially bringe drinking, is a persistent problem, and that illegal consumption of liquor may account for between 10 and 20 percent of total U.S. sales. Activities fighting underage drinking hope and some in the elonhol industry womy that the report will spur aggressive anti-alcohol initiatives similar to anti-smoking campaigns. The report, originally due out last month, is being reviewed by independent outside experts. Release is now expected in August or Camendae.

Interpendent outside september Some industry groups say the NAS panel dismissed their input and ignored their members' programs to reduce teen dimking. "Our industry probably spends tens of millions of dollars fighting underage dimking. We really try to get parents and

INTERNATIONAL NEWS U.S. soldier killed in Baghdad convoy attack

BAGNDAD LITA (CNN) – A LLS soldier was killed Wednesday in a natak on a convey in Baghdad, bringing the number of American battle deaths in the Iraqi conflict to 148 – the same number as in the 1991 Persian Cull Wat. Thirry-three of those deaths have come in attacks since President Bash declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq on May 1. The convoy from the U.S. Army's 3rd Corps Support Command came under small-arms and rocket-propelles grenade line Wednesday moming near the Abu Charbe prison in westem Baghdad. Three soldiers also were wounded. Meanwhile, in an unsuccessful attack on U.S. forces Wednesday, Pentagon officials said a U.S. military C-130 transport plane was the target of sufface-to-air missile fire when it was flying into Beghdad International Airport. The missile fire idd not hit the aircraft, which was able to land safely, the officials said. Officials said there had been intermittent indeetts with missile fire in the past. It was under if Wednesday to commercial tartific.

Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of U.S. Central Command, said 11.S. forces are facing "a classical guerrilla-type compaign."

educators involved. Those are proven methods that have worked said Michelle Semones, a spokesperson for the National Beer Wholesalers Association. The NAS report, she said, is focused instead on unproven tact'cs like raising tasses on alcohol:

Muhammad sniper trial moved to Virginia Beach

"Good cause has been clearly shown that such change of venue is necessary to ensure a fair and impartial trial." Prince William County Grant Judge LeRoy Millette Jr. vrote. Virginia Beach is about 200 miles from Manassas, Virginia, where Muhammad vas charged with one of 10 sruper murders. Muhammad's trial would be just a few miles from Chesapeake, Virginia, where alleged accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo's trial has been moved. mound

moved. Since the two trials could overlap, with Muhammad's starting in mid-October and Malvo's starting one month later, prosecutors ha been concerned about the logistics of accommodating trials in distant locales. Scores of winnexess and hundreds of items, includi the Busimaster rifle allegedly used by the snipers, will need to be charted basenan the sengice ding

the Busumaster line aregoin, some fill the Busumaster line aregoing a studied between the venues. Attorneys for both suspects had argued that the sniper attacks had affected nearly venyone in the Washington area, making it impossible to find fair, unbiased jurors.

The resistance appears to be organized "at the regional level" and composed of mid-level members of Saddam's Baath party, trag's intelligence services and remnants of the Special Republican Guard, here and

Medigence services and retinants of the system services associated with the said. "It's how-intensity conflict in our doctrinal terms, but it's war-however you describe it, "Abilizid said. He said U.S. troops are doing "a magnificent job" combating that resistance.

Hijacked Cuban boat in international waters

NASSAU, Bahamas (CNN) – A boat the Cuban government said was hijiacked Tuesday is now believed to be in international waters west of the largest of the Bahama Islands, a Bahamian official said. The boat is believed to be west of Andros, said Christopher Symonetta, executive director of the Bahamas Information Services

Symonette, executive director of the Bahamas Information Services . He said two Bahamas Defense Force cutters were in the general area, but because the Cuban boat is believed to be in interrentional waters no attempts are being made to intercept it. In a written statement, the Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs said-the boat was "headed generally in a northenty direction" at a speed of 6 knots (6.9 mph).

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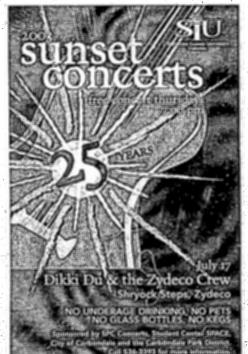
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• A motor vehicle their occurred between 3:30 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. Monday at the New Admissions parking lot. The missing vehicle is a1990 while GMC van that belongs to the University. There are no suspects at this time.

Lamont Jacob Devenport, 27, Makanda, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended driver's license, operation of an unin-sured motor vehicle and a seather violation at 25 arr. Monday at the intersection of South Illinois Avenue and Lincoln Drive. Davenport was unable to post the required bond and taken to the Jackson County Jali in Murphysboro.

minal damage to state-supported property at West Chautauqua was reported at 5:56 p.m. Monday.

bert Jason Shelton, 29, Anna, was ticketed for driving with a nded driver's license at 12:17 a.m. Tuesday on Pountry Center Shelton posted \$100 cash bond.

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The taste of Southern Illinois

Local wineries continue to thrive during summer months

story by KATIE DAVIS photos by ROBERT LYONS

is open from noon to 5 p.m.

Wednesday through Sunday.

The Pomona Winery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

andy North casually smiled as she was presented a bottle of 2001 water valley white wine at the Owl Creek Vineyard in Cobden. "Will we drink it if I get it?" she

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asked her friends. "I'll help you drink it if you do,"

replied Penny Basler with a laugh. Skip North of Crystal Lake, Candy and Basler had spent some time tasting the nine varieties of wine Wednesday afternoon at the locally owned winery. Skip and Candy had finally found their poisons and were

anxious to give them a try. For Candy, it was a semi-sweet blend of Niagara grapes; for Skip, was a much eeter "dessert it **Owl Creek Vineyard**

sweeter wine. The summer may not be the busiest time for local wineries, but

through Saturday and noon they still do a fair share of business through June, July

and August, according to Jeff Bean, sales and marketing director of the Owl Creek Vineyard, and George

Majka of the Pomona Winery. Bean said Owl Creek sces about 50 customers on an average weekday, and up to 150 for the weekends. By 2 p.m. Wednesday, builes each bear one for shell having only been open for about two hours, Bean had already assisted about 12 visitors in finding a suitable wine.

The summer is better; it really picks up in the summer, and the big push is in October," he said. "January and February are abso-lutely dead."

Majka, who owns and operates the fruit winery on the Shawnee Wine trails, said the summer brings about one-fourth to one-third of his 7,000 customers annually, due mainly to tourism. Though, October would probably be his busiest time of year.

"During the week, it is so irregular," he said. "We may have customers, or we may have 40 fou - there's no way to predict. And we average between 100 and 150 for the weekend."

But customers aren't the only things keeping him on his toes at this time of year.

The Pomona Winery, which only uses fruits grown in Southern Illinois, purchases strawburchases straw-berries, peaches, blueberries and apples from all over the state, most of which are harvested in early

or late summer. "We make fruit wines — we make batches throughout the sum-

mer," Majka said. He said strawberries were harvested in June, the blueberries were picked up about three weeks ago, the peaches will be ready in August and the apples, which are the base for the majority of his wines, will be juiced in September. Majka said that once the fruit

is harvested, it is only a matter of days before it is juiced, though it may be more than a year before it is bottled.

"The strawberry wine will be

Chapmans' have toured much of the Midwest tasting and grading wines, including all the wineries on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

ready in a matter of weeks - in six to eight weeks it will be ready to bottle, but we'll wait until September," he said.

"The apple will set for one to two years. We haven't bottled the

2002 harvest yet." Bean said that although the grapes at the Owl Creek Vineyard will not be ready to harvest until fall, he and the other staff stay busy keeping the grapes, which are among the most difficult plants to

tend, healthy. He said two other full-time staff have to shoot-position the vines, which means pulling down vines, which means pulling down the shoots, which naturally grow straight up, thinning the clusters throughout the summ.r, and spraying the crop with fungicide every few weeks to ensure a good harvest. harvest.

They will even bottle the 2002

They will even bottle the 2002 Domaine Des Sage, which com-bines pineapple and apple flavors to the grape melody, Friday. "And we still get to cut the grass, weed — we have to do the basic gardening chores," Bean said, which gives his normal workdays a lor of writery.

Owl Creek Vineyard and Pomona Winery are both part of the Shawnee wine trails, which include the Alto Vineyards, the largest in the area, in Alto Pass; Von Jakob

Vineyard in Pomona; and Winghill Vineyard in Cobden. Bean said that cooperation between the wineries, has been essential to their success and has helped boost tourism to the Southern Illinois region.

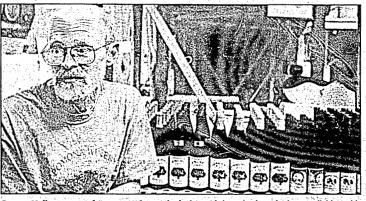
"No one is going to drive 500 miles to go to one small winery in the middle of nowhere," Bean said. But they will for four or five small wineries in the middle of nowhere." nowhere.

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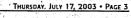
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Jeff Bean accommodates the different preferences of his customers by offering nine different wines. Bean has worked at Owl Creek Vineyard since 1998 and watches over the business all year round.



George Majka, owner of Pomona Winery, sits in front of the selection of wines available at his store. Pomona Winery first opcned in 1991 and uses only Illinois-grown apples and other fruit for wine production.





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OLUMNIST



Refined Thoughts

By George Ploss gploss@siu.com

Restriction of a label

Hip hop is a culture. From its diction to its dress, hip hop is a facilitated lifestyle that is original in all of its pure forms.

The hip hop lifestyle doesn't apply only to black people in the inner city.

In the inner city Hip hop is global. Asians, whites, Latinos and countless other cultures and ethnicities adopt hip hop culture into their own everyday lives and make it their own. It's understandable they do this; hip hop is charismatic, true and has a vibrant essence. But why is hip hop still con-sidered "black" music? Why can't it just be music?

Hip hop is, obviously, still very young, but when Jazz was as young as hip hop is now, Jazz wasn't labeled as just "black music." Gillespie, Davis and Coltrane made music, not black music

Does Nas make black music or just plain music? Sure, he appeals to many a large group of black youth, but he is just a small aspect of a broad culture. Does Eminem make black music? I'd say he makes music.

music: Id say he makes music. The moment a genre of music inspires someone outside of its cultural origins, it has stepped beyond its own cultural boundaries established by its very own label. Hip hop grew very quickly while it was young. Similar to animals in the wind, it had to grow fast in order to survive. In the bound block neuron bines to hips in denset

Just because black people listen to hip hop, it doesn't make it black music. Just because white people listen to clas-sical music, it doesn't make it white music. Music cannot define whether someone is white or black. Music can only simply, but profoundly, explore aspects of cultures. Music cannot define and specify, because it is always a main bridge

that links cross cultures together. Different genres of music are different tools of expres sion. To say that hip hop is just black music is to say it is our

soon, to say una mp nop is just outack musice is to say it is ou only form of expression, and that simply is not true. As hip hop grows, there will be more and more rappers that will succeed that are not black. Hip hops label as just black music is restrictive and

demeaning

With its labeling, hip hop can become displaced, because to have that label is a shackle to a developing artist who feels he/she has to make music along the lines that the label given has established.

given has established. In essence, this specific label limits the growth of a genre that, in order to grow, reserves its own place as an estab-lished genre in musical eternity. Since its birth, hip hop has touched billions. We all know what it is and what it means to us.

For me, hip hop is Nas in 1994, sitting on a Queens Bridge project bench in a Triple Fat Goose coat, Karl Kani jeans, laced up Timberlands and a slightly cuffed Yankees

hat, being simply Illmatic. For others, hip hop is a favorite phrase by a favorite rap-per that has been engraved into their brain for long-term

Hip hop was born in the Bronx, but whereas it used to be black music, it has grown, and has been bridged across the world.

Refined Thoughts appears every other Thursday. George is a sophomore in political science. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTUN.

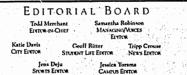
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THEIR WORD TA's actions show misconduct

The Lantern **Ohio State University**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-Wire) -Attempting to uncover supposed academic misconduct by Ohio State University studentathletes and their preferential treatment within the university system, The New York Times published an article Sunday making harsh accu-sations against the general academic integrity of the university and two of its star football players, Maurice Clarett and Chris Vance.

The article printed statements from teaching sistants in the African-American and African Studies department saying Clarett had suppos

edly received special opportunities to ensure his eligibility after he walked out of his midterm. Chris Vance's eligibility was also questioned, since he failed an AAAS class in the fall, yet played in the Fiesta Bowl.

Both Paulette Pierce, an associate professor in AAAS, and one anonymous TA said they suspect widespread academic misconduct among OSU student-athletes.

They claimed cheating was a serious problem among athletes in their class and said they were told athletes have papers and homework done for them by tutors.

However, the greatest irony with current situ-ation — and how it was brought to light — is that, presently, the least questionable characters in the drama seem to be Clarett and Vance themselves.

As of Sunday's press conference with President Holbrook, Director of Athletics Andy Gieger, Interim Provost Barbara Snyder and Dr. David Frantz, a former member of the university's athletic council, no formal complaint had been filed against either player with any of the

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university's proper authorities or the committees dealing with academic misconduct.

Instead of following the various, easily accessible channels for preventing and prosecuting misconduct — ones clearly diagrammed in OSU bylaws and visible on every class syllabus - the anonymous TA has made harsh, currently unsubstantiated allegations against players whom Geiger insists were eligible for the entirety of the 2003 season.

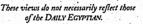
In taking her accusations to the press, the TA's proceedings were even more unprofessional.

The TA disclosed to the Times information specifically protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a set of laws designed to prevent professional misconduct committed with a student's "ecucation records," which include almost all financial, academic and medi-

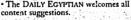
cal records compiled at the university. Illegally, the TA — who had her own privacy protected by the Times — disclosed specific information about Clarett's in-class behavior and midterm performance and Vance's quizzes, midterm grades and class attendance record.

This disclosure undermines all of her indictments about differential treatment of student-- since if athletes are not to be given athletes preferential treatment in the classroom, they should enjoy the same benefits of laws protecting their privacy.

Unfortunately, it seems this anonymous TA believes student-athletes - ones she sees as undeserving of special benefits - are innocent until proven newsworthy, indicating she is more guilty of misconduct than anyone else.



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STOTY by VALERIE N. DONNALS photos by ANTOINETTE DENTAMARO

Aviation program allows minority, low-income students to work toward future pilot's license

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It was her first time at the control stick, and Maria Martinez, 14, eased off the power, adjusted her air speed, checked the altitude, and leveled out the plane for an casy ride.

A loud buzz echoed, causing her to jump, as a nearby plane stalled and a girl shrieked, "I'm a nervous wreck!"

The instructor intervened, reassuring her and resetting the simulator, and giving her the simulator. opportunity to try again.

Martinez understood the fear of the girl beside her.

After all, it was only the third day any of 24 children in the aviation camp had been instructed on planes, and in another couple of days, they would be expected to fly the real thing. Five simulated cockpits circled

the room, and the children, ages

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13 to 18, took turns putting into practice everything they learned about flying during the past two days. The children are taking part in the Southern Illinois Flight

Academy Basic Flight Training Program, which is in its first year the Southern Illinois Airport. The weeklong camp introduces children to aviation history, tech-

nology and terminology, while providing preparatory training to receive a private pilot's license. Instructor Bill Norwood said •he children who show an interest and perform well this week could be asked back next year for a solo

camp. While the basic camp will still

articipants will learn to fly solo. If they return for a third year, they will be able to spend enough time in the air to obtain their private pilor's license.

Camp organizer Ken Robinson said the annual aviation camp sponsored by SIUC could cost

participants as much as \$1,000. However, he said they wanted

to offer a program to make aviation



Summerville, 17 of Carbondale, stands in front of the class to make Brian presentation. As a result of Summerville arriving first for the class, one of the instructors took him for a plane ride before class. Summerville was later told to tell the students how the instructor flew the plane and demonstrate using the toy plane.

accessible to everyone.

The program is primarily geared toward minorities and low-income students, which are chosen

through an application process. The flight camp is free to all of the students who attend, and all expenses are covered by dona-tions, grants and gifts from local businesses.

"The camp is geared toward students who have the interest but not the funds to pursue aviation, said Norwood, a retired captain and the first African-American hired at United Airlines.

Although many children would not be interested in much of anything at 8 a.m., the instructors offer incentive to early risers.

Brian Summerville, 17, was ready to go at 5 a.m. Wednesday to make sure he was the first one at the camp. As the first one there, he was

selected to accompany Allan Englehardt, a captain at United Airlines for the past 33 years, in his Super Decathlon, an aerobatics plane.

Sum nerville could not wait to Summerville could not wait to get out of his parachute and share his tales of flying upside down, barrel rolls, figure eights and other tricks at speeds as high as 3 Gs with the rest of the class when

"That's what I like to see — interest and motivation," said Englehardt, ene of the first gradu-ates of the SIUC flight program. "People always have different reactions when I do that. Most of

them scream or something, but he just laughed."

Everyone listened to the story in awe, some vowing to arrive first the following morning, and some, like Allison Aumiller, 14, became even more apprehensive. "It's sort of nerve- wracking,"

she said.

"I've never been in a plane,

before, and it's a little bit scary. It's been more fun now, but I'm afraid I'm going to do something wrong and then crash!"

Robinson said the simulators help the children gain confidence before taking them up in an actual plane. They are able to use practical

application of the skills they have already learned skills already learn without 66 It teaches leadership, accountability, discipline;

about without having to worry about being 1,000 feet in the air. Although this the first year for the camp, it is based off of mate-

rial and guidelines used by instructors and retired pilots Norwood and Dave Harris, who have sponsored camps for the past three years in Gary, Ind. Calvin Allan,

pilot for Delta

rlines, and Charles Rodriguez, who has introduced programs across the country with children, also volunteered their time to teach the kids about aviation.

The seven men came from as far away as Florida and Texas to assist the program.

These men are all tops in their field," Robinson said.

"They're all willing to give their time to these kids, and that's something special." "I hope the kids will interact

with and emulate men like these; they have successful careers and are still willing to give back what

they can. Neal McCurry, 16, said the instructors have made the camp fun and have inspired him to try to get his pilot's license.

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technologies at SIUC, quizzes members of the class on parts of a Cessna plane. The class was asked not only which part was being pointed to, but also what relation that particular part had to other parts and the plane as a whole. (Above) Bill Garton shows the students what a weather report looks like. The students learned how to read a report and that a weather report can be found for anywhere in the world.

"It's really fun and cool to be around these people who know so much about aviation," McCurry said.

"It's amazing. They've done all of this before, and they all have these great stories to tell."

The instructors teach every-thing from airplane history to the mechanics of

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flying, but it is not all lectures. The children often get

up in front of the class to give presentations on certain aspects of flying which they read about in

their manuals. They also toured the SIUC - flight facilities and learned about aerodynamics by constructing

Ken Robinson camp organizer bottle rockets that flew as

high as 818 feet in the air. The program will end Friday with a reception and formal graduation ceremony. *It teaches leadership, account-

ability, discipline; aviation is a very disciplined industry and builds character," Robinson said.

"It helps them get focused on living life and shows them if they udy and achieve, nothing is out their reach. That's what this is study all about.

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Civil Service Employees discuss layoffs

Tuesday meeting lays out options to possible layoff alternatives for Association

Jessica Yorama Daily Egyptian

The Association of Civil Service Employees met Tuesday afternoon in the Faner Museum Auditorium to discuss alternatives to pending layoffs across campus. According to ACSE president Ruth

Pommier, every seat in the auditorium was filled as more than 100 members gathered to share resolutions to possible layoffs.

First, we chronologically organized how this situation began and preceded to brainstorm on how we could be part of the solution," Pommier said.

There is \$570,000 that would be saved through these layoffs. We wanted to find out how we could save the University money and still save these jobs."

Employees in danger of layoffs will have 30 days after receiving notice to report to human resources in order to evoke their right 'bump and retreat.' :0

The process allows civil service employ-ees the opportunity to use their seniority to maintain their positions.

The process, however, would require

'bumping' a person in the position under

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Employees also have the option of retreating, or returning, to a position they have previously held and been promoted from. They would not, however, he able to

retain their current salaries when entering these positions.

This would mean, for some employees taking this choice into consideration, losing as much as half of their present pay.

while opportunities such as bumping and retreating are not the most desirable financially, they are more of an option than

For these individuals, ACSE members worked together to collectively come up with

worked together to collectively come up with several solutions to possible layoffs. In addition to reducing the length of some positions from one year to nine months, attendants suggested the option of splitting morning and afternoon hours into two shifts, or job sharing.

or job snaring. They also suggested paying larger health care amounts or job furloughing, a process in which some days of an employee's salary would be given back to the University. Pommier said that these alternatives were

merely suggestions that members said they

could tolerate on a temporary basis. During a meeting later that day, she and labor representative Jim Clark brought up these options with Labor and Employee

Relations Director Robert York.

Relations Director Robert York. "The purpose of the meeting was to share results of the [ACSE] meeting and share suggestions that may be helpful to the University," York said. "All of these things were subject to

discussion, but as far as the final decision, they may not be sufficient and [Pommier and Clark] understand that."

During the meeting, Pommier said she was informed of two more layoff notices being sent out, which would increase the number from 29 to 31.

She said knowledge of these additional layoffs concerned her for several reasons. Pommier expressed concern that two campus departments were hiring temporary oyees and student workers instead of calling back civil service employees that have recently been released from University positions.

She also expressed concern over recently approved faculty raises. "It just doesn't seem fair that one group

should lose employees while another group is being rewarded," Pommier said. "That doesn't seem very good for the University's morale."

As far as the current situation is

cerned, University spokeswoman Sue Davis said SIUC was still not in the position to make any definite statements about the layoffs but was aware of some employees'

concern

"We're working on it, but nothing's put together yet," Davis said. "We know people are concerned, and

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we're moving as quickly as possible trying to come to some resolution.

"The wait hasn't been easy, but we want to identify the best solution possible."

The appropriate University officials could not be reached for comment on these matters.

Pommier said although there was still some anxiety, the meeting helped to relieve some tension felt by members by allowing them to be more vocal with their concerns.

"They have been very good at telling me things I wouldn't know otherwise," Pommier said. "I told them if they are my eyes and ears, in turn I would be their voice.

"I can't always tell them what they want to hear, but what I tell them will always be fact."

York said the University is still evaluating the current situation, and notices should be handed out in the near future. "I would advice them not to panic and just

wait and see," York said. "When and if they receive these notices,

they should contact human resources and plan their course of action from there."

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Technological upgrading begins for campus networks

New, convenient options for students

Linsey Maughan Daily Egyptian

The SIU Network Engineering Team is currently building a wireless network that they hope will give as many laptop computers as possible Internet access, without all of the pesky cables. "SIU is wanting to go wireless

in as many buildings as cost will allow," said Jeff Duke, assistant

director of the Student Center. According to Scott Smith, network engineer IV at SIU, while Lesar Law and Rehn Hall were the original pilot projects on campus for wireless networking in 2001, the following buildings now have almost 100-percent coverage: the Student Center, Lentz, Pulliam, Anthony, Lesar, Rehn and Wham Additionally, Quigley and Davies have about 50-percent coverage inside.

Smith said that the Engineering

Team is currently design-ing wireless networks for Life Science II, Parkinson, Neckers, Life Science III, Lindegren and

"These buildings are on our list for design work," Smith said.

The funding for these locations will have to be approved before any installation work can begin. It is impossible to estimate a completion date, because I do not know which, if any, of the above listed locations will be funded."

Smith also said that the exact costs of the upgrading on campus are not readily available. Duke said that anyone with a

Wi-Fi Certified network card in their laptops can take advantage of the new, convenient wireless network.

Those interested in purchasing a Wi-Fi card can find them at local stores such as Best Buy and from online vendors

The alternative, as always, is for those with ethernet cards to plug laptop. into network connectivity ata jacks in the Student Center lounge — on the second floor — and in the south end of the Student Center on the second floor. The Recreation Center has network connectivity data jacks available in the natatorium observation area as well

There is also a way for students to take advantage of the wireless networking in the Student Center even if they don't have a laptop.

At the Information Station. located on the first floor inside the main entrance of the Student Center, there are six standard laptops and six wireless laptops readily available for checkout by students, free of charge.

"They're very popular, actu-ally," said Lisa Lambus, retail services supervisor of the Information Station

The laptops can be checked out for two-hour periods and can be renewed once each day.

To check out a laptop, you must be enrolled at SIU for the current semester, and you must register with the Information Station and set up an account. The laptops feature Microsoft

Office software, Netsrape Navigator, Internet Explorer and other various free web plug-ins and are checked out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Lambus said that 400 to 500

students per semester check out the

"I'm very pleased with the demands for the computers," she said, "and I'm very happy that the students are utilizing the service."

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Harvard valedictorian's admission offer rescinded

Jim Nolan Knight Ridder Newspapers

In the end, being the sole valedictorian of her class was probably the worst thing that could have hap-pened to Blair Hornstine.

Harvard University has appar ently rescinded its offer of admis sion to the controversial disabled Moorestown High School valedictorian, according to a report yesterday in the Ivy League school's university

newspaper. Citing an unnamed source, the Harvard Crimson said the university's admissions committee has decided to revoke Hornstine's acceptance to the Class of 2007 after learning that portions of articles she wrote for the teen section of her hometown newspaper had been plagiarized from other sources or had

admission of a student, it remains the policy of the University not to comment on the status of specific applicants," said spokesman Robert Mitchell

tions for admission to the school, one of which gives the school the right to rescind an offer of acceptance if a student engages in "behavior that brings into question your honesty, urity, or moral character."

Jacobs of Atlantic City, yesterday acknowledged there had been discussions in recent weeks between the Hornstines and Harvard over the issue of the articles and over Blair's

"I do not think there should have been a concern at all at Harvard over her admission based upon the pub-lication, of essays. I'm disappointed ted that so much attention was paid to something that has nothing to do with her qualifications, accevement or intelligence," said Jacobs. someone (at Harvard) chose to make it public."

The apparent decision caps an extraordinary sequence of events that began months ago, when some parents of top Moorestown students, school personnel and local residents objected to Hornstine's receiving valedictory honors for the Class of 2003.

They complained to Moorestown school officials that Hornstine, a student who suffers from an immunesystem disorder similar to chronicfatigue syndrome, had received an untair academic advantage because her special-education status allowed her to take advanced classes at home and to opt out of other classes that had lesser academic weight.

Hornstine sought an injunction in federal court and filed a \$2.7 million lawsuit when Superintendent Paul J. Kadn proposed a change in policy. The change would have compelled Hornstine to share the valedicory honor with another student, Kenneth Mirkin, who had a slightly

lower grade point average. Federal Jadge Freda Wolfson ruled in Hornstine's favor, Edding that the district had discriminated against her because of her disability. Hornstine was named the sole valedictorian of Moorestown High. That was the last good thing that happened to her. In ensuing weeks, her home was

vand-lized by eggs and spray paint. Death the eats were made in the mail and over the phone, all the more

ctraordinary, since her father is a camden Superior Court judge. Then last month, the Camden Courter-Post published a story citing discremancies and "misused sources" discrepancies and "misused sources" in five articles Hornstine had written for the paper when she was 17. Now the valedictorian of one of

the most highly competitive public-school districts in the country, a student with a straight A-plus aver-age and 1580 SAT's and national recognition for community service, may not be going to school in the fall

Superintendent Kadri told the 5. a. 4 Crimson, "If (the Harvard rejection) is true, then I see this as just a very sad chapter to a very sad story."

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not been properly attributed to their original authors. "While it has been reported that Harvard has withdrawn the

Officials said there are five condi-

Hornstine's attorney, Edwin J.

suce of the articles and over hairs, admission to the university, // "Apparently the sentiment ion campus is very negative, and somebody decided to give a lot more weight than I; think they ought to have been the "Longe and have given to this," Jacobs sai

"And I'm very much distressed that

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Best-seller shines light on quarterlife 125 crises

Denise Malan Knight Ridder Newspapers

Kerry Coleman has had some trouble

The 24-year-old received a degree from Iowa State University in child and family ser-vices. Restless in her native Iowa, she moved to Kansas City, Kan., and has worked for a year in the mortgage business. Now she is leaving for Florida, and she thinks she wants

to be a teacher someday. "I wish I'd have decided that when I was actually in school," Coleman said. "When you get out, you know, hindsight is 20/20."

These wishy-washy feelings toward careers and life are common among people Coleman's age. They're confused about how the 'real world' works. They're filled with doubt. They're lonely.

Welcome to the quarterlife crisis. You've heard of the midlife crisis. People in their 40s or 50s make extravagant purchases, quit their jobs or cheat on their spouses with that young blonde at the office. But unlike the quarterlife version, the midlife crisis is widely recognized and even excused, wrote Abby Wilner and Alexandra Robbins in "Quarterlife Crisis: The Unique Challenges

ife in Your Twenties.

The best seller appeared in 2001 and has since spurred crisis support groups nation-wide. In chat rooms on the companion Web site, www.quarterlifecrisis.com, thousands of 20-somethings ponder life, love, work and

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play. There are many advantages to being a 20-something, surely, but people know about those. What they do not acknowledge is that there is a dark side as well," Robbins and Wilner wrote. "Because no one ever talks about this dark side, 20-somethings are sur-

about this dark nice are solven in an all start aged when they believe they are the only ones who experience it." And lately, it has only gotten tougher. Twentysomethings now are faced with more bewildering choices — and a weaker my.

In every generation children thought they would financially exceed their parents, and parents assumed children would exceed and parents assumed children would exceed them," said Marilyn Metzl, a clinical psy-chologist. "This is the first generation that children have to hope they will do as well as their parents."

JoDee George, 23, summed up the emotions of her generation: "Sometimes I feel

- I really like my job, I like like this is great where I live. I've got this all figured out. And then other days I think, 'What am I doing?'

The problem for many 20-somethings is not only finding a job in a post-Sept. 11 economy — but it's also finding a job they like. Darcy Bloss, a 25-year-old University of Missouri alumna, changed her career to get over a quarterlife crisis.

She studied magazine journalism in college but decided she didn't want to be a reporter. but accided she didnt want to be a reporter. So she landed a job with a publishing com-pany in the Kansas City area, but didn't like it either. When the company went bankrupt, she found her escape. About six months ago she started work in the Kansas City Public Libert exciting a drawter.

she started work in the Kansas City Public Library marketing department. ...That really helped turn things around when I was in a job I was connected to and enjoyed, "Bloss said. Life itself is another matter. "I guess I know how to approach work problems with what I'm paid to do every day."

said George, an assistant account executive for Fleishman Hillard public relations firm. "But all that extra stuff that hits you every day when you're in the adult world even health insurance is a nightmare. Car insur-

ance, rent, renters' insurance. I'm still trying to figure it all out. ... Gradually, step by step, you're forced to."

youre forced to. Bloss was used to having a community of friends while growing up in St. Joseph, Mo., and attending college in Columbia, Mo. But her friends scattered after graduation, and she found herself living alone in Kansas City.

"So for the first time I had to develo own sense of community," Bloss said. "It challenged me to be more aggressive. ... I've lived here three years, and it feels small now."

College students barely have to try to make friends; they can even meet people in the dorm restroom, the "Quarterlife" book points out. But after college, they meet only co-workers or "sketchy" people out on the town. No one can vouch for people they meet; they're not friends of friends anymore.

meet; they're not friends of friends anymore. There are several table to look for new friends, though. To start her new community, Bloss took Communiversity classes through the University of Missouri-Kansas City. George joined the local Young Republicans group, a sorority alumnae soci-ety and found a church with young members. She also works with many young nemble and She also works with many young people, and her job supervisor has become her "real-life supervisor" as well, she said.

College students got game, grades Eric Gwinn such an important part of a child's life

Chicago Tribune

One-third of college students play video games on their cell phones and laptops during class, but apparently with no effect on their grades, accord-ing to a report on video games and In a survey of 1,162 students on

two- and tour-year campuses across the nation, most students said the time spent with video games doesn't hurt their schoolwork or their relationships with friends.

Because this generation and the Because this generation and the video game industry virtually grew up together, the pervasiveness of game-playing was no shock to researchers. But the ability of students te juggle bools, bytes and buddies was an eye-opener for Steve Jones, lead researcher on the study.

"They demonstrated a remarkable ability to pay attention," said Jones, head of the communication department at the University of Illinois' at Chicago and a fellow with the Washington-based non-profit Pew Internet & American Life Project, which performed the survey.

to Cubs games on the radio. But now (students doing homework will have) friends in the room, (an Internet) chat going and a video game" simultaneoush

The students were introduced to video games at a young age, with 69 percent of the respondents saying they were playing video games by the time they were in elementary school.

they were in elementary school, "Virtually every person surveyed had played games," Jones said. "This is an entirely common experience of childhood in America. I expected it to be widespread, but I didn't expect to see virtually ail of them had been playing

video computer games. I don't pretend to be a child psy-chologist, but playing games occupies

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demonstrate to the SIU community just how much the University's black alumni have affected the school and the nation at large.

at large. But, even more importantly, it gives them a chance to plant the seeds into SIU's next generation of

that it's not surprising to see them play-ing (video) games." ing (video) gar

Games also provided a brief distraction from writing papers or doing other work, according to the study, which added. The compartmentalization of leisure activities that their parents have internalized is largely unknown to the internalized is largely unknown to the current group of college students. That is not to say that they are unable to relax _ quite the contrary. But their leisure is taken in sips rather than gulps, as a breather between other activities."

The study divides games into three categories: video games, which require a and a console such as an Xbox or a PlayStation 2; computer games, such as "Solitaire" that come loaded onto each computer, and online games, which require a computer and an Internet connection, which many colleges camuses provide in donns and computer

In addition to the surveys sent to 27 institutions of higher education across the country, researchers in the spring and fall of 2002 fanned out across Chicago campuses to observe students game-playing habits. A common observation was s

dents visiting their dorm computer lab for a quick game of solitaire, chess or mmon between classes or before backga dinn

Many ofter: were seen with written schoolwork next to the computer screens, taking a break from s to make their next game move before going back to their schoolwork.

Although 32 percent of student gamers admitted playing games on cell phones, hand-heid devices or laptops during class, students reported no con-

About two-thirds (66 percent) felt that gaming had no influence on their academic performance, according to the report, yet nearly half (48 percent) agreed that gaming keeps them from studying "some" or "a lot."

black alumni.

"We have a great deal of indebted-ness to SIU," Avent said. "We feel much of our success is owed to those who guided us through that period of our lives, and it's time to that on.

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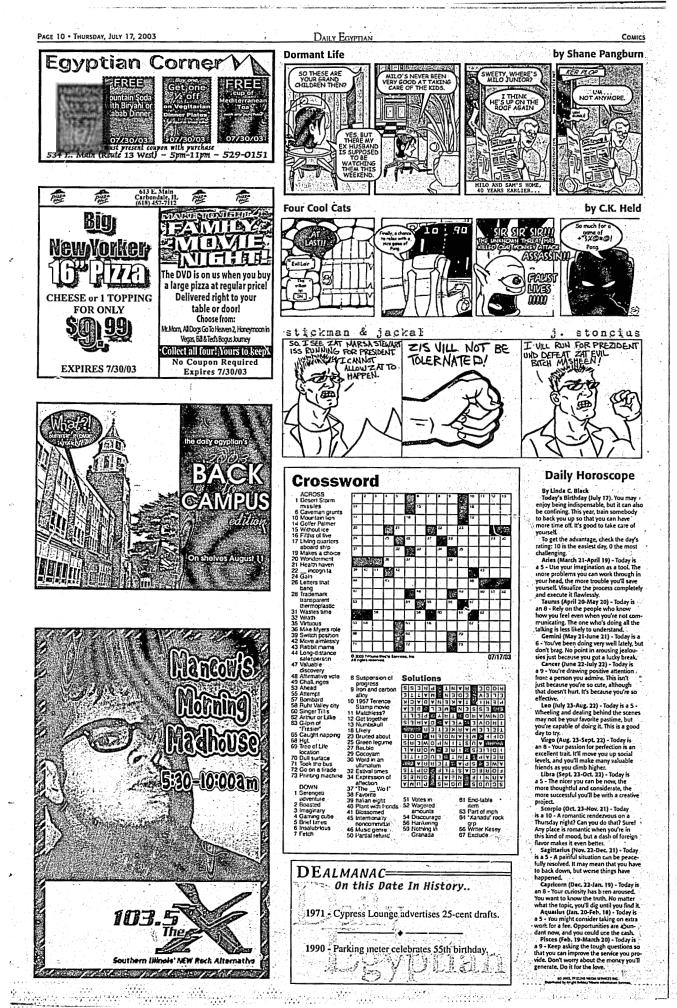
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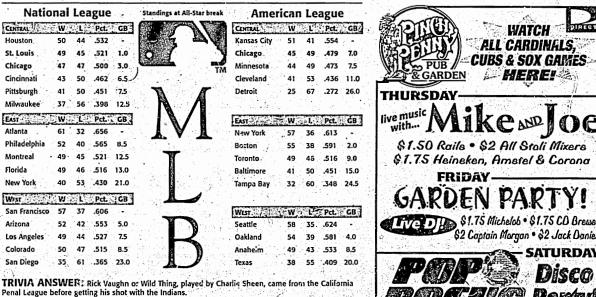
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Nomicos, a native of Targoviste, Romania, comes to the Salukis after spending the last two seasons as a member of the Oklahoma Sooners.

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someone who has two years of successful experi-ence against the teams that we're wanting to get

wins over," Jeffrey said. Some of the nationally ranked teams Nomicos has wins over include Michigan State, Tulane, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and Ohio State.

As a freshman in 2001, Nomicos went 19-11 from the No. 6 singles spot and was the run-ner-up at the Big 12 Individual Championships. During his sophomore season, Nomico: played at No. 3, 4 and 5 en route to a 15-15 recerd.

Jeffrey said she has not yet penciled Nomicos into any specific spot in the lineup, but she fore-

sees big things for him. "I won't know exactly until he gets here, but I'm expecting him to play in the top half of the lineup," Jeffrey said.

Jeffrey, who is entering her fourth season as head coach of the Salukis, said her first couple of

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Former rivals turn teammates

Sutzer, Gerlach to play for SIU women's golf starting this fall

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They have been high school rivals. They have played the same summer golf tournaments. Now Samantha Sutzer and Kelly Gerlach are going to be SIU teammates.

Sutzer, a three-time Central State Eight Conference Golf Player of the Year at Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, placed third in the Illinois state tournament in October. Gerlach has won The Southern Illinoisan Fernale Golfer of the Year award twice as a member of the Sparta High School team and finished in a tie for 17th ce in the state finals.

The two have known each other for several years, and Gerlach was the person that introduced Sutzer to SIU head coach Diane Daugherty. "[Daugherty's] great, "Sutzer said. "She has a lot of experience and I must her. I'm looking for-ural to medicing with here are uncome

ward to working with her on my game." Sutzer committed to SIU after touring Illinois

State, Northern Illinois and Bradley. She is unde-cided on her major but is thinking about pursuing a career in education in hopes of becoming a

After walking around SIU, Sutzer liked what she saw and signed a letter of intent last November.

The foundation of collegiate roller

hockey was formed the first time a college student laced up his rollerblades

and began playing in a deserted parking lot or tennis court with a stick and a ball.

Now, you can't ot even find a quality stick and ball without driving close to

two hours away. The SIU Roller Hockey Club,

which has been in existence since 1992 and boasts an average of 80 members

"I looked at a couple of other schools, and I liked SIU best," Sutzer said. "They have what I was looking for education-wise."

day, "Sutzer said. Sutzer's sister, 15-year-old Kassandra, has also recently picked up the game and is now play-ing as a sophomore with Sacred Heart-Griffin. Assandra has been playing golf scriously for only

No matter what she chooses to do after her SIU career is over, Sutzer wants to keep golf as a part of her life.

T won't rule out going touring [with the LPGA] someday," Sutzer said. As for her new teammate Gerlach, Sutzer is glad she is part of the team and is looking forward to playing with her to playing with her.

"We get along well. It's interesting that I know someone coming in to play for SIU," Sutzer said. "Shes pretty good; I think shell succeed at SIU."

University of Illinois was more difficult than she had originally anticipated.

Mart as the best sporting goods store in town," SIU Roller Hockey Club President Mike Bergmann said. "It's really kind of sad."

Organization on campus, the hockey club frequently has to refer players to

online sites to buy sticks and wheels. Web sites such as Oceanhockey.com

and Hockeymonkey.com are well vis-ited by SIU players.

The problem of ordering gear online is that players don't get to try it on before they buy it. Returning non-

fitting equipment is also a difficulty. "It's hard to order stuff online,

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programs are club sports that participate in intercollegiate competitions and national championship tournament. The CRHL also has Premier

Programs that are considered as schools that have a high level of resources and are looking to push the marketability of roller hockey to the next level. SIU is a long way from being included in that egory. "If you look at what U of I has, it's

esome," said Paul Pearman, former president and club secretary of the roller hockey club. "We have nothing but an old tennis court, but it's better

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Chub sports receive little financial backing by their parent universities and survive on member dues. The money received by the members goes toward travel expenses and rink improvements.

Still, a sporting goods store with a specialized hockey section would help cover the equipment emergencies that - occur during the season.

People know what they want in the beginning of the semester," Bergmann said. "It's during the middle of the sea-son when your wheels fall off and you're sitting at home because you don't have any equipment.

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Moberly Area Community College in Missouri. SIU showed prior interest in Gibbs and may still be in the running for the guard after his two years at Moberly. Local retail stores devoid of quality hockey equipment



Sutzer's career began when her father, Jim, a 12-year golf pro at Lincoln Greens Golf Course in Springfield, bought his daughter her first golf

clubs at age 2. Sutzer continued to practice with her father as he gave lessons to other players. "Ever since I was 7, I'd get up in the morning and go golf with my dad until he got done for the

The choice to become a Saluki was easier for Gerlach, considering both of her parents attended

the University. The family tradition has influenced Gerlach her entire life, but the choice to attend SIU or the

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no hockey apparel.

vidual store managers.

Hibbett Sporting Goods, which has a store in Carbondale's University Mall, advertises baseball, football, basketball

and soccer products on its website, but

no hockey apparer. Decisions regarding future stock additions are made at the company headquarters and are not up to indi-

vidual store managers. "It's a company decision," said Joel Louis, manager of Hibbett Sports in Curbondale. "I have no input over what they put in the store." The lack of a local supply of equip-

ment has hurt enrollment in the hockey