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Vita first minority appointed to position in 93-year history.

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed Monday a former firefighter, investigator and SIU graduate as the new state fire marshal.

Peter Vita, who will receive a salary of $89,200, is set to begin his new post today. The state fire marshal is a governor-appointed position that requires Senate confirmation.

Vita will replace Ernest E. Basult as the 22nd person to hold this position in its 93-year history. He is also making history for another reason.

Vita is the first Hispanic and minority to serve as the state fire marshal.

"Blagojevich tried to fill the position with someone who would protect cities in Illinois and work with fire departments around the state," said Tom Schafer, Blagojevich's press secretary. "Peter's appointment goes back to his 17 years of experience with fire service. The governor was looking for someone with the experience that he offers."

Vita 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 Master's degree in fire administration from the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

Vita, 30, has more than 17 years of fire service experience. From 1978 to 1989, he was employed at the Maywood Fire Department. He began as a Fireman and worked his way up from firefighter to positions as arson investigator and Inspector. For the next six years, Vita managed the Chicago office while working for the State Fire Marshal's office.

"Blagojevich wanted someone who had 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, Vita 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.

Vita also serves on boards of the Catholic Charities and the Carbondale Public Access Committee.

"We work fairly closely with 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, the SHI Public Policy Institute, document citations from fires, explosions and other hazards.

"We currently has three regional offices throughout Illinois in Rockford, Peoria and St. Louis."

"I am excited, humbled and privileged to hold this position," Vita said. "In addition, I would like to be able to work for the State Fire Marshal's Office."

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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 sixth Black Graduates Alumni Reunion, which will bring about 500 past graduates of SIUC back to campus for a weekend of camaraderie, music and celebration — see the appearance of former SIU President George Aham, 6-8

"There's more at stake than just a weekend of camaraderie. There's looking for a colorful part of blacks at SIU to consider and a way to show concern for the future."

After all, it was the dream of these all "old guys" from SIU's past, asks Black Alumni Group leader Tom Schafer, to make SIU "a better place.

"We want to get people involved in the community, not just sit around and wait for something else to happen," Schafer said of the reunion's theme, "Coming Home To Nurture Our Roots.

These are the young people who are going to go out into the world next, and we have to nurture our room.

And thus, with an eye on the black students who will become the next generation of SIU alumni, this weekend's gathering will include a few special events — namely SIU alumni and this weekend's keynote speaker Dick Gregory, who has made a name for himself since his graduation in the 1950s as an acclaimed poet, author and civil rights activist, and three members of the Little Rock Nine who can still be found in Carbondale.

The three students — Minniejean Brown Treickey, Thelma Mothers M. Jesus — are all alumni of the SIU and the University of Illinois. Black Graduates Alumni Group leader Tom Schafer, who was among the nine black students who were instrumental in integrating Arkansas Central High School in 1957.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Alcohol industry girds for battle over report on teen drinking

WASHINGTON — Even before its release, a report on teen drinking has drawn charges of bias from the $130 billion-alcohol industry, an intense lobbying campaign, and congressional warnings that it would undermine the industry’s marketing.

The pending report, by the prestigious National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine (IOM), will assess all efforts to reduce teen drinking.

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The industry probably spends tens of millions of dollars fighting against advertising and marketing of alcohol and restrictions on advertising and marketing might do to control underage drinking.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldier killed in Baghdad convoy attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq (CNN) — A U.S. soldier was killed Wednesday in an attack on a convoy in Baghdad, bringing the number of American battle deaths in the Iraq conflict to 20,000.

The soldier was killed in a battle with Iranian-backed Shiite militia in western Baghdad. The soldier was not identified by authorities.

The attack came as the U.S. military continues to increase its presence in Iraq, with plans to withdraw all combat troops by the end of 2011.

Meanwhile, a U.S. soldier was wounded in a roadside bomb attack in Iraq, according to the U.S. military.

The attack was the latest in a series of incidents with-editor credibility for the IOM and its ability to assess all efforts to reduce teen drinking.

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People all onboard were well, the statement said.

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The taste of Southern Illinois
Local wineries continue to thrive during summer months

by KATIE DAVIS
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Candy North casually smiled as she was presented a 2002 white wine at the Owl Creek Vineyard in Cobden.

"Will you drink it if you like it?" she 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 palates and were anxious to give them a try.

For Candy, it was a sem-sweet blend of Niagara grapes; for Skip, it was a much sweeter "dessert wine.

The season may not be the busiest time for local wineries, but they still do a fair share of business through June, July and August, according to Jeff Bean, winemaker at the Pomona Winery, and George Majka of the Pomona Winery.

Bean said Owl Creek sees about 50 customers on an average weekday, and up to 150 for the weekends. By 2 p.m. Wednesday, having only been open for about two hours, Bean had already assisted about 12 visitors in finding a suitable wine.

"The weather is better; it really picks up in the summer, and the big push is in October," he said. "Our average is February "absolutely dead."

Majka, who owns and operates the fruit winery on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, 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 four customers, or we may have 40 — there's no way to predict. And we average between 100 and 150 customers a day.

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 strawberries, peaches, blueberries and apples from all over the state, most of which are harvested in early August.

"We make fruit wines — we make bushels throughout the summer," 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 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 the shoots, which naturally grow straight up, thinning the clusters throughout the summer, and spraying the crop with fungicide every few weeks to ensure a good harvest.

They will even bottle the 2002 Domaine Des Sage, which combines 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 lot of variety.

Owl Creek Vineyard and Pomona Winery are both part of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail, which includes 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."

George Majka pours Steve and Tina Chapman samples of Pomona Winery's apple wines. The Chapmans' have toured much of the Midwest tasting and grading wines, including all the wineries on the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail.

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.

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Restriction of a label

Hip hop is a culture. From its diction to its dress, hip hop is a facilitates 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. Hip hop is global. Asians, whites, Latins 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 considered "black music"? Why can't it just be music?

Hip hop is obviously still young, but when Jazz was as young as hip hop is now, Jazz wasn't labeled as just "blacks music." Gillespie, Davis and Coltrane made music, not black music. Does Nina make black music if just plain music? Sure, she appeals to many a large group of black youth, but it's just a small aspect of a broad culture. Does Eminem make black music? I say he makes music.

The more music 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 wild, it had to grow fast in order to survive. Just because black people listen to hip hop, it doesn't make it black music. Just because white people listen to classical music, it doesn't make it white music. Music cannot define whether someone is white or black. Music cannot define and specify, because it is always a medium that links culture together. Different genres of music are different tools of expression. To say that hip hop is just black music is to say it is our only form of expression, and that simply is not true.

As hip hop grows, there will be more and more rappers who will succeed that are not black. Hip hop's label as just black music is restrictive and demeaning. With its labeling, hip hop can become displaced, because to say that it is a technique to a developing artist who feels he/she has to make music along the lines that the label 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 established 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 not in 1994, sitting on a Queens Bridge beat box to hip hop writer, Earl Kani, jeans, laid up Turnbuckles and a slightly offbeat Yankee hat, being simply illmatic. For other, hip hop is a favorite phrase by a favorite rapper that has been engraved into their brain for long-term memory. Hip hop was born in the Bronx, but whereas it is used to be black music, it has grown and has been bridged across other cultures and ethnicities. From its diction to its dress, hip hop is global. Asians, whites, Latins 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 considered "black music"? Why can't it just be music?

Their Word

TAs' actions show misconduct

The Lantern
Ohio State University

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-Wire) — Attempting to uncover supposed academic misconduct by Ohio State University student-athletes and their preferential treatment within the university system, The New York Times published an article Sunday making harsh accusations 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 assistants in the African-American and African Studies department saying Clarett had supposedly 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 Pauline 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 situation — 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 Geiger, 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 university's proper authorities or the committee 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 college 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 "education records," which include almost all financial, academic and medical records compiled at the university. Illegalities 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-athletes — since if all she had to do was not to be given 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 un-earning of special benefits — are innocent until proven unworthy, indicating she is more guilty of misconduct than anyone else.

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

By VALERIE N. DONNALS

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Briant Summerville, 17 of Carbondale, stands in front of the class to make a presentation. As a result of Summerville enrolling 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 demonstrated using the toy plane.

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

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

The instructors teach everything from airplane history to the mechanics of flying, but it is not all lecturers. 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 showed the students aerodynamics by constructing 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, accountability, discipline; aviation is a very disciplined industry and builds character. It helps them focused on living life and shows them if they study and achieve, nothing is out of their reach. That's what this is all about."

Ken Robinson, camp organizer

The flight camp is free to all students who have the interest but already learned "It's amazing. They've done all this before, and they all have their stories to tell." McCurry said.

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 donations, grants and gifts from local businesses.

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

Although many children would not be interested in much of it, they would be interested in flying and the possibility of having to worry about being 1,000 feet in the air.

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free wings

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It was her first time at the control stick, and Maria Martinez, 14, stared off for a few seconds, adjusted her air speed, checked the altitude, and leveled out the plane for an easy 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 control stick, as Maria Martinez, the girl beside her.

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Civil Service Employees discuss layoffs

Tuesday meeting lays out options to possible layoff alternatives for Association

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Daily Egyptian

The Association of Civil Service Employees met Tuesday afternoon in the Fort Museum Auditorium to discuss alternatives to pending layoffs across campus.

According to ACSE president Ruth Pommier, every employee who was receiving compensation 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 layoffs. We wanted to find out now if we could save the University money and still save these jobs."

They expect layoffs will have 30 days after receiving notice to retool human resources in order to replace their position. They would be given back to the University.

Pommier said that these alternatives were meant to provide 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.

"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 decisions, 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 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 getting raises," Pommier said.

"That doesn't seem very good for the University's morale."

When asked about the current situation, University spokeswoman Sue Davis said SIUC was still not in the process of making 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.

They said it is very concerning, and they're moving as quickly as possible to come to some resolution.

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

York said although there was still some anxiety, the meeting helped to relieve some tension by members allowing them to express feelings.

"They have been very good at telling me things I shouldn't have known," Pommier said.

"I think it will ease some of the strain, and in turn, I would be their voice.

"It's about all we can do if 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.

"We're not going to do anything drastic or panic and just wait and see," York said.

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.

"I'm wanting to go wireless in as many buildings as possible, as well as around the entire campus," said the director of the Student Center, Lentz, Pulliam, Anthony, Laws, Rehn and Wham. Additional areas and Davies have about 50-percent coverage inside.

The SIU Network Engineering Team is currently designing wireless networks for Life Sciences II, alston, Newell, alston Life Science III, Lindgren and Guaranteed Student Housing.

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

The process, however, would require 'bumping' a person in the position under them.

"Employees also have the option of retrieving, or returning, to a position they have previously held and been promoted from."

They would not, however, be able to return to their current salaries when entering these positions.

This would mean, for some employees taking this choice, entering into consideration less than half of their previous pay.

When options such as bumping and returning are not the most desirable financially, they are more of an option than some new other position.

For these individuals, ACSE members worked together to collectively come up with several lists of possible positions.

In addition to reducing the length of some positions from one year to nine months, students suggested the option of splitting morning and afternoon hours into two shifts, or job sharing.

They also suggested paying larger health care amounts or job buyouts, a process that some members of the University would be given back to the University.

Pommier said that these alternatives were meant to provide 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.

"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 decisions, 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 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 getting raises," Pommier said.

"That doesn't seem very good for the University's morale."

When asked about the current situation, University spokeswoman Sue Davis said SIUC was still not in the process of making 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.

They said it is very concerning, and they're moving as quickly as possible to come to some resolution.

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

York said although there was still some anxiety, the meeting helped to relieve some tension by members allowing them to express feelings.

"They have been very good at telling me things I shouldn't have known," Pommier said.

"I think it will ease some of the strain, and in turn, I would be their voice.

"It's about all we can do if 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.

"We're not going to do anything drastic or panic and just wait and see," York said.

And if they receive these notices, they should contact human resources and plan their course of action from there.

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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 happened."

Harvard University has appealed a federal court's decision that restored the admission rights of a Harvard student, showing that the University is still not satisfied with the class of 2007. At a hearing scheduled for later this year, the University is expected to press its offer of admission to Blair Homstine. The student's family is expected to take the case to the United States Supreme Court.

The Homstine case is one of several that have been decided by federal courts in recent weeks between the Harvard University and the University of Georgia over the issue of the amount of time between the University's acceptance of the student and the student's offer of admission to the University.

"Applicators have been known to consider the decision of the admission to the University," says Harvard's director of admissions, Robert Mitchell.

"Our position is that the decision of the admission to the University is final, that the decision is the University's decision, and that the decision is the only decision that counts."

In its appeal, Harvard argues that the decision of the admission to the University is the only decision that counts, and that the decision is the University's decision. Harvard is also expected to argue that the decision of the admission to the University is final, and that the decision is the only decision that counts.

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"The situation is one that we are trying to resolve," says Harvard's director of admissions, Robert Mitchell.

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Best-seller shines light on quarterlife crises

Denise Malan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Kerry Coleman has had one trouble making up her mind.

The 25-year-old has received a degree from Iowa State University in child and family services. Residencies in both Iowa and New York have followed, but she needs to find a job in the mortgage business. Now she is leaving for Florida, and she thinks she wants to be a real estate agent someday.

"I wish I had decided that when I was actually in school," she said. "But you get out, you get in, hindsight is 20/20."

Three wisty-wisty feelings toward career decisions are not uncommon in 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.

Five-sixths of the millenials 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 JoDee George, 23, summed up the emotions of her generation "Sometimes I feel like this is great — I really like my job, I like where I live. I've got this fabulous figure. And then other days I think, 'What am I doing?'"

The problem for many 20-somethings is not only finding a job post-Sept. 11 economy — but it's also finding a job they like. Davey Bloss, a 23-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. So she landed a job with a publishing company in the Kansas City area, but didn't like it at first. When the company went bankrupt, she found her escape. About six months ago she moved to a job in the Kansas City Public Library marketing department.

"That really helped turn things around for me. 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've 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 year when you're in the adult world — even health insurance is a nightmare. Car insur-

College students
got game, grades

Eric Gwinn
Chicago Tribune

One-third of college students play video games on campus and nearly half of those students play the games during class, but apparently with no effect on their grades, according to a report on video games and campus life released Sunday.

In a survey of 1,163 students on two- and four-year campuses across the nation, most students said the time spent with video games didn't hurt their schoolwork or their relationships, with friends.

"There is the generation of the video game industry virtually grew up together, the penetration of gaming-playing was no secret to everyone," wrote Jones. "But the ability of students to juggle books, love and hobbies was an engrained reality. The survey shows, Jones, lead researcher on the study.

"Students have demonstrated a remarkable ability to pay attention," said Jones. "This is a problem of the communication department at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a fellow with the Washington-based National Institute & American Life Project which performed the survey.

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.

"Students who had played games," Jones said. "This is an entirely common experience of children. It is something that should be widespread, but I don't expect to see virtually all of them had been playing video games.

"I don't pretend to be a psychologist, but playing games occupies such an important part of a child's life that it's not surprising to see them playing video games."

Gamers also provided a brief distraction from homework or doing other work, according to the survey, which added, "The computerization of television and leisure activities that their parents have internalized is largely unknown to the current group of college students. That is not to say that they are unable to mix the two.

"The survey divided gamers into three categories, which have managers, which require a TV and a console such as an XBox or a PlayStation, computer gamers, such as "Dots" that is loaded onto onto one computer, and online gamers, which require a computer and an Internet connection, which many colleges campuses provide in dorms and computer labs.

In addition to the surveys sent to 27 institutions of higher education across the country, surveys were taken in the spring and fall of 2002. We found out across Chicago campuses to observe students' gaming habits.

A common observation was students using their dorm rooms as living labs for a quick game of adhocracy, or between classes or before dinner.

Many often were seen with written schoolwork on the computer screens, citing a break from studies to make their next move before going back to their schools work.

About 32 percent of student gamers admitted playing games on cell phones in hand-held devices, lights during class, students reported no consequences on their grades.

"About 66 percent" of students that gaming had no effect on their academic performances, according to the report, but study 48 percent agreed that gaming keeps them from studying "seems like a lot.

black slaves.

"We get a great deal of indebtedness to SLU," Arviso 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 pass on.

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Daily Horoscope

by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (July 17). You may be in a very good mood and this may also be confusing. This year, brain something to take a look up so that you can have more fun. If you're on the case of getting your

get ahead, the do's the day's rating: 4 is the easiest day, 6 is the most challenging.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is an 8 - rely on the people who know you have feet when you're not doing anything. Today is the time to let others do the talking is less likely to understand.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is a 9 - you've been doing very well lately. You don't do bad. Your friends in another place see just because you got a lucky break.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) • Today is an 8 - stay away from anything that seems false. This isn't just because you're so cute, although that doesn't hurt your effectiveness.

Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20) • Today is an 8 - setting and dealing behind the scenes may be your favorite position, but you're capable of doing it. This is a good day.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) • Today is an 8 - it's a powerful and obvious action on an excellent deal. Off move you up popular levels, and you make your circle of friends as far as climb higher.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is a 9 - the nice you can be, the more thoughtful and considerate you're the more successful you'll be with a creative project.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) • Today is a 9 - a perfect situation can be powerfully resolved. It may mean that you have to think twice, but some things have happened.

Cancer (Jun. 21-Jul. 22) • Today is an 8 - your health is being reviewed. You work to know the truth, the better what the topic, you'll dig until you find it. Oneness (Jun. 22-Jul. 21), Virgo

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) • Today is a 5 - you might consider taking on extra work as a fun opportunity. The days open now, and you could use one cash.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) • Today is a 9 - keep asking the tough questions so that you can improve the sound you possible. Don't worry about the country you'll generate a lot for the line.

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Newsstands weather storm of college football previews

Fans can’t get enough as magazines mark unofficial beginning of season

Rick Maese
The Orlando sentinel

(KRTI) — The sports section has cleared the deck of articles about the NFL and NBA. The Orlando Sentinel is now ready to turn its attention to college football.

The Orlando Sentinel is the latest in a long line of newspapers to make college football the official beginning of the sports season. The move is part of a larger trend in the sports media industry to focus on college sports instead of professional sports.

The Orlando Sentinel’s decision to focus on college football is a reflection of the growth of college sports in the past few decades. College football has become a major attraction for fans of all ages, and the Orlando Sentinel is capitalizing on this trend.

The Sentinel’s sports section will feature coverage of college football games, rankings, and analysis. The section will also include features on individual players and coaches, as well as stories about the impact of college football on the local community.

The Orlando Sentinel is one of many newspapers that have made the switch to college football as the unofficial beginning of the sports season. Other newspapers, such as the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune, have also made the change.

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Rick Marte
The Gazette/Sentinel

(KRT) - There's the biggest Hollywood star, a war far away from home and 10 tips to the tight-est abs imaginable. But we don't care about that. For weeks, "SportsCenter" has been playing the Big East, the Cuse and football championships. Scanning the magazine shelves this week, it's clear that the unofficial start of college football has arrived. You can have your Oprah — we want our Lindsay. We want our Ashby, our Street & Smith's and all the rest of the pretzefull magazines that offer rankings, formations and prognostications that would make a Pentagon strategic brain tingle.

Our load, our alma mater, a two-weekend plan for the remainder of 2003 — our sport is back.

We need to know it as much as we need to know No. 100 — and then we're going to debate it until November.

This year, fans love rankings, we now need to rank the process predictions. Heaven knows Oprah won't do it. It's a task we'll tackle.

Lindsay Davy, who has been publishing her annual college football previews in the Southeast for the last 18 years, makes sure you give you good, hard information — information that will help fans all the way long.

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The SIU men's tennis team received a huge boost for next season in the form of Alexandru Nomicos this week.

In Romania, Nomicos was ranked fourth in junior competition and was a semifinalist at the 1999 Romanian National Championships. He was also ranked around the No. 400 mark in the International Tennis Federation Junior World Rankings.

During his two-year Okayhndu career, Nomicos posted a singles record of 24-26 while playing the No. 3, 4, 5 and No. 6 singles spots. Despite going 4-3 in doubles play last year, he is 5-10 for his career.

We will be having any individual collegiate victories over nationally ranked players, Nomicos has beaten several players from nationally ranked teams.

This is something that appealed to SIU head coach Milen Jeffrey, especially since her recent Saluki squads have featured a lot more young talent.

"You're throwing into that group of guys someone who has two years of successful experience against the teams that we've come 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 runner-up in the Big 12 Individual Championships. During his sophomore season, Nomicos played at No. 3, 4 and 5 en route to a 15-15 record.

Jeffrey said she has not yet penciled Nomicos into any specific spot in the lineup, but she foresees 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 See TENNIS, page 11

Former rivals turn teammates
Sutser, Gelrich 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 Sutser and Kelly Gelrich are going to be SIU teammates.

Sutser, a three-time Central State Eight Conference Golf Player of the Year at the University of Springfield, and Gelrich, a Starl2 South Illinoisan Female Golfer of the Year award twice as a member of the Sparta High School team and finished in a tie for 17th place at the state meet, have been rivals since golf was their first love.

The two have known each other for several years, and Gelrich was the person that introduced Sutser to the game of golf.

"(Daugharty)aj great," Sutser said. "She has a lot of experience and I want to be like her. I'm looking forward to have a teammate that's experienced as well.

"We all competed at the state meet, but I think Gelrich had the best performance that day. She was the No. 6 player on her squad.

Sutser committed to SIU after playing in tournaments as a sophomore with Sacred Heart-Griffin.

"It's a great opportunity," Sutser said, "and it's going to be a lot of fun playing with her."

The family tradition has infected Gelrich with enthusiasm for the game. She has been playing golf since she was old enough to walk and is listed as a part of the team that is looking forward to playing with her.

"We're pretty happy," Gelrich said. "I think she'll succeed at SIU," Sutser added.

"I have been in touch with her," Gelrich said. "I'm ready to start our own team with her."

Sutser's sister, 15-year-old Kassandra, has also recently picked up the game and is now playing as a sophomore with Sacred Heart-Griffin.

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

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Local retail stores devoid of quality hockey equipment

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The foundation of collegiate roller hockey was formed the first time a small group of in-line skaters banded together in a downtown Springfield store and began playing in a deserted parking lot near a tennis court with sticks and a ball.

Now, you can or even find a quality stick and ball without driving close to two hours away.

The SIU Roller Hockey Club, which was founded in 1992 and boasts an average of 80 members per season, has had to go as far as St. Louis, Illinois and Florida to purchase quality equipment because you don't know if stuff fits, and companies charge a 15-20 percent surcharge on member dues.

The problem of ordering gear online is that players don't get to try it on before they buy it. Returning equipment is also a difficulty.

"It's hard to order stuff online, because you don't know if stuff fits, and companies charge a 10- to 25-percent surcharge on member dues," Bergmann said.

The Bulls Gardens, Al., based Hibbett Sporting Goods, which has a store in Carbondale's University Mall, advertises for hockey, football, basketball and soccer products on its website, but no hockey apparel.

Decisions regarding future stock additions are made at the company headquarters in the South, and are not up to individual store managers.

"It's a company decision," said Joel Bergmann, head of Hibbett Sports in Carbondale. "I have no input over what they put in the store."

The lack of a local supply of equipment has hurt enrollment in the hockey club and pushed back the club's ambitions of playing host to a Collegiate Roller Hockey League tournament.

SIU is designated as a Competitive Program with the CRHL. Competitive programs are club sports that participate in intercollegiate competitions and a 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 category.

"If you look at what U of I has, it's awesome," said Paul Bergmann, former president and club secretary of the roller hockey club. "We have nothing but an old tennis court, but it's better than nothing at all."

The University of Illinois' team features out of a YMCA facility that is run by the Division of Campus Recreation and Area Staff.

SIU' s club 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 risk improvements.

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

"People know what they want in the beginning of the season," Bergmann said. "It's during the middle of the season when you need a wheel replacement and you're sitting at home because you don't have any equipment."