Students ready to spring into break action

Some SIUC denizens venture to Florida; while others spend a mundane week at home

Brenda Scamard
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

While some SIUC students are booked to Cancun or Sanibel Island for a tropical Spring Break of wild crowds, beaches and beer, other students like Jessica Beasley are spring for a different type of spring break adventure.

Beasley, along with 71 other people from SIUC, will travel to St. Petersburg, Fla., but their trip will not be a day at the beach. As members of Habitat for Humanity's collegiate challenge program, the group will spend the days constructing homes for low-income families.

"If you want to have the best time, you've got to work for it," Beasley said.
Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

• Javier Rios, 25, of Carbondale was arrested on a Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of operating an uninsured motor vehicle. university Police impounded a vehicle at 1:56 a.m. Wednesday at his residence in Bailey Hall, the bond $2250 and he was released. He is next in court April 1.

Corrections

In Wednesday's article, "Grocery town makes it easy to eat right," the date for the celebration cited should have been March 22 and the day for the Saturday market should have been March 30. TheDear Editor regrets these errors.

In Wednesday's story "Eliot John brings his piano to Carbondale," the correct starting time should have been 7:30 p.m. The Editor regrets the error.

Residents who spot an error in a news article should contact the Dear Editor at Newsdesk, 530-3311 extension 928 or 229.
Hotline saves lives, solves problems

THE NETWORK: Program offers 24-hour confidential service for crisis intervention.

Kendra Thorson, Staff Reporter

 Alone in a room with only a couch, phone, desk, computer and microwave, Robyn Krautkramer saves lives and solves problems.

Krautkramer, a resident in social work, is one of 50 volunteers for The Network, a 24-hour confidential service dealing with crisis intervention.

The Network assists Jackson County and the surrounding counties with counseling, information and referral as well as mental health and counseling services and crisis intervention.

Krautkramer has worked for The Network for two years, updating herself on current situations reading notes from other employees and deciphering the two shift of situations pending.

"The Network," a 24-hour confidential service, offers counseling and information to people from Jackson County and the surrounding areas.

"During crises work you are trying to stabilize the person," Krautkramer said. "Your goal is to have the caller hang up with an idea for that evening."

She said although she is content with her line of work, it is easy to become immersed in other people's problems.

"The level of responsibility is intense, and it can be overwhelming — you need to roll with it," she said.

According to Krautkramer, the experience is personally rewarding because she is accommodating a needed service for the public.

"The best part of volunteering is providing something to the community that is so necessary," Krautkramer said. "Not every story is a success story, but you know that I am there for people anytime, anywhere, and it can be over-whelming when you are giving something to someone in need," Krautkramer said.

Lecturer speaks on death penalty today

FRANK KUMAS
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Stephen Bright, a nationally prominent death penalty opponent, will lecture at the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale's Thurgood Marshall Auditorium at 5 p.m. today in the Lesar Law Auditorium.

Bright's appearance on campus is important to some local death penalty advocates, especially to Andrew Kokshar's upcoming execution at the Illinois State Penitentiary Wednesday. Eileen Speck, co-chair of the Southern Illinois Campaign for a Moratorium on the Death Penalty, believes Bright's lecture is important because it will influence the beliefs of those who are undecided on the death penalty issue.

"Less of students have mixed feelings for the death penalty," Speck said. "We will firm up people's beliefs and will strengthen people to fight harder for what they believe.

Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, has championed the rights of people sentenced to death and has argued such cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"He is a good lawyer," Bright said. "He will continue to fight for poor people."

Bright believes the American justice system only works for those who can afford a legal counsel.

The Southern Center for Human Rights is a nonprofit community-based organization that fights discrimination against minorities and the disadvantaged in the infliction of the death penalty.

"The Kentucky nation is prohibitive by the fact that this country could provide good lawyers for poor people but does not," Bright said.

Bright points out the death penalty's downside with Anthony Porter, who was recently released from Death Row. Two days before his execution, the Illinois Supreme Court issued a stay in light of new evidence.

"Newspapers are paid to scrutinize the death penalty," Bright said. "They can be over-manned, but the public is protected."

"No" for an answer.

Bright expressed his concern that the bill's danger is to make sure there is no right way to carry out the law.

"It's a shame was not acting upon the bill immediately," Bright said. "We have had more time to analyze the issues."

Some people don't know how to take death penalty cases. Some people don't want to take death penalty cases. Some people don't care how the death penalty is carried out."

"Newspaper and magazine articles have been published about the death penalty," Bright said. "No" for an answer.

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"The death penalty is a primitive form of punishment," Bright said.

The bill called for the execution of the death penalty in the Southern Center for Human Rights.

Bright, director of the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, has championed the rights of people sentenced to death and has argued such cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The death penalty will continue to fight for poor people," Bright said. "We will continue to fight for poor people's rights against all capital crimes because he believes the death penalty is a "primitive form of punishment."

---for Schoon
**Our Word**

Now is the time to provide Select 2K alternatives

SLUC greeks are countering their way to victory in the bout against Select 2000. A wave of 24 greek leaders men with Chancellor Jo Ann Argengart last Friday to discuss the negative impact the initiative to Drop-0 over greek morale and membership numbers.

The greeks have generated the attention of Argengart and the support of many student leaders and Carbondale City Council member John Budlick. All this listening and support is great, but the greeks must exercise some action as well.

As greeks and their allies near the table with a prepared proposal of what they think should be done, it's unrealistic for the greeks to expect the University to kill Select 2000 without having a reasonable replacement or adjustment of the original to take its place.

The administration wants some sort of information in the greek way of life, and it seems reasonable to suggest that the greek system never returns completely to the way it was before Select 2000.

But the initiative shouldn't have been implemented without prior greek consultation. Greeks now is your chance to be consulted on whatever happens next.

In the greeks' corner steps John Budlick. With a little more than a month before city elections, Budlick says Select 2000 is a "poorly-focused, bureaucratic public relations attempt.

That's great, but the greeks need more than your opinion — they need to know what you can do and will do as a potential mayor and as a current City Council member. Budlick has traversed the era of the greeks, now he also needs to come with a plan for change and the way to accomplish it.

Is he going to form a city task force to investigate Select 2000 and its "perpetrations with the legal behavior of city residents"? Is he going to aid students in his call for the ending of Select 2000.

"Start a plan of a student-based effort to discuss greek issues and means to improvement?"

If not, then he's just another voice in the frustrated outcry against Select 2000.

The greeks don't need another hero, they need a plan.

If the greeks want to set their own initiative before their leadership changes in April, then this time to attack with viable proposals is now. In meeting with the administration show them why change is needed. Give them numbers, give them petitions and the hardships your organization has suffered, give them proof that something must change soon.

The champion in this struggle will not be based on voices and cries, it will be animated in well-thought-out planning and proposals and a willingness to compromise in change.

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**Mailbox**

There has to be more news out there...

Dear Editor,

I understand that sometimes public interest stories are hard to come by. I also know that more is happening on this campus than somewhat-pushing greek and political stories.

You referred to the March 9 issue of the Egyptian Gazette where at least three stories regarding greek events. Does the school really need a few-page article on a woman pledging to some sorority because she's in trouble? Maybe the Egyptian could take the space it used in just one of the greek-oriented sections and publish something on a woman doing something meaningful outside of Carbondale.

Women are not some sort of lordly use, sex, SITV, pee, who is smoking pot, who's having sex, kind of guy. Men are not some sort of lady's man — they're spin doctors in suits, maroon, blue shirts and red ties. But this is the way we've been told to see women.

If you have to say something about them, then don't write down the facts, tell me something interesting? I understand that women are just as important as the men, that every female is a student, alumnus, employee, who cares about homecoming and greek politics, who cares about the administration and the Greek community. It's not a male or female issue.

The Daily Egyptian, the newspaper of SLUC, is committed to providing a broad source of news, information, commentary and public feature, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

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**Overheard**

"Things were a little clearer but everything was sort of orange-yellow. It was like looking through jello."

— Lisa Blevins, reflecting on her REPRODUCTION CLASSICANBURG. SUNDAY
for someone is a comfort.”
Volunteers must undergo a selective screening process and rigorous training before getting the job. The preparation enables a volunteer to focus on listening rather than offering psychiatric advice.

Krautler said it is easy for her to keep the everyday issues inside The Network. “I have learned to keep my professional life from my personal,” she said. “I have never been tempted to tell anyone outside of work the situations I deal with.”

Vicky Sheehan has been The Network supervisor for one year. She worked for the organization for three years prior to her appointment as supervisor. Sheehan said the hotline is crucial to the community. “It can’t envision the community without it,” she said. “It provides a type of help for those in need.”

Sheehan said there is a diverse group of people working for The Network and that many qualities volunteers must have. “We have people coming from different fields and walks of life,” she said. “We require our volunteers to be mature and helpful – they have to be willing to learn.”

She said there are volunteers working at The Network after they have in pursuit of alternative careers. “Everybody always says they miss it,” Sheehan said. “We are a family and a team.”

An unidentified volunteer by the name of Victor said it is sometimes easy to take others’ problems home when working with clients. “I think the main problem I take home with me is the fact that I want to be here,” he said. “When someone is been for 12 years you feel for them.”

Victor said he takes to co-workers in order to vent about the experience he has encountered. He said he volunteered for a greater self-worth. “I am on a quest for a deeper feeling of satisfaction,” Victor said. “I want to feel good about my job. I want to feel good about my job. — any job can pay the bills.”

Victor said the main goal of the volunteers is to serve as a resource for people working at The Network after they have been for one year. “I am on a quest for a deeper feeling of satisfaction,” Victor said. “We have people coming from different fields and walks of life,” Krautler said. “It is easy for Sheehan said the level of enthusiasm and faith makes The Network a successful and powerful organization. “It is great knowing you believe in it, — it is deployed in your work,” she said. “You deal with and work with some very special people.”

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Out of Sight, Out of Mind

Visually impaired feel overlooked as individuals

Rob Hobson lay on the stainless steel operating table, staring at the hamburgers+mich!” and 18th light attached overhead. It was the last thing he would ever see.

"I knew I was going to lose my vision," Hobson said. "I could see the lights with-out my glasses thinking 'This is the last thing I'm going to see'—what a stupid thing I'm doing, right now.

"It was a little voice inside, and I kind of regret it. I wish I would have said that I didn't want to do it, but when you're in the operating room, everything's already paid for and it's kind of a lot of money.

Hobson was born with a visual impairment. He grew up wearing high-princi-pal glasses to read childhood fairy tales and history lessons in large print. When things started to go wrong in 1993 when his blood vessels inside his eye burst, at 14, Hobson's world became a red blur until he saw nothing at all.

"It was weird because if I looked at light, it was green. I'd see green lights," Hobson said, a freshman in accounting walking through hallways and detaching... .

"It was a little patch in your eyes, then it got bigger and bigger, and pretty soon I couldn't see anything.

When Hobson's retina— the immediate portion of vision connected to the brain by the optic nerve— began to detach in August 1993, he made a trip to a degenerative.

The results of an ultrasound indicated a problem, so Hobson was referred to another medical professional with a more advanced machine.

"I went there the same day, and he said everything was fine. When I know something's wrong because I'm the patient here," Hobson said. He described more problems to the doctor about the retinas. If the vitreous pulls away from the retina in an area where the retina is weak, the retina may tear across the retinal blood vessels, causing bleeding in the vitreous.

Hobson's eye surgery to remove the blood was performed Oct. 12, 1993. It was the first of a series of four surgeries that would improve his vision.

It was during these surgeries, however, that Hobson's hopeful disposition digressed.

"I could say I took it well, I could say I didn't take it well. It depends on the way you look at it," he said. "I was depressed, but I didn't know I was depressed.

"When I look at a now and I know what the qualifications of clinical depression are, that's what I was."

Around March 1994, Hobson's vision began to improve, and for the next two years, he could see with the aid of glasses. Although he saw through "tunnel vision," his depression had subsided, or at least continued.

"It comes and goes in surges, but I could walk through hallways and see color— it was over.

To ensure the strength of his retina, Hobson underwent laser surgery on June 1 and Aug. 1, 1995. But despite the extra procedures, his vision began to fall, and on Aug. 1, 1996, Hobson experi-enced his last surgery— and has last day of vision.

"I wasn't depressed— I was more like, 'I got to do it, and I've got to do it.'" Hobson said. "The doctor said it would have happened anyway.

"I began to appreciate life, but there's nothing I could do, so I just dismissed it.

Lisa Belville was a depicting the in the basketball washing her face when she noticed a change in her eyes. After an attempt to remove the eye, by scrubbing her eyes, her vision was clearly improved.

Belville felt her way out of the bathroom, and well before her 14th birthday. After surgery, she waited for her vision to return so she could visit in her mirror to compare.

She never was able to make the journey easy.

"My first reaction was, 'Oh shit, here we go again. How am I going to tell my mom and dad?'" Belville said.

Belville was completely blind with cataracts and glaucoma.

When cataracts form, the passage of light is blocked, and the outcome is blurred, dimmed or double vision occurs. Glaucoma produces the same visual complication, but the result of an inability to drain the transparent fluid inside the forward section of the eye, causing excess pressure to build up.

At seven weeks old, doctors attempted to remove the cataracts from her left eye and 24 hours later found she had rejected the patch.

"The eye never really grew— it just sort of collapsed," said Belville, a senior in English from Marion. "They didn't want to mess with the other eye for a while, so they waited until I was about 12 weeks old and they did the left eye.

"The second surgery proved successful, enabling Belville to see. It was not until 1984 that the glaucoma started to cut her eyeight again.

"When they did it, the glaucoma spread up again, she said. 'They gave me all kinds of medicine to control it— the same type of medicine they used to the tissue they removed because they were still allowing me to see."

"I was 12, and I didn't want to deal with all that stuff.

During the summer of 1964, Belville endured a final of four surgeries to sus-pense the glaucoma.

By the fall, when Belville began the eight grade, the isolation of person's ever in New York City had yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The operation is known as Scleral buckling— a procedure that estab-lishes a "tunnel" around the section of the eye is danger of detaching. The band is made of silicone or sponges.

Desperate to see any feature, Belville attempted the preventive surgery three times— in 1984, '93 and '97—all resulting in failure.

But there was a catch— such surgery appeared successful for the initial period of recovery.

"They would freeze part of your eye, and within a week after, they had known it had worked," she said. "As soon as they took the patch off, I could tell the difference. Things were a little clearer, but everything was sort of orange-yellow, I was just looking through gel.

According to Belville, it was a form of healing the eye for it to grow again. Apparently during the surgery, the doctors accidentally had been a blood vessel in the back of her eye.

"They said that it would clearly up as the corn in the developed. and any eye was used to the tissue because they isolated the neure's little patch."

Belville went home with numerous restrictions. She was told not to lift any thing— not to bend over, not to read right away and to wear a patch every night until in two weeks.

Three days after the surgery, with the help of special reading glasses, Belville was reading print again.

Doctors assessed Belville's vision would improve, but after retinal detachment at John A. Logan Community College in 1990, she noticed a distortion in her right eye. In May, medical professionals discovered her retina beginning to detach. Once again, Belville underwent surgery.

"You talk about loosing through really weird stuff, I thought I was on acid," she said. "The gas flowed in the dark, and when it was it was like looking through jelly that was soaked of different colors.

"But as it healed, I didn't feel the reo-struction properly. It healed with a fad. As a result, there was a growth that came from the back of my eye and attached itself to the back of the vision, and things were getting blurry again."

In 1998, Belville had another cornea transplant, and by 1991, Belville's condition had stabilized.

In 1992, however, Belville began to see changes. Starting taking eye drops regularly, she continued her daily routine.

It was an average day during a bath when soap had settled in her eye— Belville lost her vision completely.

It was liberation. Belville had the opportunity to undergo another surgery to remove the vitreous, the fluid-like tissue inside the eye.
Iris Belville, a senior in English & Romance Languages, was dumbfounded when she learned that her vision had been restored after numerous surgeries. "I didn't know what to think," she said. "I was always afraid of losing my vision."

"When I first lost my vision," Belville said, "I was terrified. I couldn't see anything, and it was a very scary time. I was afraid of the dark and didn't know what to expect."

Belville had been diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic disorder that causes progressive vision loss. "I was very, very scared," she said. "I didn't know what was going to happen to me."  

Belville's vision was restored through a procedure called retinal transplantation. "It's a very complicated and difficult surgery," she said. "But it was worth it."  

Belville's vision was restored in 2003, and she has been able to see clearly ever since. "I feel like a new person," she said. "I can see the world in a whole new way."  

Belville now serves as an ambassador for the University of Chicago, helping to raise awareness about retinal transplantation and the importance of stem cell research. "I want to help others who are struggling with vision loss," she said. "I want to be a voice for those who can't speak for themselves."  

Belville's story is one of hope and resilience. "I'm grateful for every day," she said. "I'm grateful for the people who have helped me through this journey."  

Belville's vision was restored through the hard work of a dedicated team of doctors and researchers. "I'm forever grateful for the people who helped me," she said. "I couldn't have done it without them."  

Belville's story is an inspiration to others. "I want to be a role model for others who are struggling with vision loss," she said. "I want to show them that there is hope."  

Belville now serves as a spokesperson for the American Foundation for the Blind, helping to raise awareness about the importance of stem cell research and the need for more funding. "I want to be a voice for others who are struggling with vision loss," she said. "I want to be a voice for hope."
Fees
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While several council members including President Michael Speck were critical about approving the
Primary Care increase without a
performance review of the Student
Health Programs, the consensus
of the council was that the increase
was in the best interests of students.
Vice President for
Administrative Affairs Josh Scott
pointed out that many graduate stu-
dents utilize Student Health
Programs as their primary medical
facility and, unlike many under-
graduates, are not covered under
insurance other than that offered by
the University. GPSC was highly
critical of the athletic fee. Many
members spoke out against keeping
the fee so high over the dissenting
voice of students.
"It is amazing how the administra-
tion will review every depart-
ment and consider radical changes,
but not touch athletics," Speck
said. "It is a secret care." The
council also was concerned
about where the fee would be spent
and how the Athletics Department
would be held
accountable for those expendi-
tures.
"We need to ensure these peo-
ple are accountable to the students
who pay the fees," Speck said.
Accountability was also a con-
ideration in the council's consid-
eration of a resolution to form a
comprehensive policy regarding
student referendums. A compre-

hensive piece of legislation was debat-
ed among members with a com-
motion to wording was made. The
original wording would have
placed all referendums on the
Student Trustee ballots with the
intent of having graduate student
input on the referendums. Currently, referendums also can be
placed on the "USG presidency/dean's presidential bal-
lots, where graduate student could
not vote on them.
The wording was changed so
that referendums would not be
limited to those two spring elec-
tions. The final resolution called
for campus-wide referendums,
allowing both graduate involve-
ment and flexibility of timing on
the referendums.
The "resolution passed as
amended. The council approved
$2,500 to SPC for its annual
Spring Themed, event. The money
already had been set aside by
GPSC but was contingent on SPC
actually having a spring event.
SPC Director Andrew Daly
expressed thanks to the council for
reallocating the additional funds,
which he said will be spent pri-
marily on security for the event.
In other business, GPSC began
the nomination process for execu-
tive positions. The current admin-
istration leaves office May 15.
Possible leaders for next year's
include current Vice President
for Graduate School Affairs
Ford, English representative
Amy Silven and Law
School representative Terry
provide for others," she said. "On a typical break trip you are going for your own reasons." She said the trip will bring her more satisfaction than a normal spring break would.

"Besides being able to work with Habitat, we will still be a mile from the beach," Beasley said.

Bridge Rath, a junior in psychology from Madison, Wis., is the organizer for the Habitat for Humanity trip this year. Rath said she hopes the trip will be exciting and enjoyable for the students who will be participating.

Gus Bede said the trip will be a good opportunity for students to work with Habitat for Humanity while also enjoying a break from their regular college life.

She said the trip will provide students with a chance to see how Habitat for Humanity works.

"They will get to try something new and view an area of the world they may not have gotten to see before," she said.
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FOOTBALL

Most Saluki players return from last year

SIUC football coach Jan Quarless is expecting 70 holdovers from last year’s squad to report for spring practice beginning at 3:30 p.m. today.

Key returners include effective running backs Corten Craig and Cornth Craig, who have established new SIUC records in just three years of competition. They will be joined by 32 other returning lettermen.

Quarterback, in his third year at SIUC, said his chief goals will be "for our young guys to improve their basic skills and for quarter­back Shiree Poteete to learn our system." Poteete, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College in Miami, Okla., is on campus and is expected to take over No. 1 duties vacated by the graduated Kent Skornia.

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If there was any doubt about junior Adam Biggs earning a No. 4 spot in the Salukis’ rotation, rest assured. Wednesday’s performance sealed the deal.

Biggs struck out six batters in seven innings while allowing no runs in the SIUC baseball team’s 11-0 whitewashing of the University of Illinois-Champaign at Abe Martin Field.

Biggs (3-1) has appeared in eight of the 11 games so far this season and is second on the team with 27 strikeouts.

During one stretch Wednesday, Biggs retired 13 Fighting Illini batters in a row.

Biggs said he felt pretty good, "But you have to give credit to our team. I think that’s a great overall team effort right there, and it was a great job by all the guys on the team."

And was he right. He was not the only one who smoked the Illini on this chilly afternoon affair — the hitters were unstoppable.

Junior first baseman Jeff Houston paced the Salukis (8-3) with four of the team’s 16 hits, including two singles and two doubles.

Also had two RBI on the afternoon.

Fighting Illini 0
Salukis 11

"I felt pretty good. I had some good off-speed pitches today," Biggs said.

"I felt a little more aggressive early," Schley said. "Actually, I felt a little more aggressive today," Schley said. "I noticed the pitcher wasn’t throwing the strikes over the plate, and the catcher was having a few problems back there, so I just tried to use my ability and tried making the best out of it."

Biggs left the field with a comfortable lead after the seventh inning.

Pitching in with a positive attitude

Two-way player keeps women’s softball team on winning track

Corey Cichocki

SUIC softball pitcher and designated hitter Erin Stremsterfer always looks at the glass half full rather than half empty.

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