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NOVEMBER 15, 2001

Carbondale nursing home shuts doors

Abuse allegations
put an abrupt end
to Tower Road home

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The last patient at a Carbondale nursing home was relocated Wednesday afternoon, allowing the home to permanently close its doors.

The Abbey of Carbondale-Little Willow, 120 N. Tower Rd., moved to eliminate its children facility in September based on economic factors including the home's inability to renew its insurance policy, according to the

facility's lawyer Fran Meehan. It set today as the final date to relocate its patients.

The facility came under scrutiny earlier this month after the Illinois Department of Public Health moved to revoke its license following several reports of negligence. The IDPH notified Little Willow of its decision in mid-October.

The IDPH made its decision after receiving reports of the September 2000 death of a 6-year-old boy, the May death of a 15-month-old boy and the sexual assault of four residents and removal of another patient's feeding tube by a male resident in July.

The facility housed patients under the age of 22 and is attached to The

Abbey of Carbondale, a nursing home for the elderly, which will remain open. All of the patients were moved to nursing homes around Illinois, Meehan said.

"They essentially worked with the families, the guardians and the physicians in terms of geographic preferences and the appropriateness of the facility," she said. "The goal is always, of course, to meet the children's needs as best as they can, and secondly to accommodate the family as best they can."

Meehan said officials at Little Willow decided to close down before the IDPH announced its motion to remove its license. She said a number of economic factors played a role in the

decision including the facility not being able to renew its insurance policy.

Meehan said the insurance company refused to restore its policy because of the high percentage of lawsuits filed in the nursing home industry nationwide and not because of the home's specific problems.

Jena Welliever, spokesman for IDPH, said even though Little Willow announced its intentions to shut down before the state moved to remove its license, the state will still follow through with the motion.

Welliever said the facility has been slapped with \$30,000 in fines during the past 10 months because of the violations. Little Willow has requested a hearing to review the license revocation

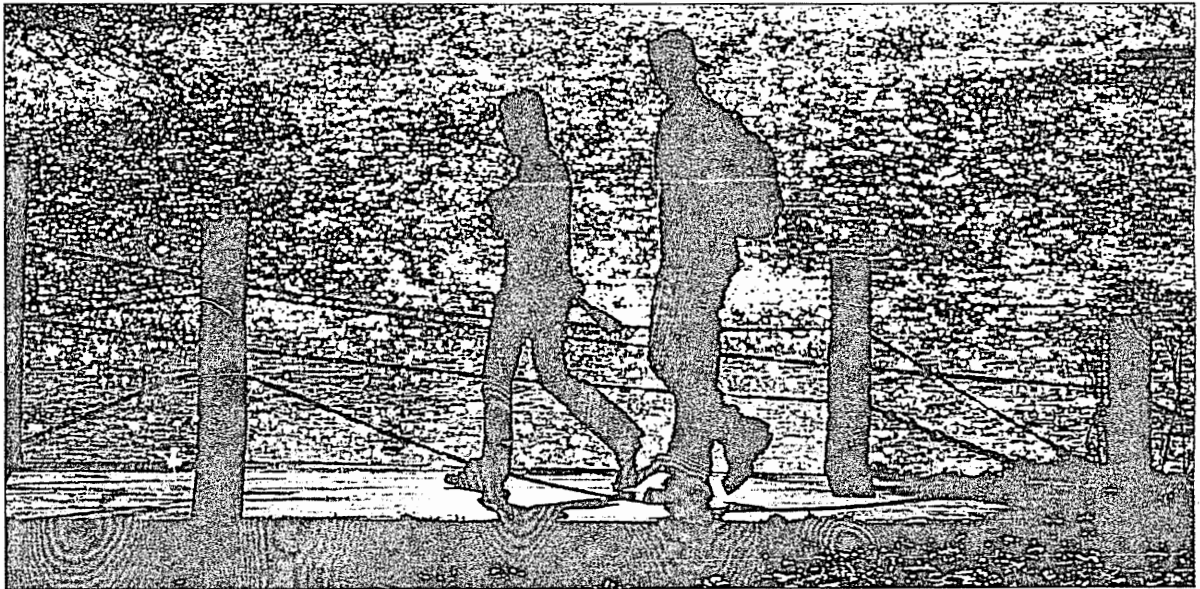
which would include the payment of the fines.

"Regardless of whether or not they're closing, they still have violated the rules and regulations," Welliever said.

Meehan said Little Willow officials were disappointed in the closing, but worked hard to find the best replacement homes for the residents.

"By all reports, everything went really smoothly," Meehan said. "Although we were sad to see it happen, it happened in the best-possible way."

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KERRY MALONEY/DAILY EGYPTIAN

INDIAN SUMMER: The sun sparkles off the Lake-on-the-Campus Wednesday afternoon as students walk to and from class. Many people were walking around the lake enjoying Wednesday's unseasonably warm weather. The record high for November 14 was 79 degrees in 1999 and the record low 10 degrees in 1986. Wednesday's high was around 70 degrees.

Layoff fears push police union to file grievance against county

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Union officials filed a grievance against the Jackson County Board earlier this month, because they believe budget cuts will lead to unnecessary layoffs of law enforcement employees.

Bill Mehrrens, field representative for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council, said the grievance was filed Nov. 2 after Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist informed him layoffs would be imminent. With the board's budget \$200,000 less than the 2000-2001 fiscal year's budget, Kilquist does not know how he can run the Sheriff's Department and the Jackson County Jail without cutting personnel.

Kilquist told the union he will have to lay off

eight patrol and jail officers because of the money the board is giving him. Mehrrens told the Daily Egyptian in an interview Wednesday that the grievance was filed because police contracts allow layoffs only if the county lacks funds.

"We are not seeing the financial crisis they allege," Mehrrens said, adding the budget "shouldn't be cut at all."

County Board Chairman Gary Hartlieb said the county lacks funds because the 2000-2001 budgets are highly inflated and tax revenue is not as high as board members expected. Hartlieb contends the budget cuts are an attempt to curb county spending.

He said the only way the board can afford to

SIUC tries to ease smokers' pain

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University Housing officials and the Residence Hall Association representatives have decided to ban smoking in residence halls but they have not forgotten smokers.

After voting for a three to five year phase-out plan to ban smoking in all residence halls, the RHA is looking at ways to accommodate smokers who want to live in the residence halls. Ed Jones, director of University Housing, said one way representatives want to help is by implementing smoking cessation programs.

"They're looking at it from a health standpoint," Jones said.

According to a March 2001 study by the Harvard School of Public Health, students who begin college as non-smokers are 40 per-

cent less likely to start smoking if they live in smoke-free residence halls. However, the study also showed that only about 25 percent of colleges and universities surveyed had a smoke-free living quarters policy.

Jones said other accommodations may include smoking gazebos or special areas for smokers to gather outside.

A survey conducted by the RHA in September revealed that 68.6 percent of residents do not smoke, 76.7 percent would stay if the halls became smoke-free and 62.2 percent supported the effort to become smoke-free.

Jones said after talking to housing officials at other schools that have banned smoking, the RHA decided on an eventual phase-out rather than banning smoking in all halls simultaneously. He said this is so smokers will have

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Planes may have flown too close, causing crash

NEW YORK - Investigators are now determining if turbulence from another aircraft may have contributed to the crash of flight 587.

According to a senior federal transportation official, the American Airbus 300 may have been only 90 seconds behind a Japan Airlines 747, a considerably shorter time span than was originally reported.

A tentative timeline for the crash was fashioned by National Transportation Safety Board investigators. They were puzzled because the planes tail wing may have been sheared off, rendering the plane uncontrollable.

The data recorder on the Airbus 300 hindered the investigation because a damaged memory module prevented access to the valuable information. The recorder has been sent to its manufacturer in Sarasota, Florida, for assistance.



FBI, haz-mat team search homes near Philadelphia

CHESTER, Pa. - About 30 FBI agents and a hazardous materials team seized items from the homes of two city officials who are Pakistani natives. Authorities will not say why they searched the homes or what items were recovered.

The home belonged to city health inspector, Dr. Irshad Shaikh and his brother Masood Shaikh. Dr. Shaikh said he and his brother cooperated with the agents, but he declined to reveal what the agents asked him.

The FBI also searched a house occupied by Asif Kazi, the city accountant. FBI spokeswoman Linda Vizi said the searches were conducted without incident and no one was arrested.



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New bin Laden evidence surfaces

LONDON - British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the House of Commons that video transcripts reveal Osama bin Laden coming close to admitting that he masterminded the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"The intelligence material now leaves no doubt whatever of the guilt of bin Laden and his associates," Blair said.

The transcripts were published on the House of Commons library website.

The excerpts quote bin Laden as saying, "The battle has moved inside America, and we shall continue until we win this battle, or die in the cause and meet our maker."

The evidence was submitted to NATO Secretary-General George Robertson and other selected world leaders committed to the coalition against terror, except the Taliban in Afghanistan.



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23 jailed in Egypt gay case

CAIRO - An Egyptian court jailed 23 men accused of having a sex party on a boat in the Nile River.

This marks the end of the four-month trial that stemmed from the May 11 arrests made on a Nile boat restaurant. In Egypt, homosexuality is regarded as taboo. Though Egyptian law does not explicitly define homosexuality, breach of obscenity and public morality are punishable.

Human rights groups, including Amnesty International, criticized the trial's sentences. On Wednesday, director of the U.S.-based International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Scott Long, said the Egyptian government manipulated religion in prosecuting the accused.

Kandahar status in dispute

United States sources in Washington, D.C., told CNN anti-Taliban forces took control of Kandahar's airport, how-

Police Blotter

- UNIVERSITY**
- Zachary Todd Short, 20, was arrested at 4:41 a.m. Saturday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in parking lot 27 near the Southern Hills apartments. Short was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.
 - Seamus Cairns Heley, 18, was cited at 1:25 a.m. Sunday for allegedly urinating in parking lot south of the Communications Building. Heley was issued a Carbondale pay-by-mail citation and released.
 - Matthew Paul Sizemore, 21, was arrested at 2:52 a.m. Sunday and charged with resisting a peace officer on West Mill Street. Sizemore posted \$75 for cash bond and was released.

Corrections

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

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- University Press Booksale
 Nov. 15, 8 a.m.
 Ballroom A-Student Center
 - Campus Shawnee Greens meeting
 Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
 Basement of Interfaith Center, corner of Illinois Ave. and Grand
 - Pre-Law Association
 Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m.
 Lesar Law building
 - COBA BIB Bowling Tournament
 Nov. 15, 6 p.m.
 Student Center Bowling & Billiards
 - Student Environmental Center meeting
 Thursdays, 7 p.m.
 Basement of Interfaith Center, corner of S. Illinois and Grand
 - SIUC Yoga Club
 Every Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Rec Center Assembly Room
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Red-hot steel gets

A Woman's touch

Cobden blacksmith gives feminine flavor to her work

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Roberta Elliott juggles steel and iron over scorching flames for hours, pouring her creative vision into something that could fall apart in mere seconds.

But it's all part of the fun, she says — the excitement, the uncertainty. And it's why she turned her back on a career in physiology to become one of the few female blacksmiths in the country.

"It's never really a sure thing," Elliott said. "There's always that element of chance."

She caught the blacksmithing bug in 1978 when she decided she would rather shoe horses than work in medicine. She took a blacksmithing class at SIUC, where she learned to work the iron and fire. Elliott called herself a farrier for about two years, before she realized that wasn't exactly her forte either.

"I wasn't very good; I was gonna get hurt," she said. "I was fortunate I had the equipment to keep playing with [metal], and I was fortunate to have a few good friends who bought my early stuff and egged me on."

All that egging resulted in The Velvet Hammer, Ltd., Roberta's shop next to her Cobden home where she turns out intricate pieces for her clients. The name came to her on one of her many walks, and while it isn't unique (it's the nickname of a woman judge and a drink recipe), it does reflect the delicate balance her work requires.

The most challenging aspect of Roberta's job is forge welding, in which two or more pieces of metal are heated to 2,600 degrees, carefully introduced to each other and then firmly hammered into a single unit. The work requires intense concentration and is filled with uncertainty. But Elliott knows the risks and says it's all part of the thrill.

"There are certain things you just have to

do right," she said. "You have to pay attention to what you're doing and you have to be focused."

Roberta's primary material is mild steel, a versatile matter which can take either the bold shapes usually associated with ironwork or the soft, feminine lines she personally prefers. Most of her work contains botanical references, from intricate floral table lamps to dainty hummingbirds.

She said she found her nature knack several years ago, when she was asked to work on another blacksmith's piece, done in what Elliott called "a very organic style."

"Once I started looking at the metal that way, it felt much more comfortable and much more natural," she said. "I've been a gardener all my life, so I also think it was kind of innate."

Roberta's work has been recognized in elite exhibitions and collections across the country. She's already nabbed four arts festival awards this year, and she often travels to give lectures and demonstrations to budding blacksmiths.

But for now, she's back home, where she pretty much has a daily routine down — eight or so hours in the shop, an hour or two of book work. But she's not one for much regularity. Her work is all about energy and the chance to explore with red-hot metal. The results can be unexpected, but they add to the spontaneity of her creations.

Elliott says she's always up for a challenge, like the complex spiral staircase she's working on now. And if more than 20 years of blacksmithing have taught her anything, it's to take things in stride.

"I've learned to approach projects in smaller steps and accept smaller victories," she said. "I really don't get frustrated with blacksmithing very much."

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ON DISPLAY

Roberta Elliott's works will be displayed through Dec. 27 at Edward Jones Investments, 2435 W. Main St.



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local blacksmith Roberta Elliott enjoys working from her Cobden home, but says that when you are your own boss, "you must know when to quit."

Semi crash investigated

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Investigators of the Murphysboro Police Department are still no closer to discovering why a tractor-trailer crashed Tuesday, killing the Herrin man driving it.

Murphysboro Police Department Public Information Officer Curtis Ehlers said no witnesses were around at 5:54 a.m. when an E & J Trucking semi driven by Paul R. Bush, 35, overturned on Illinois Route 149 near Mifflin Lane in Murphysboro.

Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer stated Bush suffered multiple injuries and pronounced him dead when he arrived at the accident.

The vehicle was fully loaded with non-hazardous material and no leakage was discovered. Police said it appears that the semi was the only vehicle involved in the crash.

Ehlers said investigators will have some indication of what caused the accident in the next two weeks when they receive the reconstruction reports, but the exact cause will be difficult to determine.

"We may never know," Ehlers said. "There was only one person who knew what happened and he took that with him."

The investigation is headed up by the Murphysboro Police Department. They are being assisted by accident reconstructionists from the Illinois State Police, Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the Motor Carrier Safety Department.

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Delta Authority to receive \$30 million for river communities

Money will go to distressed counties along Mississippi

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Representatives and governors from eight states will meet today to set the ground rules for a commission aimed at pumping money into rural towns along the Mississippi River.

The Delta Regional Authority, which encompasses eight states surrounding the Mississippi River, is working to develop health care, infrastructure, industries and the overall economy in distressed towns.

The authority has \$20 million, which rolled over from last year's budget, plus an additional \$10 million included in the 2002 budget.

The \$20 million from last year was not spent because the authority was waiting for President George Bush to appoint a federal co-chair.

Recently, he appointed Pete Johnson of Mississippi to lead the authority.

Gov. George Ryan has already chosen the projects that will receive Illinois' portion of the money from the federal government. Those projects are likely to be released within the next two weeks.

The money will go to things such as transportation projects, infrastructure improvements and economic development. These projects are expected to fix things up as well as provide additional jobs. The money from the federal government will go directly to the authority and the spending will be at the discretion of a board consisting

"We could spend the whole \$30 million in Illinois and still have needs."

Brad Cole
Illinois Delta Council Representative

of a representative from each state and the federal co-chair.

Illinois likely will receive around \$2 to \$3 million for local projects, said Brad Cole, the state's Delta council representative. Cole said the meeting will be used to set the ground rules for handing out the money and other startup policies. Cole said the money should be in by January.

Although the governor has compiled a list of possible projects, the ultimate decisions will be based on the amount of money the state receives. Cole compared it to shopping for back to school clothes. Ryan will give money to the things on the top of the list first until the commission runs out of money.

Cole said the commission received 206 applications for things in the area that need the money.

Not all of these programs will get picked, and although Illinois will only receive a small piece of the \$30 million pie, Cole said that every little bit helps.

"We could spend the whole \$30 million in Illinois and still have needs," Cole said.

Cole said he expects the Delta Regional Authority to be an ongoing project and said they hope to receive \$30 million again next year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

SIU Press offers discount book sale

SIU Press will offer a book sale Thursday in the Student Center Ballrooms from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The books will include novels on the Civil War and various other works of nonfiction. The event will also feature Paul Simon, director of Public Policy Institute and former U.S. Senator, signing his book, "Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy" from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information on the event or books from SIU Press, call 453-2281.

Health Department to give flu shots

The Jackson County Health Department will offer additional flu shots free of charge to active and retired state employees currently enrolled in a state-sponsored health plan.

The flu clinics will be in the Alumni Lounge of the Recreation Center today from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Employees and retirees must present verification of employment or a state health insurance card in order to receive the free immunizations.

Gap opens doors at University Mall

Gap, Gap Kids and BabyGap opened its doors to Carbondale at University Mall on Wednesday. Just in time for the holiday season, the store opened one week earlier than scheduled. The 8,111 square foot store is adjacent to Garfield's Restaurant and Pub.

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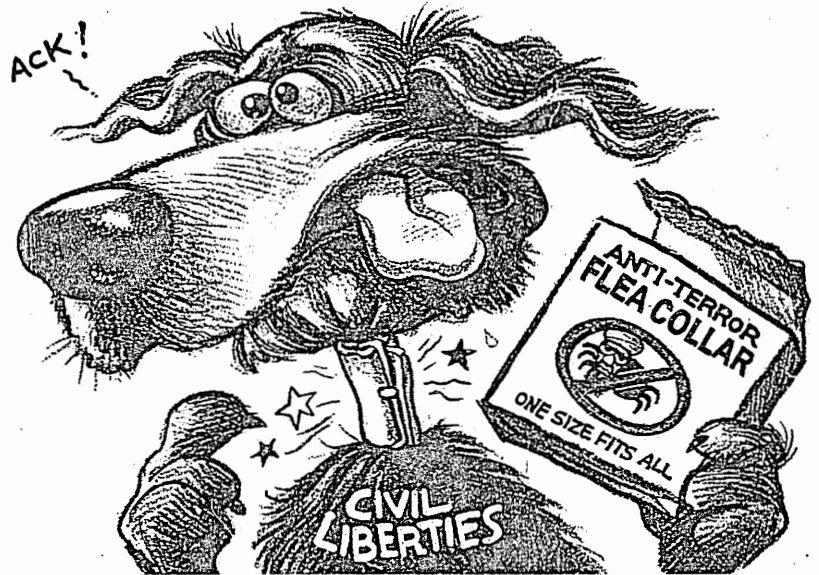
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Anybody who wants the presidency so much that he'll spend two years organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office."

- David Broder

YOUR WORD

If you want to submit your opinion on today's "Our Word" or past "Our Words," e-mail us at tj_voices@yahoo.com. Students include your year in school and major. Faculty must include rank and department. Non-academic staff include position and department. Others include author's hometown.



OUR WORD

Internships are a vital part of academic career

It cannot be stressed enough how vital an internship is to student's college experience. Internships provide students with a chance to gain experience in their respective fields outside of the classroom environment.

Various departments within the University offer internship programs. Medical and law students gain valuable experience by working in hospitals and law firms. Budding journalists learn the ins-and-outs of the media business while interning at newspapers, magazines, radio and broadcast outlets.

Students in social work or counseling get to interact more closely with clients as interns in that particular field. There are countless other examples that can be given. Many professions provide students with internship opportunities. It is a perfect time to network with people in your profession.

For students who are not well traveled, an internship taking place in another state can aid in broadening a student's outlook of the world. Internships can be an important tool in learning but students should prepare themselves.

Going from a purely academic setting in some cases to an actual professional job setting can be a bit overwhelming. Living in a new place can be scary as well. Get as much information about your new location long before you make the trip. Also, understand that your supervisors are there to help you.

Look for mentors who you can talk to, if they are not already assigned to you as some internships will do. Many were students and possibly interns them-

selves, so they understand what you're going through. Remember though, they have their work to do. You don't want to be a burden. That leads to perhaps the two most crucial things an intern can have: creativity and independence.

Some internships may frown upon that. Others will look at them as assets. Be aware of your situation and act accordingly. Acting accordingly includes being on time the first day and every day of the internship, meeting your responsibilities and conducting yourself in a professional manner. You're not only representing yourself but your academic institution as well.

Keep in mind, internships vary as do the professions which offer them. Some will put you right into the discipline while others will ask you to stay out of the way. For those, try to learn what you can. Utilize the advice from earlier about being creative and especially in finding mentors. They will become more valuable for those lackluster internships.

We urge students to look into these opportunities. Talk with students who were interns and find out what it was like. Many students will graduate this year, and more in May 2002. For the remaining underclassmen, the time here is shorter than you might think. The semesters roll by quickly. Seriously explore an internship for the upcoming semesters or for the summer.

Future employers will look more favorably at students who have had an internship. Take this opportunity now and check with your departments. Your future will look a lot brighter as a result.

COLUMNISTS

Buying books is just like shooting craps, except we don't get a choice

This one goes out to the professors, administrators, legislators and bookstore owners who read this paper. I am wondering, and do any of you care, how book prices are affecting students? I know I cannot be the only one offended by the highway robbery that goes on each semester. Every semester it's the same thing. We get our list of classes and we head off to the various bookstores. When we find our books, we're lucky if we used ones cost under \$50. I rejoice when I see a small book because in my mind smaller equals cheaper. But you know what? Sometimes those cost more than the big books. Of course, we're all stupid enough to think, "At least I'll get some of the money back at the end of the semester." I guess lying to ourselves makes it a little easier to swallow.

You get to the cashier and prepare to bend over. "That will be \$412 and 36 cents please," she says with a nice cheery smile. I am not a violent man but you know sometimes, man... anyway. So you give her the money, you know, the one so



Don't Get Me Wrong

BY MARS BIGBY
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happy with the discount (she paid \$370 instead of \$400 and counts herself sooooo lucky because she traded four hours a day to deal with pissed off people like me in order to go out one extra night with her sorority sisters). Class is great. Your teacher reads to you word for word what is in the book you just paid \$20/00 for and then tells you to go home and read what he just told you, or better yet, read it the night before and he will tell you what you just read.

You get through the semester with an A++ because you were so prepared. You head back to the "#\$#@", I mean the bookstore. It's

that girl again. This time she takes the books and says with a smile, "We can give you 36 dollars and 23 cents for these." It takes all your will to leave the store with it's merchandise intact, and in four weeks you get to do it all over again. WHY, WHY, WHYYYYYYY?!! all I mean really, what has happened in the field of calculus do we need a new textbook every two years? Is there some secret mathematician who just keeps pumping out these new formulas? Is there no voice of reason among you to say, "Uuurrmm, hey guys, this new book is the same as the old book except they put chapter three where chapter five used to be.

Does the University or any of our professors profit by choosing new books? I mean, I hope so. I would feel better about it if someone were at least getting something out of it. Maybe it's just some kind of joke you're all playing on us. "Hehe Joe check this out, I found a book for \$120 and he renews every year." "Good one Mike. That's even better than sending them away on Halloween and making it near

impossible for them to go home on Thanksgiving." Could one of you please speak up for us students. PLEASE!! Student Government (said under breath), could someone just ask a couple simple questions next time around, like, is rearranging the chapters really going to amplify learning?

Is it really important that we get the edition with the blue cover, or the one with "their" spelled properly? Is the amount of learning different enough to justify the cost to the students? And bookstores: if you aren't gonna buy the books back at the end of the semester then tell us about it and charge us accordingly. These are just a few simple steps you can take to help keep that frail bookstore girl safe from angry mobs. That is unless you're getting something out of it. If so, by all means, keep screwing us.

DON'T GET ME WRONG appears every Thursday. Marsden is a senior in University Studies. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Home is where the heart is, and that one couch, too

Have you ever heard the expression, "You don't know what your missing until it's gone?" I don't know who makes up these expressions all of us seem to know as far back as we can remember, but whoever the guy is thinking up these sayings, he has to be the smartest man on earth. I got to know this particular saying very well over fall break.

It's not so much that I missed anything here in Carbondale. It's more that I realized the little comforts of home, so much that I didn't even notice how much I missed them until I got back.

For instance, how great is it to come home after months of semi-appetizing cafeteria food, and just indulge in mom's home cooking? I didn't realize how much I took that for granted until I sat down at the dinner table and enjoyed the best beef stroganoff I've ever had. I don't think it was any better than before, it was just



Crystal Clear

BY CRYSTAL WHITT
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... home.

I came to know how great my pantries are. I think my family is, just weird, but we have two very large pantries. One of them is a walk-in and is filled with wall-to-wall food. To say the least, we never have a food shortage at my house. It was so nice to be hungry, open the pantry and have more than just three-week-old crackers and a stale half-eaten cookie to eat. It seemed the possibilities of stuff to fill my appetite were endless.

Oh how I missed home! I remember getting to the shower and feeling like I could do cartwheels in there! Compared to my minuscule shower in the dorms, (most of you guys should relate to me on this) I had miles and miles of room! I had become quite used to bending over and having my butt touch the bitter cold mildewed walls of the shower and who knows who else's butt did the same thing. Ewww!

The water at home was actually hot and cold. For some reason on my floor, we only have hot water — really, really hot water. So by the time you get out of the shower, you feel like you've just bathed in fire. Maybe it's a new building policy; just burn the funk off of these people!

Last but not least, I noticed how much I've come to depend on my couch, it reclines. Now you people with apartments don't have this worry because unless you're

sitting on a cardboard box, you most likely get to sit on a couch every day. I have the option of my cold cement floor or my bed.

Now I'm not saying my bed is uncomfortable. It's just that it's not my couch. I'm sure we've all had the pleasure to sit on a couch so broken that it just molds to your butt. That's how my couch is at home, I could just melt in it!

Maybe it's just because this is my first time away from home and I'm still getting used to things that are a little different from the things I'm used to. But being here has made it crystal clear to me that no matter where you go or what you do, there will never be a place quite like home.

CRYSTAL CLEAR appears every other Thursday. Crystal is a sophomore in journalism and English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Can faculty salaries garner attention?

DEAR EDITOR:
As President of the SIUC Faculty Association, I want to congratulate the Board of Trustees for recognizing the hard work of President Walker. I personally witnessed in Springfield his defending the SIUC budget quite vigorously. I am also very pleased to see that SIUC is in such great financial health that even with severe student enrollment drops, we are able to reward the hard work of President Walker, may I say so handsomely, with more than a 20 percent salary increase. We certainly hope and expect that the Board of Trustees will apply the same philosophy to the faculty, who are also working very hard, but who still have salaries

that are way behind those of their peers. Needless to say, I was very encouraged when I heard on the news that President Walker has the faculty salary problem as a top priority, even with the possibility of having difficulties with state budget allocations. Finally, I would like to once more offer the Faculty Association as a major partner in building a great future for SIUC.

Morteza Daneshdoost
SIUC Faculty Association President

'Faith-Based Initiatives' a scam

DEAR EDITOR:
Channeling taxpayer dollars for social programs through religious organizations will fur-

ther corrupt our politics by rewarding ministers who are political allies of powerful politicians with lucrative social program contracts. Just as defense contracts tied businesses into unwise government policies like the Vietnam War in the '60s, these contracts will be used as political plums to reward and favor political cronies in the pulpits, and tie them into government programs. Recall that Ed Rollins, campaign manager for former New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman's gubernatorial campaign, bragged that he used "walk around money" to payoff black ministers and churches in order to suppress the black vote. This church-politics payola has already been going on and the "faith-based initiatives" will only make this abuse much worse.

Jim Semyszyn
Pewee

Find something worthwhile to complain about

DEAR EDITOR:
This letter is written in response to the letter by Dr. Stewart, published on Tuesday. Dr. Stewart, my father told me long ago that there are two kinds of people in this world. Those who do things, and those who complain about the way things are done. You are obviously one of the latter. If you are compelled to complain about the Veteran's Day ceremony, at least complain about the right thing. Do not complain about how the 100 or so students honored the veterans on Sunday; complain about the thousands of students and faculty members who didn't bother to show up. Don't complain about the speech. Rep. Phelps

gave complain about the other government officials who were silent. Don't complain about the time the ceremony was held on Sunday; complain about the thousands of city, county, state and federal agencies who celebrated the day on Monday so that they could have a three-day weekend. Also, if you walk down the hall to the History Department, I'm sure there is someone who can explain to you how in 1954 the president changed Armistice Day to Veteran's Day to honor American veterans of all wars. Of course, that would require you to actually do something.

Richard Wallace
senior, paralegal studies

Discussions begin for fine arts funding

GPSC review possible changes to formation of fine arts committee

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The budgeting of an annual fine arts activity fee that SIUC students began shelling out this year is in its early stages of development.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council made plans at its meeting Tuesday to review and possibly recommend changes to preliminary suggestions for the forming of a fine arts activity fee committee.

Gus Bode



Gus says: I move to form a committee to abolish the committee that is forming the committee.

The fine arts activity fee of \$5.00 a semester began this year after students approved the increase in a referendum voted on last spring. The fee began this year so the University could attract

more performing artists to SIUC.

Plans for the committee were presented to GPSC by faculty involved in developing the committee. Under the plan, membership includes fine arts students, faculty and the Undergraduate Student Government, in addition to GPSC.

The preliminary plan includes allotting \$175,000 to seven fine arts schools and departments. The plan allows for the funding to remain fixed for three years. GPSC President Scott Henne said that fixed dollar amounts instead of percentages might cause a problem, since enrollment varies every year.

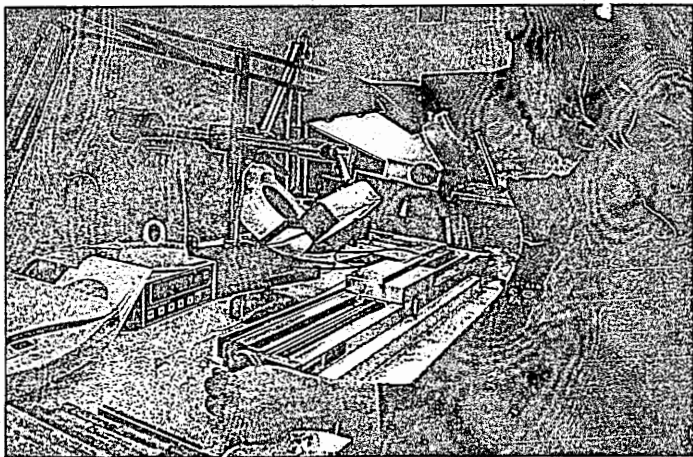
"I'd like to possibly suggest we change those," he said. "Our general consensus seems to be that we're leaning toward a yearly review."

Henne emphasized that the plan for a fine arts activity fee committee is in the early stages, and the graduate student government is simply studying the issue further. GPSC formed an ad hoc committee, which will consist of graduate students exploring options for the activity fee committee.

Josh Sunderbruch, who proposed the ad hoc committee, said the committee will ensure the interests of graduate students are met.

And although there are concerns about the preliminary plans, GPSC officials stressed they want to work with faculty and students to find a good plan for fine arts spending.

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LISA SONNENSCHEIN / DAILY EGYPTIAN

Beth Davis, a graduate student in forest ecology from Carlyle, examines the ring widths on a piece of wood to determine the tree's history. The widths are read electronically and the data is used to learn about different growing conditions in forests.

Women cut down male dominance in forestry

Forestry field attracts increasing number of female pioneers

JARRET O. HERZOG
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When Penny Perkins mentions the word forestry, people automatically think about chopping down trees or sawing lumber.

But more positions in the traditionally male-dominated field are being filled by women. Perkins, a graduate student from Wyoming studying grassland ecology, said she thinks stereotypes still exist about women in forestry. One of those stereotypes is that women cannot do the same physical tasks men can do.

"Some of the jobs I've had in the past have been with chainsaw work and stuff and I only got those because of the guys I was working with," Perkins said. "Forestry and a lot of the male-type fields are becoming less stereotypical and women are breaking through and doing just as well. It helps having a women professor in forestry. I wish we had more."

Jean Mangun, associate professor in forestry, is the one female professor in the department. She said one of the challenges women in the forestry field often face is being placed in pioneer situations.

"You have to be confident enough in yourself because you may not have a support group readily available, and you may not have the same kind of

mentor opportunities that a male-hire would have," Mangun said. "But that is very rapidly changing."

According to Mangun, about 20 percent of forestry undergraduate students are females and about 50 percent of graduate students are females.

Beth Davis, a graduate student from Carlyle who is studying forest ecology, said women are not readily recruited into the field of life sciences.

Davis said she was inspired to pursue her forestry degree by a woman she worked for at the National Park Service. The woman was a leader on the fire crew Davis worked on. Davis said the woman inspired her because she "is the only woman on the fire crew in a leadership position and she never bowed down to anyone or was favored in any way."

"She just went out everyday, busted her butt and earned the respect of the men and the women in her field," Davis said. "She was a really courageous person for doing that and I definitely look up to her."

Mangun said it is important for young women to have role models.

"Young women entering the sciences need to have a role model to see that it's possible to do this and still be a wife and mother," Mangun said. "Today's modern forestry really has a lot of opportunities for women; it's not just about tree harvesting."

Mangun said the evolution of forestry has made it easier for women to get involved. She said the field has become more scientific and comput-

"Today's modern forestry really has a lot of opportunities for women; it's not just about tree harvesting."

Jean Mangun
associate professor in forestry, SIUC

er oriented.

"You have to be a good scientist and gender is irrelevant," Mangun said.

Perkins said she thinks younger men are more apt to accept women onto the forestry field than their predecessors.

"I think a lot of the older professors had a lot more female stereotypes than the younger ones did," Perkins said. "I think professors are opening up a lot more to women in forestry."

Mangun also said although forestry is still perceived as a traditionally male field. She said there is a long way to go, but the perception is changing.

"John Q. Public associates the word 'forestry' with Smokey Bear and cutting down trees and it's so much more complex and disciplined," Mangun said. "With the advent of more women to the field with good people and verbal skills, maybe we'll be able to help change that."

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Radford U. students charged with kidnapping in prank

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THE TARTAN (RADFORD U.)

RADFORD, Va. (U-WIRE) - Last weekend four new members of Sigma Pi Sigma at Radford University were charged with a felony.

Christopher Adam Tate, 18; Alex Cruz, 18; Chris Hilleary, 20; and Brian Du Val, age unknown, were charged by Radford, Va. Police Friday for abducting an RU student. These charges can carry a sentence of 20 years to life.

According to Sigma Pi Sigma President Fredric Teerling, on Nov. 4 four new members picked up Sigma Pi Sigma brother Ryan Tucker at his home. Similar to a scavenger hunt, their quest was to find a brother and "kidnap" him.

According to Sigma Pi Sigma brothers, Tucker, a sophomore, was bound by duct tape and taken down to Veterans Field where he underwent such rituals as being covered in flour and having a mustache drawn on him. The boys then took him back to Norwood Hall, where the fraternity holds its weekly meeting. Upon their return, a Resident Director in Norwood found the men bringing Tucker to a room and questioned them.

At 7:45 p.m. the police were called and arrived on the scene immediately to question Tucker and another brother, Jason Burnette, who happened to stumble upon the group. A picture was taken of Tucker bound in duct tape, and he was asked to give names of the new members who abducted him. He also was asked to press charges against

them, which he refused.

Both the RU police and the Radford City Police were unavailable for comment at the time of publication. However, according to an article published Nov. 10 in the *Rosanne Times*, "[Tucker] was driven to the banks of the New River, where he said the four men tormented him with pranks, including covering him with flour and drawing a cartoonish mustache above his lips."

When asked to comment, Tucker said, "I was laughing the whole time; it was a joke. Every brother experiences it; I wasn't harmed and nothing bad happened."

Teerling said, "The problem perhaps is not in the actual incident but in the way that Sigma Pi Sigma has been scapegoated and harassed over such a middle-school prank."

Sigma Pi Sigma is an off-campus, nonrecognized fraternity and therefore does not follow rules or regulations from National headquarters or rules from RU, like recognized Inter-fraternity organizations do.

"We have a reputation for being the bad boys," said Vice President Drew Short, a senior. "We are being used as an example, when really we are not doing anything different than anyone else; in fact, it is not even as bad as what a lot of people do or imagine that we do."

A week after the incident, four of the new members were arrested and charged with the kidnapping. The men then were held in jail for three days without bond or chance of release. Short commented that "until this is resolved there is no price on the mental anguish and stress of the accused."

Police seize pot in U. Kentucky housing

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KENTUCKY KERNEL (U. KENTUCKY)

LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) - Thirteen living marijuana plants were seized by University of Kentucky Police at a University Housing apartment complex Tuesday. No suspects have been identified or apprehended in the case.

The apartment, located at 124 Transcript Ave., had two bedrooms, where the plants were found.

UK Police found at least four cut plants, which indicated that marijuana had already been harvested at the residence. Four of the plants seized

were full-grown. Police also seized nine other smaller plants.

Officers said what they found indicates that the growing operation was extensive and sophisticated. Police found an exhaust fan, four fluorescent lights, several large plywood light stands, several empty plant pots, a large quantity of potting soil and a garbage bag filled with stems, roots and dirt.

Sgt. Greg Hall of the UK Police said he had seen cultivation cases in UK Housing before, "but never to this extent."

Daniel Gilbert, a student who lives in the building, said a UK maintenance crew arrived at the building early Tuesday morning to fix clogged

pipes. Gilbert said maintenance workers entered the apartment to fix the pipes, discovered the plants and notified the police. Several residents, who did not wish to be identified, verified this sequence of events.

Sgt. Tina Chilton of the UK Police said they received a call around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Police said they could not comment freely until a suspect is arrested.

The Kentucky Legislature's Web site said first offense cultivation of more than five plants is a Class D felony, which is punishable by one to five years in prison and a fine between \$3,000 and \$5,000. For a second offense, prison terms increase to five to 10 years.



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

THE GIFT OF LIFE: Chris Lisowski, a junior in Radio-Television from Chicago, reclines while donating blood on Wednesday afternoon in the Recreation Center. The Red Cross, despite all of the blood collected after the Sept. 11 tragedies, still seeks participants for the upcoming holiday season.

Campus pets evicted at Cabrini College

CATHARINE HERNON
LOQUITUR (CABRINI COLLEGE)

RADNOR, Pa. (U-WIRE) — A discrepancy in the student handbook pet policy may affect the lives of many fish on Cabrini College's campus. The fish have to go due to the recent interpretation of the policy.

Residence life was notified of two conflicting policies in the student handbook that left a loophole for students to bring pet fish to live at school. One policy, on page 111, stated that pets of any kind were prohibited except for non-meat-eating fish in a tank less than five gallons. On the following page the policy stated that absolutely no pets of any kind are allowed in residence halls.

When the conflict was found, David Carpenter, Director of Residence Life, had to make a decision on what to do about the fish. It was

decided that students would have until the end of the semester to remove all the pets and associated products. Fish and other pets must be removed by Dec. 15 with no exceptions.

Dr. Laura Valente, vice president of student development, has had to explain why the policy was changed since the notice went out to all students. "It's not the existence of the pet fish that's problematic, it's the tank that can potentially cause a flood and damage to room. Further, we have the concern about how the pets of any kind will be taken care of over the break."

The policy was changed not to take away the students' rights but to protect the buildings and the pets themselves. Tanks have to be maintained carefully, some with chemicals that need to be added a few times a month. Over a long break, like the month long winter break, these requirements cannot be met and the fish may die. Also, a concern

is when students go on these long breaks the school will shut down power in the residence hall again leaving dead fish in the room for weeks.

It is the dead fish that is a sanitation concern for Residence Life. Leaving a dead animal in a confined space for more than a few days may cause an odor. This would be a problem for more than just the students in the room.

There are also students who have no problem complying with the updated policy. "Accidents can happen. The next thing you know there are fish all over the floor and water everywhere," said Michelle Palandro, sophomore.

There have also been concerns with how roommates handle the fish. David Carpenter relayed that there have been times that one roommate ate the other's fish and a room change was requested quickly after.

Lawsuit against students continues

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A slander lawsuit against an SIUC student is pending for his alleged false light accusations against his residence, Stevenson Arms.

Jermaine Beard, who moved into Stevenson Arms, 600 W. Mill St., in August, has made several complaints about uncooked food and uncleanness of the building. He called several city officials, and health inspectors visited the building twice in response. According to the health department, nothing was found.

Thomas Peters, a lawyer based in Belleville, is handling the case for the general manager of Stevenson Arms, Stan Lieber. He said he will be serving Beard with papers next week, and Beard will then have 30 days to respond.

"When someone runs around calling the paper and various places in the community and making false accusations, it puts your institution in a false light," Peters said.

Peters said the lawsuit will be for a year's rental of the building, which will be in the hundred thousands of dollars. Peters said if Beard was serious about his complaints, he could have moved out of Stevenson Arms and tried his case in court. Because Beard has not, Peters believes Beard was attempting to put some pressure on Lieber to get out of his contract.

"Lieber's not going to take this kind of backhand conduct," Peters said.

Beard was surprised to hear about the lawsuit but did not comment on what he will do. Meanwhile, he said he has had more problems during the last few weeks. Beard said he was charged with a noise complaint,

which he said is unfounded because he does not own a radio or stereo.

"It's always something going on with them," he said.

His previous complaints focused on uncooked chicken, a hair in a turkey sandwich, the toilets overflowing during the first week of school, which forced students to eat in the lobby and a broken air conditioner.

Health department officials found nothing wrong with the preparation of the food, and Lieber said the toilet problem was caused by several women's misdisposal of tampons during the first week of classes.

Patty Stokes, food manager at Stevenson Arms from August 2000 to mid-October 2001, said Beard has been trying to get out of his contract since the first week of class.

She calls his actions "com-
monplace."

"This is what students do," said Stokes, who has also worked in other residence halls, including at SIUC.

Stokes said flooding incidents such as the one Beard complained about, can happen everywhere, especially after the system has sat all summer and suddenly gets a lot of flow.

Most of the employees of Stevenson Arms are licensed by the State of Illinois and when the toilets did overflow, Stokes said the students did not complain about eating in the lobby while cleaning crews took care of the mess.

She said Beard would not follow rules, and his complaint about hair in a turkey sub might have been his own because Stevenson Arms does not serve turkey subs but allows students to build their own.

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Flight team keeps up reputation

Flying Salukis bring back Coach of the Year award

MIKE PETTIT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

What's the difference between a rookie and a veteran team? Not much if it's the Flying Salukis.

The SIUC Flight Team returned from the regional competition at Middle Tennessee State University with a second-place finish, enough to put them in a slot for nationals again.

SIUC finished with 169 points, 20 points shy of the first place University of Illinois team, and ahead of Lewis University, Purdue University and Middle Tennessee State University.

With only four returning members and a young team, coach Kim Carter led his team members to numerous place-winners in nine separate events.

"I was extremely pleased with the outcome," Carter said.

The competition was separated into ground events like aircraft flight inspection and

computer accuracy, and flight events such as navigation and message drop, both of which SIUC took second place as a team, averaging the team's overall placement.

The second-place finish allowed the Salukis to compete in the national competition to be held at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, in May.

One of the two team captains, Jeff Aranyos, a senior in aviation management from St. Charles, was impressed with the team's performance despite the fact that it does not have a single fourth-year member.

"Given the fact that we had a really young team, I think it went extremely well," Aranyos said.

New members supported the team by keeping up its reputation as a top contender that has not missed the national competition in about 30 years, Carter said.

"Our new competitors did absolutely phenomenal," said Michael Perry, who enjoys flying when he isn't in office as president of Undergraduate Student Government.

The rookie team also had the

backing from Carter, winner of the Coach of the Year Award.

"He not only teaches you about the events, he teaches you about your career," said Perry, a senior in aviation technology from Gridley.

The judges of the competition also determined who would win the Coach of the Year award based on each regional team's nomination letter.

Aranyos organized the team together to have each member write a paragraph about Carter, which was transformed into a nomination for the award.

"You couldn't ask for anything more in a coach," Perry said.

With excellent coaching and team members willing to compete for a solid reputation, Aranyos believes the Flying Salukis will continue to place in future competitions.

"We're excited that we're going to be a high-caliber team in the region and the nation for many years to come," Aranyos said.

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Children's art show a multicultural experience

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As a home-school educator, Janet McCready is always looking for educational opportunities for her two daughters. She found a unique way for her daughters to learn while helping raise funds for orphanages and schools in Bangladesh in "Kids for Kids Sake."

"When this one came along, it sounded like a wonderful opportunity for our children to do art class in a communal setting," McCready said. "The children also learn about helping people overseas by doing charitable acts. It seemed like the perfect opportunity."

Groups of children ranging in ages between 5-16 created paintings and sculptures for the "Kids for Kids Sake" fund-raiser and art show. The young artists include children from Lake Heights, Brehm Preparatory and Carbondale New Schools.

There will be a silent auction at the opening on Friday night at 7, as well as a puppet show and bluegrass music provided by "The Sugar Hollar Rounders" at the Longbranch Coffeehouse.

The fund raising event is sponsored by the Dayemi Tariqat, an Islamic Sufi organization based in the United States and headquartered

in Carbondale. Danielle Konings, who is coordinating fund raising for the show, initiated the event last year as a way to raise funds for the Dayemi organization.

"The idea came out of a discussion on how we could educate children in our western culture on how kids live on the other side of the world. We sought to teach them how to share, while helping them explore creativity," Konings said. "Working through the children is a beautiful way to help the next generation increase cooperation between cultures."

Jim King, art show coordinator for the Longbranch, has worked with the children in the past weeks at art workshops. King said that the message "the show tries to communicate is especially important now, as the world is going through conflict and separatism."

"This is a rare opportunity for the children who have participated and their families to understand what life is like on the other side of the planet," King said. "The art work is a way to contribute and connect with children who live very different lives. It is a way of opening up their hearts and their consciousness."

The show runs through Dec. 15 at the Longbranch Coffeehouse.

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SIUC senior singled out for prestigious award

Senior named most ideal candidate out of 22,000 eligible

BRIAN PEACH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With nearly 22,000 eligible, selecting one SIUC student as the recipient of a single award took serious thought from University administrators.

When all the votes were tallied, Joshua Walker stood out as the most ideal candidate for the Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award.

The award is given to one student at each of Illinois' 49 four-year universities and honors outstanding accomplishments in academics and leadership.

"It comes out of the governor's office and not only recognizes students but also outstanding citizens in Illinois," said Kim Harris, associate professor of Agribusiness Economics.

Harris seconded the nomination of Walker in the College of Agriculture by Roger Beck, professor of Agribusiness Economics, who wrote the initial nomination.

"If [Beck] didn't nominate him, I

would have," Harris said.

Walker, a senior in Agribusiness Economics from Albion, found out

he was nominated for the prestigious award a week and a half before being awarded it on Oct. 27. At a ceremony in Springfield, Walker, along with the other winners, received a medallion, certificate, \$150 and had lunch with the governor at his mansion. The winning announcement that came with all these honors surprised Walker.

"I knew I had been nominated, but I didn't think I'd win," he said. "It's an honor to be one out of 22,000 people."

Earning an accumulated 4.0 grade point average during the past four years, Walker has balanced school and a slew of activities. He has been president of the Wesley Foundation at SIUC, a campus ministry of the United Methodist Church, for the past year, and has organized ministry basketball tournaments campus wide. Walker is also a member of Alpha Zeta, a professional service and honorary fraternity in agriculture.

Walker hopes to work in the

financial aspect of agriculture when he graduates and is minoring in business administration and accounting to help him earn experience for a future job.

As an undergraduate, Walker contributes to research in the College of Agriculture. Beck spotted Walker's potential when he was just a freshman.

"He impressed me," Beck said. "He was one of the top students in my class and I offered him a research job."

Walker has been doing similar work ever since. He helped put together a rural development opportunity website, and is now doing a survey of farmers in Southern Illinois for work relating to alternative crops and agricultural processing.

"I've been teaching at the University level for 25 years and he's one of the top five students I've had," Beck said. "We're very proud here in the College of Agriculture that we have this student."

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Walker



TODD MARKEL - NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (KRT)

Rescuers continue to search for bodies as officials investigate the scene of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 Tuesday. The plane, bound for the Dominican Republic, crashed in a neighborhood in Queens, New York on Monday.

Flight 587 crash remains unclear despite clues found

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KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSFAPERS

NEW YORK (KRT) — Just seconds before it coarscrewed into a Queens neighborhood, American Airlines Flight 587 twice rattled loudly: Its pilot complained of turbulence from a plane in front of it, according to the cockpit voice recorder.

On the ground, witnesses saw the plane wobble. "They saw pieces come from it and then it went into a steep, spiraling dive into the ground," said National Transportation Safety Board member George Black Jr., lead investigator of the crash.

Those are dramatic clues, but investigators aren't sure yet what they mean.

Although NTSB Safety Board chairwoman Marion Blakey said Tuesday that the agency's investigation was moving very quickly, the cause of the crash remained unclear.

All signs point to an accident rather than an act of terrorism, Blakey said, but "nothing has been ruled out."

Based on preliminary inspection, the A300 Airbus's two 9,480-pound engines — which were found 700 and 800 feet away from the main crater indicating that they may have fallen off

in flight — showed no signs of catastrophic failure. Nor was there evidence that birds had been sucked into the Airbus's massive turbines, Black said.

Catastrophic engine failure and an engine's ingesting of birds were two early theories of the crash's cause. Further engine inspections begin shortly in Tulsa, Okla.

The relatively intact engines puzzled experts who'd expected engine problems to be key to explaining the plane's crash shortly after takeoff on Monday. It claimed at least 262 lives on a flight from John F. Kennedy International Airport to Santo Domingo. Five more are missing from the seaside community of Rockaway Beach, N.Y.

The jet's flight data recorder may help answer the mystery: It was found Tuesday in a Rockaway Beach yard. Blakey hailed the recovery of the "bent and damaged" black box, which measures speed, altitude, engine performance and other systems as "a major breakthrough." NTSB investigators in Washington, working overnight, may have the first results from the box by Wednesday morning, she said.

A special materials investigator will be looking into possible metal corrosion problems on the plane's tail, Black said.

CIA bombarded with spy wannabes

TARA KYLE
THE DARTMOUTH
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HANOVER, N.H. (U-WIRE) — If the United States' current efforts in the war against terrorism leave you with a newly discovered urge to play spy, you're hardly alone — in the weeks since Sept. 11, the Central Intelligence Agency has seen a tremendous surge in its popularity as a potential employer.

Over the last two months, the CIA has received roughly 28,500 applications, translating to a tenfold increase, according to CIA spokesman Tom Crispell. Although the highest numbers came in the week immediately following the World Trade Center, Pentagon and Pennsylvania crashes, Crispell reported that the Agency continues to obtain as many resumes per day as ordinarily come in each week.

Interest in intelligence careers has skyrocketed both due to pervasive sense of renewed patriotism and the tightening market of jobs in the financial and technological industries.

The CIA has not, however, stepped up its recruiting efforts in the aftermath of the attacks, according to Crispell.

"We have more requests from universities and colleges than we are capable of covering," Crispell said, explaining that the CIA is currently in the fourth year of an ongoing recruitment drive.

Though a representative of the agency joined rows of investment bankers, lawyers and consultants at Dartmouth's Career Fair last month, graduating seniors with a serious desire to join up face limited opportunities and steep competition.

Jobs available at the CIA fall into five categories: language, analytical and professional positions, clandestine service and positions for scientists, engineers and technologists experts.

No set formula exists for successful entrance into the CIA; the agency

takes into account "a wide array of backgrounds and skills," Crispell said. Fluency in foreign languages, life experience abroad, strong interpersonal and analytical skills and a demonstrated passion for foreign affairs are all attractive qualities.

Crispell noted that unless an individual is multilingual or exceptionally proficient in technologies, it is difficult to obtain even entry-level positions without an advanced degree or years of experience in the workforce.

The CIA looks for applicants with technical expertise in computers, engineering and the hard sciences. Liberal arts oriented students should focus on area studies — majors such as Asian or Russian Studies. Also in demand are persons who speak "hard languages" such as Arabic, Farsi, Korean, Chinese and Russian.

Not surprisingly, descriptions of work in the area of clandestine service are sparse. The CIA's official website notes that these jobs "demand an adventurous spirit, a forceful personality, superior intellectual ability, toughness of mind, and a high degree of personal integrity, courage, and love of country."

The path to such positions is the Professional Trainee Program. The agency favors students with undergraduate or advanced degrees in international business/finance/relations, economics, physical science, or nuclear/biological/chemical engineering. Other requirements include foreign language proficiency, personal integrity, and an "ability to take calculated risks."

An accepted applicant works as either a Collection Management Officer or Operations Desk Officer in Washington D.C. before undergoing an evaluation for promotion to Collection Management Officer or Operations Officer (read: spy). At entry level, employees receive \$34,000 to \$42,000 for their efforts in safeguarding national security.

One option in place for current undergraduates interested in training for the less glamorous but substantial-

ly safer analytical and technical positions is the highly competitive Student Trainee Program.

If selected, students are expected to maintain a grade point average of at least 3.0 and alternate their collegiate work with three semesters (or four quarters) of employment at the CIA.

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Rip Lee Pryor, Devin Miller and Jim Skinner will be courting the blues Saturday night at Hangar 9.

Local Bluesmen to square off at the Hanger

Geoffrey Ritter
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ing up on a July performance that left crowds screaming. Hangar 9 owner Sally Carter was hesitant about the show back then, worried that the student population might not adapt to an all-out blues show. However, she said, the positive response is what is bringing the show back around again.

And as for the war itself? Skinner, who has been playing his guitar and belting his unique vocals in Carbondale for more than 15 years, laughed about the relationship he shares with his counterpart. "It's a friendly ribbing," he said. "Rip and I get along very well. We're actually very good friends with each other."

Pryor agreed, adding that he and Skinner hit it off great after meeting during one of Pryor's 1994 gigs at Booby's. "We just started playing together," said Pryor, a fluent harmonica player, "and it's gone real well."

As a trio, Skinner said he first played with Miller and Pryor about two years ago, when they played a successful show at Melange. All three were already known to the Carbondale scene — Miller had been doing bar shows since the age of 15, Pryor had worked in various bands since high school, and Skinner had played his first Carbondale show in 1985. The differences between Skinner's and Pryor's styles, Miller said, is what makes for such a dynamic show.

"[Rip] is a harmonica player and a singer," Miller said. "He plays a different style than most harp players these days. He has a little more punch. Jim is a bit more modern sounding. They bring very different styles to it."

Those differing styles are what the trio hopes will make for an exciting show Saturday night. While Pryor and Skinner are good friends, Miller said the spirit of showmanship makes them good competitors. During their July performance, Skinner tried to win the crowd over with a tight rendition of "Sweet Home Chicago"; everyone was dancing and hollerin'. Pryor responded with a sweet little original tune, and the response was just as good.

And based off that experience, all three expect Saturday's show to be an all-around good time.

"That last show went well," Skinner said. "I felt the vibes were really good."

Reporter Geoffrey Ritter can be reached at grritter@hotmail.com

BATTLE OF THE BLUES

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Of course, we're talking about the blues here. Good old homespun blues, and as it turns out, the competition among master bluesmen can get a little fierce. Local guitarist and SIUC alumnus Devin Miller has seen the war firsthand — he's spent a year sandwiched between two local blues legends as part of the acoustic trio PMS, an acronym for the three musicians' last names.

Miller is in the middle. On either side? Rip Lee Pryor and Jim Skinner. To put it mildly, these guys have been playing the scene for awhile.

"In the blues, there's more competition between musicians," Miller said. "It's not like some cheesy guy comes out and holds a hand up. It's basically a chance to get out and play together and chill out a little bit."

So it's a friendly, yet energetic battle, and one that's played Carbondale before with measurable success. Now the trio, along with a little musical backup, are gearing up for their second performance at Hangar 9 on Saturday night, follow-

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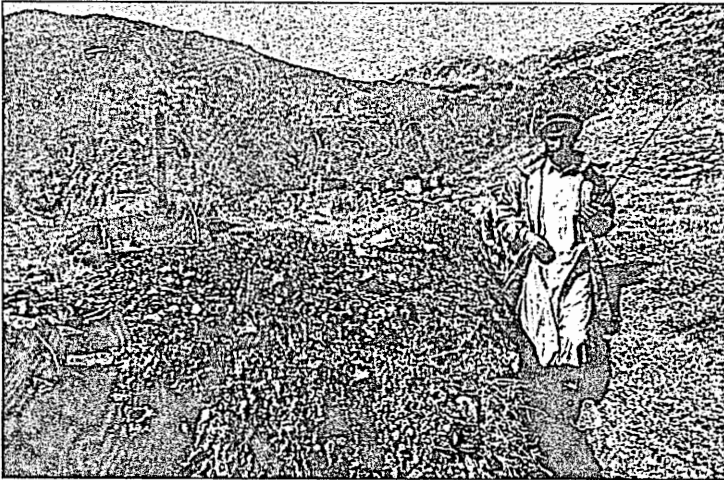
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Opposition forces reach Taliban stronghold of Kandahar



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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (KRT) — The Taliban's birthplace and final stronghold came under attack Wednesday as the opposition's lightning sweep through Afghanistan reached Kandahar, where rebels reportedly captured the southern city's airport.

In the east, anti-Taliban forces seized the main border crossing with Pakistan at the Khyber Pass, a victory that required nothing more than 45 minutes of negotiations with the disintegrating Taliban.

Small groups of Taliban were later seen walking into Pakistan across an unguarded footpath half a mile away; they were unarmed and apparently seeking the safety of Afghanistan's eastern neighbor, witnesses said.

Taliban fighters also were reported to be withdrawing from the eastern provinces of Paktia, Khowst, Lowgar and Konar, as well as from central Oruzgan. The Taliban is "in retreat virtually all over the country," said Vice President Dick Cheney.

With the hard-line regime in disarray after five years of rule, thousands of British troops mobilized for swift deployment as a security force. New Zealand, Indonesia, Turkey, Bangladesh and Jordan also offered troops.

The United Nations Security Council was poised to endorse a resolution authorizing the security force, and U.N. and U.S. diplomats quickened efforts to help Afghan leaders forge a multiethnic, transitional government.

"There is pressure to act quickly," said a spokeswoman for the U.S. mission to the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the United States pressed the search for Osama bin Laden, top leaders of his al-Qaida network and the Taliban rulers who turned Afghanistan into a haven for terrorists and a virtual prison for millions of people.

The Afghan Islamic Press quoted a Taliban spokesman as saying that bin Laden and Taliban leader Mohammad Omar remained "in Afghanistan and there has been no harm to them."

That will change, Western officials said, though it may require some time.

"Recent developments are very positive but the president ... will not rest until the objectives are accomplished, and those objectives are the destruction of al-Qaida, the elimination of the Taliban and their ability to harbor terrorists," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

Military officials said the vigorous bombing of Taliban and al-Qaida targets soon will evolve into a more focused effort to flush bin Laden and his cohorts from their hiding places in caves, bunkers and other redoubts.

U.S. troops are prepared to fight a guerrilla action in the caves and tunnels of Afghanistan if necessary, said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman. He and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld emphasized that the war is far from over.

U.S. intelligence officials believe that bin Laden is hiding in the mountains of southern Oruzgan, but hopes are rising that he and his top aides will be betrayed by local tribal leaders eager to collect a \$17 million U.S. bounty or by material left behind by fleeing fighters.

Troops of the anti-Taliban northern alliance have seized a hastily abandoned house that appears to have been occupied occasionally by bin Laden or some of his senior lieutenants and contained a wealth of al-Qaida documents, said a senior intelligence official who spoke on condition he not be identified.

On Wednesday, the main strategic advances were achieved by tribal leaders not affiliated with the northern alliance, which in recent days captured Mazar-e-Sharif, the capital of Kabul and virtually all of northern Afghanistan.

Sensing change in the wind, ethnic Pashtuns — who control much of eastern and southern Afghanistan — broke ranks with the fundamentalist Taliban regime and turned against it.

Most of the eastern provincial capitals captured Wednesday were seized by Pashtun veterans of the war against Soviet invaders in the 1980s, including some who had joined the Taliban as they swept into power.

Clarity was in short supply Wednesday throughout Afghanistan, but it was particularly scarce in Kandahar and elsewhere in the south.

Stufflebeem, the Pentagon spokesman, said at least 23 Pashtun tribes occupy that region. He described the overall situation as "a confusing time."

He confirmed, however, that fire-fights raged around Kandahar's airport. Other reports claimed that Pashtun forces had captured that strategic objective.

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STUDY HALL: Matthew Charles, a sophomore in industrial technology from Guam, studies for a test outside of the Engineering Building next to Campus Lake on Wednesday. "I have class in an hour. At the dorms everyone talks to me, I sit out here so nobody bothers me," Charles said.

Cell phone ban hits New York drivers

ROB TORTE
U-WIRE (DC BUREAU)

WASHINGTON (U-WIRE) — Starting Nov. 1, drivers in New York state will begin the long commute to work minus one of their usual companions: the cell phone. Driving while talking on a cell phone will earn drivers a \$100 fine for violat-

ing a new cell phone ban. Drivers will be able to use hands-free devices, such as headsets and speakerphones, and may have their fine waived through March if they can prove to a judge that they own one of these hands-free devices, according to New York Law enforcement officials.

Many states are considering following in New York's footsteps. Some 42 states have bills in motion that would

make driving with a cell phone illegal.

New York has six million of the nation's cell phone users, a significant percentage of the national total number of cell phone users.

The effectiveness of the ban is a source of contention. Opponents argue it will do little to stop the distraction of talking on phones, and government does not have the right to limit people's behavior while driving.

SMOKERS

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ample time to make other arrangements if they want to live elsewhere.

The phase-out process will begin in Fall 2002 when Feltz Hall, Wright I and Wright III become smoke-free.

Jones said some smokers voted to ban smoking in residence halls because they do not want to live in smoke-filled rooms.

According to Jones, a small group of representatives from the RHA want to keep at least one hall in which students can smoke, but it is not an official part of the phase-out plan.

Marina Rentas, a senior in education from Chicago, is a smoker who lives in Neely Hall. She said she feels banning smoking completely from residence halls is unfair.

"It's not right. They're charging us all these tuition and fees," Rentas said. "It's not like we're little kids; we're adults."

Rentas said she thinks that when University housing officials forbid smoking completely, students may break the rules and smoke anyway.

"They tell people not to have incense and candles, but people still do," she said. "There will be more discipline problems."

All Illinois State University residence halls became smoke-free on May 13, 2001.

Mindy Mangjalardi, associate director from university housing services at ISU, said the two main reasons for making the residence

halls smoke-free were concerns about the dangers of second-hand smoke and fire safety.

Mangjalardi said many students had requested to live on smoke-free floors, but still complained about the presence of smoke.

"We could not guarantee a smoke-free environment," she said. "The smoke just doesn't stay contained."

She said few students have complained about the change, but she anticipates more complaints when the weather turns colder.


Western Illinois University has two smoke-free halls and housing officials are discussing banning smoking in all of its residence halls. WIU Inter-Hall Council is considering a process similar to the one followed by the RHA.

Jack Schoonover, director of resident facilities at WIU, said the council is planning to submit surveys to residents in January and make a final decision based on the results.

Jones said the RHA representatives conducted thorough research before bringing the issue to a vote, and he thinks their input will be vital in the next three to five years. He said they will have to meet to discuss which halls will come next in the phase-out process.

"I really appreciate the effort they have put into this," he said. "We will have ongoing dialogue and continue to involve student leaders."

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GRIEVANCE

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raise taxes. The County Board will vote on whether to approve the proposed budgets at a special hearing Nov. 28. Hartlieb expects the budgets will be approved.

Mehrtens said union officials don't believe this is the case after viewing last year's Jackson County audit conducted by Carbondale accounting firm Kerber, Eck & Braeckel.

"We look at these audits all the time," Mehrtens said. "This is a county that is financially healthy."

The County Board has until Dec. 3 to address the union's grievance. If the board chooses to ignore the complaint, Mehrtens said "he union will force the county into binding arbitration."

The County Board's Labor Committee plans to address the union's grievance Dec. 1. Hartlieb told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Wednesday the allegations of the County Board having extra money than what it asserts is ridiculous and an arbitrator will realize that.

"If the county doesn't have the money, an arbitrator can't make you spend it," Hartlieb said. He also said county officials, such as Kilquist, need to "stop playing games and acting emotional."

An independent arbitrator will listen to the arguments of both sides and judge whether the board has the right to cut Kilquist's budget.

The arguments will be presented to the arbitrator by lawyers hired by the police union and the County Board.

"The County Board is going to spend thousands of dollars in arbitration," Mehrtens said. He added that experienced legal counsel has predicted the union will win the battle.

If the county is forced to give Kilquist the funds, it wouldn't be

the first time it's occurred. In 1992, the county and police union's inability to agree on a budget resulted in arbitration, and arbitrator Albert A. Epstein awarded Kilquist the money he had requested.

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) also reinforced Kilquist's contention that he needs additional money to operate the Jackson County Jail. IDOC officials recently recommended 30 employees are needed to provide a safe environment for inmates and officers at the jail, but as of now only 23 officers operate it.

Kilquist said in an interview Friday he has no idea where he can cut the money the board has requested without laying off personnel, which accounts for 80 percent of his budget.

Hartlieb said ever since the budget controversy began, most of the citizen sentiments he's received have been for a balanced budget. When he received an e-mail in favor of Kilquist's stance, Hartlieb asked the citizen whether he wanted to spearhead a tax increase referendum.

Hartlieb continues to wait for a reply.

He asserts that Kilquist is trying to scare the public by predicting layoffs, because the County Board would be willing to allocate additional money if his funds are depleted mid-year.

Mehrtens said if the County Board wants to operate in this way they should give Kilquist some assurance the funds will be allocated.

"If the County Board is serious about the sheriff coming back — commit to it now," Mehrtens said. "Put it in writing."

Hartlieb countered "if the word isn't good enough — sorry."

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Coastal Carolina U. considers mascot change

REBECCA PARKER
THE CHANTICLEER (COASTAL CAROLINA U.)

CONWAY, S.C. (U-WIRE) - With the upcoming addition of football in 2003, Coastal Carolina University is taking a look at possibly changing its mascot.

"We are looking at a new era of athletics at Coastal. So now is the time to do it," said Dr. Ronald Ingle, president of CCU. "In fact we are going to change [the mascot], it should be done before we start buying uniforms, printing up stationery, putting new logos on the floor of an arena."

From Nov. 1 until Wednesday, an online survey at www.coastal.edu was conducted to determine whether or not to keep Chanticleer as a mascot. The survey asked voters to indicate "yes" or "no" to the question, "Should Coastal Carolina keep its athletic nickname?" Additionally, voters must indicate if they are students, alumnae/alumni, faculty/staff or friends and must include their e-mail addresses.

"We go through this every four years," said Ingle, referring to the question of changing the mascot. "We've done it several times before. Some in the athletic department, with the addition of football, thought it was time to take another look at it."

Introduced in 1966, the CCU mascot,

Chanticleer, was inspired by the quick-witted rooster in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. At the time, CCU was a branch campus of University of South Carolina, which has a nickname of the Gamecocks. In 1993, CCU became a public university independent from USC and a question arose regarding changing the mascot. A survey conducted at that time indicated support for retaining the Chanticleer nickname.

Warren "Moose" Koegel, CCU's athletic director, said a survey now would determine if people are really interested in changing the mascot.

"We are a democratic society," he said. "Let's do what we think is the best thing to do, and whatever the results of that survey is, we will go from there. If it is overwhelming in keeping the Chanticleer, let's get on with it."

The Chanticleer mascot often has been the subject of informal question, but this marks the first official athletic department involvement in the matter. However, Koegel said the survey really is being run by CCU's marketing department. The survey is the first step in the deciding process concerning the mascot change.

"First we need to survey if people want a change," Ingle said. "If they don't, end of story."

Ingle also mentioned the board of trustees agrees this is an issue for the students and alumni to decide.

"We are what counts, the students," SGA President Brian Nunez said about the survey. "I

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Dr. Ronald Ingle
president, Coastal Carolina University

don't care what a person in Tennessee thinks about this issue. I don't think it is fair to poll the community."

Nunez also pointed out that CCU alumni should have a voice.

"They have been through the system and know what is going on, while some members of the community have not," he said.

CCU is not the first university to consider changing its mascot.

Elon College in North Carolina, a member of the Big South Conference, changed its mascot in 1999 from the Fightin' Christians to the Phoenix. The Elon board of trustees voted unanimously to drop the Fightin' Christians nickname, which had been used since 1922. The board felt the name hurt merchandise sales and was not inclusive enough for its 4,000 students.

In deciding a new nickname, Elon had a task force of students and faculty head the five-month long process, and the total cost of the project was approximately \$100,000.

The college also paid SME Powerbranding, a New York-based marketing firm, \$40,000 to help come up with the Phoenix name and logo. SME Powerbranding also has designed new logos for Stanford University, University of North Carolina and professional sports teams. Currently CCU has not hired a consulting firm, according to Ingle and Koegel.

In CCU's case, Ingle said he does not feel the expenditures would be astronomical.

"Why waste a lot of time thinking about the ramifications if we don't know whether we will change it yet," Ingle said.

Elon College's main reasons in changing its mascot were marketing and the Fightin' Christians image was sending the wrong message to incoming students.

"At this time while we are adding football, we are looking at how we market the entire athletic program," Ingle said. "Obviously, if the students and alumni want to keep the mascot, that is fine too."

Coaches: SEC's basketball success speaks for itself

JOEL KAIRMAN
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR
(U. FLORIDA)

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) - The concept that the Southeastern Conference is just a football conference is changing. To its basketball coaches, it already has.

South Carolina coach Dave Odum, who joins the SEC after coaching 12 years in the Atlantic Coast Conference, said he has no doubts that the basketball in the SEC has measured up to the football.

"When you look at the number of Final Four appearances in the [1990s], it's probably equal to the number of national championship football appearances," Odum said.

Actually, it's not even close. Since 1990, the SEC has been represented in four national championship football games and 10 Final Fours.

The SEC should continue its basketball success this season as many are calling the conference the best in the country from top to bottom.

The level of competition is so high that the question this year is not whether or not the SEC can continue the trend from the past two seasons of sending six teams to the NCAA Tournament, but which teams will it send.

Two teams stand out as clear favorites, No. 4 Kentucky and No. 6 Florida.

The defending SEC co-champions look like once again they will battle for supremacy in the conference.

UF forward Matt Bonner said the rivalry between the two teams has grown into one of the most important games of the season.

"The last two years I've been on the team, the last regular season game has decided the SEC Championship," Bonner said. "My freshman year they had to beat us to get a share and last year we had to beat them to get a share. So that should define it right there."

Both teams are anchored by players who chose to return to school instead of going to the NBA.

Kentucky's Tayshaun Prince, the 2001 SEC Player of the Year, and teammate Keith Bogans both declared for the NFL Draft but changed their

minds and returned to school.

Their return made Kentucky one of the deepest teams in the country.

"It was a tremendous boost to our program with the return of those two players," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "They bring so much to the ballclub not only talented, but they also help teach the younger players as well."

UF also returned the core of its leadership when senior Udonis Haslem and junior Brett Nelson chose not to make the jump.

With both teams' leadership and talent, the Gators and the Wildcats are clearly the front-runners in the SEC. When it comes to figuring out the rest of the SEC, though, nothing is clear.

"I think you can probably throw us all in a barrel and see who comes out," Georgia coach Jim Harrick said.

Waiting and seeing who comes out might be the only option, as arguments for each remaining SEC team to make the NCAA Tournament can be made.

In the East, South Carolina has the experience of five returning starters and a new coach.

Tennessee's new coach Buzz Peterson will lead yet another talented Volunteers team.

Georgia picked up two key transfers in twins Jarvis and Jonas Hayes. And Vanderbilt will rely on its dangerous shooting ability to try to make up for its lack of size.

Things are even more cluttered in the West. Four teams received first-place votes from the media at SEC Media Day.

Alabama was picked the favorite, with its inside-outside combination of Erwin Dudley and Rod Grizzard.

Coach Nolan Richardson should have his "40 minutes of hell" ready to run against Arkansas.

Consistently underrated Mississippi wants to prove that last year's Sweet Sixteen run was no fluke.

And Auburn, Louisiana State and Mississippi State all have the athletic ability to make a run at the West side.

The question of who will emerge out of the pack along with the growth of the Kentucky-UF rivalry should make this SEC basketball season more than just something to watch while there is no football.

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SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

Tickets to go on sale Saturday

Single-game tickets for the SIU-Indiana men's basketball game on Dec. 1 will go on sale to the public Saturday, the SIU Athletic Department announced Wednesday.

Saturday at 10 a.m., the athletic ticket office will start selling single-game tickets for the much-anticipated game. Previously, season ticket packages were the only way for non-students to secure Indiana tickets.

Fans can purchase the tickets by coming to the athletic ticket office, located near the Lingle Hall entrance to the SIU Arena, or by ordering them over the phone at 453-2000 or 453-5311. Ticket prices are either \$16 or \$12 apiece, and credit cards will be accepted.

Students have been eligible since Wednesday to stop by the ticket office to pick up their tickets to Friday night's regular season opener against Belmont, which will make them eligible for a voucher for student tickets to the Indiana game.

If any of the 2,000 student tickets to see the Saluki-Hoosier game are still available after they are distributed following Friday's Belmont game, students with a valid ID can also pick up Indiana tickets Saturday at 10 a.m.

Softball teams signs three

The SIU softball team received letters of intent from three players for fall 2002. The signees are Katie Louis, a shortstop/outfielder from O'Fallon; Lauren Roney, a catcher/outfielder from Belleville; and Samantha Carter, a shortstop/outfielder from St. Louis.

Louis hit .414, drove in 35 RBIs and boasted a .979 fielding percentage for O'Fallon High School this past season. Roney hit .358, hit eight triples, scored 37 runs and was a perfect 10 of 10 in stolen base attempts for Belleville West High School. Carter hit .416 with three home runs and five triples and slugged at a .721 clip for Hazelwood East High School.

"Our main objective as a coaching staff this season was to recruit speed, athleticism and versatility to go with last year's class," said SIU head coach Keri Blaylock in a prepared statement. "We feel that we are bringing in three great talents again and hopefully they will help bring us another step closer to winning a conference championship."

Past difficulties make weary Beavers

RYAN GABRIEL
OSU DAILY BAROMETER
(OREGON STATE U.)

CORVALLIS, Ore. (U-WIRE) - The Lumberjacks of Division I-AA Northern Arizona may or may not pose a credible threat to the Oregon State Beavers Saturday at Reser Stadium, but one thing is for certain - Dennis Erickson won't be taking them lightly.

For starters the Beavers need to win in order have a chance to become bowl eligible. At 4-5 overall and 3-4 in the Pac-10, Oregon State must beat NAU and then win the Civil War, Dec. 1 at Oregon, to finish with a winning season. The Beavers have a renewed sense of confidence after crushing Washington 49-24 Saturday, but the fact remains, the Beavers have no room for error.

"We just have to play - that's the bottom line," Erickson said late Tuesday morning. "We have to concentrate on what we have to get done this week. We can't worry about the future or what has been in the past."

"So we just have to go to work,

have a good week of practice, prepare like we always have, and go out and play the game."

For whatever reason the Beavers struggled against I-AA opponents in Erickson's first two seasons as Oregon State's head coach, surviving a pair of nail-biters in games against a pair of Eagles.

Georgia Southern, perennially the top ranked team in Division I-AA, erased a 14 point deficit late in the fourth quarter at Reser Stadium and had a chance to tie or take the lead on the final play. Eastern Washington quarterback Fred Salanoa scored a touchdown with three minutes remaining that narrowed OSU's lead to 21-19, but a two point conversion attempt failed and the Beavers ran out the clock.

"I-AA schools have done it to people all over the country," Erickson said. "They don't have anything to lose, they get a chance to win and get things going for them."

It's a safe bet Oregon State isn't looking to toy with the No. 12 ranked Lumberjacks, who have utilized an explosive offense to build a very respectable 8-2, 5-2

record in the Big Sky conference and a probable appearance in the Division I-AA playoffs.

"They're averaging 37 points per game," Erickson said, "and they scored 50 points last week. They're very mixed - they run, throw and do a lot of different things."

"We have to make sure we keep things in front of us and don't give up the big plays, because they've had a lot of big plays in the last 10 games."

No doubt the Beavers will be facing a Lumberjack defense that can be scored on. In six of NAU's 10 games the Lumberjacks have given up more than 25 points and their average yield is 20.8 points per game.

"Defensively they've struggled some, but that's how their conference is. I coached in that conference for a lot of years when I was up at the University of Idaho. I have a great deal of respect for the teams in it."

Erickson coached the Vandals for four seasons between 1982 and 1985 with a record of 32-15. He reached the playoffs twice and won the Big Sky conference in his final season.

ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



The events of September 11th underscore the need for young people to be involved in international affairs. Students that desire to be involved overseas may not be sure how to go about doing it. Student panelists will share their overseas experiences in business, non-profit organizations, education and government settings. Jeff Williams, from WSIU radio, will moderate the first panel and take questions from the audience during the "town hall" style meeting. Then stay to hear from a panel headed by former U.S. Senator Paul Simon. Dinner will be provided for the audience.

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JOE BLACK
INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (U-WIRE) - The state's top lawyer wants answers concerning the possible move or elimination of Florida's two Major League Baseball teams.

Calling for reports relating to the meeting last week when club owners voted to shrink the league by two teams, Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth subpoenaed Major League Baseball and the state's two franchises' leaders Tuesday asking for responses by Dec. 13.

In a statement, Butterworth said communities have a lot at stake with their teams and deserve answers about the future of the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He said baseball teams often make promises to communities for building businesses and continuing assets.

The attorney general cited an attempt by the Marlins to garner funding from the Florida Legislature for a new Miami stadium showing the public attempting to make concessions to keep a team in town.

Butterworth also requested report: relating to the two teams and Major League's profits.

"The people of Florida are entitled to some straight answers about the future of Major League Baseball in this state," he said. "The livelihoods of many individuals are tied to the fate of the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays."

The subpoenas do not require any testimony by baseball officials. A closed-door Nov. 8 vote by club owners moved to eliminate two teams by the start of the 2002 season. Reportedly, talks also have included the Montreal Expos and Minnesota Twins.

Owners have said eliminating weaker teams gives other a greater amount of revenue sources making them stronger.

The plan is expected to be implemented by the time spring training begins in less than 100 days. There has been no statement from the owners regarding which teams may not restart next year.

Belcher ready for larger role

Marcus Belcher is a senior on the SIU men's basketball team. He recently took some time off from the team's preparation for SIU's first game of the season Friday against Belmont to speak to *Jens Deju* of the *DAILY EGYPTIAN*.



DAILY EGYPTIAN: What got you started in basketball?

MB: Just family tradition. My mom was really good at basketball in high school and my whole family's been involved in sports, you know, all aspects.

DE: What's been your best memory of playing basketball?

MB: I'd probably have to go back to high school, making it to state because a lot of people doubted us saying that we couldn't make it to state and we proved everybody wrong. We had a jam-packed stadium, Hearn Center, so that was probably my best one.

DE: If you weren't playing basketball, what would you be doing?

MB: Probably just be going to school. I'm majoring in business so just trying to complete my degree and probably work on my masters or something, but definitely continuing with school and hopefully something along with sports. Maybe baseball. I played baseball in high school so if I wasn't playing basketball, it'd probably be baseball

and then if not baseball, probably just going to school.

DE: What position did you play?

MB: Shortstop. I was All-State when I was in high school. All-State basketball and baseball and I just chose to go with basketball because I love it.

DE: How much were you compared to your brother (former Nebraska star Cookie Belcher) earlier in your career?

MB: In the beginning it was all, that's Cookie's little brother and all that, but the more we played the more you couldn't compare us because we played two completely different styles of basketball. I was more point guard oriented and he was more of a scorer/slasher so it was kind of hard to compare us later on, but in the beginning I got a lot of that, Cookie's little brother.

DE: How much did having someone of that caliber in your own backyard help your game?

MB: He taught me a few little tricks. He was pretty good on 'D' and he taught little things like how to set your man up so you can get a steal or something like that. But he was always pushing me, telling me get in there and do a good job and get in there and do what you got to do.

DE: Did you expect to play this big of a role when

you first transferred here?

MB: Not really. When I first came here I was just planning on competing for playing time. We had Brandon Mells here so I knew that they had a lot of faith in him. I was first coming in and was just saying get in there, get your minutes and do a good job, hold things down and we'll go from there. But this year, I'm looking forward to stepping up and taking on a big role.



Belcher

DE: Who do you think is the best player you ever played against?

MB: Me personally, it was trying to guard Tyrone Luc. He used to play for the Lakers and now he's with the Washington Wizards. He's from my hometown and I went back this summer and played in a couple of pick-up games against him and he's just so quick and can score from any area of the game.

DE: Why'd you choose No. 2?

MB: All through high school and junior college I was No. 34 and I always thought to myself that was too big of a number for a point guard. During baseball I wore No. 2 so I just decided to go back to my baseball number.

DE: NBA or College Hoops?

MB: College until the playoffs.

DE: NFL or NCAA football?

MB: NFL.

DE: Simpsons or South Park?

MB: Simpsons.

DE: Word Association ... Coach Weber?

MB: Perfectionist.

DE: SIU Hoops?

MB: On the rise.

DE: Big Dance?

MB: See you there.

DE: MVC Basketball?

MB: Competitive.

DE: Best basketball movie?

MB: I'd probably say "Above the Rim."

DE: New logo?

MB: It's all right.

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Saluki hoops ready to bring in new talent

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The SIU men's basketball team is still expecting three players to sign with the team during the early signing period, with a possibility that a fourth could join the mix.

High school seniors Blake Schoen and Galesburg's Ryan Walker as well as junior college point guard Bryan Turner are expected to gobble up three of the Salukis' four available scholarships. All three have given verbal commitments to the program earlier in the fall.

The Saluki coaching staff was still awaiting paperwork on Schoen and Walker as of

Wednesday evening, while Turner is expected to make his intentions official in the next day or two.

Turner is an athletic ball handler, while the 6-foot-2-inch Walker and the 5-foot-5-inch Schoen, an Oxford, Ind., resident, are both regarded as quality scoring threats.

The Salukis would like to attract a post player with their final available scholarship. If SIU head coach Bruce Weber and his assistants can't accomplish that during the fall period — which began Wednesday — they'll continue their pursuit for the spring period.

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McDowell will miss first game

Junior sustained concussion Sunday

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Junior guard Molly McDowell will not suit up Friday night when the SIU women's basketball team opens its season at the University of Nebraska.

According to a statement released Wednesday, McDowell sustained a first-degree concussion during Sunday's exhibition game against St. Louis Goldstar.

In the final minute of Sunday's game, as the Salukis were clinging to

a slim lead, McDowell fell to the ground while attempting to gain possession of the ball. She laid motionless on the floor for more than a minute while trainers attended to her.



McDowell

It was originally believed that the injury was nothing serious, but after seeing team physicians following the game, it was determined that McDowell had sustained a mild concussion.

McDowell, SIU's top returning scorer, may return for the Salukis' home opener on Monday when they host Saint Louis University at 7:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena.

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what she's done in the first two games," Wellmaker said. "I think she's kinda even amazed herself."

"I think, since this is her senior year, she's really psyched up about really wanting to do well in this last go-around."

Woodard said she was not too surprised with the preseason polls that projected the Salukis would finish last in the conference. But Woodard thinks the team is better than that and will be able to surprise teams.

"We're definitely looking for an upset," Woodard said. "If they're expecting us to be last, we can kinda sneak in and have a surprise attack, because we're not going to finish last in the conference."

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Kill back in the groove after hospital stay

Saluki football coach returns to the team after weekend seizure

JAY SCHWAB
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Jerry Kill is back in action. Sporting a gray sweatsuit and appearing slightly fatigued, the SIU football head coach was back with his team Wednesday for the Salukis' practice session.

Kill said that technically he should probably still be under medical supervision, but knowing Kill's impatience

when it comes to missing time with his team, his wife and fellow coaches ran interference with the hospital.

"I'm supposed to be out a week, but they know that isn't going to work and they told the doctor you might as well forget it, you're not going to keep that guy away," Kill said.

Kill spent three nights in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale after he suffered a seizure two hours after Saturday's Saluki loss to Southwest Missouri State. He was released from the hospital Tuesday morning and spent the rest of the day resting before returning to his coaching duties on Wednesday.

Kill said the key for him is to adjust to the medicine he's been pre-

scribed and to take it regularly, which he said he's sometimes failed to do in the past.

"It's not a life issue, it's just a seizure issue," Kill said. "I'm a little sluggish and a little bit tired, but I'm fortunate to have good coaches who have been with me and know what to do."

Kill didn't talk much to his players about his weekend, preferring to focus on SIU's upcoming game at Western Kentucky.

"I tried not to make a big deal of it because I think (defensive coordinator) Tracy Clays and (offensive coordinator) Matt Limegrover, who have been around it, kind of explained the situation to them," Kill said. "I told

[the players] to stay away from the hospital and let me get my rest so I can get back out here."

"Several of them came by today and pat me on the butt and said 'glad to have you back coach.'"

Kill had a major seizure a little more than a year ago when he coached at Emporia State, which made this latest episode easier to deal with.

"I think it was probably even worse than this one because I couldn't remember a whole lot and I can remember quite a bit more with this seizure," Kill said. "I've had a couple small ones during that time and they said I had a small one at the hospital, and it's just something I have to deal with."

"A lot of people want to relate it to what I do on the job and all that kind of stuff, but it's just something that happens and I don't think that has anything to do with it. It just happens to happen during this part of the year."

Kill noted that there are plenty of people who cope with worse situations than he has, which helps him keep his medical difficulties in perspective.

"I got life pretty damn good," Kill said. "I've got two beautiful kids and a wife, and I get to coach college football."

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Woodard looks to shine

Alabama native coming to her own as a team leader her senior year of basketball

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When looking at the SIU women's basketball roster, there's a glaring fact next to Geshla Woodard's name that jumps off the page.

On a team full of players from around the Midwest, Woodard, who is a native of Jackson, Ala., is somewhat of an oddity. Woodard, who has a thick Southern accent, used to have trouble communicating with coaches and teammates early in her career.

"When I first came here, coaches would have to slow me down in practice and be like 'hold up, I didn't quite catch that,'" Woodard said. "They got used to it. Every now and then, they call me 'Bama.'"

Woodard's trek from Alabama to Carbondale was due largely to two people — her AAU coach and former Saluki head coach Julie Beck.

"My AAU coach knew Coach Beck when Beck was the recruiting coach, and she came down to see me and recruited me," Woodard said.

Woodard, a senior, is showing signs of stepping up her game during her final season as she takes on the added role of being a team leader. Woodard, however, isn't the vocal type.

"I try to lead by example," Woodard said. "I'm not really much of a talker on the floor."

So far this season, Woodard's play has been a

great example for the underclassmen to follow. In the two exhibition games this season, Woodard has averaged 17 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

It's a stark contrast from Woodard's last three seasons, when she averaged 3.0 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. Woodard, who averaged less than 10.5 minutes per game during the past three seasons, said much of her increased output is due to her increase in playing time.

Head coach Lori Opp said Woodard has always had a lot of natural ability but did not have enough confidence in her abilities.

"I've always believed in her," Opp said, "but she hasn't gotten a lot of playing time, and I don't know that Geshla felt like we all believed in her."

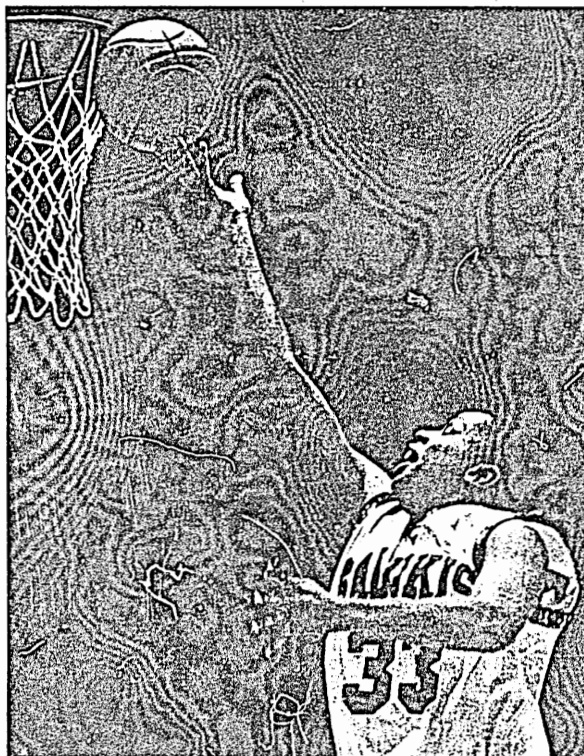
Woodard also said her higher numbers can be attributed to her yearning to finish her career with a bang. "It has a lot to do with the way I come onto the court," Woodard said. "As a freshman you're here, just kinda playing around, but since this is my last year, I want the team to do something different."

Opp agrees that Woodard's attitude has been a crucial part of what appears to be a breakout season.

"It's her senior year, and she's going to make this work, and she's going to have a good one," Opp said. "She's certainly off to a great start, and I couldn't be more excited for her."

Assistant coach Alex Wellmaker has been pleasantly surprised by Woodard's performance.

"For Geshla to come out of the gate like she has, I think she's kinda amazed everybody with



Geshla Woodard lays the ball in during last week's game. Woodard, a senior, is expecting her best season yet with the Salukis.

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Saluki swimmers to compete in Northwestern invite

SIU faces off with three top-notch teams

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU swimming and diving teams will be heading north this weekend to compete in the Northwestern Invite, an event full of top-notch teams.

SIU, Northwestern University, Purdue University and the University of Louisville will face off in the two-day event Friday and

Saturday in Evanston.

The Saluki men are looking forward to competing against the highly talented Northwestern and Purdue squads, as both are ranked in the top 25.

Head coach Rick Walker said both teams show a great deal of depth which can be difficult to hang with.

"I don't know if that's something we can compete with at this point in time, but we certainly do compete with them at the top or just below their top swimmers," Walker said.

Although the teams are tough competitors, Walker said the Salukis

are not intimidated by their programs.

"For us it's not going to be a situation where we don't belong in the meet," Walker said. "We belong there and we know that we can compete against those teams."

Senior Corne Prozesky said although the competition will be tough, the team is looking forward to matching up against Northwestern.

"It's a pride thing," Prozesky said. "They are the other strong swimming school in Illinois. Last year they just beat us so I think we're in for a pay back."

Prozesky said he hopes the past two weeks of intense training will pay off this weekend.

"I think everybody is looking forward to swimming fast after training two weeks really hard," Prozesky said. "We'll just have to step up and show them what's inside of us."

Diving head coach Donnie Torres, who coached at Northwestern from 1997-2000, said he is excited to return and compete against such an excellent diving program.

"I like our athletes competing against good competition," Torres said. "I always like doing this meet

because it gives the two best swimming and diving teams (on the men's side) in Illinois a chance to compete."

Senior Dana Morrell said the women's team is also anticipating racing fast teams this weekend.

"I think we'll all swim really well individually and it will be really nice to swim some fast teams," Morrell said. "It will give people a chance to swim against some faster people and see how they stack up against other teams. We'll try to hang with the big schools and we will."

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