Two out, fate of seven others to be decided next week

Brandon Weisenberger
Daily Egyptian

Two freshmen are suspended for ten years, and seven more could be on the way out after their alleged involvement in an on-campus beating earlier this month.

Officials in the university president’s office and in several departments around the university, including SIUC police, have declined to comment on the Oct. 6 incident that left a sophomore about $100 short and with several injuries.

This week, family members of the nine condemned the university for the “intermin separation” imposed on the students that forced them off SIUC grounds shortly after the incident. Most of the students found shelter in a motel in Marion until a local church offered rooms for them to stay in Wednesday.

Student Judicial Affairs on Thursday suspended Derrick Reese, 18, a special admissions pre-major from Chicago, for three years. The university charged him with several different counts, including physical abuse, disorderly conduct and strong-arm robbery.

Aric Anthony, 18, was suspended for two years after being found in violation of similar Student Conduct Code regulations. Anthony is also a special admissions pre-major from Chicago.

Seven other students, all freshmen from the Chicago area, are scheduled to appear before Student Judicial Affairs within the next week, facing the possibility of suspension.

Robbery suspects captured

Three men arrested in Kentucky in connection with August incidents

Brandon Augsburg
Daily Egyptian

Local law officials announced Thursday that three Kentucky men have been arrested in connection with two armed robberies in August.

Rodney D. Messic, 56, John D. Brown, 63, and Jacob L. Messic, 21, were arrested Wednesday in Owensboro, Ky. All three are alleged to have been involved with the Aug. 17 robbery of the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy in Murphysboro and the Aug. 25 robbery of the Ellicott State Bank in Elkhoeille.

Jackson County State’s Attorney Michael Wepsiec said all three suspects have been charged with armed robbery and aggravated battery. The battery charge stems from a bank robbery where the suspects allegedly beat the bank president.

He said the armed robbery charges carry a sentence between six and 30 years in prison, and because the suspects used a firearm during the robberies, an additional 15 years could be tacked on to the sentence. He said because the bank president is more than 60 years old, the armed robbery charges could also be extended by 10 years.

Rodney Messic and Brown are being held in Kentucky at the Evansville Jail, and Jacob Messic is being held at the Evanaile Jail in Indiana. All there are awaiting extradition to Illinois, and Wepsiec said he hoped the extradition process would be weaved so the suspects could be transported to Jackson County as soon as possible.

Wepsiec said Rodney Messic and Brown have other charges pending against them in other states, but he said he could not comment for other authorities regarding those charges. He said Jacob Messic only has pending charges in Jackson County.

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Students suspended after attack

University joining consortium along with three other state schools

Wayne Utterback
Daily Egyptian

The university will save more than $6 million over the next two years on its electricity bill.

On Thursday, the SIU Board of Trustees approved SIUC’s membership in a consortium that buys electricity in bulk.

Last spring, there were concerns that rising electricity costs would push SIUC into debt. SIUC, SIU-Edwardsville, Illinois State University, Western Illinois University and Eastern Illinois University have locked into a fixed rate with MidAmerican Energy Company through a consortium.

The fixed rate allows universities to balance spending instead of having fluctuating rates, said Phil Garren, director of Plant and Service Operations.

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“The consortium allows schools to draw in energy companies easier, and the size of the consortium drew proposals from four different companies. Garren said more universities and community colleges would be welcome to join the consortium.

Garren said prices for electricity continue to rise, but the consortium allows SIUC to pay for power in bulk at a predictable rate.

The contract SIUC has with MidAmerican Energy Company will last for two years and can be renewed on a yearly basis for up to 10 years.

“I was surprised at how well it went,” Garren said. “I think we took an aggressive approach instead of a passive one.”

If SIUC stays with MidAmerican Energy Company, the final cost for SIUC would be around $80 million. Garren said SIUC could back out of the contract after the two-year agreement if the university wants to find a better rate.

Trustees also awarded a contract to a Virginia firm for the nearly $280,000 renovation to the Student Center’s Bowling and Billiards Area. Work is set to begin in December.

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The Daily Egyptian
Local news from the student viewpoint

# Local News

**City gets recognition for budget**

For the 20th consecutive year, the city of Charleston has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Only three cities in Illinois have received more budget awards than Charleston.

The award comes from the Government Finance Officers Association, a not-for-profit professional association that serves 14,000 government finance professionals all over North America. The GFOA is the only national award program in governmental budgeting.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said and received the award reflects the professional management of the city over the past year and the importance the city council and city staff place on developing a strong budget.

"The budget is far from just a bunch of numbers where the money comes from and how it's being spent," Doherty said. "It's setting goals and objectives and tying services to those goals and objectives."

The GFOA sets guidelines to assess how well a city's budget serves four categories: a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

Each department and division prepares its own individual budget before it goes through a staff review process and is eventually presented by the city council. Doherty said.

Doherty said the city of Charleston goes beyond the required guidelines and submits the budget to independent viewers to provide feedback.

"I think it's important for anyone be able to look at our budget and read it—literally, and understand it. As a city government, our goals and objectives are "Doherty said. "It's something we take a lot of pride in."

**Professor accused of grabbing, kissing student**

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — An Illinois State University theater professor is accused of grabbing and kissing a student before attending a classes and then failing to report the student.

Patrick James O'Gara, 63, is free after posting $500 bond Wednesday on charges of official misconduct and battery.

Prosecutors say O'Gara grabbed the male student by the head and kissed him before audits Aug. 19. Court records say he then asked the student what part in a production he wanted and replied, "We'll have to see" when the student answered.

Lara's suspended with pay in August pending a university investigation, ISU spokesman Jay Grosjean said Thursday.

A biography on the school's Web site says O'Gara has taught acting and directing at ISU for more than 20 years as a director, actor and teacher in Chicago. A phone message left Thursday for a Patrick O'Gara in Normal and an e-mail sent to the professor's university account were not immediately returned. A voicemail box for O'Gara at ISU was not accepting messages.

**National News**

A theft under $500 occurred between 3 p.m. on Oct. 7 and 3 a.m. on Oct. 8 at the Schneider Hall end lounges. A bicycle valued at $110 was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

**Weather**

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**Correction**

In Wednesday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 3 story "How to beat the flu" should have stated the Jackson County Health Department would offer flu and pneumonia vaccines Dec. 6 at the Student Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 223.
When a professor from Ohio State University asked if SIUC would be at a significant loss if Black American Studies classes were eliminated, Nelson said: "If you don't have evidence, you may not get anywhere," Nelson said. "We're here to gain insight into what has happened, what is happening and what should happen.

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Turkey’s Orhan Pamuk wins Nobel Prize

New York (AP) — Novelist Orhan Pamuk, an international symbol of literary and social conscience, whose poetic, melancholy journeys into the soul of his native Turkey have brought him the many obsessions and burdens of public life, won the Nobel literature prize Thursday.

Mr. Pamuk, a fellow at Columbia University, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was overjoyed by the award and accepted it not just as “a personal honor, but as an honor bestowed upon the Turkish literature and culture I represent.”

He added that he had one complaint: The Swedish Academy announced the prize in Swedish, requiring that it be translated.

“Their call and woke me up, so I was a bit sleepy,” said the 54-year-old Pamuk, adding that he had no immediate plans to celebrate, but looked forward to being with friends back in Turkey.

Mark Warner bows out of White House bid

Washington — Mark Warner’s decision to bow out of the early presidential race leaves a field still crowded with Democrats competing to be the most attractive alternative to front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Fifteen months before the first vote is cast in a presidential primary, the departure of the centrist Democrat and former Virginia governor alters the dynamics of a race still taking shape.

The lineup, however, remains largely the same — Clinton and about a dozen others.

“It’s good for Hillary. Anytime a serious contender drops out that helps the front-runner,” said Steve Elmendorf, the deputy campaign manager for Democratic Sen. John Kerry’s presidential campaign.

“Warner would have been, perhaps, the strongest, or certainly one of the strongest candidates,” to become the anti-Hillary. This also will help somebody who’s looking at that same — Clinton and about a dozen others.

China, the North’s closest ally, opposes any mention of the U.N. Charter’s Chapter 7, which authorizes military actions, naval blockades and military sanctions. China and Russia want to see sanctions focus primarily on mining in North Korea’s nuclear and weapons programs.

Beijing and Moscow also object to the wide scope of financial sanctions and a provision authorizing the inspection of cargo going in and out of North Korea. Council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because talks are private. There is concern among some diplomats that bringing North Korea to the International Court of Justice could trigger a military response from the North.

The United States circulated a revised draft resolution late Wednesday, and a final form that can be put to a vote on Friday. Britain, France, Japan and Slovakia signed on as co-sponsors.

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“We’re certainly in favor of keeping all the diplomatic channels open, but we also want swift action, and we shouldn’t allow meetings, and more meetings — to be an excuse for inaction,” U.N. Ambassador John Bolton said.

But Russia’s U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin said the United States should wait for the results of more diplomacy. China’s U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya agreed, saying Beijing and Moscow also object to the wide scope of financial sanctions and a provision authorizing the inspection of cargo going in and out of North Korea.

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dents at SIUC bridged a gap between the gay and straight communities when few were willing to do so.
The Saluki Rainbow Network was chartered by eight SIUC students on April 19, 1971, to support the entire southern Illinois region. The network is one of the oldest gay organizations in the country, said Paulaute Curkin, the group’s faculty adviser.

The network is a resource for gay people to find comfort and acceptance in a rather conservative region that offers few resources for gay people, Curkin said.

She said there have been many high points for the group. Many stu-
dents have left SIUC to make major contributions either in their field or in the area of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people’s concerns.

Our alumni have founded and run a camp for the children of gay parents, which is the first of its kind. “She’s made a major contribution to providing for the welfare of the gay community nationally,” Curkin said.

The group’s members take part in volunteer community service, co-spon-

sor events and hold their own events to spread the word about the gay com-
munity.

They received first place in the walking competition in this year’s Homecoming parade, which took place during GLBT Month, sometime in the Rainbow Network is very involved in. They also sponsor a gay awareness week in April.

Each fall they hold a drag show as a fundraiser, featuring professional drag queens from local areas as well as Chicago.

The Saluki Rainbow Network also sponsors a speaker’s bureau, which facilitates student speakers in classrooms or residence halls. They tell stories about coming out and open the floor for questions.

“The idea is that a lot of our issues come from a lack of knowledge and familiarity. When you personalize it and put a face on a gay person, you’re less likely to be biased. It creates oppor-
tunity for exchange,” said Curkin.

The network is fighting for more resources for gay people through a report submitted over a year ago to the university. To date, the administration has done nothing to institute the nec-

The Saluki Rainbow Network was chartered and those on fixed incomes caused by the profitable utilities company as the rate for the season.

Electric cooperatives, such as the Egyptian Electric Cooperative, are not subject to this rate freeze. The Creating Connections Office and Member Services Manager for Egyptian Electric Cooperative, Beyre Cramer said.

However, Abbett said, should the rate freeze be lifted to control of Ameren in the event of bankruptcy, all Illinois taxpayers will end up paying the debt.

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“We are working very hard to keep a gay resource center,” Cunningham said.

“We’ve had little support from the administration. There needs to be somewhere for students to go.”

Despite the lack of resources, the group has experienced a good year. Graham and Cunningham said membershio of both straight and gay people has increased this year. The co-directors said increased attendance by and accep-
tance of transgendered people was also a positive trend. The number of mem-
bers who regularly attend meetings has tripled, they said.

They held meetings every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Troy Corinth Room in the Student Center. Between 25 and 30 people regularly attend meetings, but Graham said the network has around 250 members.

Graham said meetings offer people a chance to socialize as well as be politi-
cally active.

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Ameren rate hike still up in air
Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a hearing by the Illinois House of Representatives Electric Utility Committee, the gen-
eral assembly will have the chance to vote on whether to extend the rate freeze for Ameren and Commonwealth Edison customers.

The committee voted 8-4 on Monday to extend the rate freeze for another three years. The general assem-

bly will have the chance to vote on extending the rate freeze through 2010.

Two more meetings were set to rise 40 to 55 percent in January 2007 because of an auction held earlier this year. Fleming said the rate freeze would supply energy to Ameren and Commonwealth Edison to distribute.

The rate freeze has been in effect for 10 years by the state, and Ameren customers have not experienced a rate increase for 15-18 months.

According to a news release from Ameren Corporation, President Scott A. Cure believes the company will go bankrupt by February 2007 if rates do not increase. He predicted in the same release Ameren would be forced to eliminate 700 jobs, fire company con-
tractors, stop tree trimming, delay con-
tections to new homes and businesses for months, extend response time to customer calls and discontinue commu-

nity projects and donations.

Ameren Corporation spokes-

woman An Era Cummings said if the rate freeze passes, the situation in Illinois would be similar to that of California in the sum-

mer of 2000, with rolling brownouts and blackouts.

“The state would have to step in and take control of Ameren in the event of bankruptcy, all Illinois taxpayers will end up paying the debt,” said Abbett.

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“We’re not even with Ameren, and we might have to pay,” Wasilewski said.

“Being in the major I use, I pay enough for materials and books. The slightest rise in any prices would be felt in the long run.”

Cost of natural gas decreases
Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students will pay a little less to heat their housing this fall.

Greg Pruett, vice president of com-

munications for the American Gas Association, said the cost of natural gas has increased this year, which has resulted in increased prices for consumers.

Pruett said in previous years, hur-
ricane Katrina, disrupted the ability to transport natural gas found in the Gulf of Mexico. This caused a shortage in gas and increased the price.

Natural gas is transported through drilling underground or underwater wells. It is then processed and sent to various plants that re-route it to customers, Pruett said.

And he said any slight disruption in get-
ing natural gas could cause problems because of the relatively equal supply and demand in the natural gas industry.

“We have a situation in the United States that we have almost a perfect balance between supplies of natu-

ral gas and supply of natural gas,” Pruett said.

Erica Abbott, spokeswoman for Ameren Corporation, said the going

rate for natural gas right now, or the Purchased Gas Adjustment charge (PGAC), is 75.28 cents per therm, the unit of measurement for natural gas, which is similar to a kilowatt-hour for electricity. Last year’s reading at this time was 105.42 cents per therm.

The decrease is good news, even though the overall price of natural gas has risen in the past year.

The available supply of natural gas is one of the largest factors attributed to gas prices, but Pruett also said winter conditions have a significant impact on how much consumers will have to pay.

Demand decreases with milder winters and increases during colder winters.

This year should be a more normal winter, as opposed to last year, according to vice president, Abbett said.

Pruett said gas companies purchase natural gas during peak periods of the year, mainly warmer months, because it is cheaper. If it then stored gas and the prices paid are averaged. This average is combined with the current price com-

panies are paying during the winter and then averaged again. This determines the price consumers will have to pay for gas.

Gas companies do not put any mark-

up on gas, so Pruett said it is preferable to purchase cheaper gas throughout the year and store it for the more expensive winter months to help customers.

Consumer gas usage over the past years has helped bring the price of natu-

ral gas down. Pruett said this is because of more efficient home appliances and better insulation for buildings.

“Instead of using one, we can actually use 25 percent less natural gas than the 1983 consumption,” he said.

Abbett said at this time last year, 20 therms of gas cost $35.17, while the current price is 25.85. She said although the $9.32 difference isn’t huge, any cut in cost helps.

George Peters, a senior from Sonoma studied engineering, said his home this year has better insulation than last year, which he hopes will help cut the cost in heating.

He started using the heater a few days ago but is opposed to using a lot of air conditioning or heating to cut the price of gas. He said he is happy to see the decreased prices compared to last year.

“It’s only cost me about $60 a month so far, and it stays like that, it will be a lot cheaper than last year,” he said.

Sacks, Dawgs, and Rock ‘n Roll
Homecoming 2006

Congratulations
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Don’t shut the closet door

“I’m afraid our best days are behind us.”

These are Paulette Curkin’s words exactly, sent to the Daily Egyptian earlier this week in response to the latest developments regarding the supposed mistreatment or overlooking of GLBT students at SIUC. Curkin, the co-coordinator of Student Development at SIUC and advisor to the Saluki Rainbow Network, has been described as always positive about the university’s gay community — even after the chancellor’s comments in 2004 had many people feeling shocked and angry. But now, it’s “I’m afraid our best days are behind us.”

What has brought the de facto head of the university’s GLBT community to this point? You can probably start with the fact that she’s the de facto head of this university’s GLBT community, with little to no actual support from outside her closest circle. In the past week, we’ve seen the administration shuffle its feet once more when it comes to appealing to the concerns of an underrepresented part of the student body.

A year after a committee report was submitted to Provost John Dunn, one calling for a more extensive GLBT curriculum and a resource center dedicated to diversity, there has been little progress made with the recommendations given by the committee. Dunn himself stated that the deliberations “probably have been slower to materialize than some would like.” One year after the report’s filing and two years after the formation of the committee, all the GLBT community has received is a hotline to report bias incidents to the Department of Personal Safety. Yes, it’s safe to say that is slow movement.

There needs to be some quicker movement done with the more substantial recommendations given by the GLBT committee, starting with the development of this resource center, which is expected to act as a central point for activity, research and outreach for GLBT students.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Political correctness going too far

Dear Editor:

Tolerance is important. We shouldn’t attack someone based on their beliefs or the fact that they are not American. We should give them the same respect as the most tolerant among the people I know; some of which are vehemently opposed to homosexuality or evolution or intelligent design or Democrats or Republicans or any other thing that causes debate nowadays. But at a certain point, the level of political correctness in today’s society makes me ill. 

More is not celebrated as Columbus Day but Indigenous Peoples Day because Washington Irving embellished his exploits and also because Columbus Day celebrations supposedly gloss over the government’s mistreatment of Native Americans. 

There is a movement to give the public a better opportunity to say, libmin, bisexual and transgender students at this university. That’s a positive step. But separate rooms for transgender/transgender students? Is that worth spending our tuition on? Every month in a different Celebration (pick any alternative oppressed party line!) History Month. Learn about different races and religions, but don’t make me feel bad for not doing so.

In a world where Christmas, Easter and Halloween have been targeted as offensive or even satanic, where Pluto isn’t a planet anymore, where you cannot say Islam in a sentence without offending someone, I urge you: Don’t let political correctness stifle your free speech and thought. Speak responsibly, not fearfully.

And if you feel you aren’t being fairly treated, go out in the street. Life isn’t always fair. 

Joseph Parenti

Dear Editor:

I was completely appalled, to say the least, when I read the responses on the question on Saluki on the Street today. The question was: "Are you going to vote in the gubernatorial elections in November?" After I read the responses on why some students aren't voting, all I could say was "Wow." One student stated that she was not going to vote because she was bored, and she didn’t feel as if her vote would make a difference. Another individual stated that he was not because he does not follow running, and he isn’t paid attention. Ok, so what? You aren’t followed the race. Honestly, I have heard of this before. Despite in itself there are at least two to three weeks before the election. So study up! I can’t believe that you sat in front of the reporter and actually gave such ridiculous reasons as to why you are not voting.

The first generations of the United States looks down on us as the "shifted generation." And with responses like that, we are proving them correct. At least come with a better reason why aren’t you going to vote. You are probably the same people who sit there and complain about the rising tuition prices and do absolutely nothing about it! At my college colleagues: we are the future of the United States. We are about to start our lives as adults in the real world, the business world, and the decisions of the individuals who are voted into office after these elections will be affecting us. Not our parents or our grandparents. 

You must understand that your future governor determines things such as the amount of grants that our school will receive, or which school would receive what and the availability of jobs. Print blank, everyone should get out and vote in November. If you don’t, then you should have no complaints as to why you can’t find a job in Illinois after you graduate in a year or two.

Arlande Chambers

DEAR EDITOR:

Some comments as to why you can’t find a job in Illinois after you graduate in a year or two.
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Fun Times
Joel Fritzler works at his computer Wednesday afternoon in his office at Woody Hall. Fritzler is a Carbondale city councilman, a research project specialist at SIUC and a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

Fritzler finished his last six months and returned home but not for long. He said his plan was to attend graduate school, but friends convinced him it could wait after he was offered a job in Malawi by the United Nations.

After two years of working with a refugee project in Malawi, he returned home and enrolled in the rural community development graduate program at Illinois State University. In 1996, as he was finishing graduate school, he visited Carbondale for the first time during an interview to become the director of the Carbondale Main Street program, where he worked for two and a half years.

Fritzler said it was the drive from Bloomington-Normal to southern Illinois that first attracted him to the area.

“All of a sudden there were trees and rolling hills and lakes,” he said. “I thought it was a nice place — I could live here.”

Before he moved to southern Illinois, Fritzler met his wife, Julie, who was also an ISU student. The two have been married for about 10 years and have a cat named Henry.

Fritzler said he and his wife enjoy spending time in the beautiful areas of southern Illinois, such as Little Grand Canyon, Garden of the Gods and Giant City State Park.

For the last two years, Fritzler has been a research project specialist in the Office of Research Development and Administration at SIUC.

In addition, he has volunteered for the American Red Cross for the last eight years.

Sandy Webster, director of the Red Cross Little Egypt Network, describes Fritzler as a very driven, hard-working individual with excellent leadership skills.

She said he takes his commitment to the city very seriously and is always brainstorming ways to improve things.

“Joel has a vision to see what our community needs,” Webster said. “He genuinely cares about the needs of the community.

“If you want to be a council member, it’s a good way to experience how change takes place, even though he is based out of Carbondale,” he said. He said he would probably run again when his term is up and will continue with his efforts to improve all aspects of the city.

“There is so much potential here if we all work together,” he said.

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New drug plans, retail deals offer breaks on generic prescriptions

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J. — Consumers are suddenly getting a break on the cost of generic drugs as discount retailers and some prescrip- tion benefit managers start programs that provide a host of popular medi- cations for $4.

In the last month, Wal-Mart stores Inc. and Target Corp. have begun programs at pharmacies in their Florida stores, including Wal-

Mar’s Sam’s Club, offering dozens of generic drugs for $4. Last May, Kmart Holding Corp.’s 1,100 stores began offering generics for $15 for a 90-day supply.

On Thursday, Medco Health Solutions, one of the largest U.S. prescription benefit managers, announced a plan targeting consumers indirectly through small- and medium-sized businesses struggling to offer employees prescription cov- erage.

Medco, based in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey, will offer its “Generics First” plan to participating pharmacy benefit managers for which it manages prescription claims and shipments from its mail order pharmacies. The plan kicks off this week through the first insurer to sign up, Nationwide Life Insurance Co., said John Driscoll, Medco’s group president for new business development.

“While many of the companies we’re targeting have little or no insur- ance plan today, they want it or may have had it in the past,” Driscoll said.

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Gyms offer imaginative classes to retain members

Candice Choi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Get off that boring old treadmill and belt out a cheery Elvis song on the exercise bike, instead. Strut around in 3-inch heels or work up a sweat on the pogo stick.

As gym members compete with dance studios and kiddie classes to hold on to members with shorter attention spans, runs off-the-wall aerob- ics and other niche fitness classes are gaining in popularity.

“Karanoke Spin,” “Pogo Bootcamp,” and “Stiletto Strength” are springing up in gyms across the country.

“People are putting in longer hours at the office,” said Donna Cyrus, who’s in charge of programming for Crunch Fitness. “The gym shouldn’t be another chore.”

But, increasingly, the fitness-con- scious view it exactly that way. Since 2000, the average length of a gym membership has dropped from 5.7 years to 4.6 years, according to the International Health, Racquet and Sports Club Association.

“With so many more clubs, it opens up opportunities for people to leave and seek a better alternative,” said Brooke Corea, the industry group’s spokeswoman.

Just learning to pronounce the names of exotic classes like “Intersalt” (in-TEN-sah-tree) and “Budokon” (boo-DOH-kahn) at New York City- based Equinox can take some flexing.

An hour on the stationary bike, by comparison, might seem like a chore.

The classes at Baby’s Total Fitness are more predictable — yoga, Pilates, aerobics. But the Chicago-based chain plans to add options like African dance and Brazilian martial arts by early next year.

“One of the reasons is so we can attract a broader, larger membership base,” said Norris Tomlinson, the company’s director of group exercise.

For gym members, a hip-hop dance or kickboxing class has a physi- cal benefit besides the mental advant- age of staying fresh. People are more likely to fix and join parts of the body while learning new moves, lowering the risk for injury, said Richard Cotton, spokesperson for the American Council on Exercise.

“Gyms are bunching up and down the same steps, stressing the same muscles,” he said.

Working out with others also builds camaraderie, making it easier to commit to regular exercise, he said.

To avoid gimmicky classes with no physical benefit, Cotton said to look for classes that combine moves that build strength, improve flexibility and increase the heart rate for at least 20 minutes.

Group classes — typically fresh- ened every few months with new stories and music — have long been a big draw for gyms. Most of the nation’s 29,000 health clubs offer some type of group class, according to IHRSA.

So what keeps people coming back, said Carrie Keppe, director of programming at Gold’s Gym, based in Irving, Texas. “When there were only a couple classes in a club 10 years ago, people got bored and their bod- ies would plateau. Nowadays, classes are geared toward allowing choices and tricking bodies into getting a workout.”

About half the members at Gold’s Gyms renew their memberships after their first year. Among those who take a class, the renewal rate is 75 percent.
alumna, called the “interim separation” an abomination because she said the students were forced out of their residence hall rooms and virtually onto the streets.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz, who approved the temporary barring of the students from campus, said the separation is authorized under the Student Conduct Code if there is an indication that a student poses a threat to the safety of others in the university community.

According to the code, students are removed from campus once deemed separated and are restricted from stepping foot on university grounds until an informal hearing, which determines if a student continues to be barred or can return to life as usual.

Dietz said the students are on their own to stay with a friend off-campus or rent a room.

“If they don’t have any options at all, we can also escort them to a homeless shelter,” he said.

After the trustees meeting, SIU President Glenn Poshard and Chancellor Walter Wendler apologized to Joenile Reese for the situation. Wendler informed Reese about the Student Conduct Code, which was approved in 1991, and said he was confident procedures were correctly followed.

Poshard said during the meeting he and general counsel Jerry Blakemore would use every available resource to ensure no missteps were taken.

The president’s office, which includes the general counsel, later declined any further comment, citing the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Derrick Reese was in jail from early Saturday morning to Monday before his father, Derrick B. Reese, bonded him out at a $5,022.40 price tag.

“It’s a farce, it’s a joke,” said Derrick B. Reese, a 1984 SIUC alumnus who practices law in the Chicago area. He said charges against the students were “arbitrary and capricious” because many of them do not have definitions in the Student Conduct Code.

Derrick B. Reese also said the parents have notified Chicago-area senators and civil rights groups about the students’ situation because the parents believe the arrests and punishments were racially motivated.

According to the police report filed, the victim said he was assaulted by a “group of black males” in Lot 94 by the Recreation Center. The reporting officer wrote that he stopped a “large group of black males” and another officer brought the victim to the site where the group was stopped. Using clothing as the main identifier, the victim, who had injuries on his face and head, reportedly pointed out Derrick Reese and the two non-students.

“At the scene, the victim told police, ‘I’m only sure about them,’ in regard to two of the men on campus who re- portedly had contact with him. Both students have denied their involvement, and the two already suspended vowed to appeal.

While separated from the university, the students recently were taken in by the Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Madison Street in Carbondale after the Rev. Sidney Logwood heard of their situation.

“They are on the street, they got nowhere to go, they have no money, they don’t have any food,” Logwood said.

Letters submitted to the students by Dietz and Student Judicial Affairs coordinator Terry Huffman stated up to 30 individuals could have been involved in the altercation.

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Wepasc said he did not believe any other people were involved in the robbery, but Jackson County Sheriff Bob Bays said the investiga- tion would continue.

Bums credited the Owensboro Police Department with helping apprehend the suspects. He said evidence was made following a traffic stop in Kentucky.

Because the suspects are being held pending extradition, no trial date has been set.

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Letter from John J. Bums, director of the Owensboro Police Department, reading: ‘We are immediately investigating the matter of the arrest of Derrick Reese and two non-students in connection with the incident that occurred on campus last week.

The Owensboro Police Department is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all members of the community. We take the allegations of racial bias seriously and will work to investigate and address them.

In addition, we are partnering with the SIU administration to ensure that any and all due process rights of the individuals involved are respected.

Please continue to support the SIU community during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
John J. Bums
Director
Owensboro Police Department’
The Duplex
by Glenn McCoy

The Boondocks
by Aaron McGruder

Jumbles

"What the bachelor got at the dance —"

"You're actually going to change your name?"

"Your line of work?"

"What the weatherman said the day before yesterday."

"The Brain's hair."

"The Twitterbird's nest."

"That's your right to have guns?"

"When the forecaster predicted a sunny day, he was —"

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As a synopsis for the rest of the season, Evansville and SIU entered last year’s contest as clear underdogs and will likely play in front of a nearly packed stadium cheering the Salukis on.

An SIU win Saturday would do more than improve the team to a 6-0 record. It would be a long-awaited win for the Salukis in a season that has been a disappointment for fans and players alike. A win would bring the Salukis closer to their goal of making the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which would solidify their status as one of the best teams in the conference.

The Salukis are coming off a 31-0 win over UAlbany in their last game, and with their conference record now at 6-0, they are in a good position to make the tournament. However, the Salukis still have a long way to go to secure a spot in the tournament, and they will need to continue to play well in their upcoming games.

For the Salukis, the key to success will be their defense. They have allowed only 31 points in their last three games, which is a big improvement from earlier in the season. The Salukis will need to continue to play solid defense if they hope to win their next game against the Bradley Braves.

Overall, the Salukis have a bright future ahead of them if they can continue to play well in their upcoming games. With their conference record now at 6-0, they are in a good position to make the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which would solidify their status as one of the best teams in the conference.
Saluki Insider

The Oakland A's have fallen behind to the Detroit Tigers 2-0 in the American League Championship Series. The Tigers seem to be on a roll right now and have won five straight playoff games. Do you think there is a chance for the A's to comeback in this series?

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“Negative. The Detroit pitching staff is red hot right now. It started to get a little shaky when the Big Hurt had a chance to do some damage in game two, but they tied it done. I'm just hoping the Tigers, or A's for that matter, can ensure an AL champion. I do not want to hear Brian Field say anything about the Cardinals being champs.”

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“No. The Tigers reminds me of one of these. Dan Coffman said about young teams during the College World Series. “Maybe they don’t know they’re not supposed to win.” An “A” team seems like the 2003 Marlins—they have a lot of youth with some vets, including Ibbot.”

The A's are pretty much done. Yes, they might win a game or two, but do you really think the Tigers are going to lose four straight games? I don’t. Their pitching is on fire right now, which wins in the playoffs. The Tigers are now, which wins in the playoffs. The Tigers are looking for revenge after the Redbirds crushed the Saluki 65-35 last season in Carbondale. It was the game where head coach Jerry Kill had a seizure.

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The no. 7 Salukis look for an upset as they travel and play no. 5 Illinois State. Last weekend the Salukis came to Carbondale. It was the game where head coach Jerry Kill had a seizure.

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The word on the Redbirds…

The Redbirds stand at one of two teams in the Gateway Ahead of the Salukis in National Rankings as the Redbirds are ranked fifth in the nation. This will be Illinois State’s Homecoming game, where the Redbirds own a 41-39-6 record. The Redbirds have also won three straight games over ranked opponents, starting with their win-over SU last season. Position-by-position breakdown:

Quarterback- Rock Hill will look to add to his already impressive numbers in the passing area. Hill also boasts great legs and scrambles from the pocket many times. He has the ability to beat teams with his arm and his legs. Hill has also never thrown an interception in a college game.

Illinois State quarterback Luke Drone has thrown three interceptions this season but has also thrown for 10 touchdowns. He averages 226.4 passing yards per game and has completed more than half of his attempted passes. Hill’s no-interception feat and his legs give him the advantage though.

Advantage: ISU

Running back- Arkee Whitlock is probably the best running back in Division 1-A. There is not much he cannot do. He can block, pass, run, waste time and make the big play. His 136.6 rushing yards per game are tops in the Gateway, and he is a Payton Award Finalist.

Redbirds running back Pierre Rembert has put up solid numbers this season and has rushed for five straight 100 plus yard games, the longest streak in ISU history. Rembert has compiled six touchdowns through his five games and has been the main back for ISU.

Advantage: SU

Wide receiver- SJH has a solid receiving corps. They play well against very good receiving teams every week. Brader Jones, Alan Turner and Phil Goforth all have over more than 100 receiving yards in an air attack that averages 156.5 yards per game. Jones and Turner both have three touchdowns, leading the receivers for SJH. Laurent Robinson, another Payton Award Finalist, is among one of the best receivers in Division 1-A and is only sec- ond best on the ISU squad. Pierre Jackson has been the top receiver to this point for the Redbirds and has posted over 400 total receiving yards and has caught three touchdowns. Robinson, meanwhile, has 246 receiving yards for four touchdowns.

Advantage: ISU

#7 Southern Illinois Salukis vs. #5 Illinois State University Redbirds

When: Saturday, October 14, 2006
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Where: Hancock Stadium, Normal, Ill.
Broadcast: Magic 95.1 FM, audio web- cast and SalukiVision www.salisu.edu

Position-by-position breakdown:

First downs
111 98
Rushing yards
1,385 758
Avg. rushing yards per game
217.6 135.1
Passing yards
780 518
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FOOTBALL

Salukis look to avenge last year’s loss

The Salukis defense gets back to fundamentals

D.W. Norris

Leaving it to Jerry Kill to find the dark cloud surrounding a silver lining. The Saluki head coach could sit back and enjoy his team’s unrefined record or SIU’s No. 7 national ranking and conference-best defense. Instead, Kill saw his Salukis’ recent problems stopping the run and getting opposing offenses off the field on third- down situations and went to work with his team to correct them. He said his defensive players listed both as areas of concern as the Salukis prepared for Saturday’s 2:30 p.m. showdown at No. 5 Illinois State.

Kill said some of his team’s issues could be traced to playing increasingly tougher opponents while other aspects of the team’s deficiencies were found in both mental and fundamental breakdowns.

“As the teams get better, sometimes you lose some of that, and we lose some of our technique and fundamentals that we feel is important to win, and that’s what we concentrated on this week,” Kill said.

The Saluki defense allowed back-to-back 100-yard rushers in wins over Indiana State and Western Illinois. The unit also saw the Leathernecks convert 12 of 16 third downs in an Oct. 7 game in which both teams made good on at least 70 percent of those attempts.

Kill said the Salukis (5-0, 2-0 Gateway) could not afford to continue either trend against Illinois State (4-1, 1-0). The Redbirds possess the conference’s top passer, junior quarterback Luke Drong, and the Gateway’s second leading rusher in 220-pound tailback Pierre Rimbart.

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VOLLEYBALL

Salukis win at Evansville

Brian Feldt

After dropping the first two games to Evansville, the SIU volleyball team rallied to win three straight games and the match (27-30, 28-30, 30-23, 31-29, 15-13).

The Salukis won snapped their three-game losing streak and keeps them in contention for postseason play. SIU is now 4-5 in conference play and 9-10 overall.

Head coach Brenda Winkeler described the matchup as a must-win for the Salukis to stay alive in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament hunt. SIU responded to the challenge.

Winkeler praised the efforts of the Saluki seniors, who lifted the Salukis when down by two games early in the match.

“I give the seniors a lot of credit, and sometimes I don’t,” Winkeler said in a radio interview after the game. “(Ashley) Saverine played well for us, and Yatrty and Haan were there all night.”

The match stayed from the usual suspects for the Salukis and relied heavily on an all-around team effort.

Saverine, an outside hitter, and setters Monica Laird and Holly Marita all came off the bench to make contributions for the Salukis.

The two teams battled back and forth all night in a match that was upfitting for a Saluki team that had been swept in their previous three matches.

The Salukis regrouped in the locker room after losing the first two games of the match.

“Going into the locker room, the only thing we weren’t doing was getting the ball down,” Winkeler said during the interview. “We were blocking well and hitting well. All we needed was ball control, and we got it.”

The Salukis and Aces exchanged points nearly every other point. SIU then pulled ahead with the score at 23-19 and eventually won the match 30-23.

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FOOTBALL

SIU looking for payday

JORDAN WILSON

It was one of those games that left fans scratching their heads.

Illinois State didn’t even own a winning record, but it shocked the Salukis a year ago with a 63-35 butt-spanking.

The Daily Egyptian headline that Monday read, “Halo” was the common reaction among the Saluki faithful. It was a game the Salukis were supposed to breeze through, another victim at McAndrew, another mark in the win column.

Instead, they were punched in the jaw. The Salukis have a chance to strike back Saturday when they play at Hancock Stadium.

Still, the 2006 Salukis have the textbook approach to the game. Arkee Whitlock, SIU’s do-it-all running back, said it left a bad taste in the Salukis’ mouths. He said it stopped there.

“Last year is last year,” Whitlock said. “This year, it’s a lot different. We came in picked to win and that’s what we concentrated on this week,” Kill said.

The Salukis have already shown a lot. Their 5-0 mark, the only unflawed record in the Gateway, is proof of that.

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