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Bush to military: Be ready

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

President George W. Bush told the world "either you are with us or you are with the terrorists," as America prepares for war against an uncertain enemy responsible for killing more Americans than have ever died in one day on U.S. soil.

Bush sent a pointed message to the al Qaeda during the speech Thursday night on the floor of the House of Representatives. The al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, has been indicted for bombing American embassies in Tanzania and Kenya and also held responsible for the bombing of the USS Cole.

"It is not only repressing its own people, it is threatening people everywhere by sponsoring and sheltering and supplying terrorists," he said to Congress, the nation and world only nine days after the World Trade Center collapsed after

"The hour is coming when you will act, and you will make us proud." -President George W. Bush

hijacked planes crashed into the towers.

In Bush's 35 minute speech he was interrupted by applause 30 times.

In Carbondale, students rallied together for peace Thursday afternoon outside the Student Center. The gathering allowed students who oppose war to discuss their thoughts.

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced earlier Thursday that the number of missing people presumed dead in New York climbed to 6,333. The death toll at the Pentagon was 189, and 44 people died in the plane that crashed into the ground in Pennsylvania.

"Americans have known the casualties of war, but not at the center of a great city on a peaceful morning," Bush said.

Bush said that all evidence points to Saudi Arabian exile



LIBA SONNENSCHEIN - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore Ann Peterson, of O'Fallon, shares a hug with her friend Tish Pfeiffer during a peaceful sit-in outside the Student Center Thursday afternoon. The demonstration was an opportunity for students opposing war to share their thoughts and beliefs.

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Walker unveils vision for University

SIUC image heads President's concerns

GINNY SKALSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

President James E. Walker converses with friend Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the Faculty Association, on Thursday at the steps of Shryock Auditorium after Walker's speech on the future of the University. Daneshdoost said, "With his wonderful voice that he has (Walker) made it sound ... beautiful ... and the Faculty Association, I can promise, is going to be a major partner in achieving the goals to make SIUC a great university again."

The magic of Southern Illinois University has floated through generations of alumni, but while the foundation of the University is strong SIUC President James E. Walker knows it is not solid.

President Walker called on members of each of SIUC's campuses to build on the University's foundation during his Shared Vision for Southern Illinois University address Thursday afternoon. Walker gave the speech just about one week before his one-year anniversary at the University.

Administrators, faculty, community members and a few students filled the ground floor of Shryock Auditorium, entranced by Walker's resonant voice. He shared numerous accomplishments of SIUC's different colleges and reminded listeners of the charm the University encompasses.

He praised many campus programs, faculty members and the accomplishments of students and alumni. But he reminded the audience that enhancing the University would not be easy.

Among the top concerns was the University's image. Walker did not cite any specific blemishes, but said the positive aspects of SIUC are not heard nearly enough and, on the flipside, SIUC-Edwardsville has a positive image around its metropolitan area but is not well known outside of it.

The University's image may be hindering its role in recruitment, Walker said, and so he pledged to hire a firm to help develop and direct a strategic marketing campaign. Walker said some campus community members may not be pleased with devoting funds to better market SIUC, but said as a \$600 million-a-year operation the school must be more marketable.

"With a professional marketing initiative and with the initiatives I have discussed today, I believe many people will have much different attitudes about SIUC in the years ahead than they do today," Walker said.

While mending the campus' bruised reputation, Walker wants to boost the quality of the students attending SIUC. Walker said he wants to keep the doors open to students with diverse backgrounds, learning abilities and experiences while increasing the academic standards.

He shared his experiences as a student, noting that growing up in a public housing project could have allowed him to succumb to the ambition-smothering environment in the segregationist Alabama during the 1950s.

But a caring teacher made sure he didn't get lost and took a special interest in him, despite the fact that he could not

Simon to head 2020 Vision committee

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A committee meant to ensure that this University does not fall behind its peers. And a committee meant to ensure that the SIUC community will continue to prosper as the years progress.

"We must prepare for what I'm convinced will be a new era in higher education," Walker said in a speech before a crowded Shryock Auditorium Thursday.

As education walks down that new era, former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon will lead SIUC's initiatives to stay at the front of the

race. Walker appointed Simon, now director of the SIUC's Public Policy Institute, leader of the 2020 Vision Committee.

"I think Senator Simon is a logical choice because of his place in the University and because of his national and international reputation," Walker said.

Walker and Simon are expected to meet within the next couple of weeks to appoint other members to the committee. Walker

As most people wrinkle when they age, this University too has wrinkled. And the lines deep in the skin of SIUC show both the wisdom of years and the wear of time.

With a vision to embrace the past and look to rejuvenate tomorrow, SIUC President James E. Walker announced the creation of the 2020 Vision Committee.

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Airlines continue to cut jobs

In the wake of last week's terrorist attacks, a number of airlines are cutting jobs. United Airlines and American Airlines announced Wednesday that they will each cut as many as 20,000 workers.

United's layoff of 20 percent of the workforce, will affect all work groups, however, geographic areas are yet to be determined. United announced Thursday that the number of layoffs could go even higher, depending on the recovery of nationwide air travel.

American's layoff will affect employees of American, American Eagle and Trans World Airlines.

Boeing Co., as well as Continental and US airways, has also announced layoffs in recent days. Boeing is expected to layoff as many as 30,000 employees - 15 percent of its workforce.

Boeing had planned to deliver 538 planes this year, but numbers could be as low as 500. In 2002, deliveries are expected to be in the low 400s.



merical driver's license issued by the state of Michigan. The arrest of Al-Marabih came because the FBI enlisted the aid of banks to follow the money trail in last week's terrorist attacks.

Bush proposes immediate airline aid package

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration asked Congress Thursday to approve a plan that includes a \$5 billion emergency cash assistance package to stabilize the airline industry after the devastating effects of last week's terrorist attacks.

The four-point plan is designed to rectify the economic losses the airline suffered when the planes were grounded for several days.

Transportation Secretary Norm Mineta told Congress that the U.S. airline industry's economic viability is an "urgent and critical matter."

The administration told Congress that it also wants to develop language to protect United Airlines and American Airlines from the huge lawsuits that could drive them out of business.

In addition, the White House proposed providing the carriers with insurance against acts of war and terrorism for domestic flights.

Man linked to bin Laden arrested in Chicago

CHICAGO - A man connected to an associate of Osama bin Laden was arrested by federal agents in Chicago Wednesday night.

Nabil Al-Marabih was being held on a request from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and a warrant issued in Boston for assault with a knife. He had a com-



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 high of 82
 low of 55



Sunny
 high of 79
 low of 56



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 high of 76
 low of 50

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Mideast meeting postponed after violence

JERUSALEM, Israel - A meeting between Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was postponed Thursday after a woman was shot and killed near Bethlehem.

The meeting was arranged in response to a cease-fire called by Arafat on Tuesday.

A Palestinian group associated with Arafat's Fatah faction claimed responsibility for the drive-by shooting.

Just before the Tuesday attack, Israeli Prime Minister Sharon called U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and told him that not all the attacks had stopped.

Powell requested that he and Sharon talk again in the future to reassess the situation.

Israeli officials called off offensive operations against



the Palestinians after the cease-fire was declared.

Leaders of two militant Islamic groups said they would not honor the cease-fire.

White House rejects clerics' suggestion

KABUL, Afghanistan - A recommendation by Afghanistan's Grand Islamic Council for Taliban leadership to ask suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden to leave the country was rejected Thursday by the White House.

The president has demanded that members of the al Qaeda terrorist group, including bin Laden, be turned over to responsible authorities and for terrorist camps in Afghanistan to be closed.

The Grand Islamic Council also expressed grief over last week's attacks.

International Student Council

Soccer tournament

The ISC Soccer Tournament was first organized in 1982 and has been a tradition since.

The purpose of this tournament is to promote friendship between cultures through sports.

This year is no exception, with representative teams from all over the world participating for International Student Council Cup.

Opening Ceremony: Saturday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. Tournament will be held from September 22 till November 4 at Stehr Field (Lincoln Drive, in front of Wham Building)

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Corrections

A blotter item in Wednesday's DAILY EGYPTIAN should have read that Paul Walter Martin III, 21, was cited for driving on the sidewalk Monday at Mae Smith Circle. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Thursday's brief, "Pickneyville's mayor commits suicide," should have read that Kirwan "Karl" Heisner was found dead Tuesday morning. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

In Thursday's article, "Carbondale Task Force to face new concerns," Aaron Kleimz was misidentified. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 228 or 229.

Calendar

TODAY

Department of Speech Communication Theatre performances Sept. 20, 21, 22, 8 p.m.
 The Kleinau Theatre, 2nd floor, Communications building

Spanish Table Meeting
 Fridays, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Cafe Melange, 607 South Illinois Avenue

The French Table
 Fridays, 4:30 p.m.
 Booby's, 406 S. Illinois Ave.

Japanese Table
 Fridays, 6 p.m.
 Cafe Melange, 607 South Illinois Avenue

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Children learn family values in school

Brehm Preparatory School offers education, family

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It's 10 minutes until dinnertime in girls' dorm No. 4 at Brehm Preparatory School.

The home-like scent of bacon fills the air as Carolyn, the dorm mom, stirs two piles of the browning strips.

A girl with red curls and a pair of glasses walks into the kitchen and asks "Mom" if she needs any help.

"Butter," Carolyn says, pointing to the refrigerator. "And wash your hands."

Carolyn Brooks is one of eight full-time dorm parents at Brehm Preparatory School, 1245 E. Grand Ave.

Family values are a large part of the boarding school education offered at Brehm for students with learning disabilities. The holistic-style education covers everything from a basic junior high and high school curriculum and recreational programs to living in a family environment and investigating different types of learning disabilities.

Brehm opened in 1982, founded by Mount Vernon resident Carol Brehm, who had a son with a learning disability. Brehm was unhappy with the boarding schools on the East Coast and wanted to form a school based on the Midwest tradition of family values.

About 95 students from 27 states and four countries attend Brehm. They live in four dormitories and bounce around three academic buildings, offices and a recreation building.

"It's not common for families in the Midwest to send their children to boarding school," said Donna Collins, admissions director for Brehm Preparatory School. "It's the most normal experience possible."

The school day is like any other high school or junior high. Students ages 12 to 18 attend classes for eight hours and cannot return to their dorms during class hours. After school, students are involved in recreational activities.

Although there are no music or foreign language programs available, Brehm employees attempt to bring a variety of activities to the students or take the students there, often exposing the children to far more diverse and different things than a typical high school.

These activities include canoeing, hiking, camping, bowling, swimming and dance. One of the more unique



MARY COLLIER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students from the Brehm Preparatory School Historical Armed Combat Club practice their spear fighting skills with medieval thrusting spears Wednesday afternoon. The students try to practice every day for their upcoming demo at the parents weekend in November.

programs is the Historical Armed Combat Club.

David Hoffman, who organizes the recreation activities, began the combat club last year to teach the children about self-esteem and strength.

"The school goal is to empower the kids," Hoffman said. "For a lot of these guys who have gotten the short stick for a lot of years, it's something for them to do that makes them feel strong."

The club researches and practices the arts of medieval and Renaissance Europe, using fight manuals from that time period to recreate a lost art.

"That's part of the appeal — not only is it fun to swing swords, but there are only a handful of people [in the world] doing it," Hoffman said.

Hoffman, an alumnus of SIUC and Brehm, wanted to give something back to the school that taught him how to overcome his learning disability.

Hoffman, who has studied Korean martial arts for 18 years and has a life-long interest in the middle ages,

brought this to Brehm one year ago.

"My time here is making a difference," he said. "If they feel that their time here has been a good experience, that's great. I feel good about that."

Christie Gibbons, a 16-year-old sophomore, is in her third year at Brehm and "can't picture myself anywhere else."

Gibbons used to attend a public school in Chicago where she did not get the individualized attention found in Brehm's classrooms.

There are never more than eight students in one class at the school and teacher Suzy Ventura said the curriculum goes beyond academics with classes to help students learn about their disabilities.

Each student has a portfolio that includes information about their individual disorder, the history of that disorder, dictionary and government definitions, recent research on the problem and medication used to treat it. They also learn about the dangers involved with mixing medication and other

drugs such as alcohol, the history of those drugs and their side effects. Memory processes and the laws about their disorders along with stress management and anger issues are another segment of the holistic program at Brehm.

Ventura said the main difference between Brehm and any other high school is the individualized attention offered.

"In a public school you just don't get all this," she said.

Christie takes a minute to display a booklet of pictures from the school's last prom event and explain that in their computer classes, students can create books like these. One of the class projects is a non-yearbook. Instead of rows of students' mug shots, the non-yearbook contains informal pictures, art and poetry.

The school's up-to-date computer and digital photography equipment allow students in the class to create almost any image. Adam Rosenman, a senior, uses Adobe Photoshop to place

girls wearing Egyptian robes on camels in a desert scene.

Rosenman said before he began attending Brehm last November he had no idea what career he wanted to pursue. And now?

"This is what I want to do the rest of my life," he says while clicking the mouse to make the camel appear larger.

Home away from home is not cheap, costing \$39,150 for board and tuition annually, but most families are funded through their school districts with state aid and federal assistance.

Collins said this education is not just for the wealthy, because most of the students receive aid, and the school is also developing a scholarship program. Despite the high price, the progress students make is worth it, Collins said.

"Our whole mission is to empower students with learning disabilities and to recognize and optimize their full

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Stem cells offer hope for debilitating diseases

SIUC researcher working to cure disorders in the brain

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

On her better days, John Hataway's mother recognizes him. But even then, 78-year-old Opal still can't recall her name.

On most visits to the nursing home, though, the Alzheimer's patient doesn't know the identity of the mysterious caller who tries for her smile.

"I cry every time I go to see her," said Hataway, a resident of Olney. "But that's just part of it, I guess."

At first, Opal could not recall lit-

tle things. Now, two years after her diagnosis, she speaks "a different language." Her feet are swollen from her never-ending pilgrimage up and down the hallway. As she strolls, she stares at the floor as if she's lost something, a movement that has left her neck incapable of holding up her head.

"It's kind of like seeing somebody who's trapped," he said. "The hardest part is knowing that it's going to get progressively worse."

Alzheimer's Disease, like most neurodegenerative disorders, has no cure.

But what a scientist at the SIU School of Medicine does with rat brains in his lab in Springfield could save the lives and minds of victims like Opal.

While zealous deliberations still hinder research and application of



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JONATHAN RUSSELL - DAILY EGYPTIAN

embryonic stem cells in the public sector, scientists such as Gregory Brewer are quietly banking on the premise that adult stem cells will be sufficient to remedy debilitating diseases of the brain.

Stem cells are the body's master cells that can grow into any one of the body's more than 200 cell types, and scientists are hopeful of using them to create replacement tissue and body parts.

While SIU does not hold the

patents for any of the coveted embryonic stem cell lines, Brewer, a SIU professor of medical microbiology and immunology, has spent years manipulating adult stem cells.

First, Brewer took the grown-up cells out of rat brains to gauge how many times he could get them to divide and regenerate in culture. His

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Firemen collect donations for relief

The Carbondale Fire Department will be accepting monetary donations for New York firefighters this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fire department will be set up at McAndrew Stadium, Kroger, Wal-Mart and University Mall as well as other locations throughout Jackson County. The New York Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund is being conducted at the local level and is sponsored by the International Association of Firefighters.



TWO-STEPPIN' & STOP-TAPPIN'

Local favorite Lance Miller and Jackson Junction to play at Fred's

STORY BY BETH COLDWELL



If be it buckles, fiddle solos and cowboy boots are a part of the down-home Southern Illinois culture you've grown to love, Fred's Dance Barn is the place to be on Saturday nights.

Even if you're skeptical, Barrett Rochman, owner of Fred's, said his dance barn embodies the spirit of Southern Illinois, and that students from other areas who never go to Fred's are missing out.

"It's like staying in the dorms and never going to Giant City Park," Rochman said.

Fred's opens its doors every Saturday night to a unique mix of students and locals eager to hear a country band. This Saturday, Fred's is featuring local favorite, Lance Miller and Jackson Junction.

"Country music is poetry for the poor," Rochman said. "It has a strong beat and anybody can dance to it."

The barn-turned-dance hall has been in business since 1967, and Rochman has owned it since 1981, always preserving the barn-like atmosphere. Colorful lights hang from the rafters. Mismatched tables and chairs surround the wooden dance floor. Groups can relax in rough wooden horse stalls and enjoy the bands.

Fred's differs from the average bar because it does not serve drinks. Instead, it invites customers to bring coolers containing their favorite beverages. Rochman said that because of the "bring your own" policy and the reasonable admission price, Fred's is an affordable alternative to a night on the town.

"A couple can pay \$11 to get in and bring a



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAUNDRRA DRABANT

six-pack of whatever's on sale or two liters of soda, and that's their whole night," Rochman said. "I also like the fact that there's no pressure to drink."

Rochman is proud of what Fred's is able to offer customers and sees no need for change. "Other places change. People come back, and we're the same," he said.

Lance Miller and Jackson Junction never fail to draw a crowd. Miller, the band's lead singer, has lived and worked in Nashville, Tenn., as a professional songwriter for six years. His songs can be heard on recent albums by Clay Walker and Tracy Lawrence. Miller also records demos, which means he sings original songs to try to sell them to other artists from their albums.

Miller, originally from Fairfield, Ill., graduated from SIUC in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in radio-television. He and the rest of Jackson Junction gather at Fred's once a month to perform live. Band members are scattered throughout Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee.

"It's really more about friends than it is a band — friends who believe in what I'm doing enough to perform my material," Miller said.

Miller said that although he and the band love to introduce his original songs to the crowd at Fred's, they also realize their fans want to hear classic country hits.

"As long as I can still do some Merle Haggard, I don't mind doing some cover tunes," Miller said. "It's nice going up there and seeing how they respond to the original songs."

While Miller's career in song writing and recording grows, he still has a passion for entertaining at venues like Fred's.

"As long as we're on the earth breathing, I know I can come up there and get my fix of playing live," Miller said.

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The Results are in!

Here are the results to the Best of Carbondale Survey

Best place to eat after leaving the bars:

Winston's Bagels

Best classroom in which to nap:

Lawson Hall

Shortest food line in student center:

Chicago Hot Dogs

Best pizza in Carbondale:

Quatras

Most popular beer:

Bud Light

Best bar to hear live bands:

Pinch Penny Pub/Copper Dragon

Quickest food delivery:

Jimmy John's

Best store for textbook deals:

710 Bookstore

Best spot on campus to eye members of the opposite sex:

Recreation Center

Best coffeehouse ambiance:

Longbranch

Best bookstore for browsing:

Barnes & Noble

JONATHAN RUSSELL - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Award-winning author to have book signing

Hill Hearth promotes her newest book, 'In a World Gone Mad'

BRIAN PEACH
DAILY EGYPTIAN



Award-winning author and journalist Amy Hill Hearth will make an appearance at SIUC Tuesday for the release of her latest book, "In a World Gone Mad."

She will speak at the University Museum Auditorium at 3:30, and a book signing will follow at 4:30.

Hearth's newest non-fiction book is an account of a Jewish couple who lived through the Holocaust and survived by masquerading as Christians while working for the anti-Nazi Underground during World War II.

Abingdon Press described the book as an "unusual tale of false identities, chilling close calls and staying one step ahead of the enemy."

Jonathan Wiesen, assistant professor of history at SIUC, is an expert on German and Holocaust history and said it should be interesting to read

about this couple, especially since Hearth had to interview them about pretending to be Christians, while she is a Christian herself.

"It seems she's able to establish a rapport with this couple," Wiesen said after reading selections from the book. "She has an amazing ability to draw people out in interviews."

Hearth has written three New York Times bestsellers, including "Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years," which stayed on the best-seller list for a record 105 weeks and sold more than 3 million copies in the United States.

After the success of her first book on the Delany sisters, who were daughters of a slave in the late 1800s, Hearth collaborated with them to write a best-selling sequel. She then wrote a third book on one of the sister's life after the other passed away at the age of 104.

Before becoming an author, Hearth was a regular contributing reporter for the New York Times. From 1989 to 1992, Hearth's articles, including one on the sisters, appeared in the newspaper. When a publicist asked her to do the sisters' biography she was dissuaded from doing it by colleagues. In a past interview, Hearth said she did it because she was stubborn and felt like doing it for the sake of history.

Hearth has written for and

appeared in various magazines and journals — both before and after her success in the literary world. A couple of her articles appeared in American Heritage and the Smithsonian magazine.

Her first book raked in numerous awards and nominations, was adapted to the Broadway stage and became a television film.

Hearth is now a member of the Author's Guild of America and the American Society of Journalists and Authors. She has said in interviews she still loves talking about the Delany sisters and has lectured extensively on them.

At the book signing in the University Museum Auditorium Tuesday, students may pick up "In a World Gone Mad" before it is available in stores and have it signed by Hearth.

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BOOK ET!

Hearth will lecture at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 25, in the University Museum Auditorium. A signing will follow at 4:30 p.m.



'Hardball' hits double but no home run

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"Hardball" starring Keanu Reeves and Diane Lane. Rated PG-13.



Watching "Hardball" I couldn't help but be reminded of "The Mighty Ducks" — a selfish and self-destructive man forced to coach a group of rag-tag youths who help him turn his life around.

Yeah, I liked "The Mighty Ducks," but then again, I was 12.

Maybe I'm about a decade too old to appreciate shameless plot turns or be swayed by dramatic speeches. Or maybe it isn't just me.

"Hardball" stars Keanu Reeves as Conor O'Neill, a compulsive gambler and borderline alcoholic whose only concern is like, if the Bulls cover the spread, dude. He's flat broke and in way over his head with the local bookies. He has to come up with the cash he owes and fast, or else some greasy goomba's gonna break his legs.

His yuppie stockbroker friend offers him \$500 a week to coach a baseball team made up of inner-city kids. Desperate, he agrees, and (you guessed it) ends up getting more than he bargained for.

This is where the movie shifts from "Bad News Bears" to "Dangerous Minds." These kids



know more four-letter words than George Carlin. But that's to be expected — they're from the projects, after all.

Their days consist of dodging the gang members who haunt their hallways. Practice ends as soon as the sun sets because they're terrified to walk home after dark. There's no furniture in their dilapidated apartments — everyone always sits on the floor to stay below the win-

dows and stray bullets. They hear a gunshot and can instantly identify the make and model of the gun.

In these boys' lives, there has never been any peace. And the movie asks the audience to believe they need only the love of Reeves to turn them into winners.

Actually, it's not as bad as it sounds, at least when it's not hitting you like a baseball bat with

poignancy. The film's main flaw is that it's content to be nothing more than a genre picture, and the audience is always aware of the formula. There's the obligatory love interest with the local teacher (Lane), the obligatory drive-by tragedy, the obligatory winning season and the same scenes we've seen a million times before.

And I swear, if Keanu Reeves can get a movie role, I can too. His character's life is essentially in danger, but there's no sense of desperation about him. We never get an explanation as to what drives him to gamble or why he turns his life around, except for his coaching stint. And he doesn't interact with the kids enough to validate that plot point.

So it's really no surprise that he gets out-acted by a bunch of 10-year-olds, who turn out to be the saving grace of the movie, most notably Michael Perkins, DeWayne Warren and Julian Griffith. They're tough on the outside but vulnerable inside, and for all their trash talking, they're good kids.

There's enough to like in "Hardball," but not quite enough. The cute kids can't save a movie that has no ambition, and Reeves is dangerously close to losing any credibility he might have gained a couple of years ago.

Let's hope "The Matrix" sequel is on its way. And soon, dude.

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Parents, siblings come for SIUC Family Weekend

BETH COLDWELL
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In MacGyver fashion, students and parents will transform 12 drinking straws into a protective structure that will keep an egg safe through an 8-foot fall during the Great American Egg Drop Saturday morning.

The egg drop is one of the many activities slated for the annual SIUC Family Weekend, which begins today. The weekend is packed with sports, art, entertainment and many activities that are sure to appeal to students and their families.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the Saluki Volleyball team will take on Wichita State at Davies Gymnasium. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for high school students and younger and free to SIUC students with a student ID.

Saturday morning, students can take their families to the Big Tent in the free forum area between McAndrew Stadium and Anthony Hall for Family Weekend registration, free food, entertainment and prizes. Students may enter

to win a \$500 deposit to their Debit Dawg account.

Students and their families can participate in tailgating activities before the Saluki Football team plays Murray State at McAndrew Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the football game are \$11 for adults, \$5 for high school students and younger and free for SIUC students with a student ID.

According to Gary Egan, executive director of the Student Programming Council, SPC is responsible for three major family weekend events, including a hypnotist, an art show and a film.

Hypnotist Fredrick Winters will be in the Student Center Ballroom B Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$3 for general admission.

"I can guarantee that it will thrill and amaze the students and families," Egan said.

SIUC students' art will be on display Saturday in the Student Center Art Alley at the Parents' Choice Art Show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Students may enter works of art in the show by taking them to the Student Center Ballrooms. Parents can

vote on their three favorite works. Awards will be given to the top three choices and will be announced at 7 p.m. in Art Alley.

For families who want to relax and watch a movie, The Nutty Professor II will be shown in the Student Center Auditorium Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Families can also take advantage of free rowboat, paddle boat and canoe rentals at the Campus Lake boat docks, sales at the University Bookstore, the Family Weekend Craft Sale in the Student Center and reduced rates for Bowling and Billiards in the Student Center.

Campus Tours will be given from the Student Center at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

"It's like a smorgasbord of activities for people to choose from," said Don Castle, University programming coordinator. "The most important thing is to have fun with the families."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

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The Urge to play at Copper Dragon

Popular funk band The Urge will take the stage at 10 tonight at the Copper Dragon Brewing Company located next to Pinch Penny Pub.

Local coffeehouse offering weekend entertainment

Andrew Kerr will bring his blend of folk, rock and comedy to Longbranch Coffeehouse at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$5 or \$3 with a student ID.



Dylan's new album finds best of both worlds

GEOFFREY RITTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN



If there is a happy medium between love and theft, I would expect Bob Dylan to be the one to find it.

After all, this is a musician whose 40-year career on stage has been almost an exercise in bipolar music. One moment it's love. Next it's revolution and love slipping away with cold, icy steps. Rarely have the two walked hand-in-hand. This isn't meant to insult — in his time Dylan has found the best of both worlds — but seldom have the two existed together in a coherent format.

But ... as have changed, so to speak. On his 43rd studio release, titled "Love and Theft," Dylan walks a fine line between the two and comes off with a sweet little victory. I won't mince words here: this is a damn fine album. Short, sweet and to the point, even for those not familiar with Dylan's entire library of work. And there is a balance to it that doesn't always strike in his past music, a casual ambience that is both giddy and desperate.

The music itself is nothing new — an eclectic throwback to a handful of musical styles including blues, ragtime and good old rock 'n roll. But what feels so right about the whole package is the cool romanticism of it all, sounding almost as if it were recorded in a dusty 1920s pool hall.

Songs like "Floater (Too Much To Ask)" bleed a vaudevillian charm, while others like "Summer Days" and "Lonesome Day Blues"

happily display Dylan's characteristically surreal blues riffs.

Most surprising is how effortless each little gem feels, as if Dylan spit these things out off the top of his head. This isn't to imply that these are shallow and underdeveloped tunes — quite the contrary; they feel catchy and rather innovative for all their simplicity. In between bongo choruses and banjo licks, Dylan's tunes also find time for surprising tempo changes ("Floater," again) and unusual melodies ("Iweddle Dee & Iweddle Dum"), but still manage to keep a calm, collected flow throughout the entire album.

The musicians, as can be expected, are right on the money. Dylan uses his touring band to great success, and Clay Meyers shows up on two songs with sharp, little bongo rhythms. As for the man himself, things have definitely changed. His voice, which has always been known for its characteristic, and sometimes obnoxious, croon, is hoarse and dry here. A raspiness brought from too many cigarettes, too many songs on the stage, but one that easily slips into the decor of this entire album.

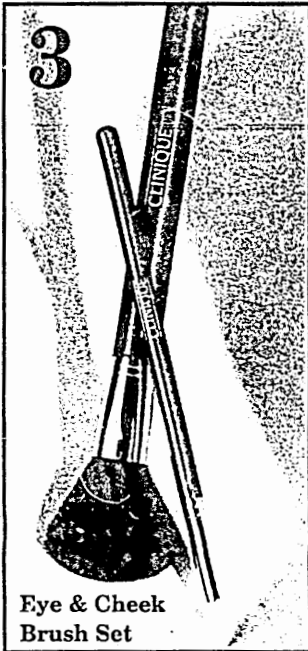
There are few other things to say. This is a tight little effort that drips of charm. Nothing that will reverberate as some of Dylan's greatest work, to be sure, but nonetheless a piece that feels coherent, cozy and casual all at once. And the laid back mellowness of it is what may make this a good steal for everyone, even those who don't usually drool for Dylan's folksy concerts of revolutions and lost loves. "Love and Theft" isn't too hot. It isn't too cold. In fact, it may be about as close to "just right" as anyone can get.

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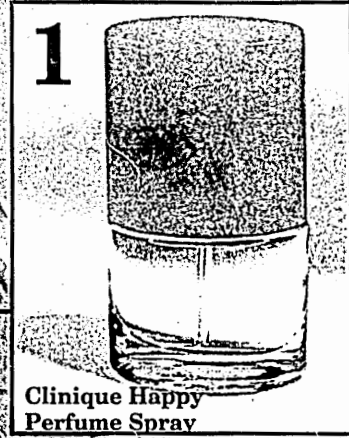
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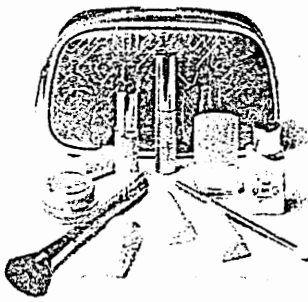
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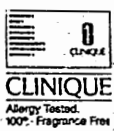
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USG senate approves GPA criteria change

Constitution amendment passed by senate; GPA requirement lowered

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government officials will no longer be held to higher academic standards than the students they represent.

An approved amendment to the USG Constitution eliminated the 2.25 grade point average requirement that student government officials have traditionally been required to maintain.

Although the 2.25 GPA requirement has been eliminated, USG officials will still be required to have good academic standing required for all SIUC students, which includes maintaining a 2.0 GPA.

USG President Michael Perry will convene at an undecided date with USG's judicial board to review the amendment and ensure no legal problems will arise from approving the amendment.

Erik Wiatr, one of the senators who supported the change, discussed how the

GPA requirement discriminates against disadvantaged people of lower social or economic classes, which reduces student representation.

About 45 percent of black students cannot serve, Wiatr said, emphasizing how many school systems have less money to spend on students when they are in elementary and high school.

Twenty percent of white students are ineligible to serve on USG, with a 10 percent ineligibility rate for the student body overall, something that concerns Wiatr.

"Take a look around and guess why we are such a white senate," Wiatr said.

The amendment did not pass without disagreement among the student body. Amanda Cortes, a USG senator, voiced reasons for why the amendment should not be supported.

"If you lower the requirement, you send a message of, focus on USG; don't focus on education," Cortes said.

USG senator Mary Wallace observed that government officials in higher levels do not have educational requirements.

"I'm not pushing for slackers. All students should have the option to get involved in student government," Wallace said. "To be a senator in the federal gov-

ernment, you do not have to graduate from high school."

The efforts to eliminate the GPA requirement are nothing new, said Rob Taylor, a former USG senator.

Taylor can remember when another former USG senator supported a failed attempt to eliminate the GPA requirement five years ago.

And Taylor was arrested last February at a USG meeting after protesting when informed that he was no longer eligible to sit on the senate.

Taylor said one problem with the GPA resolution is "selective enforcement" of the requirement and not applying the rule equally for all students.

"This has directly affected me," Taylor said. "The amendment is a good start towards better student government."

Gus Bode



Gus says: Since when did USG stand for Unsatisfactory Grades?

Few absenses at USG meeting

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In a sharp contrast with last year's student government, the Undergraduate Student Government had a strong senate presence at Wednesday night's meeting.

With the exception of Senator Maggie Jefferson, all of USG's senators were present at the meeting, something Erik Wiatr did not experience that often during his involvement with USG last year.

"Last year, there were problems making sure we had enough senators present," said Wiatr, a USG senator who served during Bill Archer's administration.

At least half of the senators are required to be present for a meeting to take place. And although meetings last year were never canceled, Wiatr said this year is still a nice change.

"The high attendance is a good sign for USG and for students," Wiatr said.

USG President Michael Perry said he is pleased with the high attendance at the meetings.

"Last year, a lot of people did not show at USG meetings because they didn't want to sit through five-hour meetings with apathy building up," Perry said.

Perry said he has had many people tell him how much they appreciate the efficiency and professionalism at USG meetings.

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TEMS Program awards nine students for education

Students strive to improve science, math education

MIKE PETTIT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Quality education in math and science is necessary in today's world of advancement, and good teachers can be hard to find, but Jennifer Ebers is one SIU student who wants to help change that.

Ebers is one of nine students recently recognized for her efforts in the advancement of math and science education and was awarded \$2,000 as part of the TEMS scholarship.

The TEMS program (Teaching Excellence in Mathematics and Science) was founded at SIU in 1997 with the help of a planning group from the College of Science. It was initiated to help improve math and science education in elementary, middle and high schools.

Rebuilding the curriculum for math and science education to improve the skills of future ma-



I think people tend to be scared of math and science because they seem to be difficult.



Andrew Lumpe
director, TEMS Program

and science teachers is one of the main concerns of the program.

"We felt like the curriculum was outdated, and that it wasn't meeting the needs of local K through 12 schools," said Andrew Lumpe, director of the TEMS program and an associate professor for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Lumpe said a lot of unqualified people are teaching math and science in schools, such as a qualified biology teacher being hired to teach physics.

"A lot of that gets sneaked under the rug," Lumpe said.

Improving the skills of future math and science

teachers is the major initiative of the program, but upgrading the physical facilities, collaborating with local school districts and recruiting more students into math and science education are other goals TEMS wants to reach.

"I think people tend to be scared of math and science because they seem to be difficult," Lumpe said.

Lumpe has teamed up with faculty from the College of Science to make the program a cross-campus initiative.

As a member of the TEMS task force, math professor Mary Wright, is helping to redesign courses that involve math content and the art of

teaching.

"That's going to be an adventure," said Wright, who may teach the courses in the future.

Ebers, a junior in secondary math education from Sparta, thinks that TEMS will be a benefit to the future of education.

"It'll help more students to become better math and science teachers," Ebers said.

With family in the education field, Ebers knows the importance of education and wants to make her contribution.

"I want to help other students like math better," Ebers said.

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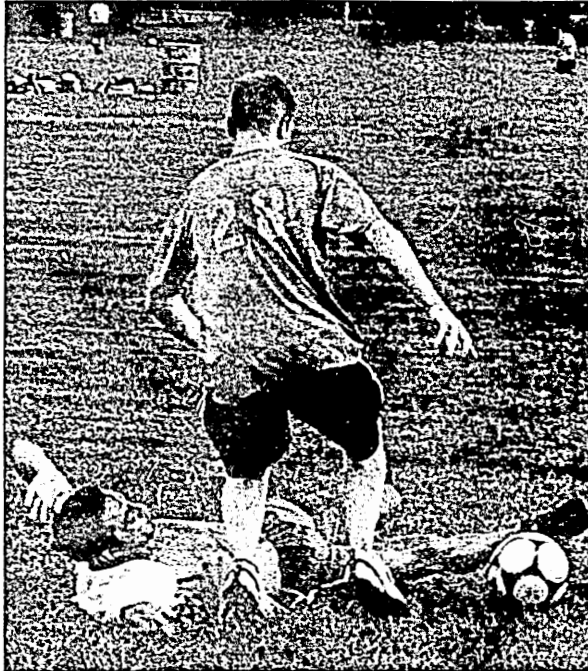
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International students kick off soccer tournament



STEVE JANHKE/DAILY EGYPTIAN

An example of fierce competition among teammates, a couple of players from the Greek soccer team practice at the fields behind the Parish School in Carbondale on Thursday evening. The team will join nine others on Saturday for the 25th Annual International Student Council Soccer Tournament.

JANE HUH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Soccer will make an uproarious comeback this weekend.

Teams representing international diversity are gearing up for a season of mad competition while promoting cross-cultural sportsmanship.

The International Student Council kicks off their 25th annual soccer tournament Saturday at Stehr Field on Lincoln Drive.

According to Argus Tong, vice president of International Student Council, the tournament is starting off on the right foot.

"It'll be better this year only because the planning started in the summer and we have more teams this year than in the previous year," Tong said.

The opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. A moment of silence honoring the victims of last Tuesday's attacks will precede an address by Jared Dorn, director of International Programs and Services and Saidou Hangadumbo, president of International Student Council.

With all 10 teams present for the ceremony, the speakers will emphasize "fair play and friendship," said Hangadumbo.

"The goal is to bring everyone together and create friendships."

A women's soccer team exhibition will also be introduced to the crowd before the first match. Hangadumbo said the council is looking for more female soccer players to form a women's international soccer tournament.

The first match between US Victory and Africa will follow the ceremony's closing at 10:30 a.m. and Japan and Korea's match starting at 12:30 p.m.

Teams are evenly divided into two pools, with five teams in each pool. After a match, the winning team advances for a match against the

other pool's team of equal standing.

This year, teams are anticipating mass support from the community.

"We think the turnout will be high. We are very optimistic," he said.

Players have been devoting much of their time practicing for the tournament. Some even met over the summer break, honing their soccer skills.

"Soccer is the main international sport," Hangadumbo said. "It's a big deal for them. The first thing they ask us is if there's a soccer team on campus."

The tournament will come to an end in November, the month of the cup finals.

Hangadumbo foresees other types of athletic competitions to be underway for other international students who have expressed an interest in other sports.

"We're trying to have other sport clubs like martial arts and basketball. It's just a matter of time and people to help us," he said.

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said it will be a diverse committee of people from the SIUC community and also people from outside, possibly including international leaders.

The committee meant to "keep our vision focused" will also work to repair the damaged image of SIU that Walker said "has overshadowed the good things on campus."

"Ask people in this state, especially in the Chicago area, what they think of [SIUC] and what do you hear?" Walker said. "You don't hear nearly enough about the great things I have discussed today; about all we have going for us and our students."

Walker did not say what caused the negative image of SIUC. Perhaps he was alluding to the Halloween riots that erupted on the

streets last fall, the ongoing battle about salary between the faculty and administration, or the instability in top campus leadership.

Whatever the cause, Walker is optimistic that teamwork can be a band-aid for the wounded SIUC image and the 2020 Vision Committee can help this University focus on its teaching potentials.

Other committees announced by Walker on Thursday:

- Walker created a task force to foster better communication between the SIUC campuses. The task force will recommend opportunities for joint degree programs, research opportunities, conferences, workshops and outreach services. Walker appointed former Board of Trustees member Bill Norwood as head of the committee, and other members are expected to be appointed by October 15. Walker said he expects

We must prepare for what I'm convinced will be a new era in higher education.

James Walker
 president, SIU

recommendations by the end of May, 2002.

"In addition, Walker announced the establishment of a Committee on Health Education and Related Health Matters. Walker said the committee will ensure "coordinated academic program planning and will make recommendations regarding new policy directions."

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Murray State University Racers vs. Southern Illinois University Salukis



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Marching Salukis add patriotism to performance

All hail the red, white and blue: Game day show dedicated to victims of terrorist attacks

During halftime, the band will play a Latin jazz song to celebrate the diversity of the United States. After the more upbeat song, the band will take a more serious tone and play "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as its tribute to the American spirit.

In times of national tragedy, patriotic music warms the soul and unites American citizens. On Saturday, the Marching Salukis plan on using their talents to do just that for the SIU community.

For a change, Bough will be directing the band during this song. Bough said he wanted to be involved in the tribute because so many of his students and colleagues were affected by the recent events. He said this performance will be particularly profound.

The Salukis' first home football game will include a special patriotic performance by the Marching Salukis. During the pregame performance, the band will present a dramatic version of its nationally acclaimed "Saluki Salute to America," which is the introduction of "America the Beautiful" followed by the National Anthem.

"It starts out very soft and ends very loud," Bough said. "The students are just pouring their guts into it. It's very intense."

Thomas Bough, director of the band, said the band wanted to do something special in honor of those affected by the country's recent tragedy.

Drum Major Dawn Phillips said the band decided to have a special performance when the excitement level at practice on the day of the attacks was low.

"We're just trying to pay tribute to the people who were killed," Bough said.

"We all felt different emotions and we needed something to get us past it," Phillips said. "We thought it would do something good for the University."

Saturday's performance will be dedicated to the victims of last week's attacks and those who serve the United States. The band's drum captain will play a muffled drum roll, the traditional musical tribute for fallen comrades.

Phillips said playing music is a way to work through some of the stress and emotions created by last week's events.

Bough said that music is a part of all Americans and it can help to deal with tragic events.

"It gives us a sense of pride, something to relate to," Phillips said. "Patriotic music is something we all have in common. It's something we have in common with the people in New York and Washington, D.C."

"Music is part of what brings us together as a culture and as Americans," Bough said. "It's only natural that in times of crisis that we look for ways to feel a part of each other."

Phillips, along with the rest of the Marching Salukis, wants to use her musical abilities to help SIU and the community cope with the difficult emotions of the past week and a half.

John Manion, a trumpet player, said the Marching Salukis special performance will help people deal with last week's events.

"We've added something to our show to show people in the community that we're doing what we can," Phillips said. "We can help ease the pain in the community through the music we play."

"What I've seen is people usually turn to patriotic things, mainly because it's one thing that makes us all the same," Manion said. "It's going to be interesting and really tense."

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JENS DEJU
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It is a common sight to see fans grilling their brats, hot dogs and burgers and drinking their beers while waiting for their favorite sporting events to start.

This American institution is called tailgating. Tailgating is no stranger to Carbondale as Saluki fans can be seen grilling and having a good time on glorious autumn afternoons in preparation for SIU football games to kick off.

However, in the past, once the games began, those fans were forced to either leave the parking lot or enter

McAndrew Stadium.

This year, things will be different. SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk worked with the University to take off the knot that has been tied around the necks of local tailgaters.

"We've been able to, with cooperation with the University administration, loosen up some of the controls that have been placed on the tailgating situation which I think will play well with our fans," Kowalczyk said.

The new policy will no longer mandate that fans either enter the stadium or leave as they were in the past. If they want to, they can now stay outside partying in the parking lot for the duration of the game.

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will want to eventually enter the gates and watch the game.

"It's pretty good, but the essence of tailgating is not just to get drunk. You're there as a fan of the team and the Athletic Department," said Brad Ruble, a senior in civil engineering from Pittsfield who is a regular ail-gater at SIU football games. "So in that sense, you should want to go to the game and not just stay outside partying, but for those who just want to party, to have that option is good."

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill said he thinks the new rules will help get the people of Carbondale more excited for games, and he is all for that.

"Game day on Saturday, you'd like to see the whole town of Carbondale lit up with flags, make it a big deal. We don't have that many big events here in this area and we need to make it a big event and a big social time," Kill said.

Kill said he isn't worried about the fans just staying outside all day instead of coming into the stadium,

Game day on Saturday, you'd like to see the whole town of Carbondale lit up with flags, make it a big deal.

Jerry Kill
head coach, SIU football

adding it is the team's responsibility to give them a reason to come inside.

"Shoot, if we don't do a good job, I'm gonna be outside eating hot dogs with them," Kill said. "We gotta give them a reason to get in here ... it may take some time, but if we treat them right while they're here and we play hard and they hear some good things, then they'll get tired of eating their ol' hot dog and they'll come in and watch us play."

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STEM CELLS

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preliminary findings, published in the September 1999 issue of "Experimental Neurology," showed that neurons are packed with proliferative potential.

In only five days, 50 brain cells from adult rats became 500 cells, and more than 50 percent of those went on to grow neuron-like fibers.

His findings add to a growing body of work that dispel the long-held notion that damaged nerve cells in the brain cannot come back from the dead. Neural stem cells have been identified in the human brain, which had always been considered a tissue with no regenerative capacity. In addition, tissue stem cells can morph into cells beyond their original characteristics.

"The prejudice, the dogma, was that brain cells do not regenerate, that we only have so many neurons. After that it's downhill," Brewer said. "Well, very clearly that's not the case now. There are dozens of cases that refute that."

Brewer believes the cures are already within our own bodies and not in a foreign embryo. He said his research with adult stem cells has already helped demonstrate that the older cells fare well enough.

"The data seem to be suggesting that cells from any age animal are as good as getting them from an embryo," he said. "There are other sources of stem cells present in your body right now. They exist in every organ in your body. It keeps your organs regenerating and healthy."

Since adult liver cells generate other liver cells, scientists feared that, unlike the embryonic variety, adult cells couldn't switch careers. For instance, adult liver cells couldn't act as skin cells.

But recent studies support Brewer's claim that adult cells have the same promise. In mice, adult bone-marrow cells have produced neurons, liver cells, lung cells, gastrointestinal cells and even cardiac cells to replace damaged tissue.

But adult stem cells multiply slower than embryonic, and may not provide the renewing source of replacement cells needed for some afflictions such as arthritis. Also, some scientists doubt the validity of adult stem cell testing, and the body of research is not yet substantial enough to convince the world.

The Geron Corp. asserts that researchers need embryonic stem cells because they are pluripotent, meaning

they can develop into all cells and tissues in the body and because they multiply or replicate indefinitely.

"This capability for self-renewal is a unique characteristic that distinguishes human embryonic stem cells from all other stem cells discovered to date in humans," the corporation's product development statement says. "Other stem cells such as blood or gut stem cells express telomerase at very low levels or only periodically; they therefore age, limiting their use in research or therapeutic applications. [Embryonic stem cells] are expected to be a continuous source of normal cells for replacement tissues in the future."

Proponents such as Nancy Reagan and Michael J. Fox have pushed for leaving pro-life sentiments aside in the battle to beat neurodegenerative afflictions. Some see little difference from abortion and harvesting embryos to nab their cells, even if they are left-over from in-vitro fertilization efforts.

But many in the scientific community believe that embryonic stem cells have more potential than their mature counterparts.

Ethical issues aside, there are still kinks to be worked out.

When President Bush opened up research for existing embryonic stem cell lines last month, there were an estimated 64 that would be viable for research.

But many of them have not progressed beyond the earliest stages. The number has since dwindled down to about 23. Hearings before the Senate Health Committee were originally set for this week to determine the precise number that will be available for both research and application, but they were delayed because of the terrorist attacks.

The committee also sought to determine whether patents and legal obstacles will restrict use and whether some of the cells have been tainted by exposure to mouse cells and bovine serum. To grow the lines, scientists nourished them with mouse cells that had been killed with radiation. This is standard laboratory procedure, but the cells could harbor viruses that would infect people.

The National Academy of Sciences report, released Sept. 11, "Stem Cells and the Future of Regenerative Medicine," said that embryonic stem cells tend to accumulate mutations the longer they live in laboratory dishes, rendering them less useful both as research tools and as treatments for disease.

The report concluded that new colonies would have to be produced if

the cells are to be transplanted in humans because of the danger involved with raising them in mixtures with animal cells.

Researchers at public institutions, unlike their private counterparts, are hindered when it comes to embryonic research by Bush's decision to allow only existing stem cell lines to be researched. Meanwhile, academic researchers will plug along with the older and less notorious brothers of embryonic stem cells.

They will soon make the transition with adult stem cells — introducing them to human tissue. Brewer estimates that human application will begin within the next three years. As of now, researchers are putting animals to the test.

Next year, Brewer will begin grafting his coaxed adult brain cells into the brains of sick rats to see if they recover, regenerate and stay tumor free. The School of Medicine is looking to the National Science Foundation for the funding that will make this next crucial step possible.

"We expect the neurons to survive and integrate into normal tissue without causing disruptions," Brewer said. "We need to see that they contribute to the recovery function."

Stem cells have already been grafted successfully into eyes and bone, and there have been other engineered cells put into brains. Scientists have harvested embryonic brain cells from embryos acquired in late-term abortions for the last decade to try to cure Parkinson's disease. While Brewer is concentrating on the brain, he joins the ranks of scientists around the world in pursuit of a cure through adult stem cells.

He believes his long days in the lab warding off rodent hairs may mean better days for those afflicted with neurodegenerative diseases, perhaps without the convenience of embryonic cells, but with less ethical implications attached.

"In about three to five years, people who develop a brain tumor, have a stroke, or get Alzheimer's, we would be able to repair some of the damaged circuits affected in the brain," he said. "It gives you motivation for doing the work. A person is lucky if you can come to one such contribution in your career."

Hataway said he doesn't care where they get the cells from if they could help people like his mother.

"If it works enough to retrieve some sort of a decent life, that would be hope for millions of people."

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CDC focuses on bioterrorism

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ST. LOUIS (U-WIRE) — Hours after terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention sent an alert to local and state health departments, urging them to keep an eye on unusual disease patterns associated with the events, including those caused by chemical and biological agents.

There has been no sign of such an outbreak, but Americans' fears are heightened, and people are naturally asking, "What could come next?"

Bruce Clements is the associate director of Saint Louis University's Center for the Study of Bioterrorism and Emerging Infections, which is funded by the CDC. He said that the Center, located in the School of Public Health, has been responding to calls from the media and from

various health officials looking for information on bioterrorism since last week's attack.

"What happened last week is really relevant to what we do here," Clements said. He went on to argue that the attacks are a signal of a change in terrorists' goals.

"Terrorists aren't just interested in catching headlines anymore," he explained.

"In the past, the goal wasn't mass casualties. Now that [terrorists] are interested in hurting as many people as possible, biological terrorism is more likely," Clements continued.

If an attack were to occur either by foreign enemies or domestic terrorists, it would most likely come in the form of an aerosol release of a deadly or potentially deadly disease such as anthrax, small pox or plague.

Clements said that right now the best preparation we can have is a good public-health structure that is "well-staffed, well-equipped and well-trained. The goal of the Center is to help facilitate that."

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Well-published writers, poet Joel Brouwer and novelist Brady Udall will now share with SIUC students the creativity that garnered them each \$20,000 National Endowment Grants.

The English Department has hired the professionals to teach and share their wisdom with students in poetry and fiction writing.

Brouwer caught attention as a poet in literary journals and magazines, but his compilation of poems in "Exactly What Happened" brought him literary praise, as he hopes his next set of works in "Centuries," which is due out next year, will do as well.

Brouwer was among 20 other poets in 2000 to get the grant so he could take time off of work to write. His ideas for poems come from a range of topics.

"When you're a poet, everything is relevant and potential material," he said.

In his first book, Brouwer found that newspaper headlines and historic events were springboards for the creative process.

"With every story there are other stories that are under and around the story," he said. "With poetry you can use your imagination with that."

Brouwer said he wrote terrible poems in high school, but a college professor motivated him to stick with it.

As a professor, Brouwer taught poetry at a number of other schools including the University of Wisconsin and the University of Alabama.

Now, a teacher of SIUC poetry classes, Brouwer says he is still inspired by his favorite poets: Robert Frost, W.H. Auden and W.B. Yeats.

"The three are like 800-pound gorillas that



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brady Udall and Joel Brouwer stand outside of their office in the English department in Faner. Udall a professional novelist and Brouwer a professional poet, are both assistant professors this year.

are sitting on my shoulders every time I write saying, 'you're never going to be as good as us,'" Brouwer said.

The English Department's other new professional writer never thought he would end up here. Brady Udall came to the University because a friend told him there was an opening and the school was a great place to work.

Now that he's here as an assistant professor, Udall is glad he came. Though English is not his true love, Udall doesn't mind being a teacher, and he says that teaching writing is teaching a trade.

"I didn't care about English," Udall said. "I

just wanted to write."

Like Brouwer, Udall has also received recognition for his works and has been published in magazines such as GQ and The Paris Review. He also won a Playboy contest for a fiction writing. Two novels, "Letting Loose the Hounds," and his newest, "The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint," have also fueled his success as a writer.

His second novel is one of the top ten books in France, and Udall is going on a book tour in Europe on Friday to promote it.

"For some reason my books do better in other countries than here," Udall said.

Despite this, Udall's works were good enough to garner him the Endowment grant he received in 1999.

For his novels, Udall picks fiction topics that interest him and are compelling enough to write about. Native Americans and Indian reservations such as the Indian Country of northeastern Arizona where he grew up are among topics he brings up in stories.

"That's the stuff that's rich," Udall said. "I love telling stories."

Udall became interested in writing when he was a child, due in part to his mother being an English teacher.

"If it wasn't for [mother], I'd be working in a gas station," Udall said.

He also attributes his talent to personal character traits he had growing up.

"I was always a very good liar," Udall said. "Writing fiction seemed like a good way to go."

Udall studied in Iowa's Writer's Workshop while earning his master's degree at the University of Iowa, which has produced numerous writers in the past 65 years including Robert Frost and Robert Penn Warren.

Now working on a new novel, Udall decided to write about polygamy. His grandfather was a polygamist and the topic interests him.

"You write about things that obsess you; the things you continually think about," Udall said.

Both Brouwer and Udall plan to continue teaching at SIUC and already have classes for next semester lined up. But for those outside of the classroom, Udall offers some free advice for writers everywhere.

"Most good writing comes from imagination, not experience," he said. "Work hard and don't take yourself too seriously. Have fun."

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BREHM

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potential," she said. "We want them to become independent learners. Once you get control of your learning disability, you can compete with anyone else in the work world."

Bridget Haberman has a ninth-grade son attending Brehm and said her son's school district pays the tuition and fees. Haberman hired a lawyer to fight for her son's free education.

"It's the school district's responsibility to make available a continuum of options," Haberman said. "In my view, your child only has one life and if you don't get them the appropriate education, that's it. It's worth any-

thing and everything."

Haberman said the prices at Brehm are typical of private schools and that children with learning disabilities often cannot survive and flourish in a public school. She has seen many academic and social changes in her son since he started Brehm two years ago.

"He went from hating his peers to learning to make friends," she said.

Back in the dorms at dinner time, Carolyn is finishing up the scrambled eggs to go with the pancakes, bacon, toast and fruit that are the night's dinner.

"Mom" said before she came to Brehm she was always involved with children, but here she has found a home.

"I like the family environment we

have here," she said. "I get to know all the kids."

Being in charge of 18 girls is no easy feat, but she shares the responsibility with another full-time dorm mom. The two parents share a two-bedroom efficiency apartment within in the dormitory building, surrounded by girls' bedrooms.

Each bedroom contains two girls (or two boys in the other dormitories) and the appropriate decorations, looking as any dorm room would with desks, chairs, beds and dressers. Most also have computers, but there is only one Internet hookup and two phones in each dorm building.

The girls scamper in and out of the kitchen offering help or surveying the progress.

Carolyn said the only bad part of her job is the madness that can overtake junior high and high school girls.

"Attitudes, attitudes, attitudes," she says with a laugh. "I know it's normal, but it can be stressful."

Stress is why the girls have a social skills meeting on Thursday evenings, working on conflict resolution, organizational tips and learning to live with a houseful of girls.

Carolyn exudes patience as she explains to the girl burning toast that not everyone enjoys toast that dark. Throwing a towel over her shoulder, she stoops to open the oven door. The pancakes are done warming and everything else is nearly finished. She calls down the hall that dinner is ready and a stampede of girls invades

the kitchen to begin hand-washing.

During dinner announcements are made about whose turn it is to do the chores, and the resulting confusion is settled by a chore list hanging in the hallway. Conversation turns to guys and food and how much a girl should eat in front of a guy on a date.

Mom and her assistant remind everyone to calm down and begin their evening ritual "thank yous." As each girl pipes up with her response, the girls slow down for a second, thinking about what they wish to say.

Molly "Sky" Pelham is thankful for being at Brehm.

"It's like having 18 big and little sisters," she said. "It's one big family."

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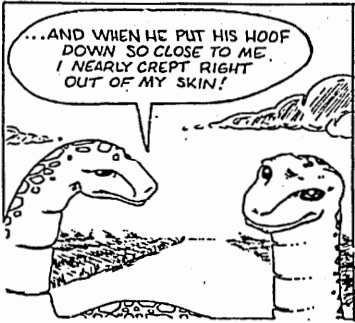
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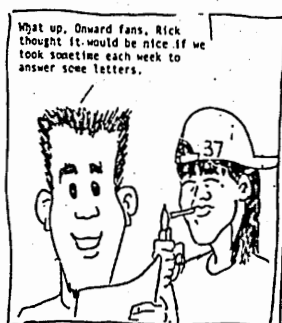
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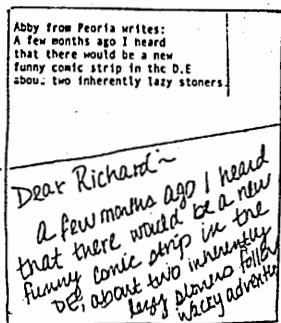


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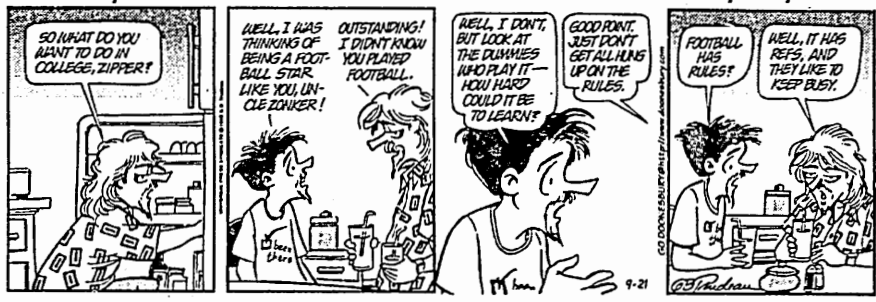
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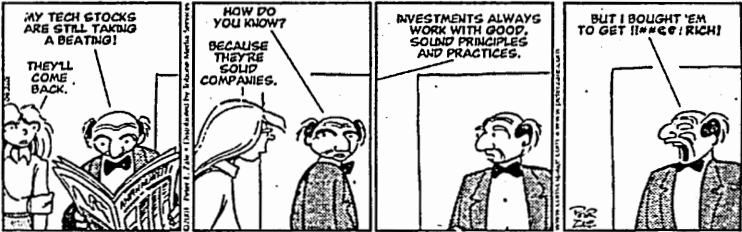
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ACROSS
1 Data display
8 Last up
10 Store
14 Spiral form
15 Pool, excruciating
16 Lousy dance
17 Director of Laurel and Hardy films
18 Party
19 Sand burr
20 Impossible to defeat
22 French clone
23 Folk wisdom
24 Garb
26 TV surface
30 Of the moon
32 Lowdown
33 Sallow quickly
35 Two looted animal
39 Craftsman
41 Fruit
43 Address
44 With respect
44 Sandwich bath?

DOWN
1 By way of, to
2 Long, long time
3 Tall at
4 Parasitic pest
5 Smash out
6 Location for vows
7 Gym weight
8 Lushy or sunny
9 Lower in dignity
10 Melic, aromatic
11 Cuban dance
12 I wasn't there at the time, e.g.
13 Church plate
14 Friendly islands
15 The dip-
16 Ship's pole
17 Apple cancer
18 Monetary method
19 Disease of a horse
20 Beauty and Burling
31 One...
34 Do...
36 Hang
37 With a pret
38 See it
40 Stamp of authority
42 Foundation
45 Free of leaves
48 Hypocritical
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The women's cross country team will have only four healthy runners when it competes at the Illinois Invitational this Saturday in Champaign.

The team started the season with seven healthy runners, but lost two of them when freshman walk-ons Sheree Ledwell and Meshawn Lane both left after the team's first meet in order to focus on the track and field season.

This past Tuesday, freshman star Noa Beiler left the team to focus on track as well.

Because the team needs five runners

to place at the meet, freshman walk-on Erica Hall will have to step up in her first meet with the team.

Hall injured her ankle over the summer and is still not completely healed as she has only been running with the team for three weeks.

"I was supposed to run track, and since I run long distance [the cross country team] asked me if I wanted to run with them," Hall said.

Women's coach Jeff Jones knows that Hall is in a tough spot, but he also has plenty of confidence in her.

"She's being asked to do a lot right now," Jones said. "Stepping in as a walk-on freshman, not at 100 percent. The University of Illinois is her first meet, it's a big-time meet. She's certainly going to be baptized under fire."

Jones was sad to see Beiler go, but wasn't too surprised by her decision.

"Noa had to do what's best for Noa," Jones said. "She comes from a strong track background, one of an intermediate runner, and it's a hard move up to cross country-type distances."

Senior captain Julia Roundtree doesn't think that Beiler's departure will have a big impact on the team.

"We're not gonna dwell on it," Roundtree said. "We're just going to focus on staying healthy. We've all been in the training room everyday."

Junior Erin Simone was not surprised with Beiler's decision.

"I was kind of expecting it just because she wasn't really training with us to begin with, and she seemed to be more focused on track."

Simone wasn't too concerned about the team's future.

"We're all just going to try and stay

healthy and try and finish the race," Simone said. "This happens every year. We always start out with a big team and every one just fans out near the end."

As far as this weekend's meet in Champaign, Simone was relatively optimistic.

"Last weekend's practice, when we didn't have a race, our times were like [personal records]," Simone said. "It was really, really good."

Junior Katie Meehan, who finished second to Beiler in the team's only race this year, doesn't foresee any problems with Beiler's departure.

"I think the five of us are going to work together, and we're going to be just as strong," Meehan said. "We're going to focus on our goals still. I don't think it changes our attitude or our determination. We're going to go out there and we're going to do it with what

we have." The men's cross country team will be in a slightly different boat when it competes in Champaign on Saturday. It has 12 runners on the roster and should be at full strength within a few weeks.

Junior Andrew Warming, who was injured during the team's first meet, will be returning this weekend. Joe Zeibert, the team's senior and captain, is scheduled to return to action on Oct. 6.

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SEE JANE RUN

The men's and women's cross country teams will be in action this Saturday when they head to Champaign for the Illinois Invitational.

MURRAY STATE

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Although the Racers boast a strong running game and a solid quarterback in sophomore Stewart Childress, Pannunzio is also unimpressed with how his team's spread offense has performed through two games.

"We're not playing like we should right now offensively," Pannunzio said. "I'm a little disappointed. We should be a lot further along, but we've really worked hard over the last 10 days at becoming more consistent at being able to move the ball."

An interesting wrinkle Saturday will be the presence of Michael Vite on Murray's sidelines. Vite, who served as SIU's defensive coordinator under Jan Quarless last season, is now calling the shots for the Racers' defense.

But since SIU now runs vastly different schemes than it did under Quarless, Vite's insight into the Salukis will be somewhat minimized.

One point of real concern for the Salukis is the health of star linebacker Bart Scott. Scott was banged up after taking a helmet to his shin against SENIO, but he said Wednesday he is close to recuperating his agility.

If the Salukis are to give Hill his first win as SIU coach, they'll need Scott to help anchor the defense Saturday. And with a difficult road game looming at Western Illinois the next weekend, Scott said SIU would be well-served to defend its home turf.

"We want to give our fans a treat and get on the right track," Scott said. "It would be good to get our confidence going because we know we have a tough one next week."

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VISION

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attend her school because of his race. With the encouraging help of a business man Walker's mother worked for, he soon became the first person in his family to attend college.

Although it may be difficult to maintain SIU's enrollment policies and bolster academic standards, he said it is important that the University finds a way. As a result, Walker will offer 30 Presidential Scholarships annually that are valued at more than \$5,000 each and will be handed out starting in fall 2002. The scholarships will be offered to high school students who excelled in ACT testing, classroom performance and after-school activities.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said the scholarships will allow students competing to get into tough colleges realize that SIU takes academics seriously. He said it may also increase enrollment.

"What happens is the 30 people you are able to recruit by having that kind of financial investment ... will bring other very good students with them, and so once you get the critical mass in, let's say over four years, rather than the 30, you'll have 120 students," Dietz explained.

In order to keep SIU in line with top colleges nationwide, Walker also plans to form a committee devoted to keeping the University informed of the changing needs in education and collegiate trends both nationally and internationally.

The 2020 Vision Committee will be chaired by former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, who serves as director of the Public Policy Institute. There is no timetable for the group's formation, but Walker said he will be meeting with Simon in the upcoming weeks to discuss who should make up the committee.

"This prestigious committee will complement and take to another dimension the strategic planning initiatives going forward on our campuses," Walker said.

Walker is also implementing a task force that will identify ways the SIU campuses can work together and build a stronger relationship with each other. Former SIU Board of Trustees member Bill Norwood will head the task force, which will look into combining efforts in research, conferences and joint degree programs.

Walker wants the committee to be in place by Oct. 15 and said he expects a report of its findings and recommendations by the end of May 2002.

"I am confident that the task force we will assemble can find

innovative ways to pool and mobilize our great resources in behalf of students, faculty and the region of Southern Illinois we serve," Walker said.

In order to execute many of Walker's plans, SIUC will also launch its first ever multi-million dollar capital campaign this spring, Walker announced. The University will seek donations from alumni, the business community and various foundations to enhance the quality of teaching, research and services.

"We must ask them to support those plans and programs by contributing millions and millions of dollars toward capital campaigns on each campus that I believe will focus, re-energize and lift us like nothing has done for decades," Walker said.

Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry said patience is the key to putting forth a successful capital campaign. McCurry said he is excited about Walker's prioritizing of University fund-raising, but said although the work has begun to initiate the campaign, it will take time before the campus begins to see its effects.

Walker also briefly touched on plans to build and improve the University's remediation programs for students who have disabilities and special-learning requirements. He said the University needs to tout such programs and not speak of them in whispers.

He also wants to continue working to raise faculty salaries to those of our peer institutions. Increasing faculty moral and the quality of the teachers will not only retain and recruit more faculty members for the University but also more students.

Walker began planning for his Vision months ago when he sponsored several open forums at three of SIU's campuses. The forums provided faculty, staff and students an opportunity to voice their concerns about the University.

Walker also met with focus groups, alumni, community leaders and visited classrooms and laboratories to gain an understanding of what others perceived as the University's strengths and weaknesses. He also had various discussions with the board on its ideas.

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BUSH

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bin Ladin and his terrorist group.

"The Taliban must act and act immediately. They will hand over the terrorists, or they will share their fate," Bush said.

And as the country prepares for war, he told citizens to remain calm and patient in spite of the uncertainties that face the nation.

Bush told citizens to "live your lives and hug your children."

He told the world to continue to pray for the families of victims and rescue workers.

And he told the military to "be ready."

"I have called the armed forces to alert, and there is a reason. The hour is coming when America will act, and you will make us proud,"

Bush said.

And as much of the country prepares for war, the economy has taken on a battle of its own. The stock market fell 300 points on Thursday, its third triple digit loss this week.

Airlines are taking off below capacity and the flying industry is losing approximately \$300 million a day, said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville. Congress is expected to pass airline recovery legislation on Friday. Airlines have reportedly laid off 110,000 employees and that number could reach 130,000 by the end of the week.

"Terrorists attacked a symbol of American prosperity. They did not touch its source," Bush said. "America is successful because of hard work, and creativity, and enterprise of our people. These were the true strengths of our

economy before Sept. 11, and they are our strengths today."

In an effort to coordinate security in all the states, Bush announced the creation of a Cabinet level position, the Office of Homeland Security to report directly to the president on security measures. He appointed Governor Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania to the position.

Costello, who was on the House floor Thursday, said two days earlier that Congress, Republicans and Democrats alike, support Bush's efforts to attack terrorism.

"If this can happen to the only super power left in the world, it can happen to anyone, anywhere to anyone," Costello said.

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STEVE JANIKER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kelly Harman slams the ball during practice Thursday afternoon. The Saluki's play at home tonight and Saturday at Davies Gymnasium.

Seventh man is needed for Saluki volleyball

Team returns home this weekend for conference action

CLINT HARTING
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU volleyball team needs the support of its seventh man, the fans, to try and rebound this weekend after an 0-2 Missouri Valley Conference start.

The Salukis host Wichita State University tonight and Southwest Missouri State Saturday night, with both matches starting at 7 p.m. at Davies Gymnasium.

Saluki volleyball head coach Sonya Locke believes the home court advantage could play an essential key in Saluki victories.

"The seventh man is always in your favor, and you don't have that on the road," Locke said.

The Salukis picked up their two wins of the season last time they were at Davies Gymnasium, finishing second at the Saluki/Best Inns Invitational. The Salukis are coming off a difficult road trip last weekend,

in which they failed to win a game against conference foes Bradley and Northern Iowa.

The Wichita State Shockers, who SIU faces tonight, swept conference for Drake Wednesday evening and enter tonight's action with a 4-4 overall record and 1-1 conference mark.

Saluki junior outside hitter Kristie Kenner believes her team matches up furly even with the Shockers.

"They're a good team, we both have improved from last season," Kenner said. "It's going to come down to who comes out to play."

The Shockers return three starters from last season, including senior Carrie Gerth, who finished last season with 89 blocks.

The Salukis continue conference action Saturday evening against the Southwest Missouri State Bears. The Bears finished the 2000 season an at impressive 27-7 overall and 14-4 in the conference.

The Bears led the conference with a 3.12 block average per match in 2000.

Locke states that the key to beating a good blocking team is more mental than physical.

"You have to pass well and get

the ball through the system," Locke said. "The center needs to make good choices to try and get one-on-one situations."

The Bears return all but one starter from 2000 and are led by seniors Rese McNatt, Deborah Sangel and Emily Hodel.

Kenner believes the Bears' defense is what makes them so successful.

"A lot of their defense is strong because they base everything around their block," Kenner said.

Locke expects her team to rebound in the conference and begin this weekend by playing at the strong level they performed at in the Saluki Invitational.

"We know what our situation is," Locke said. "We have goals set and we will go after them."

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WATCH THE ACTION

The SIU volleyball team plays a pair of conference matches this weekend at Davies Gymnasium. SIU battles Wichita State tonight at 7 p.m. and Southwest Missouri State Saturday at 7 p.m.

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ALEX HANLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Alexis Moelamb, a freshman free safety, dives for the ball in Thursday's practice. The Salukis are gearing up for Saturday afternoon's game with Murray State.

Football shoots for first win in home opener

After week off, Salukis to lock horns with Murray State

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

By now, both SIU and Murray State should probably have a good handle on what type of teams they have.

In reality, both the Salukis and Racers are still searching to find an identity.

Although the calendar shows October just 10 days away, neither football team has been able to accurately measure itself yet, which should add to the intrigue when the Salukis and Racers clash in SIU's home opener Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium.

The Salukis are still something of a mystery because they've played just one game under new head coach Jerry Kill. SIU was beaten by Southeast Missouri State 24-5 on Sept. 8, then had its matchup against Ball State canceled last week because of the terrorist attacks that shook the country.

The Racers have played two games — the first one a 49-14 loss to SEC member Mississippi, and the second a 32-17 win against Illinois State. The Illinois State game was played on a stormy night, which altered the flow of the game, and it's always difficult for a I-AA team to determine much against an opponent like Mississippi.

Because neither outing was really a conventional game, Murray State head coach Joe Pannunzio said he is having a hard time gauging his team's progress.

"I don't really have a good beat on how good we are or how bad we are," Pannunzio said. "I'm hoping that we can come up to Carbondale this week, catch a nice day and find out a little bit about our football team before we enter into the (Ohio Valley) schedule."

Murray has used a high-powered offense to torture the Salukis in the teams' recent meetings. Last season, the Racers handed the Salukis a 42-20 thumping, and while they have the horses to put up a lot of points again this year, Kill is equally concerned about the other side of the ball.

"Defensively, they're a very aggressive football team," Kill said. "They've hit the Mississippi junior colleges pretty well, and have some very good athletes on that side of the ball."

The Racers should provide formidable opposition, but the Salukis have their own problems to worry about. SIU is still looking for its first touchdown of the season after wasting several prime scoring chances against SEMO.

"I think the passing game and the running game has to get better," Saluki running back Tom Koutsos said.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Murray State University (1-1)
Racers vs. Salukis
Southern Illinois University (0-1)

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
McAndrew Stadium
Radio: Magic 95.1 FM
Last meeting: Murray State beat SIU 42-20 in 2000

All time series: Murray State leads, 8-7-2

The Word on the Salukis:
SIU squandered several prime scoring chances in its opener, and turnovers were a main culprit. But with plenty of time since then to work through problems, the Salukis should be able to show improvement offensively, provided SIU can establish a passing threat to balance out its impressive rushing attack. The defensive line was a pleasant surprise versus SEMO, but will be tested against an explosive offense this week. The Saluki defense needs to do a much better job of preventing the big play.

The Word on the Racers:
Murray State runs a spread offense and has the firepower to make it work. Sophomore quarterback Stewart Childress gives the Racers a capable playmaker, and talented running backs Billy Blanchard and Mario Riley make for a balanced offensive attack. Former SIU defensive coordinator Michael Vite has an athletic defense at his disposal, as the Racers have yet to allow a play of more than 30 yards. Placekicker Shane Andrus gives Murray a reliable leg.

Gameday Tidbits:
Saturday will mark the first game played on the new AstroPlay surface at McAndrew Stadium...the Racers have lit up SIU's defense of late, scoring 134 points in the last three meetings between the teams...SIU's offense operated out of a no-huddle set-up throughout the SEMO game...Saluki running back Tom Koutsos needs just 19 yards to pass Amos Bullocks for third on SIU's all-time rushing list...a moment of silence before the game will pay tribute to victims of last week's terrorist attacks.

Bottom Line:
It's said that teams make their most improvement between the first and second games of the season, and that needs to be the case for the Salukis if they are to have a shot in this one.

"None of the aspects of our offense are A+ right now. But the biggest thing we need to do is convert when we get in the red zone."

Although the Racers boast a strong running game and a solid quarterback in sophomore Stewart Childress, Pannunzio is also unimpressed with how his team's spread offense has performed through two games.

Receivers need to put spread into spread offense

Salukis look to wide receivers to step up after first game

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

During the first game of the season, the SIU football team showed off a strong running game, racking up 249 yards on the ground.

Junior running back Tom Koutsos led the way with 114 yards followed by 100 yards on senior quarterback Madei Williams.

However, the Salukis' passing game was less than stellar, generating only 134 yards on 13-of-30 passes by Williams and junior Kevin Kobe.

The Salukis' completed passes to eight different receivers, but no one had more than two catches. Those lackluster numbers will likely have to improve if SIU is to beat Murray State on Saturday.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill said the offense as a whole limped around at times. He said the offense needs to improve its execution, which he believes will come with more practice time.

"Some people say the receivers struggled, but I really think our whole football team did some good things at times and then other times it didn't. I think we all struggled," Kill said. "We had opportunities and didn't execute at critical times and we made some mistakes, but typical mistakes that you make in the first game that you hope you don't make later on in the year."

One thing that stood out in the SEMO game was the Salukis' lack of a go-to receiver. No one stepped up and made the big plays at crucial times.

Senior wide receiver Mark Shasteen kicked the offense can't continue relying that heavily on the running game or else other teams will simply stock up against it and show no respect for the aerial

assault. "We definitely need leaders to step up," said Shasteen, who will be playing his first game without a playing cast on his hand. "We need somebody that the quarterbacks can rely on when the situation gets tight. Every team's gotta have that."

Nick Wafford, a junior wide receiver who missed the Salukis' first game with a broken collarbone but is likely to play Saturday, said although having a go-to receiver is big, the rest of the receiving corps need to be just as good.

"It's good to have a go-to receiver, but just having everyone equal, having everybody to throw makes it real difficult on the opponent to see who they're going to cover," Wafford said.

Kill said that while he feels the Salukis have a good group of receivers, they are a young group and the ones with significant playing time, such as Shasteen, Wafford and senior Brian Hamlett, have been hampered by injuries.

"You're a better offensive football team if you have balance, I think everybody strives for that," Kill said. "If you have a great one, you try to move the ball and get it around to him and we think we got some good receivers, but they're all learning though and that's the thing. We don't really have a veteran corps of receivers that have just played a whole lot."

The receivers know they have a long way to go, but they are not scared of the challenge and are looking forward to showing everyone what they can do.

"We've got a young team and we haven't worked with [Williams] that much so we gotta get our timing down," Shasteen said. "We're still doing that right now and we'll get things going as the season goes and we'll keep getting better."

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