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SIUC bridging foreign language gap

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sen-Chieh Cheng empties the plastic bag and starts rummaging through the words written on strips of paper.

Together, the words form a sentence in proper English. Frowning, Cheng concentrates on the sentence structure. Lately, he has been receiving more challenging problems because of his improvements in English.

Cheng is beginning his second year in the free English classes at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center. He realized he needed to improve his English when he left his home of Taichung, Taiwan and began attending the University of Delaware.

He could not follow the lectures because of the language barrier. Cheng was forced to use a tape recorder so he could listen to the lectures at home. He tried to make sense of the professor's lesson, but found it too difficult to continue.

When Cheng transferred to SIUC two months later, he began taking English classes at the BCMC. Now, he has found improvement in his scholastic and social life in the United States. "I can tell the difference now when I speak English with someone," Cheng said.

While Cheng's English has improved, others can speak some conversational English, while some are hesitant about talking to people because of fear of what Americans will say.

Xiao-Guang Yu, who came to the United States from Qing Dao, China when her hus-

band enrolled at SIUC, said she becomes nervous when she has to speak English.

"I'm afraid they can't understand me and I can't understand them," Yu said.

Some of that nervousness comes from the ever-changing English language. Judy Miller, international coordinator of international ministries at the BCMC, said speaking English in the United States is different from what many international students are used to.

"Most of the international students that

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GET WITH THE PROGRAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM, CONTACT JUDY MILLER AT 457-2898.

Astronomer praises honors program

SIUC lauded in national magazine

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When reading *Sky & Telescope* magazine, one may think of scientists discussing the stars and comets, scientific research or somebody praising astronomers for their accomplishments. But in September's issue, it was the other way around.

In September's edition, David Levy, an astronomer who has discovered more than 20 comets, praised SIUC after learning about the University Honors program.

In his two page article, "The Real Unified Theory," he wrote about the 2,000 students in the program who were captivated by astronomy and science when he visited the University, even though the students come from a variety of majors.

"They are all good, and very enthusiastic students," Levy said. "They were very involved in my lectures and they always had a question for me."

Levy formed this opinion when he first came to speak at the University in 1996, when more than 100 students gathered at Touch of Nature to observe Leonid meteors. At daybreak the next morning, participants were treated to a breakfast, where students could ask questions.

There, he said, he was pleased to notice that the students were inquisitive.

Because of this, Levy came to visit SIUC a second and a third time. During his third visit, Levy felt so appreciated by the students that he stayed a week when the program could only afford him for two days.

However, Levy did not give all the credit to the students. In his article, he also acknowledged the leader of the program, Frederick Williams, who has played a major role in making the program flourish.

Williams began directing the program in 1987 and has watched it grow. When he found out about Levy's praise of the program, he responded humbly.

"The program is successful because of the

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JESSE DRURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

FARM WORK: Farmers watch as a combine cuts through a soybean field at the Du Quoin State Fair Tuesday. The fair held an agriculture expo at which area farmers were showing off the latest in agricultural innovations.

International voter turnout exposes apathetic Americans

Statistics show less than 50 percent of eligible U.S. citizens vote compared to other countries

CHRISTOPHER MARCUM
DAILY EGYPTIAN

American voters have been called everything from apathetic to indifferent to downright lazy when analysts try to explain low voter turnout figures.

Compared with other countries, U.S. voter turnout drops from low to abysmal. In the last five presidential elections, U.S. turnout has hovered near the 50 percent mark, while other countries enjoy numbers more than 90 percent.

In 1996, U.S. turnout hit a 50-year low when only 47 percent of voting-age people cast ballots, according to the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance.

Even in the tumultuous election year of 1968 — the year of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, anti-war protests in the states and the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and

Martin Luther King Jr. — voter turnout was measured at 60 percent.

Those numbers stand in stark contrast to countries such as South Korea, whose 1997 presidential election saw more than 92 percent of voting-age people go to the polls.

SIUC graduate student Gyong Ho Kim cited the government's active role in registration of voters as a factor for the high turnout rate, as well as South Korean election days being a national holiday.

Kim also said Koreans are well informed and heavily involved in political issues, especially college students.

"In my country, college students have many demonstrations to talk about political issues and demand action from people in power," Kim said.

Julien Pujol-Rey, an SIUC graduate student from France, mentioned the French system of Sunday elections as one reason for high turnout.

Pujol-Rey underscored the American dilemma when asked why French turnout was so high in the last presidential election.

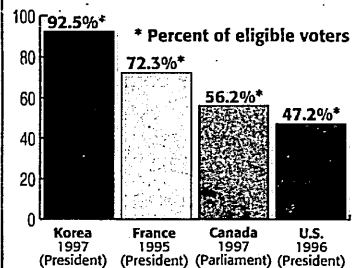
"I'm sorry, but our turnout was rather low," he said about France's 72 percent turnout in the 1995 presidential election.

Pujol-Rey, who has been in the United States for only two weeks, was surprised to hear that less than half of eligible voters cast ballots in 1996.

"I watched the conventions and Al Gore's speech, it was such a big party — French politics are much more somber," Pujol-Rey said.

Closer to home, Canadian voter turnout is consistently more than 60 percent, with the exception of 1997 parliamentary elections, which brought 56 percent out to the polls. The Canadian government also plays a proactive role in voter registration.

Recent Voter Turnout in Selected Countries



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TODAY

- Library Affairs Morris Library 101, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- University Museum open house with Museum Studies program information and upcoming exhibits and events, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., University Museum Faner Hall, Bob 453-5388.
- University Museum Art in the Garden fiber arts demonstration and participation, noon to 1 p.m., University Museum Sculpture Garden Faner Hall, William 453-5388.
- COLA Advisement Office is open, every Tues. and Wed. through Dec. 13, until 6 p.m., Faner 1229.
- Library Affairs Power Point, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.
- Zoology Club meeting, 5 p.m., Life Science II Room 367, Suma 549-0239.
- College Republicans first meeting of year with free food, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Beth 529-2674.
- Anthropology Club introductory meeting and also a gathering for the preparation of future events, 5:30 p.m., Boobies, 536-6651.
- Saluki Rainbow Network meeting, 5:30 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, 453-5151.
- Blacks Interested in Business meeting, 5 to 6 p.m., Rhen Hall Room 106, Suma 351-7488.
- Instructional Programs is offering Tai

- Chi Development Sampler, 6 to 7 p.m., 453-1263.
- College of Agriculture don't miss this opportunity to learn about and join agricultural organizations, 6 to 8 p.m., Agriculture Building, 453-5080.
- Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.
- Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.
- Instructional Programs Kung Fu, today through Oct. 11 and Oct. 16 through Dec. 6, Mon. and Wed. 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., SRC Aerobics Room, 453-1263.

UPCOMING

- Library Affairs Constructing Tables with HTML, Aug. 31, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.
- Student Programming Council homecoming meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Student Center, 536-3393.
- Pre-Law Association meeting, Aug. 31, 6 p.m., Mackinaw Room Student Center, 453-3193.
- International Student Council meeting, Aug. 31, 6 p.m., Illinois Room Student Center, John 529-9177.
- Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO members meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Erica 457-8197.
- Circle K International volunteer organization meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Thebes Room Student Center, Tammi 529-8996.
- Sailing Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Kris 7900.
- Kappa Alpha Psi informational, Aug. 31, 8 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Sean 351-9679.

- Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with calling potential blood donors, registering participants, serving refreshments or donating blood for the Red Cross Blood Drive, Sept. 1 through Sept. 8, Vivian 457-5258.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Terry Boyd Orchards, Sept. 1 through Nov. 12, 675 Sadler Rd. Anna, 833-5533.
- German Club stammtisch, Sept. 1, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Aune 549-1754.
- Christians Unlimited bible study, Sept. 1, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Don 457-7501 or 529-7900.
- SIU Shoto-Kahn Karate Club practice, Sat. and Sun., 10 a.m., Recreation Center Aerobics Studio, Lance 996-2026.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Ripple Hollow Rendezvous and Bowhunters Jamboree, Sept. 2 and 3, 1575 Fair City Rd. Jonesboro, 833-8697.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Cobden American Legion Breakfast, Sept. 2, 7 to 10 a.m., Cobden Legion Hall, \$3.50 per person.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Sat., 8 a.m., Golconda, 683-6246.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Trail Ride, Sept. 3 through Sept. 8, reservations required 683-RIDE.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Festival, Sept. 4, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Horseshoe Lake Community Building in the Olive Branch, 776-5198.
- Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 4, parade at 10 a.m., Ft. Massac State Park in Metropolis, 524-3862.
- Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.

WEATHER

TODAY:
 Partly cloudy
 High: 96
 Low: 68

TOMORROW:
 Partly cloudy
 High: 96
 Low: 68

FRIDAY:
 Isolated storms
 High: 89
 Low: 69

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1991:

- The SIU Graduate and Professional Student Council voted unanimously to oppose any extensions of parking meter hours by the city.
- Carbondale officials were considering a mass transit system and would present a survey to residents and students regarding transportation.
- Sidetracks had a weekend special which included no cover charge, \$2.00 Long Island Iced Tea and 75-cent Keystone Cans.
- Movies showing in Carbondale included "Hot Shots," "Point Break," and "Double Impact."

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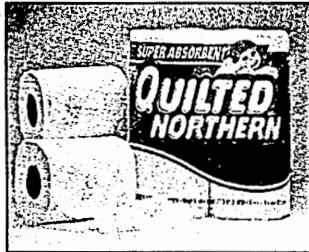
In Tuesday's story entitled "Ultrasound experience," the correct phone number to with Karen Having is 453-4980. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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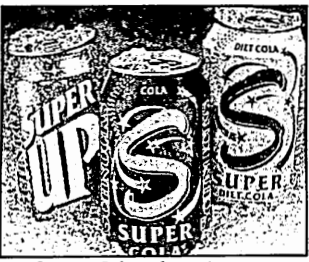
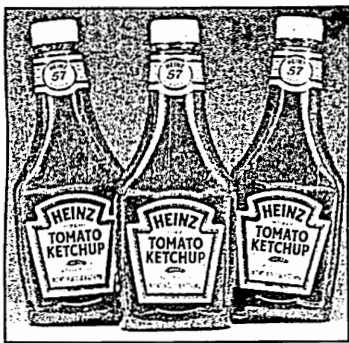


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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim Smith relaxes at Connections in Murphysboro, the bar he bought after 21 years of working in Southern Illinois coal mines. The Clean Air Act of 1990 began the gradual shutdown of Illinois coal mines.

Coal crucial to balance energy policy

Predictions of harsh winter, rising fuel prices could make Illinois coal a necessity

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jim Smith sits on a stool next to the bar as he watches television throughout the afternoon. The old American Legion building has seen a lot of changes. Smith has, too.

Smith spent more than 20 years working as a coal miner. He ended his time at the mines in 1997 and moved on with his life. He and his wife now own the old Legion building and run a bar from its changed interior.

Mr. Smith, coal miner

"I found out the other day that five or six of the close guys I worked with are all prison guards now," said Smith, former miner at Burning Star No. 4 in Cutler and present co-owner of the bar Connections in Murphysboro. "Most of my old co-workers just moved on to things they either did before or they started new businesses.

"The power companies didn't want to put scrubbers on to clean the Southern Illinois coal because they could purchase western coal."

According to Smith, it took twice as much western coal to make the same British thermal unit as Southern Illinois coal. Despite this, power companies continued to buy western coal, which Smith attributes to the regional coal mines' steady decline.

Smith presented the plight of a regular coal miner.

"He was used to a regular paycheck and then money was taken from his income by these closings," Smith said. "It is a big loss to the community. It takes something away. You can see different places that the money is not being spent that used to be spent."

Smith thinks the communities that were hit the hardest were the towns north of his hometown in Murphysboro. Communities like Du Quoin, Pinckneyville, Steeleville and Percy were heavily hit.

"I had a superintendent once that said the only way that Southern Illinois coal would come back into as big as it was before, would be if they discovered that coal cured cancer," Smith said. "He was a smart one. He got out of the coal mines."

Coal & the Energy Policy

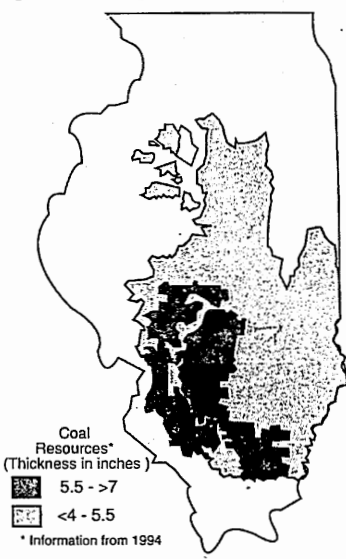
With predictions of a harsh winter on the horizon, many groups are calling for a balanced energy policy that includes Illinois coal.

The lack of a balanced energy policy has a lingering negative effect on American consumers. In the wake of skyrocketing prices for gasoline and natural gas, there is the threat of electricity brownouts and shortages of home heating oil.

In Illinois, utility companies have warned regulators at the Illinois Commerce Commission that natural gas for home

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Coal Resources in Illinois



Wetlands turn heads for SIU scientists

Lessons in botany, ecology, and coal mining taught by wetlands education project

RHONDA SCIARRA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

What once was a tract of land used for mining in the 1940s has been transformed into Illinois prairie and wetland habitats — an outdoor classroom — with the help of SIUC scientists.

The eight-acre site, once a 1941-era strip mine, is a joint venture between SIUC's Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Perry County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Gov. George Ryan, Du Quoin Middle School students and SIUC scientists gathered Tuesday for the site's dedication. The site is located on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds adjacent

to the middle school.

The project provides local students with the chance to learn about natural habitats and gives them hands-on experience in habitat restoration. The wetlands will be used as an outdoor classroom for Du Quoin Middle School students as well as be open to the public all year.

Jack Nawrot, a senior scientist with the Cooperative Wildlife Research Library, said the idea for the restoration project came from discussions that took place at the 1999 Du Quoin State Fair.

In the last year, local grade school students have helped create replicas of prairie, wetland and forest habitats by planting grasses, flowers and trees. The

development of the wetlands project has been welcomed on the otherwise manicured lawns of the state fairgrounds by community members, Nawrot said.

"Getting people to accept wild habitats instead of a mowed lawn is often difficult," he said. "Reaction here has been real positive."

The end result, Nawrot said, is instilling an appreciation for Illinois habitats in future generations.

"That is what environmental education should be about — starting young enough so that children learn first hand," Nawrot said. "When they leave, they are more likely to respect wetlands in the future."

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers

Student leaders are needed to build a house for SIUC's chapter of Habitat for Humanity. There are opportunities available for both fall and spring semesters. The fall build begins Sept. 9.

For more information, call John at 529-3311 or visit <http://www.siu.edu/~habitat>.

USG to kick off fall semester tonight

Undergraduate Student Government will elect a chairperson pro tempore and review the summer and fall budget at their first meeting of the semester tonight.

The chairperson pro tempore is immediately under the vice president and heads the Internal Affairs Committee. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Renaissance room of the Student Center.

Registration for tennis singles tournament today

Registration for an intramural tennis singles tournament begins today and will continue until Sept. 13 at the Recreation Center Information Center.

The tennis singles tournament matches will be played Sept. 16 and Sept. 17 at the University Tennis Courts.

For additional information, call 453-1273.

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.

No candles or cigs for Penn State U. dorms

(U-WIRE) — This semester, Pennsylvania State University dorm residents exploring their buildings for the nearest smoking lounge came up empty handed, and students hoping to decorate their rooms with candles were denied.

To increase fire safety, officials have banned smoking and the possession of candles anywhere in residence halls.

This year, Residence Life will be enforcing the smoking ban as well as another fire-safety rule that bans candles in dorms.

Resident assistants will not be searching rooms, but students can be written up if it becomes clear that there is something prohibited in a room.

LAS VEGAS

Substance seized in UNLV dorm raid not opium

(U-WIRE) — When 12 police agents in full riot gear stormed the Boyd Residence Hall at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and arrested 19-year-old Craig Aaron Adler on March 9, they said they had made a \$50,000 drug bust.

Police drew their weapons, shouted and broke down Adler's door during the late night raid when Residence Hall Coordinator R. Mark Miles could not open it fast enough.

Rather, it was revealed on Aug. 8 by interim Vice President of Student Services Rebecca Mills that instead of busting the \$50,000 stash of a drug kingpin, campus police had only netted four Ecstasy pills and a trace amount of marijuana in a water pipe, according to tests by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Police union spokesman Tom Ely estimated the street value of the seized drugs at \$50,000 shortly after the bust. Ely admitted more tests were needed but said that instant on-site tests confirmed the presence of opium in the seized drugs. Campus police released a press release which falsely reported that Adler had been charged with trafficking in opium.

Adler was charged with felony possession of marijuana and Ecstasy Aug. 10. Even possession of marijuana residue is a felony in Nevada, but convicts rarely serve jail time, the district attorney's office said.

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OUR WORD

Should SIUC have unlimited jurisdiction?

A proposed change for the Student Conduct Code may soon give SIUC the right to punish students for anything, anywhere.

A committee has met a few times this year to consider expanding the jurisdiction of the Student Conduct Code so that off-campus indiscretions could lead to real on-campus consequences. If that doesn't make you nervous, it should.

Currently, the conduct code dictates that students can be brought up on charges at SIUC if they harm members of the campus community anywhere, or a student causes personal injury or property damage within the city of Carbondale limits.

That's fair enough. Enabling the University to take action against proven abuse of individuals or property from this community helps to ensure all of our safety. SIUC is such an integral part of Carbondale — even more so than most typical college towns — it has a responsibility to help enforce a standard of non-destructive behavior within the city.

But that's as far as it should go. The change on the table for consideration would allow SIUC to take action in cases that substantially affect the University's interest, "including but not limited to, conduct against per-

son(s) and/or property." It would be difficult to construct wording more vague than that statement.

The proposed change to the conduct code could punish students for almost anything — crime or not — anywhere in the world.

Student Judicial Affairs has better things to do than follow SIUC students on their spring break vacations and bust them for unpaid parking tickets. We are not suggesting Judicial Affairs would

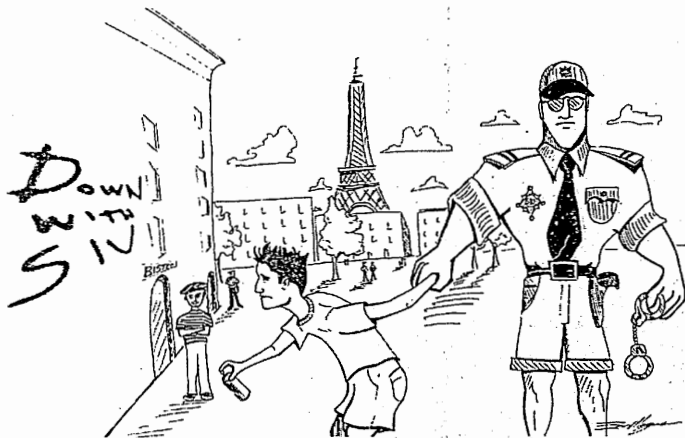
even attempt to do so.

Since SIUC does not have the resources or, presumably, the desire to monitor all students, the changed code could not possibly be fairly enforced. And anytime a rule is only applied part of the time, it becomes vulnerable to misuse and scapegoating.

Occasionally, a student will commit a crime outside of Carbondale in such a way that SIUC will reap negative publicity. Such instances may perpetuate unfair generalizations about what we know to be a fine University with an abundance of serious academic strengths.

But to construct catch-all regulations in fear of those instances is not the answer, and it won't fix the problem.

SIUC has almost always resisted trends to over-regulate student behavior. This proposed change to the conduct code will threaten that legacy, and the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board believes that "substantially affects the University's interest."



God-fearing gun owners, look no further

Last year, fear of legal fees forced the school board in nearby Harrisburg to reverse its decision to post the Ten Commandments in classrooms. In fact, the Supreme Court has just ruled, once again, that there isn't a silent prayer of even silent prayer returning to our public spaces. At least not as long as that pesky First Amendment, with its meddlesome separation of church and state, remains on the books.

But still it was hoped, following the aftermath of Columbine and other bi-monthly school shootings, that the presence of God's law might give some gun toting tots pause. After all, you'd be hard pressed to find any carnage in the Bible.

On another front, recent polls show the majority of Americans think there should be some restrictions on firearms. But as long as the all-powerful gun lobby remains convinced such modest proposals as safety locks or the banning of cop-killer bullets pose a threat to their God-given right to get off a clean shot, serious discussion of gun control will remain as muted as prayer before a football game.

It seems the only thing gun control has in common with posting the Ten Commandments is that neither is going to happen any time soon.

In the spirit of centrist politics, I propose a compromise. If it's really true that the 10 Commandments will prevent kids, and maybe me, from being killed, then I'm willing to give the old boys a try. Why not just print them right there on the guns? Kind of like a warning label from God.

No going to court, no petitioning of the legislature, no suspicious government involvement. We can do this one on our own. All we need do is aim that all powerful gun lobby at manufacturers and, before you can take "the Lord's name in vain," you're going to see Biblical lessons on your Smith and Wessons.

Besides, most God fearing Americans are going to want to have the Law of Moses on their guns. Who wants to be the only one at the shooting range looking like they don't love the Lord?

And as for criminals, well, sooner or later

guns change hands, but maybe to speed up the process the NRA can institute a buy-back program to get the heathen guns off the street.

Of course, the key is getting the gun lobby to agree. Now, I'm not too familiar with the man who heads the NRA, but I have a feeling he just might have a soft spot for the Ten Commandments. I mean if Charlton Heston doesn't believe in the power of God's Law, who does?

Most crimes are crimes of passion. What people need in that moment of rage is a moral reminder of right and wrong, something to make them pause and consider before they pull the trigger. Even if a gun owner doesn't believe in God, a well placed reminder that killing is wrong can't hurt. In fact, by prominently placing a commandment not to kill, we will increase our ability to convict. No more can they hide behind the skirt-tails of ignorance and temporary insanity.

Ah, but what about, as is the case with far too many of our criminals and six-year-olds, those that can't read?

What if, when a person picks up a gun, or puts their finger on the trigger, they hear a booming voice of authority, a Moses-like voice rising from their weapon commanding them not to kill? I bet the NRA has someone in their ranks who can do a pretty mean Moses. Might even be good for a couple bucks.

And who knows? Quite possibly this might lead to a whole string of morally smart products. Instead of the "Storm Team" interrupting the big game on Sunday to tell us it's raining, wouldn't it be great if someone came on to remind us to keep "holy the Sabbath?" Or what about a pen that not only recognized our misspellings, but also when we were bearing false witness? Moral certainty, here we come.

For too long we've been left wandering in the desert, caught between what the Constitution will allow and what we want, caught between our rights and what's right. One man can lead us out of this darkness and lead our children to a safer tomorrow. I call on Moses to lead his people one last time.

Critical Thinking

SEAN HANNIGAN

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MAILBOX

Professor's statements show bias in GMO study

DEAR EDITOR:

I read, with interest, the article titled "GMOs: Are they really safe?" in the DAILY EGYPTIAN on Aug. 25. It announced that SIUC professor David Lightfoot and another researcher have received a grant "... to study genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and their potential dangers and benefits to humans and the environment." The article goes on to state that "the goals of Lightfoot's research are to foster consumer acceptance of GMOs as essential parts of sustainable agriculture..." Is it just me, or is there a blatant contradiction here? Sounds like the results of Lightfoot's research on any potential dangers of GMOs have already been determined! Does Mr. Lightfoot lack academic integrity or is he merely a lackey for the GMO industry? Is this new grant a payoff? Seems pretty corrupt to me! Are other SIUC researchers' opinions also for sale?

James L. Desper, Jr.
Carbondale resident

Archer defends actions as USG president

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing this in response to the "Our Word" section in the Aug. 28, 2000 and the Aug. 29, 2000 editions of the DE. I think the facts should be a little clearer than what was printed. When I decided to give Black Affairs Council \$25,000, there was a little more thought behind it than just a whim. Sean Henry last year vetoed the \$35,000 that the senate approved due to what he thought were some problems in the organization. Everyone must know that BAC is the largest Registered Student Organization that deals with minority issues at SIUC.

BAC is responsible for certain amounts of funding of at least 20 different RSOs that come to them through out the year for funding. Denying BAC all of that money would have been detrimental to the organization and to several other organizations.

As far as an investigation goes, there was one. Over the summer, I personally put together a committee that had a sole purpose to find out the truth behind what was going on with BAC. The committee consisted of two Undergraduate Student Government representatives and two BAC representatives. I also spoke with people such as John Jackson, Jean Paratore, and Paulette Curkin about the situation. The committee gave me an answer that there was nothing wrong that should prevent BAC from receiving their money. With all of this information and the budgeting mistake from last year, I made my decision. I could not in good conscience give all of the rest of the general funding to BAC over the summer. If the senators want to give more to BAC later in the year, then that is totally up to them and their constituencies. I did not create this problem of funding. I am just doing what I think is best for all of the RSOs that are involved. BAC can allocate any or all of their money to other organizations so it is not like the money is just gone and no other RSO can use it.

As far as comparing this situation to last year, that is like comparing apples and oranges. Mr. Henry gave around \$6,000 to one fraternity that he was associated with (Which, I might add, put on numerous programs with that money). On the other hand, reduced that amount that the senate had already approved, and I gave it to an organization that gives it out to RSOs. I have no problems sleeping at night with the decisions that I made, and if a few people do feel that I made a mistake, the best way to tell me is to get on the senate and get involved.

Bill Archer
President, Undergraduate Student Government

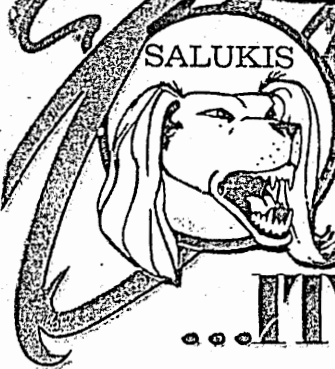


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Illinois wine council tastes success at SIU

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In her office in the Agriculture Building, Rhonda Vinson, the new interim director of the Illinois Grape and Wine Resource Council, sits at her new desk with a bottle of Pink Catawba wine from Pheasant Hollow Winery.

The bottle, which remains unopened, is not to drink, but rather to display the accomplishments of the council.

Vinson, also College of Agriculture assistant dean for outreach, does not mind temporarily heading the successful Illinois Grape and Wine Resource Council, or IGWRC. The council, which is housed in the College of Agriculture, seeks to bring tourism and revenue to Southern Illinois.

After former Gov. Jim Edgar signed legislation in 1997 to start the IGWRC, vineyards and wineries have rapidly developed and are still growing.

The council, which provides expertise and technical support on grape growing and promoting wine, has brought together resources that help grape and wine industries across the state.

"We help sponsor wine judging when a winery wants to enter a wine tasting contest, and we help market wines that are developing," Vinson said.

Before the council developed,

Illinois produced less than 1 percent of the wine that was consumed in Illinois. The number is expected to accelerate at a fast rate due to the number of wineries doubling from 10 to 20 in the past five years. Also the number of growers has risen from 30 to 100, allowing Illinois to generate \$60 million in wine revenue this year.

Dean of Agriculture David Shoup chairs the 17-member council with representatives from the state's grape growers, wine makers, agriculture and tourism departments, top research and service universities and Illinois legislature. The council houses four standing committees: enology, executive, marketing and viticulture. Each committee, headed by a specialist, keeps the council successful in promoting vineyards and wineries.

"Marketing helps industry with campaigns, allowing grapes producers to put logos on their bottles; viticulture allows us to be more competitive with different kinds of grapes and enology is the wine making practice that produces high quality products," Shoup said.

The council, which brings in research dollars from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Bureau of Tourism and Film, strengthens the growing industry. In 1999, the IGWRC was given an annual appropriation of \$500,000 for the next five years.

With some of those dollars, the Council helps support the Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association. The non-profit organization has been created to serve the diverse needs of the growing Illinois grape and wine industries.

To implement program development activities, staff members were brought on board in 1998. Under former executive director of the council Patty Williams' leadership, the first Illinois State Fair Wine Judging in nearly 10 years took place in August 1998, and the event was successful again in 1999.

Jack Griggs, vice president of IGGVA and part owner of the three-acre Pheasant Hollow Winery, said vineyards and wineries have drastically increased in the last two years thanks to the council.

"The council helps us fund specific projects, and they have done a lot of marketing for us," Griggs said. "Now Jackson County is the prime grape growing region and has more vineyards than any other in the state."

Griggs, who is overwhelmed that his wine, Marion Berry, won a double gold medal for the best fruit wine in the state, said the customers are increasing and tourism in on the rise, making vineyards and wineries popular spots to be in Southern Illinois.

In 10 years, Griggs said the grape growing and wine business will be just as common as the fast food business.

Alpha Chi Omega no longer homeless

Sorority leases new residence after 4-year hiatus

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Amy Davis can now open the front door to 323 W. Walnut St. and be welcomed by her sorority sisters.

Alpha Chi Omega sorority has leased a house after a four-year hiatus of not having a sorority house. They were the only National Panhellenic Council sorority at SIUC without an official house.

Davis, the president of the sorority, said the house will serve as a communication center and meeting spot.

"We were at a disadvantage because we didn't have one," she said. "It was something we thought could help recruitment."

Alpha Chi Omega is the only National Panhellenic sorority at SIUC with an off-campus house. All the other sorority houses are located on Greek Row.

Four years ago, the group was headquartered on University Avenue before its landlord sold the house. The sorority had already signed the lease for that year and was ineligible to sign a new one.

Since then, the group has searched for a new house, finding only single-

family homes available for lease until last fall, when the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity moved from 323 W. Walnut St. to 505 W. Main St.

The fraternity was growing and needed more space, allowing the landlord of both properties to move Alpha Chi Omega into the vacated house.

The landlord renovated the house during the summer, painting, adding carpet and replacing appliances. The women moved into the house the week before classes began.

The structure houses only eight people, but for the sorority of about 25 members, it is an advantage for recruitment.

"Eight for us for now is a good place to start," Colstad said.

"We have the advantage that they don't have to live in the house, but they still have someplace they can go that feels like home."

Because the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity moved to create room for their growing numbers, Christy Colstad, the sorority's adviser, said the Greek system may also be growing.

"It's up in the air right now," she said. "We've had some losses this year with the [Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity] but the groups that are left are really strong."

STARS

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students," Williams said. "If I were not the director the program it would still be just a good because the students work hard."

The students work hard, in part, because they

have to maintain the 3.25 grade point average required to keep honors status. Keeping such a high GPA is another reason why Levy thought the program deserved glory.

The honors program is not limited to the study of astronomy. Students in the program choose among a wide variety of course ranging from nutrition to dinosaurs.

Robert Guthrie, a retired SIUC psychology professor, flies in every two weeks from San Diego to teach his honors course, Racism in Psychology.

"This is something I wanted and had the option to teach," Guthrie said. "It involves more discussions and allows students to get a wider view of the world."

Jamae Terry, an honors student in electrical

engineering from Mounds, agreed with Guthrie and is not surprised the program received acclaim.

Terry, a senior who's been in the program since her freshman year, thought the unique courses brought the program deserved attention. "You see how the world is affected by these courses and you're much more anxious to get the class than a regular lecture course," Terry said.

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heating would jump sharply this winter.

Nearly 54 percent of Illinois' energy is derived from coal. In addition, Illinois is one of the leading coal-producing states in the country, providing more than \$800 million to the state's economy.

Lawmakers, state agencies and coal industry representatives are scrambling to bring Illinois coal into compliance with environmental law. One of the ways this is being done is through encouraged research and development of coal cleaning technologies at SIUC.

Coal & SIUC

"It's a shame that we don't have a national energy policy in place that promotes electricity from coal," said State Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville. "Coal is abundant and available at an affordable price. We can burn it cleanly, and, with coal, we won't see the price spikes we have seen with other fuel sources like gasoline, home heating oil and natural gas."

John Mead, director of the Coal Research Center at SIUC, said the Coal Research Center looks at the clean-coal technology projects based on funding that comes from Illinois companies.

"The Clean Air Act presents a long-term challenge for Illinois' high sulfur coal," said Mead. "We are entering a time when these regulations are becoming more strict."

Mead said at the time of the early standards, set in the '70s, many of the power plants were not required to implement new technology or change their fuel. Many plants did, however, foresee the continuing strict regulations to come in the future. The Chicago metro area was one area that did just that.

"The new power plant at SIUC uses fluidized bed combustion, an outstanding new technology that works very well," Mead said. "It cuts pollution and uses Illinois coal. This type of technology is being used more and more around the country."

Amendments enacted in 1990 with the Clean Air Act changed the standards of older power plants. Of those effected, some chose to change their fuel while some chose to implement emissions cleaning technology.

"It changed the market a lot," Mead said. "We are focused on this now. The big challenge is that many power plants have switched from Illinois coal. At the Coal Research Center, we encourage the use of cleaner coal technology that would aid in the removal of sulfur before coal is burned."

Luechtefeld said the Clean Air Act changed things dramatically for Southern Illinois coal.

He said the larger-power companies were reluctant to implement scrubbing devices that could facilitate the use of high sulfur coal from Southern Illinois.

According to Luechtefeld, the reasoning was that they could spend more than \$100 million now to meet the standards of the Clean Air Act, but the companies felt there was no assurance the standards would not continue to grow more strict.

A Brief History

The history of Illinois coal provides a tapestry of stories. Extensive coal fields were discovered in Illinois in 1860 and huge tracts of land were purchased by large corporations.

Towns seemed to spring up from nowhere around the mines. Known as "boom towns," they expanded in size as miners made the trek from the eastern states.

There were many difficulties for the miners and their families. Working underground proved dangerous and dirty, as well as damp. Those working could not stand straight due to low ceilings. They picked and shoveled the coal for nearly 10 to 12 hours a day, loaded the coal onto small cars. Mules would drag the load to the cage, where it would be taken to the surface.

The miner's pay and the financial control exerted by the companies on their workers was perhaps the most common complaint. Companies not only squeezed the land for the most profit it could yield in coal, but it also squeezed the worker for the most production he could yield for often meager sums of money.

Most miners were unemployed during the summer months, when the demand for heating fuels decreased. If industries had to cut back or close their doors during a depression, even less coal was needed.

In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was formed. It was created out of various local unions then existing in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. The UMW was the nation's earliest and most successful industrial union. For several decades following 1900, it was the nation's largest union.

Luechtefeld and Mead will be attending the meeting in Du Quoin, with representatives of the coal industry, UMW and the legislature to discuss new methods of trying to burn coal cleanly.

The board consists of 11 members. The purpose of the board and of the Coal Research Center is to encourage research and development that will help Illinois coal meet clean-air requirements.

LANGUAGE

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come here have studied English, but they have studied reading and writing, not speaking," Miller said. "Once they get to the U.S. and they hear American English and all of the slang they use, they're out in left field."

Organizations like the BCMC are not limited to teaching English. They also offer international students the chance to meet friends or even find homes where they can stay.

"These kinds of opportunities were available at the Newcomers Party, sponsored by the International Friends Club."

Diane Muzio, instructor in the Rehabilitation Institute, attended the party and planned to host an international student during his or her stay in Carbondale. Muzio said she decided to become part of a host family because of the benefits it will offer to the students and SIUC.

"I think it enriches the students' academic experience and can be enriching for the SIUC community as well to get to know the international students better," Muzio said.

Although some international students came to the Newcomers Party to make new friends in a new country, to others the United States is not so new.

Kai Vohwinkel, a graduate student in mechanical engineering, came back to SIUC

after a 15-month break, continuing his education in his hometown of Duesseldorf, Germany.

Vohwinkel said he received a warm welcome when he first arrived at SIUC two years ago. He took eight years of English where he went to school in Germany, but found using it in every day life different. However, he did not take English classes in the United States to perfect the language.

"I think you can figure it out pretty fast if you meet American people and talk to them," Vohwinkel said.

While the emphasis of the international students is not questioned by volunteers like Muzio, some organizations concentrate more on the students' spouses.

Diane Hodgson is one of the American coordinators for the International Spouses Group. This group teaches the spouses of international students about American culture through social outings. Gatherings include trips to Garden of the Gods and to an Amish community.

"The women get to know each other and we get to bond," Hodgson said.

Sometimes the ones who want to help international students adjust to Carbondale life are not part of an organization at all. Tom Fischer, a second-year law student from Evansville, Ind., went to the Newcomers Party to welcome international students and possibly make new friends.

"It's a great gathering of people from many different places," Fischer said. "We all share Carbondale in common."

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Following in Cornell's footsteps

Cameron Wright picks up where former coach left off

COLLIN RHINE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The passing of the torch has always been a scene in the track and field world, and though it is usually passed by the best athletes, at SIUC, this torch has been passed between two great friends.

Former Saluki track and field head coach Bill Cornell and his new successor, Cameron Wright, are two friends who have accomplished much together.

The ingredients for success in the track and field program at SIU have included the combined efforts of these two figures for the past nine years.

When Wright graduated from Marion High School in 1991 as an All-State Champion in the high jump, he inked a deal with SIU that became an asset to the program for many years to come.

"Since I've come to SIU from Marion my experiences with coach [Cornell] have been great to remember," Wright said. "He made me proud to wear the maroon and white."

Not only was Wright proud, but he was successful as well. As an SIU high jumper, Wright produced five All-American titles and qualified for the Olympics in the 1996 Atlanta games. He has soared over heights of 7'5" and helped shape the jumping program at SIU.

Wright now wants to take his success and pass it along to his athletes.

In Wright, Cornell found more than a great high jumper. He found a friend and the future of the SIU track and field

program.

"I came back after the Olympics and was just looking to help out with the team. In the last minutes there was another coach that was lined up and it fell through. Coach Cornell gave me that chance to become a coach," Wright said. "I worked hard and did a good job and now five years later, I am in the head coaching position for the SIU men's track and field team and looking forward to continue in Cornell's footsteps."

And big footsteps they are.

Cornell has coached over 90 All-Americans and 11 Olympians, along with leading his team to numerous Missouri Valley Conference titles and other successes.

In the early '60s Cornell ran a four-minute mile for SIU, which is very impressive even by today's standards. He was

preparing for the Olympic games when a foot injury set him back and may have been the detour that led to an outstanding coaching career.

Wright is confident he will provide the men's track and field team with the "Wright stuff" in order to continue the tradition of success SIU has enjoyed for the last 38 years under Cornell.

"I believe he is an excellent selection for SIU," Cornell said. "He has been through every aspect of the job and is prepared for any situation that arises. I am prepared for any situation that arises. I am prepared for any situation that arises. I am prepared for any situation that arises."

According to Wright, a coach's success is measured in greater terms than the record at the end of the season. There is a deeper importance in the way a coach can relate to his players.

"It's about having a good relationship with the athletes, and how you, as a coach, help them mature," Wright said.

"This is why there were over 300 former athletes that showed up at Cornell's retirement party this past summer. It is a great testament as to the kind of coach that he was."



Cornell



Wright

like the way he handles the younger people. He sets a good example and they have a lot of respect for him."

SERNA

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years later, he's yet to surpass that mark. By the end of this season, SIU should have built on the sub-500 mark.

Apparently, Quarless feels no pressure that his team is predicted to finish last in the always-challenging

Gateway by most preseason college football guides.

"Why should I?" he said at his weekly press conference Monday. "We've only had two winning seasons in 20 years."

Should I mention that we've had "only" six different coaches in the past 20 years?

Am I contradicting myself here? I don't think so. I just think we need to see some results this year, or else.

There is a chance we may see the more favorable results — the ones that don't spell out r-e-b-u-i-l-d.

Coach Quarless is working with arguably his strongest recruiting class since coming to Carbondale. With six I-A defensive transfers, and five I-A offensive transfers being added to the squad, there should be no excuses.

It's time to start winning. God forbid another rebuilding process at Lingle Hall.

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best he possibly can.

His teammates believe that he'll fit right in with all of the other great ath-

letes competing in Sydney.

"It's amazing that the fastest people in the world are going to be there. Each country sends just a couple of people so he's got a great opportunity," said teammate Joe Tidwell. "You can find him in the top 16, top eight. He should be up there."

Papachrysanthou said the fact that he's an Olympian won't really hit him until he gets to Sydney and is around all the other athletes, the Spirit of the Games and sees Cyprus' flag being waved and the Olympic torch being lit.

"I'll get goose bumps when I see that," Papachrysanthou said.

VOTERS

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A common theme among some international students is that the fewer hurdles to jump on the way to the polls, the better. Another common-

ty is that, in many countries with high turnout rates, elections are not on a workday. In South Korea, election day is a national holiday, while in France elections are on Sunday.

With two months to go before Americans are asked to elect a new president, voter turnout is again in the

spotlight. While pundits and analysts bicker over the effects of a higher voter turnout, the candidates are trying to bring them in with whistle-stop train tours and riverboat rides.

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Four years is ample time for Quarless

I hate to play devil's advocate before a season even starts, but the facts stare all Saluki football fans in the face as head coach Jan Quarless enters his fourth season atop the Saluki gridiron throne.

As Thursday night's season opener at Murray State nears, there should be a sense of urgency for the Saluki coaching staff.

It is true that the Saluki offense was quite impressive last year, falling just one yard short of 5,000. Add that to 53 touchdowns in only 11 games and it's incredible that they remained below the .500 mark.

Teams that average 38.3 points of offense per game usually win, unless their defense gives up an average of 39.3 points per game, as SIU's did.

One has to ponder why Saluki football has rendered only one winning season in the '90s. The fact that the Dawgs went 37-72 (339) during the decade exasperates Saluki pigskin fans to no end.



Javier Serna

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Quarless has repeatedly voiced his frustration

with having to recruit players to crumbling McAndrew Stadium. But while McAndrew may be in shambles, it shouldn't stop a team from performing. It's not the shoes, it's who's in the shoes.

At 11-22, with a .333 winning percentage, the current coaching regime is even slightly below the lowly mark put up in this past decade.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not writing this year's team off — game one hasn't even been played.

But the team motto reads, "Deserve Victory," and I think SIU fans "Deserve Results."

Results as in a winning season, or if that doesn't come about, a new coaching staff.

How long is enough time for a losing football team to be turned into a contender? Four consecutive recruiting classes should be enough time for this to be accomplished. When Quarless took over the reigns here, he had little to work with, but after four years, it's all his men strapping on the equipment.

Remember, Quarless' predecessor Shawn Watson left in '96 to join the illustrious staff at Northwestern. There, Gary Barnett had just led the Wildcats to back-to-back bowl appearances, with a Rose Bowl berth in the fourth year.

Coach Q inherited a 5-6 team, and three

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Sydney bound

SIU swimmer Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou is ready to represent Cyprus at the Olympics

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It is an athlete's dream to compete in the Olympics, the most sacred of games, which bring together the greatest athletes from all around the world.

For SIU swimmer, Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou, this dream is about to become a reality. He is getting ready to head to Sydney, Australia, to compete for his native country, Cyprus, in the 2000 Olympics.

Papachrysanthou was elated when he qualified for the Games courtesy of a strong showing at the Greek Island International Meet.

"I was going crazy. It was one year ago that I got the cut and I was like 'Yes, I made it,'" Papachrysanthou said. "I wasn't expecting it to be done now and it was a great feeling for me."

He will be leaving for the land down under Sept. 15 and will be competing in the 100-meter freestyle, which will be on Sept. 19 and 20 at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. He could also possibly join any relay team that Cyprus might put together.

Even though Papachrysanthou will be participating on the biggest stage in all of swimming, he believes he'll keep his cool.

"It's been 10 years that I've been swimming, so I don't think that I'll be nervous, but I'll feel like I want to race and be there," Papachrysanthou said.

SIU men's swimming head coach Rick Walker lended perspective about just how hard it is to make the Olympic trials, let alone the actual Olympics as a swimmer.

"That's the pinnacle of what we do. We don't have a professional league or anything like that," said Walker. "I had two Olympic trials and I never made it. What a great honor, I don't know how to describe it — what a great experience he's going to have."

Papachrysanthou has invested a lot of time in molding into shape and catapulting his swimming to this level.

"I think he's ready. He's definitely put in the training. He's worked hard all summer and since he's been here at SIU," said teammate David Parkins. "Being a fellow sprinter we train together. He pushes me in practice and it's nice to have someone at that level on the team."

Walker said Papachrysanthou is a world class athlete and as long as he goes out there ready to compete and isn't satisfied by just being there, he should do well in Sydney.

"I have every confidence in the world that Chrysanthos is the type of athlete who doesn't want to go out and watch somebody else play, he wants to be part of the game," Walker said.

Former men's assistant coach and current



ED GULICK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

World-class athlete Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou continues his training for the Sydney Olympics while at SIU. Papachrysanthou, a Saluki swimmer, will compete for the Cyprus Olympic team.

women's head coach Jeff Goelz feels some pride in having coached Papachrysanthou.

"He's going to represent his country well. He's deserving of any accolades that he gets, he's a top-notch student athlete," Goelz said. "Not many people can say I trained an Olympic

athlete, it's pretty cool."

Papachrysanthou's main goal for the Olympics is to enjoy the experience and do the

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