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Protest erupts at USG meeting over fee increase



IGNORED: Student leaders vote not to oppose athletic fee, despite student outcry.

TRAVIS DEANEAL
DE POLITICS EDITOR

The Undergraduate Student Government rejected a resolution opposing an increase in the student athletic fee after hearing from administrators and members of the largest student attendance in a year.

SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs addressed the Student Senate and a crowd of about 70 rowdy students, most of whom opposed the athletic fee increase, and explained the background of the proposal.

Members of the raucous crowd occasionally yelled sarcastic comments as Beggs told about the Athletic Department's \$380,000 deficit that partly resulted from a lack of an increase in the athletic fee for 10 years.

Another factor in the deficit was an Illinois Board of Higher Education recommendation that all state-funded universities stop using state-allocated

money for athletics. Though the plan never was approved formally by IBHE, SIUC heeded the recommendation and removed state dollars from the Athletic Department's budget.

Instead, student money in form of a fee was instituted to pay for student athletic expenditures. The fee was initiated with a condition that the Athletic Department not ask for an increase unless necessary.

Last spring, the University proposed an \$80, four-year increase to bring the Athletic Department out of its deficit and "provide more scholarship funding for athletes."

After the spring student government elections, USG President Dave Vingren, Graduate and Professional Student Council President Tim Hoerman, SIUC Student Trustee Pat Kelly, former GPSC president Mark Terry and GPSC Vice President Ed Ford launched a campaign to quash the fee increase.

In June, SIU President Ted Sanders and SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs compromised with the student leaders. In exchange for a \$20 fee increase, the administration promised a campus-wide study of the athletic fee. However, at the June Board of Trustees meeting, the compromise was tossed to the wind when the board voted to approve the increase.

Since that time, Beggs studied the Athletic Department's budget and developed parameters within which the department should operate. Now, a \$60 increase over four years is being touted by administrators and some student leaders as a



PHOTOS BY DEVIN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

SPEAKING OUT: Carla Lunsford, a junior in hotel and restaurant management from Rockford, fervently tells the USG why she opposes the athletic fee increase with her two children, Justin and Savannah by her side as Students Organized Against the Athletic Fees Increase (above) cheer her on during the USG meeting Wednesday in Student Center Ballroom D.

Large student interest surprises some

SARA BEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC student leaders and administrators were pleased at the student interest in the proposed athletic fee increase discussed at the Wednesday

Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

"I think it was one of the best open forums on an issue this year," said Mark Terry, a former Graduate and Professional Student Council president. "It was very good that many people

took interest and showed up.

"I have to give [USG President] Dave [Vingren] and his executive staff credit for bringing Chancellor [Donald]

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Gus Bode



Gus says: With protesters like these, who needs supporters?

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SIUC Board of Trustees lowers out-of-state tuition

HAROLD G. DOWNS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC Board of Trustees approved a reduction of out-of-state tuition rates Thursday, bringing the cost down by one-third beginning next year.

The board passed the tuition drop, which will lower rates for out-of-state undergraduate students from

triple to double the in-state rate. The decrease had been a topic for months after the University revealed that out-of-state tuition was higher than instructional cost.

Another concern which prompted the decrease was the steady decline in international enrollment. Both SIUC President Ted Sanders and SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs agreed that unless there was a decrease in

tuition for non-resident students, SIUC could forfeit its standing as a global University.

Sanders said that without the reduction SIUC could not maintain its commitment to international students.

"Today, we no longer are competitive in the international marketplace," he said.

The tuition decrease means stu-

dents transferring from the SIUC campus in Nakajo, Japan, will reap the benefits of lower tuition beginning fall 1998. All other students will pay lower tuition beginning fall 1999.

Beggs said the University is continuing to recruit aggressively in other countries, like Sweden and Finland, and is gaining ground in international enrollment.

"Our total set of activities is making our presence known," he said.

The board also approved a \$421,500 renovation to sections of Quigley Hall to build two computer laboratories and a CD-ROM work area. The Illinois Board of Higher Education is providing funding for the project, which organizers hope will be completed for the fall 1998 semester.

Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

• Two backpacks were reported stolen from Morris Library at 1:30 and 1:40 p.m. Wednesday. The bags were recovered with items missing. The estimated amount of loss is more than \$300. Police have no suspects.

• Kenneth W. Richard, 20, of Carbondale was arrested at 12:42 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Washington Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. Richard posted his driver's license and \$100 and was released.

Almanac

ON THIS DATE IN 1967:

• Three SIU students attempted to construct a 70-by-45 foot valentine in the hopes of winning \$163 in a KXOK radio contest. Unfortunately, wind prevented them from completing the project.

Corrections

In the Feb. 12 article "Union negotiations get back on track," the Daily Egyptian incorrectly reported the dates of future negotiations. The next administration-association negotiations are Feb. 19, 24 and 25.

The Monday Daily Egyptian story "Global flavors spice up Carbondale" should have stated SIUC's Hellenic Student Association commemorated the beginning of the Olympics in Athens, Greece as well as the selection of Athens as the site of the 2004 Olympics.

The DE regrets the error.

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 229 or 228.

Saluki Calendar

TODAY

• College of Science students can make appointments now for Summer/Fall advisement.

• Philosophy Club panel discussion and video presentation of the death penalty, February 13, 3 p.m., Foner 3059, Contact Donna at 453-7454.

• Spanish Table, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, Contact Dominics at 453-5425.

• French Table, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., Bobby's, Contact Aline at 351-1267 or see www.geocities.com/Capitol/11/4051/FChtml.

• Chinese Table, February 13, 4 p.m., Student Center Roman Room, Contact Wilson at 549-7825.

• Interfaith Center Alternative Happy Hour with the Eclectic Trance music of Steven Hirsberg and Friends, February 13, 4:30 p.m. Contact Dove at 549-7287.

• German Table - Stammsich, February 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Bobby's, Contact Anne at 549-1754.

• Black Affairs Council showcase, "Coffee Shop," February 13, 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom B, Contact Heather at 453-2524.

• Intersivity Christian Fellowship and Black Student Ministries presents Pastor Holey who will be discussing Black History Month and its significance in society, February 13, 7

to 9 p.m., Ag 209, Contact Lornel at 549-5532.

UPCOMING

• Nigerian Student Association general meeting, February 14, 6 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room, Contact Charles at 453-7611.

• Vegetarian Awareness Week "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" Street Theater, February 14, 7 p.m., begins at Longbranch Coffee House, Contact Janet at 549-2465.

• Southern Illinois Friends (Quaker) meeting, Sundays, 10 a.m., Interfaith Center, Contact Erik at 351-9678.

• Abundant Life Ministries, "What Pagans Said About Christians in the 1st century," February 15, 7 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge, Contact John at 549-1752.

• Habitat for Humanity spring break project, March 7 through 14, Beaverville, Ill, \$50, Contact John at 529-3311.

• Library Affairs "Instructional Applications using the WWW" seminar, February 16, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.

• Student Alumni Council new member orientation, 5:30 p.m., general meeting, everyone welcome, 6 p.m., February 16, Student Center Koskasko Room, Contact Brad at 453-2400.

• SPC-IV general meeting, new

members always welcome, Mondays, 6 p.m., Student Center Video Lounge, Contact Jeremy at 536-3393.

• SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting, new members welcome, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, \$20/semester, Contact Bryan at 549-0959.

• Universal Spirituality presentation on the "Song of Human Kind," spirituality and all races, February 16, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House back room, Contact Tara at 529-5029.

• Saluki Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to assist with on-air fund raising by answering phones and taking pledges for the WSIU- and WU-SIU-TV Spring Membership Drive, February 22-March 9, Contact Francis at 453-4343.

• WDB is accepting applications for General Manager, Program Director, Marketing Manager, and Chief Engineer; deadline is February 20, election is February 26, apply on Student Center 4th floor, Contact Jim at 536-2361.

• Women's Services screenings for 1998 groups: Co-Ed Assertiveness Training; Women's Body Image Group; Survivors Support Group; Adult Children of Divorce; Women Loving Women; Gay and Bisexual Men's Group; Grief and Loss Group; and Asian American Women's Discussion Group, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Woody Hall B-244, Contact Mary at 453-3655.

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HOW DO I LOVE THEE?

Liz Uthoff, an undecided freshman from St. Louis, picks through Valentine's Day cards at Kirlin's Hallmark in University Mall. Students have been buying gifts at area merchants in preparation for Valentine's Day Saturday.

PHOTOS BY CURTIS K. BIAS/ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Love is in the air...

From gold watches to homemade cards to nothing at all, everyone has their own idea about Valentine's Day.

TAMEKA L. HICKS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Regina Autman says occasionally showering her man with expensive gifts — such as the \$800 gold watch and \$300 earring she bought him Valentine's Day two years ago — usually is not a problem.

But this year, the gifts she will give will be more thoughtful than expensive. Although the gifts she has received in the past have not been as considerate as those she gave, she hopes they will be this year.

"I don't feel I can get out of it what I put into it, money wise," Autman, a junior in criminal justice from Chicago, said. "A lot of men are shady. They'll just go out and buy a card. They don't get anything from the heart."

Adding more thought into her Valentine's Day gifts, Autman now spends more time on her gifts than money by making a gift for her boyfriend. She also tries to express her sincerity throughout the year.

"Everyday should be Valentine's Day," Autman said. "I'll make little baskets and put different things in them like cologne, candles, candy — everything you name is in the basket."

Over the years, Valentine's Day has been celebrated as a lovers' holiday with the giving

of candy, flowers and sometimes other very expensive gifts.

In fifth-century Rome, Valentine's Day was a pagan celebration in mid-February. This event allowed men to draw a teenage girl's name from a lottery, assigning her as his sexual companion for the remainder of the year.

Now the holiday is co-existent with the addition of price tags on gifts to show fondness for a lover.



But Jannie Kirby, a junior in advertising from Chicago, disagrees with buying gifts for someone for just one day. If she did have a Valentine she would show her love at all times.

"Flowers just because mean so much," she said. "Gifts should be given from the heart, not just on Valentine's Day. That makes it seem more like an obligation."

Any gifts for Valentines' Day will not be given by Sam GaDee, a senior in psychology

from Chicago, because he does not celebrate the holiday. Even if he had a girlfriend on Valentine's Day, he would not spoil her with gifts.

"I don't feel anyone should dictate a day when people should spend with a significant other," GaDee said. "I'm a man of principles. If I had a girlfriend, her Valentine's will be every other day. But I don't celebrate it because most Valentine's Days, I'm broke."

Michael Ruta, a senior in automotive technology from Downers Grove, said no matter what the price, he will buy as much as it takes to please his Valentine. One year he spent more than \$100 and will not hesitate to splurge again this year.

"I like any reason to celebrate," he said. "It doesn't matter how much money you spend. That just shows a token of how much you appreciate them. Besides, you have to spend your money sometime. So why not spend it on Valentine's Day and have a good time?"

GaDee said the only reason people celebrate Valentine's Day is because it has been consistently embedded into society. Although he does not like the holiday, it does no harm to anyone.

"It's cool," he said. "It promotes love and everything, and that's good. Anything positive is always good."

Conservative candidates square off in debate

12TH DISTRICT:
Hopefuls for seat in U.S. Congress spar at SIUC Student Center.

KIRK MOTTIRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

When Republican Congressional candidate Gail Kohlmeier says she wants to decrease the size of government, she isn't kidding.

In a debate with primary rival Bill Price Wednesday, Kohlmeier called for the "phasing out" of most federal social programs, including welfare, Social Security and Medicare, and the elimination of several federal agencies, including the Department of Education and

National Endowment of the Arts. "You could go right down the line with all the departments," she said. "They could all be cut. It would get rid of some government jobs, but ..."

"We just don't need them. Everything is done better on the local level."

Price echoed these sentiments, saying: "there's a seat of things. Certainly the Department of Education would be a good place to start." Price did not specify any other agencies but argued that he "would have to look at all the programs" before making a decision.

About 50 people assembled in the Thebes Room of the Student Center to witness the battle of the conservatives, sponsored by the College Republicans.

Though each candidate

fought desperately to distinguish himself and herself, what emerged from the confrontation highlighted the field's homogeneity rather than its ideological divisions. In the words of Price, "we're both fiscal and social conservatives. Nothing really separates us."

Kohlmeier railed against the Belleville orthopedic surgeon for defecting to the Republican party after 43 years as a Democrat; Price is now 44. In his defense, Price said he has been deserted ideologically by the Democratic party and has found a safe home with the GOP.

Kohlmeier furthered her attacks on Price, contending her opponent not only maintains Democratic ties but actively supported the Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-

Ill., in his last re-election bid. "Bill's too much like Jerry," she said. "He was a friend of Jerry Costello's. He was a contributor to Jerry Costello. What does that say?"

Price ignored the attack, merely repeating the line, "I'm a fiscal and social conservative." When asked though why he would be the best candidate to unseat Costello, Price responded, "I would be the best because of my father's (former Congressman Mel Price, D-Ill.) long-standing service for southwest Illinois in the House of Representatives. Dad served us all very well." Price added that his experience as a physician, military officer and family man

Second annual ball to benefit radio station

GOOD CAUSE: Proceeds from masquerade dance will go towards defraying operating expenses of WDBX-FM.

MIKAL J. HARRIS
DE CAMIUS LIFE EDITOR

Prince Taylor keeps heads nodding to smooth beats as a volunteer disc jockey at WDBX, but on Valentine's Day he will help the radio station raise money by mixing smooth drinks.

Fans of sitcom nostalgia may liken him to "Isaac" from "The Love Boat" Saturday night when attending the second annual WDBX Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball. After all, Taylor, a junior in paralegal studies from Carbondale, will be tending bar. Love will be in the air.

But Taylor does not plan on playing Cupid. He just wants to have an enjoyable time while finding different ways to lend his services to WDBX 91.1 FM, the area's community radio station.

"I had a ton of fun at last year's ball. That's why I decided to volunteer to tend the bar at this one," he said. "Plus, it's good to give something back. Some people volunteer at soup kitchens once or twice a year during the holidays. I do this instead."

Taylor and other WDBX volunteer and staff members will celebrate the day for lovers by providing an upscale way for everyone to spoil the person they love.

WDBX is sponsoring its second annual Valentine's Day Masquerade Ball fund-raiser from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. About 375 people are expected to attend.

Last year, the event collected about \$12,000 for the station — enough to cover its operation expenses for most of the year.

The ball's \$30 ticket price may be a little steep for some people — especially students. But Faye Anderson promises the evening's romantic music and dancing provided by local musicians, the gift idea-inspiring silent art and merchandise auctions and entertaining costume contest all make the event's ticket prices a mere pittance in comparison.

Anderson, WDBX volunteer coordinator,

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CARBONDALE
No injuries reported from fire.

Officials are investigating a house fire that occurred at about 3:15 p.m. Thursday at 504 N. Wall St.

Police said the house was engulfed in smoke upon arrival. Fire fighters were able to extinguish the fire shortly after arrival.

Officials have not released the names of the residents, the cause of the fire or a damage estimate.

No serious injuries were reported, but a pet suffered smoke-related injuries.

No further information was available as of press time.

EVERYTHING IS PERFECT! THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS ON THIS CAMPUS... SO WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT THE SELECTION OF A NEW CHANCELLOR?



- SIU STUDENTS AND FACULTY -

K. J. Johnson/D.E. '98

Dave Lowman/Daily Egyptian

Our Word

Athletic fee debate no longer needed

It is time to move on. The more than 50 students who attended the Wednesday night Undergraduate Student Government meeting to show their opposition to the athletic fee should be commended for their participation. Unfortunately, their opposition comes about one year too late.

Despite an agreement between student leaders, SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs and SIU President Ted Sanders, the SIU Board of Trustees mandated in the summer that there will be an \$80 increase over a four-year period.

The agreement between students and administrators was to increase the fee \$20 for one year and study all future increases. That agreement, however, was made moot by the board's decision to fully fund the increase all four years. Beggs could have conducted a study, but why study future increases when those increases are already on paper?

Anyone who attended the board meeting in June assumed there would be no reductions in the fee. The members on the board had spoken and essentially told Sanders, Beggs, and students the agreement be damned, athletics will be funded fully. But student leaders and administrators did not stop fighting. Beggs sharpened his pencil, went through the Athletic Department's budget line by line, eliminating superfluous spending and ultimately reduced the fee by \$20. This is a clear victory for students and far surpasses the benefits that any study could have accomplished.

In comparison to other state universities, SIUC is still the most affordable. The average semester costs for tuition and fees is as follows:

- SIUC — \$1,846
- ISU — \$2,085
- WIU — \$2,119
- EIU — \$2,124

• NIU — \$4,042.

Even with the fee increase, SIUC still will be cheaper than ISU, who currently has the top men's basketball team in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Many complain about spending money for activities they do not utilize. The federal government spends money in a variety of ways that are unpopular with the public, but people cannot simply stop paying taxes.

The benefits to the fee increase are three-fold. First, the Athletic Department will begin to reduce its deficit, which is important to future plans. Second, the money used will bring more money from the NCAA in the future. This extra money will be used for scholarships to bring athletes to SIUC who could improve the quality of the teams. Finally, when the athletic teams begin improving, more SIUC alumni will become interested in the University and possibly donate money that can improve other programs on campus.

No one likes paying extra fees, including the members of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board, but we are realists and recognize a victory when one is attained. It is time to worry about more pressing issues, such as landlord-tenant relations, academic advisement and technology improvement. Many people complain about athletics compromising academics, but the same people who protested the fee increase did not show up to USG's academic advisement focus groups or to the student forums with the chancellor finalists.

The fee was reduced, which should be viewed as a victory. But the most recent challenge came too late. The fee has been set and we should now focus on issues with which we can make a difference.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Mailbox

Letters to the editor must be submitted in person to the editorial page editor, Room 1247, Communications Building.

Letters should be typewritten and double spaced. All letters are subject to editing and will be limited to 350 words.

Students must identify themselves by class and major, faculty members by rank and department, non-academic staff by position and department.

Letters for which verification of authorship cannot be made will not be published. The DE reserves the right to not publish a letter for any reason.

New salary proposal insulating to faculty

Dear editor,

Tom Britton says that he does not want to bargain with the faculty in the press, but at the same time the administration's bargaining team is doing everything it can not to bargain. I would like to comment on only one issue of the proposed bargaining contract. The SIUC Faculty Association is asking for a modest 4.5 percent salary increase. The Administration response is to offer a 3 percent merit salary increase. Let us examine just what kind of raise is really being offered to the lowest paid university faculty in Illinois.

Last year, faculty salary merit raises, after taking out promotion money, amounted to approximately 2.3 percent. This year, the administration has already announced that the amount of money for promotions will be doubled. Assuming that approximately the same number of promotions will

occur this year as last, 0.7 percent will double to 1.4 percent. That leaves 1.6 percent for merit faculty salary increases.

But wait — remember what the administration has already done for themselves. They took their raises off the top this year, rather than after the subtraction of promotion money as in years past. One can only guess what might be left, but at most we are actually talking about less than a 1.5 percent increase. After all, the guys who already have taken their raises also make big bucks. I am sure 3 percent of any administrator's salary is a lot more than 3 percent of mine and most other faculty, and it is certainly more than the paltry 1.5 percent that might be given to the faculty if the administration ever decides to bargain. The dishonesty of this offer is astounding.

According to National Public Radio, the average family income worldwide increased by 4 percent last year. The faculty is asking for 0.5 percent more than the average increase in income throughout the world. The University Administration apparently feels that the faculty at SIUC should be

given less of an increase than was experienced in most of the third world. I guess fairness is in the eye of the beholder, Mr. Britton.

Walter Stubbs,
 associate professor, Library Affairs

New middle-ground for ongoing debate

Dear editor,

While I sat in the Quigley Auditorium on the 25th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, I came to a critical decision on the abortion debate that will change the issue forever. I have formed the basis of the Pro-Abortion Movement.

Yes, I have decided to promote the mandatory abortion of all unborn children. I found it hard to join the ideological ranks of WWII Nazi and contemporary Indian politicians, but I am convinced that it is the only way to solve the abortion debate. Americans practically worship the mid-

Love is more than a one-day event

Love.

Some people think of it as a big-booty girl with a short skirt while others picture a man with a muscular chest driving a nice car.

Most people "oooh" and "ahh" when someone openly shows affection to another person or they call you "whipped" because you actually want to spend time and respect the person you are with.

Even though all the "real men" and gold diggers out there may not admit it, we all have someone we love, someone that has perhaps captured our spirit like no other.

That love is only fully acknowledged, it seems, on one day a year. I do not want to generalize, but I have heard so many people complain about having to figure out some way to honor those they love that it leaves me to wonder in what frame of mind love exists these days.

Sometimes I feel as though love does not exist at all. Perhaps it got washed away somewhere — mixed up with the false identities the media wants us to portray. "Love is OK as long as it doesn't get in your way." That is the message I get from the media.

It is commonplace, as it has been for quite awhile, to have one-night stands, to hit the clubs with one intent — to get laid — and to just lose the number of your victim — with part of yourself — the next morning. To be mesmerized by the curves of flesh and your own itching loins, which end up being displayed in your hungry, lustful eyes.

Am I exaggerating?

I wish, but what I see when I hit the parties and clubs — on those rare occasions that I go — is the biggest scene of self-hate that I have ever experienced. I leave engulfed in confusion, searching to understand why someone would want to live this way.

I guess I am just soft, but love has always been one of the biggest influences in my life. I have lived my life on love, in all its spectrums of possibilities, good or bad. I have never turned my back on my heart.

If that makes me weak in many of your eyes then so be it — I could care less what you think. All I know is every step I take is built on the emotion I feel toward this or that.

Some might think that I am putting myself on a pedestal, but I am not trying to. It just saddens me to see such a lack of morality among the masses.

Every morning, I wake up with an angel lying by my side whose soft face mirrors everything I wish to be.

I love her more than myself sometimes, and I just wish others could find the same feelings about someone as I do when I think of her. I want to build so much with her, and what is funny is that I feel this way every single day, not just on Feb. 14.

To me love is just not a sweet song or a rose. It is a presence inside you that stretches to every facet of your life.

Once love is forgotten so is everything else. Let's not let that happen.

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Harsh Realities

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dle ground. Unless they feel the need to conform to a philosophy, Americans prefer no side. This results from either lack of education or simple apathy. Creating a Pro-Abortion Movement will create a playing field with true opposites — all unborn babies should be aborted or carried to term. And with this kind of argument, you create a middle ground for Americans to believe in, the Pro-Choice Movement.

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Tommy Self Jr.,
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The Why Store is open for grooviness

Indiana band sets up shop tonight at the Copper Dragon

JASON ADRIAN
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The story is not new. An aspiring reporter ventures to a nearby northern college nightclub to boost his band awareness. He goes to check out a favorite local band and an obscure opening act from Indiana called something like The Why Store.

After each band played a set of its music, The Why Store looked pumped as the members returned to the second stage for its next set.

Almost one full, groove-inflected yet hard-rocking set later, the curious reporter looked on in astonishment as The Why Store fired up the sweaty, rambunctious crowd that did everything but riot to ensure the band would continue playing — even if it was well into the main act's stage time.

But the members of The Why Store, which will be taking the stage tonight at the Copper Dragon Brewing Co., played only one more song, probably because they already knew their time on the main stage in clubs across the Midwest would come eventually.

Why Store guitarist Michael David Smith remembers the aforementioned night, and said the situation the band was in was not an uncommon occurrence for The Why Store during that part of its career.

"It happened to us before and it's happened to us since, too," he said. "But it's an uneasy feeling when the crowd of a band that's playing after you is yelling for you."

But crowds have been yelling for The Why Store almost immediately after the band began to play in clubs.

The progression from The Why Store's practice studio in Muncie, Ind., to local clubs around the Ball State University area was a carefully planned path that the members of the band wanted to make sure they

did right.

"We were really careful in the way we formed. We just practiced in our house at college for almost two years before we ventured out to play shows," Smith said. "Most bands want to get right out there so they start practicing and book gigs right after."

"When things started to happen, it was more of a sigh of relief than a surprise."

The confidence the members had in the band could be borderline arrogance, but the music scene the band was trying to break from was not the most promising for budding, original bands.

Tickets for the Why Store are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For information, call 549-2319.

So any certainty The Why Store had in itself while it got airborne kept the band from imploding before it got off the ground.

"The band grew out of a complete cover band market. Before we went out to play anywhere, we wanted to make sure we had something the bar owners would make money with," Smith said. "Bands all the time say, 'The bars are so full of crap. They won't hire original bands.' Well, if you're not selling tickets, then of course they're not going to hire bands like that."

The bottom line is that you have to sell passes and tickets. We wanted to make sure we had something before we went out that would achieve that. That's what gave us a sense of confidence from the begin-

ning."

The confidence has not ended with the band's desire to make The Why Store a full-time job. The members all look like they're having fun on stage even toward the end of their typical 2 1/2 hour sets — especially lead singer/songwriter Chris Shaffer and his wide-eyed vocal delivery.

And who wouldn't have fun on stage when playing in a band that has played with such mainstream bands in recent years as Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic, Big Head Todd and the Monsters and the Samples?

The band's first single "Lack of Water" from its self-titled Why Cool! debut took a hike up Billboard's Mainstream Rock Tracks chart last year thanks to its catchy chorus.

Though the song has helped gain the band a fan base (The Whomheads), modesty still takes center stage for The Why Store, leaving the rock star attitudes for MTV.

"It's hard sometimes for it to sink in or what it means to be played all over the country," Smith said. "We're just doing the same thing we were doing two years ago."

What the band will be doing in the next few months is heading into the studio to record what Smith said will be the band's best record yet.

But even if the record exceeds his expectations, Smith said The Why Store will continue its journey down the rock 'n' roll highway.

"I don't think we'll ever be satisfied. There's always a next step," he said. "It's a dangerous place to be if you're satisfied with where you're at."

"The [Rolling] Stones may be satisfied but that doesn't count." Local rockers Halfway Jane will kickstart the evening's music at around 10 p.m.

Tiny stage mounts large production

DRAMA: Adaptation of Broadway play scales down scenery, not performance.

KELLY E. HERTLEIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

When auditioning for the lead character in "Sylvia," Carrie Parr never anticipated she would be taking on the role of a canine elapsing into heat.

"I do play a stray dog, but I don't walk on all fours," Parr said. "I actually go into heat too, but I was just told to act sexy and very promiscuous."

"Sylvia", which will be presented at The Stage Co., 101 N. Washington St. through March 1, is the story of a stray dog who is found and adopted by a middle-aged man unhappy with his career and New York residence.

"The man is just not happy. He's going through a mid-life crisis," director of the production Mary Boil said.

"He comes across a stray dog in the park, who on stage is performed by a beautiful young girl, and finds a great attachment to her."

Despite the enjoyment of her role as a dog, Parr said she found some of the descriptions of her performance rather unique and challenging.

"As a dog, I have to get on my knees when commanded to sit," Parr said. "My owner also has me sprayed after I go into heat and that is rather difficult to interpret on stage."

The twisted plot revolves around romance, comedy and drama.

Smaller than the Broadway production of "Sylvia," The Stage Co., found no difficulties in adapting the play to its accommodations.

"We are all pretty flexible with the production," Boil said. "You figure things out as you go and you just find ways to do it."

The Stage Co.



LEFT: Lee Brackett (left) and Carrie Parr, both of Carbondale, rehearse a scene from the play "Sylvia," which opens February 14.

BOTTOM: Lee Brackett (left), who plays the character "Greg" and Tim Miles, who plays "Tom," rehearse a spirited scene Tuesday evening at the Stage Co., 101 N. Washington St. PHOTOS BY DEVIN MALLER/Daily Egyptian

seats only 100 people in an intimate setting that allots audience members the feeling they are part of the performance.

"If you're sitting in the front row it feels like you are actually in the play," Boil said. "People should get tickets in advance. With only 100 seats, they may be disappointed to show up the evening of the performance and we are sold out."

Boil and the cast are all volunteers. The Stage Co. is a non-profit organization that survives mainly on ticket sales.

"We receive a very small grant from the Illinois Art Council, but everyone here is volunteer," Boil said. "The only exception is the person running the box office, but we all do it for fun."

Parr also said she felt the experience was worth the time and effort put forth in the production.

"It is fun to be something or someone else," she said. "It's a chance to get away without going anywhere."

Although the story line is unusual, Boil said The Stage Co. tries diligently to adapt it for the Carbondale audience.

"Not everything is going to appeal to everyone," she said. "We just try to do a

balance of comedy, mystery and romance.

"The language in some of the performances may offend our older patrons and the younger crowd may not enjoy what the elder likes, but the community is diverse and this is a community theater."

The production will continue for three weeks, and for many of the volunteers this can be a time-consuming process.

"We do it because we can, but we run for three weekends and with rehearsals it takes up two months of your life," Boil said.

However, Parr said the performance is a way to keep herself occupied and the difficulties with time eventually diminish.

"The play keeps me busy," Parr said. "Every role presents a challenge but after six weeks of rehearsals you get pretty comfortable with the role and the settings."

Boil said the production is rather mature and she found that working with a full adult cast is promising.

"It is a good show," she said. "I don't have to worry if my leading man has braces or who will get a date for the prom."



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Classical strings to stir Shyroek Auditorium

EXPERIENCED: After 30 years quartet finds their motivation in the love they have of their music.

JASON ADRIAN
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It seems like anybody would jump at the chance to take a quick trip to France or England and experience life overseas for awhile — especially if they were paid for it. But in the case of cellist David Soyer of the Guarneri Quartet, excursions across the Atlantic have become as commonplace as a drive to the grocery store.

"It's very satisfying [to play overseas], but travel has gotten very tedious after all these years," Soyer said. "It's no great thrill to fly to London or Paris anymore because it's been so many times.

"I don't know if we enjoy traveling, but we enjoy performing."

More than 30 years of performing in the same string quartet with the same three men could grow stagnant, but what keeps musicians like Soyer doing what they do best is the music.

Soyer said the quartet, which will be performing at 8 p.m. tonight in Shyroek Auditorium, continues to travel the world and perform because the music always brings something new and challenging for the members.

"[Classical music] has so many facets that one never tires of it. You may come up with an idea for a different tempo or someone may come up with a new idea that strikes you differently than it did in the last 50 or 25 years," he said. "There's always something new.

TICKETS
• Prices for the Guarneri Quartet performance are \$15.50 and \$13.50.

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"That's one thing about the repertoire that is so great is that it's like a huge gold mine and you keep digging in and finding nuggets."

Some of the nuggets the four string players will be polishing up for their performance are selections from Franz Joseph Haydn's Quartet in D Major, Bela Bartok's Quartet No. 6 and Claude Debussy's Quartet in G Minor.



After more than 30 years together, the quartet, named after a violin-making family of Cremona, Italy in the 17th and 18th centuries, is the longest-running quartet in the world.

"I guess we've just been so busy that we never thought of not doing it," Soyer said.

Though there are no definite measurements set to regard someone as the best at something, the Guarneri Quartet's longevity as well as its performing proficiency have earned the recognition that would make it look like the best in terms of American chamber music ensembles.

The quartet received the prestigious Award of Merit from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters in 1992, becoming the only quartet ever to be given such an honor.

In 1982, then-New York Mayor Ed Koch recognized the Quartet's peerless performing abilities when he presented it with the first New York Seal of Recognition.

Awards and recognition are great accomplishments for

any musical group, but it's what the quartet has given to each audience for the past 30 years that keeps fans asking for more.

And having so many fans all over the world brings the quartet to a variety of stages.

"You sometimes find yourself playing to large audiences. For instance, we played in a huge auditorium in Tel Aviv that seats 2,500 people, and then we might come the next day to do something that seats 300 people," Soyer said.

Soyer also said the different sizes of the venues bring about different ambiances to each performance. Some of the atmosphere is created by the audience — which is not normally attributed with contributing to a classical performance.

"There's a difference in feel to these places — certainly a difference in acoustics," he said. "There's a difference in audience response, which is a very tangible thing. The audience is a big part of the performance."

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- Sebastian's- Brian Holder
- Shryock Auditorium- Guarneri String Quartet
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SATURDAY

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- Coo-Coo's- Live dance bash
- Copper Dragon- Zydeco Crawdaddys
- Fred's Dance Barn- Rapid Fire
- Gatsby's II- Live DJ show
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Heavy Vibes BAC event lets creativity flow

A solitary footstep became footprints as the masses, single-filed, filled the cube-seated room regally in a rectangular pattern. Staring through the visage of Colombian blend, the heavy breathing travelers, who came from long distances, chattered about the day's proceedings. They cling-clanged poorly crafted porcelain mugs and listened to the poets speak.

LONDON WILLIAMS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Maroon and black decorations, low lighting, fragrant aromas and mellow music will set the mood for local amateur performers to strut their stuff at the Black Affairs Council's "Heavy Vibes...Can You Dig It?" tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom B.

"Heavy vibes ... Can you dig it?" is the liner to BAC's virtual coffee shop idea. BAC will convert the Student Center Ballroom B into a café to showcase student poetry, singing and music.

Umar Rashid, a senior in cinema and photography from Chicago and one of the students scheduled to perform Friday night, describes the event through the imagery of his own poetry.

"A solitary footstep became footprints as the masses, single-filed, filled the cube-seated room regally in a rectangular pattern. Staring through the visage of Colombian blend, the heavy breathing travelers, who came from long distances, chattered about the day's proceedings. They cling-clanged poorly crafted porcelain mugs and listened to the poets speak."

The aura of the event may be captured in verse, but the reason behind "Heavy Vibes" is best explained by Black Affairs Council publicist Juan Maultsby.

"The purpose of this event is to explore SIUC talent," he said. "Our goal is to provide our audience with positive entertainment in a laid-back atmosphere with a little flavor."

The Registered Student Organization

acting troupe Oops! Entertainment will start the night off with a comedy skit written by Oops! Entertainment's faculty adviser Brenda Major titled "Next Life Time", which tells the story about the ups and downs of a smooth player.

Oops! Entertainment President Ayolandra Holt said the crowd is sure to like this love twist.

"Next Life Time" is a story about a gigolo who loses the girl he truly loves. The story shows him comically going through a change," she said. "We always have positive responses to our plays. I think they're going to love this play."

In addition to Oops! Entertainment, other SIUC students will be entertainers for the night.

Some students like Rashid will perform original and popular poetry. Others will perform musical pieces on various instruments.

Hazel Richardson and Aerica Parson, the reigning winner of the Alpha Phi Alpha Ms. Ebonyess Pageant, will perform musical solos.

"The performers are looking forward to Friday," Lynell Mitchell, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Chicago and the assistant chairman of "Heavy Vibes", said. "The cafe will give everyone a chance to showcase their talent in a positive, laid-back environment before fellow students."

Although there are students already scheduled to perform, Mitchell stressed that anyone who is willing to perform is welcomed to perform.

"I'm not a poet but if the mood catches me I might get on stage and do a little something for the crowd," Mitchell said.



BRETT COOKER/Daily Egyptian

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Movies & Music

'Killers' has more formula than Similac

JASON ADRIAN
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

I've finally figured out what makes bad guys bad and good guys good in movies. While a near-sighted good guy could off an ant 500 yards away with a crooked pistol, a bad guy couldn't even nick Big Bird five feet away with a sawed-off shotgun.

It's pretty simple logic, I guess, and if "The Replacement Killers" is on your "movies to see" menu then you'll see my theory is proven throughout the entire one hour and 22 minutes of this fast-paced action flick.

Along the same lines as this summer's hilarious and well-written "Grosse Pointe Blank," this film centers around a hit man who suddenly grows a conscience and loses his taste for the endless killings involved in his "profession."

While the hit man's transformation in "Grosse" was attributed to lost love, lead character John Lee's (Chow Yun-Fat) reasons for wanting to quit the hired killer biz are a little unclear.

Thanks to a pumped-up opening sequence, I was ready for an unformulated action flick with a cool lead butt-kicker. In the scene, we see Lee as the skillful, icy killer he is when he does in a Los Angeles gang leader and his cronies at a hopping night club.

But when his boss Terence Wei (Kenneth Tsang) hires Lee to kill the 7-year-old son of police officer Zeedo Zedkov (Michael Rooker), Lee's conscience suddenly expands its capacity with morals, and he doesn't carry out the deed — which then makes him Wei's next target. Wei hires (get this!) replacement killers to finish Lee as well as take on the job Lee couldn't finish.

Passport forger Meg Coburn (Mira Sorvino) gets thrown into the mix when Lee needs the proper papers to fly to Shanghai so he can protect his mother and sister — who also have become targets of Wei's violent ways.

So as Lee and Coburn are tracked down all over L.A. by Wei's henchmen and Zedkov — who doesn't know what Lee did for him, the gunfights cause about 10 times as much carnage than Lee would have caused if he would have carried out his initial job.

Yun-Fat is really good in the action scenes even if he seems bullet proof. Some of his moves and fights were pretty eye-appealing, but when it came to scenes involving Yun-Fat and Sorvino speaking is when this movie really faltered.

As if we're supposed to believe Sorvino warbling, "Standing aside is the same as pulling the trigger," is all it will take for Lee to forgo his trip to Shanghai and stay to save a cop's little boy.

Director Antoine Fuqua has some great shots and moves the movie along well for his first film. The gunfights in the car wash and Coburn's apartment would be plain bagels unless Fuqua added some enlightening bacon and cream cheese to turn them into something worth sitting through.

But those scenes are too few to come anywhere close to covering the shoddy dialogue or the bad aim of the villains. Taking the "Seinfeld" method of review would work well here: Hit man comes clean — yadda, yadda, yadda — gets revenge.

The ending is done well and answers a few questions about the movie, but I still wanted to like this movie more than I did.

REPLACEMENT KILLERS

Directed by Antoine Fuqua
Written by Ken Sanzel
Starring:

- Chow Yun-Fat.....John Lee
- Mira Sorvino.....Meg Coburn
- Kenneth Tsang.....Terence Wei
- Michael Rooker.....Zeedo Zedkov

THE CLARKS

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The Clarks
SOMEDAY MAYBE
MCA — 1997

The Clarks recent compact disc "Someday Maybe" is an interesting array of smooth rock tunes with an upbeat sound.

The album provides easy-listening melodies, but lead vocalist and guitar player Scott Blasey needs to take up or invest in revised music lessons.

The background vocals are a pleasure to listen to, but lead vocals are muffled and give a slight hint of "nose plugging" (vocal tones which resemble someone singing with their nose plugged).

Although you can decipher the lyrics, the sound strumming from Blasey is horrendous. He is off key and brings down the ultimate talent of the Clarks abilities as a professional band.

However, credit should be given to Blasey as an instrumental artist.

He does do an excellent job at performing his guitar solos and keeping up with the instrumental upbeat sounds of the band, but he should definitely surrender his position as lead vocalist over to another soul.

Overall the compact disc "Someday Maybe" could be labeled as an average album. Nice tunes but a lack professional-ism.

—Kelly E. Hertlein



The Interpreters
BACK IN THE U.S.S.A.
Freeworld — 1997

Measuring the mass appeal the Sex Pistols gave to punk music is as difficult as trying to figure out exactly how many people Michael Jackson turned off from considering a career in pop music.

One such band that proves the late '70s reign of the Pistols is still waving its wand of influence over seedling punkers is The Interpreters. On "Back In the U.S.S.A.," The Interpreters break out the heavy guitar/drums/bass punk attack, backed up by their snarling, English accents for the full rebel effect — and they're from Philadelphia.

"Lucky Day" and "You Are the One" sound like they were directly lifted from some '80s punk act trying to make it in a pretentious pop world by putting in a sappy love angle to go with a pop-thwarting chorus.

It works in a sense, but not in the way Nirvana built a verse into a teeth-clenching chorus. Nor do The Interpreters succeed in any of the savvy of the Pistols' pop defiance.

Still, the Pistols influence is so great on this album that it borders lines ripping the band off. But on "Ironic...Blowout," the band does away with any borderlines and just rips off The Who's "My Generation."

—Jason Adrian



Sugarsmack
TANK TOP CITY
Sire — 1998

Siouxsie Sioux may not be as much of a force in pop music without her Banshees, but her spirit is alive and well within Sugarsmack's lead singer Hope Nicholls.

Just as Siouxsie could carry any melody and turn it into a song with credence and bite, Nicholls' vocals bear the weight of keeping Sugarsmack's "Tank Top City" from any label of being just another album from a punk band with a cute girl singer.

And for the most part she does. Nicholls gives listeners a good sense of love-aching on "Josephine" without sounding like she's whining as most princesses of the punk microphone do.

Her sing/speak vocals on "Carter," is interesting to say the least as she takes on the role of a local in her hometown of Charlotte, N.C., telling the story of a wandering drifter.

When Sugarsmack breaks out the acoustic guitars on "Slinky," it does it without sounding as if the band's forcing a ballad just to have a slow song.

"Tank Top City" is a strong album, filled with enough punk and pop to saturate any stripped-down punk music thirst.

—Jason Adrian

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Happy Valentine



Dear Ron,
Happy Valentine's Day to my angel. I love you with my heart and soul.
Love,
Donna



To the Men of Delta Sigma Phi,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love Your Sweetheart
Jen Kline



To My Sweetheart Rob,
Just a little reminder that my heart is filled with love for you.
Love,
Anna 10-10



-D-
We've been together and apart for twenty years. We will never be apart again. I love your body and soul.
-Kitten-

To Jennifer,
To My Lola Bunny,
You're my heaven on earth. I love you.
From Your Secret Admirer,
David Hootman



Das and Don,
Thanks for the intro. I am just gonna smell cookie dough all weekend!
Al

Laurence,
Our lives are intertwined as they have always been. Hold my hand and promise that they'll always be.
PMSB

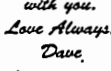
Dean,
You are my boo, and I love you for it. You have done a lot for me in these past months. Happy V-Day Ba, and many more.
SFB

Los Fundadores,
Professional if ok. I miss the personal interactions.
Thinking About You,
Maxwell Street

U.N.C.,
This time apart is hard, and I miss you terribly. We will be together soon.
With Love,
Your Other Half



Shari,
I never knew that life could hold a happiness as true as the happiness that I found in sharing life with you.
Love Always,
Dave



Tera,
I love you bunches, tons, and lots. You will always be my favorite.
Love Always,
Mark



Happy Valentine's Day Leiland,
I love you a million billion trillion plus one billion million.
From,
Bryan Buddy and Duke

Dear Jenn,
I love you forever and always.
Love,
Josh



Duke,
You are my heart and my soul. You are what makes me whole. I love you, always.
Juan A.



Jessie Smille!
Tonight I'm going to love you Boyzorker Rage Style...Snikite, Snikite. Snak! Yeah Baby!
Jason Snoogens



Alison,
You are the best thing that has ever happened to me. I will always love you.
Josh A.K.A Snuggler

Dear Manya,
Just to brighten your Valentine's Day, and keep you guessing. Love a secret admirer.
B.



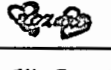
Frankie,
I don't need a day like this to remind you of how much I love you.
Yelisa



JSM,
Violets are blue and daffodils are yellow, I'll always be true to my special fellow...
Forever and ever!
A27



To Mulder,
Our romance is my favorite file.
Love Your Partner For Life,
Scully



To My Beautiful Wife Inna on your first Valentine's Day in America.
I love you.
From Your Hororok

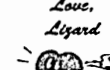


Rush,
You are my hero, my very best friend, and the greatest husband in the world!
Love,
Your little Angel

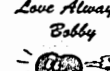


To Big Al and The Cookie Woman,
May you two grow strong like an oak, because it's on! David and Don

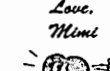
To My Dream Man Chris,
Happy 1 Year Anniversary!
I hope to spend many more with you.
Love,
Lizard



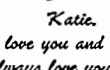
Bernadette,
I never knew that life could hold a happiness as true as the happiness that I found in sharing life with you.
Love Always,
Bobby



Sending a whisper to the one for which I care, hugs and kisses to no one but my Teddy Bear.
Love,
Mimi



Katie,
I love you and I will always love you. You are my angel face.
P.S. I loved you first.
From,
Jon Henhapl



Jason,
You excite me, (in more ways than one.)
Jen



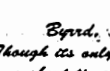
Tweety,
What Sylvester forgets...I remember.
Love,
Al



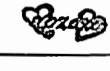
Dolores,
To my favorite co-pilot,
Flying is much more fun when you're with me! May all your flights be smooth.
Love,
Wayman



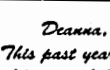
Shorlyn Kay,
Roses are red, Violets are blue, I think this is romantic, do you think so too?
Barlyman



Byrd,
Though it's only been a short time, I wouldn't require a box if we ate cereal together.
Love,
Jenny



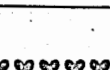
Dear Lovey,
I believe that love can last a lifetime...and I want to spend that lifetime loving you.
Shu-Shu-Ba



Deanna,
This past year has been great! Even through the hard times I've loved and continue to love you forever!
Love,
Don



Tweety,
What Sylvester forgets...I remember.
Love,
Al



Valentine's Day 1998



Candy,
When I was a
cadpole and you were
a fish in Paleozoic
times, I loved you
then, as I do now,
and surely more as
time goes by.
Love,
John

Dear Andrew,
You rock my world!
Love,
Skyyes



Shortlets,
I love you more than
words could say. I
am yours until the end
of time!
Always Yours,
Lucien



Em,
I have a gift for you.
I love you,
Boose

Da, Da, Da,
I love you Kitty, I
love my Kitty,
meccus, I love to
smuggle you da da
da!



To all my Theta Xi
guys who will always
be in my heart, You
guys are the best!!
Love,
Jasmine



Happy Valentine's
Day to our past
Crescent girls
Erin Bally
and
Angie Dusharme
Love The Guys,
AXA



Jack,
Thank you for putting
up with me, for help-
ing me, and just being
there.
Love,
Liz



Nefertiti,
A Special Girl In
My Heart,
Town Penthouse



Little Boy (JMK),
You captured my
heart with your love
and my soul with your
understanding. I'll
love you forever.
Your Little Girl (Lm)



Hey Babe,
Can't wait for Iowa.
I miss you and I love
you. Happy
Valentine's Day!
Love Always,
MGM



To My Beloved and
Beautiful Wife,
I love you more than
anything else. Please
be my valentine!

Love,
Doodle



Laurie,
Happy Valentine's
Day, Hope we have
fun this weekend. It's
always fun anytime
with you.
Love,
Tom (Sigma Pi)

Dad,
Physical? Emotional?
Wonderful! Magical!
Memories in the
making!
Love from your
Valentine,
James Dean



Richie,
Happy Valentine's
Day! You are my
best friend and I love
you! I hope it will
last forever!
Kristine



James,
You hold the key to
my heart- I'll always
love you forever and a
day.
Love Your Fiancee,
Hallema



Leanne,
Happy Valentine's
Day! I've been
anxiously awaiting
this weekend for
months.
You complete me.
Love Always,
Brian



My Sweetheart
Patti D,
I'm thinkin' you're
the most wonderful
woman I've ever
known.
Robert Joseph



To My Camel
Jockey,
The silence is driving
me insane.
The Girl You Have
Been Waiting For

Jilly K
Get Piggly With Me!
Love,
Tenacious D

To My Sisters of
Delta Zeta,
Happy Valentine's
Day! I love you all.
You girls are the best.
Love,
Weisner

Marlon,
You are my best
friend. The last three
years have been the
greatest. I love you.
Your Wife,
Papillon



Los Fundadores,
Blues, Red Fish,
Jovny Springon,
Another walk in the
rain? You are
marvelous.
Thinking of You,
Maxwell Street

Sugar Booger,
Nothing is more
wonderful than being
in your arms and
sharing our dreams
together. I love you!



S.Y. Chen,
The feeling that I
have for you will
never change and will
last forever.



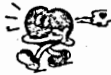
Warm Fuzzy,
Roses are red, violets
are blue, you're the
one, hope I'm the one
for you!
Love,
Cold Prichly



Holly J,
I'm a puppy for your
love.
Love,
Dave M.

Dyamb,
My doctor, I'm under
your care. Loving me
proved that you will
be there.
Happy Valentine's
Day,
Your Wife

Happy Valentine's
Day to our
Crescent Girl
Sarah Richey
Love The Guys,
AXA



Captain Fun,
Would you like a life
filled with romance,
intrigue, and
adventure? You'll
always be my favorite
superhero.
No. 1 Fan



Little Malaysian
Baby,
Would you do me the
honor of spending
Valentine's Day with
me?
XOXO,
Salty



Yplanda,
All of my broken
pieces are now whole
because of you.
Love Ya,
Twix

To Snookers,
As the passing years
have shown, you will
always grow ever
more beautiful in my
eyes.
From,
Sweetie

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Horse-chasing dog spared death, banished to Utah

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SEATTLE — Facing a flood of protests over the scheduled euthanasia of a family dog who chased a horse, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners in Oregon issued a reprieve Thursday that will allow the dog to be transported to an animal sanctuary in Utah.

"We need to end this thing. We're having threats against my life, threats against other commissioners, our telephone system is so overloaded with calls that we can't even access our own offices," commission chairman Jack Walker said before the vote in Medford, Ore.

An emergency ordinance adopted by the commission modifies an Oregon state law which requires dogs to be killed if they kill, injure or chase livestock. Nadas, a 3-year-old collie-malamute mix which chased a neighbor's horse in 1996, had been scheduled to die as early as Tuesday.

Under the new ordinance, owners whose dogs are caught chasing livestock will be allowed the option, as long as the livestock is not injured, of paying a \$100 fine and having the dog transported out-

side the state.

In the case of Nadas, whose plight has attracted sympathy across the country, the county has specified that the dog must be transported to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, never be adopted by a family, and have no future contact with his owner, 21-year-old Sean Roach.

In those conditions, county commissioners were apparently bowing to concerns from the livestock industry that cattle-chasing dogs should not be allowed to become a new problem to ranchers in other states.

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espouses another benefit of attending the Masquerade Ball. Even if tickets are bought for the event and the Valentine's spirit produces other plans for the night, the money spent eventually is returned to community members' pockets in two ways.

"WDBX is non-profit radio station that offers a variety of programming to the community," she said. "Diversity is worth supporting whether you go or not."

And a belated Valentine's Day gift from Uncle Sam presents the other method of getting a return on the investment. Because WDBX is not-for-profit, half the price of a Masquerade Ball ticket is tax-deductible.

Price concerns aside, Anderson, who also is an SIUC geography lecturer, says a number of SIUC students, faculty, staff and community members meet and mingle at the Masquerade Ball as the best.

"Most people" who attended last year said it was the best party they'd attended in Carbondale," she said. "I think that's a very true statement."

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victory in reducing the athletic fee increase.

However, USG Evergreen Terrace Senator Chet Lunsford, who sponsored the bill to oppose the fee increase, said student concerns had not been fully incorporated by both student government and administration.

Lunsford, who also has opposed the fee increase since it was proposed last spring, was backed by the majority of the audience, which became more vocal with each passing minute.

Athletic Department Director Jim Hart also spoke to the crowd, telling them of the strong correlation of University athletics and school pride.

"You may scoff at that now, but you will find that may change after you've graduated," he said.

Hart also said the Athletic Department would not get additional fee increases after the four-year increase except to compensate for inflation.

After the presentation, USG Vice President Megan Moore opened the floor for concerned parties to voice their opinions of

the fee increase and query Beggs and Hart.

Brent Jason, a senior in engineering from Algonquin, said the quality of SIUC athletes is low to mediocre.

"A lot of athletes who come here finish here," he said. "They are not that talented. It seems like a waste of money to me."

The crowd cheered at Jason's remarks, and Moore repeatedly banged her gavel in an attempt to return order to the meeting.

Carla Lunsford, wife of Chet and a junior in hotel-restaurant management from Rockford, explained to Beggs the hardship of paying increased fees.

"I have to work two jobs to go to school," she said. "When I get behind on my bills, it gets tough. I would gladly pay to go see the Salukis play if it meant a reduced athletic fee."

About 15 members of the audience expressed their dissatisfaction with the fee increase before one student defended it.

Andy Bosak, an exercise science major from St. Catharines, Ontario, and member of the men's track and field and cross country teams, said he owed his education to the Athletic Department and chastised the crowd for its complaints.

"A lot of you I've seen in the bars on the weekends," he said. "The athletic fee is probably less than what you've spent on booze."

The crowd, which previously had bordered on rude behavior, came unglued and began vehemently booing Bosak's words.

Several other students voiced complaints, until Rob Taylor, a spokesman for Students Organized Against the Athletic Fee increase, began attacking Vingren and the majority Action Party in USG for renegeing on campaign promises.

"They were promising us a better deal, but we didn't get it," he said.

Taylor became increasingly frenzied as he accused Vingren of selling out the undergraduate student body and not holding administrators to the campus-wide study in the defunct June compromise.

Taylor then left the room, and was followed by Vingren. Vingren said he told Taylor that he wanted to respond to the criticism.

"I think that's extremely weak, the fact that he stood up there and criticized me with harsh words, and then bolted," Vingren said. "He was too weak to face me."

Hoerman then spoke in Vingren's defense, and praised him for his work for USG.

"Dave Vingren has, as far as I can tell, upheld every campaign promise," he said. "People who are complaining need to open their eyes and see what's going on."

Vingren, in his presidential address, urged the Senate to reject Lunsford's proposal while declaring his own distaste for a fee increase.

"This isn't something I cuddle up with in my bed and drool over," he said.

Vingren also told the senate and the audience that student activism would better serve issues of academic advisement, technology improvements and landlord-tenant relations.

When the resolution finally reached the floor, nearly 2 1/2 hours after the meeting began, additional debate began.

Lunsford, who had until that point emotionally called countless points of order and information through the various phases of the meeting, calmly argued for his bill while noting his disappointment in the dissolution of the June compromise.

"I've been lied to," he said. "I can't figure out who it is, but I've been lied to. I didn't sit in the inner circle, but I shared their pain when the Board of Trustees

approved the increase."

He concluded his argument with condemnation of rejecting his resolution.

"If you oppose this, you are saying you are in favor of a fee increase. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this resolution."

Mark Terry, who was allowed to rebut the argument by the senate, called the opposition to the increase a wasted effort and urged the senate and student activists to follow Vingren's advice and concentrate on other issues. He also chided the protesters' actions.

"I admire their idealism — as I do in small children," he said.

Finally debate ended, and voting was at hand. Lunsford spearheaded a motion for a roll-call vote, which narrowly passed.

The Senate finally voted 14-8 with one abstention to oppose Lunsford's legislation.

Lunsford said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"Students shouldn't have to stand for this fee increase," he said. "The senate seems to have ignored many of its constituents."

Vingren said he was content with the decision, after the tumultuous, marathon meeting.

"I'm glad we are able to move on to higher priorities," he said.

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Beggs and [Athletic] Director [Jim] Hart in to answer questions and I have to give Beggs and Hart credit for fielding questions for over an hour," Terry said.

The Student Senate rejected a resolution opposing any increase in the athletic fee 14-8 with one abstention.

The student opposition leader was also pleased with the forum.

"All the students present, including the members of Students Organized Against the Athletic Fee Increase, would like to thank Chancellor Beggs and Director Hart for hearing the students questions and concerns," said Rob Taylor, the president of Students Organized Against the Athletic Fee Increase. "I would also like to say that SOAAFI's stance is not opposed to the athletes but is opposed to the University taking our money without our permission."

USG Evergreen Terrace Senator Chet Lunsford, who sponsored a resolution opposing the fee

increase, said he felt there were a lot of important questions that were left unanswered.

"The [fiscal year] '98 budget shows a deficit in the Athletic Department of \$380,000 and a good answer for the value of the negotiations between administration and the student body if agreements can't be reached were ignored," Lunsford said. "I don't think the students' conduct at the meeting harmed their case. Last year, [Board of Trustees] member [John] Brewster said that student input on this issue is dangerous. The students actions last night were a response to being unheard."

Taylor did not comment further on the meeting or the student conduct. Some felt politics interfered with the issues at the meeting.

"There was definitely an undercurrent regarding the tone of the arguments presented last night and regarding the way USG does business," Terry said.

"You can't attack the administration one day and then sit across the table the next day and represent the students' interests and expect to get anything accomplished."

A statement read by Rob Taylor, president of SOAAFI, attacked

Vingren, accusing him of breaking campaign promises and not adequately fighting for the student body.

"Our student leaders were put under pressure from the administration and they sold us out," Taylor said.

Vingren said the movement against the athletic fee was a political move on the part of Taylor, who Vingren said plans to run for USG president in April. Vingren said he had expected such a move by Taylor.

"The athletic fee is being used as a tool for political gain, especially for Rob Taylor," Vingren said. "The fliers posted on campus that said the fee increase would be used for an athletes-only study lounge and laundry facility are 100 percent, absolutely false."

Vingren said he distributed a memo Feb. 1 explaining that as part of the \$60 deal, the Athletic Department guaranteed the money would not be used for any capital investments.

Taylor would not comment on whether he had any intentions of running for USG president.

Terry said it is unreasonable to say Vingren is not fighting for his

constituents.

Tim Hoerman, Graduate and Professional Student Council president, said he thought Taylor had a much larger political agenda than the athletic fee increase and Taylor's conduct at the meeting was not proper.

"For Rob Taylor to make diatribe comments about Dave Vingren and to approach the podium like he did was poor conduct for someone who has political aspirations like he does," Hoerman said.

Hoerman said the athletic fee increase will be discussed at the next GPSC meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Illinois Room.

"This meeting should be more contentious than the last," Hoerman said.

Hoerman said there is a motion to recall the motion supporting the athletic fee increase. There is also a motion coming off the table requesting representatives to the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee oppose the athletic fee increase before the Board of Trustees.

"This should be very contentious meeting and I am expecting a battle," Hoerman said. "For

this reason we are going to strictly adhere to rules of the meetings."

Terry said USG made the right decision in supporting the increase.

"The senate got a full taste of a variety of student opinions and I think they made the best decision," Terry said. "Students will have a hard time saying that they weren't heard. The senate made a clear decision and I think it was the best possible decision."

Vingren said the \$60 agreement was a great deal for the students.

"It was a very rare occurrence for students to have this type of victory and now students should move on to more important issues."

Student Trustee Pat Kelly said he is happy to see the students taking an active interest and hopes they take the same interest at the May Board of Trustees meeting when the athletic fee is scheduled to be discussed.

"We could view this as some people accusing Dave [Vingren] of renegeing on campaign promises," Kelly said. "Personally, I think we can do all we want, but the Board of Trustees has said they don't care what we say about fee increases."

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also qualify him to be the Republican nominee.

Besides wanting to abolish a host of federal entitlement programs, Kohlmeier would work to expand economic development by revitalizing the coal industry, bettering transportation schemes and attracting small business to the region. No specific plans to bolster these initiatives were forwarded, however. Instead, Kohlmeier said she would continue research in these areas and detail plans at a later date.

"I said the coal industry — I would certainly look into that," she said. "There is some new technology out there dealing with the coal industry. I don't have all the particulars because there's a lot of research being done right now. I would look at the highway system because we have a lot of trucks going through here."

"I would look also at whatever else we could pull into the district once we break up the stranglehold in St. Clair County so we could get some new businesses in here."

Price responded swiftly to these proposals: "I don't really disagree with my opponent on economic development for our area. We need to be committed to developing infrastructure and transportation. We need to find out what kind of businesses we're trying to attract. I would need a lot data and information that I'm not privy to answer that."

Both candidates, when asked if they would vote to amend the Clean Air Act, legislation that in part regulates industry's release of pollutants into the air, were uncertain as to the nature of the bill.

"I would have to take a look at the Clean Air Act and look into it more before I answer that, but I think we have some good laws on the books as far as cleaning up the air."

Price also was unfamiliar with the law, but said he opposes hefty environmental restrictions on industry.

"I would like to know the tenants of the Clean Air Act also and read through it," he said.

"Philosophically, I would love to loosen some of the restrictions — which I'm sure are coming from the Clean Air Act — which prohibit us

from burning our Illinois coal."

Price did say, however, he would look for alternative outlets for the Illinois coal industry if the government continues to restrict its activities.

"Perhaps there's some way we could open up our coal industry a little bit more," he said. "Perhaps we could get coal out of this country and being burned overseas. There are a lot of other win-win situations we might look at."

In education, both Price and Kohlmeier say the government should play a limited role. Private education, they say, should be encouraged. Both support vouchers for families sending their children to private and parochial schools. Kohlmeier is the founder of the Christian Community School in St. Clair County and favors school prayer extended to public institutions. Price also supports school prayer and would work to increase "school choice" for families. Eliminating the Department of Education would constitute a good first step, he said.

"I hate seeing children trapped in schools where they cannot learn," Price said. "That is not an indictment

of the entire public school system. But, I do believe that the federal government's role in education should be minimal."

In international affairs, both candidates contend the United States should bomb Iraq if necessary and play an increased role in securing peace throughout the world. These efforts would be complemented by a dramatic increase in military spending. Fearing an international U.N. tax on all participant countries, Kohlmeier favors America's withdrawal from the United Nations. Peace keeping missions sponsored by the United Nations are "wrong," she said.

"My son said he might want to go into the military someday, maybe be a marine or whatever and I said that's fine with me as long as you serve for your country, not under the U.N. banner," Kohlmeier said. "The U.N. is not an entity that does us any good."

Both candidates are staunchly pro-life and in favor of repealing Roe v. Wade. Kohlmeier opposes abortion in all cases, while Price makes exceptions for cases of rape, incest and endangerment of the mother.

Audience member reactions to the Wednesday debate ranged from enthusiasm to perplexity. College Republican President Eric Woehrmann was pleased with the turnout and level of interest in the candidates. Woehrmann is confident whoever emerges as the Republican nominee likely will defeat Costello.

"They both did a very good job," he said. "It's great that they both came."

"I think they both have a very good shot at winning."

Marco Orozco, a junior in political science from Chicago, left the debate bewildered by some of the candidates' responses. He was disheartened by the apparent lack of knowledge on the part of Price and Kohlmeier when answering questions about the environment and civil rights.

"I asked them both about two important bills (Defense of Marriage Act and the Line Item Veto Bill) that were passed by Congress a couple years ago and both of them did not know anything about them," he said. "Somebody who wants to be a representative should be familiar with the laws and at least should have read the Constitution."

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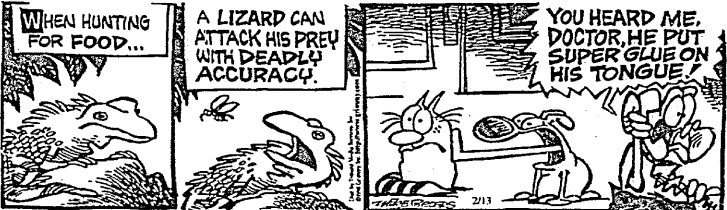
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15 By way of

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17 Bowing respectfully

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20 Likable candidate?

21 King of comedy

22 Playground ride

23 Goller's porner

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29 Patriot Allen

30 Swindler's assistants

33 Body of water

34 Diamond cat

37 Best policy?

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49 Municipal offices

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56 Jungla vine

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65 Guy's date

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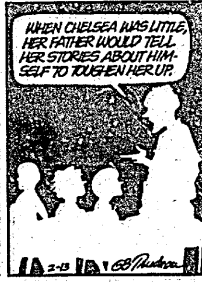
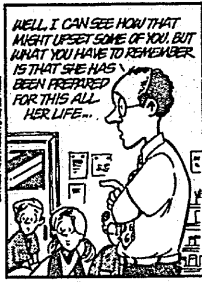
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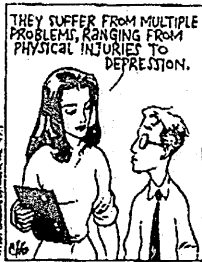
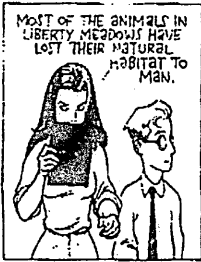
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played at John A. Logan College and was named the top pitcher in the Northwoods League by Baseball America during the summer.

Right-hander Adam Biggs, who earned all-conference honors at Rend Lake College, also will be a contributor to the Salukis' pitching staff.

Solid pitching will be a key factor because the Salukis are without the power hitters they had in infielders Aaron Jones and Jerry Hairston, who are both playing professional baseball.

"We lost Jonesy and Hairston from last year, and those were two big losses," sophomore infielder Steve Ruggeri said. "But I feel we're going to have some guys step up and come through."

"We've got Benson and Dettman back after having great years last year. I think what's going to carry us is our pitching staff this year."

The Salukis may not have the power they had last season when they set the all-time Saluki record with 75 homers, but they do have some speed that can generate runs.

"I think we're going to have to do a lot more situational-type hitting," Ruggeri said. "We're still going to have to rely on guys to hit 15 home runs and drive in 50 runs, but the top and the bottom of the order are going to have to work on getting on base a lot more."

Ruggeri and junior outfielder Joe Schley will be the main attractions in the running game. Baseball coach Dan Callahan said Schley and Ruggeri will have the green light virtually every time they reach base.

"Those two guys need to get on base," Callahan said. "Steve Ruggeri is a good baserunner. He does a good job as far as reading pitchers. He's going to be given an opportunity to play a heck of a lot more this year than he did last year. Hopefully, he's going to run because he's going to have the green light."

The Salukis already have had some disappointment because three recruit infielders they were depending on have left the program. Casey Boydston, Joe Trigg and Daniel Adams left because of personal reasons. Boydston was going to be a key factor at the shortstop position, and Trigg was expected to take over at third base.

"They're not here anymore, and our guys don't care

about them," Callahan said. "They know that it's time to get on with things with the guys that are here — that want to be here. I think they were very disappointed for a while, and I don't blame them."

SIUC is picked to finish third in the MVC behind Wichita State University and Southeast Missouri State University, but the Salukis are hoping that solid pitching will boost their chances in the MVC championship May 11-16.

"I think we've got a good shot. I really do," Benson said. "With the guys that Wichita State is returning, I think we sit pretty good. We've got a lot of pitching, and that's going to carry us through."

BASEBALL

•SIUC opens the 1998 season with a four-game road trip to Las Vegas. The Salukis play the University of San Francisco at 7:30 tonight, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas 1 p.m. Saturday, the University of Nevada at 4 p.m. Saturday, and UNLV at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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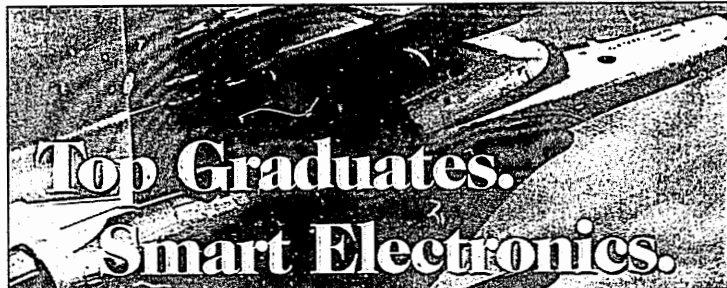
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we're going to San Antonio, we're going to Oklahoma. We're playing good teams at nice stadiums and hopefully nice climate. That's the fun part."

Trigg never even stepped on the field as a Saluki. Trigg, a 6-foot-4, 220-pound third baseman from Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, Mich., signed a letter of intent to play for the Salukis Nov. 24.

But Trigg was unhappy about his transferable credit hours from junior college, which forced him to choose a major he was not satisfied with. He never talked with Callahan before leaving.

"What I told our team after I found out those guys were leaving, I said, 'I probably need to remind you of something.'" Callahan said.

"Playing college baseball is a privilege. It's not a right, and there's a price to be paid."

"You don't just show up in Vegas on Feb. 13 and think, 'Hey, I'm here and the season is ready to start. Let's have fun.'"

But the biggest loss is the lack of depth that it leaves on the Saluki infield. All three players would have had the opportunity to either

start or see significant playing time had they stayed.

Boydston, a freshman shortstop from Galesburg, hit .407 with six home runs in 1997. He earned all-conference honors for three years and his team's Most Valuable Player award. Adams, a 6-foot-3 first baseman from Paducah, Ky., signed with the Salukis in November 1996 after hitting 11 home runs and 71 RBIs in leading his American Legion squad to a second-place state finish.

Trigg was Callahan's top recruit after leading Grand Rapids to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championship last spring, hitting .410 with 10 home runs and 50 RBIs.

Trigg was expected to step into the starting third baseman spot for Matt Dettman, who would move to first base. Dettman smacked a team-high 14 home runs in 1997 but also committed a team-worst 29 errors at third base.

Instead, Callahan will keep Dettman at third where he will be joined by sophomore Steve Ruggeri at second base, junior transfer Jon Winter at shortstop and senior Joel Peters at first. Peters moves from right field to take over at first.

"Trigg was the talk of the town," Callahan said. "Here was a guy

who was a first-team All-American and who we knew could come in and was good enough to start at third, hit some home runs and do a decent job at third. He was a big piece of the puzzle. And then bang, over the course of three days, it's like one, two, three, they're all out."

Ruggeri said the losses may play a big role if the team suffers any key injuries.

"I may have to play two positions depending on if (starting shortstop) Jon Winter gets hurt," Ruggeri said. "Our options are limited as far as who can play where."

"We don't have many guys who can play three positions on the infield. We had to bring two outfielders in to go for third base. Those three guys leaving hurt us tremendously."

Regardless of the losses, senior designated hitter Brad Benson is confident the Salukis will have more than enough firepower to compete for a conference championship.

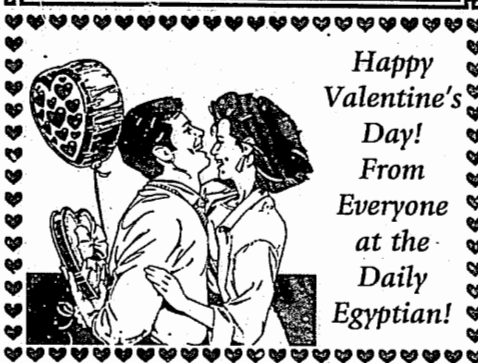
"Two of those three guys were freshmen, and for the most part, it's rare for freshmen to step in," Benson said. "But the guys that are here are good players. We may not have the depth, but we have some guys that can play a bunch of positions."

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Experience may be key in diversified Saluki team

GETTING READY:

Women's tennis team depends on variety to compete.

PAUL WLEKLINSKI
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC women's tennis team is starting the 1998 spring season with diversity of collegiate experience.

The Salukis' spring season begins at 3 p.m. today against Oral Roberts University in St. Louis. Saturday, the Salukis take on Missouri Valley Conference-rival Creighton University at 10 a.m. and non-conference foe St. Louis University at 3 p.m.

The Salukis will depend on the experience and leadership of their three top seniors — Sanem Berksoy, Molly Card and Helen Johnson. The three have combined for 285 singles victories.

"All three of the seniors have been unbelievable," coach Judy Auld said.

"It will be a hard class to replace."

Berksoy needs only 13 wins to pass Maureen Harney (119) to become SIUC's all-time winningest player. Her 79.5 percent winning percentage (107-34) makes her No. 3 all-time at SIUC.

"It [breaking the record] is no pressure at all," Berksoy said. "I will just take it one match at a time, and if I get it,



WARMING UP:

Keri Crandall, a freshman in radiological sciences from Champaign, returns a serve during tennis practice Thursday at the Sports Center, 1215 E. Walnut St.

JUSTIN JONES/
 Daily Egyptian

I get it."

Junior college transfer players Jennifer Robison and Maria Villarreal have collegiate experience, but Auld knows it is an entirely different level of tennis at a junior college.

Robison compiled a 7-8 record in singles competition and was runner-up at the Indiana Invitational last fall. Villarreal played at the five

spot in singles competition and the three spot in doubles competition, posting a 7-8 record in singles and 4-7 mark in doubles.

The most dependent upon the leadership of the others will be freshman Keri Crandall and Laura Waggoner. Crandall and Waggoner have been able to break into the collegiate level during the fall season and

have learned what they need to do for the competitive spring season.

Crandall recorded an 8-9 mark in singles play, including a 7-6 record in the No. 6 singles spot during the fall season. Waggoner paired up with Crandall in doubles competition, posting a 9-6 record.

"The fall season definitely helped us out a lot," Crandall

said. "We had a lot of good competition in the fall to prepare for the spring season."

The Salukis have not competed since the ITA/Rolex II Midwest Championships Nov. 8, and Auld knows that her team is itching for competition.

"I know we are ready," Auld said.

"I think the girls are tired of looking at each other and are ready for the competition."

TENNIS

•The Salukis face off against Oral Roberts at 3 p.m. today and Creighton and St. Louis University Saturday in St. Louis.

Hardest part for Salukis is wondering 'what might have been' this season

SHOT DOWN: Saluki baseball team forced to move forward after three recruits leave SIUC.

RYAN KEITH
 DE SPORTS EDITOR

SIUC baseball coach Dan Callahan looks at a copy of his 1998 roster and shakes his head at the thoughts of what could have been.

With a deep pitching staff and two top power hitters returning, Callahan and his Salukis appeared ready to challenge Wichita State University and Southwest Missouri State University for the Missouri Valley Conference title.

But the team was hit with a bombshell in January that put a

dampener on the season before it even began. Three recruits, Daniel Adams, Casey Boydston and Joe Trigg, decided to quit the team during the first week of the semester.

Although the three players were not expected to carry the team to an MVC championship, they each had the opportunity to fill in nicely in the Salukis' championship run this season.

Their decisions to leave shocked Callahan, and it marked the first time the fourth-year coach has seen that many departures.

"The thing that makes us more bitter than anything was that none of the three honored a commitment," Callahan said. "You've made a commitment to a university; they've made a commitment to this baseball program. They left without honoring that commitment."

Both Adams and Boydston participated in the team's six weeks of conditioning and fall practices. Adams sat down with Callahan before leaving, citing homesickness as his reason. Boydston was also homesick, but he left without telling Callahan of his decision. It was only later that Callahan was able to talk with Boydston.

"I told him the fall is the hard part," Callahan said. "That's the preparation period. The fun part is getting ready to start when you start playing games and start traveling a little bit."

"College athletics are fun — period. And the games should be the most fun part. It's fun to travel, it's fun to hang around with the guys. This year, we're going to Las Vegas,

Key element for SIUC sluggers may be pitching

TRAVIS AKIN
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Salukis biggest problem last season could be their greatest strength this season — pitching.

"I think we've got a lot of pitching this year," senior designated hitter Brad Benson said. "I think it will be a different team than what you saw last year. We were more of an offense-oriented team last year with some pitching, but we're by far probably the deepest I've seen, and we're going to have a tremendous staff this year."

Last season, the Salukis were seventh in Missouri Valley Conference with a disappointing

5.85 ERA.

But that was last season, and Jason Frasor returns to lead this season's Saluki aces. Last season, the right-handed junior had a team-best 3.59 ERA, which was good for fifth in the conference.

Junior right-hander Dave Piazza will return to the mound after elbow surgery. Piazza went 5-3 with one save in 1996. Last season he saw limited play before injuring his elbow, and his ERA plummeted to 9.97 in just 21.2 innings.

The Salukis also will get some help on the mound with newcomer Brad Heuring, who

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