Cuba delegation departs Friday
Focus of trip to discuss possible student, teacher exchanges

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SIU President James Walker, Paul Simon and a delegation of 29 others will leave for Cuba on Friday.

Walker announced plans for the revised trip, originally scheduled to have in November at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. The original trip was canceled by Cuban government officials two days before departure.

The Cuban government issued a statement saying it wanted to reschedule the trip because of "unplanned and unforeseen situations.

Members of SIU, UIS, and SIU Carbondale, the SIU School of Medicine and other local and state officials will discuss the possible exchanges of Cuban nationals and teachers with Illinois residents. They will also explore issues of education, employment, health and public policy exchanges with Cuba.

The trip will last from 10 to 15 days, depending on the delegate's schedule. Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, was one of the first senators to initiate legislation aimed at improving educational exchanges. Cuba dialoged his time in Congress. He said the United States should develop better relations with the country, which is just 90 miles off the American coast by participating in teacher exchanges, trade and tourism.

Although the goal of the trip is to discuss possible teacher and student exchanges between Cuba and the United States, Simon said it is unclear if the trip will be able to accomplish this. However, he said the ultimate goal of improving relations with Cuba will not be lost.

"But if nothing else, you end up with SIU officials with a greater understanding of the "why,"" Simon said.

The trip was postponed when Ramiro de Espinar, leader of the Cuban interests section at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., visited the University in October 1999. Espinar, the highest ranking Cuban official in the United States, spoke on education, health and agricultural programs and met with SIU officials during his Carbondale visit.

Simon invited SIU officials to Cuba, said Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the president.

"We are hoping to open relationships mutually beneficial to Cuba and SIU. Simon said.

Interim Chancellor John Johnson said he had not received further word on the reason the November trip was canceled. However, Kaiser, a member of the delegation leaving on Friday, said he is optimistic the trip will run smoothly this time around.

"I hope so. I'll certainly believe it when the plane lands in Havana," Kaiser said.

CREAL SPRINGS TANK FARM

Plans to build an 87 million gallon petroleum tank farm has spurned heated controversy in Creal Springs, Ill. Three large oil companies, the EPA, the federal government, counties, politicians and environmentalists are only some of the players in this year-long battle.

Herpstreith, 86, sits in the living room of a house that is being purchased from him by J. David Thompson Realty for a group of three oil companies. Herpstreith is a longtime resident of Creal Springs who has come to accept the new face of industrialization that will bring, though some of his neighbors disagree.

His connection to the town stretches back to 1946; the year he and his wife Freda wed and began a tradition of visiting family in Creal Springs once a month.

Lazy afternoons spent fishing at the pond up the road, with his now-deceased brother-in-law, are his most vivid memories of those visits in a Creal Springs Herpstreith describes as "more together back in them days."

But the people he once knew as friends and neighbors are dead. The pond is still there, but it's fenced by barbed wire. Residents caught fishing are subject to fines for trespassing on private property.

Inside the home in which she has lived since the age of 13, Marguerite Pulley jots down legal advice coming through the telephone while rifling through documents from the Office of Pipeline Safety.

Even 11-year-old Rheena Pulley has taken a cue from her mother, turned-activist, speaking to politicians about the cause and delivering a public plea at a tank farm hearing.

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Directly across the road from Herpstreith's property on Doron Road, the Pulley house is a frenzy of activity. Documents, phone messages and e-mails regarding the effort to thwart the Centennial project are strewn throughout the kitchen and living room.

"They must be in a rush to be working on a Saturday," Herpstreith mutters, gazing at an orange hard-hat clad construction worker directing four earthmovers rumbling across the field in back of Herpstreith's home.

Herpstreith is an 86-year inhabitant of Creal Springs, a small town of modest homes and Baptist churches, scattered across acres of rolling farmland.

This isolated community of about 800 people was jolted into the media spotlight last year, with the realization that their millions of gallons of petroleum products stored on a 47-acre tank farm in town will be 80 million gallons of petroleum products stored in a 47-acre tank farm.

The second part of what is referred to as the Continental Pipeline project will convert a natural gas pipeline running from Louisiana through central Illinois to one that carries petroleum products.

Over the years, the only sign of controversy trailing beneath the town's tranquil surface are heated letters of complaint. No tanks during property new, the six or the occasional, display oflookup cars with tinted windows whisking down roads that are usually frequented by pickup trucks.

Herpstreith's home was the final parcel of land to be bought in anticipation of the project, adding 60 or so new families to Creal Springs.

J. David Thompson Realty, which bought the land for the three large oil companies spearheading the project, approached Herpstreith four times before he consented to sell last Dec. 12 for a price substantially more than his home's estimated worth.

After his wife's death three years ago, Herpstreith has lived alone with only the company of a part-time nurse, his dog and his oxygen tank, calmly awaiting what he predicts to be an inevitable trip to the nursing home.

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Tanks

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Two SIUC students are challenging the City of Carbondale's stance on two ward system refer­endum slated to be voted on in the April election. Ed Flood, a graduate student, and Rob Taylor, a Carbondale City Council candidate, filed two objections to the Carbondale Electoral Officers Board Friday that two challenging refer­endums could remain on the ballot. The objections question constitutionality of the decision, and conflict of interest with Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan. Ford and Taylor filed the first referendum in December, which if approved would divide the city into four wards, keeping the number of council­seat at eight. SIUC professor David Kenny and City Council candidate Comrie McDaniell filed the second referendum in January. The referendum also known as the hybrid ward system, if approved would divide the city into four wards and increase the council by two member who would be elected on an at-large, or city-wide basis. The referendums would only affect City Council races and would not change the mayoral election. The mayor is elected on a city-wide basis. The two referendum would only affect City Council races and would not change the mayoral election. The mayor is elected on a city-wide basis.

Bradley Eagles, a sophomore in engineering technology from St. Charles, is summonsed by construction while looking for information on the first floor of Morris library. Scaffolding lines the ceiling of Morris library in preparation for asbestos removal.

Sitting under the temporary ceiling is the north­east corner of Morris Library. Rachel Morales finds it hard to study with the tapping of hammers and buzzing of electric tools overhead. Although the library is a place students go to get away from distractions while studying the mur­muring in Morris Library is damping the quiet atmos­phere as construction progresses.

Morales, a senior in foreign language and intern­national studies from Edinburg, Texas, has moved to other quiet places, such as the Student Center, to avoid the distractions of the construction. "I know it has to be done, but it's inconvenient," she said.

The $400,000 abatement project began in its first phase in Morris Library in January. The noise comes from workers building scaffolding so they can climb into the ceiling to remove asbestos. Asbestos, which was used in older buildings for insulation, can be dangerous in large amounts if it is inhaled.

New scaffolding structures built by Fitch and Fitzgerald contractors are sealing in the area with a rubber membrane and two layers of plastic sheets before the abatement will begin. During the removal of the asbestos, there will be elaborate safety precautions to ensure Morris Library patrons will not be affected by the materials. Care will be taken to prevent the leakage of water and numerous safety tests will be conducted during the renovation, said Jim Fox, the interim dean of Library Affairs. The air is not be made by machine that will sample air samples all day to measure the asbestos fibers in the air. The principal of asbestos levels the office of Library Affairs works each morning has shown the levels to be well under a dangerous level. "If you ever found a point that was dangerous, they would stop the project immediately and close the building," Fox said.

"This is the third abatement project Fitch and Fitzgerald has contracted for Morris Library and the company has never had any problems with high levels of asbestos. In addition to the noise, there are metal poles holding up the plywood deck the workers are stand­ing on, making it more difficult to move around the computers and sit at the tables.

Cindy Leibetti, a junior in English from Chicago, said she the noise in the abatement could have been done in the summer, when not as many stud­ents are in Morris Library. But students and the public will benefit from this small inconvenience once the project is completed in May or June. The renovation, air flow and lighting of Morris Library will be improved after the dustwork is cleaned out, said Fox.

The arrangement of the study areas and the com­puters will also be more convenient for the public. "It gives us the opportunity to organize space more efficiently for the public," said Susan Logan, associate dean for Library support services. The improvements will only be noticeable to Library users, but also to the staff. The building will be maintained more economically after the removal of the asbestos. The computer conveyors will be covered so the staff can maintain the computers in the undergraduate. "What well notice is that we will be able to do modifications to run wires for electricity in less space," Fox said.

Right now, computers are connected to the net­work using power poles and extension cords, which are continually in the way of the staff, Fox said. Morris Library is maintaining in regular opera­tions and books during the renovation and students still have access to all materials of the undergraduate library.

Make way for the Queen: Mavis Staples pays tribute to Mahalia Jackson

Joseph Brown has more than a dozen Mahalia Jackson albums in his home and a Mahalia Jackson poster hanging on his office wall. To call him a fan of these two singers would be an understatement.

"I have ticket stubs up in my hand," Brown said. "I will be there, that's not a ques­tion." Brown, director of Black American Studies, has used Jackson's music in his teaching for 35 years to illustrate the importance of gospel and "church music" to the African-American culture. "It's more than just singing. It's kind of the key that unlocks the door to the culture," Brown said.

Ann Marie Shepherd, vice president of the Black History Month graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, was first introduced to Mahalia Jackson's music in college, where her choir director exposed her to many types of music including gospel.

Shepherd, like so many others, set Jackson apart as a "dynamic gospel singer, with a lot of soul and conviction," Jackson is known as the Queen of Gospel. It was this vocal passion that drew people to Jackson's music, but for Shepherd, it was something more.

"I was a Christian lady," Shepherd said. "I think that influenced my great appreciation. I can't put a label on people."

Mavis Staples, who will be taking the Shryock Auditorium stage on Thursday evening, is the fire of Jackson's music. She met Jackson, at age 11 when they first sang together.

At age 15, Staples began traveling with her family on gospel career, touring the United States during the Civil Rights era. In a Toronto Sun interview, Staples told a reporter, "Being with my family made things easier. Daddy would tell us to abide by the rules — if a place said, 'for coloreds,' that's where you go. But I hated it. I said, 'Well, you and I will sing for the Lord to keep us strong because sometimes it'll hurt so bad.'"\

Credited with being one of the first American singers to bring black gospel music to a world­wide, multisexual audience, Jackson is also associ­ated with the Civil Rights Movement. She was remembered for singing: "I Been Raped and I Been Shot" to an audience of 200,000 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. This song preceded Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Jackson spent time with the Staples family A real-life version of "The Dating Game," with mail employers as contestants, will start at noon today in the O'Fallon Room of the University Mall. Paxton Soy from WIZA FM will host the mock dating show which is open to the public in honor of Valentine's Day.

The Shenee Audubon Society is sponsoring a field trip to Metem Lake from 7:30 a.m. to noon Saturday to view waterfowl. Members of the society are looking for nature lovers to join them.

The group will meet in the parking lot in front of the society's building. Those attending should bring binoculars and a camera for the weather. There will be some easy hiking.

For more information call 564-2079.
Throughout the next two weeks, the DAILY EGYPTIAN will feature profiles of the nine people running for the Carbondale City Council, helping our readers learn about the men and women who are vying to represent the city. With the primary election for the two council positions approaching on Feb. 7, it is the best time to become acquainted with the issues the candidates plan to push if elected.

Carbondale is just as much the students’ city as any longtime resident. The University is the lifeblood of this area and the interdependent relationship we have with this community means it is crucial students play a role in deciding who would best represent them.

We have done it before. Students turned out in droves in 1997 to vote, and then repeated the record numbers in 1999. Motivated by the entry age and rowing problems, student turnout has shot up since 1995. In 1999, turnout in student-dominated precincts eliminated from 1995, leaping from 462 to 1,212. The students of the last few years have realized how much influence council members can have in their lives and this year should be no different. Problems with student housing? Take it up with your council member — they are the ones who can directly bring about change. Bring up anything you feel is important to making Carbondale a better place to live. And now is the perfect time. With nine people competing, there is ample opportunity to find two candidates who you think best represent the students’ interest.

Students should also be prepared to vote knowledgeably about the two referendums that will appear on the ballot. The referendums want to change the current at-large system to a ward system, in which members will be elected from certain districts or wards. Though the two referendums propose slightly different ward systems, they both would create more opportunities for a student council member to be elected.

This election is too important to be uninformed when Feb. 7 rolls around. As the University and the city continue to function hand-in-hand, each election serves as an opportunity for students to choose their respective representatives. So get to know the candidates, and ensure that the needs of SIU students are a major consideration in Carbondale’s future.

Citizens have been speaking to each other about the African American issue for over two years. Since this is Valentine’s Day, I think a topic of love would be most appropriate for my column. You know the funny thing about love is that it is pretty selective in all its choosing. Then: the funny thing about love is that it is pretty selective in all its choosing.

Can African’s afford to see us as individuals and not worry about the state of our people all across the world, considering our economically deprived state all over the world? Half of us in Africa are dying of AIDS and civil wars in the Greater Horn of Africa and Central Africa have endangered the political stability and cultural unity of all our nations of people.

In America, we are seeking to separate ourselves on the borders of our state, fighting the remaining seeds of the “Black” problem, while being constantly oppressed by the European way of life in America. (I.e. George Bush, Ashcroft, the police, the Supreme Court, the Federal Reserve Bank, the American university system and Republicans.) Where is racial unity? When is the love? The definitions that the mass majority of this country and international refuge in the purchasing of one another’s hearts. We are the people to spend the rest of our lives with, or at least the rest of the night.

Can African Americans truly know who they can love? Can people who have been through so much in Africa in America usually “see themselves as being dishonest and others perceive us. We can see examples of this across the world, even as local as the University. A group love would allow Africans to see the connection we have with each other and the potential for a brighter future for us all.

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A Clear Case of Chocolate Fever

A small town chocolate factory invites its customers to bite off more than they can chew.

By Kelly Davenport

Photos by Alex Haglund

OLCONDA — Chocolate makes Linda Meherg happy. When she’s not playing gospel music or preaching to customers about cocoa beans and cocoa butter content, she’s up to her elbows in the sweet stuff. See Linda smile as she lifts the lid on a huge vat of syrupy chocolate and you get the feeling she never has a bad day at work.

And Linda would like to think her shop, The Chocolate Factory in Golconda, spreads love — through its sunrises sprinkled with dew, covered in chocolate and a miracle or two.

Call her Willy Wonka, because she wants to “make the world taste good.”

“You know what? Linda says, as she surveys her kitchen — the piles of specialty molds, the 300 pounds of melted chocolate melting in a vat. “We don’t get sick of chocolate here!”

About 20 years ago, Linda attended a chocolate-making demonstration and jumped into the business herself. Today The Chocolate Factory — located about 50 miles southeast of Carbondale — draws customers from all over Southern Illinois and ships its homemade treats cross-country. The shop’s guest book has names from as far away as California and Washington.

This time of year, it’s Valentine’s Day rush, with heavy sales leading up to V-Day. “You get tired of hearts, though,” Linda says, painting green chocolate into a mold of a Stegosaurus. “But with Easter, you have bunnies and eggs and all kinds of other shapes.”

The chocolates from Linda’s shop come from Nestle stock that is tempered — heated, mixed and cooled — to make it silky and rich. The process changes the composition of the chocolate, which is already rich in cocoa butter, the ingredient that adds flavor.

“It makes a mess and melts in your hand, it’s good chocolate,” Linda explains.

And Linda’s chocolate keeps the door to her shop swinging. “Almost everybody’s a regular,” says Josh Crain, a senior in cinema and photography, who has worked the counter here for seven years. “Chocolate puts people in a good mood.”

Chocolates been an in-demand aphrodisiac ever since Columbus took chocolate beans back to the New World. Soldiers have carried the mood-boosting treat into battle since the Civil War. And ancient foods used it as a currency. Now doctors suspect chocolate prevents heart disease, because it contains an artery-cleaning component similar to that found in red wine.

Everyone’s still in lust with congealed cocoa fat, says Amy Bullock of Eddyville, who had to learn to curb her passion for the sweet treat while on the job. But just a little: “Linda told us we had to eat our mistakes,” she says. “So that got me over the feeling of wanting to chew it all.”

Amy makes many of the deserts from molds, painting liquid chocolate into the forms and injecting fillings from a pastry bag. Then the trays get in the freezer before getting out fresh to the rows of candy jars in the shop.

A bill that would provide scholarships for students with a B-average or better has been reintroduced to the Illinois House of Representatives, after the Senate failed to vote on it last year.

Rep. Louis Lang, D-Skolca, reintroduced the bill on Feb. 5. He said he believes the bill would have passed last year if a vote had been called in the Senate.

The bill would offer students with a B-average or better a full scholarship to state universities and community colleges or a grant for up to $7,000 to private universities in the state. Students would have to maintain the B-average to receive the scholarship.

Last year Lang's legislation would have passed last year if a vote had been called in the Senate. Funds emerging from the bill, the student's portion of the fund, would have gone to private universities in the state.

Lang estimates the plan would cost $170 million.

Many states including Arkansas, Kentucky, California, and Georgia already have programs similar to the B-average that are based on merit.

Critics of the bill argue that the program could take funding away from need-based scholarships for low-income students.

Lang said with proper budgeting the state could afford the program without taking money from need-based funds. Lang referred to the argument of it taking money as a "red herring."

"I don't know how you could say you can't afford $170 million to send 100,000 college students to school in the state," Lang said.

In-coming students who have a B-average or better would be eligible for the program, which would award the need-based funds that would have gone to them to private students.

"The Legislature is not the only group discussing merit-based funding. The Feb. 6 Illinois Board of Higher Education, the board met around a similar idea."

Don Severn, director of communications for the IBHE, said the board is not addressing any actual proposals on the topic, but did discuss it as a hypothetical question during the meeting.

Executive director Keith Sanders presented the proposed next steps for maintaining Illinois' top ranking given by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education during the presentation. Sanders also brought up other options the board could consider.

One of the major issues when ensuring high school students are adequately prepared for college is that there are not enough funding for high school students to take college preparation courses and standardized tests, like the Prairie State Exam, Severn said.

Students who score well on exams or receive high marks in college preparatory classes could be offered aid for college.

Have some heart today

Fundraiser targets students to give to charity

Stacey Robinson

Every student walking into the Student Center McDonald's can see the love students are sharing this semester, as the walls are plastered with more than 2,000 pink, red and gold hearts donated by students for charity.

McDonald's, along with various other organizations like Six Flags of St. Louis, Coca-Cola and others, hosted the 2001 Give A Little Love program, which ends on Valentine's Day.

"Last year we only sold about 600... We're more than doubled our sales this year," Compton said.

The money raised in the Student Center goes directly to the RMHC Grant Fund, and will be used in local schools and organizations.

Last year McDonald's reported that funds from the grant bought computers for seven pre-K classes, science education equipment, funded the D.A.R.E. Program, National Night Out (anti-drug, and violence programs), Accelerated Reading Programs in two schools, provided for updated library services, educational field trips, and aided Operation Bear (Christmas for 25 families), and gifts for 82 children.

Sindy Tichenor, a junior in civil engineering from Sullivan, who works at McDonald's, said welded students came to her register the bill would tell them what it was for. Tichenor and her family both purchased hearts.

"I think it's a good charity, but next time we should strive for a red one or green," Tichenor said.

The hearts were priced at $1 for the pink, $2 for red and more than $5 for the gold. Upon reaching the donations, McDonald's displayed a heart with the name, business, staff member or organization, showing that they supported the Heart Fund-raiser.

Compton said the fundraiser is also a competition among all the local McDonald's. Whoever sells the most hearts receives a prize.

Jermaine Nelson, a junior in electrical engineering from Chicago, said, "Everyone should share if they are able to because you never know if you will be in need."

Nelson said it was an opportunity for students to be motivated to do something special for Valentine's Day.

"I did it for a friend who is very close to me... just a reminder of the importance of friendship," said Nelson.

Although the least program exists today, students can still give donations and have the chance to receive their hearts by the end of the month. McDonald's extended their appreciation to everyone who donated this semester and looks forward to next year.

"Students have been great, most of the hearts we have come from them," Compton said.

International Buffet

A combination of international flavors presented for your enjoyment by Student Center Dining.

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Tickets for children 5 years and under are free.
Education Department demands website surrender misleading name

Website charges fees for unnecessary or already free services

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EAGLE

Students searching for Internet information concerning federal student aid services, utilizing the site fafsa.com, will discover their motherload may take a bit longer to load. Misleading software, used in dot-com domain names, can literally cost students money if they do not check backgrounds of websites.

FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, is a Department of Education four-step process used when seeking financial assistance for college. The official FAFSA website domain name is http://fafsa.gov.

"If you see the word FAFSA and you ask yourself, 'Is it free?,' he added, checking at the notion of a website like fafsac.com. However, the domain name fafsac.com is owned by a for-profit company, Student Financial Aid Services. The site helps students with federal-aid application completion move to the college application process.

The fafsac.com website displays prices extending from $49 to $189 for aiding students filling the electronic FAFSA.

The free application form, which is available in the financial aid office at Woody Hall, is something Stephanie "wouldn't think" it would take for a month to do, "and we wouldn't do anything illegal," Alexander said.

"It's not the most pleasant experience in the world," said Amy Fox, a sophomore and campus coordinator of Effingham, Ill.'s para-job and I hate doing it," said Torya De Rosa, a sophomore from English and said collecting the documentation to fill out the form is the most difficult aspect. "You have to get your stuff together," De Rosa said. "That can be the hard part. I really hate filling it out.

Women in engineering come a long way

WOMEN'S CENTER/Photography/Marion Eye Centers/Statesman

But the last 30 years have shown a tremendous increase for women in engineering and within 10 years the number will be even more double because the perceptions of women are changing.

BRUCE CHRISSAN, academic advisor to College of Engineering.

The percent of women in the College of Engineering is at almost 44 percent, which is a national level but not doubling to the college. Bringing a woman who has excelled in engineering is a good place to start, said Luisevyte Chevalier, associate professor of the College of Engineering. Chevalier was the first woman to be tenured in the College of Engineering since it started in 1967.

"At the time I was in school it was devastating for a female student to receive, a C for a male student it was a total deal," she said. "A female student should always have to be an over achiever but a male didn't, and that's changing a lot.

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Intervenors argue affirmative action helps many races.

DETROIT (U-Wire) -- As the lawsuit challenging the University of Michigan Law School admission policies heads into its final day of witness testimony later this week, the intervening defendants Monday attempted to show that affirmative action is not a black-and-white issue.

Opponents of affirmative action, including the plaintiff's counsel, the Center for Individual Rights, have contended that race-conscious admissions can be detrimental to Asian-Americans because they are not typically classified as underrepresented minorities.

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Ward

Kenny said the issue could be considered a civil rights issue. Until the late 1980s, Springfield had an at-large system of electing council members to the City Council. At the time, no minority had been elected to the council.

Kenny said the issue is also very important to students and minorities in Carbondale.

"If students and minorities get behind this issue, it will pass and they will have a chance to gain political power in the city," Kenny said.

Kenny said that you can see the unequal distribution of power in Carbondale by driving through the northeast side or the southeast side of town. He said the conditions of roads, sidewalks and drainage in these parts of town are neglected more than those in the southwest section of town. This is a chance to change the system, Kenny said, and students and minorities have the most to gain.

"This is the most significant political battle for students in the history of the city," Kenny said.

Ford said the Jackson County Circuit Court will be exploring the same issues that were brought before the Electoral Board. If the court rejects the objection or rules against it, there is a possibility they will continue the fight.

"We will have to look at the time constraints, before we would decide to appeal," Taylor said.

This will make the second time Feed and Taylor have taken the ward issue to court. The first was last summer after the board rejected their first referendum. The board rejected the referendum because the referendum would be on the ballot during a general election.

Ford and Taylor filed an objection to this ruling; however, the judge's ruling came on Nov. 8, one day after the election. The judge ruled the objection was a moot point, so they don't have a chance to appeal.

Cuba

Jackson said his reason for going on the trip is to offer information about SIU and discuss with Cuban officials and education about the possibility of exchanging students and faculty with the University.

Cuba is interested in much of the research being conducted in Illinois, including agricultural areas such as soybeans and pork production, Jackson said.

SIU's trip to Cuba is a follow-up to a trip made by Gov. George Ryan in October 1999. Ryan was invited to talk to Cuban President Fidel Castro and is the first sitting governor from the United States to visit Cuba since 1960. Castro invited Ryan to return to Cuba at a later date.

The United States and Cuba have a long history of bad relations, which ended up again last year when 6-year-old Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez was caught in a legal battle between his Miami relatives and his Cuban father.

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Janelle, Happy Valentine's Day and Happy 49th birthday.

Love, Chris

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To Everyone at Schneider HIC, Happy Valentine's Day, Love, Yaslita

To Christy H., Happy Valentine's Day

Day to my favorite Sis

Love - Pat

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Jedee Geates, copperfield, my favorite allegretto...you're a giant NEAND but you're also my SWEETIE. Thanks for everything you've done for me auto.

Love, Pink Car

Josh, I'll love you till the end of time or until I find someone else. Jennifer

Shari, From the first time we met, I knew there was something very wonderful and unique about you, something that reached out and drew me to you completely. You're my wife, my friend, my partner...and the love of my life. Love always, Dave

Autumn, its kind of loud in here...let's go to my place and watch a movie! Happy Valentine's Day, Ben

To my dearest Vincent, you mean more to me than words can ever say. I can't wait to spend this first Valentine's Day with you. Your true love, Tynella

To Darrell M., Although right now we are far apart, the distance between us will never change the way I feel in my heart. Waiting, wanting, yearning, desiring. I can't wait to feel your touch. I am really excited that you came to spend "Our" day with me because I've missed you so much. I love you, Tomika B.

Poppy: Why is it so A

Marth, I love you more. Love Always, Ali

Bobbi, My life has been filled with nothing but love & bliss since our paths have crossed. May we continue to find peace & serenity with each other for years to come. Love, Yaslita

Kate, Forever, Brian

Poem for Ronnie, The sweet taste of love, Still fingers in my mind A succulent tasty morsel. A treasure worth its find

With nectar sweet as honey A spray of flowery silk Like a bubbly kind of love As smooth as cold real 2% milk

Ohh, the sweet taste of love.

Love, Mouse Mon

To Julie, You get out there and find a shining Valentine. Your Valentine + Roommate - Amy

Clint, Valentine's Day comes but once a year, but a love like ours comes once in a lifetime. I love sharing my life with you. Love, Manila

Aaron, my blue lover, may we always share these days together wrapped in beautiful shades of green. Your yellow sunshine, Kim

Happy Valentine's Day, Emmie. I wish you were here. I love you very much, Love, Terry

JLHR, Although I may not always say it, and I do not always show it, In my heart I always love you. And I hope you always know it. Love, Always, MLLB

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To my one and only, always and forever, Happy Valentine's Day, Love Always, Boris

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Phi You think that I should die?

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Your Parents want me to kill you.

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Do you know when I look back on today, I think of the advice of being on the way out?

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I'M DOING THE WEDDING, LABEL FOR THE HOUSE IN THE DISTANCE.

ACROSS
1. Tuna salad
2. Nautical greeting
3. Modest costume
4. To one side
5. 25 Across, e.g.
6. Custom-made
7. Key
8. Russia
9. Played up
10. Entertainer
11. Reps
12. A small group
13. Do/don't
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"We're excited, we're ready to stop practice and actually start to play," Blaylock said. "We look for good things, you know you always have to get out on the field and do it, but we're very, very hopeful that we're going to have a good year."

Leading the barrage for SIU, which is tabbed fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, is senior pitcher/designated player Erin Saafir, Blaylock said. "She came to my door," Blaylock explained. "The addition of Adie Viefhaus will come as a bit of a relief for junior catcher Karrie Fortman. Because of an injury to catcher Andrea Harris last season, Fortman was forced to handle all of the catching responsibilities, starting in all 18 MVC games ...

SIU lost just four seniors with only two being position players, from last season's 41-22 ballclub. So trusting in his newcomers, and an injury return from last season, gives Blaylock all the reason to be upbeat.

March
3-4 Southern Classic

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February
16-18 Mississippi State Tournament

16 vs. Florida
17 vs. Tennessee Tech
17 vs. Winthrop
18 vs. Texas-Kilgore

23-25 Troy Cox Invitational

23 vs. Liberty
23 vs. Baylor
24 vs. Texas A&M-College Station
24 vs. New Mexico State
25 vs. Iowa State

3-4 College Classic

3 vs. Bradley
3 vs. Butler
3 vs. Northern Illinois
3 vs. Indiana

10-11 National Invitational Tournament

9 vs. California
9 vs. Iowa
9 vs. UC Santa Barbara
9-10 Playoffs

13 at St. Mary's*
17 Drake*
18 Drake
20 Southeast Missouri*
24 at Northern Iowa*
25 vs. Northern Iowa
25 vs. St. Louis
25 vs. Wichita State*

April
1 Wichita State
7 Evansville
7 vs. Illinois State*
7 vs. Illinois State
11 Western Kentucky*
13 SW Missouri
14 SW Missouri*
16 vs. Southeast Missouri*
16 at Evansville*
21 at Indiana State*
22 at Indiana State
23 Bradley*
23 Bradley

May
4 vs. Mississippi (Cape Girardeau, Mo.)
5 at Creighton
5 at Creighton*
11-13 MVC Tournament

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"Our typical roaching move, but, then Christ," Bowen said. "That's more important than seeing Ron Bowen. Wouldn't be script too. And with the pay around $50,000 a year, who speaks at several engagements huge hypocrisy. You have to be important, you know."

"I'm kind of nervous," said junior Brandon Hay. "Coming from a year off, it's like it's been a first meet again, but we're really excited.

"I'm very articulate, a very positive person," said former Bronco Athletic Association president and current XFL regional representative, Kirby Kershner. "I've worked with a lot of different people."

He's leaving anytime soon, no matter how many times he has to redshirt last year. Gerardi said. "We've been doing a lot of team bonding things, hanging out together," Bowen said. "We've been seeing each other a lot, a lot of activities out of the pool which I think is helping."

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Just when you thought the marketing genius had rallied the latter half of every dead-end mini-series from the 90s, XFL comes along. Vince McMahon, ready to up his level of extreme as if anyone even knows what it is anymore. It was ESPN's XFL Generation Next -- X-Mane this and X-Mane that -- and now, of course, we have Extreme football players. But how can these XFLers, who could never make the NFL, be any better? That's exactly why the game, which is more extreme than animals such as Ray Lewis? That's exactly why.

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"We're going to win," said freshman Williams. "We're going to win.

"We're ready to win a championship."
**Eat well, run well**

SIU track and field freshman Noa Beitler credits healthy diet, strong practice effort, for record-breaking performance.

**Gus Bode**

Gus says: You'd think a runner would like fast food.

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**Saluki Sports Notes**

**Aztec Invitational rained out, women's golf finishes ninth.**

The SIU women's golf team finished ninth overall at the Aztec Invitational after rain caused the final 18-of-36 holes to be canceled Tuesday.

The invitational, which took place on Barons Country Club in Lakeside, Calif., was won by the University of Michigan and Brigham Young University, who both finished with scores of 365. The Aztecs took third with a score of 381. The Salukis scored 382 and were led by junior Alison Hiller, who tied for second-place individually with a score of 74.

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**Undefeated sisters lead Nebraska tennis**

Vincent Kopping

**Daily Egyptian**

LINCOLN, Neb. (U-WIRE) - They don't look the same, they don't act the same, and they don't play the same.

But the attachment of Rebecca and Leslie Harvey, sisters separated by a year, is inseparable.

The Harvey sisters, a large part of Nebraska's tennis future, are absolutely identical in perspective.

Playing at the No. 1 spot last weekend for their third consecutive match, the younger sister is fast becoming a top contender for the No. 1 spot during Big 12 play.

Rebecca Harvey also has had no problem with the opposition in her first year of college tennis.

The older sister, who attended the Air Force Academy last year but didn't play tennis, is 4-0 this spring at the No. 5 and 6 singles spots.

Like her sister, Rebecca Harvey has yet to drop a set. In Sunday's match, she didn't give up a single point in her match, winning 6-0, 6-0, as well as her doubles match, 8-0.

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**Saluki Women's Basketball**

Tip-off at 7:05 pm Thursday, February 16 at SIU Arena

**Dance Company**

**Shryock Auditorium**

Tuesday, February 27, 8pm

$15

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The time has come for the water Dawgs

SIU swimming and diving teams prepare to claim crowns at MVC Championships

Jens Deja
DAILY EGYPTIAN

All year long, the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams have been working themselves to the bone in anticipation of one meet. That meet is the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which takes place Thursday through Saturday at the Recreation Center pool.

The Saluki men's team is looking to regain the crown, which was theirs for five straight years before Southwest Missouri State University stole it from them last year.

"We're ready to go," said junior Matt Munz. "We're just trying to stay focused, not let any distractions get in the way, just keep the goal in mind to win the MVC Championship back."

The women's team, on the other hand, is gunning for its fourth straight title which would make this year's senior class the first in MVC history to win the championship in each of their four years.

"It just be fantastic if we can do it," said senior Dena Gerard. "It would mean a lot to the seniors. Our class is really close. It just has to be done."

While the women are favored to win, the men are considered to be the underdogs even though they have destroyed just about every team they have faced this season.

"We pretty much know that we're going to win," said freshman Matt Glowacki. "It's going to be hard, we all have to swim fast, but we know we'll do really, really well." SIU men's head coach Rick Walker said his team is ready and full of anticipation for a shot at revenge against Southwest Missouri State.

"They're pretty much a time bomb just waiting to go off," Walker said. "They're just waiting for the day that somebody says OK, it's over."

Who's on first?
Saluki softball enters season 18 deep.

And all these Dawgs can play.

Corey Cusick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

just call Kerri Blaylock Costella. Because the toughest aspect of the second­
year Saluki softball head coach's job this year won't necessarily be knowing who to play, but rather who not to play.

"If you asked me to give you a starting line­
up tomorrow it would be pretty hard," said Blaylock, whose Saluki team is only two days away from its season-opener at the Mississippi State University Tournament on Friday.

"I wouldn't want to be her," said one of Blaylock's senior first basemen, Netty Hallahan. Blaylock faces a dilemma that most head coaches can only wish for. And while she is certainly not overawed by the abundance of talent lurking throughout her 18-player roster, she is a bit perplexed about how she intends to utilize all of their talents.

"I told the kids that normally you have 12 or 13 kids that you figure will get regular playing time, and then three or four that are pretty much limited. I really think we have 18 that are going to get a lot of playing time."

And Blaylock isn't the type of coach that sugarcoats her players by saying one thing at the beginning of the season just to appease them, and do another once the season actually kicks off.

"Coach is a no-nonsense person. We have a lot of talent and she is not joking," Hallahan said.

The reason for Blaylock's uncertainty is because the Salukis are extremely deep.

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