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Student Center gets a taste of culture

International Garden introduces ethnic menu to SIUC campus

Samatha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Sung Bae has developed a habit of eating at McDonald's while living in his hometown of Taegu, Korea. After transferring to SIUC this semester, Bae has carried the habit over to the resident, fast-food chain in the Student Center.

While Bae has become acquainted to American culture, the Student Center will be introducing a variety of cultures through a semester-long series of international foods. The International Garden, located in the Mainstreet Marketplace area of the Student Center, will alternate five different styles of cuisine weekly, and will highlight a special vegetarian series, Terra-Vae, in April.

"It's a good thing to bring in other cultures and allow students to know about my country," said Bae, a graduate student in curricula and instruction in education. "I know that feels good."

The Pacific Rim Cafe, an array of Asian cuisine, began the food series last week. Headlining the International Garden until Friday is Casa Ortega, providing fresh, healthy Mexican food to the campus population.

Cronos, a Greek food selection, will continue the international series, followed by Sukhi's, an Indian cuisine, and Austin Blue, a variety of barbecue food choices.

Several students said they are pleased with the diverse food selection the Student Center is offering. Sybil Kary, a junior in visual communications from Coulterville, said students get sick of eating leftovers at home and they are going to go eat at the Student Center at some point.

"The Student Center needs a wider variety than just McDonald's, pizza and tacos," Kary said. "I think this makes students more apt to eat here."

The International Garden also incorporates healthy entrees into the menu as well as a cultural basis. A few Student Center cooks learned the special techniques for each food selection at a St. Louis conference. Sharon Spence, a concessions manager accompanying



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Tarin Lorenz, a freshman in elementary education from Chicago, serves Ortega brand Mexican food at the Student Center Monday. Each week the Mainstreet Marketplace will offer different ethnic entrees. Within the next few weeks students will be able to indulge in Greek and Indian food.

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Lincoln Drive to receive makeover

Construction likely to begin late 2002

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

The section of Lincoln Drive between the Student Center and Route 51 will be straightened and widened later this year, paving the way for the planned 2004 construction of a multi-use football stadium and new general classroom building.

The intersection will sport an extra left-turn lane turning onto Route 51 and two additional lanes turning onto Lincoln Drive. A grassy island will separate the lanes.

The new street is laying the groundwork for two new proposed facilities that will be located on either side of the street.

The new football stadium will incorporate most of the student services that are now available in Woody Hall; about 60 percent of the new facility will be geared toward non-athletic activities. The other facility will be a general classroom building.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Glenn Poshard and the SIUC Budget Office are solidifying plans on how to pay for the new facilities this year.

Poshard said he's pleased because SIUC is right on track in terms of implementing the first stages of the land-use plan, a long-term plan to overhaul the University's appearance. The land-use plan was developed with the help of Civitas, an outside consulting firm, and focuses on revamping housing, increasing signage and lighting and beautifying the campus.

The contract with Civitas was not renewed this summer, Poshard said, because there wasn't enough money available to do so. But he's confident that the important

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Sadler enters Republican race for U.S. Congress



Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

A Republican espousing traditional party values announced Monday that he wants the U.S. House of Representatives seat of 14-year Democratic incumbent Jerry Costello.

First, though, he must beat Patricia Beard of Belleville in the March primary.

David Sadler, a newcomer to the campaign trail, said he feels strongly about smaller government, constitutional rights and government involvement overseas.

Sadler said the United States should take a second look at a foreign policy that involves the nation in internal conflicts of other countries.

"We should not be interfering with the internal affairs of sovereign nations," said Sadler, who stressed that he is not opposed to the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

Sadler also said he is concerned about free trade, which allows manufacturers to move jobs from American to socialist or communist nations such as China.

A traditional belief in smaller govern-

ment is something Sadler strongly believes in, an issue he said many Republicans have abandoned.

"I favor getting government out of the lives of people," he said. "It happens on both sides."

Sadler also said he supports the death penalty but agreed with the moratorium that Gov. George Ryan placed on Illinois' death penalty in 2000.

"Capital punishment serves as a deterrent, but I want to make sure there are checks and balances in place," Sadler said.

Sadler said he is pro-life, except for circumstances where the mother's health is threatened. He voiced objections to partial-birth abortion and said it was a procedure that "sucks the brains out of a living human being."

Another issue of Sadler's platform is to preserve constitutional rights and the due process of the law.

"You don't go and throw people in jail without due process," he said. "A person should have due process of the law through the system."

Before deciding to run, Sadler said he had to ask for only one person's approval. "I didn't ask for anybody's permission

except my wife's," he said.

Sadler was born in 1952 in McLeansboro, Ill., and graduated from high school there. He earned his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Oklahoma in Norman in 1974.

He also attended SIUC for a short time with plans to pursue an MBA, but withdrew to pursue what he describes as a "self-taught education in computers."

Sadler worked for 13 years in pipe construction and made a move in the computer field in 1983. Two years later, he started a software development business. Sadler said working as a blue collar worker and business owner has helped him gain insights from both perspectives.

"I've seen both sides of that fence from being an employee and a business owner," he said.

Although Sadler is new to the campaign trail, he has worked in the past as a

volunteer lobbyist on a state and national level, pushing for legislation such as the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act.

Sadler said he wants people to get involved in politics regardless of their level of experience.

"I'm encouraging other people to get in the system from the outside," he said. "As long as we leave our government to professional politicians, things aren't going to get better."

David Gillies, Costello's press secretary, said Costello does not have anything to say about his future opponents at this time.

"The congressman has no comment regarding candidates, and he looks forward to seeing who wins the Republican primaries to discuss issues," Gillies said.

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U.S. rejects war status for captives

QUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — The United States Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Monday ruled out classifying any of the 158 prisoners being held in Cuba, including Australian David Hicks, as prisoners of war. He said there was "no ambiguity" about their legal status, contradicting the view of the Secretary of State, Colin Powell, who wants a special tribunal to clarify whether some of the captives deserve protection under the Geneva Convention. Mr. Rumsfeld said it was a "hypothetical question at this time" whether the Adelaide-bomb Hicks, accused of fighting with the al-Qaeda network in Afghanistan, would return home to face trial. The prisoners, whom the U.S. says are terrorists belonging to al-Qaeda or the Taliban, come from 25 countries. The Bush Administration hasn't yet decided their future or identified all countries represented. Asked about recent comments by the British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw that Britain wanted its nationals to face trial at home, Mr. Rumsfeld indicated that foreigners from friendly nations might be allowed to return home, but said repatriations would not be automatic. Officials expect the U.S. to interrogate the captives for months before deciding their future.



Investors want proof business is improving

NEW YORK — When Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan indicated last week that additional interest rate cuts were unlikely, Wall Street yawned. Analysts say investors weren't alarmed because they've already seen evidence that the economy is stabilizing. Now they want companies to say the same thing. But that has yet to happen. After a month of lackluster fourth-quarter results and guarded forecasts, investors still lack solid confirmation that business is improving. And so stock gauges such as the Nasdaq/Bloomberg index of New York City's largest companies continue in a sort of malaise. The local index edged up 0.4 percent last week, while the Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.7 percent and the Nasdaq composite index advanced 0.4 percent. "People feel like the Fed has given the market all the medicine necessary," Robert Street, portfolio manager of Northern Select Equity Fund in Chicago said. "In effect, we're waiting to see if the patient sits up. So far that hasn't happened. But I believe it will."

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Six al-Qaeda killed at hospital siege

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Six al-Qaeda fighters who had barricaded themselves inside a hospital in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar were killed in an attack Monday by U.S. and Afghan forces, according to Afghan police. Afghan police commanders said that all six gunmen - who were thought to be Arabs - had been killed. It was also reported that six Afghan government soldiers were injured. Reports from the scene said that U.S. special forces appeared to be in the thick of the action. Afghan authorities said that a final ultimatum to surrender had been delivered before dawn. When it was refused, Afghan and U.S. forces attacked with grenades and automatic weapons. They threw as many as 20 grenades and other explosives into the ward. The wounded fighters barricaded themselves inside one of the hospital's wings when the Taliban fled Kandahar in December. They were in a group of 19 al-Qaeda members who were brought to the hospital for treatment shortly before the city fell to opposition forces Dec. 7.



Hong Kong bible smuggler imprisoned for two years

BEIJING — A Hong Kong businessman accused of smuggling thousands of bibles into China has been sentenced to two years in prison. When he was arrested last year, Li Guangqing was accused of spreading "an evil cult" - a crime that can carry the death penalty in China. But earlier this month, the charges against him were suddenly downgraded to charges of illegal trading. A BBC correspondent in Beijing says the reason for the relatively light sentence is because U.S. President George Bush had expressed concerns over the case. A Hong-Kong based human rights group said Li, 38, was arrested last May as he delivered 16,000 bibles to a banned evangelical group in southeastern China. He was sentenced on Monday by a court in Fuzing in southern China's Fujian province. Two men accused of helping him were jailed for three years.

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Police Blotter

NO ITEMS TO REPORT

Corrections

In Monday's story, "Local students learn from lions," Amy Shaw was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Monday's letter to the editor entitled "Shame on De for Roe v. Wade coverage," should have identified Deirdre Hughes as the author. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

Calendar

TODAY

Advisement for Aviation Management Studio from Feb. 11 to Feb. 22 for graduating seniors and after Feb. 25 for other students. Call 453-8898 for an appointment.

Alpha Kappa Psi rush Co-ed business fraternity informational rush at 7:30 p.m. in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center.

Only public events affiliated with SIU are printed in the Daily Egyptian Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the Daily Egyptian Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com. Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item.

Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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Wood stirs up controversy with Pro-Choice ad

'Selma & Louise' blasts opponents abortion stance

Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Thelma changed her name and she's not driving cars off cliffs anymore — now she's fighting male Republicans tooth and nail about abortion.

She's become the subject of a controversial ad that Lt. Gov. Corinne Wood, a Republican candidate for governor, released earlier this month.

Since the air of the ad, called "Selma & Louise," Wood has received some flak from the other Republican candidates, Attorney General Jim Ryan and State Sen. Patrick O'Malley, R-Palos Park, as well as other members of the Republican party.

"The reason it's getting so much attention is

because people don't realize the other candidates are so extreme," said Tressa Pankovits, Wood's spokeswoman.

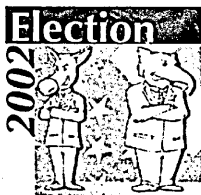
The advertisement exposes Ryan's and O'Malley's take on abortion, stances on which Wood hopes to capitalize. The ad states that both Ryan and O'Malley, "oppose abortion even in the cases of rape and incest."

"Even rape and incest?" says Louise.

"That's just too extreme for me," says Selma.

In rebuttal, Ryan ran his own advertisement. In it, he says that he "will vote to support reasonable restrictions on abortions, parental notifications, a waiting period and a ban on partial birth abortions."

Barb Brown, Franklin County Circuit Clerk and Democratic party activist, said this might be the only way for Wood to woo mod-



erate Republicans.

"The voters in the Republican primaries are typically very conservative voters," Brown said. "Her strategy is to dilute that pool."

Wood doesn't deny that she is trying to garner moderate votes.

"Clearly there are many Republican moderates, along with independent voters, who are just not willing to go to the poll for candidates with extreme views on this issue," Wood said in a press release. "I offer those voters a choice for a fiscal conservative who has broad-based experience, yet still shares a view with most voters that government should keep its hands off of women's bodies and their reproductive rights."

In the release, Wood also dismissed her opponent's claim that because a state governor cannot impact federal law, it doesn't matter if a

pro-choice or pro-life candidate is elected to Illinois' highest office.

In November, if the only choice is between a pro-choice and pro-life candidate, Illinois could have an anti-choice government, said Pankovits.

The danger lies in the U.S. Supreme Court, she said. Currently, there are five pro-choice and four pro-life justices. If President Bush gets the chance to appoint a justice, Roe vs. Wade may be reversed. If, in November, both candidates are pro-choice, that possibility becomes less of a threat to Illinois government, said Pankovits.

Abortion is definitely an issue Wood is trying to push, Brown said.

"She's trying very hard and hopes it will be the issue that will bring moderate Republican voters into the primary vote," Brown said. "This strategy is all she has left."

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Isn't it still winter? Nick Sabbia, a freshman in music from Northbrook, takes advantage of Monday afternoon's perfect Frisbee weather in the field north of Brush Towers. Several other students were in the field hitting baseballs and playing catch during the afternoon, when highs in Southern Illinois reached 70 degrees.

Poshard endorses Vallas for governor

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Glenn Poshard, the narrow loser of the 1998 gubernatorial race, officially endorsed Democratic candidate Paul Vallas in Springfield Monday, a move that analysts estimate will nab him needed downstate votes.

Poshard, who swept the downstate region in 1998, said he could not sit on the sidelines any longer, but had to endorse the candidate he said is the best qualified for the state's top spot.

Now the vice chancellor for administration at SIUC, Poshard contemplated another run for governor this summer, and was considering Vallas as a potential running mate. When Poshard announced in August he wouldn't run, Vallas approached Poshard with the same offer.

This signals a 20-year relationship that started when Poshard was an Illinois state senator and Vallas was executive director of the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission.

Poshard said that's where he first was impressed with Vallas' ability to grasp complex budget numbers. Vallas would sometimes stay until 3 a.m. bartling with budgetary issues.

"With the state in a fast track into red ink, who better to tackle the issue than someone with that experience?" Poshard said.

He said that the two most important issues facing the state are the budget and education, two areas he said Vallas has "tremendous experience." Vallas was CEO of the Chicago public school system, where he balanced the school system's 3.5 billion budget.

"No one in the state has the quality and experience he has on

"No one in the state has the quality and experience he has on those issues."

Glenn Poshard
vice chancellor for administration, SIUC

those issues," Poshard said.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said he thinks the endorsement will be valuable to Vallas in the downstate regions, especially south of I-70. He pointed to Poshard's popularity in the region and that most downstaters probably view the candidates as Chicago-oriented. Poshard's support may help Vallas garner those undecided Southern Illinois voters.

Though Democratic candidate Roland Burris grew up in Centralia and attended SIUC, Lawrence said he's not sure that Southern Illinois identifies him as a downstater.

Burris could not be reached for comment. The other candidates, U.S. Rep. Rod Blagojevich, D-Chicago, and Michael Bakalis, former superintendent of schools, are both characterized as Chicago candidates. They could not be reached for comment.

Brendan Reilly, spokesperson for the Vallas campaign, said that Vallas was honored to receive Poshard's endorsement and that he thinks Poshard's support will be crucial in securing downstate support.

Reilly said Poshard will play a key role introducing Vallas at events in Southern Illinois.

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Walker heads to D.C. for State of the Union

State representative invites Walker to attend

Brad Brondsema
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When President George W. Bush approaches the podium tonight at the Capitol to deliver the State of the Union address, SIU President James Walker will be there to hear it firsthand.

Walker was invited by U.S. Rep. John Shimkus, R-Collinsville, to attend. Members of Congress are allowed to bring one guest to the address.

Walker will be the first SIU president to attend a State of the Union address.

Steve Tomaszewski, press secretary for Shimkus, said that Shimkus' invitation to Walker should be no surprise.

"The Congressman has worked with, and discussed several issues with, President Walker since his arrival at SIU," Tomaszewski said.

In a statement, Walker said he is grateful for the opportunity.

"I'm very honored to be invited by Congressman Shimkus to join him in Washington to hear President Bush speak to the American people and members of Congress on the state of our nation," Walker said. "This is a

unique opportunity for me and for SIU to be present in Washington for this very important address."

While in Washington, Walker plans to meet with members of the Illinois Congressional delegation to discuss funding for future projects and attend a pre-speech reception at the U.S. Capitol.

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President Bush is expected to address the economic status of the nation and provide an update on the war on terrorism tonight at 8 p.m. CST, on all major networks.

NEWS BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

College of Ag changes name

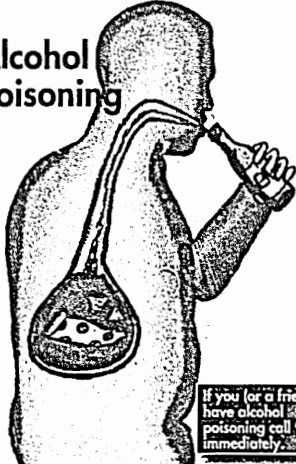
The College of Agriculture changed its name to the College of Agricultural Sciences in January for a more accurate description of its curriculum.

The name change was made to reflect the diversity of scientific programs now offered by the college, said W. David Shou, the college's dean. The college offers a wide range of majors, including forestry and agribusiness economics.

The name change became effective after the college got input from faculty and students.

Alcohol poisoning hidden danger

Alcohol Poisoning



Vomiting, blacking out, wanting to sleep it off, & not being able to focus on images may warrant a hospital visit for alcohol poisoning.

ROBIN JONES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Lecture scheduled to discuss dangers

Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

Witnesses said 19-year-old Joe Bisanz didn't appear intoxicated after his lifeless body was found in his fraternity room at Indiana University. The frantic efforts to resuscitate him failed, and in the early hours of Dec. 15, 1998, Bisanz was pronounced dead.

According to a pathologist, his blood-alcohol level was .206, more than twice Indiana's legal limit.

Alcohol poisoning is a danger on college campuses, and as a result, SIUC resident assistants have decided to organize a lecture that will discuss alcohol poisoning and the increasing danger involved with students that don't report it.

The program is scheduled for resident hall students for 7:30 tonight on the third floor of Allen III in University Park.

A representative from the Wellness Center and an SIUC Police officer will be attending to discuss the dangers of alcohol poisoning and to encourage students to report instances when an individual near

them is experiencing alcohol poisoning.

According to SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler, students are not reporting instances of alcohol poisoning because they are scared they will get in trouble with the police.

Sigler said the caller and the victim would not be arrested unless police were to find a warrant for them or the alcohol caused their behavior to change, resulting in aggressive behavior or damage to property.

"If somebody cannot take care of themselves and needs medical assistance, that's our priority," Sigler said.

Kenneth Culton, the alcohol and drug coordinator from the Wellness Center, was hired 10 months ago from the University of Illinois to counsel students and provide lectures in classrooms and residence halls.

Culton said alcohol poisoning doesn't occur often, and since it is relatively rare, students often do not react properly. The results are often fatal.

"The alcohol's chemical makeup causes a physiological impact on a person and can cause a person's system to shut down," Culton said.

According to Culton, 300,000 people ranging from the age of 18 to 22 will die of an alcohol-related event, and one person per week dies from alcohol poisoning

"Alcohol poisoning is an inexact science. Just don't drink yourself to oblivion."

Kenneth Culton
alcohol and drug coordinator, Wellness Center

throughout the world.

Culton remembered when one of his clients at the University of Illinois died from an alcohol overdose.

"His parents came and just kept asking why," Culton said.

Artie Haley, the head resident assistant of Allen Hall, said roommates need to be aware of alcohol poisoning and need to know what to look for.

"We know that kids are drinking, and they don't drink in the dorms," Haley said. "But when they come back to the residence hall, we feel they are our responsibility."

Haley also noted there have not been any instances of alcohol poisoning in his building.

"Alcohol poisoning is an inexact science," Culton said. "Just don't drink yourself to oblivion."

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Proposed bill would mean changes in DSS

Bill could make book publishers meet more needs

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

Even though David Benney has purchased all of his textbooks, he still can't use them.

Already in his third week of classes for the semester, Benney, a blind student, has yet to receive all of his books in Braille or audio format. That's because Disabled Student Services is backlogged with textbooks that need to be converted to a format other than print.

If proposed legislation, which is already active in California, is passed in Illinois, students with visual impairments could possibly have access to books formatted to fit their needs much easier and quicker than before. The legislation has been drafted but is a long way from being passed and made into a bill.

The legislation could prevent students such as Benney, a freshman in radio-television from Chicago, from having to endure weeks without textbooks they've already purchased.

The converting process is done in Disabled Student Services, but unfortunately for Benney and other blind students on campus, this task is sometimes unfinished by the time classes start.

"Theoretically, you should get [books] the first day of class, but it all depends on how fast it gets taken care of," Benney said.

California Public Law 422 requires publishers of textbooks that are used in California state colleges and universities to make the books available in easily adapted electronic format. In other words, students who need to use Braille, taped or enlarged texts can more quickly and easily access course materials. The same would hold true for Illinois schools, if similar legislation was passed here.

Michael Whitney, assistant program director for DSS, helps in the textbook conversion process. He said DSS sometimes contacts publishers

for assistance in the translations, but without the legislation, he is lucky if they do anything to help.

"Even with the legislation, you need to inform companies, and it will be difficult to enforce [the law] because someone has to tell publishers to do this, and I don't know who that would be," Whitney said.

Whitney said books are converted as quickly as possible, but he agrees with students that the process needs to be quicker.

"It would definitely help out the students if they could get their books faster," Whitney said.

Whitney said 40 to 100 books need to be electronically transferred and formatted to Braille and audio cassette each semester, and since one page of text equals about four pages of Braille, it takes a couple of days to complete each book. But he said books can be converted to audio in the same day.

Benney understands it can take a while to translate, but worries that other less time-consuming translating methods often replace Braille.

"Braille takes so long to translate that sometimes they'll just scan it onto a disc and get a computer program to read it on tape," Benney said.

Should the legislation be passed in Illinois, the job of converting books into alternate formats will be all but obsolete at DSS. Whitney said some workers will have to relocate to other areas of DSS.

"It might put a lot of people in the conversion office out of jobs," he said.

With fewer people working, more money will be available for other projects, and DSS has to determine where the money would be most beneficial.

Benney thinks the legislation would be helpful, and it would be much easier if he could call up publishers and get the books in Braille that way.

"Then you wouldn't have to go to another service once you get the book and have them translated," Benney said, referring to DSS. "[The publishers] would just have them on hand."

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Somebody's gotta do it! Jay Trinkle (left), of Carbondale, and Ed Goeke (right), of Clearwater, remove trash from a drainage ditch near the Applebee's restaurant where they both work. The clear weather made it much easier for Goeke and Trinkle to get the job done than it would have been with ordinary January climates.

Aviation numbers up, up and away

Programs across country have seen increased interest since Sept. 11

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

In the weeks after Sept. 11, David Jaynes would never have thought enrollment and interest in becoming a commercial pilot would be soaring, but this is the trend SIUC's Aviation Department has seen.

Jaynes, representative for the aviation and flight management program, said interest has definitely increased in the program following the attacks. He said after the attacks, there was some question as to how students would react.

"People seem to be more resolute," Jaynes said. "The number of applications we have received for the program has increased by about 20

percent from this time last year."

SIUC seems to be the norm among other four-year aviation programs. Programs at Georgia State University and the University of Oklahoma have seen a marked increase in the number of students this semester and prospective students for next fall.

Rick Charles, director of aviation at Georgia State, said the increased interest at his school has been across the board and covers all fields of the aviation program.

"We have seen more interest in flight management, but also in airport management and people who want to work for the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration]," Charles said.

He attributed the increased interest in security-related jobs directly to Sept. 11.

The numbers for prospective students looking into Georgia State's program were not available, but halfway across the country in Oklahoma, students are taking a

closer look at aviation.

Renee Mitchell, recruitment and advisement coordinator for the University of Oklahoma's aviation program, said since the fall semester, enrollment has increased by 20 students.

"We have seen an increase in the number of students, but the largest increase has been in the number of prospective students that are looking at the program," Mitchell said.

She said 30 students have already signed up for next fall, and this is only the third week of the spring semester.

"We have a lot of high school students looking into the program," Mitchell said. "But the largest increase has been in the number of females that are showing interest in the program."

Mitchell said she was surprised to learn that 15 percent of the students in the aviation program are female, the same percentage at SIUC.

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Recession crisis hits home

Financial situation affects universities in Illinois and Arizona

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Recession has hit universities across the nation targeting several budget, hiring policies, insurance costs and financial aid.

At the end of December 2001, Illinois Gov. George Ryan announced a series of cuts to mitigate the state's \$500 million budget deficit. Illinois' public universities took a \$25 million hit, with a \$2.8 million cut to SIUC.

As a result, there will be a marked decrease in tuition revenues because of disappointing enrollment numbers.

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler is dealing with the money problem by considering a summer class reduction and not purchasing new equipment.

"The recession and the accompanying budgetary challenges that face SIUC are real and have a direct impact on our campus," Wendler said.

SIUC is carefully examining its priorities because revenue streams are down this year and a substantial portion of funding used to support the teaching, research and service missions of Southern comes from the state.

The recession and budget cut affected both public and private universities in Illinois. Northwestern University is one of the institutions that has suffered a great loss. Insurance costs are going up at least 50 percent. This affects property insurance, which the university must carry, and general liability insurance.

"The premium increases will hit our budget in the range of \$500,000 over this year and next year," said Jim Elsass, associate vice president of budget planning analysis and allocation.

The cost of health insurance for employees is rising and will affect Northwestern's benefit rates charged to all salary budgets. Health costs for graduate students are rising, causing the university to increase its graduate student health rates substantially for the next couple of years.

"Salary increase pools for faculty and staff will be modest this year due to the effects of the recession on our revenues," Elsass said.

Concerning the Northwestern student body, many of them receive financial aid based on their economic need and because families have experienced a loss of employment, more students will need financial aid, which will require a budget increase in the aid budget.

The recession crisis is not only affecting universities in Illinois, but in Arizona as well. The University of Arizona established a plan for their budgeting crisis by implementing a hiring freeze to its administrative and academic departments. Richard Roberts, budget director, said in order to break the freeze, the departments must show that they can afford the hires while staying within their budget limitations.

Some exceptions to the hiring freeze are faculty members who teach core-curriculum courses, required classes in majors and graduate courses.

"People are not able to hire faculty, develop start-up funds for new faculty hires and purchase capital equipment," said George Davis, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

"The recession and the accompanying budgetary challenges that face SIUC are real and have a direct impact on our campus."

Walter Wendler
chancellor, SIUC

Overcrowded classrooms have also resulted from the hiring freeze. While upper-level classes had 35 students, as many as 90 students will be enrolled. Introductory classes having 90 students will now contain close to 300 students.

Even graduate students are forced to teach classes that the department would normally not allow. Teachers are limited to photocopying 50 pages a week and have been prohibited to distribute hand-outs in class.

Roberts said this creates a climate that's dispiriting. He has positions open for senior analyst and entry level computing technician in the budgeting department but refuses to ask administration for exceptions to fill these positions because he knows they will deny him.

"The schools are successfully coping with the current recession crisis but are uncertain of how it will affect them in the future. However, Wendler is positive it will not cause permanent damage to SIUC."

"I believe we will weather the storm, but it is clearly going to be over the next year or two," Wendler said.

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FOOD

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the cooks, said the food is cooked fresh for the students, unlike processed foods.

"Pacific Rim Cafe food is low fat, high-heat cooking," Spence said. "Also, the Mexican food uses turkey instead of hamburger, which means less fat, something we all need."

Jack Shaw, director of food services, explained the Nestle Co. designed the food program for Chartwells, the corporation which owns several of the dining services in the Student Center. Shaw said unlike the national branches, the customer can specially order a dish, providing a more upscale, modern

food presentation to the University.

While the Student Center collaborates international cultural tastes into an American restaurant atmosphere, the program has increased business and expanded student interest.

Kathy Dillard, coordinator for Student Center marketing and public information, said students don't like to eat the same things all the time. She explained this program gives them an opportunity to explore other eating options and cultures.

"They get a little taste of it, literally," Dillard said.

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LINCOLN DRIVE

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foundation is there to start putting the different parts of the plan into place.

Architecture and design planning for the new buildings will take place in 2003, and construction should begin in 2004, pending approval by Chancellor Walter Wendler and President James Walker. Both administrators have voiced support for the project.

The Lincoln Drive expansion is the needed first step toward preparing the area for the new facilities.

Charles Stein, project engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said he expects to

open the Lincoln Drive project up for bidding by September and that construction will start by October or November.

Because of the heavy congestion in the area, Stein hopes to build as much of the new straight Lincoln Drive as possible without interfering with the existing street until the summer of 2003, when he will likely close off the existing street.

The cost of the expansion is taken care of by a separate fund set aside by the University called the Parking and Traffic fund. It consists of all the revenue generated by things like parking tickets and deal sales.

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Today's hobos hit the Web, then hop the train

By Anthony Colarossi
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. (KRT) — CSX freight train crawls through Orlando's Church Street Station, and 19-year-old John Snyder eyes it like an addict who has just spotted a free fix.

Everyone around the train is standing still except Snyder, who starts chasing the south-bound locomotive. He sticks out an arm, grabs a ladder and pulls himself aboard — the graceless leap of a train hopper.

For Snyder and what rail enthusiasts say is a growing contingent of young freight-train riders, this is life: hanging out in whatever city or town the tracks take them, bumming for spare change, diving into garbage bins if they get too hungry. And when they're ready to move on, they "catch out" aboard a slow-rolling freight train.

"It's free. And it's safer than hitchhiking," Snyder says. "It's almost like an addiction."



RED HUBER — ORLANDO SENTINEL

John Snyder, a new age hobo, keeps in touch with the world of train hopping by logging onto the World Wide Web.

While Snyder speaks of a romantic and liberating life on the rails, he confronts almost constant danger when he's riding. There are thieves, train gangs, angry railroad police called "bulls" — and, of course, the ever-present peril of being sliced in half by the steel wheel of a 130-ton train car.

In all, 463 people were killed in the United States while trespassing on trains or on railroad property in 2000.

But Snyder dismisses the dangers as threats to the inexperienced and uninformed. He calls himself a "new-age hobo," part of a subculture that now uses the Internet to plan journeys, post warnings about train-yard access and suggest scenic routes.

His link to the world of train-hopping comes from logging onto computers in the public library wherever he happens to be and surfing the Web for a collection of sites and e-mail lists that loosely link these wanderers.

He logs onto one site that features grisly pictures of train-hoppers who didn't make it.

It's impossible to say how many hobos and train-hoppers are riding the 173,000 miles of railroad in North America. Estimates range from 2,000 to 20,000, with growing numbers of Web-savvy kids taking to the rails.

But no one is keeping count. Hobos often keep a low profile, fearing attention will make it harder for them to travel. And railroad officials don't like to talk about train-hopping — except to call the practice deadly.

And it is. Nationwide, as many as 533 people are killed trespassing on trains or railroad property every year. It is the leading cause of railroad deaths.

"There's nothing romantic about hopping a train. It's illegal," says Susan Keegan, a spokeswoman for CSX Transportation in Jacksonville, Fla. "It's not advisable for the human body to try to tangle with steel. It won't win."

In recent years, there has been a slight increase in trespasser casualties, says the Railroad Administration's Warren Flatau.

The country's largest freight-train operation, Union Pacific Railroad, has reported increases in trespasser arrests during a four-year period. The railroad made 6,679 such arrests in 1997. Last year, it made 8,818.

The railroad also came across another 38,280 trespassers it didn't arrest last year. The railroad usually arrests people found breaking into rail



RED HUBER — ORLANDO SENTINEL

Hanging out in the rail yard in Orlando, Fla., John Snyder, 19, refers to himself as Freight Train Rider, a new-age hobo.

cars or vandalizing property but often gives just a warning to train-hoppers looking for a ride.

"It drives us crazy," Union Pacific's John Bromley says. "We're working harder to keep them off."

Snyder, who has been train-hopping for a year, says he runs into many young, disenfranchised "squatters" and "gutter punks" riding the rails in the cities he has visited. Some are running. Some are lost. Some don't fit in anywhere else.

Some, like Snyder, say they love the rush of the ride — and consider life on the rails better than what they left behind.

Like most transients, Snyder and his past are hard to document. He carries no identification. He has no driver's license. Yet he speaks freely of a short, desperate life spent in Reading, Pa., and later Reno, Nev. — one he says was marred by physical neglect, abuse and, later on, serious drug use.

"I always hung around with the wrong crowd," he says. "I did a lot of drugs. Anything anyone had, I'd do it."

He dressed like a punk rocker and dropped out of the mainstream.

"I always liked being different from people," he says. "I felt I was different from people because of what I've been through."

A drug-related debt and some threats of physical violence forced him to leave Nevada, says Snyder. That was more than a year ago. And that's about the time that a friend of his named Andrea showed him how to hop trains.

"I love her," he says of Andrea, although he no longer travels with her. "She took me on my first train ride."

He hopped out of Elko, Nev., and has been all over the country since then. One day in early January, he hopped off a train and landed in Orlando.

"I'm not really running from anyone," he says. "But it's hard for me to trust people."

He enjoys partying in new towns and running into other train-hoppers and hobos. But most of all, Snyder enjoys the views. Of all the places he has seen, Oregon is the most scenic to travel by freight train, he says.

"Hobos call a boxcar a wide-screen TV," says Snyder, dressed in a dusty pair of black overalls and layers of sweatshirts and jackets. "I just like traveling. That's why I do it."

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OUR WORD

Gunshots sound out safety alarm

The City of Carbondale is known for its tranquility and rural hospitality, but not all is well in our fair community. Last year saw a disturbing increase in the number of gunshots reported in the area, according to Carbondale Police statistics. About 140 incidents were reported in 2001, nearly twice as many as in 2000.

The police attribute the rise in gun shootings to increased drug activity in the area. The city's east side was reported to have the most concentrated activity. But if you think it's just an east side problem, think again. Drug violence is a problem everywhere, including quaint Carbondale. Around our nation, drug violence has crept into shady suburbs, once the safety havens of the middle-class. We tend to look at the problem only from an urban standpoint, but we need to start looking in our own backyard. We need to recognize that this is not a ghetto problem. This is a social problem that is beginning to ripple to every American citizen.

This problem is not just relegated to any one area in the city or the region. The entire community has to focus on this problem. The DAILY EGYPTIAN, which reported Friday on the issue, will make the effort to explore in-depth why this violence is happening and the reasons behind it. We will also look for solutions. One solution, as pointed out by the police with respect to the shootings, is for people to report it as soon as it happens.

In some cases, the shots are not reported until days later, thus hampering the police in their investigation. If people want crime out of the neighborhoods, they have to help. The easiest way for crime to spread is for the community to be silent. We cannot be silent. Nor can the DAILY EGYPTIAN ignore the magnitude of this story.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN published the story on the rise in shots fired in the city on the front page of Friday's edition, accompanied with a photo of a bullet hole in the wall of a home that was shot up last week. In the photograph, a young child points to the bullet hole above the trash can in his bedroom. What seems to be homework hangs from his bedroom door. Another bullet hole was found lodged into the wall just a foot above his sister's bed where she lay asleep at the time of the incident.

Although we were criticized for running this photo and the story so prominently, we believe strongly that Carbondale needs to be aware of this growing problem. Victims of these shots are not just statistics. They are real people: little children doing their homework, moms and dads and, quite simply, our neighbors.

We understand that our readers do not always want to be confronted with the negative. But our role is to be informers. We find this increase of gun violence startling, and we will not stand by silently as the Carbondale Police and community brush the issue aside, or chalk it up to "just a bad year."

We encourage our community and University leaders to passionately tackle the issue of safety in Carbondale, so we can yank this trend into reverse. We demand to see more fitting, well-thought-out solutions than more D.A.R.E. programs and patrol stops by the police. We have great minds here at our Research University that can investigate the roots of the problem and tell us how to solve it.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Monkey's death raises doubts about HIV research

Jason Baker & Kathy Guillermo
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The death of a monkey recently made headlines around the world. He was part of what was originally touted to be a promising vaccine trial for Human Immunodeficiency Virus, HIV, carried out by Harvard researchers.

This monkey, and all the bodies of animals that have littered the journey from the discovery of AIDS in 1982 until now, are tragic reminders that the best way to learn about human disease is by studying people.

One of our colleagues at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals decided to do something about it. He volunteered several years ago for a human HIV vaccine trial, in which he still participates. He knows that whatever the researchers learn from his blood and from the data they collect will help them learn more about helping other people. Ultimately, studies like these will bring us forward in the fight against this devastating disease.

And of course, he has the luxury, if one can call it that, of being a volunteer. The monkey who just died was taken against his will, caged and deprived of fresh air, sunshine, freedom of movement, companionship of others of his troop - just about everything that would make his life worth living. Instead, he could only stare, day after day, at the bars of his isolated prison, and beyond those, at the barren walls of a sterile room in a laboratory.

He was coldly named monkey number 798, as though he didn't feel the chill of the steel bars and years to touch and groom a companion, as though he was just a non-living "sample." In 1999, he was injected with the trial vaccine, and from then on, experimenters regularly shot him full of virulent forms of HIV. Like all the monkeys in the trial, he tested positive for HIV but didn't develop symptoms. The experimenters trumpeted their success in medical journals, all the while poking, prodding and repeatedly jabbing the monkey with needles to withdraw still more blood.

Then, suddenly, monkey 798 got sick and, after a year

of debilitating, wasting AIDS symptoms, he died. So, experimenters are right back where they started: they have no HIV vaccine, and once again, the terrible suffering of animals has brought us no closer to stopping or preventing the disease.

A physicist who writes about modern, non-animal methods of research, Murray Cohen, believes that AIDS experiments on animals will never bring a cure or prevention for the disease. "The reality is that all attempts to develop 'animal models' of AIDS have failed miserably," says Dr. Cohen. "AIDS researchers are recognizing more and more that to understand AIDS, humans must be studied."

He points to the researchers' own statements over the years: "The lack of appropriate animal models for HIV research makes the application of animal research to humans uncertain," and "No animal models faithfully reproduce (HIV) infection and disease in humans," and "... there is no predictive animal model for HIV infection in humans," and "Animal models do not fully mimic the characteristic tissue pathology of human HIV infection."

Even so, more money than the entire budget of a small developing country goes into animal studies on HIV/AIDS every year. Every year, more animals are made sick, while the number of AIDS cases worldwide, particularly in Africa and Asia, increases.

"Then why do many animal researchers continue to defend, support and promote it?" Cohen asks. "Because it is a lucrative business, and participants are loath to disembark from the government AIDS-animal research gravy train."

If what Cohen says is true, an HIV vaccine will be a long time coming. For everyone's sake, experimenters should find better, more accurate methods of research that will help people without harming animals.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is now right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time.”

Calvin Coolidge

WORDS OVERHEARD

“All I heard was ‘pop, pop, pop,’ and we hit the ground. The kids are still shook up about it - scared to go to bed.”

David Valliant, who after hearing the gun shots last week in his South Washington Street home, discovered bullet holes in his eight-year-old daughter's bedroom.

COLUMNIST

An open invitation to Matthew Hale

DEAR REV. HALE,

If there's anything you've taught me, it's to respect and acknowledge my fellow man. If I see a little kid getting pummeled and called a "homo" by a big group of football players, I should intervene. If I see a fellow student who is distant and insular, who always has his headphones on, listening to bizarre German heavy metal, I should intervene. If I see someone who meticulously scours the Bible searching for just the right phrase to take out of context or take far too literally to support their racist, hateful message, I should definitely intervene. You see, perhaps if someone would have intervened in your life, Rev. Hale.

But I'm not here to bathe you in the same old insults. No, sir. I'm utilizing the 700 or so words the DAILY EGYPTIAN allots me to personally invite you to come back to Carbondale. Yes, you read me right, Rev. Hale. Frankly, I'm tired of opening up the paper and seeing your silly face and racist propaganda, followed by a mention of Southern Illinois University. Yes, you graduated law school here. Yes, you have a right to practice. I'm not challenging that. It just makes me ill to have this University connected to you, every time you pop up with your World Church of the Idiots, causing race riots and what not. Your visit to York, Pa., caused near bedlam, but I'm daring you to return to Carbondale because you haven't begun to see bedlam.

I can't speak for Tommy Curry, but I know I would show up. I know a lot of people who would show up. I think it would be an enlightening experience for you to discover the

special kind of affection I'm sure this community would show you. Yes, our new motto is "Carbondale - we're not as racist as we used to be!" Other than the occasional and quite predictable police incident, and perhaps a few racist pep band members, we're doing all right. And we're quite proud of SIU alumni like Dick Gregory and Roland Burris. As for you, one of our most infamous alumni - well, you're like that rash that just won't go away. And no matter how much we try to resist, we just have to scratch it. As long as you have right-minded critics, your message lives on.

And so, that's why I've resisted the temptation to challenge you in the past. But I feel it necessary to uplift my community and my University... to shed the negative image people like you impose on SIU. The crap you spew out of your mouth hampers our good name.

So, drag your sorry racist values back here. Bring your circus of freaks and geeks, outcasts and red-necks, skinheads and religious fanatics. Set up shop right in front of Shryock Auditorium if you want. Thump away on that Bible of yours and raise your arm in the air as you spew out your anti-Semitic, bigoted garbage. Pass out flyers, posters, coffee mugs with swastikas on the side. I don't care.

Just know this - when you stand up, the African-American community will stand up against you. When you stand up, the international community will stand up against you. When you stand up, the Caucasian community will stand up against you. Christians will stand up against you. Jews will stand up.



Outlaw Nation

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Muslims will stand up against you. Atheists will stand up against you. You see, Carbondale - just like America - is a melting pot of diversity. And while we don't always get along, we can pretty much come to a consensus on one thing - you're an ignorant moron and a stain on the sacred fiber of SIU's legacy.

Don't take this invitation with a grain of salt. I'm quite serious. I want the whole world to know that this University and community are not affiliated with your breed of racism. If you were to come, your supporters would be minor in population compared to your opposition.

You would swiftly uncover that more than any place in the world, you are the most unwelcome here - where you graduated. I can't promise your safety, Rev. Hale, but something tells me your audacity would overpower your fear. Just don't get mad when you get pummeled and called a Homo - it's the proper treatment that a man of your stature deserves.

Outlaw Nation appears on Tuesday. Joseph is a sophomore in journalism and cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN. To read more of Joseph's work go to www.outlaw-nation.com.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Ebonics one specialized language of many

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When I was a long-haired-hippie-type-weirdo-freak, we used tactics similar to ebonics to keep "straights" at arms length and as a coded way of recognizing one another on the streets.

After all, just because some dude is wearing patch jeans, a tie-dyed T-shirt and water buffalo leather sandals, that's hardly a guarantee that he's a card-carrying member of the counter-culture. One can never be too careful. The same is true, I'm sure, for your urban hip youngster of today. Without the dialogue, a pair of baggies and oversized jersey is little more than hapless camouflage. It hardly ends there, though.

Ever played high school sports, been in the military or worked in a Union Shop of just about any kind?

Language is the primary tool that civilization is built upon. But let's be honest. The Tower of Babel was not the creation of a jealous God, but the manifestation of paranoid necessity. Keeping others out of our precious and oh-so-personal inner circles, whatever construct they are based upon. All of which is fine and good ... up to a point. The problem arises when people isolate themselves from one another with such shenanigans. Pockets of folks wandering around, all speaking the same language but no one saying the same thing, creates not only confusion but can lead to misunderstandings of epic proportions. And misunderstanding inevitably leads to

Without the dialogue, a pair of baggies and oversized jersey is little more than hapless camouflage.

conflict. Which is where deference comes in. Taking into account the feelings of others and doing what is necessary to find a common ground upon which to communicate, yeah, it's pretty bitchin' to, with a wink and a nod, "talk the talk," but eventually we have to recognize the larger world we all live in, and like, you know, try to verbally connect with it, or whatever.

I am reminded of the 18 months I spent on the island of Okinawa when I was in the Army. It may be apocryphal, but, on an island 67 miles long and barely a mile wide (on average), there were supposedly so many dialects of Japanese spoken that someone on the northern end of the island could not make himself understood at the southern end.

Be a helluva note if it were discovered that some terribly hip urbanites set the whole mess in motion by trying to manipulate the language to disguise the mundane act of talking to one another.

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LETTERS

Bikers have responsibility too

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm responding to the letter from Brendan Collier appearing in the DE Tuesday, Jan. 22. I am the past president of the Carbondale Bicycle Club <http://members.tripod.com/~PCT17/bc.htm> and an avid cyclist.

I (and the League of American Bicyclists) believe that cyclists should behave like, and expect the same privileges as, legitimate traffic vehicles. Cyclists should travel from point A to point B on roads designated for vehicular traffic or trails designated for bicycling. They should behave like a motor vehicle, obeying all traffic laws, and should be obeyed by, and given the rights of other motorists.

They should not ride on sidewalks or other areas designated as being for pedestrian use, unless stated as being acceptable to local ordinances (such as riding the paths through the commons areas between classroom buildings). They should not use pedestrian crosswalks unless they have become a pedestrian; by dismounting and walking their bicycle.

I love bicycling, and enjoy riding the length and breadth of the state on public

roads. I feel strongly that bicyclists often are not given proper courtesy and rights on the road, and can get injured or killed as a result. I feel motorists are too often let off the hook for injuries or fatalities they have caused bicyclists by courts that fail to recognize our rights.

However, we as cyclists have responsibilities too. A motorist approaching a pedestrian crosswalk is alert to the possibility that a person might approach from either side walking at 3-5 mph or running at 10 mph, and his peripheral vision will scan the appropriate distance to each side to rule that in or out.

A bicyclist is fully capable of (and sometimes does) approaching the crosswalk at 20 plus mph. Thus appearing "out of nowhere" right in front of the motorist. This is another reason that pedestrian crosswalks need to be limited to use by pedestrians.

Charles Clemens, physician, SIUC Student Health Programs

Arrest rapists, not marijuana smokers

DEAR EDITOR:

As a graduate and former student body president of Penn State University, I

wasn't surprised to see the U.S. Department of Education's recent finding that more students were arrested in 2000 for drug offenses at Penn State than at any other college or university in the country.

Penn State is not alone in its foolishness, however. The report shows that 11,276 campus drug arrests were made in 2000, a 10 percent increase from 1999. And, according to the school officials cited in an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education on Jan. 23, most of those arrests were for marijuana.

At Penn State and many other schools, the real crime problem is rape and property crimes. While police and resident advisers are sniffing under students' doors for the occasional marijuana smoker, nearly 4,000 women were raped on campus property in 2000. Worse yet, students with drug convictions automatically lose their federal financial aid, while rapists, murderers and other terrorists to society never lose their eligibility to attend college.

Until rape is completely eliminated and every violent predator is tracked down and arrested, the police on and off campus must share in the blame for these crimes if they continue wasting time arresting nonviolent marijuana users.

There continues to be over 646,000

marijuana possession arrests every year in the United States, as the FBI reports. Please help end the war on marijuana users by joining our cause at www.mpp.org. For more information on the Marijuana Policy Project, contact Krisy Oechlein at (202) 462-5747, ext. 115.

Robert D. Kampia Executive Director of the Marijuana Policy

Reflecting the community no excuse for graduation prayer

DEAR EDITOR:

In defense of prayer at graduation, Walter Wendler stated in the Daily Egyptian that SIUC should reflect the "culture" of the region. When I moved to Carbondale seven years ago, several realtors indicated to me that I should avoid looking for housing in the northeast part of town. I soon learned that Carbondale was a largely segregated community and that the northeast was the African-American part of town. Additionally, I learned after moving here that most of my own subdivisions's bylaws seemed designed to keep blacks out.

So, segregation is clearly an aspect of Southern Illinois culture. Would Wendler have SIU emulate this culture simply because the local community does? Would Wendler make SIU a "child of segregation?" Wendler stated to the media that one of SIUC's roles is to attend to the religious needs of students. I filed a religious discrimination complaint with SIUC's Associate Chancellor for Affirmative Action Seymour Bryson.

Seymour Bryson assembled a committee to look into the complaints, and the committee concluded: "that a University committee be formed to explore in a formal and forthright manner possible resolutions to campus-wide religious insensitivity as described by Joan Friedenberg." To the best of my knowledge, these recommendations have not been carried out. In a letter written to me, Bryson stated, "the University has policies in place that may be used to deal with the individual needs for religious accommodation."

These examples make the administration's real intentions clear: to reflect the interests of Christians in the local community and to accommodate the religious needs of only Christian students.

Joan Friedenberg professor, linguistics

READER COMMENTARY

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AVIATION

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While the number of students is increasing, the number of internship and job opportunities at airlines are decreasing.

Jaynes said before the attacks, there was the possibility that a student could go straight from school to a major airline.

"Students are probably going to have to go the traditional route," Jaynes said. "Usually pilots start out as instructors and then fly charter or cargo before they go to airlines."

The SIUC aviation program currently has long-term agreements with several major airlines, including United Airlines, Trans World Airlines, Delta Airlines and American Airlines.

Joe Ruiz, associate professor of aviation and flight management, said since Sept. 11, Delta and United have stopped taking internships, at least until fall.

He said the two airlines that stopped the internship program did so to restructure their employees and that the move was related to the attacks because of the large amount of money and number of passengers lost in the ensuing months.

"Because of security, no airlines are offering internships in the jump seats like before the attacks," Ruiz said.

Interns usually were allowed to be in the cockpit and perform basic flight procedures before current security restrictions were put into place. While the employment options remain less attractive than in the past five years, students still stand by their decisions to fly.

Scott Ditz, a senior in aviation and flight management from Elgin, said the terrorist attacks have not changed his plans.

"I am going to be a flight instructor for a while and work my way up," Ditz said.

He said that the industry as a whole was having some difficult times before the attacks, but things are looking better now.

"Confidence was shaken by what happened, but people know that now is the safest time to fly," Ditz said.

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Battle over energy papers invites suspicion

What's the White House hiding?

By James Kuhnenn
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Congress wants to know who met with Vice President Cheney's energy policy task force in private last year — especially who from Enron and other energy companies.

Cheney and the Bush White House won't say.

This is a hardy Washington perennial: Congress demands White House information, the president asserts his right to ignore Congress under the Constitution's separation of powers, and the White House protests all the while that it has nothing to hide. This year's version features the Bush White House virtually daring Congress's auditing watchdog, the General Accounting Office, to take the unprecedented step of suing the vice president in federal court.

The White House argues that it is standing on principle, looking to reverse what it says is 30 years of erosion in presidential power as one White House after another caved before congressional demands. These fights have tended not to go well for presidents, who have been forced to yield in scandals named Watergate, Iran-contra

and Monica Lewinsky. And given the political odors rising now over Enron, even some of Bush's allies aren't happy that he wants to take this particular test of principle to the mat.

"The vice president's position is that whenever he talks to anybody, he doesn't have to say what they talked about. That sounds reasonable," said Ronald Rounada, a law professor at the University of Illinois College of Law who advised Kenneth Starr on his investigation of President Clinton. "But you wonder if this is the right battle to pick. While principle is important, there are a lot of people who are concerned about Enron."

GAO Comptroller General David Walker said he will wait until after the president's State of the Union speech Tuesday to announce whether he will proceed with a lawsuit, but made it clear he was not going to back down. "If they lose in court, they're going to lose in many ways," he predicted in an interview Monday.

For two months last winter, Cheney's energy-policy task force got advice from a long line of visiting executives representing the coal, oil, nuclear and electricity industries. Executives from the now bankrupt Enron Corp., which contributed heavily to the Bush presidential campaign, met with task force members six times. Cheney met with Enron's then-Chairman Kenneth Lay.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., recently outlined 17 points in the administration's energy plan that would have benefited Enron. One of them, which would have helped Enron's business dealings in India, appeared on House belatedly after a draft report had circulated through other government agencies.

Democrats are eager to capitalize on the Enron fallout. Citing new poll data, three top Democratic consultants Monday argued that public outrage over Enron's collapse hurts Republicans more than Democrats. The three — James Carville, Robert Shrum and Stanley Greenberg — found that more than half of the respondents say they feel less confident about the country's energy policy and even more believe Bush tends to side with corporate interests. "Democrats are looking for any kind of political advantage they can get out of the thing," Republican pollster Neil Newhouse said. "They're going to try to press and press it hard. It doesn't mean there's anything there."

Enron's participation has heightened attention to the task force's deliberations, but members of Congress have been pressing the White House for information about its contacts since last April, and Walker of the GAO says Congress has waited long enough.

"I have sympathy for the fact that they need to be able to conduct conversations to help make informed decisions," Walker said. "However, they created this working group... and when they are on Sunday, Cheney appeared on television news shows to reject the GAO's demands and brush off suggestions that the White House is hiding the names of participants in the meetings to avoid embarrassment. "In 34 years, I have repeatedly seen an erosion of the powers and the ability of the president of the United States to do his job," Cheney said on ABC's "This Week."

On Monday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer argued that the confrontation with Congress could affect other consultations involving the president and his inner circle.

"They want everybody's records. They want notes from meetings, not only about Enron, but about anybody and everybody that they met with. And that's far-reaching," he said. Walker criticized the White House portrayal of his investigation, noting that he purposely narrowed its scope "to make sure we weren't being intrusive."

"We're looking for who met with whom, when and about what," he said. "We're not asking for minutes of meetings, we're not asking for things that they have asserted."

Ex-Enron chair's wife defends husband

We're broke too, says Linda Lay

By Bruce Nichols
The Dallas Morning News

HOUSTON — The campaign to repair the reputation of former Enron chairman Ken Lay began Monday.

Expressing exasperation at lawsuits and news coverage demonizing him, Lay's wife, Linda Lay, went on network television to defend him — and say that they're broke, too.

"This is mass hysteria," Linda Lay said on NBC's "Today" show Monday morning. "Nobody even really knows what the truth is yet. The only truth I know 100 percent for sure is that my husband is an honest, decent, moral human being, who would do absolutely nothing wrong."

Lay, who hasn't given his version of what caused Enron's collapse, is scheduled to appear before a congressional committee next Monday. He resigned from Enron last week and has retained a public relations adviser.

Linda Lay said that her husband — who reportedly made \$300 million in salary, bonus and stock options over the last four years — has lost his fortune, too. "It's gone. There's nothing left. Everything we had mostly was in Enron stock," she said.

A sometimes tearful Linda Lay, who is to appear on the show again Tuesday morning with family members, said her husband has been "devastated" by the effect on Enron employees and retirees, and especially the suicide Friday of former vice chairman J. Clifford Baxter. "It makes my heart ache. It makes Ken's heart ache," she said.

Linda Lay's comments evoked little sympathy from the 4,000 workers who lost jobs and the pensioners and investors who lost bil-

ions of dollars when Enron spiraled into bankruptcy Dec. 2. "She don't know what broke and poor is," said retiree Charles Prestwood.

Media experts said it wasn't surprising that Lay, who has declined interviews on lawyers' advice, would want to answer critics who've accused him of greed and dishonesty.

Putting his wife on TV is one way to do it. "I think this clearly is an attempt to put a human side on someone who has been ogized, demonized in the press," said University of Houston communications professor Garth Jowett.

"Didn't the 'Checkers' speech come to mind?" said Mr. Jowett, citing Richard Nixon's use of his family and his dog, Checkers, to save a vice presidential candidacy threatened by allegations of improper funding. Then there was Bill and Hillary Clinton's appearance on 60 Minutes in 1996 to answer allegations of his infidelity, he said.

Lay's public relations consultant, M.A. Shute, didn't return telephone calls for comment.

"Making your case is important," said financier Charles Miller, a Lay friend. "Political consultants say that when charges... are expressed publicly, they have to be answered quickly and strongly or they become common understanding."

Friends said Linda Lay is a good spokesperson. She's been active in charity work in Houston and enjoys a solid reputation.

"She's a very honest person," said Elyse Lanier, wife of former Mayor Bob Lanier. "I think she truly believes, and I think until we hear the other side, we really don't know for sure."

Although most people wouldn't understand Linda Lay's definition of "broke," Rice University accounting professor Stephen Zeff said it's not outside the realm of possibility that the Lays have

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Linda Lay
wife of former Enron chairman Ken Lay

financial problems.

"It's possible that somebody that has lots of things like horses, yachts, automobiles and luxury homes... doesn't have enough cash," Zeff said. "We might not empathize much with them, but they'd say they're broke."

The Lays reportedly have put three of their four properties in Aspen, Colo., worth millions, up for sale, and Linda Lay told "Today" that everything they have — except their \$5.7 million 33rd-floor condominium — is on the market.

"We're fighting for liquidity," she said. "We don't want to go into bankruptcy. We've had long-term investments, and those long-term investments have cash calls."

She said she's troubled that people seem ashamed of working at Enron or being involved in its collapse.

"The intensity of it all — I can't possibly imagine how each and every employee is dealing with all of that," she said.

Linda Lay also said that she understands the anger of others. "I don't think it seems unfair, because he's chairman-CEO. The buck stops at his desk," she said.

But "there's some things... that he wasn't told," she said. "There's some things that the board of directors... didn't know. But that will all come out in the investigation. Those things will come out... That's what we're all praying for is that they'll get the truth."

She added: "My husband tells the truth. He's not a liar... He believed it would be OK."

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Bush offers U.S. help in training Afghan military

By Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Bush told the head of Afghanistan's new government Monday that the U.S. military will help train a new Afghan national army, a significant expansion of the American role in rebuilding the war-shattered country.

Bush, welcoming interim administration Chairman Hamid Karzai to the White House, said, "Both of us have made the decision that Afghanistan must, as quickly as possible, develop her own military. And we will help."

Karzai says his administration's No. 1 priority is establishing security throughout Afghanistan, to prevent a return to civil war and warlordism.

In a television interview before meeting Bush, Karzai said he would welcome U.S. participation in an expanded international peacekeeping force.

That force, which currently numbers about 2,100 troops, none of them Americans, has been confined to the capital, Kabul.

But Bush made clear he will not change his position against allowing U.S. combat troops to participate in peacekeeping.

"Better yet than peacekeepers — which will be there for a while — let's have Afghanists have her own military," the president said.

Bush's remarks reflect his inclination not to tie down U.S. combat forces in peacekeeping duties, as well as concern that American peacekeepers might become targets.

At an international conference in Tokyo last week, the Afghan administration proposed a national army of 200,000 to 250,000 soldiers to replace the hodgepodge of militias and tribal forces that dominate the country. That number would dwindle to 50,000 as the country's security increases.

A U.S. military team soon will head for Afghanistan to discuss the country's military needs with Karzai and Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum, an ethnic

Uzbek warlord who serves as deputy defense minister. Money for the training will come from a \$297 million pledge of aid for the next year that

the United States made at the Tokyo conference. America may transfer surplus military equipment to Afghanistan as well.

Bush welcomed Karzai to the White House on a sunny and unusually warm January afternoon, lauding him as "a man who stood for freedom in the face of tyranny." Karzai, clad in his trademark green cape, pledged that with international assistance, Afghanistan "will be strong and will stand eventually on its own feet and it will be a country that will defend its borders and not allow terrorism to return to it."

Along with the \$297 million pledge of reconstruction assistance, the United States has given Afghanistan \$237 million in humanitarian aid this fiscal year and spent billions more on the military campaign against the al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban regime that harbored it.

On Monday, Bush announced an additional \$50 million credit line from the U.S. government's Overseas Private Investment Corp. to finance development projects in Afghanistan by private American companies. The initiative would not involve new taxpayer money. OPIC supports U.S. business ventures in developing countries by providing financing and risk insurance.

Karzai is the first Afghan leader to visit Washington in 39 years. The scene in the Rose Garden would have been unthinkable before the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan led to the fall of the puritanical Taliban regime in early December.

On Monday morning, Karzai participated in a ceremony in which Afghanistan's black, red and green flag was raised over the Afghan Embassy in Washington.

The facility, which is undergoing renovation, had been shuttered since 1997, when internal diplomatic warfare broke out between the ranking official, who represented the pre-Taliban government, and his deputy, who had declared himself for the Taliban.

At the White House, Bush promised anew that the United States will not abandon Afghanistan once U.S. military operations there are complete. "Chairman Karzai, I reaffirm to you today that the United States will continue to

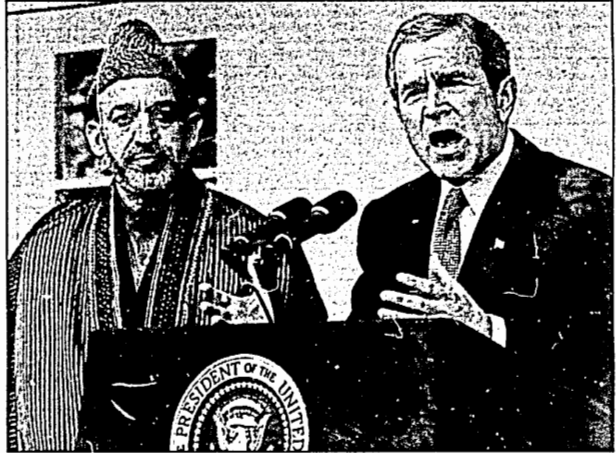


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President Bush talks to reporters as and Interim Afghan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai looks on during a press conference at the White House Monday.

be a friend to the Afghan people in all the challenges that lie ahead," the president said.

Karzai's interim authority, inaugurated Dec. 22, has less than five months left in its tenure. Under an agreement reached at an international conference in Bonn, Germany, a traditional Afghan council known as a *loya jirga* is being assembled to choose a transitional, two-year government. That government will draft a new constitution and prepare for national elections.

In the meantime, Karzai and his administration face the daunting task of beginning to reconstruct a country that has been at war for 23 years, overcoming a culture of weapons and drug smuggling. Karzai also must establish a central government that has widespread support throughout the multi-ethnic country.

Karzai said an Afghan army strengthened by

U.S. trainers presents no threat to Afghanistan's neighbors, which have a long history of meddling in the country.

"It's a training relationship between two independent sovereign countries and nothing to worry others," he said.

Iran, in particular, has expressed concern about the large U.S. military presence to its east. But American officials privately say they concur with Karzai's assessment.

Under agreements reached at the Tokyo conference, Britain is to take the lead in training the new Afghan military, while Germany will help shape and train a national police force. The United States also plans to help with police training, as well as aiding Afghanistan in establishing prison, legal and court systems and other elements of the rule of law.

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3 bdrms- 321 W Walnut, 405 S Ash, 310, 3101, 313, 610 W Cherry, 106, 408 S Forest, 306 W College

2 bdrms- 406, 319, 324 W Walnut, 305 W College.

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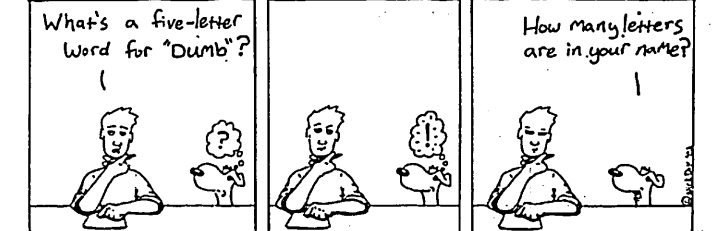
Dormant Life

by Shane Pangburn



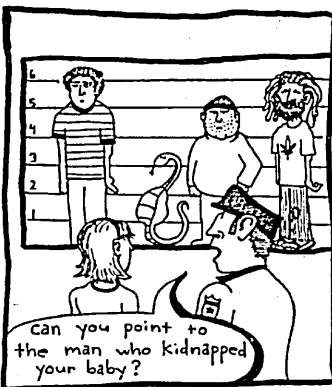
NO DOGS ALLOWED!

By Nick Day



Let's Save Decatur

by Seth Dewhirst



Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 29). This is a great year for making commitments: romantic, business, whatever. Get married, have another child, take on a business partner. If you're single, don't worry. Love is in the air, and you look marvelous. Same's true if you're married. Fall in love with your spouse all over again. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You should be in a good mood, but you sure have a lot going on. Everybody wants your attention. Don't stretch yourself too thin. Pay total attention to the people you're dealing with.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 5 - There's a slight conflict of interest in your life right now. You need to take care of one person or the paperwork that will bring in the money, but you also have domestic responsibilities.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Don't assume you understand the whole truth just because you listened to a single source. Get the other side of the story before you make up your mind. You'll end up wiser for being more thorough in your investigation, and so will the people who depend on you for information.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - It might be wise to spend a little more for something that will last longer. Can you think of another way to justify the expense? If not, forget it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - You'll be most effective working with a partner in perfect harmony. That won't be easy to accomplish. When in public, keep your disagreements to yourself. Bring them up when the two of you are alone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - Look for a change in your assignment. At the last minute, somebody could want your work done differently. Luckily, you're flexible. You'll really impress them if you ask before they think to tell you. It may also give you extra time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 9 - You're forceful, dynamic, and more confident than before. All of that studying is paying off. Those who love you are cheering you on. Accept their prayers and advice.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - No need to tell an older person all that's going on with you. He or she probably isn't interested. Tell the person what he or she wants to hear. That will be more likely to get both of you what you want.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - A loved one thinks you can take on a new challenge. You know that person would never lie to you. You're thinking of all the reasons why you shouldn't. You can fix some of the problems before you start. Ignore old psychological limitations. You've outgrown them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Stash away as much loot as possible. You don't need to have much on hand. Looks like you have the Midas touch.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - The attraction - or maybe the repulsion - between you and another person is phenomenal. You're pouring energy back and forth to each other.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Pay attention so that you can modify your plans as you go along. Don't feel bad if you didn't think of everything. Pretend you're perfectly prepared, and you'll be able to handle any situation.

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Henri Arnold and Mike Argentin

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

YAHNE

FRADT

TROIMP

SPOGLE



WHAT THE HISTORY TEACHER DID WITH HIS CLASS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

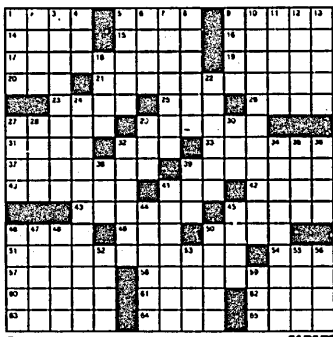
Answer here: "O O O O O O O O O O"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ALBUM FRANC EYEJUD PUNDIT
Answer: She thought the fortune teller was too PREDICTABLE

Crossword

- POSS
1. Location closely
 5. Sleep fitfully
 9. Left over
 14. "Do ___ others as..."
 15. Known on
 16. Facilitated
 17. Peculiar to a language
 19. Crop up
 20. Parado or Ho
 21. Cold War division
 23. Writer Buchanan
 25. Hamilton bit
 26. Country hotels
 27. 24 ___ gold
 29. As if this ___ enough.
 31. OPEC member
 32. Veteran sailor
 33. Nuttified
 37. Casco and Fermi
 39. Feet ale lead
 40. Obsessive
 41. Is ablo
 42. Dodge model
 43. Margin for error
 44. Slippy
 45. Loose fat
 49. Corfio container
 50. Forecast trend
 51. Makes a return for
 54. Experimental room
 57. Holyhnhm's slave
 58. Appears
 60. Decathlon tenth
 61. Fawey hazard
 62. Rampant
 63. Observe again
 64. "Auld Lang ___"
 65. Corrida cries



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Guy's guy' proves nice fit for gold medalists

Lynn Zinser
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS (KRT) - There are times in this relationship where each side looks at the other in complete bewilderment.

There's 56-year-old coach Ben Smida, picking up a stray stuffed Princeton Tiger in an airport, knowing it belongs to one of his hockey players and bringing it to her at the hotel.

"I'm not sure I'll ever get used to the pillows and the teddy bears," Smith said.

And then there's the players, 20 women ranging in ages from 16 to 30, gathered in huddles and locker rooms listening to Smith use metaphors and references that might as well be in Latin.

"We were in Finland and he walked into the locker room and said,

"The hay is in the barn," said defenseman A.J. Mleczo. "We all looked around and said, 'What does that mean?'"

Smith never leapt out as the obvious choice to coach the U.S. women's hockey team. When he started in 1996, he had coached men's college hockey for 28 years. The first time one of the U.S. players cried at a practice, he turned around and walked off the ice, no clue how to react.

"He's a guy," said defenseman Sue Merz, struggling. "He's a guy's guy, too."

But six years after USA Hockey launched this cross-generation, cross-gender experiment, Smith has led the U.S. women's team to an Olympic gold medal and has it primed to win a second at the Salt Lake Olympics next month.

More than that, he has shaped a

team of what may be the most unselfish players anywhere, lifted a sport from complete obscurity to star status heading into the home-ice Games and become a father figure to a group of women who didn't know it was looking for one.

"He's definitely softened up a little bit," said Merz. "He sees us as 20 of his daughters. There's definitely a bond between us. He's learned and we've learned."

Smith still marvels a bit at the road that brought him here, a trip that was unorthodox before he took over the first women's Olympic hockey team.

That he's even a coach bucks the odds considering his background.

He grew up in Gloucester, Mass., son of Benjamin Atwood Smith II, a businessman and politician who not only served as mayor of Gloucester, but filled out John F. Kennedy's

Senate term when JFK became president.

Smith spent two of his high school years in Washington. He remembers watching movies in the White House, with JFK fetching the popcorn.

The Smiths headed back to Gloucester after two years - Ted Kennedy was then old enough to win the Senate seat - and Smith played hockey and headed to Harvard. But he never had dreams of following his father's lead. He had always wanted to coach.

"I always liked being around a game," Smith said. "Probably when I was 10 or 11, I was running my own team, whether it was a baseball team or a football team. I was getting guys from my part of town to play against guys from another part of town. I was always running my own little outfit.

SALUKI

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halfway through the conference season. SIU trails Creighton for first place in the league, and while the Salukis are just a game back, there is some cause for alarm.

The Bluejays are the only MVC team SIU has yet to play, but the two conference powerhouses will finally hook up Sunday in Omaha, Neb. The problem is, winning at Creighton is mighty difficult. The Salukis have a legit shot to win there if they play one of their better games, but the press-happy, 3-point gunning Jays have the ammunition to turn back the Salukis on their home court.

If SIU can't win at Creighton, barring any weird midweek upsets, the Salukis will be a field two games back with just seven conference games remaining. That would be unpleasant territory for the Salukis to find themselves in, especially considering a road game at SIU is the only imposing game the Jays have left.

Though snatching a win on Creighton's home court is a nasty assignment, it's one the Salukis need to conquer if they don't want to feel the noose tighten around their necks. As problematic as it is for SIU to survive in the upper echelons of the computer rankings because of a down season in the MVC, winning the regular season title becomes huge if the Salukis want to feel good about their at-large chances.

One off-kilter night in the UNI-Dome and the Salukis aren't far from being on the ropes in the Valley race. It's no time for panic, but it is time for the Salukis to act like a championship team.

Knowing what the team's accomplished already this season, it's safe to assume the Salukis won't be intimidated as the season nears the moments of truth. But if the Dawgs are to successfully navigate their way out of trouble, Belcher and Williams need to be at the forefront.

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Rams-Pats game a rematch of their Nov. 18 battle

Joe Ostermeier
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ST. LOUIS (KRT) - Super Bowl XXXVI will be a rematch of the St. Louis Rams' 24-17 win over New England on Nov. 18 at Foxboro Stadium.

The championship game will begin at 5:18 p.m. CST Sunday in the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

"We won't get much sleep this week," Rams head coach Mike Martz said after their 29-24 win over Philadelphia in the NFC Championship game at the Edward Jones Dome.

"They (the Patriots) are as well-rounded and well-coached in all three phases of the game as any team in this league.

"He (Bill Belichick) just does a terrific job coaching that team."

Rams quarterback Kurt Warner completed 30 of 42 passes for 401 yards and three touchdowns in the November win over the Patriots, Marshall.

Faulk ran 20 times for 83 yards and seven passes for 70 yards against the Pats, who are 3-0 since the loss to St. Louis.

"What a run they've been on since we played them," said Martz, whose team is 8-1 since the win in

New England. The Rams are 16-2 overall; the Pats 13-5 after their 24-17 win over Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship game Sunday.

Fox's top broadcasting team of Pat Summerall and John Madden will call the Super Bowl, with sideline reports by Ron Pitts. The network's studio team James Brown, Terry Bradshaw, Howie Long and Cris Collinsworth will handle the pregame show and halftime highlights.

Pop music star Mariah Carey will sing the national anthem, and Paul McCartney will be part of the pregame show as he sings a song

dedicated to the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The games marks the second Super Bowl in three years for the Rams, and fourth overall. They beat Tennessee 23-16 in Super Bowl XXXIV on Jan. 30, 2000, in Atlanta, and lost 31-19 to Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XIV on Jan. 20, 1980, in Pasadena, Calif.

The Patriots are 0-2 in their Super Bowl appearances. They lost 35-21 to Green Bay in Super Bowl XXXI on Jan. 26, 1997, and lost 46-10 to the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX on Jan. 26, 1986.

Both games were in New Orleans.

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Meanwhile, Panthers guard Robbie Sieverding leads the MVC with an 18.6 scoring average and has been the team's catalyst after missing last year on an injury. Sieverding, along with players like SIU's Kent Williams (16.6 ppg) and Creighton's Kyle Korver (15.0 ppg), will draw attention for the conference's player of the year.

Braves feeling feisty: Maybe it was a loss earlier in the week to arch-rival Illinois State, or maybe it was a first half brawl that led to two ejections. Whatever it was, something got into the struggling Bradley Braves on Sunday.

In the first half of a game against Wichita State, WSU's Jamar Howard and the Braves' Danny Granger became entangled battling for a rebound, went to the floor and, after Howard raised his fist as if to hit Granger, both were given

flagrant fouls and thrown out of the game.

Bradley got the last laugh over the visiting Shockers. BU guard Phillip Gilbert, moved to the point guard spot on Sunday, nailed seven 3-pointers in leading BU to a 66-49 win.

Dandy defense: When the Salukis were upset by Northern Iowa on Saturday, the Panthers shot 44 percent for the night. That means Colorado State remains the only team all season that has shot above 45 percent from the floor against the Saluki defense.

Opponents are hovering right around the 40 percent mark against SIU for the season, and if that number dips below the 40 percent mark at season's end, it will be the first time the Salukis have had that strong of a defensive year since the 1967-68 season.

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Fri. Feb. 1 at Illinois Invitational (Champaign)
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DAILY EGYPTIAN - ROBIN JONES

Come sail off the edge

SIU Sailing Club more than floating around

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

When thinking of sailing, it's easy to imagine a relaxing, serene scene like the one described in the song "Come Sail Away."

But to SIU Sailing Club Commodore Christopher "Topher" Mueller, sailing is better described by Aerosmith's "Livin' on the Edge."



"People think of sailing most often as something you do leisurely," Mueller said.

"But going out and racing is a whole different ballgame. There's much more to it than just going out and floating around."

Mueller is referring to the competitive sailing regattas, or meets, in which the club competes.

"There are points where you're in the boat and the wind is tipping it over," Mueller said in describing regatta competition. "So you have to be on the other side piking out. Basically you're laying parallel to the water."

Most regattas take place at Crab Orchard Lake, where SIU sailing club members race against themselves and other members of the Crab Orchard Lake Sailing Association, or C.O.L.S.A., in small

sailing boats ranging from 14 to 22 feet long.

The club also attends regattas at Lake Carlisle, which is about two hours north of Carbondale.

In a regatta, as many as 12 boats race each other on a triangle course. But most regattas, including the ones SIU competes in, are on a smaller scale.

Mueller said a fleet of at least 12 boats would be needed to compete at large regattas against other universities. SIU's fleet currently has seven competition-ready boats.

The club also needs more people. It currently has 30 members, 15 to 20 of whom Mueller describes as

"very active" in the organization. Most are graduate students, but the club is looking for more undergraduates so it can compete against other universities,

namely the University of Illinois and Washington University in St. Louis.

The club is looking for sailors of any skill level, not just experienced and competitive ones.

"We do both competition and instruction," Mueller said. "We have boats that will cater to almost any level."

Sailing club membership costs \$25 per semester, \$40 for two semesters or \$65 per year.

Anyone interested can e-mail Christopher Mueller at cmueller@siu.edu, or visit the club's website at www.siu.edu/~sailor.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Tigers trounce Salukis

The SIU women's tennis team was routed by the University of Missouri at a dual meet in Columbia, Mo., Sunday.

The Salukis failed to score any points against the Tigers, who won every match in convincing fashion.

Tana Trapani was the lone Saluki to win a set, defeating Mary Barry 6-4 in the first set before losing the next and having to retire due to a bad hip.

The Salukis had to play without Sandy Swanepoel, their former No. 4, who never came back from South Africa after Christmas break. Swanepoel's departure left the Salukis with only five players, causing them to forfeit the No. 6 bracket and a doubles bracket.

Soswa falls in final

SIU freshman Lukasz Soswa fell 6-1, 6-3 to Indiana State's David O'Connell in the No. 5 bracket finals of the 2002 MVC Men's Individual Tennis Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday.

Soswa was the only Saluki to make the winner's bracket this weekend, defeating Southwest Missouri State's Sean Kembell 6-4, 6-3 in Saturday's semi-finals.

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| | MVC | | Overall | |
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| | W | L | W | L |
| Creighton | 7 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| SW Missouri State | 7 | 2 | 10 | 7 |
| Drake | 6 | 2 | 12 | 5 |
| Northern Iowa | 6 | 3 | 11 | 9 |
| Evansville | 5 | 4 | 10 | 9 |
| Bradley | 4 | 5 | 13 | 5 |
| Wichita State | 3 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| Indiana State | 3 | 6 | 7 | 11 |
| Illinois State | 3 | 6 | 5 | 13 |
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Gray jumps a personal best

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Deciding to be a student-athlete is a major decision to make, but that choice becomes a little easier for a natural like Latrice Gray.

For Gray, a junior majoring in architecture, being a high jumper on the SIU women's track and field team was a natural progression from high school.

Gray began her track and field career in the sixth grade. Her focus has always been the high jump, but once she went to high school, she started to run track as well.

"When I first started, I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it, but jumping just came natural to me," Gray said.

Recently, Gray set a personal best record at the McDonald's Invitational with a jump of 5 feet 9 1/4 inches, which qualified her for the NCAA championships. Her jump was a 2" improvement on her all-time best.

Gray said when she goes to a competition, she tells her coach to place the bar where she thinks it should go.

"I don't like to know what the height of the bar is," Gray said. "By doing this, she keeps her mind clear and doesn't have to focus on clearing a specific height."

During the 2001 season, Gray won both the indoor and outdoor conference championships and placed 14th at the NCAA Championships. This year, she hopes to accomplish even more.

"Since last year, I am a lot stronger, and I know what my coach expects from me," Gray said. "There is no pressure on me, but they push me to do my best."

In order to accomplish her goals, Gray practices 4 1/2 hours on weights and 2 1/2 to 3 hours on the field. This is in conjunction with studying and actual class time.

Gray said that she always played three sports, including basketball and volleyball. When she came to SIU, Gray started out on the volleyball team but knew she would not be able to compete in both sports, so she decided to stay with track and field.

Volleyball head coach Sonya Locke said Latrice has shown natural progression as an athlete.

"Going from not wanting to winning championships is great," Locke said.

While Gray was on the volleyball team, she worked to improve her skills, and when she left for track and field, she continued with the hard work that it took to succeed.

"Latrice is a good athlete and very talented," women's track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith said. "She works hard, and it shows in her performance."

Some athletes idealize other athletes in their respective sport and attribute their decision to participate in the sport to them. Gray said she did not look to another athlete for inspiration. That came from home.

"My mom is my influence," Gray said. "She pushes me and encourages me to continue on and do better."



HONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Latrice Gray, a junior from Wooddale, competes in the high jump at the McDonald's invitational on Saturday. "I've been running since the 6th grade, and it kind of stuck. It's something I happen to be good at," says Gray.

After Gray graduates, she plans on working directly in her field. If she does not go straight into the job market, she will go to graduate school.

The Olympics are not at the top of Gray's list of post-collegiate aspirations, but she said her mom and boyfriend tell her if she has the chance to compete, she should go for it.

"It would be really tough, but it depends on how good I do this year and next year," Gray said.

Next up for Gray is the Indiana Invitational this weekend. As for the rest of the season, Gray and her coach anticipate upcoming events where she can improve on her height.

"We just want Latrice to continue working hard and go to competition and compete well," Price-Smith said.

Being an athlete takes a lot of dedication, but, in the process, it can be fun and rewarding. Gray has her hands full, but she's seeing the results of her hard work.

"It's tough being a student and an athlete," Gray said. "Architecture is not an easy major at all — that by itself is full-time work."

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Steady play needed from Saluki leaders



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If the SIU Athletic Department is seeking to be more customer-friendly, maybe Wednesday should be Blindfold Night at the SIU Arena.

That way, when Evansville pays its visit, fans can be sure to shield their eyes from the aggravation that ensues nearly every time a Saluki toes the free throw line.

That's a cynical marketing scheme, but maybe it's time for extreme measures now that SIU's season-long free throw shooting meltdown can be directly traced to a loss that has strained the Salukis' season.

It's become evident that Rolan Roberts, who missed all five of his free throws in SIU's 69-64 loss Saturday at Northern Iowa, is not going to do his team any favors with his foul shooting. Excruciating as it can be to watch Roberts misfire time after time, as much as the Salukis benefit from Roberts' scoring punch, shot blocking and overall physical presence, the squandered free throws are a price SIU has to live with.

What the Salukis can't withstand is erratic play from guys who are looked to as leaders. For SIU, that's Marcus Belcher and Kent Williams.

Although SIU is not short on skillful performers, when Belcher doesn't come to play, the Salukis are vulnerable. Head coach Bruce Weber recently said Belcher — not more prolific scorers like Williams, Roberts or Jermaine Deerman — has to be the team's MVP for the Salukis to be successful.

The way the season has unfolded in recent weeks, it's hard to dispute that assessment.

Looking at SIU's last two losses, the common thread is a subpar showing from Belcher. He didn't score in the Salukis' loss at Wichita State, and was silent for almost the entire night in Saturday's loss to Northern Iowa. Belcher also had more turnovers than assists versus the Panthers.

Belcher has made drastic improvement this season in his ability to apply defensive pressure and guide the Saluki offense, but he can't be on-again/off-again if SIU is going to win the 25 games it probably needs to lock up an NCAA bid.

Similarly, Williams also has to be a take-charge guy. The ultra-competitive guard was disgusted after the UNI loss with what he perceives as the Salukis becoming lax after going on modest winning streaks. Williams can be quiet, but he has to be an emotional catalyst. His fire and intensity on a nightly basis is needed to prod the Salukis along.

At 7-2 in the Valley, the Salukis are exactly

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Salukis' oldest rival evaluating its athletic future

Men's MVC Basketball Standings

| | MVC | | | Overall | | |
|-------------------|-----|---|------|---------|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| Creighton | 8 | 1 | .889 | 13 | 5 | .722 |
| Southern Illinois | 7 | 2 | .778 | 17 | 4 | .810 |
| Northern Iowa | 6 | 3 | .667 | 11 | 7 | .611 |
| Wichita State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 11 | 9 | .556 |
| SW Missouri State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 10 | 11 | .476 |
| Illinois State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 9 | 11 | .450 |
| Drake | 3 | 6 | .333 | 8 | 11 | .421 |
| Bradley | 3 | 6 | .333 | 6 | 12 | .333 |
| Indiana State | 2 | 7 | .286 | 4 | 14 | .286 |
| Evansville | 1 | 8 | .111 | 4 | 14 | .286 |

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

The University of Evansville has arguably been the top rival of the Saluki basketball team dating back to the teams' runs as college division powers in the 1960s.

Those days may be coming to an end soon.

UE President Stephen Jennings said the university is taking its "most serious" look at athletics in years, which will include major consideration of dropping to the Division II or III level, according to a recent article in the Evansville Courier & Press.

A decision is expected from the school by

May 1.

The school's athletic department is reportedly nearly \$2 million in debt, and basketball attendance has sagged as the Purple Aces have struggled the past few years. With only about 2,200 students, UE is one of the smallest Division I schools in the country, though its basketball program has a rich tradition.

Evansville men's basketball head coach Jim Crews told the Courier & Press that UE's problems have arisen because the school hasn't fallen in line with a disturbing trend in college sports.

"There's an arms war going on in college athletics," Crews said. "Everything has to be

bigger, better, best, and it's wasted money. That shouldn't be what it's about."

The Purple Aces visit the SIU Arena for a 7:05 p.m. tilt with the Salukis on Wednesday.

Prowling Panthers: There's still half of the conference season to be played, but Northern Iowa's team is making an early push to claim both of the league's top honors.

Rookie Panthers head coach Greg McDermott inherited a squad picked to finish dead last in the MVC, but instead, UNI (11-7, 6-3 MVC) is in third place in the league. McDermott figures to be a prime candidate for coach of the year honors.

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