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Gaia House lacks funding, possibly faces closure

ASHLEY ZBOREKDaily Egyptian

The Gaia House Interfaith Center has about two months to pull a profit before its doors close.

With an average \$1,563 monthly loss and a current bank balance of about \$4,000, the Gaia House is at risk of shutting down in the near future.

According to its website, the Gaia House is a meeting place for people of many faith traditions and cultures.

The center was established in 1943 and now serves as a place for many different organizations to meet, including its own self-titled Registered Student Organization.

The Gaia House suffered an \$8,127.15 loss in the 2011 fiscal year. In addition, the United Church of Christ's Illinois South Conference will not be providing its annual \$10,000 donation the center usually receives in monthly increments, which has contributed to the average monthly loss.

Tabitha Ayres, the Gaia House's interim chair facilitator, said the Gaia House has about two or three months' worth of money left.

"By month three, you are going to know if the Gaia House is going to swim," she said.

Ayres has temporarily joined the Gaia House's Board of Directors in an attempt to straighten out the financial situation.

At last month's board meeting, the Gaia House's president and treasurer, Erika Peterson, resigned and left the organization leaderless.

The board held its monthly meeting Wednesday, where it discussed the center's financial problem and brainstormed fundraising ideas.

Ayres said she thinks the main problem source is a lack of cohesion between staff members, board members and the community.

The Gaia House received funding from the university in previous years, but those funds have dried up, Ayres said.

Some fundraising ideas that resulted from the meeting included charging for yoga classes, center memberships and building rentals.

Treesong, a Gaia House staff member and longtime friend, said he has faith the center will survive.

"I think if we can get enough publicity, and people can see what we do here and how we benefit the community, that will be enough initiative to help out," he said.

Treesong said he has seen a positive energy with the community and intends on getting everyone as involved as possible.

pumping blood and saving lives



NATHAN HOEFERT | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dan Rogers, a senior from Bourbonnais studying mechanical engineering, donates blood to the Red Cross Thursday at the Student Center. Rogers said he has been an active donor since high school. "It's the easiest way to help people out," he said.

Carbondale prepares for Polar Bear

LAUREN DUNCAN
Daily Egyptian

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While Chancellor Rita Cheng warns the university community about alcohol safety, employees at one local bar are removing pool tables to provide extra space for the busy weekend.

"Polar Bear" and "Puck Finch" are day-long drinking events some Carbondale bars have planned for Saturday, where customers will be able to order drinks starting at 10 a.m. Although both have been held in recent years, past results from the events led officials in the community to emphasize how dangerous drinking can be.

In emails sent to faculty, staff and students, Cheng advised students to take safety precautions and emphasized that the university does not condone the events. In a letter mailed to parents, Cheng shared the same advice, but added suggestions such as parents inviting their student home for the weekend.

Cheng said she sent the emails after staff asked her to join in on the message that high-risk drinking activities can be harmful to students' health. In the past, she said, there have been incidents such as students passing out in the front lawns of homes that have

caught the attention of university staff.

"We were concerned that students may not even be realizing that they could be putting themselves at risk," she said.

For some students, the letter Cheng sent to parents seemed surprising. She said many college presidents and chancellors have taken similar steps to advise parents of events that could affect their children

"If you look at the language of the letter, it wasn't intrusive," she said. "It wasn't in any way judgmental. It was really about ways that ... as older adults in students' lives, we can all have a conversation about safety."

Kelsey Murbarger, a senior from Fairfield studying criminology, said she was angry when she discovered her parents had received a letter warning of the events.

"I feel like we are all adults here and that she should not be tiptoeing in our lives and treating us like children," she said.

Although university spokesman Rod Sievers said he did not know how much the cost was to send hard copy letters to parents, he said the mail version of a message was chosen over email because people are more likely to read it. "The university isn't going to put a price on safety," he said. "It's money well spent if it will help keep students safe."

Some students were not bothered by the message to the university community.

Kevin Campbell, a freshmen from Carbondale studying computer science, said he found the email to be informative. The chancellor stated the number of arrests as a result of the events in 2011 was almost 100.

"I saw the fallout last year, and I don't want to be a part of that number," he said.

Carbondale Police Chief Jody O'Guinn said there were 59 underage drinking arrests on the dates of the 2011 events, which was down from the 76 arrests in 2010. In 2009, there were 12 arrests for underage drinking.

Although the university community has been warned about the possibility of arrests, most of the people police encountered in 2011 were not SIU students but were from out of town, O'Guinn said

Cheng said participants from out of town who are students at another university and are arrested may be subject to punishment at their own school.

"If a student is arrested, we let

their student affairs people know, because they may also have an opportunity to talk about what is going on," she said. "So if a student vandalizes property on our campus, we will definitely call their university."

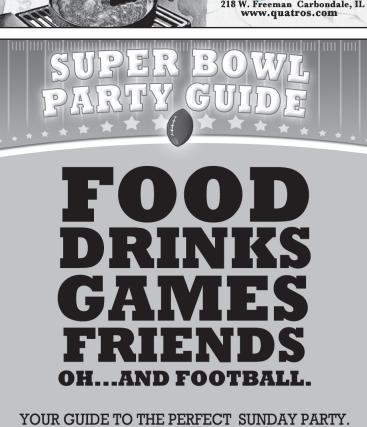
Damage to property was an additional problem to underage drinking that police responded to last year. O'Guinn said public intoxication, damage to property, public urination, and property set on fire were a few of the various reasons for the 267 calls the department received for service. He also said in 2009 there were students who fell in the creek near Pinch Penny Pub and officers had to dive in and pull them out.

While residents can expect an increased presence of police patrolling, local establishments that will host the events are increasing their own staff.

James Karayiannis, General Manager at Pinch Penny Pub and founder of Polar Bear, said the business brings back a lot of former employees, some of whom travel from out-of-state, to work the 16-hour shift at the event. About 75 staff will be working Saturday, he said, and they are able to help with keeping the atmosphere safe.

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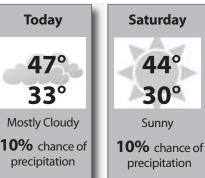


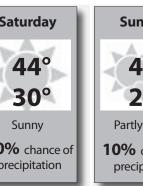






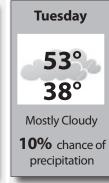
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Dominic Giafagleone, sophomore from Chicago studying university studies and Gaia House RSO treasurer, said he will do anything to prevent the center from closing down.

"My friends and I used to joke about chaining ourselves to the house, but now it may become a reality," he said.

Giafagleone RSO said members will be doing everything in their power to raise funds for the Gaia House, including bake sales, chalking around campus and simply promoting its services.

Ayres said the Gaia House's main source of income is private donations. She said they will have to rely on the community to keep them afloat in the short term.

'We need to make people realize that this could be the end of the Gaia House. It is easy to dismiss and say 'Oh, we'll be okay,' but if we don't take action there will be no more Gaia House," she said. "I hope that everyone remembers what they love about the Gaia House and hopefully pull together to keep it afloat."

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"I understand that anytime you have events, people take fun to excess, whether it's alcohol or otherwise, but as long as the event is enjoyed in moderation and responsibly, it is fun," he said.

Karayiannis said Polar Bear started 11 years ago as an event when the beer garden is open on a winter day.

"At the time when we came up with the idea, 'Survivor' was getting popular," he said. "A lot of reality shows were just starting to gain momentum, and there was a lot of 'what will a human being do to test themselves for fun' going on,"

Since then, he said the establishment has worked to adjust the event. The first year, he said, Polar Bear was held on a Friday, until employees realized students were cutting class to attend. He said he also makes sure not to schedule the event on days when there are Saluki basketball games, because he does not want to take away from the university.

"It's something that's become a tradition for southern Illinois students, and it's something they're proud of, because not everybody has it," he said. "Everybody has basketball, everybody has Halloween ... nobody else has a Polar Bear party, at least not when we founded the idea."

At the first event, Karayiannis said, there were a few hundred attendees. Over the past few years, he said, there have been at least a few thousand visitors to Pinch Penny.

"It's something we're proud to host that we think brings a lot of tourism and entertainment dollars to southern Illinois that we probably alternatively wouldn't see," he said. "And we think it's fun, and we hope that everybody enjoys it in moderation and responsibly."

Responsibility on behalf of attendees is key to making the event happen in future years, O'Guinn said. If Polar Bear or Puck Finch reaches a similar state to Halloween activities in the past, which were restricted as a result of increased incident and crowd-control issues, O'Guinn said the events could be affected in future years.

"I think if we start seeing widespread disorder and damage then we will reach that point," he said. "I don't think it has and I hope that it will not. That's why we let people know that we take this seriously."

O'Guinn said it is not the business of the police to try and shut the event down. Instead, he said, by working to keep participants and the surrounding neighborhoods safe, they can help.

At Stix, Saluki Bar and Cali's, where Puck Finch is to be held, managers say their open-door policy with police is something they have no problem with.

Sean Carr, general manager of the three establishments, said the chancellor's concerns are the same as his and he doesn't want any underage drinking arrests, or overindulging.

One of the positives of the events being held at the businesses, he said, he said, the business is working

is that students are drinking in a supervised environment, instead of at a party.

"What we provide isn't just a place to do that, it's a safe place to do that," he said.

Saturday will mark the fifth year Puck Finch has been held.

DJ Hochmuth, manager at Stix, said the event started based on the fact that Pinch Penny Pub held Polar Bear.

"It's just a huge day for Carbondale," he said. "Not just for the students, but for past students and local businesses."

Hochmuth said Stix started opening its doors hours earlier than usual, 10 a.m. — when Polar Bear begins — to cater to customers.

He said the bar reached maximum capacity in 2011, so this year the business will take its pool tables out for space.

Making adjustments to meet the fire marshal's requirements isn't the only way Hochmuth said the bar works to keep activities legal. Last year, Hochmuth said, 70 ID's were taken from people at the door because they were fake or falsely

Before Hochmuth's first event working at Stix in 2011, he said he didn't really realize how much money other businesses on the strip made on that day.

James Cato, general manager at Jimmy John's, said he has been preparing for the event for two weeks.

"It affects our business by 20fold," he said.

By increasing staff and supplies,

to serve the influx of customers this weekend. But the fact that the establishment doesn't sell alcohol doesn't mean it will remain incident-free.

"We've had fist-fights break out in the lobby," he said. "But that happens on a normal weekend."

As businesses and enforcement in the community prepare, the Department of Public Safety on campus is also going to increase its staff on duty.

Todd Sigler, director of DPS, said one concern he has is that behavior at the event affects the university's and an individual's image.

"It's about moderation, culture of responsibility, and being able to wake up the next day and be proud of the actions that you were involved in the previous day," he said.

Sigler said he thinks the chancellor's message oflooking out for one another is a very appropriate one. He said students can use the "buddy system" as well drinking in moderation to remain safe.

He said officers from DPS will be at a tent hosted by the Wellness Center at the corner of Wall and Grand to assist those in need of help.

Cheng said in addition to extra staffing in the residence halls, the university is working to keep Saturday safe by hosting alcoholfree events. She said there will be alternative activities at Student Center and Recreation Center, as well as water and food at tents for shelter and warmth and additional bus routes through the Saluki Express.

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OUR WORD

Mix partying with reason

f students intend to be treated as adults, it seems reasonable to act like one.

While we as college students can understand the enjoy of kicking back and relaxing with a beer at the end of the day, there's a stark difference between being a student at a research university and stumbling around the streets of Carbondale at 10 a.m. drunk on a Saturday.

It's hypocritical for students to complain about everything that may be wrong with this university when they find themselves lining up outside local bars in the freezing cold for cheap beer and to party during the bar's 11th annual Polar Bear Party.

Yet this is how thousands of students and Carbondale residents will spend their Saturday.

Events such as this are one reason why the university's party school reputation continues — even though there are alumni, faculty members, administrators and students that respect the mission of this university and are doing their best to reverse the reputation.

On Monday, Chancellor Rita Cheng sent an email to students and faculty, and sent letters to parents' home to alert everyone of this weekend's event.

While there isn't any harm in letting the public know that the university does not condone this type of activity, some believe she should not have taken on the role as a parental figure.

Some students feel insulted because of the chancellor's assumption that we, as students, are not adults

But there is also a stark difference between having the legal status as an adult and acting with the maturity of one.

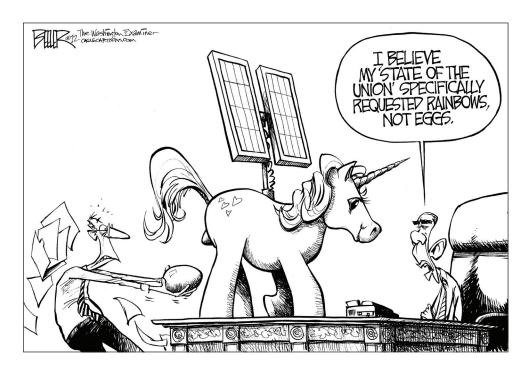
Nearly 60 people were arrested for underage drinking at 2011's Polar Bear, according to statistics provided by Carbondale Police Chief Jody O'Guinn. The police department also received 267 calls that weekend for services, which ranged from public possession to public intoxication, public disturbance, property damage, public urination and fires. A couple of students fell into the creek near Pinch, and a few police officers had to dive in after them.

If students intend to be treated as adults, it seems reasonable to act like one. Setting dumpsters (and one couch) on fire is not a way to earn the respect of others. In efforts to prevent further underage drinking, and arrests, all bars will have an open-door policy with Carbondale police this year.

It's irrational to expect students not to take advantage of cheap drinks and the opportunity to party all day — but it is reasonable to expect students who represent this institution to act with maturity Saturday and to drink responsibly.

There is also a stark difference between having the legal status as an adult and acting with the maturity of one.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chancellor's letter sends condescending message

DEAR CHANCELLOR RITA CHENG:

I am writing this open letter in response to the wildly inappropriate, presumptuous and condescending letter I received in my mail box yesterday addressed to my Parent/Caregiver regarding the upcoming non-university events "Polar Bear" and "Puck Finch".

Clearly this letter was sent to my home under the erroneous assumption that my permanent address is synonymous with my parents' address.

Let me tell you a little about myself. I am a married, independent adult. My permanent address reflects the home for which my husband and I carry a lease and pay rent and bills. I have been a resident of Carbondale for more than six years. I have been of legal drinking age longer than you have been chancellor of this institution.

If you are wondering why my parents' addresses are not on record at this university, I know I am not alone in saying that it is because my personal family situation is no business of the university or the administration unless I choose to make it so.

Now my question to you is: How out of touch are you with your own undergraduate population to feel that such a letter addressed

to the parents of legal adults is appropriate in any way?

Initially, I was going to disregard this letter. I felt that it came from a place of concern and caring and that it offered sound and reasonable advice for drinking responsibly. However, the more I read over it, the more I realized that it speaks volumes about your own opinion of your student body.

Within the last academic year you have referred to us as "pawns", you have referred to the journalists of the Dally Egyptian as "the DE kids", and now you have felt the need to directly address the parents of your students as though you are running a high school D.A.R.E. program.

Whether you choose to admit it or not, those students referenced in your letter who received citations or required medical care are fully responsible for their own actions. It does not matter how childish or irresponsible you may believe your students to be.

They are adults and should be treated accordingly, regardless of the actions of the hundred or so individuals who chose to drink irresponsibly at last year's events and suffered the consequences. Continue to treat your students as children and you will be rewarded with a university of children. You will see the

quality of education offered at this university take an exponential nose-dive.

Also, you seem to regularly forget that a sizable portion of your undergraduate body consists of non-traditional students such as myself.

Was this letter sent to the parents of the many military veterans that have chosen to continue their education at this university?

Was it sent to your students who are parents themselves? Was it sent to your older students who held careers outside of this school before returning to pursue higher education?

You clearly have a "one-size-fits-all" mentality when it comes to addressing your student population, which does a great disservice to the concept of diversity at this institution and ultimately alienates those students who come from non-traditional backgrounds.

With each passing semester you are in your office, with each semester you run this university as a corporation and now as a high school, I find my faith in this institution slipping away and my concern for the future of this university growing.

Nicole J. Szczepanik senior from Carbondale studying microbiology

Letter to editor doesn't recoginte hard work done by university's maintenance, grounds crew

Dear Editor:

In response to the recent feedback to the article "Students and staff share thoughts on campus improvements," I would like to question why Mr. Ross Smith felt the need to call out specific departments on campus, with the grounds crew being the main area of focus.

Mr. Smith felt the need to question the work ethic of the department. The comments made were not only ignorant but also slanderous to one of the hardest-working crews on campus.

The SIUC grounds crew is responsible for a majority of things on campus many are not aware of. Everything from picking up litter that people around campus carelessly toss, coming in hours before campus is open to clear sidewalks on days of snow and ice, all the way to laying sidewalk so everyone can enjoy a peaceful walk around this beautiful campus.

In response to wasting money on idling vehicles, I encourage Mr. Smith to join us in the bitter, cold weather. Feel free to come pick up trash students throw out with no regard. As a hard-working employee, I enjoy

jumping back in my "warm" vehicle to get a break from the freezing temperatures we encounter head-on with a smile on our faces. We work in pairs as a safety measure. At times our job requires heavy lifting and doing so on our own would be unsafe.

Thank you, Mr. Smith, for recognizing how hard we work. I encourage you to come work for us here at the grounds department. We would welcome you with open arms and cold fingers.

Lucas Damian sophomore from Carbondale studying sports administration

FBI: Foiled slaying plot was to be blamed on cat

JIM SUHR Associated Press

EAST ST. LOUIS, III. — Federal investigators helped by a conscientious paroled killer say they foiled a plot to abduct, extort and electrocute a wealthy man in a scheme they say borrowed elements from a television show and sought to blame the killing on the planned victim's cat.

A criminal complaint against Brett Nash of Pontoon Beach, unsealed Wednesday, identifies the target of the plot only as a former corporate attorney in the southern Illinois industrial town of Granite City who long pursued sex with Nash's wife. Agents arrested Nash, 45, on Monday near a Kmart in Granite City shortly before the alleged crime was to have taken place. He was arraigned a day later on a felony charge of interference with commerce by violence — attempted extortion — and waived his detention hearing. His public defender, Thomas Gabel, declined to discuss the matter Thursday.

According to an affidavit by FBI Special Agent Nicholas Manns detailing the alleged plot, authorities learned of the alleged plot after an acquaintance Nash enlisted for help earlier this month reported the matter to his former parole the next day. The unidentified recruit, who met Nash years ago while both

worked as deckhands on river barges, went on to work for the FBI and secretly recorded conversations with Nash in the next weeks.

The recruit, who has previous convictions for second-degree murder and sexual assault, told Manns "he had straightened out his life, believed in God and could not live with himself if someone were murdered and he had done nothing about it," Manns wrote. The man also feared Nash was setting him up, Manns said.

Nash, insisting he had just \$300 in the bank and needed about \$37,000 to avert foreclosure, planned to force the intended victim to withdraw large amounts of money from a bank account, telling the recruit the wouldbe victim had about \$250,000 in the bank, Manns wrote. Nash sought to get at least \$60,000 of that money, then kill the man in a way that appeared accidental, the affidavit said.

One scenario Nash told the potential accomplice was inspired by a television show involved making the would-be victim believe he was wired with explosives collared around his neck while he drained his bank account for Nash, Manns wrote. Nash also considered carjacking the man and holding him hostage for weeks while forcing him to write Nash a series of checks, Manns wrote.

And another plan Nash explored, the agent said, was forcing the man into a hot tub and electrocuting him with a radio tossed into the water — followed by kitty litter that Nash thought would prompt authorities to believe the animal was the culprit in the killing.

Nash planned to pay his wouldbe accomplice \$5,000 and split the extortion proceeds with him, Manns wrote in the affidavit, and had insisted he could disguise the recruit using makeup tricks he had learned in college.

Investigators who searched Nash's house Monday found a diagram of the intended victim's home, along with a backpack containing a ski mask, handcuffs, a compressed-air pellet gun resembling a semiautomatic pistol, black socks and gloves, a flashlight, plastic bag and black hair dye.







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Crab Orchard offers eagle-viewing tours

SHARON WITTKE Daily Egyptian

In 1964, there were fewer than 450 breeding pairs of bald eagles in the lower 48 United States.

Today, there are about 10,000.

Four of those pairs live in the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, five miles west of Marion. During the last two weekends in January, visitors can take guided tours to view eagle nests and spot other refuge-dwellers such as deer, red-tailed hawks and Canada geese.

Kim King-Wrenn, visitor services manager for the refuge, said the tours are very popular and fill up each year. She said more than 100 people show up each weekend to take the two-hour van tour into areas of the refuge usually restricted to visitors.

start reservations in December. We have to turn a lot of people away,"

The recent increase in the number of bald eagles in the United States is considered by naturalists to be an environmental success story.

When Europeans first arrived in North America, there may have been as many as half a million bald eagles.

Their numbers declined as the growing human population expanded westward because bald eagles and people competed for the same food: fish, waterfowl and small game.

Habitat destruction was also a factor in the decline of the bald eagle population in the lower 48 states. As America's human population grew, forests were cut down to make room for farms, businesses and homes.

By the late 1800s, much of the eagles' natural habitat was destroyed, leaving them with fewer places to nest and hunt.

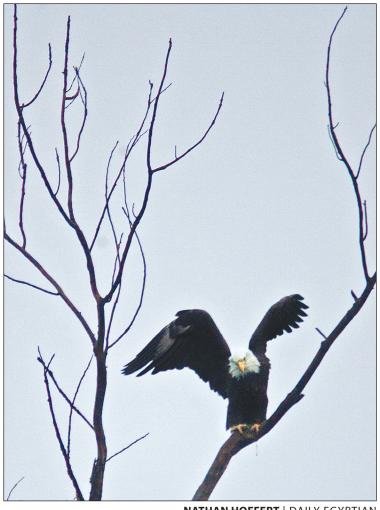
In response to the declining bald eagle population, Congress passed the Bald Eagle Protection Act in 1940, which made it illegal to hunt or harass both bald and golden eagles.

However, at about the same time, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane, or DDT, and other synthetic pesticides were becoming widely used by farmers in the United

Veronica Kelly, a senior from Grand Chain majoring in forestry, led a guided tour Saturday.

She said the DDT farmers sprayed on their crops ended up in streams and rivers, where it was absorbed by fish.

Bald eagles became exposed to DDT when they ate contaminated fish. The bioaccumulation of DDT in mother eagles caused their eggs to be formed with very thin shells that cracked before the chicks were fully developed. As a result, eagles were raising



NATHAN HOEFERT | DAILY EGYPTIAN

A bald eagle spreads its wings Thursday in a tree off Clear Creek Levee Road near Reynoldsville. Vicki Lang, a volunteer at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, said bald eagles are a year-round inhabitant of southern Illinois and can be spotted near the region's lakes and rivers.

fewer young so their population continued to decline, she said.

Congress responded by passing the Endangered Species Act in 1973. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website, this landmark legislation is regarded as one of the most important and comprehensive laws enacted to protect wildlife.

The same year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned the use of DDT.

"As a result, in 1993, the bald eagle population in the United States skyrocketed, and in 2007 they came off the endangered species list," Kelly said.

Vicki Lang, an Anna resident who has volunteered at the refuge for fifteen years, was also a tour leader. She said the No. 1 mission of the refuge is protecting wildlife habitat for all inhabitants, including the bald eagle.

She pointed out an eagle nest, or aerie, situated in the crotch of

"This nest is the oldest nest on the refuge. It's been used for almost 30 years," she said. "Eagles use the same nest year after year. Each year they do some housekeeping on it."

Lang said bald eagles refurbish their nests during January and February. The nests are typically five feet across, but can expand to as much as eight feet because eagles will continue to add sticks and mud each year.

Bald eagles mate for life, and both the male and female help raise their young. In southern Illinois, the female lays two or three eggs in March or April. The parents take turns incubating the eggs for 35 days,

Lang said after the eggs hatch, both parents feed them for about three months.

She said bald eagles prefer fish, but during the winter months they eat ducks and geese because fish stay too far below the surface for eagles to catch.

This year, waterfowl that normally migrate to southern Illinois during the winter are staying farther north because of warmerthan-average temperatures.

"This winter, the eagles have to fly farther to find waterfowl to eat," she said.

Diane Reader, a Murphysboro resident, said she was impressed with the tour and enjoyed seeing the refuge. She said she spent time eagle-watching in Alaska several years ago, where eagles had not suffered the same decline in population.

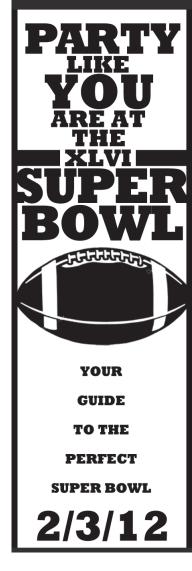
"They seemed like they were everywhere in Alaska. They are a common sight there," she said.

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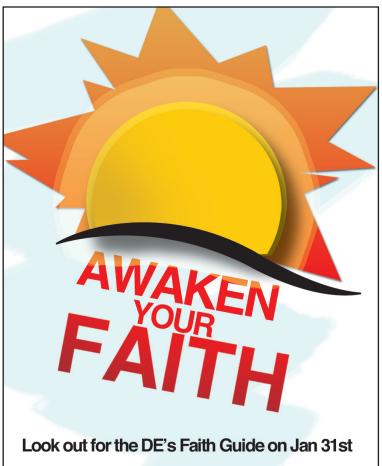


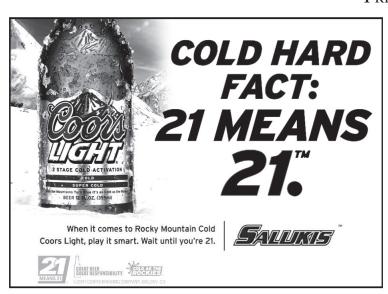














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RECRUITS

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SIU will have another former Hoosier on the defensive side of the ball with defensive tackle Marlandez Harris. He left the team Oct. 5, according to the Herald Time of Bloomington, Ind., and is registered for spring 2012 according to SIUC's online directory.

The linebacker corps will get a boost from inside linebacker Victor Burnett and outside linebacker Tyler Williamson. Burnett, as a redshirt freshman, was kicked off Washington's football team Aug. 11 after police forced him to leave his dorm for

an undisclosed reason, according to the Daily UW.

Williamson comes Highland Community College in Highland, Kan., and is verified as a student on SIUC's online

NCAA regulations are strict regarding coaches talking about recruits who haven't signed a Letter of Intent, the official binding document between an athlete and a school, but once they've officially signed such as these players, the coaches can discuss the athletes.

Running backs coach Steve Crutchley said he wouldn't confirm the recruits until National

Signing Day to protect their interests with underclassmen recruits who haven't officially signed yet.

"If we're recruiting against, say, Missouri State, and there's a corner (back) that we're recruiting out of high school," Crutchley said, "(If) we took a mid-year guy, they could use that against us."

Coach Dale Lennon told Saluki broadcaster Mike Reis Jan. 18 the recruiting class should have around eight mid-year transfers and 20 athletes overall.

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RUNNER

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On top of his duties with the National Guard, Dunbar is also president of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, and said he is currently trying to become a Air National Guard pilot, as he has already earned his private pilot license.

Dunbar said the ability to juggle all of his responsibilities comes not only from his military background, but his competitiveness. When he gets stressed, he said he is driven by his willingness to succeed.

Burnett said he witnessed Dunbar's drive before the runner even reached SIU.

often times when athletes go home for break, they go back to some of the habits they had in high school, and the habits they had are not conducive to college running.

> Matt Sparks distance coach

The coach said Dunbar is seen as a role model in his hometown and sets a positive example for all the runners who come after him.

"Dan was one of the kids we built our program around when he was in high school, and he's still a legend at our school," Burnett said. "Whenever he comes back around and visits, the guys take notice."

Dunbar was able to shine in high school, and Sparks said regardless

of his achievements, Dunbar's leadership will leave a lasting image on his legacy as a Saluki.

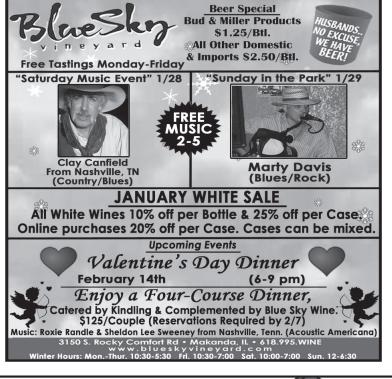
"He's a great role model, not only for the walk-ons but for anybody who's a part of our track and cross country team," Sparks

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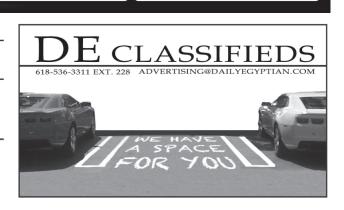
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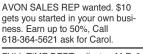
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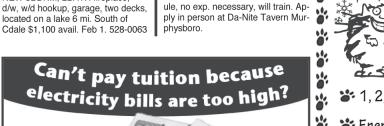


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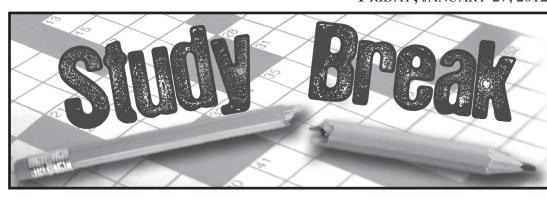
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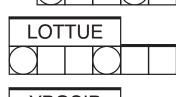
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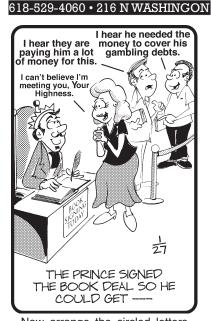
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Counseling Center overwhelmed with students in need

SARAH MITCHELLDaily Egyptian

The Counseling Center at the Student Health Center has a hard time scheduling appointments for students because of the amount of clients it receives yearly.

Statistics show college students are at risk for depression. According to the American College Health Association, 45 percent of women and 36 percent of men felt so depressed during college years that it was difficult to function.

Dr. Jean Cunningham, assistant director and chief psychologist at the Counseling Center, said the center provides help with a variety of issues.

"It's important for students to recognize that we deal with very basic, normal, everyday life problems like adjusting to college and getting along with roommates ... all the way up to serious, chronic mental illnesses," she said. "We deal with the full array."

The services at the Counseling Center are confidential to everyone within the university as well as parents, Cunningham said.

Thirty-two percent of college students have received counseling in their lifetime, according to a study conducted by the Center for Collegiate Mental Health at Pennsylvania State University.

Brad, a junior from Naperville studying cinema, said he attended weekly counseling sessions last semester and being placed with a counselor took longer than he

"To my understanding, it was just because they didn't have enough people on staff because so many students go there for help," he said.

Like health services at the Student Health Center, the Counseling Center charges a \$6 fee at the door.

Brad said he was happy with his experience at the center, and the fee was not a problem for him.

"I did not find the price to be bad, especially compared to the outside resources," he said. "I hope the price doesn't stop anybody from getting help."

Some students say they do not receive enough information about the Counseling Center.

Amrita Biswas, a graduate student from India in molecular biology, said she was unaware there was a Counseling Center on campus. Biswas said she thinks counseling services on campus is a good idea and is not sure why she didn't know these services exist.

Cunningham said during the Counseling Center's hours of operation, a counselor sits on duty with an empty schedule and takes same-day appointments with students who need immediate help.

"If somebody needs to talk about a troubling situation once, they can sit with a counselor on duty and it doesn't take anything other than did not find the price to be bad, especially compared to the outside resources. I hope the price doesn't stop anybody from getting help.

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one call to the Counseling Center to set that up," she said. "Or, if somebody is having an emergency and needs to see someone right away, they can see that counselor on duty."

Cunningham said seeing the counselor on duty is a good way for a student to decide whether or not he or she would like to seek help regularly.

Tayler Celey, a sophomore from Bloomington studying psychology, said she is interested in becoming a counselor because she enjoys the idea of helping people. She said she thinks receiving counseling is a good idea for anyone.

"Even if it's not to correct a problem, it's a good idea to go in for counseling to get a better understanding of what's going on with your emotions," she said. "It's nice to have someone to talk to."

Cunningham said the main therapy services include individual counseling, couples' counseling and group sessions with up to eight other students.

Greg Steinsdoerfer, a teaching assistant of psychology and counselor, said the Counseling Center allows clients only 12 therapy sessions a year unless the student meets special requirements. If a student needs more than the permitted sessions, a counselor will make a referral for a therapy service in the community.

According to a study conducted by the John Hopkins Children's Center and the University of Maryland, 12 percent of college students said they had thought about committing suicide and 1 percent said they had planned or attempted suicide during college.

Counselors can work with the psychiatrists in health services to get medication for students that need it, Cunningham said.

Antidepressants are the most commonly prescribed drugs in the United States, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Steinsdoerfer said he thinks students who have been prescribed medication for diagnosed behavioral disorders should seek counseling.

"I always think medication is most effective when combined with counseling," he said. "In my personal opinion, counseling and healthy lifestyles are more effective than just medication."

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Caitlin Stoskopf prepares drinks while working Thursday at Longbranch Coffeehouse in Carbondale. Longbranch Coffeehouse manager Lucas Vanderkleed said the dinner menu will double in size starting March 1.

Student workers bring in donations for university

TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

In an isolated, windowless room of the Student Center's basement, SIU students are raising money for the university almost year-round.

The SIU Foundation, which was established in 1942 to solicit gifts and donations from private sources for the university, uses the gifts for educational purposes such as scholarships, according to the foundation's website.

Annually, the foundation brings in a value of about \$20 million in donations each year, while the student callers bring in between \$550 thousand and \$750 thousand of the total, said Jeff Lorber, executive director of development for the SIU Foundation.

With more than 70 student callers per semester, the student workers make phone calls to SIU alumni and friends to keep a friendly relationship and seek donations.

Lorber said it's important to have a good interaction with the potential donors, because even if they say no, they might still decide to donate in the future

"It's important the person who was called by our students feels respected, like the student was interested and he generally wants to know about the experience that the alum or donor has had with SIU in their lives," he said.

Melanie Bloden, a junior from Skokie studying hospitality and tourism, said the student callers are often the only contact donors have with the university.

"It really means a lot to the alumni when we call them and ask about their lives," she said. "We get to make a difference in that case on a personal level."

Student callers are put through training for several hours before they even make their first call, Lorber said.

Eric Caldwell, a senior from Pawnee studying psychology, said callers are given a script, but the ultimate goal is not to use it.

"We want it to be like a conversation," he said.

As a student supervisor for the group, Caldwell is a caller himself. He

joined the staff as a sophomore and has since raised more than \$76,000 for the university. His ultimate goal, Caldwell said, is to raise \$100,000 for SIU by the time he graduates, which would make him one of only 10 student callers in SIU history to raise that amount.

His job with the SIU Foundation has given Caldwell a new outlook on what he wants for his career, he said.

"I started out in psychology and now I'm minoring in marketing because of the fact that I can put this on my resume and use my boss as a reference," Caldwell said.

Lorber said the job will help students in their future careers.

"What I'd like to think that we do is provide valuable skills that these students can pick up relative to communication skills and negotiating skills in terms of asking for gifts," he said.

Caldwell said he thinks it's the perfect job for a student because the hours are flexible and students don't work on weekends.

J.D. Vandenberg, a freshman from Pawnee studying biological sciences, said he likes the job so much he hopes to keep it until he graduates.

"I really like helping the university raise money ... and I'm kind of making a difference," he said. "I'm actually making the university better."

Vandenberg said he likes to hear stories from alumni about their experiences at SIU, while Caldwell said he enjoys asking potential donors if they've been back to campus lately.

Most donors give between \$25 and \$1,000, Lorber said, but if a strong relationship is built, they could donate even more in the future. He said research indicates the people who donate the most over time are the ones who start making their first donations within five years after graduation.

Donors may choose where their gift is designated, and usually it goes to the college they graduated from, Lorber said. They can give it as a general gift, where a budget officer such as the college's dean may disperse the money as he or she sees fit. They may also request the

money be given to a specific project or research on campus. Some non-traditional academic units that receive donations include the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and Morris Library. Lorber said the foundation also asks for donations on behalf of African-American and Hispanic scholarships. Donors could even gift equipment to colleges, he said, such as a license for a limited-time software.

The foundation needs funding, too, though.

"It costs a little money to raise money," Lorber said.

Sometimes student workers call alumni in order to raise money for the foundation and much of the money is geared to helping the organization raise additional funds, he said. Lorber said the money is, in turn, given back to the university for scholarships and other purposes.

Lorber said one of the most rewarding things about the student jobs is the friendships that occur between the workers.

"I think in essence you sort of become friends with people you might have otherwise not become friends with, because they might be dramatically different than you are," he said.

Caldwell said if it weren't for the great environment at the workplace, he's not sure he would still be working for the SIU Foundation.

"It seems like everyone's friends," he said. "It's always a joking environment and a pleasant environment to be in, even on monotonous nights."

Chancellor Rita Cheng said at a time when the university faces budget issues, the student callers are important to the university.

"We rely on that so much and the students' help, and I think it's wonderful," she said.

Bloden said the job is much more rewarding than she thought it would be

"It's so cool to walk here on campus and be able to say, 'Wow, I was able to raise money for the resources in the library that I'm using right now," she said.

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Football recruits start to roll in

JOE RAGUSA Daily Egyptian

Saluki football is mum on the topic of mid-year transfers, but that hasn't stopped any of the recruits from saying they're coming to Carbondale.

The mid-year transfer deadline was Jan. 15, which means players who signed before then are enrolled for the spring 2012 semester. Sports information director Tom Weber said the coaching staff wants to wait until National Signing Day, Feb. 1, to officially announce and comment on their recruits, when the regular period for recruits to sign for the fall 2012 semester officially begins.

But several athletes have announced their intent to play football for SIU. The void left by outgoing running back Jewel Hampton has two new players to fill it, with former Iowa running back Mika'il McCall and former Indiana running back Antonio Banks.

McCall, the younger brother of SIU thrower Jeneva McCall, left Iowa after he was suspended indefinitely for breaking an unspecified team rule in November.

"I don't want to say what happened. It's time to move on," McCall said Jan. 14 to the Des Moines Register, when he

announced his decision to come to SIU.

The Indiana Daily Student announced Banks left Indiana Oct. 5, and the SIUC online directory confirmed he's registered for the spring 2012 semester.

Banks is a junior while McCall is a freshman.

The new running backs will have at least one new offensive linemen to run behind with 6-foot-5-inch offensive guard Nate Haremza, who verbally committed to SIU from Butler County Community College in El Dorado, Kan., according to Rivals.com.

Haremza will help fill in for the departures of five seniors on the offensive line, including All-Americans David Pickard and Bryan Boemer.

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Former walk-on looks to finish career strong

AKEEM GLASPIE Daily Egyptian

Now in his final semester at SIU, senior distance runner Daniel Dunbar has had a tumultuous run.

During his career as a Saluki, Dunbar went from walk-on, to nearly off the team, to an allconference performer.

Dunbar has earned all-Missouri Valley Conference honors three times, though his running career almost never began.

Now in his last indoor track season, Dunbar said SIU and Illinois State were the only division one schools to even consider him.

Dunbar's O'Fallon High School coach Jon Burnett said an injury during Dunbar's junior season prevented him from reaching his full potential as a senior. Although Burnett said Dunbar's senior season was solid, he wasn't producing the All-State times universities look for.

Dunbar said he chose SIU because of his relationship with distance coach Matt Sparks. Sparks saw Dunbar's potential in high school and said that was why he encouraged him to come to the university.

"The thing I always look for is progression throughout high school, and Dan continually got better from his freshman year to his senior year," Sparks said.

Despite the potential Sparks saw in Dunbar, Dunbar said he needed to mature as an athlete.

During winter break of his freshman year, the runner said he started to slack in his training, a behavior Sparks said is common for first-year students.

"Often times when athletes go home for break, they go back to some of the habits they had in high school, and the habits they had are not conducive to college running," Sparks said.

Dunbar said the lack of training was a setback, and his time grew progressively worse as the crosscountry season continued. After the end of cross-country season, Dunbar approached Sparks and expressed his disappointment with himself for his performance.

Still without a scholarship, Dunbar said he began to immerse himself in training under the



ISAAC SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior distance runner Daniel Dunbar, right, cools down Thursday with his running partner, senior distance runner Neal Anderson, at the Recreation Center. Dunbar joined the track team as a walk-on his freshman year and now runs as a scholarship athlete. As a member of the Air National Guard, Dunbar said he enjoys flying in his spare time.

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"I did everything coach Sparks told me to - every morning run, every push-up, every sit-up," Dunbar said. "Everything I could possibly do, I did."

indoor/outdoor track season in 2008, Dunbar said he continued to doubt his progress and reached the point when he worried about not making the team.

"I didn't really see the results right away. I wasn't really getting any better," Dunbar said. "I was better than where I was in high school, but for a D-1 program I was getting to the borderline where if I don't improve, why does he need a walk-on around?"

Although Sparks considered not running Dunbar during the conference meet, there weren't too many options for the 10k and he didn't have a choice. He said allowing Dunbar to compete gave the team a chance to earn more points.

The week before the meet, Dunbar had his best workout of the season, he said.

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> Daniel Dunbar senior distance runner

During the later part of his freshman season, the confidence he gained propelled him to eventually place third at regionals. For a walk-on freshman, Dunbar said he was surprised by his placement.

"It's a 25-lap race so you want to zone out ideally," Dunbar said. "A couple times I looked at the clock I said to myself, 'I think I'm running pretty fast.""

Dunbar was indeed running fast, and his time of 30:25.89 was enough to qualify him for the 2008 Junior National tournament. Dunbar won the tournament and qualified to represent the United States at the World Junior Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland, wrapping up a successful

freshman year.

Dunbar described experience at the World Junior Championships as incredible, and said it was a chance for him to race against some of the fastest athletes in the world. When he returned from the championships, he said he also received a track scholarship.

After he received scholarship and completed his sophomore cross-country season with a 25th place finish in regionals, Dunbar said he decided to take the indoor/ outdoor season off.

But he had not returned to his slacker ways of the past. Dunbar was fulfilling his duties for another passion, the Air National Guard.

Dunbar said his duties in the National Guard cause him to miss a meet during every season and sometimes about a week of

Between his track scholarship and benefits from the National Guard, Dunbar is able to go to school for free, a goal he said he set for himself. But Dunbar did not join the National Guard simply for the benefits; he said it's in his blood to serve his

"My dad was a member of the Air National Guard for 35 years, and I grew up in a military community," Dunbar said. "A lot of my friends were telling me about these great benefits. I wanted to go school for free, so between athletics and the Guard, they take care of me."

Dunbar works as a systems administrator for the Air National

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