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82 employees laid off; 72 still waiting

Layoffs come on heels of \$16.6 million budget cut

Amber Ellis
 Daily Egyptian

While 82 SIUC employees received notice last week that they would be laid off, another 72 employees are left playing the waiting game to see if they will still hold the same positions in the fall.

The layoffs came just weeks after Gov. Rod Blagojevich imposed a budget cut of \$16.6 million for SIUC's campus.

Seventy-two other employees were also notified that they could be bumped from their position if someone with seniority who was fac-

ing a layoff wanted their job. Each layoff has a potential domino effect on employees with less seniority.

"It's a situation that I wish we didn't have to deal with," Chancellor Walter Wendler said. "We have scoured the budget for the past six or seven months and were as careful about this as we could be."

One of the concerns of the SIUC Faculty Association is that this campus is spending too much money on administrative costs instead of focusing on education in the form of academic colleges and departments.

"Every year, there are studies done by the state of Illinois that show how money is spent on campuses," said Morteza Daneshdoost, president of the SIUC Faculty Association. "During the past six years, less and less funds have been made available for SIUC's academic colleges and

departments in a comparison involving the other big five colleges in the state."

The five big colleges in the state include Illinois State University, Northern Illinois University, University of Illinois-Urbana, University of Illinois-Chicago, and SIUC.

"The SIUC FY2002 Normative Cost Report indicates that SIUC spent \$10.1 million less on academic departments than it would have had its budget been adhered to by the state norms," Daneshdoost said. "In 2001, our academic departments were \$7.46 million behind the norm. This year, we fell even further by another \$2.64 million. The trend shows that we are spending less and less on academic programs."

Wendler said that he did not agree with Daneshdoost's statements, and all of the layoffs were related to administration costs.

The state considers anything that is not directly associated with instruction to be considered an administration cost, according to Wendler.

Wendler said that these cuts were made while the University was facing an 8.2-percent budget cut. He also said that he is aware that the process used is not perfect, but he felt that the University was very careful about the choices it made concerning layoffs.

Daneshdoost, however, was unsure about the layoff decisions that were made.

"We are not sure if they are trying to save money where they should have," Daneshdoost said.

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Juliette Patrylo (left) cuts Polaroids of various paintings into pieces and Teresa Xiao prepares to glue the tiny pieces into another image of their own. Children of Rainbow's End learn to appreciate and create art during their regular visits to the University Museum. See story, page 7

Picnic, presentation celebrates long career of Glenn Poshard

Poshard's ties with SIUC lasted more than 35 years

Jessica Yorama
 Daily Egyptian

A long line of people stood anxiously in line Friday, occasionally peering ahead to see how far they were from their destination.

The line that virtually stretched the length of the sidewalk included the Saluki mascot, which briefly chatted with those waiting in line. It was the kind of anticipation typically seen at SIUC sporting events.

But this line, filled mostly with SIUC employees and students, was not a line for tickets. Nor was the topic of discussion any pre-game conversation. The discussion, in fact, revolved around an ending, that of Glenn Poshard's 37-year affiliation with SIUC.

The socializing and reminiscing occurred at a retirement picnic that took place Friday evening in the Old Main Mall area outside of Shyrock Auditorium and was followed by "A Salute to Glenn Poshard."

The salute was a one-hour tribute in Shyrock that consisted of a video presentation and brief speeches honoring Poshard.

"The atmosphere and the people here have made my stay here so

wonderful," said Poshard, who will retire from his position as vice chancellor for Administration on July 31. "My love for this University goes very deep."

Although he spent only three years in his current position, Poshard has maintained strong ties with the University for four decades, as an undergraduate, graduate student and member of the administration.

He has been associated with the University since 1966, when he first began his 18-year career as a student, a career that ended in 1984 when he received his doctorate degree.

For this reason, it came as no surprise that at any given time during the three-hour picnic, at least 30 people could be found in both lines of people waiting to personally congratulate the guest of honor, as well as the line to speak with his wife, Joann.

"He's one of the most honest, genuine people you will ever meet," said Jill Kirkpatrick, director of the Bursar office and one of the first employees hired by Poshard.

"If he says he's going to do a job, he does it. He's a wonderful man, and SIUC is going to miss him. But I know he'll continue to serve Southern Illinois."

By the time the picnic began at 4:30 p.m., the sky was a medium gray, a bit darker than the typical summer day, but light in comparison to the midnight blue that encompassed the sky shortly before noon. The wet

grass and benches provided reminders of the storm that left the air with a wet smell, and, many with the certainty there would be no picnic that day.

Instead of the cancellation or postponement most expected, tents were erected, with the hope that a fair amount of people would venture out to provide an appropriate sendoff for the committed administration member.

The position that he held since Aug. 1, 1999, is just one of many accomplishments on the extensive resume of the three-degree graduate of the university and Southern Illinois native.

Throughout the past 25 years, Poshard has demonstrated his abilities not only at SIUC, but also as a politician, former gubernatorial candidate and founder of the Poshard Foundation and the Coats for Kids project.

"Glenn has a knack for putting things together," said Chancellor Walter Wendler, who was the host for the tribute to Poshard. "He's always been very level-headed, but I was first impressed by his strong faith."

"I consider this great, and I think the turnout has really let Glenn know who his fair-weather friends are, because we certainly haven't had the fair weather today."

Judging from the scene at the picnic outside, Poshard's list of

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Weekly peace vigils continue as conflict presses on in Iraq

Undeterred group still trying to preach awareness

Nicole Sack
 Daily Egyptian

They're still there. Every Saturday afternoon, at the intersection of Main Street and South Illinois Avenue, they are still there.

Still holding their weekly vigil, still holding signs, the Southern Illinois Committee Against War is still trying to spread the message of peace.

The activists stand still and strong as motorists alternately give them

peace signs and the middle finger.

The SICAW has endured the changing seasons and a turbulent political climate on the corner of Route 13 and Highway 51; however, neither has stopped their message. Now, on a hot July Saturday, their task continues.

Yuki Kobiyama of Carbondale has been attending the weekly peace vigil since they began in December 2001. She holds her sign that reads, "Support farms, not arms."

Kobiyama, who has a doctorate in plant biology from SIUC, attends the vigils to promote the spread of peace, as well as to bring light to other social issues.

"In order to change the world, you must begin on a community level, all

of which begins at your dinner table," Kobiyama said. "Influencing each other is the only way to spread peace."

As well as the over-encompassing mission of spreading the idea of peace, Kobiyama uses the afternoon vigils to voice other concerns.

"I believe our government is spending money on war that they should invest in social services and education," Kobiyama said. "Instead of creating peace, our foreign policy is creating new enemies."

While her passion for social justice boils just below the surface, Kobiyama speaks calmly and openly about the need for better information from the media. Her husband Scott Schuette echoes his wife's remarks.

"People need to look more critically at the information they are receiving," Schuette said. "The mass media has their own influences."

The biggest perpetrator of slanted news, according to Schuette, is Fox News.

"The blatant bias of Fox News is unbelievable," Schuette said. "They don't act like journalists, just pretty faces on the TV."

Schuette is not alone when it comes to inquiring deeper into information about the war with Iraq and our reasons for beginning the conflict.


Inquiries into the accuracy of President Bush's 2003 State of the Union Address have revealed that flawed information made its way into

the speech. The line "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa" caused questioning of the claim.

CIA Director George Tenet issued a statement Friday saying his agency should have prevented the false claims from entering the Presidential speech. In his statement, Tenet gave a laundry list of reasons why he was the one at fault.

"First, CIA approved the president's State of the Union address before it was delivered," Tenet said. "Second, I am responsible for the approval process in my agency. And third, the president had every reason

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NATIONAL NEWS

Driver causes pileup to keep sofa dry

ATLANTA, Georgia (CNN) — A woman who didn't want the rain to ruin the sofa in the back of her truck caused 24 vehicles to wreck behind her Sunday on Interstate 20 as she swerved to get under an overpass, a police spokesman said.

Eleven people suffered minor injuries.

"It was a mess," said Sgt. Pat White of the DeKalb County Police.

He said the woman was driving her brown Ford F-150 pickup truck westbound on I-20, just east of Atlanta, at 5:19 p.m. EDT when it began to rain.

She changed lanes so rapidly that she cut off cars as she made her way to the shoulder of the road to get under the overpass, White said.

"She cut off two vehicles initially, right away, and that caused those two vehicles to collide with each other," White said. "We had a total of 24 vehicles at the end of it."

Eight separate accidents were reported as a direct result of the woman's poor driving, he said.

"She never was struck," White said of the woman, "but she did stay at the scene and was charged with improper lane change."

He said the woman had planned to stop in the dry area under the overpass until the rain stopped.

The westbound lanes were blocked for about an hour as officials

tried to clear the scene, the dispatcher said. All lanes were open by 9:30 p.m. EDT, White said.

DeKalb County borders the Atlanta city limits to the east.

Lightning kills two Utah campers

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Two adults were killed and their three small children injured by lightning that struck a mountain campground where the family sought shelter under trees.

The adults were identified as Richard Goff and his wife, Lisa, both 34, of West Jordan, a Salt Lake City suburb.

KUTV-TV of Salt Lake City reported that the children were Dakota Goff, 9, and his sisters McKenzie, 5, and Megan, 18 months.

The youngest girl was in good condition at University Hospital in Salt Lake City, a hospital spokesman said. The others were reported in fair condition at Primary Children's Medical Center.

"When both (parents) are taken, it's incredible," Lori Oster, Lisa Goff's sister, told KUTV. "How do you begin to keep this family intact? You tell the little boy who saw his parents get killed that they won't be back, they're gone."

When the storm hit, the family took cover under trees near the shore of Crystal Lake, about 60 miles east of Salt Lake City in the 12,000-foot Uinta mountain range. The parents sat in metal chairs, Oster said.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Tape reported to be Saddam urges war against U.S., Britain

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Another audiotape claiming to be the voice of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein surfaced Thursday in Baghdad, urging Iraqis to wage holy war against U.S. and British forces.

In Washington, Pentagon officials were looking for ways to relieve exhausted American troops in Iraq, including the possibility of calling up large numbers of reserves and National Guard units.

In the tape-recording, first broadcast on the Arabic-language television network Al Arabiya, Saddam accused President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair of lying about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs, and he urged his followers to continue attacking the coalition forces even if he is killed or captured.

"The only way is a jihad (holy war) against the occupation," the voice said.

The tape was the third with a voice claiming to be Saddam's to surface in Iraq since U.S. forces liberated Baghdad three months ago. But even as American soldiers and ordinary Iraqis braced for new attacks Thursday to mark the 35th anniversary of the coup that brought Saddam's Baath Party to power, the streets of the capital were largely quiet, and reaction to the tape was indifferent.

"We should treat him as a ghost," said Ahmed Fadil, a 34-year-old bus driver, as he sought shade under a pair of trees from the blazing

afternoon sun and searing 110-degree heat. "There is a ghost in Iraq called Saddam, but there is no Saddam anymore."

U.N. staffer, U.S. troops latest slain in Iraq firefight

BAGHDAD — Two U.S. soldiers with the 101st Airborne Division were killed in Iraq Sunday when gunmen ambushed their convoy with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades west of the northern city of Mosul, military officials said.

In southern Iraq, a driver employed by the United Nations was killed and a foreign staffer injured when they slammed into a bus after gunmen opened fire on their vehicle, a U.N. spokesman said.

They were en route to Al Hillal, about 60 miles south of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Fatal assaults on U.S. troops have become a daily occurrence in Iraq, but the attack on the two-vehicle U.N. convoy was the first since U.N. staffers returned to Iraq in early June, said Ahmed Fawzi, a U.N. spokesman.

The latest attacks came on the eve of a visit to New York by Sergio Vieira de Mello, the U.N.'s special representative for Iraq. He is expected to urge the U.N. Security Council to recognize Iraq's new governing Council.

Today

High 79
Low 60

Chance of rain.

Five-day Forecast

Wednesday	Partly cloudy	77/56
Thursday	Sunny	83/58
Friday	Partly cloudy	84/63
Saturday	Partly cloudy	87/65
Sunday	Partly cloudy	88/67

Almanac

Average high: 89
Average low: 68
Monday's high: 86

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POLICE REPORTS

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• Amanda Margaret Bethel, 23, Carterville, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a stop sign at 2:06 a.m. Thursday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Washington Street. Bethel posted her driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• Heidi Kristina Kocher, 21, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and making an improper turn at 1:48 a.m. Friday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Wall Street. Kocher posted her driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• Bari A. Baum, 24, Granite City, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 3:35 a.m. Friday at the intersection of East Grand Avenue and South Wall Street. Baum posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

• Andrew James Holloway, 31, Hemin, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving the wrong way on a one-way street at 2:27 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of South Washington Street and East Walnut Street. Holloway posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

CARBONDALE

• A residential burglary occurred between 2:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of West Cherry Street. The victim reported someone forced open the residence's rear door and stole 36 cans of beer. There are no suspects at this time.

• An auto burglary occurred between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday in the 300 block of South University Street. The victim reported someone shattered the car's window and stole a purse including a wallet, keys, checks, identification card and several credit cards. A witness reported hearing glass break and seeing a male run south from the car. A description of the male is not available, and there are no suspects at this time.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

There are no events to report.

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State budget cuts strike area nursing homes hard

Late, low payments take nursing homes to the

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

In March, Brenda Dunn's nursing home was in trouble.

Vendors were dropping the facility, forcing her to find others, or to purchase on extended credit. She didn't know whether the Parkview Care Center in West Frankfort would be able to meet its payroll and, at times, asked her employees to hold their paychecks for a few days, breathing a sigh of relief when the money got there.

"Sometimes, we had to run the checks through twice," she said.

Dunn, the facility administrator, was worried.

Public Aid was three months behind in its Medicaid payments to the 79-bed facility, and to all facilities around Illinois. This spells disaster when 90 percent of a nursing home's patients are supported by the state, as is the case with Parkview.

Though Parkview is now financially stable, it was a stroke of luck that saved it. The facility went under new ownership in April because the previous owners "went under." The new owners have more financial backing, which, coupled with a large back payment in May from the state of Illinois, aided to bring the facility back to the surface.

"We are just now getting back on our feet with our vendors, with everything we need," Dunn said. "We were getting ready to be shut off, because the last owners could not afford to pay, because the state was not paying them."

Mike Claffey, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Aid, said the state stays about two to three months behind in Medicaid payments to nursing homes and tries to keep

things in a 60-day pay cycle. But in May, Illinois was as much as five months behind with some facilities, which prompted a state loan and large amounts of back pay to Illinois nursing homes.

"It's not something we're happy with, but there's no money in the state treasury to pay more promptly," Claffey said.

But Bob Buffington, owner of Raintree Terrace, a 16 bed Carbondale facility for the developmentally disabled, said the state has followed this trend of back pay for at least the last six years.

"This year was nothing new," he said. "Annually, their budget starts to run short about two to three months after the fiscal year ends. Things start going off schedule, progressively going further and further, from October on. By the time it, hits January or February, it's four or five months out."

Sharon Knock of the Public Aid office said that the department has seen a trend for the past few years of building back payments for Medicaid and breaking large checks in May due to "special circumstances," though she believed it wasn't quite six years.

"In the mid- to late-'90s, when the state had more money, we could keep payment delays minimal," she said. "But given the state of the budget, we've had to back off a bit."

Knock said that while some facilities get paid sooner than others, the average should stay at about three months for most of the year. Some nursing homes are expedited due to the high concentration of Medicaid patients and receive payment sooner.

Even though expedited facilities receive quicker payments, Jerry Neal, president of the SI Healthcare System, which operates five facilities in Central and Southern Illinois, said it still hurts when the state falls behind.

Neal said his three Mount Vernon facilities,

which include the Casey Care Center and Jeffersonian Care Center Inc. service about 170 senior citizens and employ slightly more, with 80 percent of their revenue coming from public aid, causing monumental financial deficiencies.

"We had payrolls hit the streets without totally having them covered," he said. "We had vendors that were stretched as far as we were. Some would go along, some we'd have to find new or go on COD, or find other measures."

Neal said that in the health care industry, with the rules and regulations imposed by the department of public health, the facility had no room to budge with the level of care it provided — the residents still need clean linens, still need medical attention and still require a certain level of staffing. And if the facility cannot provide these, it is shut down by public health.

"The costs are mandated," he said. "We don't have the luxury that when cash is tight, we can cut back. We can't cut back below what is required, and we're not going to refuse to take care of someone because they are on public aid. They expect and deserve care."

Along with the reimbursement checks the Department of Public Aid mailed in May, they also sent a new list of requirements that greater restricts the amount of funding a patient can receive.

Sherry Johnson of the West Frankfort Care Center said that Public Aid is now refusing to pay to hold beds for residents while hospitalized or on home visits.

"Yeah, the cost is up, but they made new rules," she said. "Like if a resident goes to a hospital and are on public aid, they stop paying. If I have a resident pass away at 10 minutes 'til midnight, they won't pay for that day."

Johnson said Public Aid used to provide a 10-day bed-hold, in which they would pay to

hold a bed if a resident was hospitalized, though they now place that burden on the patients and their families.

"When they held back payments, they were hurting the operators and not the patients," she said. "We had to somehow find the money to buy supplies — I don't know how we did, but we did."

"But in this case, they're hurting the elderly. That's not how I work. I will hold the bed, because I don't think it should be on the family's mind, 'I shouldn't go to the hospital because we might lose her bed,' and then risk greater illness to the resident."

Neal said, that with the Illinois Medicaid system, which is ranked 48th among state payors, he believes major problems will develop for Illinois' elderly.

"The bottom line is that the profession will not sustain itself under the current system," he said. "When most revenue is down \$15 to \$20 per day below costs, you can't offset the costs you incur. It's impossible to achieve a decent level of care on \$65 a day when your costs are \$85 a day."

Neal also noted that Illinois' 58,000 Medicaid nursing home patients are only given \$30 per month for basic supplies, including clothes, soap and shampoo.

"If you have a female resident that may be a smoker that wants to get her hair fixed once a month, she's not going to get it done," he said. "There's no way."

Dunn said that amount hasn't been raised since the 1980s, not even to accommodate cost of living increases. She said her facility does a lot of fundraising to help their patients, many of whom do not have family to fall back on, with costs.

"If a lady wants to get her hair fixed, that's all her money," Dunn said. "She wouldn't be able to buy panties or clothes or other necessities."

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— Mike Claffey
spokesman,
Illinois Department of Public Aid

SAVE tries to stay out of rut

Group to save Varsity Theater tries to keep chin up despite uncertainties

Geoffrey Ritter
Daily Egyptian

At the last meeting of the community group Save Arts and the Varsity For Everyone (SAVE), there were more than enough words spoken.

Two words, however, were mysteriously lacking, aside from the occasional casual reference — Varsity Theater.

Instead, the July 16 discussion at the Interfaith Center that led to so many frazzled nerves focused on the group's proposed constitution and what changes needed to be made.

For almost an hour and a half, provisional Chairman Jim Syler took a dozen members through a frustrating tour de force of Roberts Rules of Order in efforts to modify the constitution, and the meeting's strict adherence to parliamentary order eventually led to a few too many tense moments.

"I think we're wasting a lot of energy nipping the hell out of this," said the Greylight Theater's Bob Streit, breaking the collective tension. "It's setting a dangerous precedent."

And so, after a five-minute recess, members came back to the table and, in 20 minutes, approved eight articles of the constitution — four times what had been accomplished during the preceding time.

Now, with a revised constitution and a meeting to elect officers slated for July 30, the ad hoc community group can get away from frivolous

formalities and get back to the real business on the table, saving the Varsity Theater.

"This is a major decision point," said Hugh Muldoon, director of the Interfaith Center and the early convener of SAVE's meetings. "There's only so much frustration you can take before it gets turned against the organization."

SAVE's meeting last week came exactly two months after the Springfield-based theater chain Kerasotes Theaters opened its new ShowPlace 8 on the east end of University Mall, a modernized replacement for the 63-year-old Varsity, located at 418 S. Illinois Ave., which closed its doors the night before.

Since then, various community groups have all had their say on the fate of the building and its noticeable absence from downtown, beginning with a public forum in late May headed by Mayor Brad Cole and Roxanne Conley of Carbondale Main Street at which citizens were encouraged to express their own visions for the theater's future.

At the meeting, Cole told members that he had been in talks with Kerasotes about various possibilities and that there was no conclusive news to report.

SAVE, which began meeting early in the summer and has also attracted the attention of Carbondale city councilmen Chris Wissmann and Lance Jack, is campaigning to be the main go-to group for determining the building's fate, and members have recently met with representatives of numerous city and cultural groups to form ideas about how to create an arts center out of the vacated

building. While reaction to such a plan has been enthusiastic, most organizations report that their funds are too sparse to allow investing in the enterprise.

In addition, Cole told the group earlier this month that even though he was in continued talks with Kerasotes and had been told that the chain had not been talking with any potential developers, the city of Carbondale would not be contributing money to a possible reclamation of the theater.

Despite this, members of SAVE have set to work developing several business strategies for getting the building back, from buying it to subsidizing it to donating for a charitable hopeation — all routes that other, Midwest communities have taken with Kerasotes in past similar incidents.

In addition, SIU Associate Chancellor for Economic Development Ray Lenzi has volunteered to help the group apply for non-profit organization status.

But time is ticking away on a building that some already fear could suffer damage from hot summer temperatures.

For the time being, nobody is really sure what the next move is.

"We need to come clean on what we want to be," Muldoon said at the meeting. "We need to get focused on a real agenda."

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Gus Bode



Gus says:
What Carbondale needs is a good porno theater.

City Council to discuss plans for teen center

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

Although Carbondale teens will walk into the newly constructed Carbondale Community High School near Giant City Road in August, they may still have a reason to use their school's former campus.

Carbondale Community Teen Center Inc. has asked the City Council to pass a resolution that would donate a small gym from the former Springer Street campus to the organization for use as a teen center.

The non-profit group is hoping to acquire Lot 3 of the former campus' subdivision, which contains the gym. The Council had previously approved subdivision of the former high school property.

Councilwoman Sheila Simon said the group's request for the Council's resolution is, in her opinion, the most important issue at tonight's 7 p.m. meeting at City Hall.

"I'm looking forward to hearing more from the teen center and what their proposal is for the old gym at the high school," Simon said. "I think they have a lot of good plans. I'm particularly interested in whether they're going to have the financial means to do that."

Councilman Chris Wissmann said he has no objections to a teen center being built on the former high school property. He said the proposals he has heard so far seem to be practical and affordable.

"It looks like it's going to be a great deal for the city, because there's not going to be any massive ongoing city expenditure," Wissmann said. "It's not like this is going to be a city property that we're going to operate. It's going to go almost directly to the private non-profit organization. I don't have no problem with it."

Carbondale Community Teen Center Inc. has been in existence since last year. Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan has served as the chair of the group's board of directors since its inception. Simon said she believes one of the group's strongest selling points is its interest in adding space for more basketball courts in the city.

"I know one of their primary concerns is maintaining basketball court space in Carbondale, which I'm all in favor of," Simon said. "Anyone who wants to do that, more power to them."

Mayor Brad Cole also used the perks of his mayoral power to persuade Mediacom representatives to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the quality of Carbondale's cable TV service.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the cable company will give an update of its operations and new services offered within the community at the end of the meeting. Doherty said the company's delegates will hear questions and complaints from the Council and the public.

The Council has also been requested to annex property at Bradford Pear Estates into the city. Simon said the Council previously approved annexation of some of the Bradford property and sees no reason why the rest of the property should not be within Carbondale city limits.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he will attend tonight's meeting to give his annual legislative review to the Council. Bost said he takes time to visit each of his district's communities each year to give them an estimate on what could be happening in the Illinois General Assembly.

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COLUMNIST



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Show support for our people

I have heard that I have a couple of readers in Iraq serving with the 101st Airborne Division. Considering this will be mailed out to the unit at the end of this week, I would like to say hello to you over there. I would like to personally thank you for your service and dedication. As a former sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, I hold the highest respect for all of you. Even though you are oceans away and so far from friends and family ... you are not forgotten.

I haven't really touched this subject in the past, because it is a sensitive one to many people. War is never something easily swallowed, and there will always be people protesting and challenging it. That is completely OK, because that is what this country is built on: the freedom to protest what you don't believe in. I am not going to spend anymore time dealing with the issue of war and our government's decision making. My opinion really doesn't amount to anything when it is all said and done.

The truth is, war is a tragic situation, and peace should always be strived for, but as history consistently repeats itself, there inevitably will continue to be wars. Instead of arguing whether we should be involved in a war or whether people who protest war are not patriotic, I would rather focus on the men and women who, despite who is wrong or right, are currently in a place devoid of the privileges we as Americans hold dear to us every day.

Despite what you believe, if you are for war or against it, it is irrelevant when it comes to the people who are sleeping in a lonely desert at night to do their job. The fact is these people are our people. They are our brothers and sisters, some are fathers and mothers. They have lives here just the same as the rest of us, and I guarantee they would love to be home right now enjoying the blanket of peace.

Men like Staff Sergeant Dan Kennings, whose little girl Kodee doesn't understand why her dad has to be so far away from her. But the wonderful thing about that 8-year-old little girl is that even though she doesn't understand war like many of the rest of us, she does understand love. She understands that whatever the reason her dad has to be away, she will do the only thing in her power while he is gone ... support, love and pray for him.

We should take a lesson from her and realize no matter what the situation, whether it is local issues or war, we have to take care of the most important thing within our reach ... each other. We have to let these brave men and women know we support them and care for them. Even if you are against the war, don't turn your back on the people who are face to face with it. They are individuals, who alone did not start or dream up the war. They are simply the people who have to deal with it so the rest of us don't have to.

I am sure some will say if we didn't take part in this war they wouldn't have to deal with it. Well, if that is the case, then send a letter to our wonderful government. But on another note, a humane and loving one ... how about sending a letter to the 19-year-old soldier who wanted a new life and joined the Army to get money for college and now has a rifle in hand praying this hell will soon be over. Let them know they are thought of and appreciated.

Wars will come and go, my friends. It is etched in the timelines of our history and will unfortunately continue to be as long as there are people in the world who have mini-refrigerators where their hearts should be. The only thing the rest of us can do is be good to one another.

"Come on people now, smile on your brother, everybody get together try to love ... a another right now." (Cher Powers)

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OUR WORD

Coal industry needs to be revitalized in Illinois

In the 1980s, Illinois was home to a booming coal industry. It brought in millions of dollars per year and employed more than 18,000 people. Once the Environmental Protection Agency changed its guidelines and the Clean Air Act was passed, coal plants and mines were shut down leaving only about 4,000 people employed in the few facilities still operating.

Thankfully, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has made an effort to return things to the way they once were.

When he signed House Bill 2866 to give more than \$300 million of new funds to the coal industry throughout the state, he gave hope for new jobs, money and a way to produce more energy while lowering high gas prices.

The coal plants that would occupy land in Illinois would meet EPA standards and have already proven to work.

There are currently three plants in Illinois that use clean coal technology, so there is no question that coal plants could not meet guidelines.

A great aspect of the bill is that it will reduce obstacles for energy companies from out-of-state to bring plants to Illinois. Blagojevich is allowing more than \$500 million in grants for clean coal plants that are constructed in Illinois.

This is a great idea. It will help the industry in Illinois by helping the economic

situation, and at the same time allow for more jobs.

Approximately 4,000 jobs will be made available for construction, plant operation and mining once a site is approved for a facility. This is much needed for the many people who are still eligible to work in the industry.

Those who were young when most of the plants were closed, and are now still at an age at which they are able to work in the industry, will have the opportunity to be employed.

Just the signing of the bill is not enough, though.

Companies in the coal industry have to take advantage of the money available and build plants in Illinois.

It takes about 18 months for paperwork to go through proper channels, and because of this fact, if the coal industry in Illinois wants to see any forward progress, companies would have to get moving soon to begin the process.

Hopefully, if enough companies decided to do business in Illinois, the process will not take as long so the ball can get rolling, on hiring people, changing the economic status of Illinois and lowering gas prices.

Illinois is a great state for the coal industry with its abundance of resources.

It would be a shame for all of the material to sit, unused for years, when everyone could benefit from its mining.

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Black alumni reunion promotes family, history and unity

story by BERTIE TAYLOR

Participants remember the past as they look to future

This past weekend, the ninth bi-annual Black Alumni Reunion prompted a few tears, plenty of laughter and a new understanding of the words history, family and pride.

From July 17 through July 20, SIUC was revisited by people of its past and future. Hundreds of black alumni from across the nation came back to an important piece of their history to reconnect with friends and, most importantly, to set an example for what can be accomplished through making the right choices in life.

The theme of the reunion was "Coming Home to Our Roots," and Greg Scott, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association and reunion coordinator, explained the importance of the event and its guests.

"The purpose of our organization is to help people stay connected," Scott said.

"I believe that if you had a positive experience here at SIU, being an active member of the Black Alumni is a way for you to maintain important ties and keep in touch with an important aspect of your success."

The reunion weekend consisted of workshops, an open market, receptions, special youth programs, sports tournaments, a picnic, a play and informal afterhours parties.

Special guests included nutritionist, comedian and civil rights pioneer Dick Gregory and artistic director and playwright John M. O'Neal Jr.

Three of the nine black students who integrated Arkansas Central High School in 1957 were also in attendance.

Those honored Little Rock Nine members, who are also SIU alumni, were Minnijean Trickey, Thelma Wair and Terrance Roberts.

Scott said that his expectations of the reunion were high.

"We anticipated over 200 guests and their families to come down, and we've worked hard to make sure everybody has a good time," Scott said.

During the weekend, the Hall of Fame area inside the Student Center was transformed into a market that showcased a variety of scents, jewelry and other gifts.

Vendors proudly displayed literature by black authors, blankets in rich ethnic hues and dozens of oils, incense bundles and perfumes.

With many guests arriving on Thursday, a Bid Whist mixer was scheduled that evening to give the card players a chance to display their skills.

Friday was a day of workshops that focused on financial aid topics to build an understanding of financial aid for the college student, investments, retirement planning

and saving for college tuition.

At a press conference Friday, the three present members of the Little Rock Nine were introduced by Joseph Brown, director of Black American Studies, as "distinguished guests, role models and friends of the world who had performed an exemplary service to our country."

Trickey, Wair and Roberts then spoke about the difficulties that surrounded them when they attended a high school where they were not wanted, surrounded by hate and days filled with fear.

"I didn't know a person could be alive and feel that kind of fear," Roberts said.

"Folks remained convinced that we didn't belong there, and we felt that every day. We had to actually sign an affidavit saying that we would not participate in any extracurricular activities."

"Imagine being a teenager and being excluded from things like the basketball team or the prom."

Trickey said in retrospect, the cruel attitudes of the community were never about them personally.

"Everything we went through was all part of a strategy," Trickey said.

"It wasn't about us. It was about making a group feel unworthy."

Wair echoed these sentiments and explained why she kept attending the school, despite her fears.

"I was a little girl with a bad heart, and there were many mornings I just didn't want to go," Wair said.

"We had no friends outside of the nine of us. But in the end, I knew that if I left, the part that I shouldered would be put on the others."

"I had to stay for them."

In the afternoon, the three members of the Little Rock Nine and alumnus Darzel Price of the Wrigley Company spoke to a youth group about the importance of education and a positive attitude upon entering the workforce.

They also stressed the importance of making decisions that sometimes have students separating themselves from the popular crowd.

The small room in Morris Library eventually swelled to standing room only.

When Chancellor Walter Wendler presented the Little Rock Nine members with awards of recognition, the crowd responded with a thunderous round of applause.



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Dick Gregory, SIU alumnus, famous activist, comedian and civil rights pioneer, gives his powerful speech to all the alumni who joined the reunion banquet Saturday night.

After a morning of golf and tennis on Saturday, alumni came together at the east end of the Student Center for a picnic.

Groups of men and women sought cover from the sun under small clumps of trees, playing card games and dominoes.

Near the balcony were a number of vendors, selling wares similar to what was available at the Student Center.

The sounds of Earth Wind and Fire and Al Green hung in the air with the heat. Inside, a cafeteria-style food line was set up and long tables were filled with people enjoying their meals.

It was a union of laughter, food and family, and guests commented on why such an event was important.

Sharon Lockett, a Chicago native and 1984 graduate with a degree in administration of justice, said all of the reunion events are important.

"These events are an opportunity to reconnect with people you haven't seen and network," Lockett said.

"It's hot as all get out, but it's all a lot of fun. I like seeing how the school has changed and the growth going on in Carbondale."

St. Louis native Jewell Reynolds, wife of Richard Reynolds, former alumni president, agreed.

"It's good to see old friends making connections again. It's really good to see the older generations here sharing experiences and advice to the younger generations," Reynolds said.

"Coming back to this University gives you another outlook on where you are now, and in a way, can strengthen your purpose in life."

"Those of us here who came down in the 1950s and '60s and stayed, are the ones who really stuck it out, and coming to the reunion and seeing all these young people here helps us see that our struggle with racism was not in vain."

The banquet that evening featured many guests, which included Mayor Brad Cole and Gregory as the keynote speaker.

A prayer breakfast on Sunday was the final event and last opportunity for many alumni to bid friends a final farewell.

Brown summed up what the point of the reunion has always been.

"My heart stands up in gratitude that our guests are here and sharing a part of their lives with us," Brown said.

"This is about family teaching family for the future."



Joan L. Fuller (from left) is engaged in a conversation with Carolyn Willis, while Wanda Carpenter and Finola Burrell catch up with some former acquaintances during the picnic lunch at the Recreation Center Saturday afternoon. The picnic was just one of the events that made up the 2003 SIU Black Alumni Reunion.

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ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Longtime Saluki Glenn Poshard sees well-wishers lined up to meet him at his farewell barbecue Friday evening. The barbecue was put on by Chancellor Walter Wendler for Poshard's retirement after 40 years of involvement with SIUC.

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fair-weather friends is much shorter than that of his genuine companions. The number of people in attendance for the tribute to Poshard was enough to fill at least 200 of the seats in Shyrock and to form two lines of people wishing to pay tribute to Poshard and his wife outside of the building.

"The way it was raining, we kind of started to wonder if people were going to come out," said Evelyn Moore, an employee in the Constituent Relations and Special Events department from Murphysboro, who assisted with invitations to the event. "But it was like another tribute to him the way people came out anyway."

"Everything has worked out really well. One of the tents was blown down earlier, but we got it right back up. Everyone's just been real eager to help."

Moore has known Poshard since he began working at SIUC and had first met him when her family took

a trip to the White House. She said that, despite the fact that they had never met prior to this, Poshard and his wife, Joann, were eager to share their favorite locations in Washington D.C. and were "talking like he had known us all of our lives."

John Clemons, an attorney and friend of Poshard's, has known him for the past 25 years and attended the event to congratulate his companion.

"There couldn't be a more deserving person than him," said Clemons, who came to the picnic with his wife, Susan. "He's a wonderful, genuine person. That's why we tried to get him elected governor."

"I think it stopped raining just for him."

Most of the people who attended the event spent their time waiting patiently in the line that consisted of his fellow SIUC employees, politicians and friends. Most spent the wait chatting with one another, while occasionally fighting the slight humidity with the black and white fans that displayed the countenance of Poshard, and the words "I am a fan of Poshard."

"I was so gratified with the turnout," Poshard said. "I stood from 4 to 7 because there was a constant line. It was just wonderful to see old friends. Just to think that hundreds of people, some who I hadn't seen for a number of years, came from downstate, Chicago, Effingham and Charleston just to say hello."

One such well-wisher was U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield.

"I was told I was supposed to come down here, something about a retirement," Durbin said. "But this looks more like a campaign kickoff to me."

The tribute included hour of reminiscing from guests such as Durbin and State Comptroller Dan Hynes, a video presentation, as well as the announcement of a scholarship established for low-income students.

In addition to this, Poshard said he plans to spend his post-retirement days running his foundation for abused children and building more shelters. Even with his dedication to projects new and old, he still plans to remain committed to the University.

He has spent his last month working on the budget and doing whatever

possible to ensure a smooth transition for those obtaining his responsibilities after his retirement.

"The best is yet ahead," Poshard said. "I really see things changing soon, and I'm very confident that under Wendler's leadership we will reach our goal of being one of the top 75 research universities."

"I definitely see SIUC having a new face within the next 10 years."

While he looks forward to SIUC in the future, he said he also has very fond memories of his past at the university, especially his first years on the SIUC campus.

"There was a tremendous energy here in the '60s," Poshard said. "In part because of the circumstances surrounding the country, and in part because of President [Delyte] Morris."

"I have a lot of memories of the NIT championship, basketball, being a delegate to Congress, but particularly the friendships. It's always the people who make the memories."

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VIGILS

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"First, CIA approved the president's State of the Union address before it was delivered," Tenet said. "Second, I am responsible for the approval process in my agency. And third, the president had every reason to believe that the text presented to him was sound."

"These 16 words should never have been included in the text written for the president."

Whether the president had knowledge of the claim being false when he delivered the speech is unclear.

What is clear is that a new wave of questioning White House credibility and intelligence may again muddy the waters in the case for war with Iraq.

News of the false claim in the State of the Union Speech does not surprise Schuette.

"President Bush obviously did not tell the truth," Schuette said, "but the White House is a larger institution than one man."

While questioning the way that the U.S. government conducts its foreign policy is a common thread at the vigil, anti-Americanism is not.

"The thing that hurts the most is the misunderstanding that we are un-patriotic or anti-American," Schuette said. "I vote. I do normal things. But I also question how things are run."

In addition to the weekly peace vigils, a day of remembrance is scheduled for Aug. 6 in honor of Hiroshima Day.

The remembrance vigil will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Illinois Avenue and will have speakers, a street vigil and prayer-flag making.

The goal of the evening is three-fold — to remember those who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945; to prevent the proliferation of more nuclear weapons; and to think about the real meaning of peace.

Until then, the Saturday peace vigils will still take place from noon to 1 p.m. and will continue as long as there is a need for them, said Schuette.

"We will continue as long as there are people comfortable with preaching the message of peace," Schuette said.

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Earning degrees in debt not easiest thing to do

Low interest rates look like attractive choice for many students in loan debt

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HACKENSACK, N.J. (KRT) — Alex Agramonte recently graduated from William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., with a degree in accounting and \$10,000 in student debt.

"My parents helped, but without student loans, I wouldn't have gotten through," said Agramonte, 23, who works in the William Paterson bursar's office.

"It was pretty crucial. I needed my degree for what I wanted to do."

Luckily for Agramonte, interest rates on federal student loans dropped to record lows on July 1 — as low as 2.82 percent for new grads who are in the six-month period after graduation before they have to start repaying.

Other borrowers will pay 3.42 percent for loans taken out after 1998, down from 4.06 percent, and 4.22 percent for loans before 1998, down from 4.86 percent.

The lower rates mean that borrowers with a \$10,000, 10-year federal Stafford loan can save about \$362 in interest over the life of the loan, according to the federal Department of Education.

Those rates are in force until July 1, 2004, because the rates are adjustable and change every year.

But borrowers can lock in low rates by consolidating their loans now, according to SLM Corp., the giant student loan provider commonly known as Sallie Mae.

Consolidating is paying off all the old loans and creating a new, fixed-rate loan.

The rate on consolidated loans is the weighted average of all previous loans, rounded up to the nearest eighth of a point.

"They would never have to worry about a future rate increase," said Patricia Scherschel, consolidation executive at Sallie Mae.

"With interest rates being where they are,

it's foolhardy not to take a good, hard look at a fixed-rate loan," said Rob Baumel, director of financial aid at William Paterson.

Recent graduates like Agramonte can get the best deals.

During the first six months after graduation, loans will carry a rate of only 2.82 percent, consolidating now locks in a rate of 2.875 percent, according to Scherschel.

"I'm definitely going to look into that," Agramonte said.

"I can't stand paying money I don't have to."

By the time they get their diplomas, graduates of public colleges have racked up average debt of \$17,900; private colleges, \$21,200.

While consolidating may be worthwhile for new grads, it is less of a slam-dunk for those who are five years or more out of school, especially if they have qualified for other discounts offered by lenders.

For example, Sallie Mae offers borrowers with a balance of at least \$10,000 a rate discount of one percentage point after

they make their first 48 monthly payments on time.

In addition, borrowers can get an immediate one-quarter percent reduction in the interest rate if they agree to have monthly payments directly debited from a checking or savings account.

"We have a number of borrowers who say 'no thanks' to consolidation because they have a better deal without consolidation," Scherschel said.

Also, borrowers with Perkins loans might think twice before consolidating those loans.

Perkins loans carry benefits — including, the possibility that the loan will be forgiven if the borrower goes into certain teaching or public service jobs.

Consolidating into another loan risks the loss of those benefits, Scherschel said.

Another downside of consolidating is that it can mean graduates will take longer to repay their debt, adding to the total interest they pay.

Borrowers can get around this by paying extra on their loans every month.

But Scherschel said borrowers might want to pay off credit card debt and car loans first, because they have much higher interest rates than college loans.

“With interest rates being where they are, it's foolhardy not to take a good hard look at a fixed-rate loan.”

— Rob Baumel, director of financial aid, William Paterson U.

Rainbow's End works at expressionist printmaking

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Hallie Chametzky, 6, and Adrienne Chevalier, 5, walked slowly through the South Hall of the University Museum Thursday, inspecting every painting, sculpture and photograph they came across.

"That one?" Hallie asked, pointing to an oil painting of a bright orange flower.

Adrienne considered it for a second before she scrunched her nose and shook her head no.

It had to be just the right painting, one they could take a picture of to use in their project.

From the South Hall, to the North Hall, to the Sculpture Garden and back to the South Hall, the girls kept searching, long after the other 13 children from Rainbow's End had made their selections.

Finally, Adrienne stopped and Hallie clapped her hands together, "Ooh, it's perfect!"

The girls settled on a William H. Thielen painting made of shapes and bright colors of pink, yellow and violet, and they danced around anxiously as their Polaroid developed.



(From left) Emily Cisco, Robbie Karayiannis and Jack Bales are drawn to the display of animal bones while cruising around the University Museum, trying to find the paintings they will take Polaroids of for their projects.

YINDI CHEN
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The picture was compiled with several other photocopied pieces of art for the children to use to make mosaics and learn about expressionist printmaking.

Museum Director Bob Dehoet said the idea was for the children to recreate their visit to the museum.

After selecting their pictures, the children settled down in the

Hall of Flowers, surrounded by markers, scissors and glue sticks, to work in pairs and make three images.

They cut up their Polaroids and other pictures provided for them, using squares for one image, free-form shapes for another and finally cutting whatever they chose to glue down for their final creation.

At the end, they got to choose

their favorite image and color it into something all their own.

"They know the layout of the museum pretty well, and they know the things they've enjoyed," Dehoet said.

"It's so interesting, because every group approaches this differently."

Nearby, Jack Bales and Robbie Karayiannis, both 9, glued all of their pieces into shapes representing video game characters, using pictures of vases for arms and legs and various paintings for armor.

"Everything we make is about video games," Jack pronounced as Robbie silently concurred. "24/7, it's video games, video games, video games."

The children of Rainbow's End, as well as other local daycare facilities, make regular trips to the museum to view exhibits and learn about art.

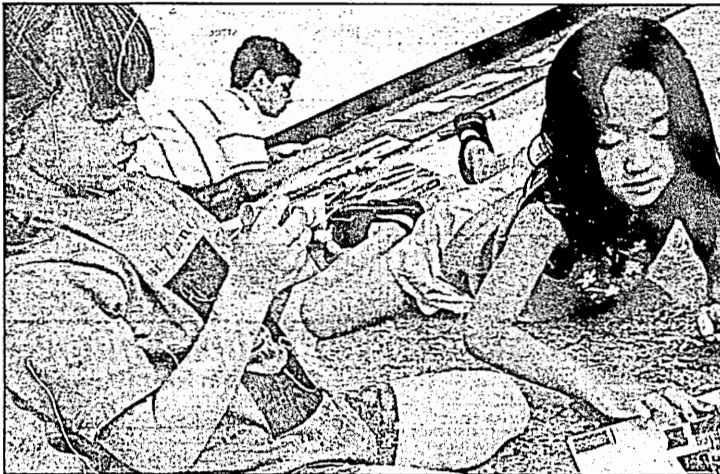
"It's a great experience," said Billy Preston, a graduate assistant at the museum.

"We always try to do something different with them every time."

This was the first time the children did an activity on printmaking, and Adrienne and Hollie said they enjoyed the freedom of being allowed to create their images.

"It was a nice combination of things that got them excited to begin with," Dehoet said, "and I think their creative instincts took over from there."

"Taking Polaroids is exciting in and of itself, but they've been able to take something they've done and change it and transform



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Hallie Chametzky (left) and Adrienne Chevalier finish their first production of expressionist printmaking during a trip to the University Museum last week.

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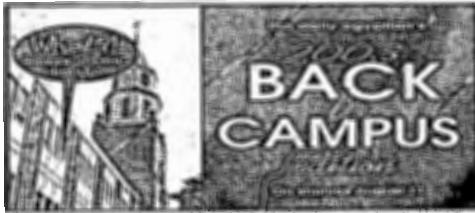
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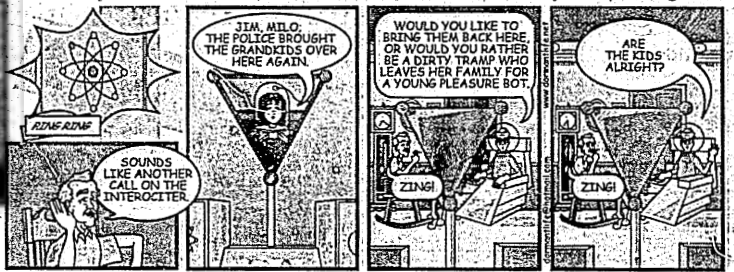


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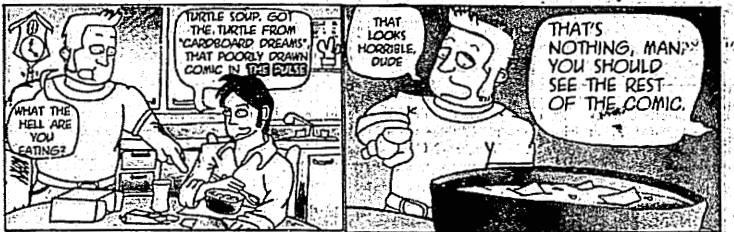
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Important Reminder for Students Graduating or Leaving SIUC!

Students who are not planning to return to SIUC for the Fall 2003 Semester can opt to purchase an extension of their off-campus student insurance coverage for 60 days past their last date of university enrollment. The last date of coverage for students who complete the Summer 2003 session is August 17, 2003. In order to purchase the optional extension coverage, you must complete an application and make payment **PRIOR** to your last date of coverage under the regular student coverage. Students who withdraw prior to end of the semester must make application and payment **PRIOR** to their last date of official university enrollment.

For further information regarding this coverage, please refer to the "2002/2003 Extended Medical Care Benefit Plan Brochure" or visit the SHP web page at WWW.siu.edu/~shp. The Student Medical Benefit Office (student insurance) is located at Room 118, Kesnar Hall or can be reached via phone at 453-4413.



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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Taurus Birthday (July 22). You may be ready to settle into a steady routine. Choose one that leaves you lots of room for innovation. You'd be bored to death with anything less. 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 a 5 - Everybody has an opinion about what you should do next. Listen to as many opinions as you can, but reserve the right to decide.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - They say that perseverance pays, and you can verify that it's true. Prove it once again by outlasting a person who thinks he knows better than you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Hold off just a little while longer on your next creative project. Instead, finish up a tough job that you promised to do. Keep it confidential till it's complete.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - The sun is going into Leo soon, and out of your marvelous sign. Don't worry too much, because from that position it helps bring more money your way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 23) - Today is a 6 - Be patient a little while longer. You'll do OK if you start now, but you'll do even better with more preparation. Schedule your launch for Thursday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - You can stay flexible, even though others are getting more rigid. You can help them understand each other by listening as they vent.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - You're generally like an open book, but that's not a good idea now. Don't discuss financial matters except with those who need to know.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - A compassionate and practical person can act as a go-between to help you achieve your goals. When you can't get through, he or she can, and vice versa.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You may be asked to explain yourself. If so, give the whole truth and nothing but the truth. But you might want to limit that to your name, rank and serial number.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Continue negotiations and you won't be disappointed. If you're buying or selling, you ought to be able to agree on a fair price. Be willing to compromise.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - It's a better time for planning than for taking action. In fact, some of the actions you've taken may now have to be rescinded. Don't rush things.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - If you're running into a roadblock, call an expert for advice. Someone who isn't so deeply involved in this mess can see something you're overlooking.

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On this Date In History..

1971 - Four U.S. captives held in China

1987 - Robo Cop plays at AMC theater

Foreign basketball leagues provide home for many former Salukis

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

For most SIU men's basketball players, the NBA is just a dream. Most never make it that far. Troy Hudson was the only Saluki to play in the NBA last season, but many more Salukis spend their winters around the globe earning a living with a ball in their hands.

With the help of SIU assistant coach Rodney Watson, the DAILY EGYPTIAN has compiled a list of Salukis playing professional basketball outside of the NBA.

Rolan Roberts

Roberts, a Virginia Tech transfer, starred at SIU in 2001-2002 and helped propel the Salukis to a Sweet 16 berth.

After a failed tryout with the Indiana Pacers and Washington Wizards, Roberts headed for Turkey in October, where he played with Besiktas Istanbul until he quit the team in January 2003 due to personal problems. Roberts then signed with a team from the Dominican Republic before finishing the season in France, where he averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds a game.

Derrick Tilmon

Tilmon, a Clarksdale, Miss., native who played three seasons at SIU under two head coaches from 1997 to 2000, has spent the three years since graduation playing in the Netherlands.

A model of consistency, Tilmon has averaged between 11 and 12

points per game and between eight and nine rebounds per game in each of his three seasons. He played in the Dutch League All-Star Game during his first season and has been a starter for his team every year.

Rashad Tucker

Tucker, a Carbondale native who played two seasons at SIU from 1996 to 1998, has bounced around throughout his professional career. He played for two different Continental Basketball Association teams last season.

Tucker has also played in Belgium, Greece, Venezuela, Japan and will probably continue his professional career this fall.

Chris Carr

Carr, a Pilot Knob, Mo., native, played three seasons and participated in three NCAA tournaments with the Salukis from 1992 to 1995 before declaring for the NBA draft following his junior season.

He played parts of six seasons in the NBA before heading to Greece in 2001, where he played nine games with a team there. Carr played last winter in Yugoslavia.

Carr has tryouts with three NBA teams this summer.

Marcus Timmons

Timmons, another integral part of SIU's back-to-back-to-back NCAA tournament teams in the mid-1990s, has spent most of his time since 1995 playing professionally in Australia.

Timmons was the third-leading

scorer at 13.3 points per game for the Melbourne Tigers last season.

Ashraf Amaya

Amaya, who played at SIU from 1989 to 1993, has played parts of two seasons in the NBA.

He has had knee and foot injuries since late 2001 and didn't play at all last season. His agent, Bill Neff, said Amaya will resume playing in Europe this year.

Amaya played in Greece and Yugoslavia for the 2001-2002 season. He has also played in the CBA, Greece, Yugoslavia and Italy. Amaya participated in the Greek All-Star game in 2001.

Emeka Okenwa

Okenwa played at SIU from 1990 to 1992 and most recently played for a team in Venezuela last season.

He has also played in several other South American nations' professional leagues and in Turkey. Okenwa participated in the 1998 World Championships.

Marcelo Da Silva

This 7-foot-6er from Brazil played at SIU from 1990 to 1994. He is now playing professionally in his native country.

Kai Nurnberger

A German who starred at SIU from 1984 to 1989, Nurnberger returned to Germany after hanging up his Saluki uniform.

Nurnberger has played in the World Championships, European

Player	Years	League
Kai NURNBERGER	84 - 89	GERMANY
Ashraf AMAYA	89 - 93	GREEK LEAGUE
Emeka OKENWA	90 - 92	VENEZUELA
Marcelo DA SILVA	90 - 94	BRAZIL
Marcus TIMMONS	91 - 95	AUSTRALIA
Chris CARR	92 - 95	YUGOSLAVIA
Rashad TUCKER	96 - 98	Continental Basketball Association (CBA)
Derrick TILMON	97 - 00	NETHERLANDS
Rolan ROBERTS	00 - 02	FRANCE

SEAN LEWIS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

figure scorer earlier in his career.

Championships and the 1992 Olympic Games.

The 37-year-old averaged 2.9 points per game last season for his German professional team after being a double-

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SPIRIT

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enough to catch us, they'll crumble, to the ground, and we'll go right after them," Yagov said. "We have smaller guys this year, so you have to have total trust, so you are doing their job of keeping in shape. If they don't do their job, then you're on the floor or in the hospital."

The dance squad also has had numerous practices throughout the summer and is in the process of preparing for a camp this weekend in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Easing said the dancers, cheerleaders and mascots will all be at the camp, as well as other spirit groups from across the country. At the camp, the Salukis will get to learn from the other teams and will get a chance to show off their own style as well.

"The dancers are introduced to different styles of dancing, different difficulties

and, depending on their own skill level, they will go and branch out and learn as many routines as they can," Easing said. "They'll also get some routines from home routines that dancers come in with. In fact, we're taking a home routine that we will be evaluated on."

All this work is necessary to ensure the spirit groups are ready to go once football season kicks off, especially with what Easing called a young group.

Bintney Hall, a rare senior on the cheerleading squad this year, said regardless of how long one has been on the team, these summer practices are key, because everyone has to start over, not just the new people.

"This is my fourth year, and every year you've got to start from scratch," Hall said. "Got to go all the way back to step one."

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SCHEDULE

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more minutes, their games will raise to that level," Painter said. "I think Josh Warren is vastly improved, and I think he's going to be tough to handle in the post."

One team not included on the schedule is Saint Louis, a team SIU has played every season since 1988. Painter said the Billikens already had too many road games and he hopes they decide to renew the series in 2-4.

Next season could also bring another big-name team to the Arena.

"I think this is a year where we still have to have a very good schedule, very cooperative schedule, but I don't know if it's a great year for us to play somebody of [top-30] caliber," Painter said. "Whereas in the following year, with us hopefully trying to get in another exempt tournament, that's probably going to be our best bet."

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	CONFERENCE
November 6	Athletes In Action (Exhibition)	7:05 PM	N/A
November 15	Workable Basketball (Exhibition)	7:05 PM	N/A
November 21	Wyzing	7:05 PM	MTWC
November 26	Jacksonville State	7:05 PM	Atlantic Sun
November 27	UNW Midweek	7:00 PM	Horizon League
December 3	SEMO	7:05 PM	Ohio Valley
December 13	Wright State	7:05 PM	Horizon League
December 17	Murray State	7:00 PM	Ohio Valley
December 21	Montana	7:05 PM	Big Sky
January 2	Charlotte	7:05 PM	Co-ference USA
February 21	ESPN Becket Buster	TBA	TBA

But if this year's schedule is any indication, plenty of hard work will be needed to line up a marquee game.

"We probably put in the most time this year that we put in any year we've been here, and it's a good problem to have," Painter said. "You've won a lot of games, you've won a lot of games

in a row at home, and it's tough to get people to play home games, let alone when you've racked up a streak like we have."

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NL League Leaders

HOME RUNS			
Player	Team	HR	
B. Bonds	SF	31	
J. Edmonds	STL	29	
A. Pujols	FLA	29	
M. Lowell	FLA	28	
R. Sexson	MIL	26	

BATTING AVERAGE			
Player	Team	AVG	
A. Pujols	STL	.370	
T. Helton	COL	.356	
J. Guillen	CIN	.339	
J. Vidro	MON	.332	
R. Hidalgo	HOU	.329	

RBI			
Player	Team	RBI	
P. Wilson	COL	93	
A. Pujols	STL	90	
T. Helton	COL	82	
M. Lowell	FLA	79	
C. Sheffield	ATL	74	

National League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	54	45	.545	-
St. Louis	51	47	.520	2.5
Chicago	49	48	.505	4
Pittsburgh	44	52	.458	8.5
Cincinnati	44	54	.449	9.5
Milwaukee	39	59	.398	14.5

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	65	32	.670	-
Philadelphia	55	42	.567	10
Florida	51	48	.515	15
Montreal	50	49	.505	16
New York	41	57	.418	24.5

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GS
San Francisco	61	37	.622	-
Arizona	54	44	.551	7
Los Angeles	51	46	.526	9.5
Colorado	50	51	.495	12.5
San Diego	37	63	.370	25

Standings as of press time



American League

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	54	43	.557	-
Minnesota	48	49	.495	6
Chicago	48	50	.490	6.5
Cleveland	41	57	.418	13.5
Detroit	26	71	.268	28

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	61	37	.622	-
Boston	58	40	.592	3
Toronto	52	48	.520	10
Baltimore	46	50	.479	14
Tampa Bay	35	62	.361	25.5

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	59	38	.608	-
Oakland	55	43	.561	4.5
Anaheim	49	48	.505	10
Texas	40	58	.408	19.5

AL League Leaders

HOME RUNS			
Player	Team	HR	
C. Delgado	TOR	28	
J. Giambi	NY	26	
V. Wells	TOR	25	
J. Gonzalez	TEX	24	
B. Boone	SEA	24	

BATTING AVERAGE			
Player	Team	AVG	
I. Suzuki	SEA	.346	
M. Mora	BAL	.343	
B. Mueller	BOS	.331	
N. Garciaparra	BOS	.325	
A. Young	TEX	.323	

RBI			
Player	Team	RBI	
C. Delgado	TOR	98	
V. Wells	TOR	87	
C. Anderson	ANA	84	
J. Giambi	NY	79	
B. Boone	SEA	76	

TRIVIA ANSWER: Cecil Fielder, who was known more for his power than his speed, had both of his stolen bases in 1996 with the Detroit Tigers.

Saluki spirit groups continue to work through offseason

Saluki cheerleaders, shakers staying in shape during the summer to be ready for football, basketball seasons

story by JENS DEJU

Early Saturday morning, Davies Gymnasium was filled with the sound of the SIU cheerleading squad practicing its jumps, stunts and routines.

More than a dozen people filled the side gym at Davies as newcomers and returnees alike took their turns on the various mats covering the floor.

Some practiced throws. Others worked on routines. And even others were busy working on their toe-touch back handspings.

This marks the third time this summer the cheerleading squad has gathered for a two-day practice session led by SIU spirit coordinator Nancy Esling. Following the completion of the two days of practice, the squad either returns home or stays in Carbondale and continues to train.

Brandi Yagow, a senior on the cheerleading squad, said due to the

condensed practices, it is vital that everybody arrives ready to go.

"You have two days to put everything in, and you are expected to be in your top shape," Yagow said. "If you don't take that home and personally do it on your own, then you come here and you slack off and there's no point in being here really."

Slacking off is generally not something the squad does as SIU's cheerleading and dance squads have been hard at work during their short offseason, training to stay in shape.

The football and basketball teams only have to be in top condition during their respective seasons. On the other hand, the SIU cheerleading and dance teams need to be ready to go from early August until April.

As a result, the spirit squads cannot afford to take too much time away from exercising.

Esling said she gave the teams a schedule for lifting and running for the summer that is supposed to help prepare them for when the fall rolls around.

But the lifting and running are not the only exercises being done by the spirit groups.

"I know there's a lot of biking and swimming going on, and whatever's going to keep their cardiovascular up is fine," Esling said. "I've got some students coming in to the SIU Arena to lift, but I know that some prefer to lift at the Recreation Center, which is fine during the summer just so long as they're staying fit, because it is way too hard to get back in shape."

"It's so much easier to stay in shape. They have to find that out the hard way sometimes, but most of them do a pretty good job."

Kris Smith, a sophomore on the cheerleading squad, admits not all of the team members do all of the work Esling plots out for them.

"We're supposed to lift and run every other day," Smith said. "I don't know if everybody does that. I do, not really, but I try to run everyday. You just have to lift, basically, because these girls aren't light anymore."

Smith said generally the running is not as important as the weightlifting because if one of the men on the squad can lift more than a girl weighs, the stunts will be that much easier.

Yagow, who said she actually works out everyday, agreed with Smith that the men need to be able to hold the girls up or else they put both people in danger.

"If one of our men aren't in shape

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ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman cheerleader Athena Stecman gets ready to be caught after a throw during Saturday's practice. The squad has been working out over this summer to be in top shape for the start of the football season.



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior SIU cheerleader Britney Hall and sophomore Kris Smith practice their routine for the SIU fight song along with the rest of the squad Saturday afternoon at Davies Gymnasium. The squad was in town for a two-day summer practice session this weekend.

SIU rents Sports Blast to use for practices in bad weather

Pete Spitzer
 Daily Egyptian

Mother Nature is going to be upset.

For years she has forced the cancellation of games and practices due to her inclement weather. But starting Aug. 1, when SIU starts renting the indoor recreation facility Sports Blast, formerly known as the Sports Center, she can't cancel practices anymore.

Located just south of University Mall, the 29-year-old complex was bought by Somerset Inc. in April and re-named Sports Blast. The facility is currently undergoing a \$400,000 renovation that includes the complex's access road and parking lot.

The lease agreement, which expires in 2008, guarantees SIU athletes certain times of the day when only they can use certain areas of the facility.

"The fact that we're going to have access to a facility in the afternoon means it will be more conducive to practices," SIU head baseball coach Dan Callahan said.

Previously, SIU's teams had to use the Recreation Center if the weather turned nasty. That prompted a situation that was not easily handled by team officials and players alike.

SIU athletes had to get up prior to 6 a.m. if they wanted to get their workouts in before the building became busy with other patrons. Practicing baseball in January meant braving the frigid elements in outdoor open-air batting cages.

"When we had full access to the Rec, it wasn't conducive to a full day of practice," Callahan said. "If there's a day when it's really cold or we get a lot of snow, there was no place to go. I'm excited that we have an alternative."

Even with the option to use Sports Blast, there is no alternative to being able to practice in a team's own facility.

"In baseball, I don't think there's a substitute to playing outside and playing on your own field," Callahan said.

Sports Blast is divided into two sides, with one side containing three tennis courts that SIU can use for Missouri Valley Conference matches if necessary. A soccer field surrounded by boards and Plexiglas and covered by artificial turf is ideal for football practice.

SIU baseball and softball can also use the field for infield practice.

"I think it's a benefit, and the longer we're in there, the more the coaches are going to find reasons to use the facility," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said.

Financial difficulties with an athletic program like SIU's, which is facing a \$500,000 debt, make it riskier to get involved in a long-term lease.

"It is a risk, but if you don't take risks, you don't move forward," Kowalczyk said. "We need to keep the momentum going."

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Salukis face Charlotte, Wyoming in non-conference season

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After months of haggling with potential opponents, SIU men's basketball head coach Matt Painter released his team's non-conference schedule Monday. The slate is highlighted by a game at Wyoming and a home game versus Charlotte.

The Salukis open with two of their first three games on the road and play five of their non-conference games against teams they didn't play last year, not counting the Bracket Buster game in February against an opponent yet to be determined.

SIU begins its season against Mountain West Conference opponent Wyoming. The Salukis will travel to Laramie, Wyo., Nov. 22, the first of a three-year deal that will bring the Cowboys to campus in February against an opponent yet to be determined.

Wyoming finished 21-11 last season and 12-3 at home in front of more than 10,000 fans per game at a court that sits at an elevation of 7,220 feet. Like the Salukis, Wyoming also loses its top two scorers from last season.

The apparent early difficulty for a young team and a first-year head coach isn't much of a choice for Painter, though.

"Obviously, you'd rather have a home game starting, but it's tough," Painter said. "The one thing that people have to realize is when you have a 28-game home winning streak, it is tough to get people to come to your place and play."

A game with Jacksonville State on

Thanksgiving eve will be SIU's home opener and is a one-game deal with the Gamecocks. The Salukis then play at NCAA tournament participant Wisconsin-Milwaukee in a return game following the Panthers' visit to Carbondale in February for the Bracket Buster game.

A home game with Montana, the start of a home-and-home series, and a home game against Charlotte Jan. 2 following SIU's visit to the 49ers den last season highlight SIU's home slate. The 49ers defeated SIU last season and return all but one player who contributed significant minutes.

SIU will also play at Wright State in Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 15, the second Horizon League team the Salukis will play. The Raiders, who have never faced SIU, went 10-18 last season.

The schedule also includes three Ohio Valley Conference teams, traditional foes Southeast Missouri State and Murray State, in addition to incoming conference member Jacksonville State, a team that won 20 games last season while competing in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Salukis have won eight of their last nine contests against OVC teams.

Painter said he's expecting his experienced players to assume new roles this season to make up for the departure of leading scorers Kent Williams and Jermajae Dearman.

"We have three seniors that have been very good players for us, but they have not played in primary roles, and so hopefully those guys can step their games up to that level, and I think

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