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# SIUC faculty union pickets campus

## ANNIVERSARY

- Nov. 14, 1996 SIUC faculty votes to unionize.
- March, 1997 Faculty contract negotiations begin.
- June, 1997 Union presents first contract proposal.
- September, 1997 Faculty rejects administration's interim agreement.
- October, 1997 Faculty union files unfair labor practice complaint over exclusion from chancellor search.
- Dec. 17, 1997 Administration produces contract counterproposal.
- January, 1998 Administration, union announce settlement of unfair labor practice complaint.
- March 4, 1998 Union members authorize leaders to seek mediation, arbitration, and file intent to strike notice.
- March 23, 1998 Union pickets Anthony Hall to mark end of a year of negotiation with no settlement.



## CONTRACT NOW:

(Left) Joseph Graziano, technical and resource management assistant professor and faculty union member, leads a crowd of about 50 picketers chanting protests in an effort to hasten contract negotiations. (Below) Faculty union members picket outside Anthony Hall late Monday morning. PHOTOS BY DOUG LARSON/Daily Egyptian

## Faculty association: Stop stalling and start bargaining

**FED UP:** After full year of negotiations, union members want a contract agreement.

BRIAN EBERS  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Joseph Graziano led 50 faculty union members across the Anthony Hall lawn Monday to forewarn administrators that they should stop stonewalling and start bargaining.

Representatives of the faculty union picketed as a direct response to sputtering contract negotiations with SIUC administrators.

Generally, more than 50 union members were in sight, but organizers say more than 100 faculty participated in the picketing.

Graziano, a faculty union member, and other representatives of the faculty union had a message to tell SIU President Ted Sanders and the administration. Namely, that the faculty union is growing weary of drawn-out negotiations.

Faculty union leaders have repeatedly stated beginning in January that they wanted a contract by March 1.

Continuing negotiations between the faculty and administrators began one year ago and have amplified faculty union concerns toward the slow pace of negotiations.

The demonstration began in the late morning when faculty union representatives

gathered in front of Anthony Hall, where key administrative offices are located.

Jim Sullivan, faculty union president, marched and held conversations with peers and student passers-by. Sullivan said he will meet with negotiators to discuss the seriousness of the faculty union's resolve, and that the association wants a contract by May 1. Sullivan said after the protest that he was

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## Administration: Picket line is simply recruiting tactic

**FALSE CRISES:** Administrators say picket lines have no effect on negotiations but tarnish SIUC.

WILLIAM HATFIELD  
DE MANAGING EDITOR

Significant progress is being made at the bargaining table, and events such as Monday's picketing by the faculty union outside Anthony Hall create a false sense of cri-

sis at the University, Margaret Winters, spokeswoman for the administration, says.

Although Monday's picketing was well within the faculty union's legal rights, Winters said such actions hurt the University's image and are damaging to faculty and student recruitment efforts.

"It creates the impression of a volatile situation," said Winters, associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

About 100 faculty union members protested the pace of negotiations during the two-hour period.

Winters said progress is being made at the table, and creating a crisis-like atmosphere promotes faculty union membership growth. This gives the faculty more bargaining power.

A confidential March 20 collective bargaining bulletin to deans, directors, and chairs elaborates Winters' contention.

"It is not uncommon for unions conducting initial bargaining to also engage in membership building activities," the bulletin states. "Creating and sustaining a false sense of crisis appears to be an important strategy in that regard."

Winters said the picketing and chants of "contract now" will not likely influence members of either negotiating team.

"There's a lack of connection between



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# Police Blotter

## UNIVERSITY

• Aquan L. Eford, 18, of Carbondale was arrested at 12:06 a.m. Saturday on East Main and South Washington streets for disobeying a traffic control signal. A passenger, Michael C. Brent II, 21, of Carbondale was also arrested for possession of more than 2.5 and less than 10 grams of cannabis. Eford and Brent posted a cash bond and were released pending future court dates.

• Devin O'Neal, 20, of Carbondale was arrested at 5:02 p.m. Saturday at Warren Hall on an outstanding Jackson County Warrant for failure to appear in court on a previous charge of public urination. O'Neal was taken to Jackson County Jail where he posted \$250 and was released.

## Almanac

### ON THIS DATE IN 1981:

• A broom built by SIUC students was accepted by Ripley's Believe It or Not as the world's largest broom. It was built by members of the Undergraduate Student Organization and students of the Comprehensive Planning and Design Department to promote "Carbondale Clean-up Day '81," an effort by students and city workers to rid Carbondale's streets of litter. The broom was 32 feet wide and the handle was 40 feet long.

## Corrections

The headline accompanying the Daily Egyptian's Monday story regarding the faculty changes at SIU's Nakajo, Japan, campus should have stated the dismissed faculty members did not have their yearly contracts renewed.

It should have also been stated in the secondary headline that those dismissed were term faculty.

The DE regrets the error.

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

# Saluki Calendar

## TODAY

• USG petitions for candidacy for 1998 elections are available now and due by March 27 at 4 p.m. Call USG at 453-3381.

• Library Affairs "ILLINET Online" seminar, March 24, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• Southern Baptist Student Ministries free luncheon for international students, Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 825 W. Mill St. Call Judy at 457-2898.

• Library Affairs "InfoTrac and InfoTrac Search Bank" seminar, March 24, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Call the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• Block Affairs Council needs tutors for grade school children, all disciplines welcome, Monday through Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m., Eurma C. Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow St. Contact Deloris at 549-0341.

• Environmental Studies Program meeting with speaker Daniel Bromley, chair and professor of agriculture and applied economics, University of Wisconsin at Madison, March 24, 3:30 p.m., University Museum Auditorium. Contact Ingrid at 453-4143.

• Math Club meeting with speaker Professor James Musumeci on "Real Options in Finance," March 24, 5 p.m., Neckers 356. Contact Andrea at 549-5168.

• Pre-Law Association meeting, Tuesdays, 6 p.m., Student Center Inquiries Room. Contact Todd at 529-5575.

• Saluki Advertising Agency general meeting, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Communications 1214. Contact Chaya at 351-1546.

• USG Finance Committee RSO focus group on funding issues, March 24, 7 p.m., Student Center Activity Room D. Contact Joyce at 536-3381.

• Outdoor Adventure Program pre-trip meeting for women's climbing weekend, March 24, 7 p.m., Rec Adventure Resource Center. Contact Geoff at 453-1285.

• Ananda Marga Yoga Sports Club meeting, beginners' yoga postures, meditation and relaxation techniques, Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Rec Center Assembly Room. Call Adam at 549-0087.

• Fencing Club meeting, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 to 10 p.m., Rec Center Aerobics Area. Call Conan at 549-1709.

## UPCOMING

• SIUC and IDOT Free Experienced Rider Courses for those with at least one year or 1,000 miles experience for the purpose of increasing skill levels and may be used for a discount on motorcycle insurance, must be an Illinois resident, 16 years of age, and properly licensed, April 11, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., SIUC campus. Contact Skip at 800-642-9589.

• Saluki Volunteer Corps needs volunteers to assist with Swim & Gym, April 2-3, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Contact Sara at 549-4222.

• Library Affairs "Introduction to WWW Using Netscape" seminar, March 25, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• Christian Apologetics Club "Communicating the Truths of Christianity with Confidence," Wednesdays, noon, Student Center Thebes Room. Contact Wayne at 529-4043.

• Library Affairs "Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)" seminar, March 25, 2 to 4 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• Museum Student Group meeting, all majors welcome, March 25, 4 p.m., Foner 2469. Contact Adrienne at 453-5388.

• Student Orientation Committee meeting, new members welcome, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A. Call Jen at 457-4339.

• College Republicans meeting, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Student Center Thebes Room. Contact Erik at 549-9771.

• International Programs and Career Services "Living and Working in Singapore," March 25, 5 to 7 p.m., Lawson 151. Contact Carla at 453-5774.

### Southern Illinois forecast

**TODAY:**  
Mostly cloudy.  
High: 55  
Low: 35

**WEDNESDAY:**  
Cloudy, windy.  
High: 65  
Low: 43

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University Home Programs

# Western Michigan beckons Beggs

**RELOCATION?** Outgoing SIUC chancellor pursues top position at WMU's campus.

**HAROLD G. DOWNS**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Refusing to bow to retirement, outgoing SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs has re-entered the job market to pursue the presidency at Western Michigan University, where he is one of five candidates under consideration.

The post opened after the current president announced his retirement after 13 years at the helm. A new president will take office July 31.

Western Michigan University is located in Kalamazoo, Mich., a town of approximately 80,000, and is a Carnegie I research institution, a notch above SIUC's Carnegie II research status. Enrollment is higher than SIUC — slightly more than 26,000.

The five finalists were chosen from a pool of 60 candidates by a search committee composed of trustees and representatives from administrators, faculty, students, alumni and the public.

The four other candidates are:

- Blaine Brownell, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at the University of North Texas;
- Elson Floyd, executive vice chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
- Jay Noren, professor of health management and former vice chancellor for Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin at Madison; and
- Elisabeth Zinser, chancellor of the University of Kentucky at Lexington.

A decision is expected to be announced at Western Michigan's Board of Trustees meeting April 24.

Beggs said he applied for the position as an alternative to retirement.

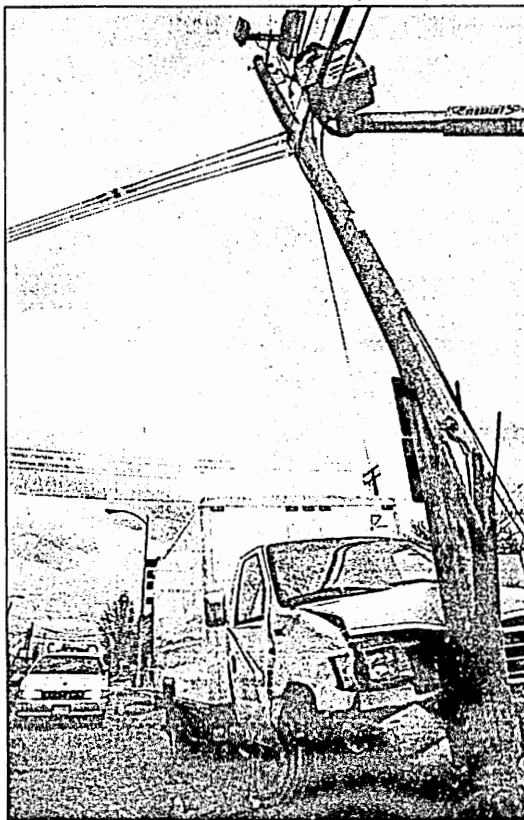
"Retirement is still very much an option for me," Beggs said. "But after discussions over the past year, my wife and I have concluded that we enjoy this work and if there is a place we can do the things we have at SIUC it would be good for us."

Despite the tension between administration and faculty currently festering at SIUC, Beggs said a unionized Western Michigan faculty would not be a point of contention.

"The difference is they have a contract we can work with," Beggs said. "Here, we are still working to get the first contract. That's the difference."

If Beggs is chosen for the post, he can expect significant media exposure because the Kalamazoo media market is relatively large, says WMU Spokesman Mike

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**CRASH INTO ME:** Ameren/CIPS employees work Sunday evening stabilizing an electric pole that was nearly split in two by a delivery truck when it went off the road near Illinois Avenue and Oak Street.

DOUG LARSON/DAILY EGYPTIAN

## Cafe use skyrockets to new highs

**J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Melissa Brown finds herself going to the new grill more than before because of the variety of food and the better location.

Brown, a junior in business management from Smithton who is a resident of Mae Smith Hall, said her work schedule changed since last semester, and it is more convenient for her to go to the new grill in Grinnell Hall. "A bigger selection of food and the fact that it is closer than Trueblood makes it more convenient for me when I eat later at night," she said.

Brown said the only problem with the new grill is that there are no hot sandwiches

that are low in fat.

"They need to have low-fat hot sandwiches like chicken sandwiches," Brown said. "If you want healthy food now, you have to have a salad."

Brown said she goes to the grill twice a week for her dinner whereas before she never went to Trueblood, the former location of the grill.

"In the way Trueblood currently is, they don't like to change the menu," she said. "They seem to serve the same things over and over."

"Before you had an option of going to Trueblood or Grinnell for traditional entrees, but ever since the consolidation you only have a choice of fast food or the entrees."

Residence Hall Dining

made these changes at the beginning of the semester to accommodate space restraints and to add more of a variety of food.

Bill Connors, head chef for Residence Hall Dining, said the new area where fast food is being served (Grinnell Hall) has seen an increase in patrons over previous semesters when "the Grill" was in Trueblood.

"We are up over 50,000 swipes year-to-date," Connors said. "We are experiencing over 2,000 swipes per night. That is a huge increase and we're really happy with that."

Grinnell Hall grill is now serving hamburgers, fries, salads, onion rings, chicken

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## Newest club working on agreement with city

**REVERSAL:** Business looks for way to change city's denial of B2 liquor license.

**SARA BEAN**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Owners of what could be Carbondale's newest club say they are working to reach an agreement with the city over concerns of safety and parking.

At the March 17 meeting of the Carbondale City Council, the Liquor Control Commission denied a transfer of a Class B2 liquor license to the new owners of the building that formerly housed Smil in Jacks, 760 E. Grand Ave.

The Commission, comprised of the members of the city council, said they felt the parking at the Lewis Park Mall is no longer adequate for the area. The decision was based on a history of parking problems in the area.

Thad Moore, co-owner of the new business, said his team is in negotiations with the city to reach an agreement on parking.

City Councilman John Budzick said he was unaware of any such negotiations but said the commission's decision was more than just a parking issue. Budzick said there was concern by the commission over the ability of ambulances and police to reach the area if there is an emergency.

"Above the parking issue we must consider the safety of the public," Budzick said. "We must look at the safety factors."

Despite the March 17 decision, Moore said ideas for the new club are being generated and construction on the building will continue. At this point, Moore and co-owner Joe Mitran plan to open an upscale nightclub and sports bar.

Though the two are still undecided on a name for the nightclub, the sports bar will be called "Coach's Sports Bar."

The sports bar will feature several televisions and will be adorned with sports memorabilia that Moore said he and Mitran have been collecting for several months.

"Chasers" and "Club Viva" have been considered for names of the nightclub, but nothing is concrete.

"We are just waiting for the right one to come up," Moore said.

## World

### JERUSALEM

**Netanyahu blasts American plan in peace efforts**

Saying that "the view from the Potomac is not the same as the view from the Jordan" River, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Monday bluntly rejected prospects of an American plan to revive the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Stepping up his government's efforts to stop the United States from even offering its proposal, Netanyahu abandoned careful diplomatic language and lashed out against any attempts to push Israel into turning over a greater portion of the West Bank to Palestinians.

"Israel, and Israel alone, will be the one that determines its security needs and the extent of withdrawal," Netanyahu said after emerging from a parliamentary committee hearing on the matter. "I think it would be wise to remember and I think many people in Washington remember that ultimately the decisions about the security of Israel must be made by Israel, because we have to live with the consequences."

The fierce reaction by the Netanyahu government against even offering the plan is said to have taken the Americans by surprise.

### SWITZERLAND

**Pharmaceutical that fights cholesterol found in water**

Scientists in Switzerland have discovered something in local water sources that fights cholesterol, but they're not happy about it.

While screening a Swiss lake for pesticides, chemists Hans-Rudolf Buser and Markus Mueller found traces of clofibrate, a widely used prescription cholesterol-lowering drug. The pair subsequently found the drug in other lakes and streams, especially near cities. Since clofibrate acid isn't made in Switzerland, they concluded the drug was being "recycled" — passed through human waste into water supplies.

The finding, described in the March 21 issue of Science News, is the latest in a series of reports about pharmaceuticals in European waterways. Other recent studies in Switzerland and Germany turned up small amounts of antibiotics, chemotherapy drugs and even common painkillers such as ibuprofen.

### LONDON

**Riots underline strains after arrival of immigrants**

Although there have been black people in Britain since North African troops of the Roman army guarded Hadrian's Wall, large-scale minority communities did not spring up until after the U.S. Empire Windrush delivered 500 passengers from Jamaica in 1948.

"People didn't want us coming here, but in the end everything reasonable was done," recalls Sam King, whose family sold three cows to buy his Windrush ticket. "People said we wouldn't last more than one winter, but we stayed. I didn't go back to Jamaica for 25 years."

Early immigrants were economically welcome because of labor shortages, but race riots in Notting Hill in the 1950s undermined racial strains that their arrival had triggered. The 1960s and '70s saw major black unemployment, and with poverty and disaffection came repeated clashes between blacks and police and great racial tensions.

"In the 1970s, if I had to go anywhere I'd walk briskly with both hands in my pockets," says Herman Ouseley, chairman of the government's Commission for Racial Equality. "If you were young and black and standing on the street, you could be arbitrarily arrested. Even now, black men are still stopped disproportionately."

— from Daily Egyptian news services



Our Word

Recent events combat notion of apathy

Multi-Color Day and Alpha Phi Alpha's restoration of the Attucks Academic Tutorial Challenge Program home show that not all students on SIUC's campus are apathetic and lazy. Their actions are testament to the power of student involvement in the betterment of this University.

Maintaining and preventing declining enrollment in a university is always an important issue in the minds of administrators. Without students there is no university, and with students comes also money for the improvement of the university. So in a time when issues involving enrollment at SIUC is an issue of debate, it is good to see programs such as the Multi-Color Day attack the issue in a sensible, affordable and fun way.

Multi-Color Day allows minority students an opportunity to see the University first-hand. It allows them to register for classes and meet instructors, but most importantly it allows them to meet fellow students that perhaps could develop into lasting friendships.

Events like Multi-Color Day could be SIUC's enrollment oasis. Enlisting the help of fellow SIUC students make it all the more appealing for prospective students. The eagerness that participating students displayed concerning both Multi-Color Day and the Attucks project shows that there is more to SIUC than a lingering party

image. The Attucks Project Restoration that occurred over the weekend showed the influence of SIUC outside of campus. It also put the idea of the community, the working together of both University and the Carbondale community, on display.

The Attucks Project is a program that helps local children with homework as well as provide guidance in after-school matters until parents come home from work. The members of Alpha Phi Alpha did not have to spend their Saturday afternoon helping restore the house that holds the program, but they did it anyhow as a way to give back to the community they will eventually journey into.

The actions of both Alpha Phi Alpha as well as the organizers and participants of Multi-Color Day should be emulated and recreated time and again on and off campus. With all the debate between faculty and administration concerning the future of SIUC, and the perception that SIUC students are lazy and apathetic, it is reassuring to see such positive action in the community.

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

Placement tests not just for mathematics

As a non-traditional student, the return to a university campus after an extensive absence has been an exhilarating as well as daunting experience. Exhilarating from the perspective that each day I walk from building to building and class to class, I experience deep inner feelings of contentment, excitement and expectation.

The emotions I feel are the result of making the decision to come back to school and finish my bachelor's degree. This decision was achieved after many years of thought and deliberation. Sacrifices had to be made in order for this dream to become a reality. The experience has made me aware that various degrees of rejection, isolation and loneliness accompany this transition, both on the homefront as well as the university campus.

One of the numerous challenges I expected to encounter coming back to school was learning to use the personal computer. To most of the young men and women this is no big deal and is certainly not seen as a challenge.

On the other hand, as seen through the eyes of a non-traditional student, let us remember computers did not exist as we know them today when we (non-traditional students) graduated from high schools and colleges in the '60s, '70s and '80s. It has been the last eight years or so that computer technology has begun to be established within offices at work, in schools and in our homes.

What I did not expect to find were the continuous dead ends encountered when searching for a tutor to help me through the introductory computer class I was enrolled in through the College of Agriculture. When an individual is computer illiterate, the seemingly unpretentious word 'introductory' quickly becomes synonymous with those on the level of 'advanced calculus.' I can laugh now at this analogy; however, I was not laughing at the time. I was desperately seeking help on this campus and not finding it.

I have spoken to numerous campus administrators concerning my plight. Each individual I spoke with expressed a genuine interest in what I had to say and was concerned with finding a solution so others did not go through what I did. Unfortunately, the solution is not simple or quick.

My suggestion was to create an assessment process to use as a 'tool' in order to more accurately assess an individual's computer literacy, and place them in an appropriate skill-level course when enrolling at this campus and taking computer classes for the first time. College campuses have utilized English and math placement tests for more than 20 years to place students in appropriate skill-level courses with enormous success — why not initiate a computer placement test as well?

After all, computer technology has become a permanent fixture in society. College professors expect and assume students have basic computer proficiencies in order to compete effectively in their classes. It would be advantageous for the University to champion this initiative.

Apparently, therein lies the problem. Currently, inefficiencies and duplication of services exist. Unless there is a type of 'centralized control management' for computer courses offered at this University and utilized by all the individual colleges that currently exist, this concept cannot be created or managed to its greatest advantage.

A possible solution would be to follow the example of several other Illinois universities, which includes as a general education requirement a computer literacy course overseen by the Computer Science Department. Without communication and unification among the colleges, computer placement tests will not be designed, implemented or utilized at this University.

In summation, non-traditional as well as traditional students that are lacking computer skills and are placed in core-curriculum computer classes will continue to struggle independently or drop out. In recent years, the non-traditional student population on this campus has hovered around 35 to 40 percent of the total enrollment.

This is a significant number of the student population that could ultimately utilize a computer assessment program. I do hope the wheel of education continues to turn, albeit slowly, toward the realization of this goal through communication and unification amongst the administrators and staff within the individual colleges at SIUC.



Patricia Hodel-Nichols

Guest Column

Patricia is a junior in plant, soil and general agriculture. Guest Column appears on Tuesdays. Patricia's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

Media and politicians need restraint



Paul Simon

Guest Column

Paul is director of the SIUC Public Policy Institute. Guest Column appears on Tuesdays. Paul's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

Editorials properly call on public officials to be responsible and not simply to pander to whatever public opinion may be. Leadership and pandering are not synonymous, these editorials say with accuracy. Public officials often respond, "We're giving the public what it wants."

The same lesson applies to the media. In the national soap opera that is now taking place involving the White House, too often rumors are made into headlines and major television or radio stories, and a charge made by someone that is legitimate news, that ought to be on page six and maybe ignored in the nightly reporting receives much greater attention than international news of genuine significance.

When media leaders are asked about this, they respond, "We're giving the public what it wants."

There is an unspoken preamble to the sentence by both public officials and media leaders to that sentence. What both sides are saying is, "We knew it's irresponsible, but we're giving the public what it wants."

This is not a new phenomenon in either field. The O.J. Simpson trials probably

received 1,000 times as much media attention as the fall of the Berlin Wall. Which is more significant in our lives is clear. The media should do more than cater to our whims.

I was pleased to note that U.S. News and World Report has been devoting about one-third as much attention to the President's personal difficulties as Time and Newsweek. And my guess is that in the long run that will become a plug for U.S. News, even though it may not build circulation now.

But the temptation to use temporary public support as a defense is not isolated to the media. When supporters refer to the President's current popularity in the polls, it should be noted that such polls also showed Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge popular during their presidencies, and Harry Truman unpopular. Today almost all historians are in agreement that Truman was one of the better presidents and Harding and Coolidge were among our weakest presidents.

Public officials and the media should forget the polls and simply try to do a responsible job.

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# Accomplished organist to grace Shryock

**ORGAN: SEMO**  
professor attributes influences to parents' musical interests.

**LANDON WILLIAMS**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Standing in the midst of towering organ pipes at his local university concert hall, a young Gary Miller had no idea that the huge instrument would take him around the world.

"This really big wonderful pipe organ inspired me to go into pipe organs," said Miller, who will present a program of organ music from four centuries in a recital at 8 p.m. tonight in Shryock Auditorium.

A professor of music at Southeast Missouri State University, Miller's love for music and fascination with the pipe organ were his emotional companions in Vietnam and ticket to perform in Germany.

Miller grew up in a college town where his mother and father — both music lovers — made it a point to take him to musical events.

"My parents were interested in music. We always had all sorts of music in the house, from Jazz to classical, gospel to big band," Miller said.

Miller started learning the piano when he was five years old. In fourth-grade he played the cello and switched to the oboe in eighth-grade. Miller said the organ didn't come along until he was a sophomore in high school because "you have to have physical size to play the organ."

Early influences were topped off when the university near Miller's home purchased a pipe organ in the '60s.

Miller received his earliest organ training at the University of Northern Iowa where he obtained his bachelor's degree in Organ Performance.

After graduation, Miller was drafted into the Navy where he

served from 1969 to 1973. On this tour of duty, he played a lot of combo jazz, some big band and rock at night and bass in the military band during the day.

After his stint in the military, Miller returned to Michigan. He applied to do some work in Germany as an exchange scholar and received a prestigious musical grant from the German government.

Miller later moved to Colone, Germany, where he worked on preparing some music while taking courses in the history of the pipe organ.

"I also made it a point to visit as many significant installations of old historic instruments as I could," he said. "The best part of my stay in Germany was getting to see instruments from the 1700s, eating German food and making a lot of international friends."

"It was so good, I applied and stayed a second year."

Now Miller teaches primarily underclassmen at Southeast Missouri State University.

According to his student evaluations, he is known as being hard yet fair.

"I love my job and my students very much," he said. "My goal is to make my class as interesting as I can."

Miller's most memorable performance was in 1990 when he represented SEMO in Holland.

"I played on a very wonderful pipe organ which dated back to 1663. The church itself was built in the 1200s," he said.

Although Miller has played in many different places for many years, he admits he still gets nervous in front of audiences.

"Anybody who is concerned about communicating effectively gets a little nervous," he said. "But usually when you play the first couple of notes, you get into the swing of things, and you know that it's going to be a great performance. And you know that you would not rather be doing anything else."

Miller said it is always fun to think that he is communicating

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effectively and to know that what he is doing is effecting a lot of different people in a lot of ways.

"Different people are listening to different things. I think that is an exciting notion to start off with," Miller said.

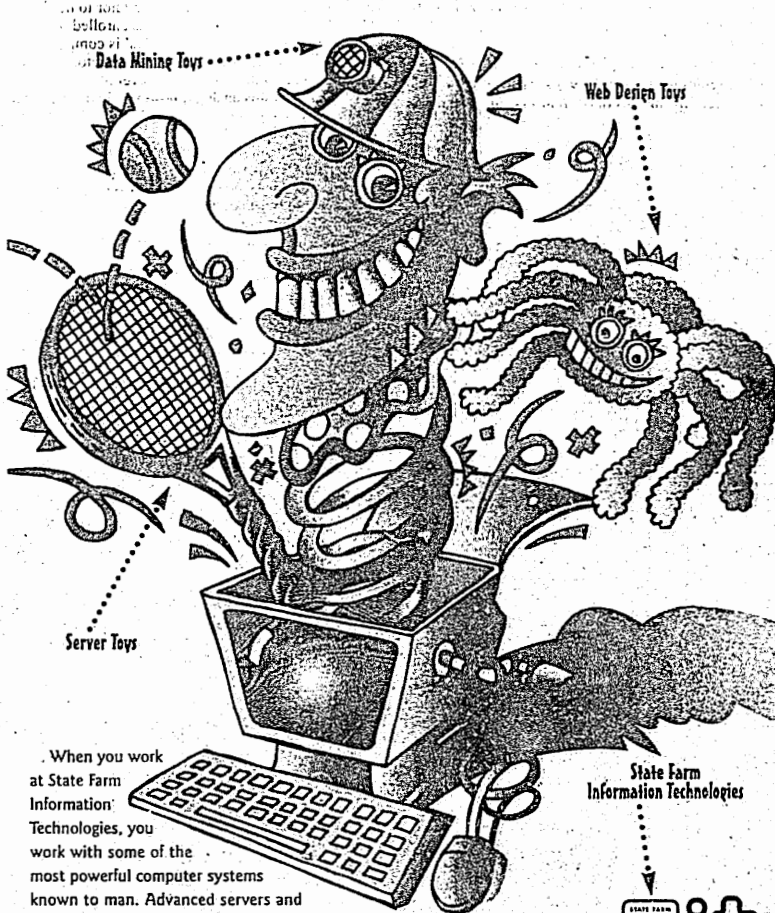
Miller's recital features the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Matthias Meckmann, Jean-Adam Guilain, Cesar Franck, Louis Verne and Jean Langlais.

Miller also never likes to feel that he is playing a piece of music that he does not have a handle on. And he said that there will never be an instance where he is playing pieces that he does not like.

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strips and a variety of chocolate snacks. Last semester, Grinnell served the traditional entrees that are now being served at Trueblood. Connors said despite the sudden surge to late-night fast food at Grinnell, the business has not slowed down at Trueblood. "We're really happy with the way things are going. They haven't stopped going to Trueblood." Connors said the number of students that are showing up at Grinnell range between 1,300 and 1,700 nightly. "It's definitely the wide variety of products," Connors said. "We're able to offer a lot more options. We have three to four times the variety of what we had." Residence Hall Dining also added a coffee house in the basement of Trueblood and a Pizza Place in the basement of Grinnell

that has students either using cash or a 55¢ declining balance that students sign up for at the beginning of the semester. Those two additions have not met their expectations. "It is a bit on the slow side," Connors said. "The coffee shop is holding steady and the Pizza Place is something that we're still looking into." Connors assures that only hours were cut back from the Pizza Place's original plans. "Nobody lost their job in this transition. We cut back hours in the Pizza Place because of lack of business." Connors said Residence Hall Dining will fight the battle for the rest of the semester to help boost student interest in the Pizza Place. "They have offered a \$4 coupon for a cheese pizza on the weekends and will see if that helps the business," he said. The Pizza Place is offering delivery to eastside campus residents in their effort to improve interest. Erman Basim, a junior in

mechanical engineering from Turkey, said in order for the Pizza Place to be more successful, Residence Hall Dining must take a look at cost and quality. "If they decreased their prices and kept the same pizza or increased their prices and got a better quality pizza then I may go there more often," Basim said. "Other than that I think they do a great job." Brown said that they are more comfortable ordering from a pizza place in which she is familiar with. "If I used my declining balance, I would rather spend it on [fast food in the Student Center]," Brown said. "People feel more comfortable ordering from [local pizza places] than to try something they know little about, and those places deliver too." Connors said despite the little troubles they are having with the specialty places, Residence Hall Dining is satisfied with the move. "We're really happy with the way students are pleased with the changes."

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Matthews. "It is part of the Kalamazoo/Grand Rapids/Battle Creek television market of 1.2 million people," Matthews said. "It is an area of dominant influence in broadcasting terms." The announcement of Beggs' candidacy comes one week after Jo Ann Argersinger, provost for University of Maryland Baltimore

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 DONALD BEGGS  
 SIUC CHANCELLOR  
 County, was named SIUC's next chancellor, effective July 1, at the March Board of Trustees meeting.

Beggs said he will not leave SIUC with any bad feelings. "This is my alma mater," Beggs said. "I will leave here with extremely positive feelings about the institution." Beggs received both his bachelor's and master's degrees from SIUC and has served in a professional capacity at the University for 32 years. Before replacing John Guyon as interim chancellor in 1996, he was dean of the College of Education for 15 years.

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disappointed that no administrators came outside to speak with him or address the picketing faculty.

"It would have been nice to see someone come out and say hello," Sullivan said.

Throughout the two-hour picket, the demonstrators moved in a sweeping circular pattern to the cadences of Graziano, who cried

out "What do you want?" to which the faculty shouted, "Contract now!"

"It is not just a matter of more money," Graziano, a technical and resource management assistant professor, said. "It's a matter of treating faculty fairly, a matter of the administration spending their money equitably."

A document prepared by the SIUC Faculty Association stated that of 37 peer institutions classified as Carnegie II universities across the country, SIUC ranked 36th in faculty salaries.

Alice Hees, assistant professor in health care professions, disseminated information to students who passed in front of Anthony Hall.

"I've worked with SIUC since 1974, and I work because I love to teach," Hees said. "But being aware that we have not been respected for our needs to be paid appropriately for our work, I've joined the union."

Hees' message to the administration was a sobering reminder that continued negotiating strains could result in a strike, however remote the possibility.

The administration has hired an outside law firm from Chicago to handle contract negotiations. Similar situations have existed at other institutions regarding first-time contract negotiations, however, the faculty-administrative relations usually go smoother, said Hazel Loucks, higher education director of the Illinois Education Association.

Loucks participated in the demonstration and is disappointed with the antics of SIUC administrators and their use of an outside

to care about teaching or research or whether the students are getting something out of this University."

Still chanting "We want a contract now," the group marched to the south entrance of Anthony Hall and chanted loudly outside the building.

John Cotter, assistant professor in aviation technologies, participated by handing out fliers to students who, he said, were not aware of what was going on.

"[The situation] is going to get serious if the administration doesn't start negotiating seriously," Cotter said. "What they are doing now is stalling."

Angered by lofty administrative salaries, Cotter said the chancellor's salary, which is five times more than his own, is unfounded.

"Faculty salaries are abysmal," Cotter said. "Even for the area."

About 5 students involved with the opposition to an increased athletic fee walked with demonstrators.

Rob Taylor, senior in philosophy from Rockford and president of Students Organized Against the Athletic Fee, wants shared governance for the faculty and said the students support the faculty.

Graziano led the group nearly until they disbanded at noon. The faculty went their own directions. Some went to teach while others walked in groups headed away from Anthony Hall.

"I think we are too top-heavy at this University," he said. "There are too many administrators and a small portion is getting too much money."

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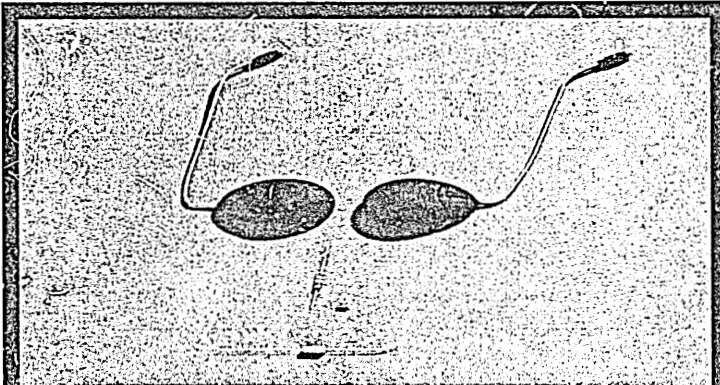
"[The faculty] are going to stay here. It's their life, and in their best interest to negotiate," Loucks said.

"The administration has a Chicago law firm in here that does not care about the area. All they care about is making money, extending contract negotiations and I think it is sad."

Ted Weeks, associate professor in history, rallied around Anthony Hall to tell the administration that it is time to start taking the faculty association seriously.

"The administration needs to get with it," Weeks said. "They are already a month late. I'm giving the administration an F grade at this time."

"I do not think that our ambition should be to be the worst university in our category," Weeks said. "The administration doesn't seem



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what you're seeing outside and the hard and serious work done at the table," she said of the picketers shouting outside her Anthony Hall office. "People who are not at the table don't understand what it's like at the table."

"In some ways what's going on helps to undermine their efforts as well as ours. It's discouraging seeing some association members undermine what they're people are doing."

Contrary to faculty claims that the administration is dragging its feet, Winters said both sides have spent more than 170 hours in negotiations.

"In teaching they say you need two hours to prepare for every hour in the classroom, the same is true with negotiating."

"We have had 29 negotiating sessions, but at the beginning we met much less frequently," she said. "We also have had to negotiate ground rules and the interim contract, which failed."

Winters said both negotiating teams have met 13 times since January when faculty set a March deadline.

Winters said cries by faculty to meet more for longer hours in

negotiations would not necessarily be fruitful.

"We are meeting a reasonable number of times for a reasonable amount of hours and making progress," she said. "Meeting for longer hours is not always productive because the fatigue factor sets in."

"We are meeting as often as we can."

At the picket, many faculty members passed out literature — some stating that SIUC salaries are abysmal. Union members have previously said that the money is available for increasing faculty salaries.

The March bulletin, however, states that many accounts cited by the union cannot be spent on salaries by law.

"The University has presented written information to the union on this matter," the bulletin states. "It has also offered to have the budget director meet with union negotiators and review any or all accounts. So far such offers have been rejected."

Also at the protest, union members passed out fliers stating "Help us avoid a strike." The fliers list the phone numbers of all SIUC Board of Trustees members and call on recipients to phone SIUC President Ted Sanders or members of the board and ask why a contract has

not been agreed upon.

Winters said calling those administrators may violate the ground rules agreed on by the faculty and administration. She said Sanders and members of the board will refer callers to their negotiating team.

Although the cries of picketers could be heard inside the building, administrators said business continued as usual.

"It is their right," SIUC Chancellor Donald Beggs said. "I know from my perspective I think our team is working hard with the association's team to get a contract."

"I personally think progress is being made."

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost John Jackson agreed.

He said some concerned students contacted his office and questioned if they would have class Monday.

"We have had questions from students, and this is generally not helping our image," Jackson said.

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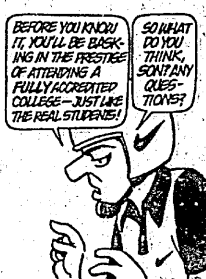
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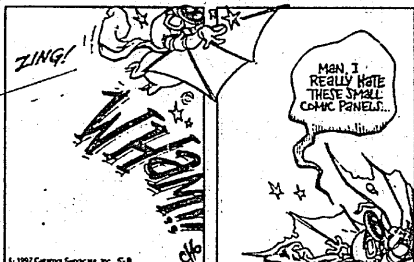
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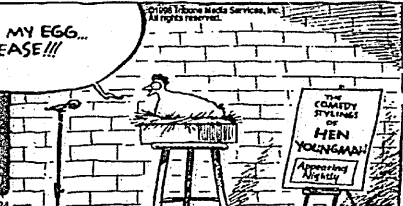


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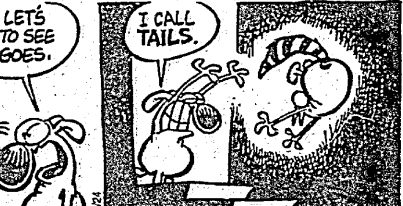
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# Reinsdorf has no regrets over trade

LOS ANGELES TIMES

TUCSON, Ariz. — Maybe, Jerry Reinsdorf says, he shouldn't have put it in the context of being crazy. Maybe it put too much of a negative connotation on it.

On the other hand, Chicago White Sox owner doesn't regret the July 31 trade last year that sent pitchers Wilson Alvarez, Roberto Hernandez and Danny Darwin to the San Francisco Giants for six young players. Reinsdorf says it didn't make the White Sox a poorer team and that his now infamous quote has not been reported accurately.

The White Sox were 3 games behind the Cleveland Indians in the American League Central when the trade was made, and Reinsdorf has been widely quoted as saying, "Anyone who thinks this team is going to catch Cleveland is crazy."

What Reinsdorf insists he said was, "If we keep playing the way we're playing, anyone who thinks this team is going to catch Cleveland is crazy."

"If you put that introductory phrase with it, it makes a difference," Reinsdorf says. "It was a reflection of the way we were playing at the time. We weren't even a .500 team. If we had been in first place and playing better, I wouldn't have had the courage to make the deal."

The White Sox were 67-68 at the time and struggling through a mediocre July. However, third baseman Robin Ventura had returned from a broken ankle only a week earlier, invigorating the team's hopes for a strong stretch run.

It was perceived that Reinsdorf was raising a white flag, but he says, "I wasn't giving up on our chances because I didn't think our chances were very good the way we were playing, and I don't believe we were a worse team on the day after the trade."

"Alvarez was 9-8 with a history of not performing well over the last six or seven weeks of a season and was 4-3 with the Giants. Hernandez was an outstanding closer, but we really felt (Matt) Karchner could do that job and he was 15 for 15 (in save chances) after the trade. We weren't any worse, and going forward, we're going to be a hell of a lot better."

He meant that of the six acquired players, Mike Caruso is expected to be the future shortstop, Lorenzo Barcelo a future starting pitcher and Keith Foulke was 3-0 with the Sox down the stretch and should rejoin the staff this year.

"We're going to have a more aggressive and interesting team," Reinsdorf says of a youth-oriented make-over. "We're going to have a team that hustles and gets dirty. Even when we lose, it will look like

we won because of the dirt, and that's the type team Chicago likes. Our fans weren't connecting. They thought last year's team was dull. My mail was 2-1 in favor of the trade and the direction we're now headed."

In addition, Reinsdorf says, the White Sox weren't going to be able to re-sign either Alvarez or Hernandez and the media and fans "would have been screaming if we had lost them without getting anything in return."

Both left the Giants as free agents to sign with Tampa Bay. Alvarez got \$35 million for five years, Hernandez \$22.5 million for four.

The White Sox payroll, coming down about \$18 million, is expected to be about \$35 million, with Albert Belle due \$11 million in the second year of his five-year contract.

Belle hit 30 homers and drove in 116 runs last year but offered a mea culpa in the wake of the trade with the Giants, saying, "I'm pretty sure those moves wouldn't have been made if I had been having the kind of season I should be having."

"Albert put too much of a burden on himself," Reinsdorf says, having been blistered throughout the industry for the Belle signing. "It may not have been a year up to his standards, but it was a year just about everybody else would love to have."

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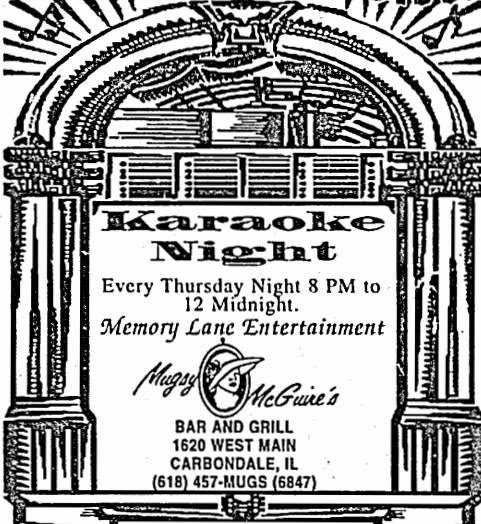
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played two games the day before or anything. They'll be ready to go after us."

SIUC should be fully rested for the matchup, having not been in action since March 15. SEMO played Northwestern University Monday, but bad weather forced the cancellation of the Salukis' trip to the Missouri Invitational last

weekend in Columbia, Mo.

The extended break was supposed to give freshman pitcher Erin Stremster ample time to heal from a sprained ankle suffered during spring break. But Brechtelsbauer does not want to rush Stremster back into the lineup too soon to help ensure she will be at 100 percent for this weekend's Saluki Invitational at IAW Fields.

"I don't know if (Stremster) will pitch tomorrow or not," Brechtelsbauer said. "Her ankle is

starting to come around, so she'll be ready for the (Saluki Invitational)."

Brechtelsbauer will need to hold on to the scouting reports. The two clubs tee it up again Saturday in the Invitational in their final matchup of the season.


"It's just part of softball, because you're going to play teams back-to-back," Brechtelsbauer said. "We're not hiding anything, and I doubt they are either. There aren't going to be any really big secrets."

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had some significant experiences in baseball have made some contributions to baseball."

Since 1923, the baseball program at SIUC has been involved in four different College World Series' and has a record of 13-9 at that level. The Salukis also have a record of 46-37 in NCAA play at the regional level and beyond.

Recent graduates Jerry Hairston and Aaron Jones are both moving up the professional ranks in minor league baseball. Former Salukis Sean Bergman, Steve Finley and Al Levine are already in the Major Leagues.

Because of the success of the baseball program at SIUC and the 30th anniversary of SIUC's

first appearance in a College World Series in the 1968-69 season, the roundtable is more of a celebration than anything else.

But the discussion will go beyond the scope of SIUC baseball. Callahan sees that baseball has contributed to society as a whole with such events as Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in 1947.

"When you tie in the fact of what Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey did back in the '40s, it has huge historical elements, not only in baseball history, but history period," Callahan said.

"I think there have been some landmark events in baseball that might effect race and race relations. Baseball has done a lot not only in professional sports in general but also in society."

# Final Four features clashing styles of play

BALTIMORE SUN

When Arizona won the national championship last year in Indianapolis, college coaches all over the country began reshaping their teams, if not their philosophies in looking for quickness in the front court as well as the back court.

They still might if North Carolina or Kentucky wins this year.

But what happens if it's Utah or Stanford?

There will be more than just a national championship at stake when the Final Four heads to the Alamodome Saturday.

There will be more than just a battle between the two winningest programs in college basketball history and two West Coast upstarts.

There will be matchups of speed versus strength, of finesse versus forearms.

"Conflicting styles," said Utah coach Rick Majerus.

While the Tar Heels and Wildcats rely on scoring in transition, the Utes and Cardinal are more content to pound the ball inside — and pound the other team on defense. It is a style that has bothered North Carolina star Antawn Jamison at times during the tournament.

"Antawn has come over to me during games and said they were really muscling him," North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge said last week in Greensboro, N.C., where the Tar Heels advanced with victories over Michigan State and Connecticut in the NCAA East

Regional. "All I can tell him is that I hope they start calling it tighter."

That is unlikely to happen, since officials tend to let teams play more physically in the NCAA Tournament than during the regular season. Their shocking 76-51 victory over the defending national champions in the West Regional at the Pond in Anaheim, Calif. has given the Utes a taste of what to expect against the Tar Heels.

"Arizona is the epitome of that (a quick team) and we handled them," Majerus said Sunday by telephone from Newport Beach, Calif., still basking in the afterglow of his team's first Final Four trip in 32 years. "I'm not saying we're going to do the same thing to North Carolina."

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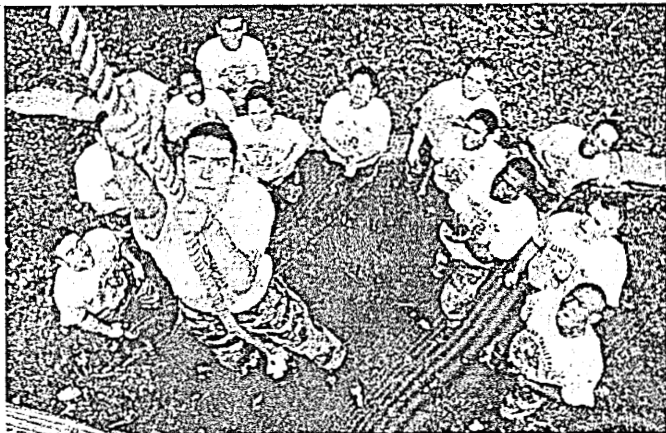
7:00 p.m. Round Table on Baseball Policy  
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**PostGame**

**NFL**

**Giants' Mara only owner opposed to new contract**

NFL owners began their meetings Monday by overwhelmingly approving a new contract that will ensure labor peace with the players until 2004.

The vote was 29-1, with Wellington Mara of the New York Giants the lone no vote. Mara opposes a provision that extends contract guarantees from eight games to a full 16-game season. Twenty-three votes were needed for approval.

The owners had three items on their morning agenda — ratifying the labor agreement, listening to commissioner Paul Tagliabue's state of the NFL speech and setting a structure for the team that will begin play in Cleveland in 1999.

The annual debate over instant replay probably will come Tuesday or Wednesday.

Much of the morning was spent discussing the new Browns, who are expected to be an expansion team. The league has authorized George Young, who stepped down as general manager of the Giants after last season to become a league vice president to set up a personnel department for the new team.

It would be in place by this summer — even if there is no owner — to scout prospective free agents and college players.

The agreement gradually increases the amount of money allocated to the players, from 62 percent of total gross revenues to 64 percent. The approval also means the new television contract, which can be renegotiated after five years, is likely to be extended to eight years, bringing in close to \$18 billion.

Instant replay was approved by a 4-3 vote by the competition committee. Those opposed were general manager Rich McKay of Tampa Bay, coach Bill Cowher of Pittsburgh and Cincinnati president Mike Brown.

Cowher's no vote may doom it — most coaches like the concept but are at odds over the format. The system recommended by the committee requires coaches to challenge a call before it takes effect.

"I'm not sure I like it that way," Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said. "It almost means you have to have a coach in the booth looking at a monitor just to catch mistakes."

**GOLF**

**Daly puts six in the drink in memory of 'Tin Cup'**

John Daly shot an 18 while playing 36. Daly had to write "18" on his scorecard after putting six balls into the water while playing the par-5, 543-yard sixth hole Sunday at the Bay Hill Invitational.

Daly was 2-under for the tournament, which featured 36 holes on the final day, when he came to No. 6, a dogleg left with water down the left side.

"Driver in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water, 3-wood in the water ... how many was it, anyway?" he said.

After his first drive went in the lake, he moved to the forward tees and tried to cut off even more of the dogleg, a shot of some 300 yards.

"He annihilated it. It was right on line, it just didn't carry," said playing partner Paul Goydos, who hit the task of keeping Daly's card.

So Daly tried it again. And again. And again. After the third ball in the water, the gallery started yelling, "Tin Cup," the movie about a driving range owner who has a chance to win the U.S. Open before hitting one ball after another into the pond on the 18th hole.

"I still say that movie that movie after me," Daly said. Daly finally cleared the water on his seventh shot.

**SIUC diver up for All-American honors**

PAUL WLEKINSKI  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIUC senior diver Alex Wright will attempt to join an elite list of Saluki divers to claim All-American honors this weekend in the Men's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships at Auburn University.

SIUC has produced 65 male swimmers and divers who have earned 217 All-American honors since the birth of the program in 1959. But of the 65 individuals, only two were divers.

Even though Wright does not have the credentials of four-time All-American Rick Theobald (1981-82) and seven-time All-American Rob Siracuano (1992-95), one All-American honor would leave Wright in this elite field of Saluki divers.

"I don't think I am among the top divers in SIUC history," Wright said. "I just feel I was able to keep the tradition alive by making it to the NCAA Championships."

Wright has seen the work ethic it takes to reach All-American status as he spent his freshman and sophomore seasons under the guidance of Siracusano. With his experience with Siracusano and last year's NCAA Championships experience, Wright knows what he needs to become an All-American.

Only eight of the 32 divers will qualify for the finals in 1-meter, 3-meter and platform competitions. All-American honors are awarded to the eight finalists, while All-American Honorable Mentions belong to the top-16 divers.

Wright qualified for the NCAA Championships last season, but was overcame by the pressure of the championship atmosphere. Wright's goal was to finish in the top-16, but finished 19th in the platform, 21st in 1-meter and 32nd in the 3-meter.

Wright hopes that the previous experience will pay off.

"I will be more relaxed this time," Wright said. "After last year, I know how it works."

Wright qualified for the championships after three top-10 finishes in the Zone D

Diving Championships March 14. Wright finished second on the platform, fifth on the 1-meter board and ninth on the 3-meter board.

Diving coach Dave Ardrey calculated Wright's Zone D scores with the 1997 NCAA Diving Championship scores and projected his scores would accomplish a ninth-place finish. If Wright can duplicate his Zone D performance, an All-American award is quite possible.

"[Wright] feels he is a top diver in the country," Ardrey said. "He is very relaxed right now and now understands what is going to happen."

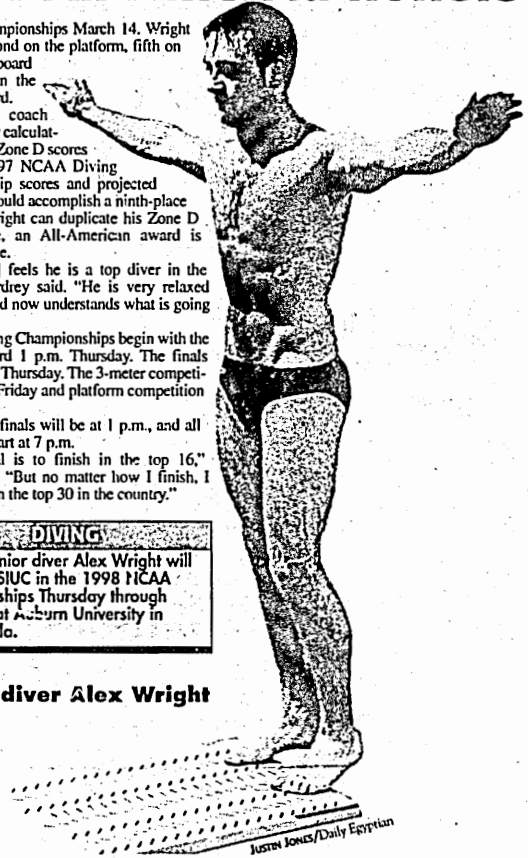
The Diving Championships begin with the 1-meter board 1 p.m. Thursday. The finals begin 7 p.m. Thursday. The 3-meter competition will be Friday and platform competition Saturday.

All semi-finals will be at 1 p.m., and all finals will start at 7 p.m.

"My goal is to finish in the top 16," Wright said. "But no matter how I finish, I know I am in the top 30 in the country."

**DIVING**  
 • Saluki senior diver Alex Wright will represent SIUC in the 1998 NCAA Championships Thursday through Saturday at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala.

**Saluki diver Alex Wright**



**First of baseball forums starts today**

**LEGEND:** Panelists include former Negro League star Josh Johnson.

TRAVIS AKIN  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The popularity of baseball has varied throughout history, but it has always provided some good conversation on the long, hot days of summer.

Whether it is Roger Maris' home run record or Cal Ripken's streak of games played, baseball always provides fans something to talk about. And talking about baseball is precisely what SIUC's two baseball roundtables this week are all about.

Moderator Richard Peterson, an SIUC English professor, said it can be debated whether or not baseball is the most popular sport in America, but the point is baseball is always something people discuss and will continue to discuss in the future.

"There is a lot of talk these days about the waning popularity of baseball," Peterson said. "But baseball is usually described as the national pastime. That's not quite the same thing as saying baseball is the most popular

sport in America. A national pastime is a sport people talk about, a sport they like to read about and they like to write about.

"And I think baseball still holds that position in America society and culture. We can talk about baseball's past, its traditions. When baseball is in trouble, we talk about the troubles. But we talk and continue to talk."

The first baseball roundtable will be at 7 tonight at the Lesar Law School Auditorium, and the second one will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Museum Auditorium in Faner Hall.

The first table panelists will be Gene Callahan, former director of government relations for Major League Baseball, Josh Johnson, a former Negro League player, John Hadlock, co-producer of "Black Diamonds, Blues City: Stories of the Memphis Red Sox," and Jerry Mileur, former owner of the minor league Harrisburg Senators.

A showing of "Black Diamonds, Blues City: Stories of the Memphis Red Sox" at will follow the panel at 8:30 tonight.

Dan Callahan, SIUC baseball coach; Brad Benson, Saluki designated hitter; and Kevin Waldrop, a former Saluki baseball player will participate in the second table. Women's Sports Information Director Gene Green will moderate the Wednesday panel.

Peterson said it is only natural to have baseball roundtables at SIUC because there are many people affiliated with the University who have made been involved in baseball at the professional level.

"It is just an opportunity for people with strong SIUC connections to talk about baseball," Peterson said. "These people also have

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**Softball team heads to Cape to face SEMO**

**ON FIRE:** Salukis to meet SEMO team that has won eight of their last nine games.

SHANDEL RICHARDSON  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

All it took was a little time for the Southeast Missouri State University softball team.

The Otahkians needed a little time to overcome a 2-2 start of the 1998

season, which included a 3-1 loss to SIUC March 1 in the Southern Classic. But behind the play of senior center-fielder Kim Palmer, who was the 1997 OVC Player of the Year, the Otahkians have reeled off wins in eight of their last nine games.

"She's a one-person wrecking crew," SIUC coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said. "She can hit with power or throw you out at the plate. She's going to get her hits, but we just got to keep people off the bases."

The Salukis (15-5, 1-0) head to Cape Girardeau, Mo., today to face a

SEMO team that is starting to resemble the club that was picked to win the Ohio Valley Conference regular season title. The doubleheader starts at 2 p.m.

The Otahkians were 10-3 heading into a battle with Northwestern University Monday night. Today will be the second and third meetings of SIUC and SEMO.

"This is not a tournament," Brechtelsbauer said. "They haven't

**SOFTBALL**

• SIUC travels to Cape Girardeau, Mo. to take on Southeast Missouri State in a doubleheader at 2 p.m. today.