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The AGONY of SILENCE

SIUC students were shocked one year ago when one of their own was shot and killed. As the crime remains unsolved, a family prays for a community to give them justice.

STORY BY BRETT NAUMAN

Opaline Williams is haunted by the image of her grandson trying to outrun a killer through the housing projects on Carbondale's South Marion Street.

given him my life," Opaline said. "I'm an old woman, now, and I've lived a good life. He could have had my breath, my heart to beat, my eyes to see."

By the time Opaline's grandson found the unlocked door, it was too late. After losing a large amount of blood, Marcus stumbled into a cramped apartment and collapsed on the living room floor where he bled to death from his gunshot wounds.

Opaline and Marcus' family continue to wait for his killer's arrest so the questions they have been asking for a year can finally be answered. Questions such as, what would drive a person to want to take Marcus' life?

Another looming question Opaline wants answered is how the killer manages to live, knowing the pain that has been caused to Marcus' family and every other life the Matteson native touched before his was abruptly ended.

"Sometimes I just want to scream at the top of my voice," Opaline says. "This is a violation of our love because somebody stole his life and violated



The Matteson woman sees the murderer ambush 21-year-old SIUC student Marcus Thomas, shooting him in the back twice as he scrambles out of his 300 E. College St. home. Marcus flees through his backyard hoping his bare feet can carry him to safety.

With the shooter close behind, Opaline hears her grandson scream "HELP ME!" INTO THE CHILLY NIGHT. But his neighbors, having heard the 2 a.m. gunshots, mind their own business and never call the police. Bleeding and searching frantically for an unlocked door, Marcus uses the last of his remaining strength to find a place where he can hide from his attacker.

The sheer terror coursing through Marcus' body in his final moments is something Opaline cannot drive from her dreams. She rehearses the events of March 17, 2001, whether she's awake or asleep, and says she would gladly offer herself to spare her family from the pain inflicted by Marcus' death.

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Opaline Williams
grandmother of murdered SIUC student Marcus Thomas



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - STEVE JAHNKE

A memorial marking the one-year anniversary of SIUC student Marcus Thomas' death stands in the front yard of the house where he was killed. Police believe he was shot at this house and fled down this sidewalk seeking help from his neighbors.

our hearts."

The investigation into Marcus' death may have been doomed from the outset. Carbondale Police officers did not discover his body until almost 8 a.m. when the person living in the apartment found him in a pool of blood on her living room floor. With no eyewitnesses and a crime committed about six hours before officers arrived, investigators have found a difficult task in piecing together what actually took place that night.

Making matters worse, most of the people who knew Marcus best were out of town on spring break. Of his four roommates, only Joe Martinez, a senior in cinema and photography, was able to provide police with information about what went on that night in Carbondale. He told police he was with Marcus until about midnight. He left the house and returned later in the night after everything had already gone down. Martinez found Marcus' keys in the inside lock of the

door. Although this seemed strange, Martinez assumed that Marcus had locked himself out of the house.

Police think the altercation between Marcus and his killer began inside 300 E. College St. There were no indications that force was used to gain entry into the two-story house. Knowing that Marcus didn't open doors to people he didn't know, the family believes that a setup took place that night. Only a person who Marcus trusted would have ever gotten in there. Police agree that he probably knew his attacker, which leaves family members wondering who betrayed his trust.

The first motive for the killing emerged when officers searched Marcus' bedroom. Investigators discovered small quantities of marijuana and plastic baggies commonly used by those who deal. On top of that, a confidential source involved in the Carbondale drug world indicated to police that Marcus owed money to

another dealer.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said detectives continue to pursue this lead. However, Finney said investigators know that Marcus was only dealing in "small amounts" before he was killed.

Dorothy Thomas had no idea why two officers from the Matteson Police Department were knocking on her door on a late Saturday night last year. But Marcus was the first thing that popped in her mind before she hesitantly opened the door.

He had called the night before telling his mother that he was coming home for the weekend to see his family before returning to classes.

When the officers told Dorothy that Marcus had been killed, it was something she was unable to fathom. He was supposed to be on Interstate 57. He was supposed to be walking into her home at any minute telling

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Students to sleep in cardboard 'Shanty Town'

Homeless rally to be held this weekend outside Mae Smith

Brian Peach
Daily Egyptian

The area outside Mae Smith Hall will be turned into a "Shanty Town" this weekend, complete with students spending the night in cardboard boxes.

The Mae Smith Hall Council is taking a stand against homelessness in Carbondale by inviting residents to bring personalized make-shift cardboard shelters to "live" in for 12 hours.

"We want to raise awareness that there is homelessness in Carbondale and help organizations that are struggling and really want to help, but they just don't have the money to do it," said Aaron Sanford, chairman of the event and of Public Relations for Mae Smith Hall Council.

The event starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, but people will come out during the day to set up their cardboard "homes." The gathering will conclude at 8 a.m. Sunday.

Some designers and Registered Student Organizations are designing their cardboard homes differently to fit their personalities and organization's theme.

"We just told everyone to be cre-

ative and let it reflect your organization," said Evie Younger, a Mae Smith Hall Council adviser.

Anyone who wants to participate is welcome to show up during the day, register their name and set up shelter for the all-night assembly, Younger said.

Younger, a graduate student in health education from Champaign, invited the nearly 400 RSOs at SIUC to attend, along with fraternities, sororities and students. She expects a minimum of 100 people to participate.

Weather may play a factor in the number of people who turn out, but Younger said the event will go on even if it is raining or cold. The only

warmth participants will have will come from grills and portable toilets that will be brought out.

"Homeless people don't have a choice [about when they have to endure the elements], so we'll be out there," Younger said.

During the day, anyone, whether they're spending the night outside or at home, can stop by Mae Smith Hall and donate non-perishable foods and clothes for the Women's Center and money for the Good Samaritan Ministry, which is located behind the Recreation Center.

"There is a large homeless population in Carbondale, and the agency provides services for them," Younger said.

Sanford said the council put together the event after hearing about the success of a similar annual event at the University of Western Kentucky. Mae Smith Hall Council wants that tradition to continue at SIUC.

"We understand that we're not going to have a big turnout this year, but we're hoping that this is going to become an annual thing that the University is going to support," said Sanford, a sophomore in theater from Rochelle. "Hopefully the students will be interested in it and participate in later years."

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Bush focuses attention on Latin America

WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush came to office promising to take a greater interest in what is often called America's backyard. He got off to a good start by convincing the region he was serious. His first official guest in Washington was the Mexican President, Vicente Fox, and his first foreign summit was the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City.



thing of a major shift in U.S. aid policy before leaving for Mexico.

Cheney ends trip without Arab support against Iraq

WASHINGTON - The United States' strategy for overthrowing Saddam Hussein was re-focused on the United Nations yesterday as Vice-President Dick Cheney returned from the Middle East without over backing from Arab countries for military action against Iraq.

But the Sept. 11 attacks relegated South America once again to the backwaters of US foreign policy. His trip to the UN development conference in Monterrey, Mexico - with stops in Peru and El Salvador - is in part an effort to reassert U.S. interest and leadership in the region. Trade, drugs and immigration are on the agenda for his talks. Put crudely, the U.S. would like to see less drugs and fewer immigrants coming into the U.S. and more American products going out.

Last night, U.S. diplomats at the UN were under renewed pressure to prevent Baghdad stalling on the return of UN weapons inspectors to Iraq, a demand made by George W. Bush, the U.S. President, with the threat of unspecified consequences.

In Mexico though, in something of a nod to potential Hispanic voters back home, Bush is likely to reiterate his support for a program that would allow hundreds of thousands of illegal Mexican immigrants to apply for legal residence in the U.S. Also certain to figure on his travels is the civil war in Colombia. Many Latin American countries fear greater U.S. military involvement in the Colombian Government's efforts to defeat the left-wing FARC guerrilla group, despite having little sympathy for the guerrillas themselves.

During Cheney's 10-day tour of Arab countries, Turkey and Israel, Arab leaders said the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was their region's most pressing concern. But Egypt also said it might consider backing military action against Iraq if Baghdad refused to readmit the UN inspectors or obstructed their work inside the country. Cheney said yesterday organizing an attack on Iraq was not the goal of his trip.

But his visit begins at the conference in Monterrey, where the focus is on providing more aid to the developing world. The U.S. is often criticized as the least generous of the richer nations, and the President announced some-

He acknowledged the Israeli-Palestinian conflict had dominated his talks. With Washington pressing for a ceasefire, Mr. Cheney said he will return to the region next week to meet Yasser Arafat if the Palestinian leader helps rein in the violence.

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WHO issues TB alert in Asia, Pacific Rim

MANILA, Philippines - The World Health Organization issued a fresh tuberculosis alert today, saying the disease was a major culprit behind the poverty in East Asia and the Pacific where it kills 1,000 mostly poor productive workers daily.



Afghan city pumped for Persian new year

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan - This northern Afghan city is getting ready to celebrate the holiday today with its largest party since the fall of the Taliban. About 1 million revelers are expected - and to prepare, this city known for vicious ethnic clashes has put in place some strict security.

"It is unacceptable that a curable disease such as TB continues to strike down millions every year, when treatment costs as little as \$10 per patient," said Shigeru Omi, the Manila-based regional director of WHO's Western Pacific regional office. In a message ahead of the World TB Day on Sunday, Omi said Governments would be able to contribute to alleviating poverty by controlling TB.

"We won't have any problems," Quraishi said. The Persian New Year, known as Nowruz, is observed across Central Asia and Iran on March 21 as a spring celebration of harvest and rebirth. In Mazar-e-Sharif's celebration, a flag marked with a prayer from the Koran, Islam's holy book, will be raised this morning from the plaza inside the mosque's gates. More than four months since the Taliban were ousted from Mazar-e-Sharif, the first city to fall to the Northern Alliance, a cautious peace has taken hold among the three warlords who have claims in the region.

"Studies show us that disease is a major factor in poverty. By lifting the disease burden, you give the poor at least a fighting chance to raise themselves out of poverty," he said.

Gen. Rashid Dostum, a deputy defense minister in the interim government and an ethnic Uzbek, is believed to be the biggest power broker in the area, although Tajik warlord Mohammed Atta holds more power inside the city itself. Mohammad Mohaqaq, who is of Hazara ethnicity, has kept a low profile and spends much of his time in Kabul, the capital, in his role as planning minister.

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- Japanese Table
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- Spanish Table
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Candidates tour Illinois with message of unity

Blagojevich and Ryan thank their supporters and continue the battle for governor

Alexa Aguilar and Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

The two winners from Tuesday night's gubernatorial battle hit Southern Illinois airports Thursday with a message of party unity, just one day after the vicious battles to secure their party's nod ended.

Democratic candidate Rod Blagojevich and Republican Jim Ryan went on a whirlwind flight tour of Illinois to thank supporters and to begin the process of bringing everyone in the party back into the fold.

Doing that may be a struggle for Republicans, considering losers Corinne Wood and Patrick O'Malley, who together secured 56 percent of the Republican vote, were no-shows at a Republican unity breakfast following Ryan's win.

Blagojevich, on the other hand, has already received loud vocal support from his defeated opponents, Roland Burris and Paul Vallas. Democrats are banking on the Northwest Side congressman to win the general election so they can finally enjoy a view from the top after more than 25 years of Republican control.

That spirit carried to the Williamson County Airport Thursday where more than 100 rowdy downstate supporters cheered on Blagojevich with Elvis crooning in the background.

Supporters included former U.S. Rep. Ken Gray and his wife, who showed off the flamboyant sentiment of the rally with their outfits. The "Prince of Pork" was wearing a red bow tie and a baseball cap with a flashing USA logo and his wife, Margaret, wore a leopard hat and scarf to accompany her dressy suit.

Just a few hours earlier, Attorney General Ryan was met at the Southern Illinois Airport by a crowd of about 50 supporters, much more staid than those of his opponent.

The biggest excitement, next to Ryan's entrance, was when several balloons lifted from the podium and got caught in the fan as the director of the downstate attorney general's office was giving a speech about the importance of party unity.

"Boy, it's been tough, hasn't it," said Tom Margolis about this year's primary — one of the most contested in recent Republican history.

Republicans have a history of easy primaries, where the winner is typically a



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO — PATRICK FILE

Democratic nominee for Governor Rod Blagojevich was at the Williamson County Airport Thursday afternoon showing off a little Saluki pride, and thanking supporters in the area for their help in his Tuesday primary election victory. (below) Attorney General and Republican nominee for governor Jim Ryan spoke to supporters at the Southern Illinois Airport Thursday, thanking them for Tuesday's primary victory.

shoo-in from the beginning. Ryan handily won this year's primary, but there seems to be a divisive rift remaining in the party considering that his counterparts wooed more than 50 percent of the Republican electorate.

"We just don't seem to handle that real well," Margolis said.

But Ryan supporters are confident that Ryan's primary victory proved they have the grassroots organization needed to carry them to the governor's mansion.

The crowds of supporters on both sides were reminiscent of the happy group of Saluki fans that met Wednesday at the airport to send the basketball team to Syracuse, N.Y. Both candidates used the recent Saluki victory as a symbol for a win in November.

A Sweet 16 T-Shirt and hat were the first things handed to Blagojevich when he entered the airport an hour late.

And the Republicans also crowded about the Saluki win.

“As with our Salukis, we have another hurdle to cross, and that is to get Jim Ryan elected to the governor's office.”

Mark Holt
chairman, Jackson County Republicans

“As with our Salukis, we have another hurdle to cross,” said Mark Holt, chairman of the Jackson County Republicans. “And that is to get Jim Ryan elected to the governor's office.”

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Fun Friday Social offered by University Club

Those interested in learning more about the University Club can attend the Fun Friday Social from 5 to 7 tonight at the Admission Reception Center in Woody Hall. The club is open to faculty, staff, civil service employees and alumni and offers socials, free food, business discounts and ticket specials.

The event will feature wines from Alto Pass Vineyards and hors d'oeuvres from the Office of the vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Attendees will have a chance to meet vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz and Director of Admission Anne DeLuca and receive a tour of the Admission Reception Center to learn how to recruit more and better students.

Screenwriting seminar offered at SIU

There will be a screenwriting seminar presented by the Illinois Film Office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Life Sciences III Auditorium. Dan Decker will be the speaker. The seminar is sponsored by the Department of Cinema and Photography and the Illinois Film Office; there is no fee to attend. For additional information, call the Illinois Film Office at 312-814-8711.

Roadwork gets the green light

New entrance gets approval from the Board of Trustees

Codell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

A new entrance that may improve access to the SIUC campus is good to go.

During Spring Break, the Board of Trustees approved the Land Use project and its estimated \$400,000 budget. A new parking garage entrance will be on the north side of Lincoln Drive near its intersection with U.S. Route 51.

The new entrance will begin on Lincoln Drive, west of the original entrance, and will curve into the far northwest area of the parking garage. Then the existing entrances to the parking garage will be removed.

This change will come in addition

to the changes that the Illinois Department of Transportation will make to Route 51 and Lincoln Drive.

Lincoln Drive will be moved north with a three-lane road exiting the campus and two roads coming in — the first for traffic traveling north and the other an on-ramp for traffic traveling south.

This road would allow better opportunities for welcome signs displaying the name of the SIUC campus, according to Phil Gatton, director of Plant and Service Operations.

“As you drive down 51, you can hardly see the SIU sign,” Gatton said.

Gatton said the Alumni Center would probably be moved to the north side of McAndrew Stadium and facade would also be added to make the stadium more presentable.

“We're trying to hide the bleachers, essentially,” Gatton said.

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Phil Gatton
director, Plant and Service Operations

Moving the road to the north would also create added space around the stadium for possible expansions to McAndrew in the future.

Brian Mager, administrative assistant of Traffic and Parking, said the change of the entrance, which should be finished by summer 2003, will have an impact on the University, as well as how it is seen.

“It's going to effect everyone,” Mager said.

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Afghanistan woman shares her nation's experiences

Post-Taliban effects addressed by Belquis Ahmadi during speech Thursday

Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

A group of children surrounded Belquis Ahmadi when she went to Kabul, Afghanistan, in January and taunted her.

They told her she was going to hell. They told her the Taliban was going to kill her — all because she wasn't wearing the traditional burka around her head.

Ahmadi, co-founder of the Afghan Women's Network, was sick and the burka was bothering her when she coughed. But the five- and six-year-old children had only grown up under Taliban rule, and even though the women are no longer required to hide their faces under the burka, the mindset of the Taliban still rests with many of the children.

Ahmadi confessed that the children's harsh words made her cry when she spoke about human rights in Afghanistan to an audience of about 60 people at the University Museum Auditorium Thursday night. The Afghanistan native now serves in Washington, D.C. as an Afghan national where she works as the program associate in the Women's Rights Advocacy Program of the Law Group. Ahmadi shared the experience of Afghan women, children and men under the rule of the Taliban.

"If we don't educate [the children] and bring them back to normal life they are going to be the next Taliban — the next group that will harm," Ahmadi said.

The hand of the Taliban first reached out to Afghan boys living with their

families in refugee camps. The boys were recruited by the Taliban to attend their schools. Ahmadi said families were paid to send their sons to these schools, where they were given an education and also trained in military tactics.

They were also brainwashed. They were brainwashed into believing that women were inferior to them. They were taught that women controlled most of the families and if they could manipulate the women, they could also manipulate their families. This training is, in part, what led to the inhumane treatment of Afghanistan women, according to Ahmadi.

Ahmadi described how the Taliban tried to oppress women by forcing them to stop working outside the home and forbidding girls older than 10 from attending school. Women were even banned from being treated by male doctors, and there was only one hospital they were allowed to go to when they were sick or injured.

Many times the Taliban was the source of injuries women sustained in Afghanistan. Ahmadi said women who went on the street without their burka were publicly beaten. Women who wore nail polish were lashed, and any woman sporting white shoes would be beaten up or even jailed because it was seen as desecrating the Taliban's flag, which is white.

Jessica Slider, a freshman in radio-television from East Lansing, Mich., attended the lecture because she has been following the Taliban for a couple of years after she first read an article about the regime. She doesn't think she could have survived if she had to live under the control of the Taliban.

"I would have been too angry and too outspoken," Slider said. "I probably would have been tortured just like some of those women."

Some of the Afghan women chose to combat their oppressed lifestyles by committing suicide, according to



DAILY EGYPTIAN PHOTO - STEVE JANKE

Belquis Ahmadi, co-founder of the Afghan Women's Network, converses with one of about 60 people after her lecture at the University Museum Auditorium Thursday evening. Ahmadi spoke for more than an hour about what living in Afghanistan under the Taliban was like and how women were mistreated.

Ahmadi. Still many women chose to live the cumbersome lifestyle the Taliban afforded them. That meant they weren't allowed to draw pictures, walk on the street with a man not related to them or even fly kites or play with pigeons.

"What Americans may not have heard is the courage and determination of Afghan women," Ahmadi said.

Jaed Dorn, director of International Programs and Services, thought Ahmadi humanized the experience of the Afghanistan women. International Programs and Services, the Public Policy Institute and Carbondale's American Association of University

Women sponsored the lecture to hear an Afghan's perspective of terrorism and the Taliban.

"She can show many more facts of what happens in Afghanistan compared to what we hear about in the United States," Dorn said.

Part of Ahmadi's mission now, as part of the Women's Rights Advocacy Program, is to educate the men, women and children of Afghanistan (and other countries) about peace. She said to re-establish trust among the people of Afghanistan, counseling centers need to be created in every district of the country so that everyone can share their

problems. Ahmadi fears that if children like the five and six-year-olds who circled her in Kabul and ridiculed her for not wearing her burka are not taught about other forms of government and ways of life, the plight of the Taliban will be repeated.

"We need to encourage relationship rebuilding and work with educating men, women and children and bring them together to share ideas," Ahmadi said.

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Military recruiters always need a few good applicants

Six months after Sept. 11, it's business as usual for military recruiters

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

When SIUC student Bradley Baerwald checked his answering machine for the first time on Sept. 11, he had 30 messages from people wondering if he would be deployed overseas with his Army National Guard Unit.

Now the junior in aviation technology from Pekin doesn't have quite as many phone calls from friends wondering if he's headed for Afghanistan to help fight the war against terrorism. Still, he remains willing to go if necessary, but things have drifted back to a fairly normal routine in the six months since the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

An increase in telephone calls was also received by members of the military who recruit the young men and women who defend the United States. And like Baerwald's phone, the ones in the recruiting office don't ring as often as they did immediately following the attacks. But the work of recruiters continues, with about the same enlistment levels as before Sept. 11, local recruiters say.

Staff Sgt. Clifford Poindexter, who has been an Army recruiter for two years, said that although some join the Army hoping to help in the war against terrorism, that factor has not increased the number of new recruits in the past six months.

"I don't see a hike as far as people wanting to join," he said.

Poindexter said the potential soldiers do not always mention Afghanistan as a concern.

"With maybe 30 percent of the people we talk to, that's one of the things we bring up," he said.

As a recruiter, Poindexter cannot guarantee where a soldier's duty will call him.

"I don't tell them if they'll go or not," he said.

Last year, the Army met its required quota to maintain the military. And the Army's quota of required slots to fill every year has not changed since Sept. 11, Poindexter said. Carbondale's Army recruiting station averages about eight to 10 recruits a month, although Poindexter said the numbers can vary.

And beyond the adventure of possibly traveling to Afghanistan or elsewhere, Uncle Sam also throws in some cash for college. In addition, Army enlistees, along with the other branches of the military, can get technical training in the field of their choice if qualified after taking the aptitude test.

Some military jobs have bonuses, but combat positions tend to offer the largest bonuses, Poindexter said.

He also noted there has been an increase in the number of possible recruits with

prior military service after the attacks.

"The next day, they were coming in and out of the door," he said.

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. J.A. Randazzo, a recruiter for Carbondale, said local recruiting levels have not seen any changes since Sept. 11.

In the days following, Randazzo said there was about a 20 percent increase in people coming in to discuss a possible future with the Marines. Many had prior military service, but that didn't change the amount of new recruits, he said.

But the stereotypes people sometimes have about the Marine Corps continue, Randazzo said.

"Sometimes it's a concern not only of young kids, but also their parents and peers," he said. "A lot of people have misconceptions."

While some may think of the Marine Corps only in terms of its tough infantry and famous job of guarding U.S. embassies, Marines can also serve in about 400 various technical jobs, which include air traffic control, business management and aircraft maintenance, Randazzo said.

But joining the small band of warriors and getting shipped to an overseas location doesn't happen overnight, Randazzo said.

"If someone

comes to my desk and says, 'I want to join the Marine Corps right now,' it doesn't work that way," he said. "We don't send somebody directly from boot camp to Afghanistan."

There are background checks, an aptitude test and a medical exam to complete first, and then the recruits often enter a delayed entry program, which gives them up to a year before entering basic training. The Marine Corps is required to maintain a fighting force of around 174,000, Randazzo said.

Randazzo said the Marine Corps' small size and reputation is an easy sell to potential recruits, regardless of whether or not overseas conflicts exist.

"We're small enough to where we're not needing large numbers," he said. "The Marine Corps sells itself. All I have to do is weed through the quality of the applicants."

While Randazzo said finding enough interested candidates to fill the slots is not a challenge, parents occasionally try to dissuade their sons and daughters from joining.

"Some parents say 'not my kid' like it's beneath them," Randazzo said. "It's upsetting personally."

In one case, Randazzo lined up an appointment with a young man for an informational interview.

"Then he called back in five minutes and said, 'I can't come or my dad's going to ground me,'" Randazzo said.

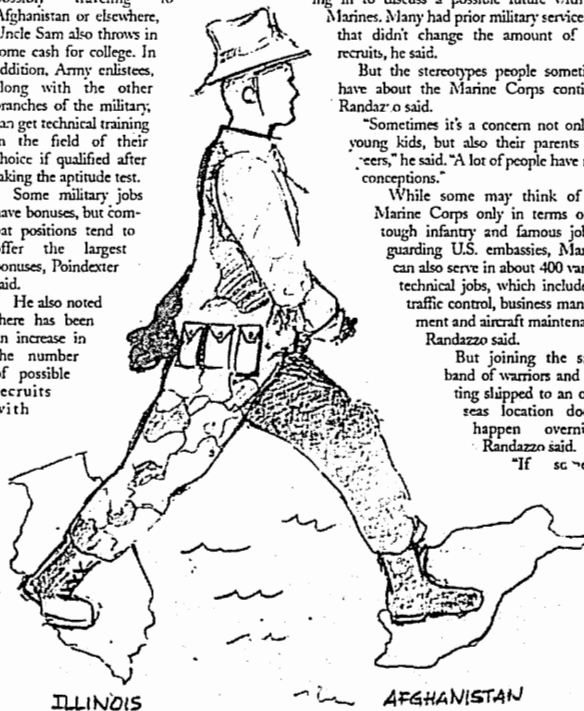
In another instance, a formerly interested prospect informed Randazzo that his parents promised to buy him a truck if he didn't sign across the dotted line.

Both incidents happened after Sept. 11, which Randazzo said might be because of the baby boom generation's lingering memories of the Vietnam years.

But America's young men and women are still enlisting in the military, and willing to go where necessary.

"If my unit is deployed, I'll be glad to go," Baerwald said.

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Bush launches Latin American trip with tour of Texas border city

Kevin G. Hall and James Kuhnhehn Knight Ridder Newspapers

EL PASO, Texas (KRT) - President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox are set to announce a plan Friday that would tighten security along the 2,000-mile border. Bush will also announce some \$30 million in new aid for regions of Mexico that have been the source of illegal emigration to the United States.

Their summit in the dusty northern industrial city of Monterrey, Mexico, coming after the close of the United Nations' weeklong International Conference on Financing for Development, will be short on breakthroughs for contentious issues such as Mexico's push to legitimize the status of Mexican workers in the United States.

Instead, the two countries will boost border security while adopting technologies to help speed the flow of legitimate trade and immigration. Bush called for additional spending on high-tech border crossings Thursday, during a visit here.

The president toured a commercial cargo dock at El Paso's Bridge of the Americas, where advanced X-ray equipment can scan a Mexican semi-tractor trailer in about six minutes before sending it into U.S. highways.

By kicking off a Latin American tour with a border security event, Bush underscored his administration's insistence that expanded migration and tough law enforcement are inseparable.

Bush has asked Congress for \$11 billion for border security in his 2003 budget. It includes \$380 million for the Immigration and Naturalization Service to build a modern "entry-exit" system.

Bush asked Congress on Thursday for an additional \$27 billion in emergency money for this fiscal year. The amount includes \$5 billion for airports and borders.

"On the one hand, we want the legal commerce, the people who travel back and forth on a daily basis, the brothers and sisters on both sides of the border ... to be able to do so in an efficient and easy way," he said.

"On the other hand, we want to use our technology to weed out the people we don't want in our country - the terrorist, the coyotes, those who prey on innocent lives."

Bush's signal earlier this week that he would announce \$30 million in new aid for rural areas is aimed at strengthening the bilateral Partnership for Prosperity program, which pools government resources from both countries to create jobs in Mexico.

The long-term goal is to give Mexicans from poorer regions an incentive to seek jobs at home, easing the bilateral strain caused by illegal immigration. Mexican workers in the United States sent more than \$9 billion in remittances to Mexico last year.

Lost in the headlines of the Friday summit, however, is how much the U.S.-Mexico relationship has matured over the past few years. For decades, the two

countries shared a common border but deeply distrusted each other.

"It's never been this good," Jeffrey Davidow, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, said in an assessment of relations, adding, "At the upper levels of government, there are people deadly serious and willing to work with us."

Ambassadors typically say nice things about their host countries. But politicians and independent analysts echo Davidow's upbeat assessment.

Roderic Ai Camp, author of numerous books about Mexico and a professor at California's Claremont College, said proof of the strengthening relationship is that immigration reform stayed in the bilateral agenda despite the Sept. 11 attacks.

Days before the attacks, Bush and Fox agreed to start mapping a common strategy to resolve how to legalize an estimated 3 million undocumented Mexicans in the United States. Fox suggests a guest-worker visa for Mexican immigrants that would give legal status to Mexicans who cross the border illegally in droves every day to find work.

The terrorist attacks sidelined reform as the United States began reassessing domestic security. Even so, the House of Representatives recently passed a measure allowing undocumented Mexicans to stay in the United States while they applied for permanent residency, and both presidents on Friday will continue narrowing differences on immigration issues.

Community colleges go international to raise funds

Colleen Pohlig The Seattle Times

SEATTLE (KRT) - Nearly two years ago, Mustafa Taleb was working as an events coordinator in his native Dubai in the United Arab Emirates when his boss suggested he study at a place called Bellevue Community College (BCC).

Twenty years ago when his boss attended the Washington state school, he was one of only a handful of foreign students. Today, Taleb, 25, is one of 780 international students from 64 countries on campus.

In a time of shrinking state resources, community colleges have found a potential gold mine among foreign students.

Attracted by cheaper tuition, smaller classes and more intimate environments than at most four-year universities, overseas students are funneling millions of dollars into college programs - one of the few ways community colleges can cast their nets for money outside the state.

Foreign students pay the same tuition as out-of-state students, nearly four times what in-state students pay.

Washington state now boasts the nation's fourth-highest enrollment of overseas students - roughly 5,600 - attending two-year colleges.

At Bellevue, foreign students bring in about \$700,000 annually above the cost to educate them. At Green River Community College, where overseas-student enrollment has jumped to 458 from 17 students a dozen years ago, they accounted for \$1.3 million last year above expenses.

Green River even plans to build a dormitory next fall - rare for a community college - to accommodate the growth in international students. Half of the rooms will be for local students.

Two-year schools are getting "every penny they can from the state, but it doesn't fund everything," said Loretta

Seppanen, an assistant director for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. "So if they can fill one more seat in a classroom with an international student, it's another money source."

Some foreign students come to learn English and return to their countries in a year or two. Others come for two-year technical programs that allow them to learn a skill and return home to work.

But most, like Taleb, already know English and come for credit classes with plans to transfer to four-year colleges or universities before returning home.

"I've just been brought up - like all the other international students - to think that everything is better here," said Shane Rai, a Bellevue student from India. "There are good schools in India, too, but my generation thinks the goal is America."

Colleges see international programs as a winning proposition and often undertake special marketing efforts to bring the students in.

The schools receive more tuition dollars, and students color their campuses with diversity and different perspectives. In turn, students not only receive a degree, but also a taste of freedom and democracy that they can share in their own countries.

Cris Samia, director of Bellevue's international programs, emigrated from the Philippines in 1989 after the country's political situation became too unstable.

"Yes, we have to be honest: these students bring the college a lot of money, but it is something else, too. You can learn about freedom in books, but you don't really learn about protecting it until you are immersed in American culture," he said.

"My hope is that they go back to their countries and change things - corruption, kidnappings, the huge gap between rich and poor."

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OUR WORD

America will be watching SIU come game time, show Saluki pride with class

Tonight, the SIU men's basketball team will take on the Connecticut Huskies in the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA Tournament. The game will take place at 6:38 p.m. in Syracuse N.Y., but Saluki fans in Carbondale will be a part of the action more than at any point in this already remarkable season.

Fans can watch the game free of charge in the Student Center ballrooms tonight. Doors will open at 6 p.m. The CBS network that will broadcast the game will arrange a satellite hookup in the ballrooms to beam images of boisterous fans across the nation during the game. Though hundreds of miles away, our team needs the support of fans here in Carbondale.

So, give America a taste of that Saluki pride and spirit that has engulfed our campus and community. Put on your maroon and white, grab your Saluki gear and get to the ballrooms. The Student Center expects at least 1,000 people to attend. They're even providing free popcorn and soda. You can't beat that.

Americans will be watching the game and Carbondale. For those who do attend, show your school spirit responsibly. Keep a cool head and also try to keep your shirts on. As for the game, the 26-6 Huskies are no pushovers, but SIU has a good shot to advance to the Elite Eight round.

Carbondale and other area bars will be packed with fans watching the game, and the alcohol will surely be flowing. If the Salukis are on top when the last seconds tick off the clock, do not turn what should be a festive celebration into another example of crazed sports fans run amuck when their team wins.

If we do win, or better yet, when we win, we want everyone to celebrate like the true Saluki fans you are: do it responsibly.

The downstate advantage

There has always been a downstate's lament: Illinois politicians just do not care about us. The big shots in the governor's race always seem to have Chicago tattooed to their butts, ahem, campaign buttons.

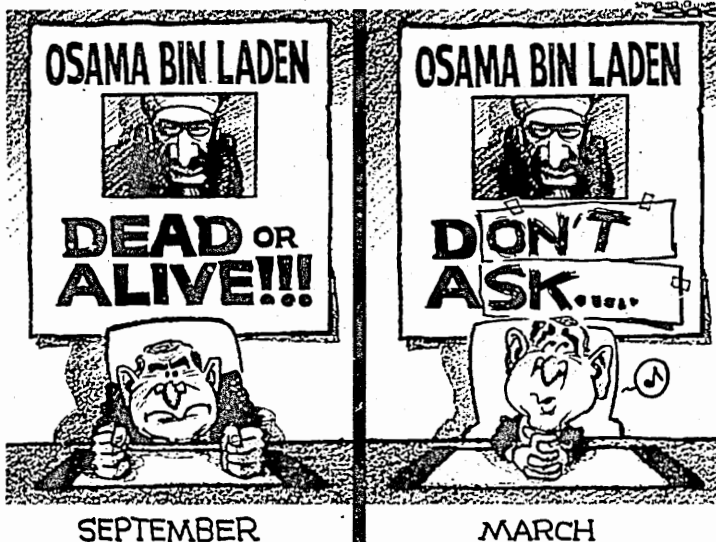
They rarely seem to be from here, and then when they are, they have left us for the colder, more politically charged North. They usually make some token visit to Southern Illinois, tell us all how much they care, and then escape back up Interstate 57 from whence they came.

But the latest primary election reflects a tiny shift in all of that.

Rod Blagojevich, who barely squeaked into the hotly divided democratic nomination, made numerous visits to the downstate region and spent big bucks dominating our television with campaign commercials. Paul Vallas did not get the downstate advantage, even with the endorsement of the 1998 democratic candidate, and Southern Illinois sweetheart, Glenn Poshard. In Jackson County, Blagojevich inched out Vallas by a mere 53 votes. But all the Southern attention helped give him the tiny boost he needed to secure a win.

Republican gubernatorial nominee Jim Ryan, who visited Carbondale Thursday, and Blagojevich both promised to reopen the Vienna Correctional Center, reflecting that office seekers have finally taken some real notice of affairs south of I-70.

As the candidates struggle now to claim their total party support and sweep up swing voters, Blagojevich and Ryan would do well to realize that there is a huge untapped base in our backyard that is hungering for needed change. We hope that the candidates will keep this in mind as they blaze toward the election in November, and we trust that whoever reaches the throne will not let all the love crawl back North.



GUEST COLUMNIST

The Forgotten Heroes

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Fittingly, in the wake of September 11, there has been a growing appreciation of the vital importance of our police and our military in defending us against attack. But the terrorist assaults should have also underscored the crucial role of another group of American heroes. The deeds of those individuals, unfortunately, continue to go unrecognized. Remember that as admirable as our men in uniform are, we would be better off if their courage were not needed — i.e., if there were no criminals to jail or foreign aggressors to defeat. Their actions derive meaning from the values they dedicate themselves to protecting — the values commonly described as the "American way of life." But what is that exactly and who is responsible for creating it?

To those who have caught even a glimpse of daily life in Afghanistan, the contrast to life in the United States is shocking. In that primitive country there are few cars or paved roads, no shopping malls or bountiful grocery stores, virtually no high-rises, little in the way of entertainment — be it television or movie theaters or concert halls. What there is, in abundance, is the back-breaking labor of a subhuman existence. Unlike America, Afghanistan has scant material wealth and virtually no industrialization. Why? What explains this lack? Only one factor: the absence of freedom.

Afghanistan has been a country without liberty. Its citizens had no right to think for themselves. Their "thoughts" were dictated by the Taliban. They had no right to property. What meager goods they managed to produce was looted for the nearest warlord. They had no right to pursue their own happiness. Their lives were supposed to belong to God and to the state. The American way of life is, fundamentally, a life of individual liberty. Devoid of the freedom that America's men in uniform safeguard, Afghanistan lacked the type of person who flourishes under freedom: the businessman.

It is the free mind of the businessman that raises the capital and creates the methods by which the discoveries of science are transformed into commercial products. It is the businessman who invents assembly-line production and turns the automobile from a curiosity to a necessity. It is the businessman who figures out how to deploy the latest discovery in chemistry into a "fertilizer that boosts agricultural yields. It is the businessman who coordinates and directs vast amounts of capital and labor in order to build transcontinental railways, colossal dams, ocean-hopping passenger planes, and electrical generating stations.

The businessman is the one who devotes his mind to producing wealth and is the creator of the American way of life, a life of prosperity and progress made possible by freedom. Without his present and past actions, our daily lives would resemble the dismal existence of the Afghans. The terrorists, who in their words "love death like Americans love life," understand the connection of business to life. That is why they struck at the World Trade Center, two symbols of commercial success.

It is time we grasp that same connection. Rather than cast businessmen as the villains in our TV shows and movies or smear all businessmen for the dishonesty of a few who want to get rich not by production, but by fraud — we should praise the producers. The attacks of September 11, 2001 have made people more acutely aware of the value of the American way of life — and of those who defend it. But the many businessmen who perished that day, and their thousands of brothers-in-spirit who survived, are the men who make that way of life a daily reality. As we commemorate the six-month anniversary of that tragic day, should we not also pay tribute to these heroes?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then give up; no use being a damned fool about it."

W.C. Fields

WORDS OVERHEARD

"I mean it's not everyday that legendary coach Bob Knight is more in awe of a Saluki team than the Salukis are in awe of Bob Knight."

Corey Cusick
Daily Egyptian columnist

COLUMNISTS

Supersonic bat rays

My son, Isaiah, is 3 years old. For those who are not parents, let me clue you in to a meaning behind this powerful sentence.



The
Femme
Factor

BY MARLEEN TROUTT
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A whopping 60 percent of the time, Isaiah is Batman. There is no pretending about it. He just is Batman. And despite modern lore, he will demonstrate that Batman does fly. Many have tried to give him the real lowdown: Batman has no superpowers. He's just a weird rich guy with a lot of toys.

He listens politely then flies around shooting supersonic bat rays from his fingertips.

Another 30 percent of the time, he is any mixture of characters: a brave knight fighting a dragon; a pirate pillaging the seven seas; a really, really bad monster.

I am as much of myself as I ever want to be.

It's funny, we always tell people "Be yourself." In fact we even further and define that self. We agree that your self is black, or your self is a woman or your self is old. Then we get confused when people do not act accordingly.

When the 10 percent of real time comes, and Isaiah is himself, he is the happiest Isaiah in the universe. There is no struggle. He can morph back and forth in an instant. When he is a superhero or a knight, he is still himself. He is as much of himself as he ever wants to be. Most importantly, he never lets anyone tell him what is supposed to be.

I am not one of those moms who read Oprah's latest book pick while their children play. I'm in there pretending right along, but it is not necessarily for my son's benefit, as much as I would like to tell you that it is. It is because I have rediscovered the enormous Power of Play.

A whopping 70 percent of the time, I am annoyingly responsible. I am Marleen the woman, the editor, the writer, the student, the volunteer, the maker of PB&J's and the drawer of baths. And I act accordingly, down to the pink floral sundresses and manicured nails.

Another 25 percent of the time, I am characters in the Isaiah menagerie. I am concurrently queens andurchins, pirates and Peter Pan, damsels and the dragons that eat them. Sometimes I even get to be a really, really bad monster.

But 5 percent of the time, Isaiah has to play in the Marleen menagerie. You see, I always wanted to be a punk rock songster with funky hair and a tom tank top. Then later, I would dream of becoming some sort of Xena Warrior Princess. Perhaps what annoys me is the force that flows out of not acting accordingly. Women are still supposed to be demure, innocent and sweet. They aren't supposed to be hardcore rockers, kicking the babies out of anyone who stands in their way.

My band consists of me wailing to the stereo, Isaiah dashing about in his Batman Underoos and our incredibly confused goldfish. They actually tread water, smooching their guppy lips to the glass in order to get a better look.

As I combine atrocious, nearly illegal, singing with martial arts moves and weights, there is no pretending involved. I am a punk-princess-warrior-goddess.

People can try and tell me that this is not real. They can tell me there is no such thing as Karate Punk. They can tell me that a grown woman — indeed a responsible, law-abiding, upstanding community devotee — should probably be just a tad more reserved. But I am as much of myself as I ever want to be. And this self must not always act accordingly.

In fact, it is crucial that I do not. It is crucial to my woman self that I never allow the world to tell me what I am supposed to be or how I am supposed to behave. They can lay down the facts; your inherent value still lies in your vagina; you will still get paid less; you're still supposed to clean up while the men discuss the real issues in their white houses.

I listen politely, but you can bet that I'm flying around shooting supersonic bat rays from my fingertips, never buying one word of it.

The Femme Factor appears every other Friday. Marleen is a senior in journalism. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Let's take a drive through scenic Illinois

This spring break marked my last round trip commute from Carbondale to the Chicago area as a student. I have made several within the last two years here at SIU. So if you care to come with me on another trip, I will be your tour guide. Very well, let's begin. If you look out the window on your right-hand side, you will see corn. Illinois is full of corn. This will be the consistent theme of our drive. By the time you arrive at your destination, you will probably be counting corn stalks instead of sheep. I have found corn works better.

In the field on your right you will notice a sign which reads "Guns are our friends." Underneath the text is a website — we are in the information age even though it seems central Illinois has not made that step out of agriculture yet. www.gunssaveslives.com. So when you return you can type that into your computer and read about how important it is for your safety to sleep with a loaded weapon underneath your pillow. In fact, as the website neglects to point out, if guns are a safety and crime prevention tool, then we live in the safest country in the world. Back to the drive.

On your left you will see an oil rig in the cornfield. This is so that if those mean men in the Middle East decide they don't want to sell us their oil any more, we might have a year's supply of our own. If that scenario should arise, we might have to pay attention to what those wacky environmentalists have been saying about alternative energy sources. Back to the drive. What was that on the radio? I think I just heard a public service announcement telling me that drug money supports terrorists. That's weird. I thought the people who sold drugs were just trying to feed their families like anyone else does. Who am I to tell someone how to feed their family? Kids like to eat. Maybe that should be the next public service announcement "drug money feeds people's kids." Besides, we support terrorists too. If you don't believe me ask someone in Latin America who has lost family due to a graduate of the School of the Americas in Georgia. They will tell you.

Back to the drive. Last time I made this journey, I asked someone from a Central Illinois town what people do for entertainment, because it looked to me like there might not be a whole lot to do. I expected an answer like "We drive into the cornfields, where we drink beer and shoot anything that moves," or "I divide my time between the bowling alley and the BP gas station where I work, which has a tin roof and shag carpeting." But without hesitation, she responded, "Have sex." She said there were at least a couple of people on each page of in her senior class yearbook that were pregnant. After the initial reaction of the three males in the car of "Let's move to Central Illinois!!!" I began to think about her answer even further.

I can't imagine the reaction of teenage parents in this environment, if their kids are running around having sex out of boredom. They are probably running around pulling their gray hair out of their heads worrying about little 12-year-old Bobby and 13-year-old Suzie. But this sex out of boredom thing is not all bad thing either. There is one advantage. If girls are becoming pregnant out of boredom, there will soon be a population explosion in central Illinois. With more people, surely there will be more things to do. They won't have to ride in a pickup truck drinking beer any more to have a good time. Eventually they'll



The Way I See It

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have more to do than "have sex" to quell the boredom bug. The car wash parking lot will no longer be the hangout place for teenagers. They will have more restaurants, clubs, bars and places where a teenager can just be a teenager.

Now, I know the world in general is an extremely overcrowded place, but central Illinois is not. Sometimes you have to ride in the car for hours before you see a sign of civilization. It is a place where 100,000 people seem to be the maximum population and that only occurs in a few select spots (none of these towns are on I-57 except Champaign). So for right now, I urge the bored people in this area of the state to keep having babies. And when those babies can think of something better to do than have babies of their own out of boredom, you will thank them for it.

Well, we have reached our destination. I hope the trip was educational. If you only learned one thing it should be this: the only thing that saves Northern Illinois from being an extension of Iowa is Chicago. And if you learned two things, maybe the natural beauty of the trees below Effingham help distinguish Southern Illinois. But God save Central Illinois from being the dull, vast space of nothingness that it is. Don't forget to check out the gun website they so readily advertise just for kicks. And don't forget to count the corn tonight when you go to sleep.

The Way I see It appears every other Friday. Matt is a senior in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

LETTERS

Saiki fever no excuse for rude behavior

DEAR EDITOR:

After attending the pep rally for the Saikiis, I just wanted to make a few comments. I think the show of support for the team was wonderful. Kudos to everyone who must have worked up to the last minute to put together this celebration. My only complaint is with the autograph session. I attended with my 9-year-old son. He was in line with about 30 people when it formed for autographs.

Due to some incredible rudeness, mostly from the adults who jumped into the line at the tables, he just made it to the head of the table as they were wrapping up. I watched adults push small children back in line or reach over their heads and ask players to sign as many as five different items before reaching over another children's head at the next station. I am trying to raise my children to respect other people's rights, to have manners and be polite.

I realize the staff at the arena may have been overwhelmed by the numbers, were understaffed or just didn't anticipate the crowd's desire to get autographs. But that is no excuse for the behavior I witnessed from many in that crowd. Too many people today think their rights supersede everyone else's. This is a sad commentary considering we were celebrating the achievements of a team that is much

more disciplined than many others out there.

Tom Hughes
senior, aviation management

Nuisance ordinance — a nuisance

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a retired police officer with 23 years experience, and I have been watching with great amusement the situation concerning the Carbondale City ordinance about stopping and standing on the sidewalks. I worked in a much bigger city with a university five times the size of SIU. I am not going to give you a detailed route to solve this problem for the students, but I am going to point you in the right direction. One does not have to be a rocket scientist to see that this ordinance is in direct violation of both the Constitution of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States.

A city ordinance can only be enforced as long as it is not tried in court. So Mr. Rob Taylor, who was arrested for loitering on the Strip March 4, must take the city to court. The SIU Law School does pro bono (free) litigation. Any third-year law student would be glad to help you. A little research at the Law Library (Corpus Juris Secundum) or South Eastern Recorder will provide many rulings on the very same type of ordinance, and tell why each was struck down.

If a woman dancing on stage nude comes under freedom of expression, where would one find the right to peaceful assembly? Check the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights of the Constitution. How many amendments cover assembly and expression laws? I would suggest to Mr. Taylor that he go to the Federal District Court in Benton and contact the Federal Prosecutor there. He can provide the forms to file in Federal Court without having a lawyer! Don't believe me? Then think about all the inmates in jails who sue numerous government agencies without attorneys. It will take almost no effort to get this ordinance declared unconstitutional, which is what the students want.

Rick Parker
Carbondale

Indian symbols misunderstood

DEAR EDITOR:

Regarding the Daily Egyptian's March 19 article about the University of Illinois' Chief Illini mascot, it should be pointed out that American Indians themselves have over many years supported the university's use of the Chief and his dance. This Indian involvement and approval have both been rejected in various places and at various times, but is invariably ignored by those who make a good living lecturing about the use

of American Indians in campus activities.

Campus activists also ignore the truism that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. As such, the use of Indian names and images by college sports is usually done with the hope that the university's braves (or athletes) can be as strong and courageous as the American Indians were. Or simply because the Indians once occupied the land where the school is sited.

Herb Russell
Carbondale

Thanks for appreciating the fans

DEAR EDITOR:

As a proud student here at SIU, I just wanted to give a thank you to the B-Ball LIAWGS! You guys are great! After attending the pep rally, (WHICH WAS AWESOME!), I went down and stood in line for autographs from the team. I was really far back in line, so I figured I wouldn't get any autographs at all and waste \$10 on a autograph ball! At 8:30, the autographs were supposed to end. But most of the Davys kept signing away. So, to the entire team, and on behalf of all you fans, I say thanks for sticking around to sign our stuff!

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junior, accounting

SILENCE

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her what favorite home cooked meal he wanted her to make.

"When they told me that Marcus had died, a piece of me died also — instantly," Dorothy said. "In my mind I thought he was still coming home."

The reality of his death did not sink in for Dorothy until Marcus actually did come home. When she saw him at his wake in Harvey, he looked as if he was only sleeping. Dorothy knew Marcus was a heavy sleeper and the only way she was ever able to get him up in the morning was by singing "The Inxy, Bitty Spider."

She started singing it right there in the middle of the wake hoping that Marcus' death wasn't real.

The next day, Dorothy and Opaline tried to give police any information about Marcus to help with the investigation. They told police that Marcus and his ex-girlfriend, Sara Killman, were supposed to have come up to visit for the weekend.

In an interview with the Daily Egyptian, Killman said she spoke with Marcus on March 16 just hours before he was killed. She said she was able to persuade him at about 6 p.m. to postpone their upstate trip until the following morning so she could celebrate her 21st birthday with friends at the Hot Spot, a nightclub near Herrin.

At 5 p.m. the next day, Killman says she woke up worried that Marcus had left for Matteson without her. She got nervous when she noticed a piece of paper on the front door of her father's house in Herrin ordering her to call the Carbondale Police Department.

Detectives working the case showed up and began asking her questions about Marcus and her relationship with him. She said one of the officers kept quiet while the other asked her questions. The quiet one caught her off guard when he finally did speak.

"All of a sudden he just screamed, 'Tell us about the drugs,'" Killman said.

Drugs were not something Sara or anyone who knew Marcus believed to be a factor in his life. At least not enough that they would get him killed.

Dorothy and Opaline said that dealing did not fit into Marcus' lifetime plan of becoming a renowned child psychologist and that he consistently brought home straight A's from SIUC. They also don't believe he would have ever had time for the type of dealing that put a person's life in danger. Marcus was busy all of the time between his schoolwork load and his jobs at West Telemarketing and Ponderosa Steakhouse. There just had to be a motive other than drugs.

That motive appeared to police several days after the murder, when they learned more about Marcus' new girlfriend from SIUC students filtering back to Carbondale from spring break.

In the weeks before March 17, Marcus met Melanie E. Hammond, of Energy, while working at West Telemarketing. They became friends and eventually began seeing each other romantically. Opaline said the relationship between the two was in the process of blossoming into a somewhat serious commitment.

But at the time, Melanie was still married to the father of her child, David W. Hammond, though the two were legally separated. Chief Finney confirmed that David has not yet been ruled out by detectives in the Thomas murder investigation, though he would not go so far as to call him a suspect.

Finney said that when police searched Hammond's home after the murder, they found a pair of blood-stained pants. The pants have been sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory in Springfield, and detectives are waiting for the results of those tests to indicate whether the blood or any other material found there belonged to Marcus.

David told police the blood came from a cut to his finger he suffered while making cardboard boxes at Orpack Stone Corp. in Herrin.

Repeated attempts by the Daily Egyptian to contact David Hammond at Orpack Stone Corp. have been unsuccessful.

The family knows that Melanie was with Marcus the night he was murdered and would like to have answers as to



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A Carbondale firefighter flushes a fire hydrant across the street from the apartment where SIUC student Marcus Thomas was discovered shot to death. Thomas was searching for help when he found the apartment's door unlocked. He would collapse inside and bleed to death.

the events that took place after she left his house. All they know is what detectives have told them — Melanie left 300 East College St. around 11 p.m. and drove to Orpack Stone to deliver her vehicle to David.

The rest remains a mystery to Opaline and Dorothy, who both struggle to get on with their lives every day. The little daily reminders of Marcus make that hard to do.

On the day before the one-year anniversary of Marcus' death, Dorothy saw one of her colleagues at a Chicago area post office pushing a heavy cart filled with letters. Seeing the "tiny woman" perform the task made her instantly think of her son. Marcus knew the woman and did not think it was right that someone so petite had to push such a large load.

"He told her that from now, as long as he's at work, not to push the heavy equipment," Dorothy said. "He told her if she had to move it to get him."

The reminders of Marcus make it a challenge for Dorothy to move on with her life. When she looks at her other son, Joey, she can't help but see Marcus because the two have always been mirror images of each other.

She can't help but remember how the people whose lives were touched by Marcus came to her after the murder to tell her what a fine son she had raised. The mother of an SIUC student, who previously lived on the same floor of Schneider Hall with Marcus, told Dorothy that Marcus would never let her daughter go jogging by herself in the morning. Marcus told the girl that it was too dangerous and insisted that he jog with her. He got up early before class every morning until he convinced the girl

to run at the Recreation Center.

The pain can sometimes be too much for Dorothy to handle. Last Saturday she had to leave work early because all she could think about was Marcus, and that exactly one year ago on that day he would wake up for the last time.

Friends and relatives came to Opaline's home that night to celebrate Marcus' many accomplishments in his shortened life. Dorothy and Opaline listened as everyone told them their favorite Marcus stories.

In the next day, Dorothy and Opaline visited Marcus' graveside, a place they have come to many times in the last year. They both wait anxiously for the day the police obtain the missing puzzle piece that will allow Marcus to receive justice. Opaline said they don't hate the killer, because they've already forgiven whoever took Marcus' life.

"We have to forgive that person because their life is already gone," Opaline said. "Even though this person is alive they're already dead. If we don't forgive we'll get caught up in hatred."

The cemetery where Marcus is buried is the only place in the world that Opaline says she will never forget how to find. She will never again hear Marcus say to her "I love you grandma," but at least she knows that one thing will never change.

"This is where he is forever," Opaline said. "This is where I'll always be able to find him."

Anyone that has information about the Marcus Thomas murder is urged to call Carbondale Police at 549-2677.

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Mice watch their weight

Mutant mice live longer with controlled diet

Codell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

When mice look down and see love handles, they're in trouble.

At least that's what a recent study by an SIUC professor found. According to the study conducted by Andrzej Bartke, professor and chair of physiology, certain mutant mice live longer with limited diets. Ames mice, or Dwarf mice, already live 50 percent longer than average mice but age at the same rate due to their genetic hormonal imbalance.

Bartke began the research with the SIU School of Medicine about 10 years ago when they were studying growth of mutant mice. Eventually, they noticed the major difference in life span and began tinkering with their diets. By limiting the food of the small mice by 30 percent, Bartke found that the mice lived even longer.

"We take two mice that are very similar," Bartke said. "We take one mouse and let him eat all the food he wants. You can think of him as the extreme couch potato mouse. The other one gets 70 percent of what the other gets."

Bartke studied a total of 45 Ames mice and 53 of their non-mutated siblings. An average wild-type mouse lives around two to three years while the average Ames mouse lives about three-and-a-half years. With the restricted calorie diets, the wild-type mice came within about 100 days of meeting the life span of the Ames mouse and the mutants themselves nearly reached four years.

The SIU Medical School was the first to discover this breakthrough in longevity. According to an article published in the November 2001 issue of Nature, a science journal, Bartke's findings are revolutionary.

"This supports the idea that hormonal regulation of metabolic pathways in response to altered food availability may be a way of regulating life span that is deeply rooted in evolutionary history," the journal said.

In addition to the revolutionary findings, Bartke said he also discovered that because of the success of the experiments with the two different mice, there is a chance of similarities with other species as well.

"There are probably metabolic and hormonal mechanisms that control aging in all species," Bartke said.

That means that it is not completely far-fetched that some of these findings could be related to humans. Bartke said in relating the study to humans, people should not look so much at things like fat.

"The key factor is the total number of calories," Bartke said. "It seems to be limited to calorie intake."

Bartke said that while limiting calorie intake could expand a person's life, by no means should anyone starve themselves. However, people should exercise regularly and combat things like the weight they gain as they get older.

"I guess you can benefit from just eating sensibly," Bartke said. "Try to keep weight steady after you are in the mid to late 20s."

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Fee discussions tabled until Chancellor shows up

State schools differ in student fee policies

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

Discussions and voting on fee increases won't happen until after Chancellor Walter Wendler comes to the next Undergraduate Student Government meeting to talk about a possible tuition increase for next year.

"I think these fees should be tabled until the chancellor speaks and [USG] has a bigger picture," said USG President Michael Perry to the Senate at Wednesday night's meeting.

Senator Mary Wallace voiced her frustration about Perry's proposal to delay the discussions but the Senate voted in support of Perry's recommendation.

Each semester, full-time students at SIUC pay the same required fees in addition to their tuition. The fees pay for anything from the student legal services to the campus recreation. But other public universities in the state mandate fees differently.

USG is expected to wrap up fee discussions and vote on all seven fee increases by April 3. SIUC awaits the Board of Trustees' final approval in mid-April on the administration's total fee increase proposal of \$45.75. Last fall, students paid \$436.90

in non-academic fees. If every proposal is approved, the total could go up to \$493.65.

Meanwhile, the board at Illinois State University in Normal, has until next week to vote on fee increase proposals. At ISU, tuition and fee increases are proposed by semester hours, so the fewer credit hours the student takes the less the student pays.

The board at the University of Illinois in Champaign voted in September on next year's \$23 fee increase for the mandatory service, health and general fee. The total comes to \$513.

Gene Barton, an administrator in the U of I's Student Affairs Office,

said proposals are made on a yearly basis and thus the school does not sketch long-term fee increase projections.

For additional services, U of I students may pay more than the mandatory fees if they decide to pay \$30 per semester for campus transportation, \$5 fee for its Performing Arts Center, \$15 for student legal service and registered student organizations and \$152 for undergraduate student insurance. Students have the option to pay these fees. The \$5 and \$15 fees are refundable at the student's request.

"The students have an integral role in the fees that they pay and the services it goes toward," Barton said.

At SIUC, students have the option of paying the Health Service fee and the \$3 student to student grant fee. With the health fee, a proof of an outside health insurance provider is required for students who do not want to pay for the school's health services, which includes hospitalization and emergency care, said USG tuition and fees commissioner Patrick Richey.

The next regularly scheduled USG meeting is 7 p.m. April 3 at the Student Center. However, next week, Perry may call a Special Senate meeting.

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English prof. starts Young Writers Program for high schoolers

Participants stay in SIUC dorms, program runs June 12-15

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Allison Joseph knows firsthand that everything begins and ends with writing and dedicates her time and energy producing great writers.

Joseph, a professor in the English Department, founded the Young Writers Program four years ago along with her English Department colleague, Beth Lordan.

"I came to her with the idea of having a summer program here at SIUC for high school students interested in creative writing, Joseph said.

She used a program at her alma mater, Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, as a model for the Young Writers Program. Joseph wanted to "bring a similar program to SIUC that would cost a lot less and be just

as effective."

The Young Writers Workshop is an annual summer writers workshop for high school students sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, Department of English, the Center of Liberal Arts and the Division of Continuing Education.

"Each summer high school students are invited to come to SIUC to study creative writing with our fine creative faculty and our graduate students," Joseph said.

Joseph said Pat Eckert in the Division of Continuing Education was crucial in helping with all aspects of running the camp. They provided the logistics of the program including scheduling classrooms, getting room and meal arrangements done for the students and sending out brochures.

"Allison Joseph has done a great job of designing the workshop program," Eckert said. "We have been happy to work with Allison and assist her with managing the promotional, registration, facility coordination and other logistical services for the Young Writers Workshop."

Joseph also said the students participate in writing workshops, poet-

"The program seeks to bring students to campus who are vitally interested and curious about writing poems and stories. Our objective is to keep them writing, thinking about writing, talking about writing and sharing their writing."

Allison Joseph
program founder

ry and prose readings and special classes on issues important to writers such as what a writer's life is like.

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In its first year, the program was funded by former SIU Chancellor John Jackson, as well as Seymour Bryson's office of Affirmative Action. However, the program currently does not have a budget line from the University; although tuition payments from students enrolled cover some costs.

The program lasts four days and three nights and the tuition for room and board is \$200. It's open to high school students from the sophomore to senior level. Each day the students have two workshop sessions in the morning and afternoon with one faculty member and one graduate student.

"I like that the program is short enough for students to get work done, but not so long that students from lower economic levels can't afford it," Joseph said.

This year, Liz Kershner, a third year master's candidate in poetry and assistant director of the program, will be teaching classes with Joseph. She also worked with the program last year as a resident assistant. Other graduate students will have discussions on various areas in creative writing.

The workshops offered are in poetry and fiction writing. After the workshop, they have "mini-classes," special one-day classes taught by graduate students on special topics like prose poetry or flash fiction. In addition, readings are given by graduate and high school students and guest writers come in evening readings that are open to the public.

The program spans June 12 through June 15. The students will be staying in dorms here at SIUC, eat at the Student Center and have classes in Faner Hall. Joseph said it really gives them a sense of what it's like to go to school here.

"What's great about the program is seeing different students from different backgrounds connecting through the written word and it's very exciting to see new poems and stories come into being during the course of the workshop," Joseph said. "The students are eager to learn, not just from the faculty or graduate students, but from each other."

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Feathered hair may be the way out

By Candace Murphy
Knight Ridder Newspapers

One person's fashionable "do can look like another person's bad hair day.

Take Jennifer Lopez and Mariah Carey, who have plumed their dark Farrah Fawcett roots and resuscitated feathered hair. Or Brad Pitt, who gives bed head a bad name because it actually takes hours to achieve his look of "Oh, Whoops! I Just Turned Off the Alarm and What, Hey! Looky There! I Am Being Photographed by the Paparazzi!"

Why? Why? Well, easy. Blame it on the wardrobe.

"The hair matches the image driven by the clothes," says hair guru Frederic Fekkai, who styled the tresses at the runway shows of Nicole Miller, Diane von Furstenberg and Nautica by David Chu for men at last month's fall Fashion Week in New York. "You follow the themes of the fashion."

That said, relief for the feathered-weary is on the way. The bad-girl rock star look so fashionable up to now is giving way to good-girl innocence.

"The image of a girl who is kind of busy, modern yet not fussy, with hair that is together, not grungy, edgy and not conservative, is what we are going to see," Fekkai says. "It will be soft, clean and healthy, and, like the clothes, there will be great movement to the hair."

Male bed heads will be tamed somewhat, as well. Looks will be on the short side, although styled with enough gels, sprays and such that men should fear open flames, but they'll certainly coordinate with the trendy shearing coats and natty suits slated for fall.

"There will be a lot of short hair, and a lot of hair product," Fekkai says. "Men have become very stylish. They get the haircut to match the wardrobe, but now they know how to use the products to complete the look."

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Another *Dawg* fight

Readers weigh in with their picks on the Salukis' game tonight against UConn

SIU 80, UConn 76

I believe we will win because each game we appear to play better than before. We would have had 80 points on Sunday if we hadn't gotten off to a slow start and I think we will get 80 on Friday.

I think it will be a close game because UConn is a tough team that will not get blown out or lose easily. I hope that our players make their free throws down the stretch.

Let's go Dawgs!

Thomas Goad

SIU 78, UConn 69

The Salukis will come up big one more time and the play of our big guys — Dearman and Rolan — will be as huge as it has been all year.

Look for the bench, in particular Tyrese Buie, to have a big game as the Salukis continue their dream run.

Brian Burke

SIU 85, UConn 80

UConn was ranked 24th in the nation at the start of the NCAA tourney. Somehow, they managed a No. 2 seed. UConn scraped by Hampton and North Carolina State and I feel that SIU is better than both of those schools.

Plus, UConn only beat N.C. State because Caron Butler had the game of his life. UConn won't be so lucky in this game.

A.J. Leman

SIU 68, UConn 63

The Salukis will win if they can

make their free throws. Hopefully, they practice a lot this week.

Steve Chapman

UConn 80, SIU 70

Calhoun is a terrific coach. He usually finds a way to win the big ones. If it's a close game going down the stretch, it will be all over for the Salukis. In eight games where the score was within a point or two with under a minute, UConn won each and every time.

Also, the home-court advantage goes to UConn as the Carrier Dome is home to Syracuse, another Big East school.

Jim Wzbelan

SIU 78, UConn 74, OT

Both teams have good defensive games. It will be low-scoring until overtime.

David Schroeder

SIU 78, UConn 75

Think about it, there is always one Cinderella who reaches the Elite Eight and UConn simply will not take SIU seriously. Texas Tech and Georgia were significantly bigger in size and SIU ran circles around them.

The bench strength of SIU is truly their team strength. UConn will be focusing on Dearman, but as we all know, it was someone different every game throughout the season who shined.

Everyone loves an underdog and I bet you the crowd will be behind SIU!

*Dave Palmisano
Class of 1988*

SIU 71, UConn 69

I think the Salukis have a lot going for them right now. Dearman is playing exceptionally well. There seems to be a lot of help coming off the bench. SIU tends to wear these bigger teams out in the later quarters. I think that the Cinderella story lives on.

Mark Strawn

SIU 86, UConn 79

I think the Salukis have proven that they have what it takes to win the important games. I think they are going to be well prepared and able to come away with a win to make it into the Elite Eight.

Margaret Lockwood

SIU 74, UConn 68

Connecticut's power is in its guards. SIU's defense will shut them down and the Salukis will dominate the inside game. SIU will out rebound them and Kent Williams will lead the scoring.

*Ed Roberts
Class of 1971*

SIU 73, UConn 68

We're playing with so much heart and desire right now. I still think UConn will take us lightly; despite our previous two games. We need to knock down the free throws though. We can't win many more close games if we keep missing so many free throws.

Courtney Smith

SIU 63, UConn 60

Both teams play solid team defense so the score should be lower than expected. Caron Butler is due for a poor performance and Rolan Roberts is due for a big game.

Nobody is picking the Salukis and this should lessen the pressure on SIU to win the game and make the Huskies more likely to stumble under the pres-

sure from their fans and expectations by the media for them to win.

The "home" crowd factor in Syracuse might be negated because the UK and Maryland fans will be cheering for SIU. Weber will have them read and SIU will advance to the Elite Eight.

Bob Mangiafiori

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SIU 78, UConn 74

Two players this time around from the Salukis will come out big on this occasion — Kent Williams and Rolan Roberts

Bikaib Dube

SIU 68, UConn 65

I believe the Dawgs will win, and win UGLY. We must slow down UConn, take them out of their game.

I see our only path to victory as a game played like Wisconsin played last year, almost a rope-a-dope, slow them down, foul if you have to, keep the score low and win a close one.

*Pat Benton
Magic 95.1*

SIU 72, UConn 69

The Dawgs still won't die! They will keep beating the taller teams with their quickness and tough defense. UConn will guard Dearman but Kent will burn them from the outside. Thank God for Weber.

Donald S. Buhl

SIU 78, UConn 75

UConn is a good team, so it will be a close and hard-fought game. But the Salukis have more heart, and more determination.

Go Salukis! A lot of people are pulling for you up here in Illini country.

Maria Boerngen

SIU 67, UConn 64

I think that with all the pressure on UConn we have nothing to lose. The Salukis will come out loose and relaxed and not allow them to play their game.

Look for Rolan to finally have his breakout game in the tournament. If all the other players play up to par I see the Elite Eight in our future!

Go Dawgs!

*Scott Clemenson
1999 Alumnus*

SIU 72, UConn 67

UConn hasn't seen the kind of pressure defense the Salukis play at all this year. Sure, they'll score plenty, but the Huskies will turn the ball over enough to give the edge to the real Dawgs!

Patrick Hart

SIU 83, UConn 81

The Dawgs are hungry to show the nation that the MVC needs to be re-recognized as a conference to be reckoned with.

Southern has the bench strength to compete with anyone in the nation. The Salukis will wear down UConn in the end and come out on top.

Dave Marker

SIU 69, UConn 66

The slipper fits. Look out Terps.
Jack Vagus

SIU 86, UConn 82

The defense is the Salukis' forte. With that they will stifle the offensive game of UConn.

Mukhsin Tajuddin

UConn 82, SIU 69

Salukis will make a game of it, but probably will run out of juice. Home team advantage helps UConn in Syracuse.

Go DAWGS!! Prove me wrong!!
Randy Huetsch

SIU 71, UConn 67

I believe that the defense will carry the team to one more win. After that, it's a tough road.

Brian Curt

SIU 74, UConn 69

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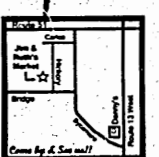
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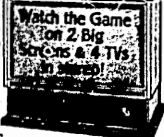
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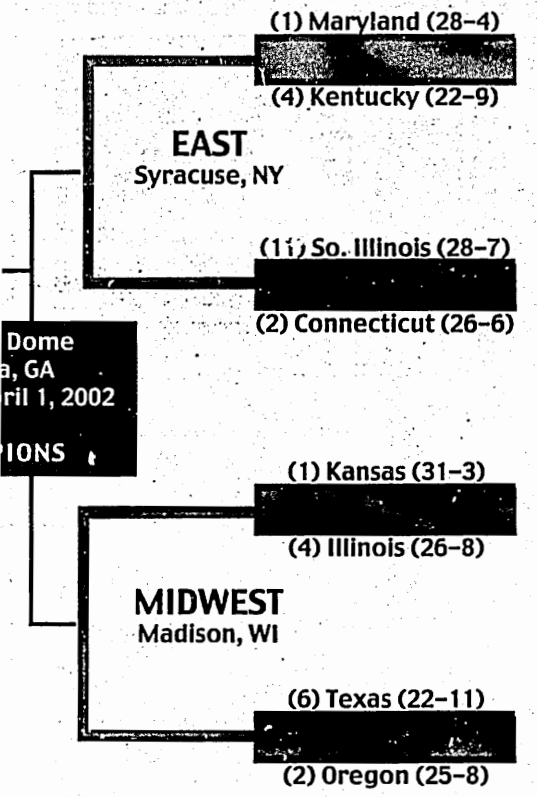
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Suicide bomber kills himself, three Israelis in Jerusalem

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JERUSALEM (KRT) - A suicide bomber linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's organization blew himself up in central Jerusalem on Thursday, killing three Israelis, injuring dozens more and dealing a serious new blow to U.S. efforts to broker a truce in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Hours later, Israel canceled a security meeting with Palestinians aimed at crafting a cease-fire. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon planned to convene his Cabinet to decide on Israel's reaction to the latest bombing, said Raanan Gissin, a Sharon spokesman.

U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni will continue his effort to get both sides to commit to a cease-fire and halt 18 months of violence that has killed more than 350 Israelis and 1,000 Palestinians, diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

But the sponsorship of Thursday's attack in the heart of Jerusalem could vastly complicate his task.

The Al Aqsa Brigades claimed credit for the bombing in a call to The Associated Press and identified the assailant as Mohammed Hashaika, 22, a resident of the West Bank village of Talooza, north of Nablus.

Al Aqsa is part of Arafat's Fatah political organization, and one of its leaders was quoted last week as saying the group, which is responsible for a series of recent terrorist attacks, takes its orders from Arafat. In Washington, the State Department announced Thursday that it is adding the group to the U.S. government's list of foreign terrorist organizations.

"Mr. Arafat must do more to stop violence in the Middle East," President Bush said Thursday in a speech in El Paso, Texas, hours after the bombing. Vice President Dick Cheney has said he would meet with Arafat, but only if Arafat works to stop the violence.

Israeli security officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Hashaika was arrested by Palestinian authorities in mid-February in the West Bank and he acknowledged that he was

preparing to carry out a suicide attack in Israel. They said the Palestinians requested and received Israel's permission to transfer him to the West Bank city of Ramallah. He reportedly was released when Israeli forces entered the city last week.

Arafat took the unusual step of condemning the bombing, promising to prevent such attacks in the future.

"We will take immediate and required steps to put an end to these actions and those who stand behind them. We will spare no effort in doing so," he said in a statement at his headquarters in Ramallah.

Arafat spoke after a call from Secretary of State Colin Powell, who demanded he do more to end the violence.

However, Israeli officials saw Thursday's bombing as fresh evidence that the Palestinian leader is orchestrating terror while talking peace.

"Al Aqsa is the blood and flesh of Yasser Arafat," Gissin said. Arafat "has no intention to end the policy of terror."

"We have to collect the pieces of the bodies of our citizens after they have been massacred by messengers of Chairman Arafat," said Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Olmert spoke yards from the scene of the attack in a stretch of shops and restaurants on King George Street, where, police said, Hashaika detonated a bomb packed with nails and screws on the street in the midst of shoppers.

The powerful explosion at around 4:20 p.m. local time (9:20 a.m. EST) reverberated across much of Jerusalem's center.

"I was very close to him (the suicide bomber)," a witness who would give only his first name, Israel, told Israel Radio. "I saw him walking, looking here and there, and I saw he looked suspicious. I wanted to call someone, but I didn't have time. Then he blew up. I saw arms and legs flying all over the place."

Three other people were killed and as many as 80 were wounded, three of them reportedly in critical condition.

Gil Kleiman, a police spokesman, said authorities were trying to determine whether the bomber had accomplices.



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A suicide bomber apparently linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's organization blew himself up in central Jerusalem Thursday, killing two people and dealing a potentially devastating blow to U.S.-brokered truce talks. The terrorist attack left unclear the fate of U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni's efforts to negotiate a halt to 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Minutes after the attack, police detained one Arab man, forcing him against a wall down the street from the bombing. A young Israeli kicked and cursed at the man until authorities forced him away.

The bombing took place yards from a Sbarro restaurant that was the scene of a devastating suicide bombing last summer, and around the corner from the site of another recent suicide attack, the first by a woman.

In a scene that has become virtually commonplace here, police cars and ambulances rushed to the scene, while tearful Israelis took to their cellular phones. Authorities cleared the area of cars and brought in bomb-sniffing dogs to check for a second explosive device.


Many Palestinians say the attacks are justified as a response to recent Israeli incursions into the

West Bank and Gaza Strip, which have killed hundreds, including children and relief workers.

Zinni, who was at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv at the time of the attack, is trying to nudge both sides into taking the first steps to implement a cease-fire plan developed last year by CIA chief George Tenet.

It talks that began Wednesday night and stretched into early Thursday, Israeli and Palestinian officials presented competing proposals for implementing Tenet's plan. But, at least in the morning before the bombing, the gap "looked bridgeable," said an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman.

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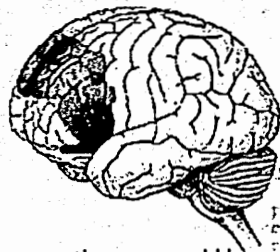
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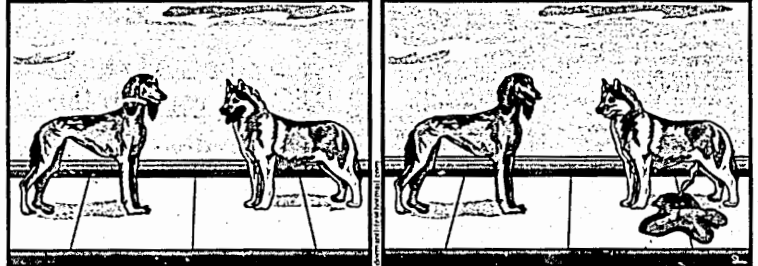


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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 22) - You have plans, and you have a picture in your mind of how things should be. But don't get too set on it. As this year's project develops, that picture may change. What you end up with may bear little resemblance to what you were originally after. Leave some things to chance. 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 6 - A domestic situation doesn't go smoothly. Are you having trouble understanding somebody's point of view? Postpone an outing in order to spend more time listening.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You may have someone looking over your shoulder, supposedly giving you encouragement. To you, it could feel more like nagging, but it's forcing you to learn. Keep studying.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. But all play and no work would have you spending next week out on the street, asking for spare change. Do the work, get the bucks, then party.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You should be feeling a lot stronger. That's good, because you're being held to a very high standard. No point in complaining. You may be the one with great expectations. Give it your best shot.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Are you running into problems you didn't expect? That's because you're in unfamiliar territory. You've left your safety zone. Get used to it!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You and your friends may not be able to achieve everything you want, but you can get started. There's not enough money yet. Work out your budget first.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is an 8 - Now you're the one who has to curtail frisky behavior. An influential person will not be amused if you and your friends are goofing off during working hours. Be happy, but don't push the limits.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Obligations prevent you from taking the whole day or the whole weekend off, but don't despair. You can find moments. Your passions can be diverted, but they won't be denied. You'll find a way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You'll have to get practical whether you want to or not. You know money isn't everything; love is much more important. But love will be much easier if you don't blow all the money.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're an independent, self-made person, right? You never ask for help. But you could sit back and let somebody else fuss over you once in a while. It won't kill you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Your intuition may be good, but the words could come out wrong. Make a date for Sunday, then stop flirting during work hours. You're liable to make a big mess.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Conditions are better for love than for money, but don't despair. Conditions for money are good early next week. Schedule accordingly.

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by Harri Arnold and Mike Arginton

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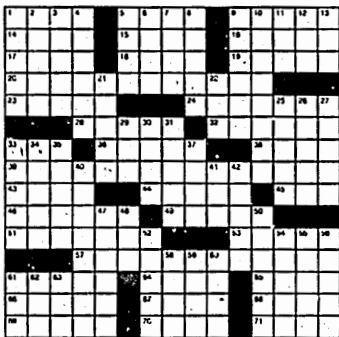
Yesterday's Jumbles: LIBEL FUROR BAFFLE PARADE
Answer: What the honest cabbie charged his passengers - A FAIR FARE

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A JOB THAT TAKES A LOT OF INTEREST TO GET AHEAD.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- National poet
 - Class dance
 - "The Godfather" subject
 - Woodwind
 - Tart citrus
 - Labor or student follower
 - PTA members
 - News hit
 - Swagger
 - Frog-kick locomotion
 - Litard
 - World's highest mountain
 - Oregon, for one
 - Fronto
 - Horned snake
 - Urgent
 - Poetic offerings
 - Colin Powell's milieu
 - Prune
 - Radio and TV
 - Monies
 - Smirk back
 - City on the Rhine
 - States strongly
 - Yellow-flowered shrub
 - Campers' protections
 - Knock over
 - Erase
 - poor 'brick
 - Get on horseback
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 - Son of Montague
 - Purly sea water
 - Conspiracy
 - Barbecue meat
 - Skip
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 - Pirate weapon

- Outer chamber
- Christmas tree
- Hill builder
- Do duty
- Female cells
- Ceased
- Crime locale
- Auditions
- Lend a hand
- 1st part
- Boutonniere site
- Kindness to creatures op.
- Twinklers
- Helen's abductor
- Lord's wife
- Apartment building
- Brazil's carnival city
- Latin ballroom dance
- Cave
- Letters for little green men
- Beethoven's "Moonlight"

- Small army unit
- Sacred item
- Like old jokes
- Hill curves
- Do... others as...
- Groupie target
- Scholarly work
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- The... Also Rises

No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



Girls and Sports

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau



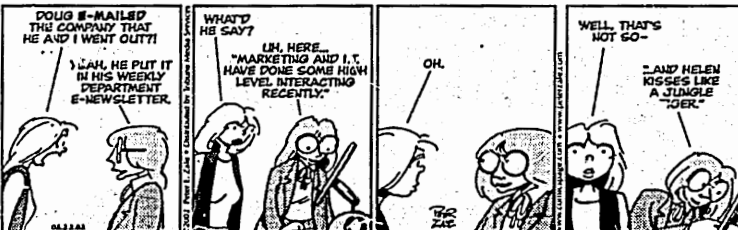
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Workout clothes work anytime

Candace Murphy
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A disco beat thumps. A forehead glistens. Light, what little there is, reflects off a sequined bodice. A man in a retro track suit makes time in the corner with ...

An exercise bike.
Yep. It's a gym. But the funny thing is, turn the clock forward a few hours, and you're likely to see the same scene in a nightclub. Sans exercise bike, of course.

"The concept this season is to make workout apparel more applicable to everyday life," says Katie Yurri, a fitness buyer for Athleta, an online California company - <http://www.athleta.com/> - that specializes in fitness fashions for women.

"So, hypothetically, you could run your errands, stand in line for coffee, whatever, and not be gawked at," Yurri says. "And now, with better fabrics, you don't have to look like you just walked off the set of 'Xanadu.'"

This year, the theme in fitness fashion is undeniably one of versatility. Clothes not only can work in the gym as easily as outside of it, they almost have to. It's all part of a larger movement toward casual apparel in everyday life.

That means companies such as Nike offer stretchy bootleg-cut pants that look as good on the treadmill at 3 mph as they do window shopping at trendy boutiques. Adidas, with its trademark trio of stripes more retro chic than ever thanks to a nice boost from "The Royal Tenenbaums," can't keep its track suits on the shelves. DKNY active is in on the action with off-the-shoulder fashions reminiscent of "Flashdance." Capri pants bring out the Audrey Hepburn in anybody.

The common denominator is fabulously fashionable.

"Workout apparel used to be very '80s," Yurri says, "tight, shiny and Lycra. Not anymore. ... People like to look stylish in the gym. In fact, to some, it becomes just as important as the workout."

But that doesn't mean the fashions aren't functional. High-tech fabrics like those popular at Athleta and InSport, a small Oregon-based company, as well as smarter cuts, mean a more comfortable workout. Moisture-transfer fabrics have the edge on cotton because they won't stay wet and chill your body as soon as your pulse returns to normal. Smart stitching - like flat-lock stitching - in crucial areas prevents chafing. Trendy camisole tanks do double duty with built-in shelf bras.

Smart-looking running shirts, like those designed by Sugoio of Vancouver, British Columbia, which specializes in gear for jogging, cycling and fitness, have built-in hand warmers to keep digits toasty during outdoor exercise.

Color, too, is important. Though black is always in vogue, and the epitome of crossover clothing, bold hues are splattered throughout the fitness fashion racks. Purple, in all its glorious hues - lavender, lush grape, magenta, plum - is popular. Classic colors such as crimson, navy and gold are also trendy.

Prints, though, along with the pink-and-aqua camouflage that have thankfully used up their 15 minutes of fame, aren't must-haves, unless, of course, it's a print of the star-spangled banner. Or something safe, like a black-and-white print, for which Yurri has a weakness.

"It's more practical," she says, "and can cross over from the gym to kicking around town."

And that is, after all, the point.

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'Maxim' names 13 greatest North American cities

David Lyman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT - Just like a guy.

This week, Maxim, a men's lifestyle magazine with a circulation of 2.5 million, named Detroit the Greatest City on Earth.

Just one problem, though. The magazine's editors also named Miami the Greatest City on the Earth. And Philadelphia. And San Francisco and Dallas. By the time Maxim's serial city-lovers got done, they had named 13 North American cities the greatest on the globe.

To make their game complete, they printed 13 versions of the magazine, each touting a different city as the greatest. About 75,000 magazines named Detroit No. 1 and were distributed throughout Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

"I felt a little guilty," admitted senior editor James Heidenry. Just 24 hours earlier, he had likened Detroit to the venerable Coupe de Ville and said, "What American guy

doesn't love Detroit?"

Heidenry confessed to spouting similarly loving words to reporters from at least five other cities - all in one day.

When asked point-blank early in the week whether there were other cities involved, he flat-out lied: "No," he said. "We love Detroit."

It all began honestly enough, he said.

"This is our fifth anniversary issue, so we thought it would be cool to name a city of the year."

But when the editors slashed the list of contenders to 13, they couldn't decide which one they liked best.

"We just couldn't bring ourselves to tell the Southies in Boston that they weren't No. 1," Heidenry said, "or the people in New York that they weren't No. 1. So like a guy juggling different girlfriends, we told them all they were No. 1."

He added, "everything we said about Detroit, we meant."

The downside is that, in each issue, the 12 runners-up each receive a paragraph of insults. Detroit's dose of vitriol said the best thing about it is that it's "not quite Canada."

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Patch provides new birth control alternative for women

Ashlea Halpern
Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (U-WIRE) - Doomed to be associated with peg-legged pirates and chain smokers, they give us the willies. But stand back ladies, and hold onto your diaphragms: the contraceptive landscape is about to be altered forever.

Worn like a Band-Aid, transdermal patches stick to the skin and release a hormone combination similar to the Pill, and just as effective at preventing ovulation.

Instead of popping tiny pink pills day in and day out, the beauty of the patch is that it needs changing only once a week, for three consecutive weeks. On the fourth week, the woman may skip the patch and she'll begin to menstruate.

Developed by Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Inc. in Raritan, N.J., the Ortho Evra patch (orthoevra.com) won the approval of the Food and Drug Administration last November. More than 70,000 patches have been clinically tested worldwide in more than 3,300 women for more than 22,000 menstrual cycles.

Scheduled to hit the market last month, the release of Ortho Evra has been postponed.

Amy Allina, the program director of the National Women's Health Network, predicted Ortho Evra will be on the market soon. "Once they get the distribution network in place, there will be a strong early uptake,"

she said.

The Ortho Evra patch, available only in beige, works by gradually allowing low doses of progesterin and estrogen to seep into the skin. The thin, smooth patch measures 1 3/4 inches on each of its four sides. The patch, which may be placed on the upper torso, upper arm, abdomen or buttocks, can be worn swimming, showering and exercising. Only 2 percent of clinical cases peeled off, and in such a situation, the patch was still effective if reapplied within 24 hours.

Nyla Saleh, a sophomore public relations major, takes the contraceptive Alesse daily. She said it was unlikely she'd be swayed to switch to the patch. Saleh has taken birth control for two years, beginning with Depo-Provera. After she experienced continual bleeding for three months, she switched to the Pill.

Saleh expressed concern about weight gain attributed to the Pill; but said in the last two years she's only put on about nine pounds. Weight gain is a common side effect for some contraceptives, Saleh said, adding that she had seen the weight of her friends skyrocket once they started taking birth control.

Although Saleh admitted the patch may be preferential for some women, she didn't see the appeal. "I just associate it with smoking," she said. "Maybe if it were more long-term, but every week versus every day really isn't too much of a difference."

As with the Pill, other side effects

may include breast tenderness, nausea, headaches, irregular bleeding and increased risk of blood clots and stroke.

The cost of Ortho Evra has not been determined, but will be comparable to the leading birth control pills.

The Scarlet Letter

The aesthetics of the patch have some women questioning its worth. Much like an old Band-Aid, the patches collect a grimey film around the edges. The patch may also irritate sensitive skin. Women who scratch the area stand a risk of tearing the patch. Dry skin may crack or scab around the patch.

"It sounds kind of gross," said Carrie Tirinato, a sophomore social work major, about the buildup of dirt around the patch. "You'd get all that sticky brown crap that collects on the edges."

Tirinato has used Depo-Provera as her chosen method of birth control since last August. Her reliance on Depo-Provera requires a shot of progesterin in her buttocks every 12 weeks.

Tirinato quit the Pill because of harsh side effects like headaches and volatile mood swings. Since switching to Depo-Provera, she has encountered no ill side effects and rarely thinks about birth control. "I don't do anything, don't think about anything, just five minutes, one day every three months. That's it."

Although Ortho Evra is as effective

as Depo-Provera, Tirinato smokes, and smokers are discouraged from using the patch because of the increased risk of cardiovascular side effects.

A trial among 1,417 women indicated the patch may be more effective than the Pill because women were more likely to comply with its prescribed usage, according to Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. The patch testers showed 88 percent compliance, compared to 78 percent of women taking the Pill, their study added.

However, throughout the clinical trials, women complained the patch wasn't discreet enough.

Angela Jackson, a junior elementary education major, has never taken prescription birth control and doesn't entertain the thought of the Ortho Evra patch.

"I think it'd be unattractive," Jackson said. "People are too superficial about their bodies during sex, but I guess if you were half drunk you really won't care anyway."

Tirinato worried that people, in particular sexual partners, would see the patch and be turned off. Jackson agreed that she'd feel self-conscious sporting the patch, and would worry that her family members might ask about it. Jackson sees the patch somewhat like a billboard, advertising a sexually active lifestyle.

"The shame factor is there. It's like you're supposed to wait until you're married, and this affects the purity factor. And for a girl, you're

still looked at as a slut," she said.

Spreading the good word

Public interest in the patch has been slow to surface.

Marcia Parks, a receptionist at OB/GYN Associates of Western New York, 960 Center Rd., in Buffalo, N.Y., has yet to field client inquiries about the patch.

New methods of contraception are introduced to Parks' OB/GYN practice mostly by drug reps who visit from pharmaceutical companies. Parks believes client interest will steadily increase once more information is publicized, both by practitioners and advertisers.

Mary Easton, the secretary for External Affairs/Communications at the Planned Parenthood Center of Syracuse, 1120 E. Genesee St., said the clinic has not received the green light protocol from the national office.

"If they feel it beneficial and we see a big request, certainly it will be offered," Easton said, adding they have not received any requests.

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit organization focused on sexual and reproductive health research, has been on the trail of Ortho Evra since it first surfaced. Christine Loredo, a communications associate at Guttmacher, said she couldn't imagine why the patch wouldn't be a success.

"I'm very excited," Loredo said. "It's more convenient, and the more options women have, the better."



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Carbondale shows its Saluki spirit

Local stores experience sales boom as basketball team reaches Sweet 16

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

As the SIU men's basketball team gains more and more notoriety from the national media, some Saluki fans are making news of their own. James Karayiannis, the general manager of Pinch Penny Pub and Copper Dragon Brewing Co., recently had about 200 shirts produced in support of the Salukis only to have them confiscated by NCAA officials in Chicago last week-end.

The shirts, designed by Karayiannis, have a design on the back that depict a Saluki choking Texas Tech coach Bob Knight.

With all the recent news and documentaries revolving around Knight and the fact that the Salukis were selected to play Texas Tech in the

first round, Karayiannis decided the controversial coach would be a perfect subject for his shirts. Karayiannis and some of staff began handing out the shirts — which had already become a hot commodity in Carbondale — at last Friday's game in Chicago. Tournament officials, however, put a stop to that, saying that he was not permitted to distribute the shirts at the game.

"We're giving them away just to boost school spirit," Karayiannis said. "I guess they looked at them and thought maybe this is controversial. We don't need Bobby Knight's reputation being smeared. Maybe he was an Indiana fan, I don't know."

Karayiannis recently made a second batch of shirts depicting a Saluki-driven sled that is being pulled by bulldogs and huskies, the respective mascots of Georgia and Connecticut — two schools that SIU is facing in the tournament. He expects to sell out these shirts quickly as well.

Pinch is not the only local business experiencing a sales boom in Saluki merchandise. The three major bookstores, as well as Saluki Central, all reported a major increase in sales of SIU

apparel and merchandise.

Chris Croson, a manager at the University Bookstore in the Student Center, said his store has been a zoo all week long. The biggest increase, however, has been in Internet sales.

According to Croson, University Bookstore averages about 10 mail orders per day, but between Sunday and Wednesday, it had already received more than 500 online orders.

Croson's most interesting sale so far was to a bar in Syracuse, N.Y. — host to this weekend's East Regional — that ordered six giant SIU flags to prepare for the tournament.

"Normally, this time of the year, we're getting ready for buy-back," Croson said. "That's just taking a back seat to getting prepared for the game."

Debbie Mack, marketing director at Saluki Central, said business this week has been incredible. Business is usually slow the week after spring break, but this year sales are up 80 percent at the store, according to Mack.

"We sold over 600 Sweet 16 shirts before 2 p.m. on [Tuesday]," Mack said. "It took all our

energy to get restocked for [Wednesday]. It's only comparable to Parent's Weekend."

Mack expects a lot more sales this week, especially with all of the various events going on, like the Sweet 16 party at the Student Center Ballrooms on Friday. With a camera filming the crowd for the national broadcast on CBS, there is sure to be plenty of maroon and white in attendance.

And there will surely be some of Karayiannis' masterpieces on display at the party, something the senior in marketing is eager to see.

"It's always been my opinion that when students leave SIU they take three things with them, three guaranteed musts," Karayiannis said. "They take a cup from Quatro's or a La Bambra's cup, a bad liver and their favorite T-shirt."

"If you can get students or employees to wear your T-shirts and support your bar, it's just more advertising."

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Salukis set eyes on first place

Only one home tournament for women's golf

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

What is usually a cross-country flight will be reduced to a country road drive for the SIU women's golf team this weekend.

The squad plays host to the Saluki Invitational this Sunday and Monday at Hickory Ridge Golf Center, their only home tournament of the year and a welcome change from the hassles of the road. Tee-off is slated for 9 each morning.

"It's nice to sleep in your own bed," head coach Diane Daugherty said. "I don't have to drive the van, and we don't have to fly anywhere."

The Salukis haven't played a tournament in their own time zone since last October in Little Rock, Ark., and haven't played a tournament in the Midwest since the Lady Northern Invitational in Champaign last September.

SIU's past four tournaments have been in Honolulu, San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and Tampa, Fla., so the team is relieved to be driving only five minutes to Hickory Ridge.

A home tournament provides the

Salukis with numerous advantages, the least of which is a short trip to the golf course. Hickory Ridge is the team's practice course and, according to the team, one of the most difficult in the region.

"We definitely have a home course advantage playing here, there's no doubt about it," Daugherty said. "This is a very tough golf course."

The Salukis are used to the rough conditions at Hickory Ridge and have years of experience playing on it.

That experience will give the Salukis a significant edge over the visiting teams, who only get one practice round before competition starts.

"We've played it everyday and tried so many different things," said Andrea Turner on the value of course experience. "We've tried irons, woods and lots of different shots, so we're going to play to our strengths."

The Salukis expect to pick up a few strokes on holes 15 and 16, the holes most players think will be a nightmare for opponents. Both feature thin fairways, plenty of hazards on both sides and thick woods to the left.

"If you hit a bad shot, you'll be in a hazard for a while," freshman Amy Rankin said.

But that isn't likely to happen to the Salukis. They have played the course hundreds of times and have the holes figured out.

"We have a bit more feel of it," senior Alison Hiller said of hole 16. "It's not so intimidating to us because we play it all the time, but to others, it's one of the more intimidating holes out there."

The players will also receive moral support from friends and family, another perk of playing in a home tournament. Every player's parents be will be in attendance watching their daughters defend their home turf, as will many players' siblings and grandparents.

Hiller, whose parents are coming all the way from Atlanta, said the team is confident it will perform much better than it did at last year's Saluki Invitational, when it placed third. The Salukis are fiercely protective of Hickory Ridge.

"It's our Dawghouse, it's our place and we own it," Hiller said, repeating what Daugherty has been telling them all week.

Though cautious not to put pressure on her players and constantly telling them "you can only control what you do," Daugherty can smell a Saluki victory.

"It's been four years since we've won this," Daugherty said. "And we feel like we've done again."

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young but gifted group that he says has been among the most pleasurable teams he has ever coached. While Butler and Okafor are capable of dominating, Calhoun said the Salukis are also a vying team to try to neutralize.

"They give us some unique problems, but we in turn think we can give them some very unique problems," Calhoun said. "I think both teams use enough different people and play in enough different ways to be pretty flexible."

Although it's already late March, a hefty blanket of snowfall is expected in Syracuse today. Upstate New York is used to wintry weather, but here, like everywhere else in the country, the Salukis lingering this late into March is a real stunner.

The pressure is already off SIU — nobody would fault the Salukis for succumbing to a loaded Connecticut team in the Sweet Sixteen. Still, the opportunity sitting before SIU is a precious one, and Weber is doing all that he can to improve his guys to seize the moment.

"We've proven that we belong here, but now we really got to put an exclamation point by giving a good performance. It's been fun, exciting, but at the same time, I don't want it to end yet, and hopefully they don't want it to end," Weber said.

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the keys for his team is to take Okafor's shot blocking ability out of the equation.

"We need to get some transition buckets," Weber said. "We need some easy baskets where Okafor's not sitting back there swatting things out of there."

Keeping the intimidating 6-9, 240 pound Okafor quiet may be harder than it sounds as he has already blocked nine shots in his last two games.

Junior forward Jermaine Dearman made a living in the paint in the upset win over Georgia scoring a career high 25 points, with most of them coming near the basket.

Dearman said if he and Roberts do their jobs and play how they're capable of, the Salukis will be just fine.

"I just feel like if we can do our job, playing hard, down and dirty defense, have Rolan get in there and block some shots, get rebounds and just do what we have to do to

establish ourselves in the paint, we'll be well off," Dearman said.

The key to the Salukis staying in for SIU's big men, specifically Roberts and Dearman, to keep UConn's big three off the glass.

While Dearman has been the catalyst behind SIU's first two wins, it is Roberts who will have to step up his game for the Salukis to keep the clock from striking midnight on their Cinderella post season run.

"He gives us that force inside, that shot blocker, that inside scorer that we don't really have in the [Missouri Valley Conference]," Weber said. "I think we would have had a good team without him, I don't think there's a doubt, but he gives us a chance to compete with the Indiana's, Illinois's, Texas Tech's, Georgia's and hopefully UConn's."

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SIU baseball opens up MVC play

Salukis battle Bradley in a four-game series

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Most of Carbondale's focus this weekend is out in Syracuse, N.Y., as the SIU men's basketball team competes in the Sweet Sixteen.

That, however, is not the only important sporting event going on this weekend as a number of SIU squads will be in action during the next few days, including the Saluki baseball team.

The Diamond Dawgs open their Missouri Valley Conference season this weekend at home against Bradley in a four-game series at Abe Martin Field. The series opener is today at 2 p.m.

SIU is 11-4 so far and off to its best start to a season since 1999. The Salukis have been hitting on all cylinders this year and, had it not been for a couple of close losses, could be undefeated right now.

The most impressive aspect of SIU's quick start has been its starting pitching. Jake Alley (3-0), Jerel Deitering (4-0) and Jake Nelson (1-1) have combined to amass an 8-1 record.

The Salukis, however, still need to find a solid fourth starter for the conference season. Alley and Deitering will start the first two games while Nelson closes out the series. Head coach Dan Callahan has yet to decide who will start the third game.

He has narrowed it down to either Ryan Welch (1-1) or Eric Haberer (1-0), both freshman. Welch already has one start under his belt from last weekend while Haberer has been the ace in the bullpen so far.

Callahan will wait and see what happens in the first two games before he decides who will start the third.

Haberer said the possible move from relieving to a starting role should not be too difficult.

"I'll just go out there and try

throwing strikes," Haberer said. "I'll just be pitching a little longer."

In his only other start, Welch faced national power Notre Dame and, although he was unable to pull out the victory, showed a lot of potential.

Several players said they did not think Bradley would present much of a challenge. The Braves (4-7) were picked to finish last in the conference, a fact that Callahan thinks will motivate them.

"In their eyes, they have something to prove," Callahan said. "The coaches in the conference did not think very much of them and picked them to finish even lower than us."

Callahan said that a typical Bradley team includes two or three good pitchers and two or three decent pitchers. If this holds true, the more-talented Salukis should dominate the Braves this weekend.

Bradley is coming off their spring road trip in which several games were called due to bad weather, which means the Braves should be well rested.

"They had their last two games rained out," Callahan said. "So pitching-wise, they should be pretty strong."

The Salukis will counter with four batters who are among the top six in the conference in hitting. With the strong hitting and starting pitching, coupled with an ever-maturing bullpen, SIU should be pulling out the brooms on Sunday as it pulls off a likely sweep of the Braves.

Welch, however, knows better than to take any team in the MVC lightly.

"The Valley's tough," Welch said. "On a given day, anyone can beat anybody else."

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Ross Kowzan who plays left field for the SIU Baseball team was recently named MVC Player of the Week. Kowzan who replaced Justin Maurath in the field has made an impact on the plate batting .510 this past month.

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The baseball team opens MVC play today at 2 p.m. against Bradley. On Saturday, the two teams will hook up for a noon doubleheader and cap the four-game series off Sunday with a 1 p.m. contest.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Saluki tennis to host Skyhawks

The SIU men's and women's tennis teams will each square off against Tennessee-Martin today at 2 p.m. at University Courts.

For the men (1-2), it's their last non-conference meet before the MVC season. It's the second-to-last meet for the women's team (0-8).

The women will face a strong Skyhawks team, (5-1) and the men will face a less successful Tennessee-Martin squad (2-6).

Payback 10 months in making for San Diego State

Joel Sartain
The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.)

SAN DIEGO (U-WIRE) — Ten months is a long time to wait for anything. But that's how long San Diego State (18-9, 2-1 Mountain West Conference) has had to wait for a rematch of last year's conference championship game against BYU (9-12-1, 3-0 MVC).

"We've got some vengeance to pay," SDSU second baseman Carlo Cota said.

Last May, BYU came back from a 3-0 deficit to beat SDSU 4-3 at Tony Gwynn Stadium for the MVC crown. This weekend, the teams meet in Provo in Week two of conference competition.

"They came into our house and took the conference championship from us," Cota said. "That doesn't sit well with us."

Another thing that might cause some unrest is the number of runners the Aztecs have been leaving on base lately. Monday night against Southern California, SDSU got 21 runners on base, only to strand 14 of them in an 8-6 loss. In three games against Air Force, SDSU averaged nine per game.

"We've got to bounce back," left fielder Josh Hill said. "We definitely need to take two out of three, if not sweep them, to get back up on the positive side of things."

Only two teams took two of three at BYU last year, though — neither of which was the Aztecs. In fact, SDSU was swept there. And on the year, the Cougars went 10-4 at Larry H. Miller Field.

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Salukis hope to shine in Syracuse

SIU basketball's big men to face sternest test of season

Jay Schwab
 Daily Egyptian

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — You'd think Bruce Weber would have had enough of his players by late Tuesday night.

The Saluki head coach had just participated in a vigorous pep rally with the team honoring its Sweet Sixteen appearance, and he watched his players beam with delight while soaking in the adoration from the crowd.

Weber had a nice time, too. But the more he thought about it, he knew he had to pick up the phone.

"I called each guy that night and I said, 'It's over guys. You get your bags packed, you get everything ready to go to class tomorrow,'" he said. "We're going to have a hard practice, and now come and focus on the game."

"That's when I came back down to earth. Can we beat UConn? I'm not sure, but we're not going to beat them if we're not ready. I think if we play at a magic level, bounces go our way, we have a chance."

SIU (28-7) and Connecticut (26-6) are squaring off tonight at the Carrier Dome in a 6:38 p.m. Eastern Regional semifinal. The winner will play either Maryland or Kentucky on Sunday for a trip to the Final Four.

The banner at the Carrier Dome listing the teams competing reads like a hallucination a Saluki fan might have after downing too much ice cream before bed. There's Kentucky, Maryland, Connecticut. And Southern Illinois?

"People are thinking what the hell are [we] doing here," quipped Saluki center Rolan Roberts. "It's just a great feeling being here. I'm really happy, but it's not over yet."

SIU guard Kent Williams knows that few expect the Salukis can handle the No. 2 seeded Huskies. That's fine by him. After all, Texas Tech and Georgia probably didn't think their seasons would come to an end at the hands of SIU, either.

"We've worked hard to get where we're at and we're here, so it doesn't matter if you're a Cinderella or if they expected you to be here," Williams said. "As long as you make it here, that's all that's important."

Although the Salukis have shown they won't be bullied by big-name teams, Connecticut provides yet another step up in class. The Huskies, who have won 11 straight after NCAA victories over Hampton and North Carolina State, nabbed both the Big East regular season and tournament titles.

UConn's ammunition starts with Big East Player of the Year Caron Butler, a sophomore NBA prospect who uncorked 34 points in the 77-74 win over N.C. State. Butler is 6-7, and SIU doesn't have a natural defensive solution for him since big men Jermaine Dearman and Roberts will be tied up hounding forward Johnnie Selvie and shot-blocking wizard Emeka Okafor.

"My confidence is real high right now and my teammates know it, and that's why they're giving me the ball in certain situations and believe in me enough to lead this team," Butler said.

The Salukis have played superb defense lately, and Weber thinks SIU's best shot tonight will be to bottle up some of UConn's other threats besides Butler.

UConn head coach Jim Calhoun is high on his team, a



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Saluki guard Kent Williams drives the lane against two Texas Tech defenders this past Friday at the United Center in Chicago. He and the rest of the Salukis will try to continue their postseason run when they will face UConn tonight in Syracuse.

Dawgs look to neutralize UConn's big three

Jens Deju
 Daily Egyptian

In the Connecticut Huskies, the Salukis will face something they have not seen all year long — a truly dominant front line.

UConn's trio of Caron Butler, Johnnie Selvie and Emeka Okafor is by far the most talented group SIU has had to match-up against all year.

Butler, just a sophomore, is the best of the group and he is considered to be one of the best players in the country. He averaged 19.5 points and 7.6 rebounds this season on the way to being named the Big East co-player of the year.

The star small forward, who is considered a virtual lock to be a lottery pick whenever he chooses to go pro, hasn't disappointed in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament, scoring 21 in the first round against Hampton and leading the team with 34 against North Carolina State in the second round.

While one can't fully realize the scope of Butler's talent without seeing him in person, the Salukis know they are more than going to have their hands full with the 6-foot-7-inch, 235 pound star.

"Butler, it's unbelievable watching him on film; he's like Jordan out there," said SIU senior center Rolan Roberts. "We just can't let him get in a rhythm or get comfortable with shooting the ball. He does a great job of that."

Butler is the best of the group, but he is by no means the only player in the frontcourt that can play. Johnnie Selvie, a 6-7, 235 pound senior averaging 11.8 points and 6.0 rebound per game, and shot blocking extraordinaire Emeka Okafor also command plenty of attention.

Of these two, Okafor is the one the Salukis will have to make ... they know where he is at all times. Just a freshman, Okafor averaged 7.7 points, 9.1 rebounds and an amazing 4.2 blocks per game.

SIU's first two opponents, Texas Tech and Georgia, both had big and physical frontcourts, but neither had a shot blocker of Okafor's quality.

"It's totally different because Connecticut has a shot blocker inside, Georgia didn't have any of that," Roberts said. "Our guys could go in the lane and do whatever they wanted against Georgia, get in there hit the floaters and things like that."

"Against UConn, they're going to have to pull up a few feet earlier or they're going to have to penetrate and dish."

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said one of

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SIU, Kent State prove 'mid-majors' can play

Jay Schwab
 Daily Egyptian

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Salukis have become the poster child for mid-major programs this March, so they figure they might as well use the bully pulpit while they have it.

SIU and Kent State are the only two teams not belonging to one of the blockbuster conferences to advance to the Sweet Sixteen, and SIU head coach Bruce Weber used his media forum Thursday to make a case for more mid-majors to be invited to the NCAA tournament on an annual basis.

Using SIU's league as an example — four MVC schools have made it to the Sweet Sixteen since 1994 — he argued that when given a chance, mid-major teams typically rise to the occasion against their more ballyhooed brethren.

"When you watched the highlights before Selection Sunday [CBS] didn't show the championship game," Weber said. "They showed Hampton beating Iowa State [last year]. They showed all of the great stories, and that's what this tournament is about. Right now, we're a great story. I hope that we're a great story Friday night

also."

Turnover talk: Both Weber and Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun spent time Thursday emphasizing the importance of limiting turnovers. Weber said the Huskies will be unstoppable if SIU allows them transition opportunities off turnovers, while Calhoun is displeased with what he considers sloppy play by the Huskies so far in the NCAA tournament.

Calhoun wants his skillful point guard Taliek Brown to have a more stabilizing influence on his team, beginning tonight.

"He becomes a real focal point, especially against a team like Southern Illinois that plays very good defense," Calhoun said.

Stop the music: With an enormous national media presence comes an enormous opportunity to stick your foot in your mouth. SIU center Rolan Roberts found that out the hard way Thursday following practice at the Carrier Dome.

Asked to offer an amusing anecdote from the past week related to the Saluki fever sweeping over Carbondale, Roberts offered a seemingly innocent example.

"I went to the CD store and got a few free

CDs," Roberts said.

A ripple of nervous laughter followed from the media contingent, as well as from the Saluki delegation sitting at the podium. The NCAA has stringent rules prohibiting student-athletes from receiving perks, and while a few free CDs may seem trivial, it doesn't take much to get a school in trouble.

Roberts later attempted to amend his statement, claiming he was not given free music.

A Saluki by any other name: Weber has been asked about SIU's unique nickname on just about every interview he's done all week.

"Besides being a Cinderella, I think the Saluki has also been the thing that's attracted everybody to us," Weber said. "We are the only ones in the country that are the Salukis ... I think it's fun, and it's given us national exposure. I think people, especially in the sporting world, now will know what a Saluki is."

Familiar turf: While this is just SIU's second ever Sweet Sixteen appearance and the only one since the field expanded to 64, UConn is a regular here. The Huskies have made 11 trips to the Sweet Sixteen, eight under Calhoun, including their

1999 national championship season. SIU and Connecticut have never met previously.

No place like home: SIU is 0-1 in dome this season, having lost at Northern Iowa's UNI-Dome. But the UNI-Dome probably isn't adequate preparation for playing in the Carrier Dome, where a crowd of about 30,000 is expected to take in the game and the shooting background can be tricky.

The Carrier Dome is home to Syracuse University, a fellow member of the Big East Conference with UConn. Though the Huskies are accustomed to playing in the Carrier Dome, Roberts said Thursday's brief practice session helped acclimate the Salukis.

"We got a lot of shots in [Thursday], so I think we'll be ready," he said.

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