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Two students assaulted on walk home

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A sudden, vicious attack turned a quiet walk home into a trip to the hospital for two SIUC students in the wee hours of Friday morning.

Kevin M. Gleeson and Matthew W. Burke were walking home from a friend's house between 1:50 and 2:09 a.m. Friday when they were attacked by three men wielding a baseball bat and rocks.

The attack took place by the railroad tracks near Sidetracks, 101 W. College St. Gleeson, a junior in physical education from Schaumburg, required 20 stitches to close lacerations to his face and head. Burke, an undecided sophomore from Schaumburg, suffered a lacerated lip and had two teeth knocked out.

Gleeson said they didn't know their attackers, and the pair had no idea what precipitated the attack.

"They just came up," Gleeson said. "Maybe they were drunk." Gleeson said the trio began snouting obscenities and calling them names immediately before the attack.

The attackers began swinging the baseball bat and throwing rocks. Then, as swiftly and mysteriously as the attack began, it ended. Gleeson had no idea what may caused the attackers to suddenly flee.

"They just took off running," Gleeson said.

Gleeson and Burke walked back to their friend's house on East Hester Street to get a ride to the hospital. The police were contacted from the hospital.

Don Elliott, community resource officer for the Carbondale Police Department, said police have no suspects, and are continuing to investigate the incident.

AIS system soon to be used for SIU payroll

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU's Administrative Information Systems, formerly known as Oracle, has gone "live," taking its initial steps away from antiquated mainframe computers utilized since the mid-70s.

Utilizing Oracle software, AIS is planning to roll out payroll on a scheduled basis beginning January 2001, said William Capie, executive director of AIS.

"This will affect all people who work here," Capie said.

The shift of the transition will be on a month-by-month basis. During this time, SIU will move out of the old payroll system one payroll at a time.

AIS processes four different types of payrolls. The first payroll that will go "live" will be the semi-monthly payroll, which primarily covers civil service employees who are paid on two specific days per month, Capie said.

The process will move toward the weekly payroll and bi-weekly payroll for hourly civil service, then the student payroll and finally, the monthly payroll. Each payroll transfer, beginning in January, should progress with the months accordingly.

AIS is an undertaking by SIU to modernize its administrative computer systems that support financial and human resources management services. The project will change the way SIU employees interact with their business information and will give them much greater control than before, replacing current financial and human resources systems.

Since AIS's inception, SIUC has gone through five chancellors

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Treesong's Gift



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Justin O'Neill, better known as Treesong, has decided to stay in Carbondale after his graduation from SIU to fight local environmental causes.

Known as Treesong by his friends and adversaries, Justin O'Neill has battled McDonald's, loggers and the WTO. Now, he's struggling with his toughest challenge — helping save an ailing campus environmental movement. But don't call him an environmentalist

STORY BY BURKE SPEAKER

It was late February 1997 and for a shy SIUC freshman named Justin O'Neill, life as he knew it was about to end.

The soft spoken, naive 18 year old's low-key lifestyle would soon be replaced with one of vehement protests, passionate sacrifices and civil disobedience. In the ensuing months, a different man would emerge from within a man dedicated to the earth's ecological restoration, a man who would dress as a giant bear for his convictions, a man called Treesong.

The previous fall, Treesong entered SIUC as Justin O'Neill, armed with a philosophy major, a few bags of belongings and absolutely no direction in life. It wasn't until that February night, after finally relenting to his older brother's urging to attend a Student Environmental Center meeting, a direction emerged.

Vegetarianism was the night's topic, and being a vegetarian, Treesong met others who shared his respect toward animals. Soon, though, the talk turned to environmental issues, and Treesong was stumped. "I didn't know anything about environmentalism," Treesong says unabashedly. "It's kind of funny. I really didn't even know it was an issue back then. I just didn't pay much attention to the environmental movement."

But that night, the Brookfield native had an environmental epiphany of sorts. The floodgates of environmental knowledge were opened, and for Treesong, there was no turning back. He realized his life's purpose — promoting social and environmental issues.

After a tumultuous year doing just that, through logging and forest degradation protests as well as campus demonstrations, the young man once called Justin trekked into Thompson Woods to solidify his lifestyle change.

"I realized that I recognized myself as part of the ecology and that was a fundamental change in the way I saw myself," he says. "A new name to reflect that change was called for."

With lingering doubt about a new name ("A lot of people think you're crazy," he says), he sat on a rock in the woods as the wind rustled through the trees. He says the trees sang to him that night.

"I heard that," he says fondly, "and took it as a confirmation."

And Treesong was born. Or rather, reborn.

Treesong is grateful to the SEC members, or as he calls them, the "small band of aspiring radicals who helped me change the course of my entire life." He was in need of a purpose, and they handed it to him.

Now, nearly four years after SEC uprooted Treesong's prior life, it's SEC that is in need. Low student participation plagues the Registered Student Organization each semester, and Treesong says since 1998 there never have been more than 10 active members. In April only three members participated in Earth Day events.

So even though Treesong graduated in May and planned to move on, the thought of SIUC's environmental awareness dwindling into oblivion was unbearable. After

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CORRECTION

In Monday's story and photo, "Latin Fever," the Ballet Folklorico Tonantzin of Southern Illinois was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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TODAY

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Tues, 7 a.m. to noon, Anna, 833-6311.

• Library Affairs introduction to constructing Web pages, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for International students, every Tues, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the corner of Forrest and Mill, Judy 457-2898.

• Career Services workshop tips on how to interview, 3 p.m., Engineering Building A 111, Judy 453-1047.

• Assertiveness Training Group so evening for new members, every Tues, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 453-3655.

• Seminar by David Lightfoot on "GMO Safety: A European Perspective", 4 p.m., Agriculture Building Room 209.

• SPC Comedy meeting to discuss "Weird AF" concert, every Tues, 5 p.m., Student Activity Room B Student Center, Blair 536-3393.

• Criminal Justice Association meeting, 5 p.m., Lawson 131, Kim 549-4769.

• Music Business Association meeting, 6 p.m., Student Center, Myssi 351-1719.

• Yoga Club meeting, every Tues. and Thurs, 7 to 9 p.m., Assembly Room

Recreation Center, Joey 549-0087.

• American Advertising Federation meeting, every Tues, 7 p.m., Communications Building Room 1244, Erika 536-6321.

• Apostolic Life Campus Ministry worship and bible study, 7 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, Phillip 529-8164.

• Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts interest meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Center Auditorium, Tedi 453-5012.

• Outdoor Adventure Program meeting for Kentucky Green River Canoe Trip scheduled for Sept. 22 through Sept. 24 meeting today, 7 p.m., 453-1285.

• Sigma Lambda Gamma safety workshop, 7 to 8 p.m., Missouri Room.

• Anime Kai will be showing Japanese animated programs, every Tues, 8 to 10 p.m., River Room Student Center, Will 536-7447.

UPCOMING

• Library Affairs streaming media, Sept. 20, 9 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Library Affairs finding full text articles, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to noon, Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Sigma Lambda Gamma snow cone sale, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Faner Breezeway.

• Poetry Museum Art in the Garden poetry reading, Sept. 20, noon to 1 p.m., University Museum Sculpture Garden Faner Hall, William 453-5388.

• Christian Apologetics Club meeting to

understand Christianity, every Wed, noon, Troy Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• Library Affairs PowerPoint, Sept. 20, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Outdoor Programs Canoe and Kayak Paddling Clinic, Sept. 20, 4 to 6 p.m., SIUC Campus Boat Dock, 453-1285.

• Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed, 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

• Healing Towards Wholeness Support Group for women who have experienced sexual assault or abuse, every Wed, 4:30 to 6 p.m., 453-3655.

• Model United Nations meeting, Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Jill 351-9881.

• Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed, 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon meeting, every Wed, 6:30 p.m., Library Room 327, Nicole 549-1509.

• Chi Alpha, Campus Ministries African-American bible study, every Wed, 7 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kudzi 529-7088.

• Sigma Lambda Gamma salsa lessons, Sept. 20, 7 to 9 p.m., Mississippi River Room.

• Sigma Lambda Gamma free bowling and billiard, Sept. 21, 9 to 11 p.m., Student Center.

WEATHER



TODAY:
Sunny
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TOMORROW:
Partly Cloudy
High: 79
Low: 54



THURSDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 68
Low: 49

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THIS DAY IN 1990:

• SIUC minority programs and enrollment were growing, however Seymour Bryson, assistant to the president for affirmative actions, said the University's programs could use some improvement.

• University Mall kept a steady amount of business regardless of the interior and exterior mall construction and renovations.

• The Ice Cowboys, a local rock band home to Carbondale, was performing at Gatsby's.

• Atlanta, Ga., won rights to host the 1996 Olympics.

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New COBA dean paying off

Dean Worrell has raised more than \$1.9 million for the college in the past year

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the College of Business and Administration began searching for a new dean, members of its external advisory board made one request clear. They wanted a blue chip dean.

"We're not interested in being an external advisory board for a mediocre dean," said Larry DeJarnett, SIUC alumnus and member of the advisory board.

There was some controversy about salary in the consideration for the position. The University offered an annual salary of \$190,000 to Dan Worrell, a figure high enough to raise some eyebrows on campus. DeJarnett did not find this unreasonable. He said to get a blue chip dean, the University had to be prepared to compensate him appropriately.

In the eyes of board members, they got what they asked for when Worrell joined the University in August 1999, as dean of COBA.

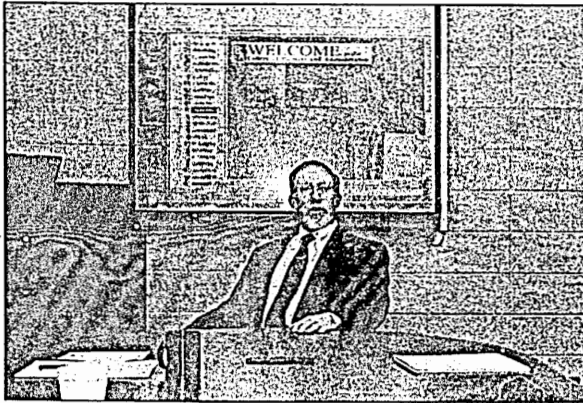
Worrell, who came to SIUC from the University of Texas in Arlington, brought many ideas for change and success. Upon taking his position as dean, Worrell said his initial thoughts were that COBA needed to upgrade its physical facilities.

He has since followed through. Worrell took his assessment of needs to COBA's external advisory board. DeJarnett said the board agreed with Worrell's ideas for improvement.

"He wanted to take quick actions that people could see," DeJarnett said.

Since Worrell began his position Aug. 1, 1999, COBA has raised more than \$1.9 million.

"The funding is a result of the college pre-



JESSE DRURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dan Worrell, dean of the College of Business and Administration, sits in the newly remodeled placement center in Rehn Hall. Worrell has been successful in fundraising since taking over as COBA dean.

sending its needs to friends and those friends buying into that vision," Worrell said.

Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickley McCurry said Worrell is active in the development of COBA.

"The dean's role in fundraising and fundraising success is critical because they are the vision makers for the college," McCurry said.

He said he is pleased with COBA and Worrell's fundraising efforts, and would like to see more.

"I think we're certainly heading in the right direction with the College of Business, and that is because Dan is involved," McCurry said.

The first project Worrell tackled was reno-

vating COBA's conference room, which is used for class and group meetings as well as advisory board meetings.

"We wanted to help as many constituents as we could, as quick as we could," Worrell said.

Last spring, the Arthur Andersen classroom was completed. The classroom was named in honor of its benefactor, Arthur Andersen, a consulting firm. It houses two 40-inch plasma display televisions used as monitors for slides, videos and Power Point presentations, as well as for distance-learning seminars. It also has 48 workspaces with PowerUp modules.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Vice President Gore's daughter to speak at SIUC

Kareanna Gore-Schiff, daughter of Democratic presidential hopeful Vice President Al Gore, will rally on the steps of Shryock Auditorium at 5 p.m. Wednesday. The event is open to everyone.

Gore-Schiff, a Harvard graduate and national director of *gorenet*, will address those in attendance with a student-directed message. The event is sponsored by the SIUC College Democrats.

Gore-Schiff announced her father's candidacy to America on June 16, 1999. She continues to support her father on the road to the White House.

Pizza delivery driver robbed Friday evening

Two men robbed a Papa John's delivery driver Friday evening.

The driver arrived at 10:15 p.m. to 614 E. Park St., trailer 45, and attempted to make a delivery to what turned out to be a vacant trailer. According to police, the victim said once he got out of his car, one of the suspects approached him with a handgun and put it to his throat.

"Give me all your money and get on the ground," the gunman is reported to have said.

The driver gave the gunman the cash and two pizzas before the assailants fled east toward Glisson Mobile Homes, 616 E. Park St.

The gunman was described as a black or Hispanic male, 19-25 and is between 5-foot-6 inches and 5-foot-8 inches tall, wearing a hooded sweatshirt with a black bandanna over his face. The other suspect was described as a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.

John Kilian, manager of Papa John's, was unable to comment on the incident because the robbery is still under investigation.

City Council meeting scheduled tonight

The Carbondale City Council will be meeting tonight at 7 in the City Council Chambers, 200 S. Illinois Ave. Multiple issues are on the agenda, including an approval of changed taxicab rates for Carbondale Yellow Cab Company.

Intramural sports registration until Sept. 27

Registration for an intramural sports Frisbee golf tournament will continue until Sept. 27 at the Student Recreation Center information desk.

The tournament will take place Sept. 29 and Sept. 30 at the Recreation Center.

For more information, call 453-1273.

New law will help domestic violence victims

Illinois Commission on family violence to meet at SIUC

TERRY L. DEAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Representatives from the governor's office will be on campus today to spark support for new legislation to curb incidents of domestic violence in Illinois.

The Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois will present a session regarding the Gender Violence Act—a bill that would, among other things, allow for victims of domestic violence to sue their attackers.

The commission is meeting on several Illinois campuses around the state in an effort to engage the public on the prevalence of domestic violence.

"The goal is to get people to

understand the importance of this issue and contact their legislators," said Beverly Stitt, SIUC's director of Women's Studies.

House Bill 4407 was offered in the Illinois spring legislative session. The bill also covers violence against children, and cases involving men who are victims of domestic violence.

The new law is in response to a Supreme Court decision in May of this year that struck down a provision in federal law that allowed victims to sue their attackers.

The court ruled that the 1994 Violence Against Women Act passed by Congress violated the states' ability to legislate gender-related crimes.

Stitt said today's session, con-

sisting of a presentation and discussion of the bill, will also help educate people on how state and federal institutions deal with domestic violence issues.

"Many people believe that we already have laws on the books that cover this issue, and until the Supreme Court's decision we did," Stitt said.

According to the Illinois Department of Human Services, more than 100,000 cases involving domestic violence were recorded by state services last year.

These cases include individuals who sought shelter or filed domestic violence complaints. About 80,000 adults and nearly 22,000 children comprised last year's figures.

Kelly Cichy, executive director of the Carbondale's Women Center, said the high number of incidents reported is a mixed bag. Cichy, who plans to attend today's event, said it's good that people are reaching out, but it's unfortunate that they have to in the first place.

"It's very good that people who have never reached out in the past are seeking help," Cichy said. "But it's sad in our society that we need to be in this situation. We believe people need to know about this, and we're here to help them."

SESSION MEETING

• THE INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL BE AT O'QUIGLEY 140B FROM 3 UNTIL 5 P.M. TODAY.

Graduate students consider unionization

GPSC committee is studying the prospect of unionizing teaching assistants

JASON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Graduate and Professional Student Council is intensifying its investigation into forming a union, according to Bill Peters, president of GPSC.

A committee will meet this week for the first time to research whether there is a necessity to unionize GPSC.

Peters said they have not taken a side and are only investigating whether a union is appropriate for the Carbondale campus. Also, he said he does not believe graduate students will support unionizing.

Currently, Illinois law forbids students from unionizing.

"We are not for or against unionization,"

Peters said. "It's a conflict of interests for a student government, and they should not be interrelated."

Graduate students in the history department asked GPSC to look into the issue of unionization, and GPSC representative Amy Sileven then wrote a resolution that was presented in April.

Her resolution, which GPSC passed, formed a committee to gather and distribute information on the strengths and weaknesses of unionizing.

The resolution was strongly worded and adversarial in nature, stating that the SIU Board of Trustees and the administration

"only pay lip service to the idea of shared governance." Yet, she said she has not made a decision to support a graduate union.

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We are not for or against unionization, it's a conflict of interests for a student government, and they should not be inter-related.

BILL PETERS
GPSC president

right to bargain, but UIUC does not to

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Fisheries article by SIUC experts wins award

The American Fisheries Society named an article published by SIUC fisheries expert Christopher C. Kohler and former doctoral student Anita M. Kelly the North American Journal of Aquaculture's top publication of 1999.

The article "Cold Tolerance and Fatty Acid Composition of Striped Bass, White Bass and Their Hybrids," published in Vol. 61, No. 4, was recognized for contributing to the understanding of fish nutrition and physiological adaptations to winter conditions.

Kohler, a professor of zoology, heads the SIUC Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center. Kelly earned her doctorate from SIUC in 1995 and is now an assistant professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Mississippi State University.

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OUR WORD

Skateboarding park brings new opportunities, new responsibilities

SIUC has finally given them a playground. Now, let's just hope they're willing to play by the rules.

As a hobby, skateboarding has long been criticized as an activity for punks and delinquents, one that can hardly be counted as a sport. But as time goes on, it has become clear that skateboarding is more than a fringe fad — to the point where the Division of Skateboard Enthusiasts received full Registered Student Organization status earlier this year. Slowly, the reputation is changing, and a new sport is emerging.

Therefore, kudos go to the Recreation Center for recognizing this trend and moving ahead with plans to build a skateboard park behind the Lesar Law Building. When the 6,000-square-foot play land opens in about four weeks, SIUC skateboarders will finally have a place to call home, turf to use for their very own sport.

It is a victory for those who practice the activity, as long as they understand this new toy is going to require some new understanding of the rules. Skateboarding has long been a hotly debated issue on campus because of the various distractions it causes, especially in the area around Faner Hall. Professors complain about the distracting noises outside while they are trying to teach classes.

Others complain about the safety hazards that have brought bloody chins and broken arms through the years. And still others complain about the damage being inflicted on the railing and wheelchair ramp. For these reasons, skateboarding is not allowed in the area, but few students know this guideline as a law.

However, the SIUC parking regulations confirm the rule, saying that the activity is outlawed in heavy pedestrian areas and wherever the words "Walk Bikes" appear. While tickets are seldom issued, SIUC police frequently have had to warn skateboarders to take their hobby someplace else. Now, with an area specifically designed for the sport, the time has come to ensure that the rule is a little better understood. Granted, signs prohibiting skateboarding are on campus, but they are few and far between.

If a true compromise is to be reached, signs need to be displayed in areas where they can easily be seen and understood. Without this change, there's nothing to look forward to but more skinned knees and tipped garbage cans.

So congratulations go to SIUC's skateboarders; we hope you enjoy your new playground. But please, keep your hobby there, and remember to always follow the rules. After all, that would be the sportsmanlike thing to do.



All I want is to be a household name

"Almost Famous" is the name of a movie coming out soon starring a whole bunch of twentysomethings that you probably haven't heard of. "Almost Famous" also could have been the name for my autobiography, starring only one twentysomething you probably haven't heard of — me. I'm not exactly sure what it means that I've had an unrelenting desire to be noticed by millions nationwide. Now I'm not talking about how every little kid wants to be a football player or a ballerina and how they would acquire fame through their accomplishments. On the contrary, over the past 10 or so years I have spent a frightening amount of time, money and effort trying to be famous JUST to be famous.

Doing the minimal amount of effort and expecting productive results has been my downfall since I was a kid. I say without trying to brag that I was a "gifted child," and I breezed through junior high without much work. When I got to high school, however, I found out having absolutely no study skills was going to be my undoing. A lot of students would have taken this as a challenge and taken steps to correct this problem. Not me! I instead searched out avenues in which my lack of effort wouldn't hinder me. A quick glance in the mirror crushed my dreams of being a male model, so I kept thinking. I finally realized that one strength I had was my ability to recall an obscene amount of trivia. (In fact, I often use the excuse that my head is too crammed with useless facts to remember the important ones I need for, like, class and stuff.) I joined our school's Scholastic Bowl team, which was basically like playing Jeopardy against other schools. Yeah, we weren't exactly chick magnets, but I wasn't anyway. At any rate, if you were to find my senior year yearbook (York High, Elmhurst, Illinois, class of '93, and for the record, I am not suggesting that you do find it), I was quoted as saying that I joined Scholastic Bowl "to prepare for my full-time career as a game-show contestant."

As I started college, however, the game-show market was

pretty slim; College Jeopardy never called me back.

However, there was a new show on MTV that changed the way I saw the fame game forever. It was called "The Real World." To hell with using my brain! These people were famous simply because they were on television. They didn't have to memorize lines, play characters, or remember the capital of Iceland (I think it's Reykjavik); they were just seven random schmoes "picked to live in a house."

I dutifully applied for season three, San Francisco, sending in a videotape and a bunch of nonsense about how I would offer a "different perspective" because I was a diabetic with long blue hair. Imagine my surprise when I received an absolutely huge packet from MTV asking me many, many questions (a level I haven't attained in any of my attempts since, but more on those later).

I was psyched and tore through the questions until I got one that stymied me: "What do you want to do in San Francisco?" Twenty minutes later, I realized: nothing. I threw the packet out, vowing that someday I would apply with a purpose.

What was I thinking?

My attempts at glory since then: three applications for "The Real World"; one for "Road Rules"; two separate trips to New York to audition for game shows, one on MTV, one on ESPN; a trip to St. Louis for "Wanna be a VJ"; and, of course, multiple attempts at "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

No, I'm not going to apply for "Survivor." I'd drop dead before they'd have time to vote me off. So what does all this mean? Seriously, I want your analysis. I mean, I'm honestly thrilled when I hear at a party, "Hey, you're the guy from the DE!" Of course, that's usually followed by "Can I have my dollar?" (That was your reminder for this week, by the way.) Still, just the tiniest amount of notoriety I've gotten from this column has been great. Am I typical... or am I that desperate for an easy way out? My inquiring mind wants to know.

Read This During Class

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Schools are obsessed with standardized tests

By Barbara Miner from Knight-Ridder Tribune on September 11, 2000

This month, millions of children head back to school. Throughout the year, they will confront the hottest trend in education reform: the use of standardized tests not only to evaluate students and schools but to reward high achievers and punish those at the bottom.

Giving standardized tests is akin to taking

a person's temperature. The tests don't really improve learning; they merely measure whether a student is "healthy" or "sick."

But the tests are even worse than that because they don't necessarily reflect what a student knows. Whether students are smart, stupid, lazy or hardworking is being reduced to how quickly and accurately they can darken the circles on a multiple-choice test. The consequences of doing poorly are dire. These tests are increasingly being used as high-stakes assessments. Students who do not do well on them may be flunked, denied access to a preferred high school or, in some cases, even

refused a high school diploma.

A growing number of states — more than half at last count — are implementing high-stakes tests. In addition, many school districts are choosing to adopt the high-stakes approach.

One of the most disturbing twists in the testing game is to reward high-performing schools and punish low-performing schools. A variation on this twist is the merit pay play — giving extra money to those teachers whose students are already performing well.

The overemphasis on testing places schools in a Catch-22. It takes resources and

MAILBOX

SIUC faculty should focus on teaching, not money

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to commend the DE for taking a stance that "the DAILY EGYPTIAN agrees raises in faculty salaries should not be taken out of faculty lines." (Our Word, DAILY EGYPTIAN, "Faculty salaries must top SIUC's priority list.") In 1997 when I originally arrived at SIUC as an assistant professor, I took the job knowing that my calling to academia would pay significantly less than what I was making at the time in industry. As someone who felt a calling to serve, I readily accepted this fact and never expected anything more than average merit and cost-of-living increases. After arriving at SIUC, the faculty union managed to negotiate an 8-percent raise for my colleagues and me, and all seemed to be well with the world. I have always felt that the job of a teacher (be she/his a K-12 or higher education faculty member) was that of educating the future of our great nation, regardless of what it takes.

Try working as a K-12 teacher for just one semester at their salaries if you are unhappy at SIUC. Now the faculty wants higher pay across the board; the administration agrees, but insists a 3-percent raise is all the University can afford, and it should be distributed by merit. So what is wrong with that? It seems that the more the administration gives, the more the faculty want. So when is enough considered enough?

Yes, I agree that there may be faculty members that are not making what they deserve to make, and that newer faculty and administration are hired into lucrative contracts and salaries. However, these same faculty members who are now complaining were responsible for signing their initial contracts and agreeing to salaries proposed at the time. Is it so wrong that new faculty and administration can negotiate better deals?

I have since left SIUC (for personal reasons) and am here to tell you that in industry (where I have some 20 years of experience) it is standard operating procedures for employers to negotiate with employees with both parties' interest in mind. There is no room for complaints due to one person negotiating in at a lower salary than the next. Perhaps in a blue-collar working environment where skills-based jobs should be equally paid, this is true. But for a professional field such as that of a college professor, I don't see any room for it. My challenge to faculty who disagree is this: I invite you to go into industry and command what you are worth. If you feel that you are not being fairly compensated, then don't blame the administration, blame yourselves. After all, you are the ones who ignored your contracts agreeing to your salaries.

Why doesn't the faculty at SIUC get on with what they were called to do — educate the future of this country. The rewards are in the results of your teaching, in the eyes of your students, in the growth of their abilities and knowledge, not solely in the bulging of your wallets.

Peter C. Riley
former SIUC faculty member

At last, skateboarders get their due respect

DEAR EDITOR:

Nice to see that skateboarding is finally achieving a positive image. After several nights of getting kicked out of Faner and the library and getting verbally assaulted by Carbondale's finest, there is a safe place to skate. The campus needs to accept that they are out there — students by day and skaters by night. We do not pose the threat that people tend to think. We are just athletes.

Jon Van.
Junior in automotive technology

OVERHEARD

I enjoyed every minute of my time on the board. I met many people that I learned to respect and to seek their advice.

CELESTE STIBHL
former SIUC Board of Trustees member, on her tenure with the board

THEIR WORD

support for schools and students to perform well. But until they perform well, society will not give them the resources and support necessary to perform well.

This obsession with test scores is not likely to go away anytime soon, despite growing criticisms from parents, students and teachers. Too many politicians, corporate leaders and think tanks have wrongly embraced test-based reform as the only way to shake up our public schools and get more bang for the taxpayers' buck.

Yes, there are problems in our schools, but more tests are not the answer.

SIUC's wildlife research laboratory receives national award

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EXPLORER

Last June, the Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory received a sneak preview of an honor it could not formally accept for four months.

The Wildlife Society President Nova Sily, an SIUC alumnus and graduate of the lab, attended the lab's 50th anniversary event June 17 and 18. He brought with him The Wildlife Society's Group Achievement award, the highest award given to organizations by the society, and presented it to SIUC's lab, which is part of the graduate school and is committed to graduate training and research in wildlife biology.

"He brought the award with him and announced it to all of the alumni, but he then took it back," said Alan Woolf, the lab's director.

Although Sily announced the lab had won the award in June, the society could not officially give the award to the lab until the society's national conference last week in Nashville, Tenn.

Woolf received the award Wednesday, in front of all the convention participants.

"It was my privilege and honor to

accept this award on behalf of the students," said Woolf, who attributes the award to the lab's hard-working graduate students, staff and student workers.

The award launches the lab into the same company as such larger organizations. Previous recipients include the Environmental Defense Fund, the Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy and The National Audubon Society.

Woolf said he has always been proud of the work the lab has accomplished, especially considering the lab is a graduate program.

"We're not a large program, so it's a real pleasure to have our professional colleagues recognize our achievements," Woolf said.

Jamie Feddersen, a graduate student in zoology from Manchester, N.H., said it is exciting and beneficial for students to be associated with the lab.

Feddersen, who plans to graduate in December, said the award has increased the benefits of graduating from the program. Potential employers, especially those at the conference, will have the award fresh in their minds.

"The timing is perfect for me and the other people who are graduating," he said.

Feddersen said the lab has a good

reputation for having quality staff and graduates, and the award acknowledges that.

"It shows a group of professionals within the wildlife field recognize that this lab has done tremendous things for the wildlife field for the last 50 years," he said.

The Cooperative Wildlife Research Lab was started in 1950 when SIU President Delyte Morris challenged Willard Klimstra to start a wildlife research laboratory on campus.

Klimstra designed the lab to cooperate and collaborate with numerous agencies for wildlife research and education.

Since 1950, more than 850 students and staff have worked in the lab, and nearly 300 students have received master's and doctoral degrees.

Woolf attributes the lab's success to high expectations, talented staff and dedicated students.

"Most importantly, the one thing we do well is pick good students," Woolf said.

The high-caliber students make it easier for the lab to attract funding, Woolf said. From 1980 to 1999, the lab obtained \$12.9 million: in contracts and grants.

The first projects, including studying the bobwhite quail and waterfowl at Crab Orchard Lake and the potential for wildlife habitat in strip mined areas, became the basis for research for the next 50 years.

During the '70s the lab focused research on the endangered Key deer,

the smallest species of whitetail deer.

There researchers worked to document problems and map habitats, in order to save the species.

Research involving the whitetail deer continued into 1980. The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources funded the lab's 1980 whitetail deer project. In the project cooperating hunters in 98 counties brought tissue samples from deer they had killed

to various places in Illinois. The samples were then tested by students in the lab for disease and contaminants.

The lab's findings showed the tissue of the deer from the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge contained lead levels five to six times greater than other areas. This discovery prompted the federal government to conduct more studies, which found hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of soil at the refuge to be polluted. The pollution led to the refuge being designated as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site in 1987.

In the '90s, the lab combined old and new methods to research deer, bobcats and other animals. Bobcats and their improved population have been particularly researched by the lab. Low numbers placed the bobcat on Illinois' endangered species list in 1972.

However, research done by the lab showed bobcat numbers rising from 1992 and 1998. The figures incited the state to remove the bobcat from the endangered species list in 1999.

Woolf said the numerous outreach programs the lab has participated in reflect well on SIU.

"We do a lot of things as a program that contribute to SIU's role in the region," Woolf said.

Never too young to do the write thing

WILLIAM HAGENEN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO - We've heard politicians and the media talk about youth violence for years. Now listen to those closest to it—the kids.

"When I saw my aunt cry and when I saw my cousin in his coffin, I got sad and I cried, thinking that no longer would his eyes open, and no longer would we play."

Those words were written by Roberto Coney about a cousin who died in a drive-by shooting. "Look at what that dreadful youth violence has done to the little innocent me! I know there is a day when I just have to let go because of the violence I see..."

And those lines are from a poem, "The Things I See," by Rominna Villaseor.

Rominna, 14, a freshman at St. Scholastica High School in Chicago, and Roberto, 13, an 8th-grader at Trumbull Elementary School in Chicago, were among 28 national finalists who were honored over the summer in Washington, D.C., for their submissions in the Do the Write Thing Challenge. The Challenge is an initiative of the National Campaign to Stop Violence, a nonprofit organization that works with young people to reduce violence. Last spring, more than 18,600 7th- and 8th-grade students from 450 schools in 15 cities submitted entries — essays, poems and stories — on the subject of youth violence.

Roberto and Rominna, both North Siders, were the Chicago finalists and each traveled to Washington with a parent and teacher and the other finalists. There they met Education Secretary Richard Riley, Deputy Atty. Gen. Eric Holder and their respective members of Congress, and had their writings placed in the Library of Congress. The Challenge is the idea of Dan Callister, a Washington lawyer who says its purpose is four-fold: to provide children who have experienced or seen violence with a cathartic experience; to give them motivation to change their behavior; to be an education experience for teachers and the community; and to get adults to help solve the problem.

The writings of Rominna and Roberto reflect the violence they or their friends or families have experienced. Rominna recalls a time she and her mother were walking home from the store and they found themselves in the middle of a gang dispute.

"We were really scared," she says. "There were a lot of people screaming and

fighting and throwing things. This was two blocks from our home."

In addition to the 1998 death of his cousin, Roberto says, school violence across the country also played a part in his thinking. "The death of my cousin really inspired me. That was the catalyst," he says. "And then all the other things that went on — at Columbine High School and school shootings elsewhere — they all added up."

The narrator of Rominna's poem — she says she also relied on the experiences of some of her friends — ends with a plea for help: "I cannot stop this violent behavior, antagonism, and aggression. Only if you could help me, together we will fight it through cooperation."

Roberto's essay follows the same path, lamenting violence in the streets and its impact on families, and emphasizing the need for cooperation among all parties, especially children and parents, in achieving peace.

"So parents: listen to your children like you like to be heard," he wrote, "and talk to them like you would like them to talk to you, and I bet that we'll contribute a lot to stopping youth violence."

Both students have talents that go beyond writing. Rominna is an artist whose work at her grammar school, St. Hilary School, is still talked about. "The girls' talent is phenomenal," says Judge Pytz, director of institutional advancement at the school. Pytz tells about the time Rominna, whose goal is to become an architect, designed a collection box for the Box Tops for Education program, making it look like a giant Cheerios box, and about how she turned a trash can into a giant soup can for another project. "Someday you're going to say, 'I knew her when,'" says Karen Gubbins, who was Rominna's 8th-grade teacher and who entered her in the Challenge. "She's so gifted. She's poised, articulate. And she has lots of self-discipline."

Roberto is a popular student at Trumbull, an "outgoing, well-rounded individual, and very mature," according to Sandra Ostrand, the school's program coordinator. "And obviously he has a caring conscience," she says, pointing to his essay. Roberto says he has no definite plans for his future, though he has always harbored thoughts of being an astronaut.

Asked what adults can do to combat youth violence, Rominna suggests working with youngsters. "I think mentoring programs after school, a Big Brother-Big Sister program, really helps," she says. "Not only would a child feel someone cares about them, but it would also teach them the difference between right and wrong."

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AIS

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on the Carbondale campus, as well as three presidents, and is entering now upon a period with a fourth.

"We are going through a new transition," Capie said. "Although we were going down a path, because there was always so much change at the top, we were never certain that we were going down the right path."

According to Capie, the transition was a major technological change because historically, SIUC has been operating in a mainframe computing environment. All information was stored on old mainframe computers along with all application programs.

The transition will deliver SIUC, as well as the whole SIU system, into the world of client-server technology.

"The way it was described to me is that client-server technology is a lot of smaller boxes or servers that are owned by the clients that are all linked together," Capie said.

According to Capie, the effect of this system is the linking together of these smaller servers that are more powerful than a mainframe computer, and more specialized in the sense that data can reside on a server that is managed by particular people in the project hierarchy.

"My data can reside on a server that I own," Capie said. "That makes me the client responsible for maintenance of the data."

The software was chosen after SIU went through an exhaustive one-year process of trying to evaluate the various software providers and the software packages that were available.

From the top
Despite problems in software, administrative shifts, cost overruns and low levels of acceptance throughout campus, the AIS project has continued to progress, according to Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration at SIUC.

"We've never really linked the three campuses before," said Poshard, technologically speaking. "So there are going to be glitches in doing that because it is a total revamping of the entire technology system."

Poshard said all three campuses of SIU have a budget that impacts AIS.

"There's been a lot of glitches in that software that has just caused delays in waiting for [Oracle] to work out patches to fix it," Poshard said. "It's just been time-consuming."

According to Poshard, the glitches in the software are not unlike problems found in the Windows 98 system after its initial release, although they are on a larger scale.

When the AIS implementation is finished, all three campuses will be linked together. Poshard said the bringing together of the campuses is ongoing with respect to the technology itself.

"We have a 'best practices' committee that has been formed between the three campuses," Poshard said.

The committee consists of Poshard, Elaine Hyden, vice president of financial services for the Carbondale campus, Pamela Speer, provost of the Springfield campus, and Ben Nehr, vice

chancellor for Administration for the Edwardsville campus.

The committee is responsible for implementing a budget and supplying personnel for the AIS project. It meets an average of every two weeks and receives updated reports from AIS Executive Director William Capie.

"We have in effect, a shared service concept working and it is going really well," Poshard said. "I feel better right now about [AIS] than I have felt the entire year that I have been here."

The soft(ware) theory
Capie knows just how much obsolescence is a factor in the computer world.

"[Software obsolescence] is already affecting us," Capie said. "We've already had to go through an upgrade. Every time there is a new version of the software, the company will give about a year and a half to two years of continued service on the old version."

Capie said Oracle, the company that authored the software, has already announced a new version of the software, leaving SIU sitting in a position where the present software is not even fully implemented. Now, SIU has to start planning for the upgrade to the newest version of the software, he said.

"You don't ever get finished," Capie said of software implementation. Capie said the SIU Board of Trustees queried him as to the present state of the project and when it could expect completion of the project.

"I told them we will never be done," Capie said. "This is a lifetime commitment. We've embraced the technology and now we have to live with it."

The hard(ware) facts
If everything goes well and SIU is successful with the cutovers, from the student perspective, there should not be anything noticeable, according to Jim Belt, associate director of Information Technology at SIUC.

Belt and Information Technology fit into the AIS implementation in two ways. One is in its future use of the system and the other is in its responsibility of maintaining all of the hardware that Oracle software runs on.

"There is a learning curve involved in the change of systems," Belt said. "That learning process is still going on."



Belt said the current accounting system, payroll systems and related areas are slightly more than 20 years old, which has caused SIUC to grow comfortable and complacent in using them.

"It's a new system and it's like learning any new software system, whether it's a new spreadsheet or a new word processing system," Belt said. "You get the general categories and then start learning more detail and more specific functions."

According to Belt, AIS will cut down on the use of paper and

speed things up for the direct input process. This means that instead of waiting for campus mail to take two days in delivering information, information will be available in real time.

"If one is inputting information in real time, this system will reflect actual expenditures that are in the process of being made," Belt said.

The price tag
The original projected cost for what is now known as AIS was \$15 million. For the year 2000, the annual cost will come to \$3.65 million, raising the cumulative cost at present to slightly more than \$16 million.

Total estimated cost at projected conclusion in 2002 will be around \$19 million, with annual costs decreasing nearly 50 percent each year until the end of implementation. However, the total price will be \$4 million more than original projections.

The entire project is being funded by the three campuses over a number of years. The Carbondale campus' share of the total project is 57 percent of total costs. Edwardsville is picking up 28 percent and the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield will cover the balance.

"We are the largest campus and would use the [AIS] services the most," Capie said. "The price includes not just the software but the equipment purchases and the linkages between campuses."

Capie said the perception by some people that AIS is throwing money away hand-over-fist is not the reality of the situation. Most of the costs for the project were "sunk costs" coming into the project. This includes purchasing software and the server equipment, the telecommunications connections among SIU's main campuses.

"We are on the leading edge of this," Capie said. "We are the highest version of the software available. SIU was the heart of the Oracle product, the first one out, the highest version available and as a result, in some ways we became the beta-site for Oracle."

I feel better right now about [AIS] than I have felt the entire year that I have been here.

GLENN POSHARD
vice chancellor for Administration

California to pay tuition for needy students

V. DION HAYNES
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

LOS ANGELES — California is guaranteeing a tuition-free college education to all low-income and most middle-income residents who graduate from high school with a B average, part of an ambitious new program aimed at reducing a decades-long decline in public schools and boosting student achievement.

The \$1.2 billion-a-year program, which will double the amount of scholarships currently awarded in California, represents the largest investment in student aid by a state and moves California closer to the 1960s model when it offered tuition-free education to all residents. The idea is that the prospect of a scholarship is a powerful incentive for elementary and secondary students to work hard and stay in school.

Gov. Gray Davis has signed bills expanding the state's program, which is scheduled to start next year. In the last 30 years, California's education system has slipped to near the bottom nationally in test scores, primarily because of a big drop in funding and a large influx of non-English-speaking students.

The scholarship program is the latest in a series of new measures — including smaller elementary class sizes, high school exit exams and more standardized testing — aimed at recapturing the achievement levels of the 1960s, when the state's students ranked among the best and brightest in the nation.

As evidence of their commitment to expanding higher education opportunities, state leaders say, the

program will be established as an entitlement, much like Social Security or Medicare. That means the program has a guaranteed revenue source that should protect the scholarships from future budget deficits and recessions, state leaders say.

Moreover, in targeting the program to the poor, state leaders hope to attract more blacks, Hispanics and Native Americans to higher education, three groups whose representation fell from 22 percent to 16 percent in the University of California system after voters banned all government-sponsored affirmative action programs in 1996.

"The governor wants to send the message: For those kids who make the grade, we'll remove the impediments to going to college," said John Modder, Davis' interim education secretary.

"We have a lot of immigrant students whose families have no history of going to college," he added. "We're making a commitment to outreach. ... We're going to make California (campuses) representative of the state's diversity."

Under the new program, the state will pay 100 percent of public college tuition — about \$3,429 a year at University of California campuses — for all low-income students with at least a B average. The state will pay \$9,700 to defray the tuition cost at private universities in the state. The award does not cover room and board or books.

To qualify, students' household income must not exceed \$74,100 for a family of four. Students with at least a C average and meeting the family income

guideline of \$33,700 can receive a \$1,551 scholarship to cover tuition at a community college in California. The state is also launching the Governor's Scholars and Distinguished Mathematics and Science Scholars program, which provides \$1,000 to ninth, 10th and 11th graders who rank in the top 10 percent in their classes and \$2,500 to high school students who score high on their Advanced Placement tests.

The money would go into a fund that the students could use only for college tuition at a California school once they graduate. There is no income requirement for the scholars program.

In launching the programs, which Davis called the most significant expansion of student aid since the federal GI Bill after World War II, California has found its own solution to a brewing nationwide controversy pitting middle-income and lower-income students against each other for scholarships. Merit scholarships, introduced over the past decade in about a dozen states have been aimed at helping middle-income families cope with rising tuition costs.

But critics say they drain public funds from programs targeting needy students who otherwise would be unable to afford tuition. Last spring several lawmakers and higher-education officials opposed a plan by Davis to establish a \$111 million merit scholarship program, arguing the money should be spent to expand aid for needy students. The call to fully fund a scholarship program to benefit lower-income students led to the \$1.2 billion measure signed into law last week.

Alley Cats strut their stuff

GINNY SKALSKI AND ANTONIO YOUNG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Vibrant, red polo shirts with yellow-embroidered letters proclaim who they are — the Alley Cats.

These Cats can be found Monday nights in the last lane of the Student Center Bowling Alley, the oldest competing team on the faculty/staff Henry Vallini bowling league.

Jacob King, former assistant alumni director who retired in 1983, is the only original member of the Alley Cats. King, 81, is the oldest bowler competing in the league. He said the league has always maintained a relaxed atmosphere.

"The team has a lot of fun. We're competitive but it's just fun," he said.

The league, formed in 1961, is named after the original manager of the Student Center Bowling and Billiards and is composed of 10 four-person teams. The league also includes graduate, non-traditional students and SIUC alumni.

The league was created to give faculty and staff an opportunity to mingle and meet each other. Socializing continues to play a major role in the league, but Bowling and Billiards Manager Bill Null said teams also develop a competitive edge.

"They say they don't compete, they say it's a fun league, but they're out there to kill," said Null, who also participates in the league. "But it is a little bit more fun than the student leagues that are a little more competitive."

DuWayne Englert, professor emeritus in Zoology, said he joined the Alley Cats sometime between the late '60s and early '70s and has a lifetime bowling average of 150. He originally joined the team because he enjoyed bowling but quickly developed many friendships.

Englert denies league members' claims that there is any strong competition on behalf of the Alley Cats. He did, however, give a good-hearted laugh as he responded. "We just go out to have fun," he said. "If we win fine, if we don't then that's disappointing," Englert said.

Ed Kopriva, retired chief pilot of SIUC's charter service, has been an Alley Cat for 12 years. He said the camaraderie of the team does not end at the bowling alley. Every Monday they assemble at Quatros, 218 W. Freeman, for pizza and beer.

"We all get along real well," said Kopriva, doing a secret handshake with Englert for throwing a strike.

Kim Asner-Self, assistant professor of counselor education, said the Alley Cats compete more with themselves than with the other teams. Asner-Self, who is on hiatus from the league this semester due to a time conflict, said the Alley Cats are not only funny with "very wry senses of humor," but they also put together their years of practice to help others with their technique if they request it.

Despite their funny, helpful nature, Asner-Self said the Alley Cats are "lean, mean and winning machines."

King said he has always enjoyed the league because of its "competition, fellowship and gentility of the people." He said all faculty members should participate in the league.

"You get to know people from all walks of life," King said. The fourth member of the Alley Cats, Charles Rodriguez,



KERRY MALONEY-DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jacob King congratulates Ed Kopriva on a good frame Monday evening at the Student Center Bowling Alley. King and Kopriva are members of the Alley Cats, who play every Monday in the Henry Vallini bowling league.

assistant professor in aviation technology, has been a member for 15 years and said he not only loves his fellow teammates but he loves the overall atmosphere of the league.

"Throughout [the league] there are a lot of different people from different places," Rodriguez said.

Asner-Self said the league provides participants with a chance to get to know each other in a different way.

"[The league gives] the opportunity to get to know colleagues in a non-working environment," she said. "Getting to know people as people changes the way you work with them."

TREESONG

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much deliberation, he decided to remain in Carbondale until he was certain SEC would continue.

"SEC raised my awareness," he says. "I came back to help them now, to bring back that awareness."

Sitting at Longbranch Coffeehouse, where SEC and a similar group, the Campus Shawnee Greens, hosts a weekly Thursday night meeting, Treesong is offering advice on how to strengthen SIUC's environmental activism. The nine other people there, mostly new, listen to the 22-year-old give insight on the University's laws pertaining to posting fliers on campus.

To the passerby at Longbranch, known for its unconventional clientele, Treesong blends. Stick him at the Republican National Convention ... that's another matter. With long hair, a lanky build garbed in green clothing, fierce green eyes and a lengthy beard, Treesong embodies the 'tree hugger' persona.

And while he only occasionally wears it, Treesong used to don a bright green cape quite frequently, to emulate the dress in medieval days.

Associate professor of philosophy Genie Gatens-Robinson, who first met Treesong three years ago in her philosophy course, says his appearance belies an intelligent and compassionate man.

"He has a balance that people find hard to keep," she says. "He acts very compassionate toward people, and would act compassionate toward people even if he disagrees with them."

It's compassion that brought Treesong back in August after he spent the summer in Vermont, taking a course in social ecology. When he returned, Treesong and his friends began e-mailing people who may be interested in joining. The goal? Prevent SEC from withering away, which it has almost done in the past.

SEC's participation throughout its more than 30-year history is cyclical. Some semesters SEC flourishes, yet at each semester's end the result is always the same — only a handful of members remain.

Jessica Decker, SEC's coordinator and Treesong's longtime friend, says the main goal is to strengthen

the group and pass on the awareness they've learned.

Decker and other SEC members are grateful for Treesong's continued loyalty to the group. Treesong and Decker, who graduates in December, say if they can pass on their passion and commitment to a younger group, they will finally have closure.

But based on SEC's history, Treesong knows it will take diligent efforts to firmly establish a new membership base. Until then, Treesong's goal is to spread the message on campus and help new members learn the most important environmental issues in Southern Illinois.

Interfaith Center Director Hugh Muldoon says Treesong is just the man for the job. Muldoon, whom Treesong works for as programming director, says Treesong is the genuine article when it comes to promoting environmental issues.

"He walks his talk but he does it in a gentle way," Muldoon says. "He's on a learning path we should all be on. He's learning to be an environmentally responsible individual and an affective activist. In that way, he's modeling what we all need to learn, or relearn."

For his part, Treesong shrugs off the notion that he's an environmental messiah come to preach the way of ecological righteousness.

"What I'm doing is talking about these issues and keeping it on their minds," he says. "I realize there are a lot of problems in the world that need solving, and I like to do whatever I can to work toward solving them, and introduce other people to the experiences I had."

And those experiences have enlightened some, and have been the bane of others. In fall 1997 Treesong participated in logging protests in the Shawnee National Forest, dressing as Smokey the Bear on several occasions, including one at a horse riders' rally. The rally protested the Shawnee National Forest's closure of trails that were being eroded, in part, because of the horse riding.

Former Shawnee Trail Conservancy President Bill Blackberry has said the "Smokey the Bear" antics show misguided beliefs

TREESONG'S MESSAGE

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of taking away people's rights and giving them to the environment.

Still, Treesong touts a message that the environment and man

should have equal rights, and one shouldn't be battling the other. At the same time, Treesong often faced off against people to promote environmental rights.

He once chalked anti-McDonald's propaganda on the sidewalk by the Student Center after learning, he says, that McDonald's was detrimental toward worker's and environmental rights. When protests erupted in Seattle concerning the World Trade Organization, Treesong combed the campus, distributing about 200 pamphlets about WTO problems.

Participating in countless demonstration, he was bound to have trouble with the law. In summer 1999, Treesong spent two days in an Idaho jail for a logging demonstration in which he allegedly protested in a non-designated area.

Treesong laughs off the incident. He isn't deterred by arrests or even being referred to as an environmental freak. He won't allow himself to be pigeonholed into a particular stereotype, and doesn't even like the word 'environmentalist.'

"I don't like the word because it separates us from the environment and it perpetuates the notion that we are separate," he says. "The word implies that the environment exists out there for our purposes and not for its own."

Treesong's purpose here is exceedingly clear — and he vows not to leave until there is a firm pillar of environmental activism at SIUC.

But like the wind through the trees, Treesong doesn't know his next direction. He belongs to all the earth, he says, and there's no telling when the winds will change. Then, it will be time to move on to whatever challenge awaits him. For now, though, SIUC is that challenge.

"It's really important to me to make sure the energy we have now continues when I'm gone," he says. "I just want to make sure the awareness here goes on."

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Bryan Dunne, internal co-chairman of the Graduate Student Advisory Council at UIUC, said he is unsure which grad students could be unionized.

"The appellate court has ruled that some graduate assistants should be able to unionize but that many cannot, as their work is too

intertwined with their education," Dunne said.

Some research assistants are working on their theses, and Dunne said this is clearly an example of classwork, which would make it off-limits to those students.

Dunne echoed Peters' sentiments and said the neutrality of the UIUC student government is crucial if they are to represent the entire graduate student body, which includes students who are for and against unionization, as well as ambivalent and unaffected students.

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videos and Power Point presentations, as well as for distance-learning seminars. It also has 48 workspaces with PowerUp modules.

Chuck Marx, an SIUC alumnus and member of the advisory board, said SIUC is the only University in the country with the Arthur Andersen classroom. Marx, who works for Arthur Andersen in Chicago, said the firm could have put the classroom at any university, but it is here because of Worrell.

"Dan had a vision — we knew Dan would get good use out of it," Marx said.

The college is in the process of finishing renovation of its placement center, which was funded by three members of the advisory board and one anonymous source.

Dejarnett, one of the four benefactors for the center, said Worrell brought the idea of a placement center to the board about a year ago, saying that the center would touch many students very quickly.

The center includes interview places, a coordinator's room, a conference room for high-tech companies to give presentations and an area where students can easily access the Internet to search for jobs.

"It's really a great facility," Dejarnett said. "One year later, it's there and it's essentially up and running. I think it was a great idea, a right kind of focus."

Worrell also found funding to renovate the

MBA classroom, room 13 in Rhen Hall. He said the room will be similar to the Arthur Andersen classroom, with the exception of the plasma boards and the distance-learning technology. It will have a smart board, a DVD player, a VCR, a projector and PowerUp modules at every station.

Worrell considered putting the technology in the conference room, but decided they "could impact more students more quickly" if it was put in the MBA classroom.

Tammy Cavarretta, director of Development for COBA, said the room 13 will be completely finished Oct. 2.

Worrell said they also put in a new server for the college because they were too much information on the old server.

"That was a major thrust to get our facilities up to date," Worrell said.

Worrell said in the future he wants to finish renovation of COBA's facilities and possibly obtain all of Rhen Hall or build a new wing.

"If we have the whole building, we could replicate the success we've had in the part that we have," Worrell said.

Kenneth Harre, a 1962 graduate from SIUC's accounting program and a member of the external advisory board, said he is impressed with Worrell's ability to identify COBA's needs and find the funding to fulfill them.

"We're fortunate that he has made some great strides," Harre said. "I think that's great for the College of Business, but also for the University."

NIU mourns students' deaths

STANLEY ZIEMBA
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

De Kalb, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Students and faculty at Northern Illinois University in De Kalb on Saturday were mourning the deaths of two students from the southwest suburbs who died Friday in separate incidents near campus.

Nicole L. Murawski, 21, of Lockport died in an apparent hit-and-run of campus at 1:16 a.m. Friday. Murawski, a senior majoring in biology who lived off campus, was taken to Kishwaukee Community Hospital in De Kalb, where she was pronounced dead.

Maria Sarantopoulos, 22, an NIU student, was arrested shortly afterward and charged with leaving the scene of an accident, De Kalb police said.

An hour after the hit-and-run, student Brian H. White, 20, of Oak Lawn was killed after being hit in the head by a concrete block thrown from a stairway in the Evans Scholars

House. Evans Scholars, who live off campus, are golf caddies attending college on tuition and housing grants.

De Kalb police said White, a senior majoring in communications studies, was treated at the scene by emergency medical personnel and then taken to Kishwaukee Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Police said another resident of the Evans Scholars House, Louis A. Carfagnini, was arrested on suspicion of throwing the block and was charged with involuntary manslaughter.

NIU President John Peters said the university community was "shocked and saddened" by the deaths.

"It is heartbreaking to see two young lives, so full of promise, lost in such tragic fashion," he said in a statement.

University officials said that the university's counseling service has been available to assist the families and friends of the two victims.

Consumer advocates lobby for credit card policies regarding college students

LIZ BENSTON
KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSPAPER

University of the Pacific student James Gonzales knows he won't make that much money as a musician. So the 20-year-old music student has so far avoided the ultimate temptation: a credit card. "I don't want that responsibility ... debt scares the heck out of me."

You can almost hear consumer advocates cheering in the background, like a distant roar from Stockton's Spanos Center on this recent afternoon.

Advocates have long charged that credit card companies lure unsuspecting customers into a labyrinth of late fees, shifting rates and other nebulous charges. In recent years, howev-

er, they have rushed to defend what they consider to be the most naive, at-risk victims college students.

Advocates and lawmakers are in the midst of their most urgent push to date to curb credit card companies from pitching their products on college campuses. The controversial practice began years ago but has only recently stirred arguments from both sides as studies on the companies' aggressive tactics and students' growing debt problems have emerged.

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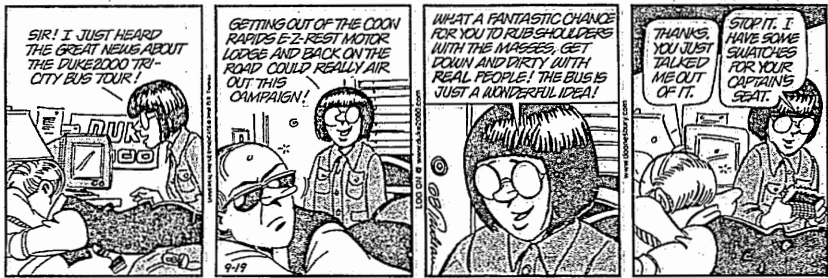


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flights. Junior Erika Ochoa went 3-1 with her only loss coming in the championship match of flight two. Ochoa was defeated by Chris Steinbock from a top-ranked Kansas team. Tana Trapani took third for SIU in the same flight by defeating KU's Emily Hlaylock in three sets.

SIU head coach Judy Auld stressed how strong the tournament was and what a satisfactory result meant to the team.

"This is a very good and tough tournament and it is an honor for us to have been invited back for our 10th appearance," Auld said. "There are a lot of influential people present. A good showing will help us in the regional ranking."

The team was ranked 15th in the region at the end of spring and hoped to move up following the tournament.

"It was our first competition and I thought the girls played good tennis, showing a lot of improvement between sets," Auld said. "The fall season is about playing a lot of tennis and getting everybody's game going. I

was pleased with how we played."

Senior Rachel Morales, sophomore Ana Serrot and freshman Sarah Krismanits were fighting injury and Auld was pleased to see them compete. Morales is coming off a shoulder injury while Serrot suffered from tendonitis in the hand. Krismanits had not played six weeks prior to this weekend's tournament due to an elbow injury.

In doubles competition, Ochoa and Serrot teamed up to finish 2-2, while senior Kerri Crandall and Trapani also finished at 2-2.

Despite the injuries and a couple setbacks, Auld was pleased with the outcome.

"I want the team to go out and put everything into the matches because even if it was a loss, the experience will pay-off and we'll win a lot of those matches later in the season," Auld said.

CALENDAR
• THE SIU WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM WILL HEAD TO ST. LOUIS THURSDAY TO COMPETE IN SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY'S BILLIKEN INVITATIONAL. THE TOURNAMENT WILL EXTEND OVER THE WEEKEND, STARTING FRIDAY AND ENDING SATURDAY.

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Jaszczak said the collegiate game didn't feel any different than her high school days, other than having a different team behind her.

But the new team behind her may have been a little awestruck by the work of the quiet freshman.

"She's awesome," said fellow pitcher Stremsterfer. "She's got the most composure I've seen. I wish I could have pitched two complete game shutouts my freshman year."

Jaszczak's other shutout came in a 1-0 victory against St. Xavier College, where senior center fielder Marta Viefhaus stole home for the lone run of the game.

The other Saluki shutout was the work of sophomore Katie Kloess, who stifled Olivet Nazarene University 4-0 in Saturday's nightcap.

It's not too surprising Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock was satisfied with her staff's effort.

"You can never complain about that," said Blaylock of the four shutouts.

The only Saluki loss came against Western Illinois, which defeated Stremsterfer and SIU 3-2 in eight innings. Blaylock said the score was misleading to Stremsterfer's performance because the runs came on an error and a wild pitch.

The Saluki offense had a tough time adjusting to Western's "very slow" pitcher, and Blaylock said it was the only game of the Invitational her team did not stick to the game plan offensively.

"We went away from our master plan, which is to be disciplined," Blaylock said. "I think there was a level of frustration that came in from the [Western] pitcher. But those are little things we can work on and get better at."

But other than the Western game, Blaylock was pleased with the offensive production. Senior third baseman Julie Meier hit four doubles in the Invitational, picking up four RBIs along the way. Junior Andrea Harris, freshman Tara Glasco and Viefhaus also had solid weekends swinging the bat.

The Salukis struck out a mere 14 times in five games, averaging a little more than two strikeouts per contest. And although only two other Division I schools competed at the Invitational, Blaylock still considered it quality competition.

"We did not play slouches, by any means," Blaylock said. "But obviously, we only played two Division I schools. It was a good entry level fall tournament."

CALENDAR
• THE SIU SOFTBALL TEAM CONTINUES FALL PLAY THIS WEEKEND AT THE EVANSVILLE INVITATIONAL SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN EVANSVILLE, IND.

Brown must deal with tough penalties

Ivy League supercedes NCAA in recruiting scandal

MIKE SZOSTAK
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — They have acknowledged mistakes and have received the harshest punishment in the history of the Ivy League.

Now, Brown administrators, coaches and athletes want to put the past behind them and charge into the new year of intercollegiate sports.

"It's time to move on," said David Roach, the director of athletics. "There are teams to coach and games to play. It's time to move on."

But moving on has been difficult. Ivy League officials continue to make an example of financial aid infractions that the NCAA deemed secondary in nature.

First, the presidents of the other seven Ivy League institutions decided at their July meeting that the recruiting restrictions and administrative sanctions their executive director, Jeffrey H. Orleans, had approved last April were insufficient penalties. They stiffened the blow by making Brown, the 1999 co-champion, ineligible for the 2000 football championship. It's a penalty unprecedented in the history of the league. Also, Brown must accept five fewer football-playing students for two years instead of for one.

Recently, the Ivy League's directors of athletics decided that Brown would be listed at the bottom of the Ivy League football standings this season. Roach was excluded from that meeting.

"I've been here 10 years, and that's never happened before," Roach said last week. Brown is appealing that decision to the Ivy presidents, he said.

Asked if he thinks the Ivy League is rubbing Brown's nose in its mess, Roach replied: "That would be a guess on my part. . . . I think they've sent us a message. We've received the message,

and we've done things to make sure that we keep an eye on everything we do, and it's time to move on. It's hard to guess about what some people's intentions might or might not be."

As to whether the league is making an example of Brown, Roach said: "A bar has been set for the future."

Ironically, almost 20 years ago the Ivy League fumbled when it had a golden opportunity to set a bar for future operating standards, and many Brown supporters are recalling that case, which involved Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

In 1981, the league investigated the relationship between G. Richard Schieffelin, a wealthy New Haven resident, and 12 athletes from Harvard, Yale and Princeton who had received loans from him.

After seven months of study, the league concluded that nobody violated any rules. The loans had been repaid, although several athletes neglected to mention on eligibility cards that they had received assistance from Schieffelin, a violation of Ivy League regulations. Schieffelin, whose money came from the Schieffelin wine and Scribner publishing empires, was alleged to have been involved with 100 undergraduates during the previous 15 years. Many were athletes.

"It's a bizarre situation but not an athletic one," James Litvak, the Ivy League's executive director at the time, said.

That case is making the rounds in the Brown community these days. Supporters wonder why the league presidents punished Brown so severely, even though none of the eight recruits involved ever received a penny of supplemental financial aid from certain foundations, when their predecessors absolved Harvard, Yale and Princeton of wrongdoing, even though their athletes received thousands of dollars of loans, dinners, club dues, trips and gifts from Schieffelin, a Hobart College alumnus who had only a passing interest in athletics.

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The Salukis had a chance to win as they had match point at 14-13 in the final game, but couldn't overcome the Lady Gows and lost 18-16.

Austin Peay was paced by Becky Sovinski (14 kills, 20 digs), Casey Kelley (11 kills, 13 digs), Amy Walk (14 kills, 11 digs) and Annie Gleeber (48 assists, 6 digs).

For the Salukis, Cains (17 kills, 13 digs),

Noel (13 kills, 13 digs), Baumstark (55 assists, 14 digs) and freshman Kelly Harman (11 kills, 11 digs) all posted double-doubles. Other players that played well in the loss include freshman Lisa Ciucci (9 kills, 16 digs) and sophomore Lindsey Schultz (9 kills, 3 block assists).

SIU's bench did a commendable job of stepping up in the final match when fatigue started setting in amongst the starters.

"Our back-ups did a great job," Baumstark said. "They came in and did what they needed to do and I give them all the respect in the world for that."



Tommy Touchdown

SIU running back Tom Koutsos matched a career-high of three touchdowns for a second straight week Saturday in the Salukis 34-14 victory against Northern Iowa. The sophomore leads the league with seven touchdowns this season, and has 19 in his short career. His 19 TDs ranks him No. 8 on SIU's all-time list.

Taking the Defensive

SIU ranked No. 120 in Division I-AA football in yards allowed last season at 485.2 yards per contest. This year, however, the Salukis currently rank No. 2 in the Gateway Conference, yielding only 280.3 yards a game. SIU leads the conference in rushing defense, allowing only 65 yards a game on the ground. Youngstown State is a distant second, allowing 105.7 yards a game.

20 questions

The 20-point margin SIU defeated Northern Iowa by Saturday was the worst defeat in conference play for Northern Iowa since joining the Gateway Conference.

Where's the defense, offense?

Illinois State surrendered 28 points in its three point loss to Southeast Missouri State Saturday, but only seven of those points were scored on the Redbird defense, which allowed a mere 167 total yards. The other 21 points came on an interception return, a fumble return and a fake punt.

Nothing Corky about these numbers

Southwest Missouri State linebacker Corky Martin amassed 17 tackles, nine of which were solo stops in the Bears double-overtime loss to McNeese State Saturday. Martin also broke up a pass, forced a fumble and recorded a sack. His forced fumble resulted in a touchdown return and his sack resulted in a safety.

Solid day for Soliday

Northern Iowa junior receiver Jake Soliday caught 10 passes for 105 yards Saturday against SIU, including the only offensive touchdown for the Panthers in the game. Soliday, who missed all of last season with a severe ankle sprain, is now leading the Gateway in receptions with 19.

Century Club

Western Illinois' Charles Tharp has rushed for 100 or more yards in two of the Leathernecks first three games this season and 11 of the 14 in his career. Tharp ranks No. 8 on the Western Illinois career rushing charts with 1,637 yards.

SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

SIU men's golf team competing in Bloomington

The SIU men's golf team teed off in the 9th Annual D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate for 36 holes Monday morning. The tournament, hosted by

Illinois State University at Crestwicke Country Club, concludes today with the final 18 holes being played.

The Salukis are coming off last week's third-place finish at the Drury Intercollegiate in Jackson, Mo.

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SWIMMING						Open Water vs. Kansas	
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SOFTBALL						Evansville Invitational	Evansville Invitational

Gateway Conference:

Tom Koutsos matches own record for second consecutive week.
Saluki defense second in conference.

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Old AstroTurf could be replaced in McAndrew Stadium

Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk looking into idea

ANDY EGENSE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

McAndrew Stadium could have a new artificial playing surface as early as next season, despite plans to replace the aging stadium in the near future.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk has worked to touch up McAndrew with a polished-up scoreboard and wants to continue the renovation process while plans for a new stadium are in the works.

"I'm bound and determined to

have something down," Kowalczyk said. "I think it's a safety issue, but what I don't know are the finances and I don't know all the details. But we are pushing to get that done."

Kowalczyk is not guaranteeing the turf will be laid before the 2001-2002 season, but said that is highly possible.

The new turf may raise some eyebrows, considering SIUC's plans of building a new football stadium within the next five years. Interim Chancellor John Jackson said this summer that 2005 is a realistic date to have the construction of a new multi-

purpose football stadium underway.

Kowalczyk wants to make sure he has the option to re-use the turf if the University builds a new facility elsewhere, but said replacing the turf needs to come sooner rather than later.

"You can't push it off and wait until something happens with the stadium," Kowalczyk said. "Because the [turf] is already 14 or 15 years old and another

three, four or five years is not good for anybody."

You can't push it off and wait until something happens with the stadium

PAUL KOWALCZYK
SIU athletic director

to have a plan in place by the end of this season so workers could begin

University Engineer Phil Gatton said the cost figure depends on what kind of turf Kowalczyk wants to choose. Gatton said the cost range could be anywhere from \$750,000 to \$1 million.

Kowalczyk wants to have a plan in place by the end of this season so workers could begin

tearing the old turf immediately. The last scheduled home date is a Nov. 4 contest versus Indiana State University. Gatton said the "actual work" could take about one or two months to complete once the turf is ordered.

Gatton said Kowalczyk is leaning towards a taller turf surface that is more natural and has a rubber base.

Meanwhile, Jackson has hired HOK, a Kansas City consulting firm that specializes in designing sports facilities, to gather ideas for the new stadium.

Salukis stumble in Kentucky

SIU volleyball loses two straight after beating Kentucky

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU volleyball team started the season on a high note, rolling to a perfect 6-0 record. Since then, the Salukis have proceeded to lose four out of the last five matches, including two of three this past weekend in the Kentucky Conference Challenge.

The Salukis (7-4, 0-1 Missouri Valley Conference) started out well, defeating the host, the University of Kentucky in three straight games (15-11, 15-4, 15-13).

However, things went downhill from there as SIU lost to James Madison University in four games (13-15, 15-6, 10-15, 8-15) and to Austin Peay State University in a five-game thriller (7-15, 15-8, 15-12, 6-15, 16-18) to end the tournament.

Even though the Salukis lost two out of the three matches, things were not all bad, as several players put forth solid performances during the weekend. SIU jumped out hot Friday night and made quick work of Kentucky (2-7) in three straight games, and in the process, ended a two-game losing streak.

Most players were not fazed by the fact that they were playing against an opponent from the Southeastern Conference.

"I think we went out there and treated it like any other game," said junior setter Megan Baumstark. "We had a good attitude, we were all excited to play and we did pretty well."

Several players did well in this match including sophomores Kristie Kemner (15 kills, 9 digs), Qiana Nelson (7 kills, 7 digs, 3 block assists) and Tara Cains (9 kills, 10 digs, 5 block assists); and juniors Jenny Noel (12 kills, 6 digs,



TED SCHURTER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jenny Noel (8) and Kelly Harman (10) block a return earlier in the season at Davies Gym. The Salukis dropped two of three matches this weekend at the Kentucky Challenge.

4 block assists) and Baumstark (34 assists, 6 digs).

"We pretty much did whatever it was we had to do to win the match," said SIU head coach Sonya Locke. "We have always said we have to hit at least 25 percent to get ourselves in a position to win. I don't know the exact statistics, but I would safely say that we did that."

The Salukis hoped to continue their success Saturday morning, but that proved to be a

harder task as James Madison (7-3) came out and won in four games.

"We weren't mentally prepared," Baumstark said. "We weren't mentally there for the game."

In the loss, SIU had strong performances from Kemner (14 kills, 12 digs), Cains (13 kills, 13 digs), Noel (11 kills, 14 digs) and Baumstark (45 assists, 9 digs).

"I'm not really sure what happened in the James Madison match," Locke said. "We pret-

ty much beat ourselves. You just can not do that against a team like James Madison, they're a good team."

The Salukis hoped to earn some redemption in their final match of the day against Austin Peay (6-5), but once again came up just short.

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Saluki softball finishes second at Bradley Invitational

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hurling four shutouts in five games tends to keep a head coach pleased, especially when two of the shutouts come from a pitcher making her collegiate debut.

Freshman softball pitcher Mary Jaszczak tossed a pair of shutouts in her first two outings as a Saluki at the Bradley Invitational this weekend in Orland Park, where the Saluki softball team finished in second place at 4-1 to start the fall season.

Jaszczak had a tough performance to follow

in her first start, as senior Erin Stremsterfer fired a no-hitter in the Salukis' first game, defeating eventual Invitational champs, Robert Morris College 8-0. But Jaszczak lived up to her billing as a cool customer on the mound, shutting down regional rival Southeast Missouri State 3-0 in game two Saturday.

"Actually, I wasn't really nervous or anything," said Jaszczak, who finished 28-1 last season as a prep at state champion Joliet Township. "The team is very good defensively, so we just all worked well together."

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Women's tennis serves up stellar performance

COLLIN RHINE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's tennis team unleashed some competitive performances last weekend, which was needed in a tournament with some big-name competitive schools.

The fall season for SIU women's tennis is underway, and the Salukis recently traveled to combat their first competition of the year at the Indiana University Fall Tournament in Bloomington, Ind.

The competition was fierce and included teams that are consistently ranked among the nation's best. Indiana University and the

University of Kansas were among the most competitive teams.

However, SIU will get used to battling quality teams, as they go up against the Big Ten Conference and other top schools like the University of Notre Dame and Marquette University this season.

Western Michigan University, Ball State University and Miami of Ohio were other regional teams making an appearance at the tournament.

Despite the tough competition, the Salukis made their impact with competitors in all three

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