Gregory fasts to fight police brutality

DRETTE NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dick Gregory has experienced racism his whole life. Now the activist and SIU graduate will stave himself in an effort to end police brutality against blacks in the United States.

On Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Gregory began a hunger strike. He will not eat solid food until Congress enacts legislation forcing police officials, FBI and CIA agents to carry licenses with their guns.

"If the Ku Klux Klan call me a nigger, I can call them a name right back," Gregory said. "If the Ku Klux Klan pulls a gun on me, I can search away from them and either whoop or shoot them with it."

If Gregory and "Enough is Enough" also experienced police brutality. His family settled out of court for $1 million. Gregory said the group has conducted independent investigations of police brutality. Gregory said the group has consistently found cases of discrimination against blacks in the different cities.

"When people aren't complaining about black cops shooting their family members," Gregory said. "Black cops know white people won't tolerate it."

In Chicago, the group protested the death of SIU graduate and black woman LaTanya Haggerty. She was killed in a traffic stop on June 4, 1999. Police said they thought she was carrying a gun, but it was actually a cell phone.

SIUC College of Engineering Assistant Boone Chisholm remembers when Haggerty was killed. She got her from the College of Engineering in 1996.

"We had modern in the department who remembered her," Chisholm said. "They feel something worse for an educator than seeing one of your students killed."

Gregory and "Enough is Enough" also experienced police brutality in the community of Riviera. Clifford Gregory, Shantone and King III were all thrown in jail for protesting the death of Thomas Miller.

Police shot Miller 14 times when they said she went for her gun in her car. Miller was epileptic and in the middle of a seizure when police fired at her. Police said they fired in the car causing them to smash her vehicle.

The independent investigation conducted by the black community revealed the police planted a gun in Miller's car. Gregory said the family settled out of court for $10 million.

"That money won't bring back their daughter," Gregory said. "As a longtime friend of Gregory, Chisholm knew how serious he is about this protest. He said Gregory has tremendous will-power when he has a cause."

"He started the fast at 150 pounds," Chisholm said. "He'll lose 60.

Gregory is also a nutrition theorist. His diet represents light. Watch a sunset. Sunlight knocks nighttime right out of the sky."

"When you eat a lot of vegetables, your body feels much better," said Gregory. "We had students pinch of attitude created the perfect recipe for Wednesday's festival food fair."

Students and faculty gathered in the Gallery Lounge to hear the opening proclamations by International Student Council President Bedi Erim, SIU President James Walker, Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard and interim Chancellor John Jackson.

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PARADE OF FLAGS AND proclamations mark the start of International Festival

Emily Osterhout
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Randi Jibreel carried a black, white, green and red Palestine Liberation Organization flag with pride Wednesday to honor of the place he calls home.

Jibreel, a graduate student in mechanical engineering from Palestine, represented his nation and the General Union of Palestinian Students organization during the Parade of Flags. Eighteen international campus organizations were represented in the march, marking the beginning of International Festival 2001.

"It was nice to go out there with other countries," Jibreel said.

"I can just declare it," he said. "Here is my country in my flag." He said students and faculty gathered in the Gallery Lounge to hear the opening proclamations.

Passing music and vibrant costumes blended with a dash of native flags and just a pinch of attitude created the perfect recipe for Wednesday's festival food fair as part of SIUC's 27th Annual International Festival.

Students representing more than 12 countries from Bangladesh to Latin America drifted and mingled with an immense crowd while serving up heaps of steaming vegetables, soup and rice.

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"It's really hot. At first you don't feel anything, but just give it a second and woods.

Buckle explained as she moved in rhythm to
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Shane Semmengen, graduate student in workforce, education, serves Carrie Hightow, a senior in university studies, at the Thai ethnic food table on Wednesday at the International Food Fair in Ballroom D of the Student Center.

**FOOD FAIR**
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Caribbean makes.

The food festival has become a widely popular event in the International Fair, which is the most important event of the year for the International Student Council, according to vice president for Finance Eigh Ball.

"We want to introduce cultures of different countries all over the world to the Carbondale and SIU community," Ball said.

"And the good food of course," she added laughingly.

Ball, a freshman in finance and management of information systems, traveled from their last semester and said that involvement with the fair had added her transition to a new atmosphere.

"We come together and organize many nice events and get to know each other and each other's cultures," Ball said. "It's been a very nice experience for me."

She noted that 18 student associations collaborated for the festival, with more than 10 members from each association volunteering for the food fair.

Porsha Evangelides, a junior in computer science from Lausanne, Cyprus, said he volunteers to make others more aware of his native country and its delicious kurupeta, a concoction of rice, beef and spices wrapped in grape leaves.

Nobody needs to know where Cyprus is or that it even exists, and that is the way to show people about my country," Evangelides said. "I like to take part in anything showing my country's culture."

International Student Council volunteers weren't the only ones enjoying the bands. A mixture of students, faculty and children invaded the Student Center ballroom to taste exotic foods like lamb burgers and French fries.

Niki Knautes, a senior in business management from Ilion, and Jeff Hopper, a senior in university studies from Springfield, sampled dishes from Japan, Greece and Bangladesh before picking Japanese as their favorite.

"I'm Greek and my mom cooks Greek food for me for a lot, plus one of our friends is Japanese and cooks for us all the time," Knautes said. "It's nice to have different foods to choose from other than pizza and takeout."

"We usually try to vary our tastes," Hopper added.

Bellevue, who proudly called herself Haitian-American, found time to visit in one true festival theme in between demands for Caribbean carrot cake pudding and unusual mushroom risotto.

"The best thing about this is the camaraderie, without a doubt," Bellevue said. "It's a wonderful chance to see so many different faces."

**CALENDAR O/EVENTS**

**TODAY**

Lunch with an Author at the Interfaith Center
Campus Speaker: Caroline McDaniel
6 p.m.
Interfaith Center

**Blacks in Communications Alliance Meeting**
7 p.m.
Sangamon Room

**Women's Basketball vs. Drake**
7:05 p.m.
SIU Arena

**SIU News**

**POLL BLOTTER**

**UNIVERSITY**

**A 20-year-old Schneider Hall resident reported receiving several obscene telephone calls between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Tuesday. Police have no suspects, and are continuing to investigate.**

**A 20-year-old female reported buy $1,478 financial aid check stolen and her signature forged between Friday and Sunday. Police have no suspects, and are continuing to investigate.**

**KELLY M. BALAS and MELISSA B. BALAS, both 21 and of Carbondale, were identified as Carbondale city property damage charging on Oct. 29 at Study Illini Avenue. The two were identified from videos made during Halloween.**

**CORRECTIONS**

**Wednesday's story "Women in engineering come a long way" should have stated that three women will be receiving awards at the College of Engineering during National Engineers Week.**

**In Wednesday's story "Carbonate ward system battle moves to court" David Kennedy's name was misspelled.**

The DailyEgyptian regrets the errors.
Lentz and Grinnell halls follow example of Trueblood’s Grab & Go

Coelle Rodriguez  Daily Egyptian

Dane Bruns strolls around the Trueblood Hall Grab’n’Go, moving a few feet under the eyes of a customer, keeping a careful look on his side.

Bruns, unit manager at Trueblood Hall, keeps an eye on overall movements at the Grab’n’Go, which incorporates new options and a new look this semester. The changes are there for the benefit of the students, he said.

To make the quick dining more of a convenience, Trueblood took on more fast-food appearance and made it more like a 7-Eleven. The area includes a Cambell’s Soup stand, 10-name bags of chips, an area reserved for Uncle Buck Rice Twists and a freezer housing frozen hamburgers and pizzas.

Nichole Howell, a senior in interior design from Charleston, said she was shocked to see the difference between Grab’n’Go at Lentz Hall and the one at Trueblood Hall.

“This one has a lot more variety,” Howell said as she scanned through the frozen foods.

Special promotions will be made in Lentz Hall with no extra charge to the students to incorporate the updated food-on-the-go facility. The existing Lentz Hall Grab’n’Go will be moved to the more spacious dining room. The new Trueblood Grab’n’Go location will be open to the students this fall.

Indian students, earthquake victims breathing easier

Ehina Ostendorf  Daily Egyptian

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Carbondale City Councilman Larry Briggs is a Texas by birth and a citizen of Carbondale by choice.

But who is running for re-election to the Carbondale City Council, said he was not going to run for a second term, but felt compelled by supporters who told him he was doing a good job. Briggs said he truly enjoys the job and that was a big part of his decision to run again.

Briggs grew up amid the oil fields of east Texas in the town of Gladewater. From Texas, he went to the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship. He eventually left football and played for the university’s baseball team.

“I was a 170-pound quarterback, I would have been killed playing football,” Briggs said.

When Briggs decided to go into teaching, he sent his resume to 20 universities and one of the offers that he got back was from SIUC.

“I had never heard of SIUC before I sent them my resume,” Briggs said.

Briggs worked in advertising for 27 years before arriving at SIU. The stress of the job was the reason Briggs opted for a change. Carbondale has been his home since the 1980s when he took an offer to teach in SIU’s School of Art & Design.

“Once you reach a certain level you have to hit a home run every day,” Briggs said.

In his first term, Briggs was a proponent of the Superblock project. He said lowering the on-campus cars was a major accomplishment in his first term.

Briggs was also among the city officials who volunteered along the Strip during Halloween activities in 1997.

“We went downtown and had friendly interaction, there were some problems but no property dam­age,” Briggs said.

Briggs said last year the number of volunteers was not as large as it was needed to handle the crowd. He said the police release was sent out by the University telling people not to come to Carbondale during the Halloween weekend also contributed to the problems.

“We sat and watched people get off the train at 4 [p.m.] and then they would get back on the train at 4 [a.m.] and go home,” Briggs said.

Associate professor Larry Busch, a colleague of Briggs in the School of Art & Design, volunteered to walk the Strip with Briggs during Halloween festivities.

“I was astonished at how well Briggs’s method worked with dealing with the crowd,” Busch said.

He was there until the last person left the Strip, Busch said. He believes that Briggs is a good city councilman because he is very well informed.

“He brings a lot of personal time in the city,” Busch said.

Briggs said he was surprised when the council passed the resolution he sponsored to keep the bars open last year.

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SIUC’s Indian Student Association, through the help of countless donors, raised $1,700. The funds will be sent to the victims of the quake through a relief organization. This action is a step because victims have been rescued and relief is on its way.

Subha Natuajan, a graduate student in electrical engineering from Chennai, India, serves as the association’s vice president. She said that they had “a very good response” from local donors, even citing someone who put $100 into the donation box.

Things are also looking better for Mandeep Noh, a sophomore in computer science from Ahmadabad, India, who recently visited word that his family was safe. Others in Noh’s hometown were not so fortunate. The death toll in this city alone reached 793, with an additional 4,040 injured.

Aftershocks continue even two weeks after the earthquake. On Saturday, 15 aftershocks ranging from 3.1 to 4.1 on the Richter scale rattled the area.

Fifty-one countries came to India’s aid following the quake.

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Handcuffs and scandal: Just another day at USG

Picture this scene: a student goes to his class one day, ready to participate in the day's lecture. But his name is not called and when he asks, "why not?" he is told he is no longer in the class. The student has documents that say he belongs there but he refuses to leave. Then the police come and escort him out in handcuffs.

Sound absurd? A scene just like this occurred last week with an Undergraduate Student Government senator at the regular USG meeting. Rob Taylor went to the meeting, his name wasn't called and he was told he no longer belonged there. Of what true student government is that?

USG operates under the premise of due process. But if the recent ambush of Taylor wasn't enough to retain the position, then what is? Is it because of what true student government is.

When Taylor refused to leave, he was arrested, handcuffed and escorted out of the building accompanied by two gunmen.

Something has gone terribly awry when a student can no longer serve is just another example of USG's systematic way of going about its business. Don't like a senator or his opponent? Kick him out without letting him know before-hand. This kind of rationale does nothing for establishing any kind of responsibility or credibility for USG.

Now uncertainty abounds regarding the whole fiasco — how did USG receive Taylor's GPA when those numbers are supposed to remain confidential? And why did USG Vice President Scott Belton insist on continuing the meeting even after numerous senators urged him to confront the issue? Instead of addressing these concerns, Belton encouraged a shouting match, a farce on this campus.

I don't want to sound like the Eva Peron or anything, but years down the road, I know I will still see names that remind me of the people I've met here. Every summer, I will recall the Veteran's Day, 1999, when an anonymous entitled reader raked my entire column and while I was at school after he read that day's column, the political circus was in full swing. I, as the editor-in-chief, will think nostalgically back to the column and my exploits as the human coupon at Castle Perilous. And I am sure I will never again hear the phrase "saving Grace" without remembering the encouragement of the architecture folks at Quincy Hall, and the support they gave me each week at the Student Voice's bulletin board.

I guess mostly what I'm trying to say is that SIU is full of wonderful, supportive people. And, in turn, SIU produces wonderful, supportive people. But, inevitably, my classes have gotten the better of me. Just like our school, I have made my education worthwhile.

I know very well what you're thinking: "Sure, SIU has its problems, but we're a more powerful entity than anything we've ever seen before." Yes, but if we don't act now, we may only end up becoming what we criticize.

I want to end by saying: Don't bury the past. Don't try to forget it. Remember it.

This column is the last column I will write for the Daily Egyptian, and after much too long without recognition, it is time for me to thank all of the people in Carbondale who have made my education worthwhile.

- Jodi McDermott
More time, more money

Departments can increase graduate student funding limits

OLLY PARKER

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nearly three months after a resolution passed rescinding University wide funding limits, some graduate students say finding they have more time to complete their degrees.

In December, the Graduate Council passed a revised resolution that transferred the responsibility of setting funding limits from the Graduate School into the hands of individual departments. A similar resolution passed the council in May that eliminated all funding limits, which is the amount of time the University provides support for a graduate student to do research and complete their degrees.

Previous funding limits were 24 months for a master's degree and 48 months for a doctorate degree. Since the new resolution passed, the Anthropology Department changed their funding limits to 30 months for a master's degree and 60 months for a doctorate degree. Other departments also have changed their limits to 30 months for a master's degree and 60 months for a doctorate degree.

Ed Ford, chair of the educational policy committee, said, "The council, said even though the resolution was passed, it is not because of pressure from administration wanting the council to require departments to set funding limits, even if they differ from the original University limits.

Administrators expressed concerns about graduate students having no funding limits and asked the council to consider possible revisions, she said.

In December, to the satisfaction of the administration, the council passed a revised resolution that required departments to maintain a limit.

The new resolution is different because it requires the limits set by the department to reflect the national average for the time it takes students to receive a master's or doctorate degree in a particular area.

Rather than a one-size-fits-all solution, the council to require departments to maintain a limit.

Interim Graduate School Dean John Koropchak said it was a mistake to completely eliminate funding limits because students could abuse the policy.

"If students abuse the funding limits and stay around too long, it makes costs to the University high," Koropchak said.

He cited one of the main differences that made this resolution more appealing to the administration is that for a department to receive an increase in funding limits, the request must be supported by national and local data that prove obtaining a degree in a particular area takes longer than those originally set by the University.

Ed Ford, a graduate student, said allowing departments to set their own limits will help programs that rely heavily on field-based research, such as psychology and anthropology, to change the limits based on the needs of their students.

Before the resolution, students were normally granted a one-year extension from the Graduate School, but this required extra paperwork and time. The new resolution also allows students to seek extensions directly from their departments, Ford said.

Ford said the national average for obtaining a doctorate in anthropology is 10 years, six years more than the previous University funding limit.

She said departments also have the option of tightening the time graduate students are funded. The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts suggested the possibility of lowering the amount of time students are funded and focusing more on recruiting than retention.

Last guest speaker expected to end on inspiring note

Major historian comes to lecture about the connections among race, class and labor

ANDREA PARKER

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joe Trotter is expected to talk about his book, "Black Milwaukee: The Making of an Industrial Proletariat 1915-1945," at SIUC. Trotter's book was sponsored by Multicultural Programs and Services because he received rave reviews by faculty and students on his last 11 books, "River Jordan: African-American Urban Life in the Ohio River Valley." The 11-member committee said SIUC students would be inspired by his work.

"Sometimes it's hard to get a major historian to come speak at a school this size," said Pamela Smoot, associate professor for Black American Studies. "A lot of scholars would rather attend schools like UCL.

Trotter will be the last guest speaker to speak in the Black History Month List of events. Last week, Wilma King, a history professor at University of Missouri Columbia, paved the way for Trotter when she spoke of "Children in the Civil Rights Movement." Trotter is a historian of talking about past labor conditions with blacks working in real mines. Smoot said Trotter's book, "Black Milwaukee: The Making of an Industrial Proletariat 1915-1945," helped her write her dissertation.

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Local artist weaves his way into stores across region

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EAGLE

Doing what you love is a pleasure in life that many people cannot hold true. But Richard Cox can honestly say he loves what he does.

Cox, born and raised in Carbondale, has been supporting himself by hand weaving shawls, rugs, pillows, scarves and throws for the past two and a half years.

Cox attended SIUC and received a bachelor's degree in art education. In order for him to get his degree, he had to enroll in a weaving class. Cox said he enjoyed the class so much, he kept doing it. He then decided to return to SIUC to pursue a master's degree in fine arts, finishing the degree in 1978.

Cox said he has given up never-ending things in life to do the job he loves. He said he leads a simple life and does not have a lot of money.

"I would rather do this and be happy than be paid $50,000 a year and hate [my job]," Cox said.

Cox works out of his home and weaves various items by hand, which he sells in the Carbondale area. Cox's work can be found at the Associated Artists' Gallery, 715 S. University Ave., and at Visions Art Gallery and Studio on the boardwalk in Makanda.

He can also occasionally be found selling his work while participating in craft sales at the Student Center.

Cox recently became a member of The Art Trail of Southern Illinois. The Trail is a combination of shops in the Southern Illinois region that sell local artist works.

Cox is now working to convert his home studio into a business. Cox hopes this will maximize his profits and also allow him to attract more customers.

He believes himself lucky to be one of the people who can say they actually enjoy their work.

"I like what I do, what else can I say," Cox said.
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With bad weather looking to continue indoors, the Saluki softball team will finally escape an echocrowned Davies Gym and flee south to Mississippi.

Well it’s not Mexico, but it will allow the Salukis to use an actual playing field. On Friday, SIU will battle Drexel University in season-opener and the first of four going to the Mississippi State University Tournament in Starkville, Miss., this weekend.

"It’ll be good to get out of that gym," said senior first baseman Netty Hallahan.

The Mississippi State Tournament the first of four early-season tournaments SIU will take part in before starting Missouri Valley Conference play in mid-March.

How school Mississippi State is the top team competing this week, with its No. 23 ranking, but the Salukis will compete against a slew of top-25 teams in the early portion of the year with trips to Las Cruces, N.M., San Jose, Calif., on the bit.

There are many advantages for the program in traveling to such distant venues. Other than the solid competition it provides, it also works as a recruiting aid to get the SIU name out, but for now the Salukis are just ready to actually play someone other than each other in practice.

"That’s pretty much what the preseason’s all about before we get into conference play," Hallahan said. "Everyone plays, we all get comfortable and back in the swing of things."

We hit off our pitchers (in practice), but it’s a set different because we’ve used to them and we know what type of pitches they have, so it’ll be different to get out there and see what other teams do against us."

One item of concern for second-year Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock is whether Mississippi is far enough South to stray from bad weather around the region lately.

But weather-providing, the Salukis are ready to kick off the season and see how their six newcomers mix with a solid core of returnees led by seniors Erin Streeter and Marta Viefhaus, an all-MVC center fielder.

Saluki Women’s Basketball Tip-off at 7:00 pm Thursday, February 15 SIU Arena

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Dillard added that international students, scholars and faculty on campus help bring diversity to Carbondale. The international students add a depth and dimension to the academic and cultural life of the institution and the region of Southern Illinois," Dillard said.

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Salukis to renew unpleasantries with the Redbirds

Dawgs continue road swing with trip to Illinois State

The Salukis have already made it past the Bulldogs in overtime against the Redbirds. The game was a hard-fought battle, with both teams putting in their best efforts. With the Salukis coming off a strong win against the University of Evansville on Monday, they're looking to continue their winning streak tonight.

SIU men's basketball head coach Lisa Stone is excited about the upcoming game. "It's a big game for us," she said. "We need to get back to winning ways after the loss to Evansville." Stone is looking for her team to play with more intensity and aggression, especially on the defensive end.

Senior forward Joshua Cross and the Salukis will attempt to keep their winning ways on the road after winning at Drake Monday night. SIU takes on Illinois State tonight in Normal.

Drake women triumph through tragedy

Drake women's basketball putting the pieces together for the MVC Tournament and other postseason hopes

The Drake University women's basketball team has been through a lot this season. With key injuries and a new starting lineup, the team has had to adapt and find ways to win games. Head coach Lisa Stone has been praised for her coaching and her ability to keep the team motivated.

"It was a tough season," said Stone. "But we learned a lot about ourselves and each other. We're stronger now than we were at the beginning of the year." Stone is looking for her team to continue their winning ways as they prepare for the MVC Tournament and other playoff games.

Our goal is to win the regular season, visit the conference tournament and get to the NCAA's," Stone said. "We're not done yet, and we're determined to take the next step."