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**Black History**

**“I don't think that I, or any other negro, as an American citizen, should have to ask for anything that is rightfully his.”**

**Jackie Robinson**  
Major league baseball player

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## Unreported rape still an issue in Carbondale

Women's Center, Wellness Center, others offer options for sex-crime victims in fear

Sara Hooker  
Daily Egyptian

Megan was flattered when Dave, Mr. Popularity in their hometown high school, asked her to dance one night at a local bar while she was attending SIUC.

She accepted his invitation to an after-hours party at his house, and when she realized he was too intoxicated to drive her home, she accepted his offer to stay the night in a spare bedroom.

Megan, however, did not accept Dave's demand for sex. But it happened anyway.

**“I wanted to go home, I wanted to shower, I wanted to curl up into a ball and hide in my room and not have to deal with the world.”**

**“Megan”**  
date rape victim

most common and unreported type of rape on college campuses, according to Kathy Livingston, rape crisis services coordinator for The Women's Center. Nine out of 10 people who are sexually assaulted do not report the incident, Livingston said.

For Megan, who was 20 at the time, the party had gone sour.

“It was like when we got upstairs he just turned into a monster — it was really unbelievable. He immediately made it very clear that he expected me to have sex with him. He wasn't about to show me to my own room — he showed me to his room. He shut the door and wasn't going to let me leave,” Megan said.

“He just kept saying to me over and over ‘don't even think about screaming — don't even think about trying to yell for help.’”

She wanted to fight and run but fear kept her from physically assaulting him back. She feared life-threatening injury to the incisions in her stomach related to recent surgery.

“I was just out of my head with fear — I don't think I've ever in my life been that afraid,” Megan said.

When the incident ended, Dave fell asleep and Megan quietly snuck downstairs to phone her roommates to pick her up. After Megan told her story, the roommates forced her to go to the hospital.

“I wanted to go home, I wanted to shower, I wanted to curl up into a ball and hide in my room and not have to deal with the world,” Megan said.

Although she talked with police, she declined intervention. She felt that because it was an acquaintance situation and because they were both drinking that the case wouldn't go anywhere. She was also afraid of Dave, who knew where she lived.

This incident took place 25 years ago, before the Rape Shield Law, which makes the victim's prior sexual history irrelevant in a court of law, and Megan didn't want to relive the incident in a courtroom. She didn't intend on telling her parents and wanted to protect them because she felt it would break their heart.

Megan's fear and disbelief is something she shares with all rape victims.

“There's a lot of embarrassment,” Livingston said. “And sometimes they think they'll be harmed by the person who committed the crime.”

Desiree Mills, sexuality education coordinator for the Wellness Center, agrees with Livingston.

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## To pray or not to pray - the graduation debate continues

Heated debate about public prayer at graduation

Jane Hub  
Daily Egyptian

A resolution stating the student body's objection to prayers given at commencement was narrowly passed 16-14 with one abstention at Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

USG President Michael Perry gave a prayer at last semester's graduation commencement, which continues to stir controversy.

Perry now will either pass or veto the senate-approved resolution, which will be decided on next week. Regardless, the senate's opinion will be taken into consideration once Perry brings the issue up to the chan-

cellors and the deans of colleges. Perry said there is “no timeline” set for him to meet with the administrators. Some vocal and written criticism from students spurred the senate to debate the resolution. Senator Paul Ray, who wrote the resolution, was challenged with Perry's objection to the original wording of the resolution. Ray's first draft stated the student government “bans the USG president from leading prayer” at graduation ceremonies.

Perry felt the language implied the senate's infringement upon “my right to free speech.” Ray amended the resolution, which now states the USG senate objects to prayer at commencement, yet recommends a “moment of silence.”

A heated debate preceded the senate's final vote on the resolution. While some argued that the public function should not have a place for any type of prayer and make some in

attendance feel uncomfortable, others said the particular graduating class should decide on the ceremony's format.

At the last USG meeting at the end of fall semester, Perry announced his plans to give a prayer for fall's graduating class. Only one senator, Tim Davis, raised concern and asked that the prayer be in a “non-denominational” form.

Senator Neal Young did not attend that meeting and regrets so, for he would have been the first to voice objection to Perry's prayer, he said. Young believes other senators would have done the same.

“The [Daily Egyptian] reported that we were all in support of it but that's not the case, he said he was going to [give the prayer],” he said.

Young and other senators said they were unsure whether Perry's announcement was also an invitation for input.

“I certainly would have spoke out against it. I spoke to the others and they didn't even remember it happening. I think it went over the heads of a lot of people,” he said.

Perry said it is the senate's responsibility to represent their constituents throughout the meetings and that every report he presents is intended to receive suggestions and questions from the senate.

“Everything I say to the senate, I try to get feedback. Their job is to tell me what the undergraduate students think, plain and simple,” he said.

Those who opposed the resolution said the senate was not thoroughly reflecting the undergraduate student body.

“I felt that we should leave it up to the graduating class. It's not our place to decide that. Some people may have talked to [their constituents] but those people weren't graduating,” said senator Michael Rivers.

Rivers points out Wednesday's public attendance as an example of the student population's unawareness of the issue.

“We didn't have a large audience. In the public gallery we had five people and three talked. Those three said we should wait until April and leave it to the students to decide. And what did we do? We voted for it anyway,” he said.

Young said the resolution is asking for an appropriate tone for public graduation ceremonies and that he, along with Ray, will prepare a referendum for April's senate election regarding the graduation prayer.

“It's just the fact that [Perry is] the representative of the student body,” he said. “We wanted to make a statement that it wasn't the place of the school to dictate prayer.”

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### 'Sorry' won't cut it for slain CIA agent's father

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** — The father of slain CIA agent Johnny "Mike" Spann brusquely turned his back and refused to speak to the father of Taliban rat John Walker Lindh during a dramatic encounter Wednesday in a courthouse hallway. Johnny Spann, whose son died here, and Frank Lindh, whose son is an accused traitor, were standing outside the ninth-floor courtroom where the younger Lindh had pleaded not guilty to 10 charges of aiding the Taliban and conspiring to kill Americans. As they waited for elevators in a broad hallway, Lindh approached Spann, gently patting him on the shoulder, and said: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry." "I'm sorry about your son," he said, according to a reporter who overheard Lindh. "My son had nothing to do with it. I'm sure you understand."



when he heard shouting and gunshots, indicating the revolt had started. He said he tried to run but was shot in the leg, so he retreated to the prison basement with the Taliban forces he'd joined. Judge T.S. Ellis set Aug. 26 as a target date for the trial to begin.

### Split grows over U.S. foreign policy

Chris Patten, the European Union's external affairs commissioner, has made an emotional plea to the United States, calling on it to abandon what critics see as its policy of unilateralism and instead use its leadership to promote international cooperation. In remarks that will intensify the growing differences across the Atlantic over U.S. foreign policy, Mr. Patten described the U.S. instinct for unilateralism and projecting military power as "profoundly misguided." Mr. Patten, a former governor of Hong Kong, was responding to comments made by Colin Powell in Thursday's Financial Times in which the U.S. Secretary of State described the commissioner as having "worked himself up a bit" over U.S. international policy.

Mr. Patten's remarks also expose the deep divisions between the United States and Europe over how to deal with terrorism and globalization. Mr. Patten says the United States with its allies must tackle "the darker sides of globalisation" - of poverty, or human trafficking and of autocratic regimes if the world has to avoid creating new Osama bin Ladens.

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### Disease spreads as floods hit Indonesia

**JAKARTA** — Heavy rain showers lashed Jakarta on Thursday causing more floods as health workers said at least 16 people, mostly children, have died in the capital of diseases brought on by the recent downpours. Storms across this vast archipelago have triggered landslides and caused the worst flooding in decades, killing at least 125 people over the past three weeks, causing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes and destroying crops. Torrential rains had eased off in recent days but fresh downpours brought more misery to the capital's 12 million people on Thursday, as health workers said they were tackling outbreaks of flood-related diseases in several parts of the city.



ly in the wet season from October to April. But the capital is particularly vulnerable because at least a dozen rivers meet in the low-lying port city.

Health workers said the floods, which rose to around three meters in some parts on Thursday, had carried piles of rotting garbage into homes and contaminated water supplies, leading to fears of more disease. Thousands of Jakarta residents had started to return to clean up their damaged homes in recent days but the fresh downpours forced many to again take shelter. Earlier this month, widespread floods brought Jakarta to a near standstill, closing schools and shops, and triggering panic buying at supermarkets. Meteorology officials are warning of more rain throughout Indonesia until at least the end of the month although they don't expect the downpours to be too heavy over the next few days. Chronic flooding, mostly caused by clogged water ducts and poor drainage, hits Jakarta and other areas of the country annually.

### 5 killed, 18 captured in Israeli terror sweep

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli tanks and commandos killed five Palestinians and captured 18 suspected terrorists Wednesday in the biggest sweep through the Gaza Strip in 17 months of violence, authorities said. The daylong military move was in response to the first-ever firing of Kassam rockets from Gaza at Israeli targets on Sunday. Israeli officials had threatened to recapture Palestinian-controlled land to prevent further Kassam attacks - and said Wednesday the sweep may be repeated. "This is a threat we cannot tolerate," cabinet minister Ephraim Sneh warned. By early Thursday, the Israeli forces had withdrawn from the three main targets of the sweep, the towns of Beit Hanun, Beit Lahiyah and Dir al-Balach. Palestinian officials said the five men killed in gun battles were policemen. Palestinian public security chief Abdel-Razek al-Majaydeh was defiant after the Israeli withdrawal. Among those arrested by the Israelis was Dr. Atef Adwan, a top political leader of the Hamas radical group. Also, bulldozers accompanying the tanks destroyed Palestinian military positions and areas where guerrillas launching the rockets had taken shelter, Israeli officials said.

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## Calendar

**TODAY**

Spanish Table  
4 to 6 p.m. at Cafe Melange

Japanese Table  
6 to 8 p.m. Cafe Melange

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## Police Blotter

### University

\* Two roommates reported receiving several obscene telephone calls from an unidentified person from 8 to 11:20 p.m. Tuesday at Neely Hall. The investigation continues.

## Corrections

Thursday's story, "Stones Prove Effective," should have read that Ginnell is serving Chinese food on Friday as part of their Chinese New Year theme. Lentz will have a Windy City theme. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 453-3311, ext. 252.

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# Board of Trustees gives Walker OK on future salary increases

Walker plans to hold off on increase

Ginny Skalski  
Daily Egyptian

The Board of Trustees Finance Committee voted to allow SIU President James Walker to dish out \$67,427 in raises to employees in his office at its meeting Thursday, but Walker has yet to order the increases.

Walker intends to wait until after Gov. George Ryan gives his budget address Wednesday before he authorizes the raises, according to University Spokesman Scott Kaiser. Walker wants to see what resources the governor intends to allocate to higher education before he grants the increases, Kaiser said.

Walker proposed the raises for nine of his employees after hiring a consulting firm for \$19,000 to look at their salaries and compare them to SIU's peer institutions. The results showed the salaries fall behind the peer institutions and Walker decided to bring the salaries up to about 94 percent of the peer median.

The money for the salary increases will come from the salaries of three employees in

Walker's office that retired in December and one who will retire in April, resulting in \$320,000. Walker said he will not hire anyone to fill those positions and instead their duties will be assigned to the nine employees up for the raises.

Board Chairwoman Molly D'Esposito said the finance committee authorized Walker to increase the salaries at his discretion because his decision was well researched. She said using the consulting firm was a good method for Walker to review the situation.

"The board was feeling that Dr. Walker would be prudent in the use of that authority," D'Esposito said. "He recorded the data he needed to see what the appropriate level of compensation was for the people doing these duties."

Faculty Senate President Bruce Devantier and Graduate Council President Sharon Shrock attended the Edwardsville meeting to voice their constituents' concerns about the timing of the raises. The salary increases come when the University is facing a \$7.4 million deficit; as a result of state budget cuts and declining enrollment numbers.

Devantier said D'Esposito pointed out that the increases in the salaries were adjustments, designed to nearly bring nine employees in Walker's office up to par with peer institutions.

Devantier said the senate and council understand the increases are necessary but worry they will have an ill effect on the way the University is perceived. Because of University budget cuts, Devantier thinks community members and other outsiders may not understand why the increases need to be made now.

"[The senate] was concerned and they felt the actions, as proposed by the president, were counter-productive to the public relations of the University," Devantier said. "The immediate problem of the campus is to deal with the budget shortfalls, and when the public sees the president giving raises to people in his office, it's a dichotomy in their minds."

D'Esposito said she appreciated the feedback at the meeting, but hopes people will keep in mind the good things Walker has done for the campus since his arrival to SIU in October 2000 before putting down his plans.

"They wanted to impress upon Dr. Walker that this issue was causing concern on the campus and that they wanted him to know they were concerned about it," D'Esposito said. "It was very good to have that kind of input from those groups. It was good dialogue."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

#### Williamson County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a reported attempt of child abduction

Deputies were advised that a small red car, unknown make or model, was in the area of Fowler School and Hartwell Church Roads next to a group of children playing in a yard.

The driver of the red vehicle was described as a white male with short black hair and wearing a flannel red shirt.

The driver attempted to lure the children to his vehicle while a small white vehicle, possibly a Buick, stopped on the road behind the red vehicle.

A female occupied the second vehicle. She was described as wearing a white jacket and blue jeans and had shoulder-length dark brown or black hair.

The male used profanity toward the children when they refused to approach the car. At that time, the female exited her car and spoke briefly with the man. Both vehicles fled the scene northbound on Hartwell Church Road when the children ran for help.

Investigators have been in contact with the Portageville, Mo., Police Department in relation to a similar incident that occurred prior to the Williamson County case.

The persons were apprehended after a member of the public contacted investigators with information that led to the identity of the two individuals, according to Sheriff Tom Cundiff of the Williamson County Sheriff's Department. No further details were released.

The Department encourages parents to speak with their children about the dangers involved when approached by strangers.

# Fair Trade Coffee Hour brews discussion for current events

Interfaith Center hosting forum that explains coffee farmer exploitation

Samantha Edmondson  
Daily Egyptian

World coffee prices are at an all-time low—49 cents a pound in August 2001—but despite the low price, José Tomás Torres, a coffee farmer in Nicaragua, can still provide for his wife and four children.

Since coffee is the second largest import for the United States, weak bulk prices may seem like a boom to the consumer, but they are worsening the coffee farmers' living conditions in Latin America.

Torres is not concerned with inefficient wages because he is part of PRODECO-OP, one of 45 Nicaraguan co-ops. This organization promotes fair trade coffee production, which gives back about 80 cents per pound to the farmer.

The Campus Shawnee Greens and Student Environmental Center devoted a special meeting to present this campaign to the local community. In collaboration with the Interfaith Center, the Fair Trade Coffee Hour brews the coffee pricing and exploitation with a weekly discussion at 5 p.m.

every Tuesday.

Julie Sommers, a member of Campus Shawnee Greens, said the idea for starting Fair Trade Coffee Hour started with Hugh Muldoon, director of University Christian Ministries, wanting to provide fair trade coffee at the Interfaith Center.

At the same time, Sommers said Campus Shawnee Greens protested Starbucks for its lack of fair trade coffee offered in its stores, adding to a national campaign geared primarily by the Global Exchange organization.

During the planning for confronting Starbucks, Sommers said the Campus Shawnee Greens normally met at the Interfaith Center and decided to give back to its helpful resources, promoting the fair trade coffee campaign.

"One-day protest doesn't really reach that many people," said Sommers, a senior in university studies. "We took this opportunity with Fair Trade Coffee Hour to teach about fair trade but to also give us an opportunity to expand into political and social thought."

After grabbing a free cup of fair trade coffee, one of the group's leaders will discuss the campaign and explain its circumstances for coffee farmers to newcomers and regulars.

Charles Howe, a member of the Shawnee Greens, contributed to Tuesday's informative speech about fair trade coffee by offering a personal anecdote about shade-grown coffee.

According to Howe, the story helped illustrate the idea that shade-grown coffee, which is how most fair trade coffee is grown, is a better alternative.

"The purpose of the coffee hour is to raise awareness in which coffee is grown," said Howe, a "go-between" for the local and campus Shawnee Green divisions. "I hope the younger people got a lot out of it."

Sabrina Henderson, an organizer for Fair Trade Coffee Hour, tries to incorporate something special into each of the four different types of discussion the coffee hour has monthly: "Cup of Consciousness," "Fair Trade Free Style," "Fair Films" and "Dig the Dialog."

On Tuesday, Henderson read a poem by Marge Piercy titled, "To have without holding," about non-monogamy for the relationships discussion. "What is Love?" represented the "Cup of Consciousness" series that occurs once a month. The forum erupted into a discussion of love, marriage and magazine ad portrayals.

Henderson said several people have problems starting romantic relationships with others. She said if everyone can come and talk about those issues maybe they can learn something from others.

The Fair Trade Free Style discussion is an open art forum including song, poetry and simply venting about what may be going on in that person's life. "Fair Films" allows newcomers and



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Neal Young, a junior in university studies from Springfield, listens to fellow group members during a discussion about love and relationships at the Interfaith Center Tuesday night. Issues such as sexuality, commitment and sex in the media were discussed.

regulars to the coffee hour to watch films that provoke social thought and consciousness.

The final segment to the monthly coffee hour installment is called "Dig the Dialog." A guest speaker will kick off the next "Dig the Dialog" discussing corporate influence on the educational system, specifically universities, on Feb. 26.

Henderson, a junior in university studies, said the Campus Shawnee Greens is expanding the fair trade campaign locally by presenting the idea to local co-ops and coffeehouses. She said

she hopes to reach the public who aren't aware or interested in things that affect their daily lives.

"People may not realize when they brew a cup of coffee in the morning, they are exploiting those Third World workers and the earth," Henderson said. "[Through the discussion] they can come and talk about those things and learn about fair trade coffee."

Reporter Samantha Edmondson can be reached at sedmondson@dailyegyptian.com

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## 30 years of beautiful music

Webb organ celebrates 30 years in Shryock

Mark Lambird  
Daily Egyptian

The halls of Shryock Auditorium will be filled with the melodious tones of the pipe organ Friday in celebration of the massive instrument's 30th anniversary.

The organ is more than just an organ, especially to Ma'anne Webb, professor of music and mother of the harmonium. Webb is in her 36th year of teaching at the University. Through those years her name has become synonymous with the music that flows from the organ's prodigious, polished pipes.

"I am grateful that the administration has kept the instrument in such wonderful shape over the years," Webb said.

She said it is of utmost importance to keep an instrument as old as the organ maintained so it can continue to be useful.

In April 2001 Webb received the ultimate honor when the University attached her name to her musical brain child.

Robert Weiss, director of the School of Music, said Webb's achievements will be around for many generations to enjoy.

"She has turned out a lot of students who have either gone on to teach or become performers," Weiss said.

He said tonight's celebration will be a tribute to Webb and the organ that bears her name.

"It is hard to separate the two," Weiss said. "She is the focus of the celebration."

Webb has also given the organ an audience outside of Southern Illinois when, in 2000, she released the CD "Celebrations."

Webb's journey with the organ began in 1968, when Shryock was damaged by an earthquake.

At the same time that repairs to the damaged building was being planned, Webb began raising funds to purchase an organ. After the money was raised, she designed the brass menagerie and has maintained it since its installation in 1971, when the auditorium was being remodeled.

Every year, the organ's reputation draws world-renowned organists to Shryock to perform.

The organ weighs an impressive six tons and contains 3,312 pipes. It was built by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, An., to Webb's specifications.

"This is the largest organ in Southern Illinois," Webb said. "As a University we are very fortunate to have it."

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The anniversary recital will take place at 7:30 tonight in Shryock Auditorium



PATRICK FILE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mike Gammon, of Marion made a strike with his girlfriend Sonya Worthey of Carbondale when he proposed to her on the anniversary of their first date at the Student Center bowling alley last night. Both are employees for the Disabled Student Recreation program.

## Man strikes up wedding proposal at Student Center bowling alley

Couple celebrated first date anniversary with engagement Thursday

Samantha Edmondson  
Daily Egyptian

She said yes—twice.

Sonya Worthey was speechless when her boyfriend, Mike Gammon, proposed to her at the Student Center bowling alley Wednesday night. But, after mustering a shy yes, Worthey resounded with a louder acceptance, hugging her ...sw fiancé.

As well as celebrating the holiday, the couple had their first date in the Student Center Bowling & Billiards last Valentine's Day. Gammon did not want this special holiday to be another date with his girlfriend.

Worthey and Gammon met through the Disabled Student Recreation program, which takes weekly Thursday trips to bowl at the Student Center. They were friends for two years before they decided to expand their relationship last year on their first date in the bowling alley.

Gammon decided to commemorate the

proposal by asking the Student Center administration to help plan the big moment. He said he has spent a month and a half organizing the specific details. The Student Center staff was eager to help.

Lisa Lambus, of the Information Station, donated roses and balloons to help accent the background. Tom Connelly, auditorium technical director, provided a microphone for Gammon to share his expression of love to everyone in the bowling alley.

He did exactly that. After hooking up to the PA system and picking up the balloon and flower bouquet, Gammon strided out toward his girlfriend. She watched in amazement, surprised by the her boyfriend as well as the crowd of people forming around them, gazing with subtle smiles.

As their song, "If the world was mine," by Mark McGuinn, played in the background, Gammon knelt before his blushing girlfriend and asked for her hand in marriage.

After the ring was placed on her finger, friends and family gathered closer to congratulate the happy couple. Worthey said she was glad that all her family was there, but she did not realize the reason.

"All my friends had excuses for being here

tonight," Worthey said. "And, I believed every one of their excuses."

Bill Null, manager of Bowling & Billiards, said Gammon told him exactly what he wanted to do for the wedding proposal and decorations. Null said he was more than willing to help him out.

"They have been coming in here [Bowling & Billiards] for a long time, so I felt obligated to help," Null said. "If you know the history of this couple, it makes sense and is special."

Worthey said she used to have a negative view of Valentine's Day, until Gammon came into her life. The couple has talked about marriage recently, and a friend of Worthey's even brought the subject up during lunch that day.

"I told her it was in the mail and probably would be late," Worthey said.

Now with the ring on her finger, Gammon said he couldn't be happier. He said Sonya is the one he would want to spend with the rest of his life.

"Now my life is complete," Gammon said.

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## Campus NAACP revitalized by professor

SIUC professor works to organize, rebuild organization

Brad Brondsema  
Daily Egyptian

When Pamela Smoot was asked to assist in re-organizing the SIUC chapter of the National Association for the

organization is back on its feet thanks in part to Smoot and students who want to make a difference on campus and in the community.

The campus chapter went into debt in 1995 after a group of sponsored students went to the Million Man March in Washington, D.C.

There was a miscommunication about who would pay for the trip, and as a result, the group ran into financial trouble.

With the help of Undergraduate Student Government, the organization received funds to pull it out of debt and re-establish its Registered Student Organization status last spring.

At the time, Kevin Gettis, a graduate student from East St. Louis, was interested in helping to revitalize the organization.

But Gettis encountered some obstacles in the form of a lack of support and little assistance. That, coupled

with a busy school schedule, forced him to drop the plan to re-establish the program.

Then last fall, with the help of students, Smoot helped re-organize the program and set up a budget.

"Right now I'm serving as an advisor; eventually it will all be in the student's hands," Smoot said.

The organization has managed to attract 37 members through word of mouth and flyer distribution.

One member, Tomaz Cunningham, a graduate student in foreign language and literature, got started with the NAACP Youth chapter in his hometown of Alton, Ill.

"It exposed me to the good in the community," he said, noting that it helped teach him leadership skills while helping others.

He said the program here looks very promising, and those involved are very motivated.

According to Cunningham, the

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Famela Smoot  
assistant professor in Black American Studies

organization is still seeking new members. He said people from all nationalities and backgrounds are encouraged to get involved to help serve the community through the NAACP.

"We're looking for serious-minded, motivated students — hopefully we can all make a difference," Cunningham said.

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Advancement of Colored People, she jumped at the opportunity. "I wanted to help; it has the potential to be one of the best organizations on campus," Smoot, an assistant professor in Black American Studies, said.

Following one meeting in the fall semester and two this semester, the

# International Festival unites SIUC students

## Food Fair attracts many students and people from community

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Daily Egyptian

Hundreds of students and Carbondale residents filled the crowded Ballroom D area in the Student Center Wednesday as they conversed around the sweet aroma of food from around the globe.

The colorful sounds of Caribbean Soca Calypso music played in the background while hosts, some wearing traditional wardrobe from their native countries, stood in front of their booths with welcoming smiles.

There are few times during the year when such a colorful array of people can be seen embracing one another. However, that was the case on Wednesday, when the Student Center was home to the International Festival 2002, organized by the International Student Council.

The festival began Wednesday morning with the Parade of Flags and is scheduled to end at 7 p.m. Saturday with the International Cultural Show.

On the first day of the festival, the largest attraction was the International Food Fair.

Nuttakit Phatana, a member of the Thai Student Association, spent much time preparing his own spicy dish for the highly-anticipated festival.

"I cooked the Thai Beef Curry myself," Phatana said. "It took me four hours, and the kitchen was a mess, but it was fun."

Saidou Hangadumbo, president of the International Student Council, was pleased that students of numerous different nations were given the opportunity to collaborate with each other and

involve other students at the University. This is his first year as council president, and he is proud to have put together such an event with the help of others.

"I think the festival is wonderful," Hangadumbo said. "One of our objectives is not only to bring international students together, but other students on the SIUC campus."

About 20 countries were represented at the food festival, including Thailand, Palestine, Bangladesh, Sudan, India, Japan, Greece, Cyprus and France. Other councils represented various countries, including the Asian Student Association and Friends, the Caribbean Student Council, African Student Council and Latin American Student Council, among others.

Members of the numerous organizations that contributed to the festival were very proud to see their hard work result in an extraordinary outcome. After months of preparation, many of the students have come together to support one another.

Angus Tong, vice president of Internal Affairs for the International Student Council, believes the primary purpose of the festival is to highlight every possible culture and spread them across the community.

Egla Ballta, a student from Albania and the vice president of finance for the International Student Council, has been at the University for less than two years and is still adjusting. However, working with other students in her position has made her more comfortable.

"I think it is very great to meet people from other countries and work with them," Ballta said. "It is a great opportunity to be exposed to other cultures."

Meeting different people is one fun aspect of the food fair, but aside from conversing, sampling the different cuisine ranks high on the list of things to do. People went from table to table exploring the different plates provided by each nation.

From the spicy curries of Thailand, Jamaica and India to the milder tastes of African rice and Japanese sushi, every country contributed its own ethnic flavors.

"It's great to be able to taste the different foods. Each country has its own distinct taste," said Kaori Ochi, a senior in Spanish, who has helped with the Japanese portion of the food fair for the past two years.

Anyarat Boonnithivorakul, vice president of the Thai Student Association, said it is inspiring to see international students working together, because they are helping Carbondale see an alternate picture of the world.

Festival visitors also feel it is important for them to expand their horizons and diverge from the norm of regular American cheeseburgers and fries.

Quiana Browne, a senior, and her friend Songyi Som, who has been attending the University for a month, enjoyed the afternoon together.



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Jennifer Monte, of Du Quoin, watches Esperanza (in her lap), 2, and Katriana, 4, both of Du Quoin while their mother works at the fair. Many people throughout the community, other than students, were drawn to the event.

"I think the festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to come together," Browne said. "Everyone is friendly, eating and having a good time."

Som said she was happy to eat food from her native country, Korea, because she doesn't get the opportunity to eat it much in Carbondale.

For the past couple of years, some of the groups have become a larger presence in the food fair, and students are proud to see their individual nations contributing to the complete purpose of the International Student Council.

The Indian Student Council, for example, has made great strides in increasing the attraction to its food stand during the food fair. With the addition of the mango shake to the selection of items, many more people look to the council for refreshment and satisfaction.

"I've been here so many years," says Rupa Chandrashekar, a doctoral student in rehabilitation. "In the beginning we had only two items. Now we have about seven. We have grown a lot. Since we introduced the mango milkshake, it has been the hottest selling item for years at SIUC's food fair."

In terms of the International Festival as a whole, the International Student Council seeks to find people from all across Southern Illinois to help conduct successful programs.

"One of our main goals is to reach out to other communities. We sent out letters to different

churches, mosques, radio and television stations," Hangadumbo said.

Many international students are determined to improve relations between students of different nationalities, and they plan to continue making a strong presence.

"I have been doing this for three years, and it gets better every year. This is something I really look forward to," said Debbie Ten, president of Asian Student Association and Friends.

The International Food Fair has maintained itself as a positive unifying tool and shows that language barriers and ethnic origin do not keep people from interacting.

"I am very glad to see people coming out to support us," Hangadumbo said. "However, I do still think that it would be great to see more students. Our intention is to share our culture with them, but it can only happen if they are willing to come and find out for themselves. All the events give students a flavor of the culture, and if they attend they will learn a lot."

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Those who have not yet attended any of the events of the festival still have the opportunity to attend the International Buffet, Reception and Cultural Show all will take place on Saturday, beginning at 4:30 p.m.



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Sandy Payne (left), an alumna from Carbondale, and son Daniel, 7, exchange a ticket for food from Munima Haque at the Bangladesh table Wednesday. Bangladesh was among some 20 countries represented at the International Food Fair.

## RAPE

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"Victims don't think they will be believed, they don't want their name in the paper, don't want people in their residence halls and sororities to know," Mills said.

Megan chose not to press charges. Looking back, she does wish there were repercussions for Dave's actions. What Megan did do, though, was get counseling.

One of the outlets for help that Megan sought in Carbondale was The Women's Center, 408 W. Freeman St. The facility offers free services of support, counseling and medical and legal advocacy. All information shared is confidential. They handled dozens of cases of acquaintance rape in 2001.

The Wellness Center offers programs and workshops and trained therapists are on staff to offer individual counseling to students.

"The majority of students I see don't report the incidents," Mills said. "We encourage them to go through Judicial Affairs and file a case with them."

"I do encourage people to report," Megan said. "But I am

also very understanding if people can't. If a person is able to report, there are protections in the law now that weren't in place when this happened to me that makes it easier."

In 2001, one incident of sexual assault was reported to campus police.

Livingston said sexual assault is happening everywhere on college campuses, and typically, low numbers of sexual assaults indicate that rapes are not being reported.

Last year's single report of sexual assault on campus is the lowest number in the past five years with the highest reported at eight in 1999.

The Carbondale Police Department reported 27 rape cases for 2001.

For Megan, the experience of rape changed the course of her life. She did eventually tell her parents and they provided the additional support she needed.

She went on to become a rape counselor in Southern Illinois, inspired by her desire to not only prevent rape, but help victims cope with the burden.

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# Dewey Center Director wins Golden Eagle Award

## SIUC philosophy professor receives an award for his documentary

Kova Gaston  
Daily Egyptian

Larry Hickman is flying high after winning the national golden eagle award for his documentary.

Hickman, an SIUC philosophy professor, won the award from CINE, a Washington, D.C.-based group founded to encourage excellence in non-commercial film and video. Hickman's 41-minute educational documentary highlights the life and works of John Dewey, a quintessential American philosopher and educator.

The winners will be recognized during the CINE awards ceremony March 8 at the Headquarters of the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C.

Hickman, who wrote the script and narrated the film, said the film is an introduction to Dewey's life and work for

classrooms. It is designed for use in undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology, education philosophy and advanced courses in high school.

"We tried to make the presentation simple and clear without technical jargon as much as possible," Hickman said.

The Dewey Center was founded in 1961 as part of an effort to generate and edit standard critical editions of Dewey's work. The center collects and edits Dewey's works and has become the international focal point for research on his life and work. Its location at SIUC makes it possible for visitors to take advantage of the resources and professional expertise of faculty and staff of the Department of Philosophy, College of Education, Special Collections in Morris Library and Southern Illinois Press.

The Dewey Center is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, private foundations, individuals and SIUC.

Hickman, the eight-year director of the center, represents it by traveling to meetings and giving lectures and external presentations. He has attempted to garner support in Russia, Scotland, Japan, Brazil, Germany and the Czech Republic, and

he will soon visit Mexico and China.

"In the course of the last 30-plus years, the center has edited 37 volumes of the collected works of Dewey, and that comes to about eight million words he wrote in highly technical fields such as logic and in popular magazines," Hickman said.

The center is engaged in a project that involves collecting, editing and publicizing Dewey's correspondence with important people — a total of 19,000 items.

"The work we do here is recognized as cutting edge in terms of electronic publication of documentary material," Hickman said.

Diane Meierhart, Hickman's secretary, has been working at the center for 23 years. She spoke highly of Hickman, saying "he is energetic, goal-oriented and does a lot of good things for us."

In turn, Hickman said although the work is technical, his staff can handle it.

"We have one of the best editorial staffs in the country, and we are fortunate to have this group of people working here at the center," Hickman said.

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## OUR WORD

### State program boon to northeast side

The Northeast side of Carbondale has been more ignored than tended to in the past. Many houses there are falling apart, and residents do not have the cash to make the changes for which they long. Many in the economically flailing area can barely keep the bills paid, let alone make costly roof repairs and furnace replacements.

It is refreshing, then, to hear of the ways state money is being put to good use in the city's northeast homes. More than 100 houses have been renovated there in the last eight years, thanks to the Community Development Assistance Program.

The average cost of these repairs is around \$30,000, a small price for recipients to receive what everyone in this town deserves: a nice

This program is one of those increasingly rare examples of exemplary government where the state, city and its citizens come together to truly make life better for all.

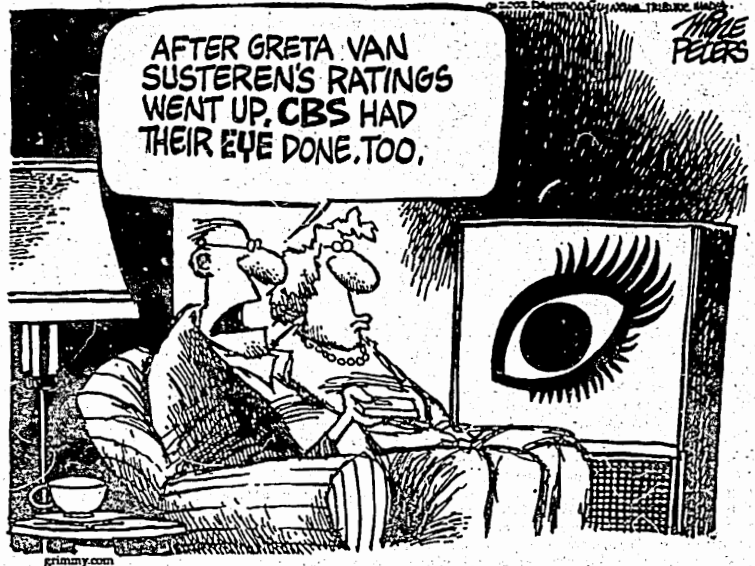
to apply, perusing applications and connecting with citizens to make their homes livable.

These people — some community members, other public officials — are not only elevating the quality of life for the residents they help, they are improving the look of our community and the health of Carbondale families.

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The Daily Egyptian wishes to formally praise all involved for these endeavors, and we stand behind the continuation and expansion of this neighborhood regeneration. These near-heroic efforts have not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated.

Another \$400,000 grant was secured this year by the community development program to continue this important mission. We look forward to another 100 refurbished homes for northeast citizens, and we applaud these advances toward an even greater Carbondale for all who call it home.



## THEIR WORD

### From the frontlines of the war on terrorism

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It has been a little bit more than four months since my reserve unit, some of whom are also SIUC students, were hand-selected to be activated to serve in Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom since the horrible terrorist attacks of 9/11. Those who are full-time students at the University would like to thank the faculty and staff for their support since our presidential recall. Since we came to the Middle East, time has been very precious, training is very harsh, and the long hours wear us out. However, whenever we do get the chance, we have kept up to date with the news from our school via the Daily Egyptian website. This is an excellent website that's always keeping us up to date. We would like to thank the Daily Egyptian for a job well done. We would like to say, that even though things have been a little bit more quiet, we hope that we will not be forgotten as we crack down on those enemies who remain a threat not only to our nation, but to our democratic world.

We would like to give a response to Elsie Speck's letter which was published a little while ago. You would not believe how much we were laughing when we read that. The negative comments really enlightened us, although some of us were a little bit upset. We feel obliged to respond. Sometimes I do not think the American public is aware how much hell the military is going through over here. The logical purpose for us being here is because if it was not for the military and the good logical thinking of our government, we would be speaking Arabic, Chinese or Russian by now. All that money the government is giving us is used to UPDATE our weapons, update our technology and improve the way of life for our military. We need to have the best weapons and the best technology to remain the best in the world. The equipment and weapons I work with are out of date, and we are requesting more money as we speak.

And the way of life: While you sleep in nice, cozy beds, we have military troops risking their lives in the Middle East living in tents and eating out of cans. You go to Pinch Penny after you are done with all your school work. We stand posts 15, maybe 16 hours a day in the bare 100-degree heat index every single day. They stand out there with their guns ready to shoot at any enemy in sight. The military, especially the

Naval Security Force, is the best trained in the world. Oh yeah, some of the money the military receives will go straight to our paychecks, because we deserve it, putting our lives at risk and keeping Americans safe. Someone told me last year that we should all hold hands and smoke joints in the world, and all will be good. Unfortunately, that will never happen — this is a reality check. Everybody thinks differently. The military, especially our military, is much needed in the world. Without it, we would not be safe nor would the democratic world. (I feel like I am repeating myself, but what we are doing is true). We are the brick wall between our country and the enemies, and we do need the money and the support to keep it up.

Second: yes, I agree that our money and weapons have gotten in the wrong hands in the past once in a while. But remember, that is a risk. We gave the Northern Alliance money and weapons to help us fight the Taliban and the Al Qaeda. We have troops in South Korea, whom we gave money and supplies to keep the Chinese government on check. And now, we just started giving money and weapons to the Philippines because there is a large Al Qaeda regime operating in the southern region of the country. Remember, the Al Qaeda are the ones that flew the airplanes into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center Towers.

Third, the people in Afghanistan are pro-American. Most of them were very happy that we came into the country and kicked the Taliban out. The interim government which the United Nations placed there will make it a BETTER country. It disrespectful to the Afghanistan community to think that our presence will result in a negative perception of them back in America. I met a couple and they were pleading for OUR help — and I am proud to say that we have done that. The American military kicked the Taliban's butt!

I thank President Bush for his comments and for the money that he will send to us, which we really do need. The morale is really low out here, especially for us reservists who were called up and only had four days to get ready to leave, but we are doing OK and are looking forward to coming back. All we see is sand and camels, but somebody has to do it.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.”

Arthur Ashe

## WORDS OVERHEARD

“People's lives are affected by this. When they have the ability to make their house a home, they have a new pride in the ownership. It's renewed something. It's almost like a new life.”

Tom Redmond, Carbondale developer services director, commenting on the more than 100 renovations of northeast-side homes through government funding.

COLUMNISTS

# A little girl in need of a lung transplant

This week, I need to write about a serious subject. It is a story unfolding in the Chicago suburbs, which will hopefully move to St. Louis. The distance from Carbondale should not matter in a human interest story such as this one. Here goes. A 10-year-old girl named Melannie Veliz will most likely die within the next year without medical attention. That's right. Her family traveled more than 5,000 miles to seek a lung transplant for her in the United States. Melannie's parents don't speak English and are not permitted to work, leaving them with no insurance. As of Tuesday morning, Melannie rested in the hospital with a tube inserted into her lung due to complications from a treatment session for her disease. She is in a lot of pain, according to Maria Lopez, her fifth grade teacher at Smith Elementary School in Aurora, but is expected to survive it.

Melannie is from Santiago, Chile, and has cystic fibrosis. Her family now resides in Aurora, a western suburb of Chicago. The lung transplant she needs carries a \$309,000 price tag. The nearest place that performs the surgery is the St. Louis Children's Hospital, a distance of 270 miles from Aurora. The cost of the transplant does not cover food or lodging in St. Louis, post transplant medications or unanticipated medical expenses. She cannot be evaluated for the transplant until the \$309,000 is paid. Once evaluated, she may have to wait a year or longer until a set of lungs is available. I had the opportunity to sit down with the family during Christmas break for a story that ran in an Aurora paper. It is this type of opportunity that makes journalism such a worthy and noble profession.

I hope that drawing attention to this case will help this little girl's chances at life. She is a fifth grader at Smith Elementary School who understandably felt uneasy about the subject matter being discussed. When I asked her how she's holding up through all of this, she lost her ability to speak as tears began to roll down her cheeks. Melannie's parents, Christian and Johanna Veliz, had just recently decided to go public with their battle against this disease. Both are heavily concerned with the plight of their daughter, but try



## The Way I See It

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and maintain a positive outlook on the situation and hope for the best. The life expectancy with this disease is longer in the United States. Most people make it to adulthood; however, the medical attention Melannie desperately needed as a child in Chile was not available.

The transplant is now necessary for her to survive. The family came to the United States in June 2000 to seek medical attention, and Christian's place of employment in Santiago paid for the trip. In Chile, he was a broker, and his wife was a teacher. Because of their visa status, they were not able to find work or medical insurance in the United States. Johanna and Christian's visas have expired, making them eligible for deportation in the post-Sept. 11 political climate.

Paul Simon, director SIUC's Public Policy Institute, graciously wrote a letter to the Illinois State Medical Society and to the St. Louis Children's Hospital, where Melannie receives her medical attention. He notified columnist Mark Brown from the Chicago Sun-Times, who wrote an emotional piece detailing Melannie's struggle. Simon also notified U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who also may be able to provide some help for Melannie.

It is my hope that with this help and the help of others, we can save the life of a 10-year old girl. Maybe there is someone in the medical community who could give this family some help or insight. Maybe there is a politician looking to get rid of an Enron contribution in some way. There. That's the whole story. Whatever conclusions you draw from it, keep in mind that without help, this girl will probably die within the next year, so time is running out.

E-mail me if you have any questions. Call Smith Elementary School at 630-844-4515 for more information. Send donations to Banco Popular, 2 S. Broadway, Aurora, IL, Account: 0102516500992, or call 630-844-7000.

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LETTERS

## Curry misrepresents so-called Africans

DEAR EDITOR:

I am so tired of opening the D.E. to see another long, moronic, and not too well thought out column by Mr. Curry. The one thing that gets to me is why he insists on using the phrase "Africans living in America." I would venture to ask Mr. Curry when was the last time he went to Africa? On what date did he reclaim his lost African citizenship? Please, I want to know so his visa can be revoked. The bottom line is this, I have been to Africa and spent time with the people. Being a man of color, I should be welcomed with open arms right? WRONG! They do not want BLACK Americans in Africa. To them we are not true Africans. They look down on us because we use the term African-American. Why should I be African-American? I didn't grow up there, my family never went there, and my mother's side of the family is Native-American.

But I am African-American? I pose this question: if a white family moves from South Africa and migrates to America are they African-Americans? Would Mr. Curry address them as Africans living in America? Mr. Curry, if you would like to move to Africa to live with people who despise you because you are not a TRUE African, or live under greater persecution than you believe you are now, then be my guest. Just don't bump everyone together. I am quite proud to live in the U.S.A! Land of the free and home of the brave, indeed!

Damion Campbell  
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## Replacing tattered flag a show of respect

DEAR EDITOR:

Recently while driving past McAndrew Stadium, I noticed a frayed and faded American flag being flown. As a veteran of the United States Air Force, I think it is absolutely shameful that a University of this magnitude would fly such a battered looking flag. I realize there are many budget challenges being addressed currently, however, there's no way a state-funded University can not afford to purchase a new flag.

Chancellor Wendler might be trying for the dramatic World Trade Center look, but the flag that was recovered after Sept. 11, 2001, was classified as a battle flag. Maybe I missed it in my history class, but I don't recall hearing about the Battle of McAndrew Stadium. I say replace the flag being flown at McAndrew Stadium or don't fly one at all. The flying of the flag in its current condition is disgraceful to all the men and women that have fought for it — past and present.

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# The distinguished woman

Look closely at Mary Tyler Moore end Joan Rivers. The skin is stretched so taut over their facial bones that I don't think they can shut their mouths anymore. It's disturbing really, and almost painful to look upon.

Why have they had their skin yanked up behind their ears and stapled under their hairlines? What force is so strong that seemingly sane, successful women would undergo costly, unnecessary surgery?

You could tell me this is nothing new. After all, physical perfection has always been prized as the ultimate, cosmic lottery prize. The Greeks and Romans had their gods, and these characters didn't necessarily have hefty moral fortitude. More generally, they had great pecs.

What makes the game change is the added technology of the modern scenario. I can change my eye color, hair color and skin color. I can add on a different nose like a Mrs. Potato Head. Essentially, I can spend lots of money to look like whatever I want. And us women have decided we want to look young — forever. In Western culture, young equals — respect, and now we can find the "fountain of youth" in our wallets.



## The Femme Factor

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I will admit that whatever follies tender ages include, they also carry a near-perfect beauty. The creamy silk skin of a newborn is awe inspiring in its pristine purity. The world has not imposed its stresses, its smog, its beatings and bruising, its sun, its gravity. Yes, this is perfection. Yes, this is about as close to the divine as we can get on this earth.

But as grown women we believe this flawless — this purgatory of perfect pores — is not only a prize, but a requirement. I'll never understand why 18-year-old girls are buying age-defying moisturizer at twenty bucks a pop. However, males in our society do not seem to have the same fixation with

Alpha-Hydroxy. As the old adage goes, "Men grow distinguished; Women grow old."

Unfortunately, we believe this trope. As the countless minions of stretch-faces flicker across my TV, I compare them with the older women in my life — role models such as professors, relatives and colleagues. I wish to be like these accomplished women for their success, knowledge and the confident demeanor that comes with experience.

The lines in their faces show that they have survived the stresses and the smog. The un-dyed gray in their hair tells me there is nothing to be ashamed of here. Those resplendent streaks of silver affirm that they are women of the world. They have been places, done things. They are products of this life of beatings and bruising, and yet, they have managed prosperity and wisdom in place of defeat. It they helped shape history, living national and local memoirs first-hand.

Someday, not too far into the 21st century, I'll share my own history of Sept. 11 with my grandchildren. I will tell them how I was working for my college newspaper that day, and witnessed through the tragedy the greatest display of teamwork and tireless effort I

have ever seen.

But my skin won't be backing up my story with physical evidence of maturity. By then, they will have perfected gene therapy. I will still look 23 as I take little Janey and Johnny to the museum to glance at the photographs of the elderly women of yore.

"My mentor had those three lines raying out from the sides of her eyes, just like the woman in that picture," I will tell them. "Your great-grandmother had those hoodoo over her eyes; they made her look dreamy and wise. This brilliant professor of mine had those trenches in her cheeks. They called them smile lines."

"They look well ... distinguished," Janey will say, her porcelain skin beaming under the fluorescent lighting.

"Yes," I will answer. "That was true feminine beauty, and we didn't even know it."

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## Are apples still good for you?

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**DEKALB, (U-WIRE)** – For years we have been reprimanded by nutrition experts for choosing unhealthy snacks such as chocolate over low-fat, vitamin-packed fruit.

Now it appears that even fruit is not as healthy as we had thought. Thanks to modern production techniques and a general preference for sweet-tasting foods, today's apples have such a high sugar content that they could be harmful to our teeth.

Some eating apples contain as much as four teaspoons of sugar. So, while an apple a day might help to keep the doctor at bay, it probably won't keep your dentist sweet.

Research by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that the typical modern apple has a sugar content of up to 15 percent, a rise of almost 50 percent in just over a decade.

Combined with the naturally high acidity of the fruit, there is a risk that eating too many apples could result in dental erosion, when the protective layering on the teeth is worn away over time.

That tooth decay can be caused by a high consumption of sugar is well known. But the chemical reaction with the acid in food and bacteria in the mouth can destroy a tooth's hard tissue.

And if the problem isn't addressed early on, it can eventually cause sensitivity and pain. Carry on consuming high-acid products and you might risk fractures to your tooth enamel or, in extreme cases, a tooth that becomes so badly eroded that the pulp in its centre becomes exposed.

If the damage reaches this stage, a dentist has no option but to remove the tooth.

According to Jacinta Yeo, spokesperson for the British Dental Association, there is no doubt that some fruit, including apples, can cause problems.



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Brenda Wong Aoki (right) leads her class in practicing a Chinese martial art form that makes use of a fan. Aoki teaches a workshop for the new Institute for Diversity in the Arts at Stanford University.

## Police chase ends in crash at UC-San Diego Dorm

**Bryce Warwick**  
The Guardian (U. California-San Diego)

**LA JOLLA, Calif. (U-WIRE)** – A University of California at San Diego student crashed his 2002 Ford Explorer into Blake Hall at the conclusion of a San Diego Police Department chase at 12:50 a.m. on Feb. 8, awakening students.

According to officer Michael James of the SDPD, a routine accident investigation was taking place on North Torrey Pines Road when the Explorer drove by. The driver turned off his lights, arousing the suspicion of the SDPD.

Officers pulled in behind the car and turned on their lights and sirens in an attempt to pull him over, James said. At this point, the driver

began driving erratically and tried to outrun the police at a high speed, according to James.

He said the driver eventually turned onto the UCSD campus near Pacific Hall and the construction site of the new natural sciences building. According to James, the driver then came up the road and made a hard right turn toward Revelle, cut across the grass, and with tires screeching, slammed his vehicle into the north-west side of Blake Hall.

SDPD pulled up a moment later, followed closely by Resident Security Officers, passers-by and startled residents.

"It felt like an earthquake," said Blake Hall resident Faye van der Fluitt, whose room is above the site of the crash. "It felt like something was shaking the whole building."

The building appeared to suffer no major structural damage, but the car was badly smashed. The front right side of the Explorer was the point of impact and the tire on that side was folded under the vehicle with transmission fluid covering the ground.

James reported no major injuries to the three passengers or the driver. The passengers were not charged with any crime at the scene, but the driver faces some serious consequences.

James confirmed that the driver is a student at UCSD and said that he will face charges of DUI and felony failure to yield.

Both charges could carry jail time with the DUI alone allowing for a convicted driver to serve up to six months in jail. The driver's name was not released.

## Trendy socks include novelty items, toe socks and more

By Kathy Van Mullekom  
Newport News Daily Press

**(KRT)** Stuff the boring blue, brown and black socks in the corner of your dresser drawer. Save the sporty white socks for sweat-soaked sessions on the stair stepper.

Now's the time to tuck your tootsies into trendy socks.

Hosiery departments at stores such as Target, Hecht's, Wal-Mart and Dillard's are stocked with more styles, colors and designs than you can count on your fingers and toes.

Want to show the world you love animals? Slip on a pair of white anklets sprinkled with cute little dogs or cats.

If you like holiday themes, there are Easter socks with bunnies and baskets of candy. For gardeners, there are socks adorned with ladybugs and flowers.

Colors make a statement, too. Spring socks scream with tropical tones, orange, lime green, yellow and pink. And then there are the patriotic socks splashed in red, white and blue stripes and stars.

Men and children are not forgotten in

the flood of fashionable socks. They don't have quite the wide selection that women do, but there is noticeable variety. You can find men's black dress socks adorned with racy red hearts and little girl's white anklets embroidered with "Hello Kitty."

Socks of some sort are nothing new to the world. They date back to ancient Rome, when people wrapped their feet in strips of leather or woven fabric. Egyptian socks were constructed to exactly fit the foot, says Sid Smith, president of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, at <http://www.bluechipssocks.com/>

In 1589, the invention of mechanical knitting machines transformed hosiery from a home craft into an industry. Socks took on new importance, especially during the formation of American Colonies.

"Settlers and frontiersmen were given an allotment of so many pounds of food, sugar, gun powder and 'two pairs of socks' as encouragement to move out into the wilderness and cultivate and claim as much property as they could control," Smith says.

Today's socks may not help you claim land, but they can draw some curious — and perhaps admiring — stares.

If you need more selection than local stores offer, you'll find a slew of sock sites for online shopping.

To wear your faith on your feet, visit <http://www.holysocks.co.uk/>

Holy Socks are more than just socks; they are messages from the Bible. In fact, there are more than 600 references to feet and walking



**ADRIAN BRIDGER - NEWPORT NEWS DAILY PRESS**

Toe socks first became popular in the 1970s and now are back on the shelves. In the Bible, according to the site.

Each pair comes packaged in cellophane, with an entertaining tale that relates to its biblical heritage. For instance, a tale of two friends fishing, then sharing their catch with the crowd, accompanies a pair of grass-green socks embroidered with the words "loaves and fishes" and designs of dark blue fish and bread-colored loaves.

Holy Socks avoids taking itself too seriously. The site gives you a place to click on the "Holy Sock Song" to see the choir at St. Columba Parish Church — wearing their Holy Socks, of course, and singing about bib-

lical figures such as Daniel, Jonah and Moses.

Probably the largest selection of novelty socks is found at <http://www.absolutsocks.com/>

Boys too young to drive can walk and dream in the Harley Davidson socks. Men about to make the big commitment can walk to the altar in "I Do" socks adorned with miniature brides and grooms and bottles of champagne. Gamblers who need a little extra luck tucked in their shoes can wear dice socks or luck-of-the-cards socks. Women can walk on the wild side with animal motif socks in everything from bats and birds to pandas and penguins.

# Campaign aims to promote designated driving on campus

Alan Brody  
Knight Ridder/Tribune

When he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 2000, John Elliott was honored by his peers as the most outstanding Human Education Resource Officer, known at the school as a HERO. Now, Elliott's parents are hoping others will become heroes by being designated drivers, a practice that could have saved their son's life.

Just two months after his graduation, 22-year-old Elliott was driving home to New Jersey when a drunk driver hit his vehicle. Elliott and the other driver died; Elliott's girlfriend, who was a passenger in the car, suffered serious injuries.

In response to their son's death, Bill and Muriel Elliott launched the HERO Campaign and named it after their son's school honor for mentoring fellow midshipmen. The nationwide effort, launched in October 2000, educates college students about the effects of drunken

driving and encourages the use of designated drivers on campus and in towns.

"This is a group that understands the message," Bill Elliott said. "They see what happens when they go out to parties and know (the consequences)."

More than 120 bars and taverns in New Jersey and Maryland have committed to HERO, which asks alcohol vendors to provide complimentary soft drinks to designated drivers and display promotional posters about the organization's efforts.

"It's such a good endeavor, that I think we all pretty much came on board immediately because it's a tragedy that really shouldn't be allowed to happen again," said Mike Wedler, manager of Santa Fe Cafe in College Park, Md.

The bar, within walking distance of the University of Maryland campus, has a display table that promotes the campaign's efforts.

Student leaders and participating

merchants are also passing out blue and gold ribbons for people to wear in support of the campaign.

In addition to the University of Maryland, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the College of New Jersey in Ewing; and Drexel University in Philadelphia are among participating schools.

At Maryland - where Elliott's sister Jennifer is a student - HERO has been promoted through student government leaders, the Greek community and the athletic department in hopes that it will educate students and extend beyond the campus into local restaurants and bars, said Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, associate director of campus programs, who also noted the strong student response to the campaign.

"Many different elements of the student body and campus community are involved in this," Bill Elliott said. "You need to have that cross section of the community for the campaign to succeed."

The Elliott family was also the driving force behind the August 2001 passage of John's Law in New Jersey.

The legislation was prompted by the circumstances surrounding Elliott's death.

The driver who struck Elliott's car had been arrested by New Jersey police earlier that evening and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Two hours later, the police released him to a friend's custody. Afterward, he returned to his vehicle and was back on the road while still intoxicated.

John's Law requires police to impound the cars of those charged with drunken driving up to 12 hours and issue responsibility warnings to people who take custody of the DUI offenders.

Similar legislation is currently under proposal in the Maryland General Assembly. The family continues to lobby other states to consider the law.

"You need to have that cross section of the community for the campaign to succeed."

Bill Elliott  
founder of HERO Campaign

"We're attacking the problem on two fronts," Bill Elliott said. "One is legislative, the other is through the campaign. Each of us has the power to end drunk driving tomorrow if we want to. We are on the front lines on the war against drunk driving. We are the first line of defense. John's Law is the second safety net."

Despite the pain of repeatedly telling their story, the Elliott family hopes their experience will inspire others to make a change.

"We were more than father and son," said Bill Elliott of his son. "We were best friends. It is hard to imagine living the rest of my life without him."

# She's a python named Monty, but her grip is no joke - it's fatal

Barry Bortnick  
The Gazette

AURORA, Colo. - Animal Control officials in Aurora, Colo., don't know what they'll do with an 11-foot-long, 43-pound Burmese python that asphyxiated its owner Sunday afternoon.

The animal's owner, Richard Barber, was pronounced dead 30 minutes after the attack. Barber's friends declined to comment about Sunday's incident on Monday.

The female python, named Monty, was being kept inside a heated, wooden and Plexiglas cage at the Aurora Animal Shelter while authorities considered their options. The shelter's spokeswoman, Cheryl Conway, said the massive snake might be put to death. She said a judge would have to authorize such

action.

Conway said a zoo or some other facility could come forward to claim the animal.

"We handle these things on a case-by-case basis," Conway said Monday.

Aurora police classified the death as accidental, police spokeswoman Kathleen Walsh said.

Friends inside Barber's southeast Aurora home called police Sunday afternoon when the python wrapped itself around his head and began to squeeze. Police officers used their batons to try to pry the animal off Barber. Several firefighters joined the battle while Barber was unconscious on his basement floor.

Aurora firefighter Sigi Klein grabbed Monty's head while a police officer and three other firefighters pulled the snake from Barber's neck. The snake coiled around Klein's

"Where captive, they are typically calm and mild and make excellent pets if you handle them appropriately."

Rick Haeffner  
curator of reptiles and fish at Denver Zoo

arm while the other firefighters performed CPR on Barber.

Klein remained inside the basement with the snake after Barber was carried upstairs and out of the house. The snake tried to drag Klein off to a corner of the darkened basement, the firefighter said.

"They don't teach you how to deal with this in paramedics school," Klein said. "I begged and wrestled with the snake."

Klein said he fought the snake for about two minutes, before additional firefighters arrived and helped him force the reptile into a cage.

Klein said he never considered using deadly force to free himself from the animal's grip. Kimberly Brown, who lived in the home with Barber, said Monty was normally not aggressive, according to published reports. Rick Haeffner, curator of reptiles and fish at the Denver Zoo, said pet pythons are generally very mellow creatures.

"When captive, they are typically calm and mild and make excellent pets if you handle them appropriately," Haeffner said.

Haeffner said it is extremely rare for a pet python to kill its owner. A pet Burmese python killed a 15-year-old Colorado boy in a 1991 attack.

# Fraternity sued in fatal auto crash

Tony Rizzo  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KANSAS, (KRT) The family of a Lawrence, Kan., woman killed by an intoxicated teen-age driver sued the University of Kansas and a fraternity house where he allegedly drank.

The lawsuit, filed this week, also names as defendants the teen-ager and his mother and stepfather, who allegedly provided him with alcohol.

Felicia A. Bland, 39, was killed Sept. 16, 2000, when a car driven by Sean M. Scott, 16, collided with her car in western Johnson County, Kan.

In March 2001, Scott pleaded no contest in Johnson County District Court to a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He served about five months in custody and is now on probation.

His stepfather, Lawrence Rieke, was recently charged by Douglas County, Kan., prosecutors with supplying alcohol to a minor on the night of the crash.

According to the lawsuit, Rieke and Scott's mother, Dana Rieke, allegedly provided beer and shots of tequila to Scott and other minors at a Lawrence bar.

Daniel Church, the lawyer representing Bland's family, said there was no information to show that the bar's owners knew minors were being served alcohol.

At his mother's instruction, Scott, who was "visibly intoxicated," turned

his car keys over to another person before leaving the bar, the lawsuit contends. But that person also was a minor who had been served alcohol by the Riekes and was "not in proper condition to safeguard" the keys, the lawsuit alleges.

After drinking at the bar, Scott and other minors allegedly drank more alcohol at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house in Lawrence.

Members of the fraternity ridiculed Sean Scott for not drinking enough and taunted him to drink more of the alcoholic beverages they were providing," according to the lawsuit.

Scott was able to get his car keys back and "after hours of drinking" began driving his 1992 Chevrolet Camaro at speeds of 90 to 100 mph, the lawsuit alleges. Eventually he lost control of the car and swerved into the path of Bland's vehicle, the lawsuit contends.

"As an intoxicated minor driving a high-powered sports car, Sean Scott was a danger to any motorist in his general vicinity and the public at large," according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit does not seek a specific amount of money in damages.

Spokesmen for the university and the fraternity said Monday that they had not seen the lawsuit. The university spokesman said the school's policy was to not comment on pending litigation. The Riekes, of Shawnee, did not respond to a telephone message asking for comment.



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Bob Reid, a Carbondale resident and SIU alumnus, buys five roses for his girlfriend at church, at the Student Center Thursday. Sakou Locke, a sophomore in elementary education, sells balloons and flowers with other employees of the information station for last minute Valentine's Day shoppers.

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Christi Gidcumb, a senior from Rochester, supports the Administrative Justice bake sale outside the Student Center Thursday. Graham Young and other AJ majors spent the afternoon selling pink and red pastries to earn money for the Administrative Justice Association.

# Muslim woman sues Florida over drivers license

**Pedro Ruz Gutierrez & Amy Rippeol**  
The Orlando Sentinel

WINTER PARK, Fla. (KRT) - A 34-year-old woman is suing the state for suspending her Florida drivers license after she refused to have her photo taken without an Islamic veil.

Sultaana Freeman, a former evangelist preacher who converted to Islam about five years ago and wears the traditional niqab, says her religion doesn't allow her to show her face to strangers.

She filed suit last month asking an Orange County judge to review her case.

"I don't show my face to strangers or unrelated males," Freeman said in an interview at the office of her American Civil Liberties Union attorney. Only her emerald-green eyes and mascara showed through her veil.

The niqab is different from a hijab, or partial head covering, which doesn't hide the face and which some Muslim women wear for their drivers license photos.

Freeman, who is on an apparent collision course with the state, is bracing for a possible showdown on the fundamental freedoms of the U.S. Constitution.

"Florida law requires a full-facial view of a person on their drivers license photo," said Robert Sanchez, a spokesman for the

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. "We have no choice but to enforce it."

Florida law says license applicants shall be issued "a color photographic or digital imaged drivers license bearing a full-face photograph."

ACLU lawyer Howard Marks argues that the law is vague. "I don't think the state statutes mandate a photograph," he said.

Marks said he also will cling to a state law on religious freedom that states the "government shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion."

Barry University professor Robert Whorf said the state is probably within its right to ask for a full-facial photograph. "It makes common sense if the state of Florida were discriminating against her because of her religion; that would more likely be unconstitutional," he said. "If the state of Florida's rationale for insisting the veil not cover the face is for law-enforcement purposes that apply to everyone, then clearly the state of Florida is not discriminating against anyone for religious reasons."

To husband Abdul-Malik, also known as Mark Freeman, the state's action is an infringement on his and his wife's rights.

"It's a reflection of Sept. 11," said Abdul-Malik, 40.

The Freemans said they only want recognition that their interpretation of Islam requires women to cover their faces.

Sultaana Freeman said she never had trouble in Illinois, where she worked as a civil engineer with the state's utilities company. That state, without objection, issued her license with a photo that showed only her eyes.

Her Florida license was issued with her face covered last February, but the state demanded a new photo without her veil in November. State record checks began after Sept. 11.

Saltaf Ali, executive director of the Florida chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said he knows of three other times Muslim women were refused Florida drivers licenses because of their headresses. "I'm sure there's a lot more that's happening and not getting reported," he said.

Ali is asking the state to clarify its policy on religiously mandated clothes, and he wants the state to train employees about Muslim needs.

Yasmin Khan, 39, of West Palm Beach, Fla., said she tangled with motor-vehicle officials when she was refused a drivers license in mid-December. Khan, a native of Trinidad and a Muslim, said she pulled her headress back to her hairline - as far as her religious beliefs would allow - for the Dec. 17 photo

but was told she needed to remove it completely. When she refused, she was denied a drivers license, she said.

"I decided to call anybody and everybody because I needed my license. I have kids, and I need to leave my home," she said.

Two days later, after getting help from local politicians, Khan was photographed with her hijab pulled back for her new drivers license.

In Daytona Beach earlier last month, Najat Tamim-Muhammad, 41, was refused a Florida identification card because she declined to remove her hijab.

Two years ago, Tamim-Muhammad, a native of Morocco, removed her headress for the ID photo, but her husband said she did it only because she spoke no English and was unsure of her legal rights.

Idris Muhammad, her husband, said they plan to go back to the office to explain to a supervisor why she cannot remove the hijab. They hope to have the photo taken at that time.

"We understand the fear that comes with dealing with people you don't know or understand," he said. "In my opinion, it violates our equal rights under the law. Most people, when you sit down and explain why the women wear the hijab and the seriousness of not having it on, understand."

# Andersen trying to keep influx of accounting grads despite Enron

**Stella M. Hopkins**  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) - In another sign of its all-out battle to survive the Enron Corp. debacle, the Andersen accounting firm is trying to reassure university accounting professors that the company is still a good place for their students to work.

On Friday, Andersen Chief Executive Joseph Berardino and managing partner Terry Hatchett will hold a conference call with accounting professors nationwide to answer questions about the firm's role as Enron's auditors.

Andersen partners also have been meeting with faculty members, including those at Penn State University and the University of Texas, whose accounting graduating classes are among the nation's largest.

"We well understand the position we're in," said Grover Wray, managing partner for people in Andersen's North American business. "We are being very proactive in addressing the questions people

have."

Andersen signed off on the questionable financial transactions that led to the energy giant's collapse into the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in savings were lost.

The nation's Big Five accounting firms must annually fill a large number of entry-level jobs. Competition for graduates has increased in recent years as enrollment in accounting courses has shrunk by as much as half.

Students often consult with professors about where to work, and academics have been among the harshest critics of Andersen's role in the collapse of Enron.

As Enron's auditor, Andersen is the target of federal and state investigations, lawsuits and congressional inquiries into allegations of questionable accounting practices.

On Monday, Florida's attorney general joined others asking state regulators to investigate Andersen. Attorney General Robert Butterworth also asked regulators to consider taking away the firm's

license, a rare punishment that other regulators say they are considering.

Although Andersen has retained most of its 100,000 clients worldwide, 16 publicly traded companies have dropped the firm as their auditor since Enron filed bankruptcy Dec. 2, according to Jon McKenna, executive editor of Auditor Trak, which monitors auditor changes through federal filings.

On Tuesday, SunTrust Banks of Atlanta voted to end its relationship with Andersen after 60 years, although company officials said the move was unrelated to Enron. Delta Air Lines is considering a switch.

Andersen gained four public clients since Dec. 2, compared with eight during the same period a year ago, McKenna said. All four signed up before mid-December.

"The loss is not particularly noteworthy, but what is noteworthy is the small number of gains, particularly where they've not had any reported new clients since Dec. 19," McKenna said.

To shore up its business, Andersen has been meeting with clients, employees and now profes-

sors.

"They wanted us to hear their story firsthand," said Richard Joseph, director of the University of Texas Master of Professional Accounting Programs.

Several partners from the Houston office, which handled the Enron account, hosted a Jan. 24 session with about 35 Texas faculty members. Joseph said the partners answered every question put to them "as honestly as they could in light of the potential litigation and potential liability."

Joseph wouldn't give specifics about the discussion, saying he felt it would be a breach of confidence. He said the meeting provided a "clearer picture as to their account of what transpired," but some professors remain wary, awaiting the results of investigations.

At Penn State, Andersen partners from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia met with faculty members on Feb. 1. Jim McKeown, the interim head of the Smeal College of Business Administration's accounting department, said he didn't learn anything new in the discus-

sion of internal procedures and the need for the profession to get tougher on audits.

McKeown said students have been asking questions about whether Andersen is a good career move, but he said none of the 15 seniors who accepted positions at the firm have changed their minds. Industry experts say starting salaries for college graduates at the Big Five range from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Wray said that seniors who accepted full-time jobs last fall are "standing by us" and that the firm expects it will be able to hire the juniors it needs as summer interns.

One junior accounting student said Andersen partners conducting internship interviews during the last few weeks encouraged questions and answered candidly. However, the student, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said students remain worried about starting their careers with a firm under scrutiny.

An internship with Andersen is "better than no internship at all," the student said. But "they're more on the bottom of our lists now. We have to look out for ourselves."

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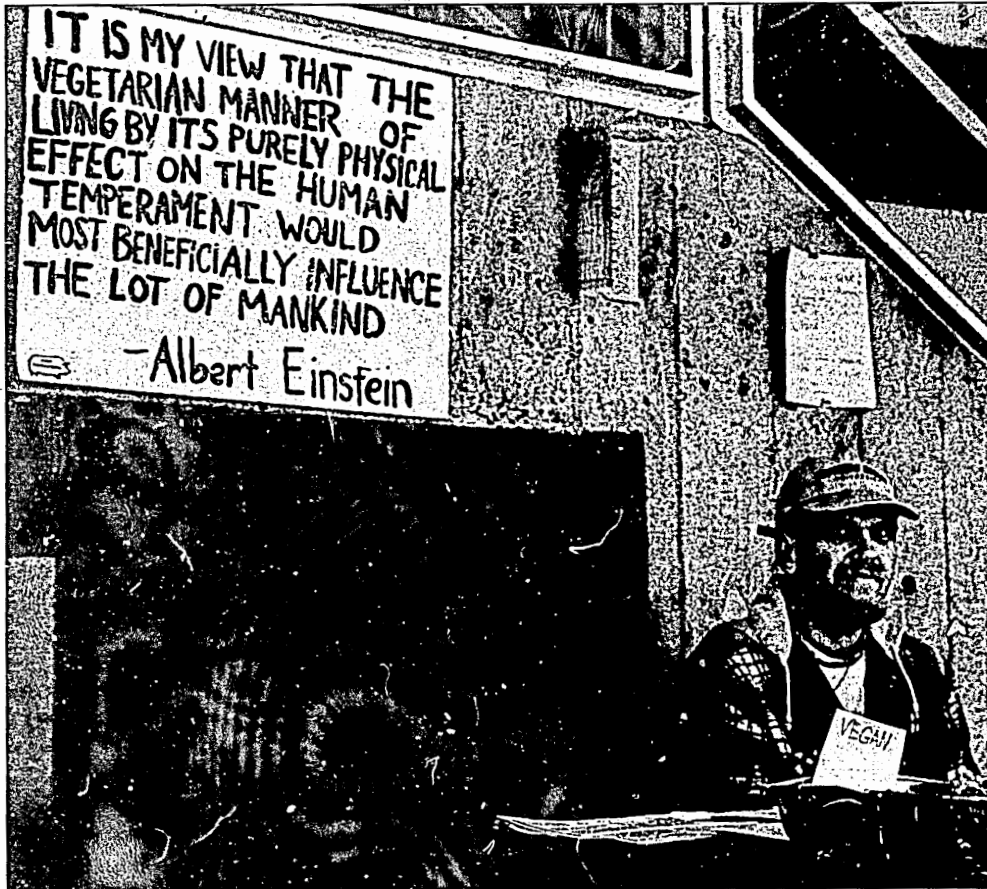
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"Put your basket in a sock!"

cupid is stupid  
your girl makes you fat  
candy makes you fat  
and you are a bore  
and flowers make me gag  
been me a cold beer  
and a fresh all know  
hope holiday is crap  
it felt like you love  
but burned like me clap  
but some just die  
like other plants  
but they might help  
you get in new plants  
farewell young lovers  
Godspeed and good luck  
don't cry for me  
 cuz I don't give a...

Today's Birthday (Feb. 15). Use your successes to further your education, and you'll achieve new successes. This may be no more dramatic than working your way through school, but that sure counts. Take on a challenge. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You're ready for the competition, and you're in great shape. Your teammates have confidence in you, and well they should. You may not make it home for dinner tonight, but the family will understand. You're on your way to victory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Has something been bugging you? Something you've wanted but could never have? It could be anything from a tinklet to a college education. You may not be able to get it all now, but you can get a good start.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Follow through on some creative ideas you've had recently. A friend is eager to join you in making amazing things happen. A trip to exotic shores this weekend? Perfect!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Another problem to solve? Sure! Another mess to clean up? You're ready, willing and able. That's how it looks to the others, anyway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - If you can manage to pay off an old debt, you'll feel great. Put off travel or a new toy in order to do so. Maybe you can eventually have it all.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Discuss your impending purchase with your mate. You may have some very different ideas about what's required. You may have to buy something even better than what you had in mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't get defensive if you encounter a little oficism. Show your're tough enough to take it and smart enough to use it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 31) - Today is a 6 - Suddenly there's a rash of things "at hand to be done at the last moment. You like to be way ahead, not scurrying to catch up. Don't blame yourself. This couldn't be avoided.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Don't spend all your money on a gala evening out. Save some for this weekend. You and your sweetheart may want to have your meals delivered by the pizza man on by room service.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - The sensation you're most likely to experience now is mild irritation. That's OK. Being slightly uncomfortable will spur you to take action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Use a recent embarrassment as motivation. You didn't have the answer then, but if you really dig deep, by tomorrow you will.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Find ways to increase your income without working any harder. It's possible, although it's not easy. It's easier to keep doing what ever you're doing. Be bold.

**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**LUFEK**

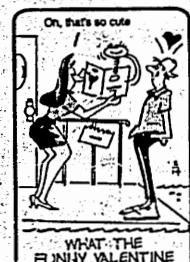
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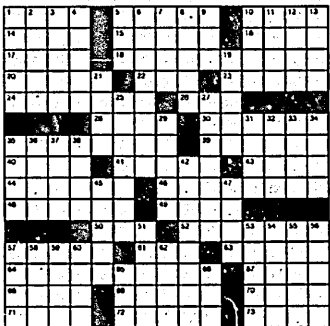
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's Jumbles: CAKED SMACK CRAFTY BAKERY  
Answer: When the cop opened the smuggler's box he --"CRACKED" THE CASE



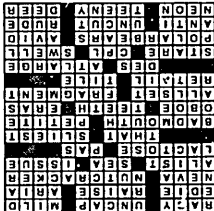
### Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ribald
  - 5 Flip a lid off
  - 10 Temperate
  - 14 Singer Beckel
  - 15 Bring up
  - 16 Operatic
  - 17 high fit
  - 17 Flyer to the Glut of Finland
  - 18 Christmas ballet, with "The"
  - 20 Ecto social category
  - 22 Baltic of Barents
  - 23 Put out
  - 24 Milk sugar
  - 26 Dads
  - 28 The one ... got zesty
  - 30 Most kooky
  - 35 Run down
  - 39 Dime-size stro
  - 40 Orchestral rood
  - 41 Comb prongs
  - 43 Periods
  - 44 In readiness
  - 46 Unfinished work
  - 48 Direct sales
  - 49 Scrabble piece
  - 50 Males
  - 52 Froo from restraint
  - 57 Fixed gaze
  - 61 Sgt.'s subordinate
  - 63 Great!
  - 64 Arctic carnivores
  - 67 Eager
  - 68 Not for
  - 69 Full-length
  - 70 Impolite
  - 71 Compact Dodge
  - 72 Very small
  - 73 Barrel, for example
- DOWN**
- 1 Of the kidneys
  - 2 Ms. Rogers St. Johns
  - 3 Municipal
  - 4 Dough raiser
  - 5 Vessel with a spigot
  - 6 Disgust
  - 7 Issue a ticket to
  - 8 Org. of songwriters
  - 9 According to
  - 10 Brits' railroads
  - 11 This one's patience
  - 12 In ... of
  - 13 Challenger
  - 19 Theater
  - 21 Dog from Kansas
  - 25 Airport connector
  - 27 Street material
  - 29 Sneaky snatch
  - 31 News fact
  - 32 Irish homeland
  - 33 Oliver's chum
  - 34 Try out
  - 35 Wielder
  - 36 Up to the task
  - 37 Ntwl
  - 38 Small steep plateau
  - 42 Test performance
  - 45 Down source
  - 47 Come
  - 51 Part of an act
  - 53 Enemy or Tony
  - 54 Vaudovine
  - 55 Skate along
  - 56 Senior
  - 57 Bridge
  - 58 Particular hue
  - 59 Choir voice
  - 60 Kind of check?
  - 62 Walk the carpet
  - 65 Gerstwin song, ... Not for Me
  - 66 Hog housing



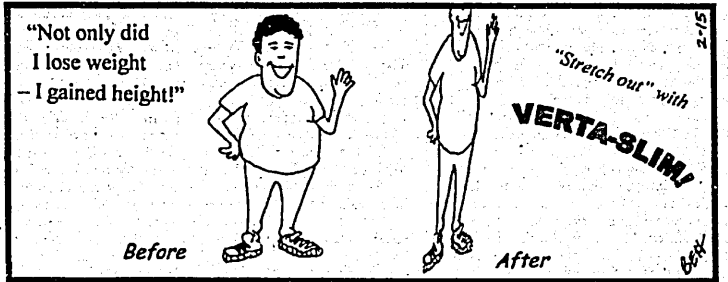
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### Solutions



### No Apparent Reason

by Brian Eliot Holloway



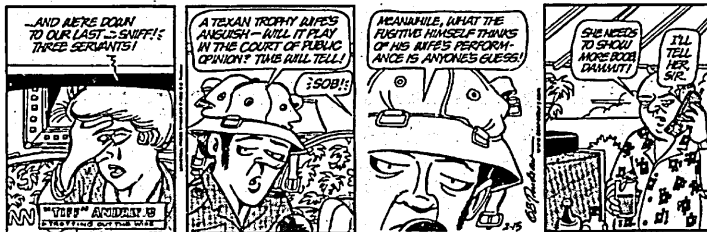
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### Doonesbury

by Garry Trudeau



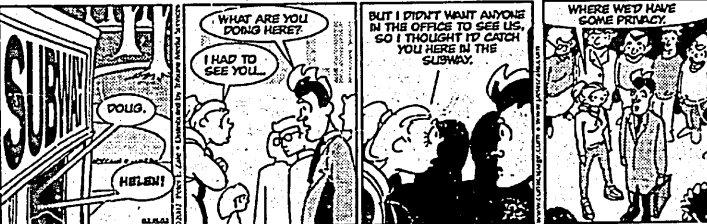
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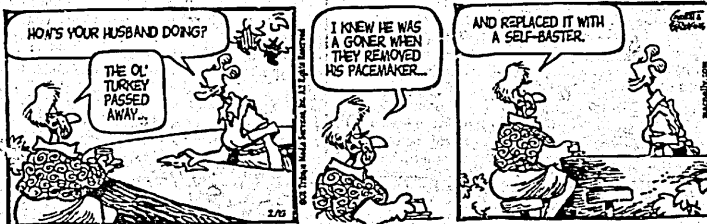
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**SOFTBALL**

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have already laced up their spikes. Mississippi State comes in with the most impressive resume, sporting a 5-0 record that includes an 8-1 victory over No. 17 Southwest Texas State and a 7-1 beating of defending national champion and No. 1 ranked Arizona. Southern Miss stands at 2-0 while Colorado State has limped to a 1-4 start.

Blaylock knows her team will be severely tested against the Bulldogs and the Lady Eagles. The Bulldogs may be more publicized because of their thrashing of Arizona, but Southern Miss is no slouch. The Lady Eagles won 46 games last season en route to claiming the Conference-USA crown.

"We don't shy away from competition," Blaylock said. "That's one thing that we always try to do is play some tough competition, and we do."

No matter the level of competition, SIU is just ready to hit the diamond and show it won't be intimidated.

"We have five games this weekend," Saafir said. "We just want to bring home five wins and play hard and play well and get our team meshing well together right from the start."

If they do, it'll make that bus trip home as fun as the ride down.

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**Provo Girl boosts beer sales during Olympics**

Chris Tomasson  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The St. Provo Girl is busy signing posters and touting beer at a bar. By her side is a beverage of Red Bull and vodka that is nearly finished. She is asked if she wants another drink.

"I'd love a martini," she says. "And make it dirty."

Wait a minute. She is representing Provo, the Utah town that is 90-percent Mormon and home of church-owned Brigham Young University?

Not at all. The whole thing is a spoof that Greg Schirf, owner of Wasatch Brewery, concocted in order to hike beer sales while the eyes of the world are on Utah during the Winter Olympics.

The St. Provo Girl is a busty, blonde, pig-tailed, obviously non-Mormon woman whose real name is Ingrid Liepnieks. She dresses in a dimd, an outfit German women wear while serving beer during Oktoberfest. St. Provo Girl beer is a takeoff on St. Pauli Girl beer.

Moreso, it is poking fun at the Mormon church, which shuns alcohol. The St. Provo Girl's poster reads, "I may be from Provo, but I'm

no saint." Billboards around town feature Liepnieks and the saying, "If you say, 'Oh my heck (a popular Mormon phrase since church members aren't supposed to swear), it's probably not for you."

Schirf also has rolled out a beer for the Olympics called Polygamy Porter, a takeoff on the practice of plural marriage, which was denounced by the church in 1890 but is still practiced by some fundamentalists. Advertisements for the beer tout, "Why have just one?"

"I think it's all good natured," said Schirf, a Catholic from Milwaukee. "Most people, even a lot of Mormons, have gotten a kick out of it. But some ultra-conservative Mormons don't want us to bring up their sordid past. They write nasty letters and send me nasty e-mails."

One of those is Gayle Ruzicka, 60, a Mormon mother of 12. She is president of Eagle Forum, which she describes as a "pro-life and pro-family" group.

"It's unfortunate that (Schirf) would stoop so low," Ruzicka said. "Anything that mocks a religion like that is offensive. You don't see billboards up mocking Catholics."

Ruzicka lives in Highland, which is just outside Provo, an hour

south of Salt Lake City. Don't expect to see Liepnieks in that area.

"They don't like me down there," said Liepnieks, 25, a recent University of Utah graduate who once was one of the nation's top women's snowboarders before suffering a serious back injury. "But we wouldn't go down there anyway. I've heard we only sell about a case of month in Provo."

In Salt Lake City, though, the St. Provo Girl appears to be quite popular. She is scheduled to make appearances in town each night during the Olympics.

Because Liepnieks, a Nebraska native who has lived in Utah for 15 years, is of Latvian descent. She has made several appearances at the Green Street Social Club. The bar dubs itself as the official host of Latvians during the games. Earlier this week, the nation's president, Vaira Vike-Freiberga, dropped by.

Whether it's a president of a nation or an insurance agent visiting from Iowa, it seems as if nearly anybody who wants to get a drink during the Olympics has been able to accomplish that. This is despite many rumors to the contrary.

Yes, Utah, which is 70-percent Mormon, has the lowest alcohol

consumption of any state in the nation. But Salt Lake City is only 50-percent Mormon, and one even can find some who claim to be church members but don't shun alcohol. They are commonly called Jack Mormons.

"It's not like I abuse it or anything," said Josh Bolinder, 22, sipping a rum and Coke. "My parents drink on occasion, too."

In order to educate visitors to the games, a pamphlet has been distributed entitled "How to get a drink in Utah." It includes information on all of the state laws as well as listings of popular places to drink.

Grocery stores and convenience stores sell beer, but it may contain only 3.2-percent alcohol. For stronger beer and for wine and hard liquor, one must go to a state liquor store, which is never open on Sunday.

Some restaurants have licenses to serve beer and some may serve hard liquor, but it is required to also purchase a meal. To drink without food, one must join a private club. Memberships are \$5 for two weeks or \$24 for a year. A two-week member can bring in five guests for free and a one-year member can sponsor unlimited guests.

**U.S. Olympic hockey team determined to end 22-year medal drought**

Brian Murphy  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**SALT LAKE CITY** — They were the last group of athletes to arrive, and they want to be the last to leave. On good terms.

The U.S. men's Olympic hockey team gathered under one roof for the first time Thursday for a 70-minute practice, and not a minute too soon.

By the time the starch is sweated out of their new jerseys, they will have played three games in four days, starting with Friday night's final-round opener against Finland. Team USA plays Russia on Saturday and preliminary-round qualifier Belarus on Monday.

Coach Herb Brooks and his staff have assembled 23 of the best American NHL players for the Olympian task of trying to quench a 22-year medal drought that began after he led a group of college and amateur players to the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" gold medal at Lake Placid, N.Y.

As if that nostalgic baggage wasn't enough to handle during the first Winter Games on U.S. soil since, there is the stigma of Nagano in 1998, which continues to stalk the holdovers from that underachieving team like a virus.

Three questions into a morning news conference, Bill Guerin of the Boston Bruins was asked whether he was one of the still-identified team members who trashed their dormitory to the tune of about \$3,000 on their way out of town with a fervor that was noticeably absent during their sixth-place finish on the ice.

"I just think that Nagano was four years ago. We've put that to bed, and what we're concentrating on is the 2002 Olympics and trying to win a gold medal," Guerin said. "We are who we are. We've always carried ourselves well. We've always represented our NHL teams well and our U.S. teams well. I don't think we really have to change much."

Assistant coach Lou Vairo, addressing reporters in place of the absent Brooks, quickly launched a counter-offensive.

"Whatever it was that happened

was a minor detail. Maybe it wasn't handled as well as it could have been handled, and maybe the fact that we didn't win as many games as we wanted to had something to do with it," he said.

"But these are good kids. They broke a few chairs. I bet a couple of you guys have busted some chairs when your wife shows you the credit card bill at the end of the month. We apologized to Japanese people, the Olympic movement. We want to move on."

A medal performance would go a long way toward exorcising the Nagano demons.

This eight-team tournament is expected to be the greatest hockey show on Earth, featuring the best professional players in a prime-time march toward the Feb. 24 gold-medal game, the final Olympic competition.

Games will be played on a wider international ice surface that stresses skating, crisp puck movement and a free-flowing style that flies in the face of the pervasive dump-and-grind mentality of the NHL.

"I think the biggest area is going to be in the defensive zone. There's so much more room for a forward to create offense that we're going to have to on top of our defensive game," said Guerin. "In the NHL, you can kind of go out of your way to make a big hit without getting burned. If we do that too many times, there's too much open space. That'll be a big adjustment."

The so-called "Big Six," comprised of the defending gold medal champion Czech Republic, Russia, Canada, Sweden, Finland and the United States, are all considered top-three favorites. Preliminary competitors Belarus and Germany played their way into the final round.

The teams will play each other once to determine their seeding for the playoff round, which consist of four quarterfinals, two semifinals and two final games for medals.

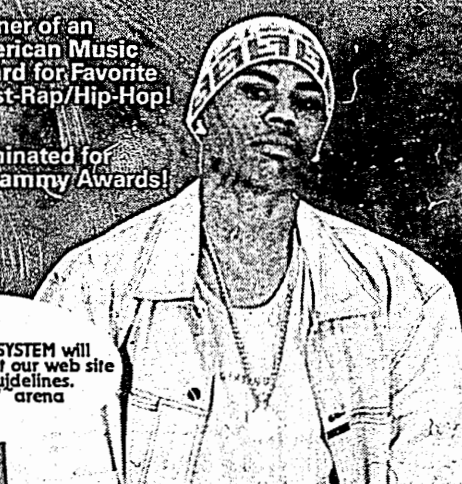
"This tournament right now is up for grabs. Nobody has it. It's not a lock," said Guerin. "One of the big things is who can come together as a team the quickest, who can put that together on the ice the quickest. A lot of it is timing."

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# Freshman adjusts to team and country



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Freshman Saluki jumper Mariann Ahuna runs sprints during practice on Thursday afternoon at the Recreation Center. Ahuna set a personal best of 40-6 1/4 in the triple jump earlier this year, and is fifth on the Saluki all-time list.

## Ahuna ready to make mark in distance jumps

Samantha Robinson  
Daily Egyptian

Imagine living in a town where one-third of the total population of the country lives.

In Estonia — a small country in north-eastern Europe — freshman Mariann Ahuna lived among 400,000 people in the town of Tallinn.

"Imagine all of those people living in Carbondale, that is what my town is like, but I love it," Ahuna said.

Ahuna, a jumper on the SIU track team, has been competing in track and field since she was in the fifth grade. In Estonia, the schools only have clubs that compete once or twice a month, so it was a big change for her coming to SIU and having to compete almost every weekend.

"I'm coming from a place where things are mostly individualized, but here they like to focus on the team a little more," Ahuna said.

The team focus aspect of competition was one of the biggest things to which Ahuna had to become accustomed. She had the mindset of training and competing for herself and did not think about how her results would affect anyone else.

So far this year, Ahuna has managed to place first in the triple jump twice and set a personal best of 40-6 1/4 in the process. She is also fifth on SIU's all-time list.

"The reason she jumped better this past weekend and set a personal record was because I started freshening her up for conference," assistant coach Dee Dee Nathan said. "She did not plan on jumping this far so soon, and she should also be jumping even farther during outdoor."

If Ahuna continues to practice the way

Nathan instructs her, she should show continuous improvement through the remainder of the indoor season and possibly qualify for the NCAA championships.

"You train your athletes to peak at conference, so I had to keep her running a lot more than she wanted to and lifting heavier than she wanted to," Nathan said. "You have to train athletes a certain way or they will get hurt or breakdown before they reach their maximum ability."

Coming from a relaxed atmosphere, Ahuna had a difficult time entering into collegiate competition. She did not understand the importance of training in a certain manner and was prone to quick injury.

Nathan had the task of getting Ahuna to see the difference between training at the high school level and at the collegiate level. After making the adjustment, Ahuna said she has noticed a vast improvement from when she began.

"I like working with Coach Nathan," Ahuna said. "I have been improving faster than anyone thought, and I am happy with where I am at this point in the season."

Coming to SIU has been fun for Ahuna, who said she likes Carbondale because it is warmer than her hometown. But one thing she misses from Estonia is the food.

"I wish I had food from home; it is healthier and tastes better," Ahuna said. "I also miss my family and friends and wish some of them were here with me."

When she has a moment away from the field it is usually spent hitting the books, but when she acquires extra free time she likes to relax in her room, watch television or catch up on sleep.

During her prep career, Ahuna also participated in basketball, gymnastics and volleyball, but her first love was track and field. She was also the Estonian Youth Champion in the triple jump.

Ahuna is majoring in business, but she is still undecided as to what she wants to do upon receiving her degree. Whatever she ends up doing, Ahuna knows that she wants to return to Estonia and work.

Being alone in America is the major factor in her wanting to return home. She has two brothers whom she misses and wishes she could be with them more often.

"I get really homesick, and close to the end of the semester I get anxious because I know I will be leaving soon and seeing my brothers," Ahuna said.

Even though she misses home, she does not let the idea of being there consume her and distract her from doing what she came here to do.

She keeps her mind focused on the field and learning new techniques to improve her distances.

"She understands a little bit more and is responding well to the training and heavy schedule of competing," Nathan said.

As for now, Ahuna is gearing up for her next competition, which will be the Missouri Valley Championships being held Feb. 22-23 in Terre Haute, Ind.

"I've always focused on the triple jump — it is fun for me and I enjoy doing it," Ahuna said. "Competing in college has been a great experience, and I will do it for as long as possible."

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The track and field team will compete in the USA Track and Field Open Friday and Saturday at the Recreation Center.

# Saluki women's hoops looks to salvage season

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Daily Egyptian

Although the SIU women's basketball team is winless in 12 conference games this season, believe it or not, the Salukis still have a chance to make it to the conference tournament.

They will need a lot of help to make that happen, but most of all, they need a win.

This weekend will be the most important two-game stretch of the season for SIU (4-17, 0-12 Missouri Valley Conference) if it is serious about crawling out of the Valley cellar.

This will also be one of the best chances for the Salukis to grab their first MVC win of the season as they take on Indiana State and Illinois State, two teams that have had their share of struggles this season as well.

The importance of this weekend is not lost on the Saluki players, who realize that this could be their last chance to make a run at the conference tournament.

"We know that we need to go in and definitely get two wins," senior guard Holly Teague said. "We've got to have these two wins, that's just the bottom line."

This week the Salukis have shown a renewed confidence that shows that they think two wins this weekend is not just a possibility, but a probability.

"We know that we can beat them, so we just need to go in there and know that we can win," sophomore center Jodi Heiden said. "We're taking two wins this weekend."

The Sycamores and Redbirds dealt SIU two of its most heartbreaking defeats by a total of eight points earlier this season, both on the Salukis' home floor.

Indiana State (9-13, 5-8 MVC) hit six free throws in the final 17 seconds of the contest to steal a 71-65 victory over the Salukis.

Three days later, SIU led Illinois State (6-16, 4-9 MVC) for most of the game, but lost the lead in the final minutes and fell to the Redbirds, 69-67.

Junior guard Hillary Phillips, who scored a career-high 11 points against Illinois State, said the team is hungry for a win, and after the way they played last time, knows they can come away with a couple.

"I think we're going to be really focused because we know what we're needing to do now that we've played them," Phillips said. "We're just going to try to correct what we did wrong and take care of the ball, and keep them off the boards and hopefully it will go our way."

## MVC Women's Basketball Standings

	MVC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Crelighton	12	1	17	5
Drake	10	3	16	6
SW Missouri State	9	4	13	9
Northern Iowa	7	5	12	11
Evansville	6	6	11	11
Bradley	5	7	14	7
Wichita State	5	8	10	12
Indiana State	5	8	9	13
Illinois State	4	9	6	16
Southern Illinois	0	12	4	17

Head coach Lori Opp said her team is anxious to get on the court and attempt to exact some revenge. She also thinks that a couple wins this weekend could help the Salukis' confidence grow and aid them in making a run during the homestretch of the season.

"I certainly think that we can build on any kind of win for the rest of the games," Opp said. "Whenever that win comes for us, hopefully it's going to build us some momentum for the games that we have following the win."

"We could walk away with six wins in the conference ... it's not impossible."

Junior guard Molly McDowell understands that winning on the road will be difficult, but said the team believes it can not only snap its school-record 14-game losing streak, but earn a weekend sweep.

"Some people might think we're crazy thinking that we can go in and get two right here, considering we haven't won in two months," McDowell said. "But we're still positive and we're still trying for everything that we can get."

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The women's basketball team travels Terre Haute, Ind., tonight to take on Indiana State. They will return to the court on Sunday when they battle Illinois State in Bloomington.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Women's tennis team returns to the court this weekend

The SIU women's tennis team will be back in action this weekend as it heads to Louisville, Ky., to battle Eastern Michigan University and the University of Louisville.

The Salukis face Eastern Michigan today at 5 p.m. and return to the court on Saturday to take on the Cardinals at 9 a.m.

SIU, which only has four healthy players, is 0-1 on the season after losing to the University of Missouri three weeks ago.

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## Winning not a luxury for SIU

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The SIU men's basketball team faces a situation that's urgent but not complicated.

A win Saturday at Illinois State, and the Salukis can climb back into first place next week if they beat Creighton at the SIU Arena. But should SIU fall to ISU at Redbird Arena in Normal (2 p.m., WSIU-TV), the Salukis can almost assuredly kiss their season-long quest for the MVC regular season championship goodbye.

That's the sobering predicament the Salukis (21-5, 11-3 MVC) find themselves in after falling out of first due to Wednesday's 78-71 loss at Southwest Missouri State. A day after the defeat, SIU head coach Bruce Weber was left grappling with one of the few major failures in a season that has gone exceedingly well for his team.

"It is disappointing — there's no doubt," Weber said. "We didn't play well, and that's what I'm disappointed in. We lost our composure and we didn't play like a veteran team."

Another performance like that on Saturday would probably produce the same result, because Illinois State (13-12, 9-5) is on a big-time roll.

Illinois State has won seven of its last eight games and sits in third place in the Valley after starting the season in sorry shape. The Redbirds are clearly a different bunch than they were when SIU rocked them 79-58 in Carbondale six weeks ago, a time when ISU was still sucking wind after losing star Tarise Bryson for the season to injury.

SIU head coach Tom Richardson has been delighted to preside over a team that seemed headed for a bust of a season but instead has dug itself out of the abyss.

"I'm proud of the kids," Richardson said. "They all believed we weren't as bad as we were playing, and once we got a little more confidence that created more confidence."

Illinois State possesses a skilled big man in 6-foot-9-inch Baboucar Bojang, who leads the Redbirds in both scoring and rebounding. Freshman guard Gregg Alexander has been a pleasant surprise for ISU, and Shawn Jeppson, Randy Rice and Shedrick Ford are a trio of seniors who have helped key the turnaround.

"I just think they're being more consistent," Weber said. "They have six or seven guys that they play and they're all being productive... it's a scary game."

Meanwhile, Richardson knows the Salukis will be playing with desperation Saturday, but said his players can't let that psyche them out.

"Everyone has their own motivation — we can't worry about that," Richardson said. "We have to win this game, too, for different reasons, so it's just going to be a fight."

SIU hasn't lost two straight games yet this year, and the Salukis know Saturday would be a terrible time to charge that. All of SIU's major goals — a conference title, reaching 25 wins and



DAILY EGYPTIAN FILE PHOTO

Illinois State's aggressive defense limited Saluki guard Marcus Belcher to zero points, one assist, and one rebound, while forcing him to foul out of the game in January last year. The Salukis will face down ISU again this Saturday.

an NCAA tournament bid — hinge heavily on what transpires at Redbird Arena.

If nothing else, Weber wants the Salukis to look much more like a championship team than they did in the second half of Wednesday's loss.

"There's not much time left in the season,"

Weber said. "If they keep making the same mistakes, it's going to be over quicker than they want."

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## Warm up the bus!

### SIU softball anxious to get season underway

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Daily Egyptian

Bus rides are normally dreaded since they tend to be long and boring.

The SIU softball team is not only not dreading its upcoming trip, it seemingly can't come soon enough.

"We were talking [Monday] about how excited we are to take that bus ride," said senior second baseman Tahira Saafir. "Mid-season, the bus rides aren't so fun, but we're excited to get out there."

The destination is Starkville, Miss., as the Salukis are set to take part in the three-day Mississippi State Bulldog Classic, featuring host Mississippi State, Southern Mississippi and Colorado State in addition to SIU. It will take place today through Sunday.

The tournament will be the first action of the spring for the Salukis, and they are ready to compete instead of just practicing day-in and day-out.

"We're so sick of practicing," said sophomore third baseman Haley Viehhaus. "Nothing's like the real thing, so I think we're all pumped up and ready to play, and I'm definitely looking forward to it."

Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock is also antsy to finally start things off. She repeatedly yelled out "three more days" at Monday's practice to help her team stay motivated through their final few sessions before the real games commence.

"I think that it's been kind of a long winter and we're finally ready," said junior pitcher Katie Kloess. "Hopefully we have good weather when we get down there and just get some games under our belts. We don't necessarily have to win every game or anything, but just play hard and good."

While the Salukis have yet to play a game, all of their opponents for the upcoming weekend

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The SIU softball team starts its season today against Southern Mississippi in the Mississippi State Bulldog Classic in Starkville, Miss. The three-day tournament pits the Salukis against Mississippi State, Southern Miss. and Colorado State.

## SIU baseball team hits the field today

### Salukis begin season with three-game series in Louisiana

Todd Merchant  
Daily Egyptian

After several months of training and conditioning, the SIU baseball team will take the field today with renewed confidence and hopes of making a run at the conference tournament this year.

The Salukis open their season this weekend with a three-game series against the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

SIU has never faced the Indians before, but should expect to have its hands full as the Indians return 20 lettermen — including four starters — from a team that was second in

the Sun Belt Conference a year ago with a record of 17-10 (36-24 overall).

The Salukis counter with eight returning starters who gained a great deal of experience during a tumultuous season last year, in which the Salukis finished with an overall record of 19-36.

SIU head coach Dan Callahan said he was surprised the Salukis were picked to finish eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference this year, especially with so many starters returning.

"We've got a lot to prove to some people; I hope people have taken us lightly," Callahan said. "I thought an eighth-place preseason finish was a little bit of a slap in the face, but maybe it gives us some motivation."

A big reason for SIU's struggles last season was its lackluster pitching. Two of its best pitchers — Jake Alley

and Luke Nelson — did not throw a single pitch. Alley was sidelined due to academic ineligibility, and Nelson was unable to pitch due to an elbow injury.

However, with those two back and a slew of newcomers added to the fold, the pitching should be much improved from a season ago.

Alley is slated to start for the Salukis in today's opening game, while Nelson will play third base for the first two games and start the final game of the series on Sunday. Sophomore Jerel Deitering will be on the mound for SIU on Saturday.

The pitching staff will also receive a boost this season from a starting infield that combined to post a .956 fielding percentage last year.

Callahan called the Salukis' defense their only bright spot last year, which helped them stay close in a lot of ball games.

"We ended up losing eight one-run conference games," Callahan said, "and I think a lot of that had to do with the fact that, for the most part, we caught the ball pretty well."

"We didn't have a good year, but the games we were in, I think a lot of that had to do with the fact that we played pretty good defense as a team."

In addition to strong pitching and fielding, the Salukis appear to be making a definite improvement in the hitting department, a year after finishing last in the MVC with a .270 team batting average.

Right fielder and tri-captain Sal Frisella said the top six hitters have been hitting the ball incredibly well in practice, so the Salukis could be a force to be reckoned with at the plate.

"We've proven in practice we can put up six or seven runs in an inning, and I think we'll be pretty good," Frisella said.

One place SIU may struggle this weekend is in the outfield. The Salukis began the season with six outfielders, but that number has dwindled to four as starter Justin Maurath and reserve Brandon Mells have both been sidelined with injuries.

Mells, whose elbow began hurting earlier this week, may be able to see some action against UL-Monroe, but just how much action has not been established.

"Justin broke his hand sliding into a bag, and Brandon Mells' elbow started bothering him, so we're a dying breed," Frisella said. "[Center fielder] Cory [Newman] is mature enough to run the outfield, he knows what's going on, so I think we'll be able to pick up the slack."

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