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Working with autism



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Melanie Rose, an SIU graduate student in behavioral analysis and therapy, works with Madison, 4, Nov. 6 during an autism program. It was sponsored by the rehabilitation institute and took place in room 1011 in the Communications Building. The 12 children who are currently involved are put into small groups so the graduate students can work on an individual basis with each child. See story, page 4.

Local elementary teachers avoid strike

Carbondale School Board to make it official Tuesday

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The threat of a strike by Carbondale elementary teachers is over.

After negotiators representing Carbondale Elementary School teachers reached a tentative labor agreement with the school board at 2 a.m. Thursday, the teachers ratified the agreement at a special meeting early Thursday evening.

Carbondale School District No. 95 Board President Nancy Stemper said she is relieved to have the looming strike averted and looks forward to officially approving the settlement with the rest of the board at Tuesday night's board meeting.

Stemper said she is reluctant to comment on too many details concerning the agreement but did drop a few hints.

"I can tell you it included an increase in salary and some adjustments to the prior contract that each of the teams was advocating," Stemper said. "So, there were some things that the school board was anxious to change in the contract and some things the teachers were anxious to change in the contract."

Repeated attempts to contact Stephanie Beasley, president of the Carbondale

Education Association, were unsuccessful Thursday evening.

District Superintendent Elizabeth Lewin said she would put the settlement on the agenda for the school board to vote on at its next meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Lewis School, 801 S. Lewis Lane.

If teachers had rejected the deal at Thursday's meeting at First Presbyterian Church, they could have went on strike as early as Monday.

Carbondale elementary teachers originally filed an intent-to-strike notice Oct. 30 with the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board.

The dispute between teachers and the board began largely because of the district's reserve fund balance, which is more than \$2 million. Teachers expressed concerns about whether the district should include some of the reserve funds in teachers' salaries.

Lewin said the \$2 million reserve fund is misleading because the funds are necessary to pay for the high costs of essential school operations — not to pay higher teacher salaries.

According to the superintendent, these essential operations include funds for bussing children to school and building maintenance for each of the district's six schools: Lakeland School, Lewis School, Parrish School,

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SIUC keeps budget in black for FY03

University stays within spending limits although handed large cuts

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Even though the University was handed an 8.2 percent budget cut for this fiscal year, SIUC finished out FY03 in the black.

SIUC revenue totaled more than \$339 million for fiscal year 2003, about \$13 million more than its expenditures, according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education submitted the first financial report on public university revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2003 to the governor and General Assembly Nov. 5.

A law enacted July 22 requires each state-supported institution of higher education to provide a detailed report of revenues and expenditures through IBHE within 120 days of the conclusion of the fiscal year, which ended June 30.

The governor's office could not be reached to determine his intentions for requesting the report, but Don Severen, director of Communications for IBHE, said it is probably a surveillance function.

"The budget office believes that the more detailed information that's available, the better they and others are able to monitor what other universities across the state are spending their money on," he said.

According to the report, the largest source of revenue for SIUC, about 42 percent, is through non-appropriated funds, such as government gifts and contracts, private gifts and endowments. About 21 percent came from University Income Funds, and 36.7 percent from State Appropriated Funds.

Expenditures for SIUC increased 3.3 percent from fiscal year 2002. The largest increase came from Independent Operations, which though only 5.3 percent of total expenditures saw a 64.5 percent increase from the previous fiscal year, a difference of almost \$7 million. Independent Operations includes Housing and food services. The increase came from the area of non-appropriated funds in Housing services.

Several functions, such as Instructional Programs and Academic Support, decreased in funds from the previous fiscal year. Instructional Programs, which decreased 1.7 percent, includes money spent in areas such as Departmental Research and Admissions, Registration and Records. Academic Support, such as Library Services and Museum support, decreased 3.2 percent. Organized research received the largest cut in funding from the previous fiscal year, about 9.7 percent, or \$3 million.

The SIU system, including both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses and the School of Medicine, generated more than \$600 million in revenue, about \$20 million more than it spent.

But these funds are a mere fraction of revenue brought in across the state last year. Public universities generated more than \$4.65 billion in revenue in fiscal year 2003. Expenditures total \$4.52 billion.

Information was gathered for the report through IBHE's Resource Allocation and Management Program, which has collected information on expenditures, staffing and student enrollment since the 1970s. The program was expanded this year to include data required by the law.

"We have been monitoring university expenses for a long time," Severen said. "It is one of the statutory responsibilities of the Board of Higher Education, so this is really just an expansion of that."

Students skeptical of media

SIU students say stories too often biased

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Few SIUC students remember the name Jayson Blair, the New York Times reporter who was discovered to have fabricated most of the stories he wrote, but many said such incidents merely reinforce distrust they already have for the media.

An average of the responses given by SIUC students said they believed little more than half of news reported in the media. Responses fluctuated between 20 percent and 85 percent of the news presented as accurate.

The main complaint about media organizations, particularly on a national level, was the perceived bias put forth in the stories covered.

Dee Blair, a senior in English and philosophy, said specific media organizations

obviously lean more toward liberal or conservative ideologies. She said media outlets should make a more conscientious effort to hire reporters with a variety of ideologies to obtain more balanced reporting.

Gillian Grasker, a senior in zoology, said the local news media do not have much diversity in their coverage, but she thinks politics too often come into play in the national media to sway the information reported.

Nathan McElroy, a junior in zoology, said the media tend to practice "bandwagon news reporting," where everyone continuously reports on one topic and does not attempt to deviate or try to explore a different area of the news.

Kristen Kelch, a freshman in landscape design, said the continuity of coverage across media is suspicious and an indication of media bias.

"Well it just seems like all of the newspapers tell the same story," Kelch said. "You would think maybe it would vary a little bit from each one, but it doesn't. So it seems

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NATIONAL NEWS

Alabama Chief Justice removed from office

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (CNN) — Alabama's judicial ethics panel removed Chief Justice Roy Moore from office Thursday for defying a federal judge's order to move a Ten Commandments monument from the state Supreme Court building.

The nine-member Court of the Judiciary issued its unanimous decision after a one-day trial Wednesday. The panel, which includes judges, lawyers and non-lawyers, could have reprimanded Moore, continued his suspension or cleared him.

The ethics panel said Moore put himself above the law by "willfully and publicly" flouting the order to remove the 2.6-ton monument from the state judicial building's rotunda in August.

U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ruled the granite carving was an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. Moore refused to obey the order but was overruled by his eight colleagues on the state Supreme Court.

On Nov. 3, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Moore's appeal of Thompson's ruling.

Moore "showed no signs of contrition for his actions," the Court of the Judiciary found. Moore's critics said they were not yet satisfied. Richard Cohen, a lawyer for the

Southern Poverty Law Center — one of the groups that sued Moore over the monument — said the organization would seek to have Moore disbarred.

Nearly 1 million lose power as windstorms rush across Midwest, East

(AP) — Deadly windstorms gusting to more than 70 mph swept across the Midwest and the East, knocking out power to nearly a million customers and bringing flooding that flushed out buildings "like a toilet."

A motorist who drove past a roadblock was swept away by a creek in West Virginia, and in New York a tree fell onto a car, killing the driver. A Virginia teen-ager was seriously injured when a trend Compton neighborhood, a day after a freak storm. The storm dropped 5 inches of rain and hail in under two hours, leaving thousands without power.

More than 980,000 customers lost power around the Midwest and East, including more than 330,000 in Michigan, where gusts up to 74 mph knocked down trees and power lines Wednesday. Scores of school districts canceled classes, and a live power line fell across Interstate 94 near the Detroit airport, creating a monster traffic jam.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

London prepares for waves of protesters during Bush visit

LONDON (KRT) — In April, American troops toppled a giant statue of Saddam Hussein in the center of Baghdad. Next week, Muslim antiwar demonstrators plan to tear down a hastily erected statue of President Bush in central London.

The mocking parody will be part of a series of huge demonstrations scheduled for Bush's state visit here.

Bush, who is very unpopular in Britain, arrives Tuesday and British authorities are bracing for a huge security operation.

Tens of thousands of protesters are expected to converge on the capital during the three-day visit and 5,000 police officers will be on duty to keep order, a top Scotland Yard official said Wednesday.

"This is an extremely high-profile visit and we want

to make sure that it goes off extremely well," Deputy Assistant Commissioner Andy Trotter of the Metropolitan Police said at a news conference. "Our major concerns are security, making sure that the rest of London can get on with its business as well, but also facilitating the protests."

The British capital is already on a "high level of alert" for possible terrorist attacks, he added, as it pretty much has been since Sept. 11, 2001. A recent report from the independent security analysts Control Risks Group classified London as "medium risk" for an attack — higher than its rating of key U.S. cities, including Washington and New York — due to Britain's involvement in the Iraq war and its large Muslim population.

Some protest organizers have complained in London newspapers this week, contending that, under pressure from White House advisers, British authorities might prevent their groups from freely assembling and demonstrating during Bush's visit. Retailers have expressed fear that widespread street closings would disrupt business.

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The Thursday, Nov. 13 editorial cartoon was incorrectly identified. The correct cartoonist was Thomas Shaner.

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A bicycle valued at \$150 was reported stolen between 3 and 6 p.m. Oct. 31 at the Technology A bicycle rack. There are no suspects at this time.

Bradley James Henningfeld, 19, of McHenry was cited for underage possession of alcohol at 6:53 p.m. Saturday at the Lot 10 tailgate. Henningfeld was released on a personal recognizance bond.

A debit card was reported stolen at 4:57 p.m. Wednesday at Schreiber Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

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Native American leader speaks on 1975 standoff

DeMain criticizes
IMA for murder

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Like many Native Americans of his era, Paul DeMain respected revolutionary Leonard Peltier. At the time, Peltier, an activist inflamed by the actions of white America, banded together with other revolutionary-minded Native Americans to fight for what was rightfully theirs — America.

Among the turbulent backdrop of the United States in the late '60s and early '70s, the growth of groups against the establishment decided to take their rights into their own hands and fight. The American Indian Movement was one of those groups. Using such tactics as taking over the building of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, they assaulted what they saw as the barrier to their homeland: the U.S. government.

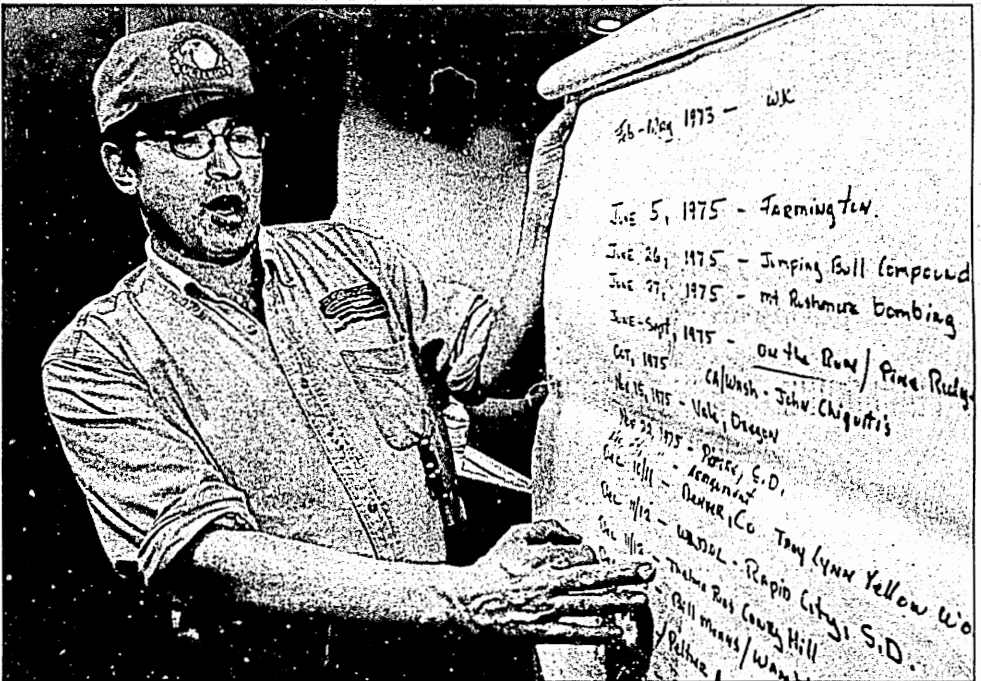
The AIM grew in strength and in numbers, using unconventional forms of resistance, arms and the unrelenting passion for struggle. After the trial of broken treaties, a movement on behalf of Native Americans that climaxed in the takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, Peltier was drawn to the grounds of the Oglala Lakota people in South Dakota. It was there that the mystery behind the Death of Anna Mae Pictou-Aquash would unravel.

Paul DeMain never be the same.

Behind the scenes of the 1975 Pine Ridge standoff between Native Americans and the FBI was a tale of deceit, suspicion and the murder of a woman who was convinced she was fighting for the ultimate cause: freedom.

DeMain, now an award-winning journalist and managing editor and CEO of two newspapers, the Ojibwe Akiing and the nationally syndicated Bi-Monthly News from Indian Country, told a Student Center auditorium crowd of 50 the murder has changed his perspective.

"You begin to wonder why as a journalist that these people who like everyone else, tell someone else, and



Paul DeMain, a Native American journalist, points to the timeline that he and a group of reporters researched to arrive at the death of Anna Mae at the hands of the American Indian Association. DeMain spoke in the Student Center Wednesday evening to a crowd of 50 about the conspiracy surrounding the death of Anna Mae.

there are 20 people's names here, yet no one knows," DeMain said as he pointed to a board with 20 eyewitness names.

"The motive for Anna Mae's death was because the AIM leadership thought she was a FBI agent."

With Pictou-Aquash tied up in the back seat of a car, John Boy Graham-Patton, an AIM member, allegedly shot her around daybreak in December 1975. After a series of interrogations about the commitment she held with the group, Pictou-Aquash was marked as an informant for the FBI. Her body was found 10 miles from Wanblee on

a highway located on the far northeast end of the Pine Ridge reservation.

"What the hell was up?" he said. "Because something was up, for someone to ask if someone in here is working for the law enforcement or FBI? What are you doing that you are scared? Cheating on your wife? Gun selling? Drug running?"

The story behind the death is so clouded with resentment and hate that DeMain and the journalists who sought to uncover the truth as they set it were left fearing for their lives. A crack team of reporters set out to uncover the truth behind the shooting.

"I had people phone call me, follow me, and they were not the FBI," DeMain said. "The death threats have not come from the FBI. They have come from the people in AIM."

DeMain's suspicion of a possible set-up stems from the uncooperative nature of those involved in the investigation and Peltier's current situation. While Peltier has sat in jail for the past 17 years, DeMain has grown more and more wary of the activists' involvement and innocence.

"There isn't a murder case that hasn't been solved without human intelligence," he said. "People have to

cooperate with people.

"Some people say the FBI got to you. But I am the messenger, and my responsibility is to tell the story as I know it. Some people say that it is shameful ratings and ratings. Okay, but I have to tell the story."

"The journalistic quest for knowledge has always been with the man who states that the Native American community names a person after they understand his purpose. And that is why he is called 'the messenger.'"

"Someday after I pass away, the work we do will become valuable to someone."

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Board authorizes \$2.45 million for various projects

Tuition to be discussed
at December meeting

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Although the SIU Board of Trustees had little discussion of next year's tuition figures during its Thursday meeting, the nine-member group approved the release of \$2.45 million for renovations across campus.

University Housing's repair and replacement reserve will fund the \$550,000 renovation of the basement of Grinnell Dining Hall and the \$1.6 million replacement of sanitation sewer, vent pipe and shower facilities in Mae Smith Hall.

Edward Jones, University Housing director, said repairs to Mae Smith Hall would mainly solve an inconvenience that, if left alone, would result in greater problems with a bigger price tag.

Jones said residents have complained of leaking water pipes that often have to be patched.

"If water leaks, you've got to move things — it's not catastrophic, but more annoying than anything," he said.

"The bottom line is that we would rather take care of it before it becomes a major problem."

Jones said the replacement would take place through the summer months.

University Housing also intends to equip Grinnell Dining Hall's basement with more conference rooms and office space complete with more color and carpeting to aid with acoustics.

The department completed similar renovations to the previously unused basement of Lentz Dining Hall in the spring semester.

Last Resort was given a complete makeover with an updated design and different color pallet.

Jones said University Housing is looking for a similar overhaul for Grinnell.

"The original everything is down there, even paneling, which went out in the 1960s," Jones said. "We just think it needs to have a more modern and up-to-date look."

The board also approved the release of \$300,000 to repaint the exterior of the Student Recreation Center.

Board member John Brewster said that although the group heard little discussion of tuition during Thursday's meeting, he expects the item to be placed on the December agenda.

"The undergraduate student representative told a little about the tuition proposals, but we anticipate further consideration," he said.

"It's probably administration's expectation that we would take a vote, and that is probably a reasonable expectation."

Illinois Department of Corrections loses more than 2,000 guards

Union wants
\$10 million to
hire 1,000 guards

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Representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees are asking for a \$10 million increase in funds to hire an additional 1,000 officers in correctional facilities across the state.

During spring session, lawmakers cut the \$17 million Gov. Rod Blagojevich allocated for the Illinois Department of Corrections in his budget plan.

AFCSCME representatives are backing a bill during the veto session that would place \$10 million back into the IDOC budget.

Buddy Maupin, regional director for AFCSCME council 31, said staff numbers have decreased by more than 2,000 in the past two years.

He said the decrease in jobs creates an unsafe environment for correctional officers who work with inmates.

"Having a sufficient number of frontline staff is the key to maintaining prison security," Maupin said.

"You can't take over 2,000 employees out of the prisons without jeopardizing security, and that is what has happened over the last two years."

Maupin said he is concerned about the impact the vacancies have on the region.

In Southern Illinois, Centralia, Menard, Vienna and Shawnee correctional facilities have felt the effect of cutbacks.

"In addition to being a security issue, this is a regional economic issue," Maupin said.

"These are jobs that were originally in the proposed budget that the legislature cut."

Corrections spokesman Sergio Molina said retirement and career change are some reasons for the decrease in jobs.

Officers are being trained by the department to replace staff vacancies.

By June 2004, nearly 1,000 correctional officer positions should be filled, Molina said.

"So what we're going to do is try to assist those facilities that have seen a large number of people turnover," Molina said.

"It is never acceptable, but the potential is always there."

— Sergio Molina
corrections spokesman

"We're filling those vacancies and we're prioritizing where those positions are filled first so we don't see an increase in violence."

Molina said that when he compared the year 2001 to 2003, the number of inmate assaults of correctional officers had decreased.

"These places, because of the inherent nature of our business, are dangerous place so the potential is there every single day for that to happen," Molina said.

"It's never acceptable, but the potential is always there."

"And that's why we place the priority on hiring front line staff, the corrections officers that will hopefully work in these facilities day in and day out, working with the inmate population and we'll continue to see those numbers of assaults continue to decline."

Living with AUTISM

Autism program has been on campus since 2000 to help children with disease advance

story by JESSICA YORAMA

Even after receiving clear, specific directions on how to find Room 1011 of the Communications Building, it is easy to think that you are lost. The room is, after all, in a place where the hallway seems to have come to an end. It is separated from the rest of the rooms, in a location where the exit seems the only option left in the building.

But the room is indeed there, just before you consider the option of accepting that you cannot reach your original destination.

The room is the location of the Autism Program, which exists through the Rehabilitation Institute that, like the disease itself, many people do not know much about. Twelve children afflicted with the disorder participate in the program free of charge. Members of the program are predominantly male, reflecting the ratio of the disorder, which afflicts 75 percent more males than females. It serves as an outlet for children with the disability, as well as an opportunity to research those affected by the disorder, a number that has doubled in the last four years.

Autism is a neurological condition characterized by a delay in language and socialization, as well as repetitive behavior and echoing of certain behaviors and actions. Autism is a disorder that, although typically detected early on, may not be apparent during the first several months of a child's life.

"The development may be typical for a period of six months," said Dr. Anthony Cuvo, a professor of behavioral and analytical therapy at SIUC and director of the program. "Then a normal development stops and they start to show signs of the disorder."

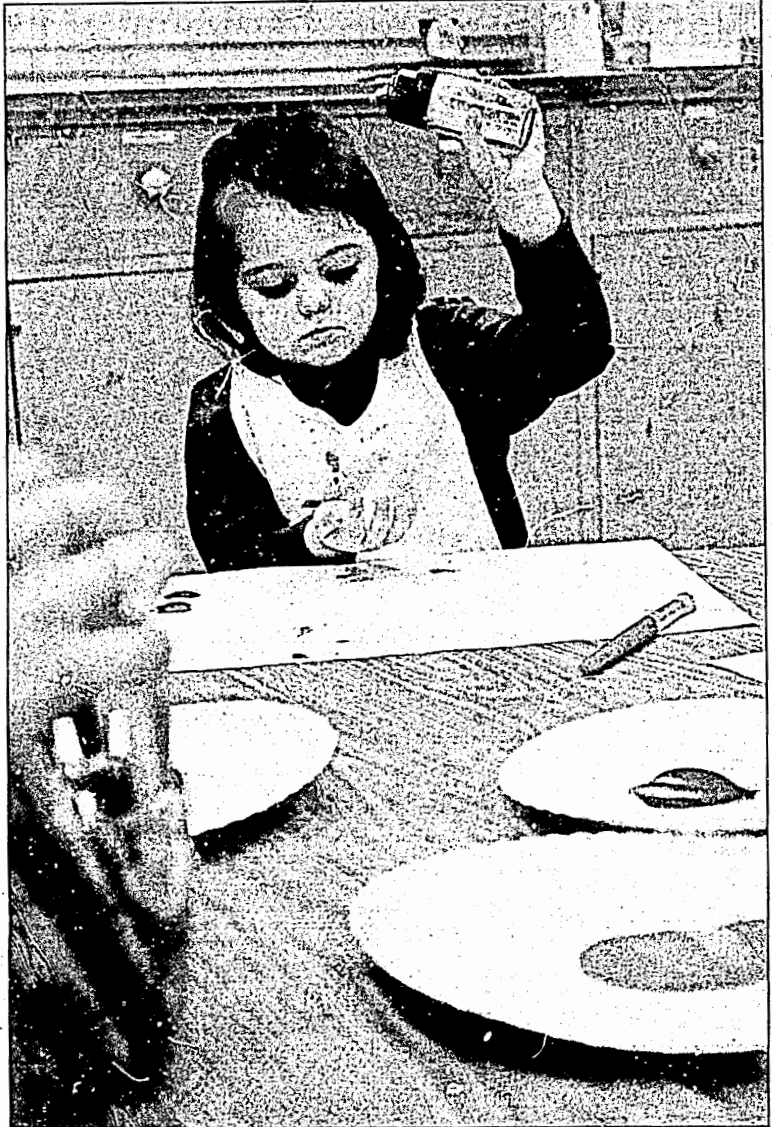
According to Cuvo, similar to many conditions levels of the disorder, similar to vary from mild to severe. A child with even a mild case of autism is easily distinguished from a child who is simply shy or somewhat slow at displaying basic skills.

More specific characteristics include the display of video talk, or repeating certain phrases, an unwillingness to interact or even be touched and a fixation with certain objects. He said, for example, a child with autism might take more interest in spinning the wheels of a toy truck than actually playing with it.

Fascination with certain objects and areas may lead to a superior knowledge in certain areas, but Cuvo emphasizes that this savant ability is not always, or even usually present in autistic individuals.

Cuvo, who has been working with children who have behavioral disorders for 31 years, collaborated his knowledge and efforts with Rebecca Trammel in the fall of 2000. At this time the two decided to expand on Trammel's already existing program for children with autism, which includes both group and individual sessions.

The success of the steadily growing effort relies on 16 graduate students in both speech and



AMBER ARNOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Madison pours glitter over a freshly painted picture during arts and craft time at a group session. Throughout the morning, the three children had individual attention with a graduate student and participated in other activities.

behavior-related areas. The interaction students have with children make the program a learning experience for not only participants, but also students pursuing a career in related fields.

Graduate students spend their day interacting with participants as they take part in basic activities for 3- and 4-year-old children. Playing games, singing songs and receiving instruction in learning are all part of the daily routine but are different than the usual process.

"We don't put too many demands on them [the kids] the first day," said Jenny Lindsey, a graduate student in behavioral therapy from Paris. "We just spend the first day helping them to get used to things and making sure they leave here with a smile. Then we try to make it a little harder each day."

The program takes into consideration that it is catering to children who may have unsuccessful attempts at attending daycare. Instructors therefore follow a specific daily routine, which is structured for children with special needs. For instance, because children with autism have difficulty adjusting to abrupt change, instructors perform slow transitions before starting a new activity. Teachers make a habit of counting down from three before beginning the next activity.

The countdown is just one of the adjustments instructors must make in dealing with children with the disorder. They also make a special effort greet the children at the beginning of each day, congratulate children on positive behavior and introduce each activity following the countdown.

According to Lindsey, work at the program differs from other jobs in that "you do not always get to see progress at the end of the day." But the fact that signs of visible progress may take as

long as a year, makes the progress all the more gratifying.

During individual sessions, part of the daily routine includes letter and number identification. After spending a short time shooting baskets, Leigh Grannan informs Chad that the time for play is coming to a close.

"Three more seconds," Grannan tells the 3-year-old as he scatters to retrieve the ball. "Three, two, one, sit down. Teacher time!"

The pair goes through a series of numbers and letters during the identification, some of which Chad identifies incorrectly. Some he identifies but pronounces in a manner that causes Grannan to concentrate briefly on pronunciation. Most he identifies correctly, causing Chad to believe he deserves his reward.

"I want goldfish," Chad tells his teacher.

Grannan starts to continue the session before recognizing the significance of his statement.

"What do you want?" she asks.

"I want goldfish," he repeats to his teacher who is slowly becoming teary-eyed.

"I've never heard him say I," Grannan says to no one in particular. She anxiously calls in other teachers who share in her joy.

"Did he say it on his own?" one asks.

Grannan nods. "I want to call Dr. Cuvo to come over and see him. Oh Lord, we're going to have an emotional breakdown before we finish this session."

First-time occurrences such as this are special to teachers, who have spent as much as a year observing the progress of the children. But it is even more emotional for parents who take extreme pride in their children's progress.



AMBER ARNOLD - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chad, 4, plays in a pool of balls during class time with an SIUC graduate student instructor. For a few months, Chad has attended the classes for autistic children and has shown much improvement.

Protestors silenced at governor's conference after being told to not show sign

SIUC professors' banner sign subdued by University, security teams due to risks to governor

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich promised the University almost \$31.2 million in funds can make any University administrator, staff or student perk up with the hope of success in the future at a time when universities are struggling in response to economic budget crunches.

But would the promise of a brighter future and more jobs for Southern Illinois be a deterrent for the freedom of expression?

After hearing about the governor's visit to campus, Joan Friedenberg and Mark Schneider, professors at SIUC, decided to bring an old poster along with them. Upset with the long terms that Trustees were allowed to have, the husband and wife team felt now would be the time to let someone know.

Rolling up their 7-foot-by-3-foot vinyl banner that read "New trustees for SIUC its our only hope," the duo set off for the auditorium.

The grievance, Schneider said, was the long terms the University allowed for its trustees, some of who have resided over the board for more than 30 years. And with the governor arriving at the University, a person who could perhaps cap the term limits of those very trustees, Schneider knew showing him the sign would be of great benefit to his objection.

"Our grievance is not with the newer trustees," Schneider said.

They encountered resistance from Blagojevich's guards, state police, and campus police and SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler.

"If we had signs saying, 'SIUC welcomes the Governor or American flags with sticks on them, I bet it wouldn't have been a problem," Friedenberg said.

Before they could unroll their sign, the protesting team was intercepted and told the banner was a security risk.

The length of the sign, according to

the chancellor and Captain Todd Sigler of Campus Police, would block viewers and the governor's security team.

"They were presenting a potential safety problem," Sigler said. "The sign would have blocked the governor's security detail."

Flabbergasted with the show against their right to peacefully protest, Friedenberg tried to negotiate with the police and a team of Blagojevich's aides.

"There is a major problem with speech on campus," she said. "I think that this University has a long history of trying to control people. And many faculty have grown accustomed to retaliation."

"It is so severe and widespread, I think the administration has grown accustomed to controlling people."

As she was questioned by police, Friedenberg said the University did not allow picketing in the auditorium. She said the police then warned her about the possibility of arrest.

"She asked me if she could be arrested for picket," Sigler said. "I replied that arrest was a possibility."

Friedenberg tried not to create a media circus; with the governor in town, the two professors protesting the University hosting his visit would be broadcast across the state.

"I asked one of his aides if I could just show the governor the sign, without the cameras," she said.

"It could have only been brought to the governor's attention."

The team refused and the two left. Schneider had to be back for office hours, but he was left feeling that the administration's attempt at silencing them was misguided.

"What's the big deal?" he said.

"The big deal is that they want a perfectly seamless media event. And we were the glitch."

His wife agrees and said the event reeked of the inductiveness of an overbearing administration restricting the freedom afforded to students and professors in the academic arena.

"This University has a history of being a good ol' boys' network," she said. "And they don't like it when people shake things up."

"This was not going to end up in the paper, this was not going to derail the event at all. We were going to show the governor our sign; we were willing to stand outside, as long as the governor could see it."

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE		
LEGISLATION	RESOLUTION	ACTION TAKEN
SR 04-15	Concerning the use and distribution of Rohypnol and Methamphetamins in Carbondale, Il.	Passed
SR 04-16	Regarding proposed residence hall smoking policy changes.	Passed
SR 04-17	Concerning admission criteria.	Passed
SR 04-18	Concerning recent hate crimes.	Passed
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SB 04-37	Art History Association	Event/ \$200
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SB 04-39	College Democrats	Event/ \$328
SB 04-40	Voices of inspiration	Event/ \$1635

NEXT MEETING: November 19.

FRANK SOLARES - DAILY EGYPTIAN

USG resolution opposes standards increase

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Despite approving University attempts to increase retention rates, the Undergraduate Student Government opposed a proposed increase in admission standards.

USG passed a resolution Wednesday, arguing an increase in the current admission standards could turn away prospective students.

Senator Betia Barker, who wrote and submitted the resolution, said SIUC's purpose is to provide a public service to students.

"The point we are trying to make is there is a distinct difference in Illinois high school students between those who were given college prep classes and those who were not," she said. "Seeing as how this is a public college, we feel that it should be acceptable for all people."

Barker said prospective students unable to enter SIUC because of the standards increase should not be forced to choose a community college.

In the resolution, Illinois State Board of Education's State Superintendent Robert E. Schiller was quoted in a statement noting that a challenging schedule could attribute to a successful ACT score.

"The ACT scores again confirm what we have observed in the past—that students who follow a core curriculum do better on the test," Schiller said in the statement. "Our Illinois learning standards establish high expectations for students and teachers, but more students need to have access to rigorous courses that are aligned with those standards. The context of

courses, the sequence of the courses, and the rigor of the curricula are the key components of quality educational program and academic experience leading to higher score on the ACT."

Barker said some high schools are limited in their ability to provide a challenging atmosphere for their students, thus causing an "unleveled playing ground" for students wishing to attend SIUC. She also said this could cause those students to choose a different college.

The current admission standard for acceptance into SIUC is an ACT composite score of at least 21. Admittance may also be granted to students with an 18 or above and a high school graduating class ranking in the upper half.

The current Illinois composite ACT score of students who have been enrolled in college preparatory courses is 22.5, while those who have not taken these courses average 18.5.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, has previously said that while his office is considering the possibility of stricter standards towards admission, the new restrictions could not be determined.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council discussed the proposed increase at its Nov. 4 meeting. Though no legislation against this matter was passed, a resolution is expected to be drafted for a vote at the next meeting.


The resolution suggested the University provide additional support and focus toward already implemented academic programs, such as Center for Basic Skills and Achieve.

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OUR WORD

Legislation is a step toward reform

Before former Gov. George Ryan left office, he issued a blanket commutation, converting 167 death row sentences to life in prison without parole. The unprecedented decision brought national attention to a system in which 13 people had been sentenced to death since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977. After seeing 13 wrongly convicted men sentenced to death, Ryan appointed a committee to examine the state's death penalty in 2000, and issued a moratorium to prevent more executions until the system was reformed.

Just days before leaving office, Ryan pardoned four more condemned men and commuted the sentences of the other 167 death row inmates to life in prison. His actions thrust the death penalty into the national spotlight and forced state lawmakers to take another look at death penalty laws.

Although Gov. Rod Blagojevich entered the office as a strong supporter of the death penalty, he decided to keep the moratorium until the Illinois capital punishment system was reformed. Since then, death penalty legislation has been sent back and forth between governing bodies with vetoes and amendments. The newest version of this package passed unanimously through the Senate last Friday and is expected to pass in the House as well.

A veto from Gov. Rod Blagojevich came this summer about a provision concerning decertifying police officers that commit perjury. He urged the sponsors of the bill and police organizations to reach a compromise while still keeping the package strong.

Before Blagojevich gave the legislation an amendatory veto, the provision would have required the state's Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to investigate every accusation made by every homicide defendant. During this period, the officer would be under investigation, and he or she could be suspended without pay. Once the investigation concluded, the board, which consists of mainly other law enforcement officials, would decide whether to decertify the accused officer.

Under the new language, the claims of perjury against an officer in a homicide case must pertain to the actual murder to even be considered for investigation. The board would also hold the right to review each complaint and make a decision based on its legitimacy, but if an investigation were performed, officers would not be placed on unpaid leave until the board made a final decision.

Blagojevich's biggest complaint was about who would be making the decisions of decertification. Originally, the board was able to be the only decision makers of decertification. Blagojevich believed this process did not allow officers reasonable due process of the law. The new provision requires the Illinois Labor Relations State Panel, an independent body that exists to enforce labor laws, to make the final decision. Also, the judicial process overrides the panel if the defendant has been convicted. The perjury complaints cannot be heard until the court has granted a new trial or post-conviction based on perjury.

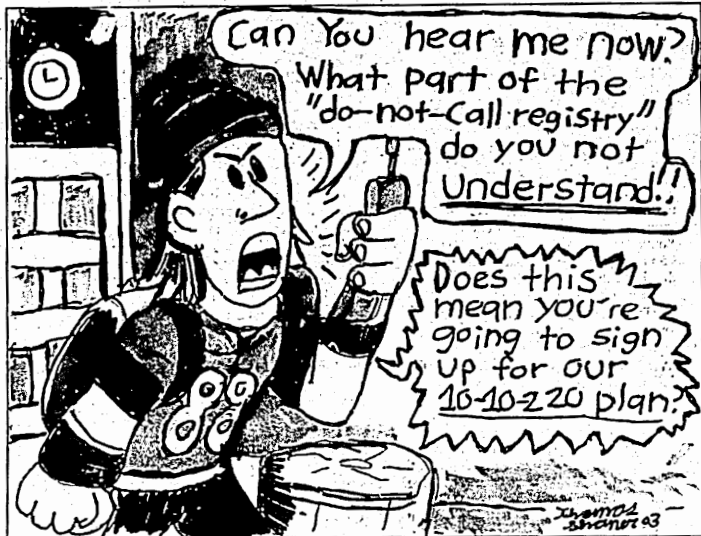
Policies for police officers accused of perjury need to be strict but also fair. This new provision allows the law to do both.

Other issues covered in the bill include allowing courts to have the power to throw out a death sentence if the justices feel the ruling is fundamentally unfair. It also allows for justices to consider anyone with an IQ less than 75 to be mentally retarded and subsequently ineligible for the death penalty in most cases, and it requires all interrogations of cases involving death to be videotaped.

This legislation is a step in the right direction, and it could not have come at a better time, as Illinois is still trying to rebuild its criminal system.

We applaud the state legislation for coming together to scrutinize and reform the state's death penalty system. We believe this is exactly what needed to be done to correct an obviously flawed procedure.

Capital punishment is not a subject to be taken lightly. In order to avoid mistakes, laws pertaining to death row convictions must be held to the highest standards in the land.



THOMAS SHANER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Right Angle column is 'intellectually dishonest'

Kevin O'Connor
lecturer, Department of History

I'm new to SIU, and at first I sort of admired Brian Smith's willingness to take an unpopular stand in a university environment that is overwhelmed by the demands of "politically correct" behavior and thought.

Mr. Smith, whom I have never met, is among the best informed and most articulate of the Daily Egyptian's regular columnists. However, his columns are also highly polemical and, when it comes down to it, intellectually dishonest.

His ad nauseum diatribes against "Liberals" are undermined by the fact that, as one reader pointed out, he fails to identify exactly what a "Liberal" is. Thus, it appears that in Mr. Smith's world, a liberal is anyone who is for whatever he is against.

For Mr. Smith, the heroic defender of the "free market," "Liberals" are all those who question its efficacy and fairness, and, well, rightness. He writes, "The wailing and gnashing of teeth occurring on the far left only shows that they have zero knowledge of economics."

It appears that Mr. Smith himself misunderstands (or, more accurately, misrepresents) the workings of the U.S. economy.

Although he is a worshipper of the "free market," he never seems to ponder the fact that the United States in fact does not have a free market in goods and services; agribusiness, to name just one example, enjoys substantial government subsidies designed to protect American agriculture from competitors in Africa and elsewhere.

Moreover, exactly who on the "far left" does Mr. Smith mean? Does he mean Communists? Has it come down to red-baiting?

The Cold War is over, Mr. Smith.

The good guys won: Adam (not Brian) Smith is in and Karl Marx is out. The "free market" (such as it is) has triumphed, and you know very well that nobody in American politics today wishes to resurrect Lenin's mummified corpse.

Brian Smith needs a bogeyman, and for him it is the free market-hating Liberal. Who is he (or she), Mr. Smith? Let's name names.

So Saddam Hussein-supporting Liberals have replaced Communists as enemy No. 1. Oh, they're the same people, all right; they've just traded in their little red books for the Koran and their ties-dyes for oxford shirts and red (I knew it!) ties.

So, again I ask, who are these "Liberals"? In addition to those who favor a radical redistribution of wealth along Bolshevik lines, for Mr. Smith the hated "Liberals" include all those who question the Bush administration's rationale for waging war against Iraq.

The Dixie Chicks, therefore, are "Saddam Hussein-supporting" liberals.

I couldn't care less for the Dixie Chicks, but where is Mr. Smith's evidence that they supported Saddam Hussein?

So Mr. Smith's method of persuasion is to brand those who disagree with him as "Liberals" (as if to be a Liberal is somehow shameful and that all liberals share the same views) and to treat any one who questions the motives and actions of the administration in Washington as unpatriotic and even guilty of treason.

No doubt Mr. Smith will gleefully and disingenuously continue to trash "Liberals," for that is all he knows how to do.

To put it bluntly, he is a one-trick pony.

These views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“That it is better 100 guilty Persons should escape than that one innocent Person should suffer, is a Maxim that has been long and generally approved.”

Benjamin Franklin

WORDS OVERHEARD

“That's why we're here: to give people the opportunity to get ahead.”

Gov. Rod Blagojevich during his visit to SIUC where he unveiled plans to create new jobs in Southern Illinois

COLUMNISTS

On not being a racist

I like to think that I am not a racist. In school, when February came, I drew pictures of black children and white children holding hands. In history class now I am affected by the film of police dogs being set on black protesters. I tell myself I would never judge anyone on the color of their skin.

I am a good person and I support the idea of racial harmony and love.

A few weeks ago, I watched a documentary about the Nazi Youth in World War II Germany. They were children, preteens and teenagers who rounded up Jews, dispersed information and propaganda and participated in the Holocaust, albeit from a distance. After the war was over, as a punishment to those too young to be charged with war crimes, the Nazi Youth was taken to the concentration camps sites and shown the death and suffering that they had helped cause.

One such woman, very old now, was still bitter about that punishment. She was no longer a Nazi and felt remorseful about what

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were often put under suspicion, and some were arrested. The only thing that she is guilty of is what most citizens of Germany were guilty of, which is accepting without question the ideas of their society.

As I said, I don't want to think of myself as a racist. There is, however, societal rules that I willingly follow that I know are not right.

There is a part of town that is mainly African-American. There is nothing legal to put one color in one part, or to keep out any one person from any neighborhood; that would be archaic and illegal. However, we all know who lives there, and we accept that the houses are cheaper, the property taxes lower and the streets and schools ill-equipped.

One day, driving through such a neighborhood, I noticed a park, one very much like Turley or Evergreen parks, only not in the side of town that I take my children to. It seemed clean, safe and with the same structures that any other park has. I had yet, in five years, to take my children there. What disturbed me



Feckless Pondering

BY ABIGAIL WHEATELY
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more than anything is that I had never thought about it. I hadn't said to myself, "I don't want my children playing with black children." Not only had I not said it, it isn't true: My children have played with black children, and I was relieved to see that it didn't bother me.

I hadn't said to myself, "That part of town is unsafe." Actually, there is a park where I do occasionally take my children where there is not lighting at night, and as a result, in the daytime, there are bottles and used condoms on the ground. I have to make a quick round of the premises before I can let them lose. I take them there, and not to the other park because that is what I feel is expected. By whom, I couldn't say. But I know I am not alone, and I know that the ability to even realize that we obey unwritten rules is not easy.

I don't want to contribute to something that is wrong. I don't like accepting that when a white child is murdered it will be taken more seriously and investigated more fully than when a black child is.

I am insulted that popular culture is geared toward a white audience and that we are paraded and shown stereotypes that we do readily accept. I know that I would usually testify that my classrooms are diverse; however, when I find myself to be one of the six or seven white people in a room full of African-Americans, I can feel the difference. And I am bothered that we, the white members of society, only talk about these things behind closed doors so that we don't say anything that might seem racist.

I want to be a better person, the type who takes her children to the "other park" not as a political statement but because it seems like a nice place to play.

The young Nazi girl was probably loved, smart and even-tempered and yet she allowed herself to be part of something bigger and more destructive than she could have comprehended at the age she was.

Am I a racist? I really don't think so. But am I guilty? Yes, I am.

And when the day comes I hope I can face my accusers with the knowledge, at least, that I was aware.

Fleckless Pondering appears every other Friday. Abigail is a senior in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

COMMUNITY LEADERS' FORUM

Call for action for Carbondale youth

Maggie Flanagan
President, Southern Illinois
Community Foundation;
Carbondale City Council member

In the fall of 1997, a group of individuals got together to figure out a way to create a teen center for Carbondale. Two young high school students had recently been killed in what was ultimately attributed to a drug-related double murder. Troubled community members moved by this incident wanted to see something get done to create a safe atmosphere for teens to have access to a comfortable space and to have positive experiences.

This group was successful in getting a "Teen Reach" Grant from the State of Illinois and housed the teen program in the old Egyptian Sports Center, now the new Sports Blast.

We knew that the room we had was not enough and kept looking for an appropriate and affordable space. It took years and thinking big to get us where we are today. It took continuously putting one foot in front of the other to make a dream come true.

In thinking big, the Carbondale Community Teen Center, Inc. took a big step and made the decision to apply to become part of the Boys and Girls Club of American (BGCA) Movement. There are ten steps to becoming a Boys and Girls Club. We are at step 10. The BGCA demands a standard that a community must comply with and if it does, success is almost guaranteed. Success is what we are about.

We have acquired a building, which is the old gym at the Carbondale Community High School's old campus on Springer Street. We have brought in technical assistance from the national BGCA to help us with redesign standards.

We have laid the groundwork for raising the funds for a capital budget for the renovation of the building. We have recruited community members for board and committee work and even acquired

a grant to upgrade the lighting with appropriate energy saving technology. Most importantly, we are counting on the community as a whole for financial support.

Now the "real" work begins — opening the doors. The Carbondale Boys and Girls Club is a community venture. We need the entire community to make this work. As we prepare to open our doors we will need expertise, elbow grease and just plain time from people. In other words, we will be in our volunteer phase. So, I am planting the seeds to request the involvement with time and treasure of SIU students, staff, faculty and administration in this community experiences.

We have the keys to the building and we are scheduling some sports activities. More programming will be designed as we complete renovations on the building. We plan to have daily recreational programming and activities for children of all ages in the community with space set aside in the facility specifically for a teen center.

A Boys and Girls Club is a big venture for our community. Think back ... did you ever experience a place you went after school that was friendly, fun and safe? If you did, we need you to help us do it right. If you did not, we need you even more to make the experience happen for boys and girls in the Carbondale area.

Students at SIU are a valuable part of this community and have expertise that we need. We need interns, coaches, artists ... volunteers of all types. When you see or hear the call, VOLUNTEER and help us make the new Carbondale Boys and Girls Club a success with your participation and special attention!

LETTERS

Columnist defamation requires apology

DEAR EDITOR:

I was horrified to read the editorial offered Thursday by Alex Berezow in the DAILY EGYPTIAN. His column was written in apparent response to Ana Velitchkova's piece on negative views of the United States.

Respective of my own views on the issues, I found Mr. Berezow's statements incredibly myopic, spiteful and slanderous.

He exemplifies the poorest forms of critical analysis, debate and rebuttal, drawing almost all of his arguments on personal experience and opinion.

I fully recognize and respect the importance of freedom of speech.

However, there are ethical limitations, particularly when they involve pointed and malicious attempts to defame the character of another.

That this was written by a student aspiring to a

career in journalism is appalling. That the column was actually printed raises questions for me regarding the competency of the editorial staff at the DE.

It is my feeling Mr. Berezow should be required to offer a public and written apology. I would further consider his temporary suspension from the paper.

*Mary Louise Cashel
associate professor, psychology*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alex Berezow is not a journalism student. He is a senior in microbiology.

I am a patriot!

DEAR EDITOR:

There is no one that thinks more highly of patriotism than I do.

However, different people see the same subject in different ways. My wish is that no one thinks that my thoughts are rife toward all that differ.

I have a moral fiber very opposite to some. I consider the current state of the union to be one of ruin and discord. One brother fights against another for pennies in this beautiful country. The concentration of power resides with the few in this great land. Government and the president serve to divide the

people for monetary gains and power in the land of the free. And the elite provide us entertainment in this land of liberty. A person is favored for his or her outward appearance more than his or her moral fiber and quality of soul in this land of justice.

Some may think my thought guilty of treason toward our country and my act of protest is a disloyalty to the president. I do hold the office of the presidency of America above all others in the world.

It is natural to coddle in the illusion of hope. We all want to see what we want to see, but the truth is painful.

Transformations call for brute strength. We see in a great struggle for liberty, justice and freedom for all. Not different from our forefather's patriotism to stand up against a force more powerful than any before in history.

I am willing to know the truth no matter the pain or suffering it causes my soul. Be not lead astray by empty words, a kind smile or dreams of dollars. Let your feet be grounded by your resolve for compassion and truth. The enemy is entrenched with armor and multitudes of firearms.

However, it is not in vain that we fight because we are true patriots of the cause. We have petitioned, objected, we have implored and we have protested to the state and the president. What has been the response to such actions?

Violence and insult, or please have been disregarded, and we have been scorned with contempt from the president down. There is no longer any room for optimism.

We wish to be free of corruption, greed and power for the few. No acts of diversion or patriotism will bring us back to the president and governing body.

The time is now, do not let your voice be still, stand up and shout, "I am a patriot!"

*Frank Sadewater
senior, psychology*

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High school club collects books for charity

Future Educators of America help collect books for 'Book in Every Home' project

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Every morning, Britany Page prepares herself for a busy day. Not only is Page a senior at Carbondale Community High School, but she works at the principal's and attendance offices to earn extra money.

After a day filled with reading, writing and arithmetic, Page babysits her niece. As if homework and baby-sitting were not enough, Page also shows her responsibility as a member of the Future Educators of America, which has worked for the past month to collect more than 300 books for the "Book in Every Home" project.

"It is a good opportunity for students to explore job options and have the ability to help the kids in the community," Page said.

The newly formed organization, which is an auxiliary group of Phi Kappa Delta, presented boxes filled with children's books Thursday afternoon to Gwen Walker, the wife of SIUC President James Walker.

Walker, who is in charge of the "Book in Every Home" project, said she was pleased to hear the nine members of FEA donated their time and efforts to the program.

"I didn't know what to expect," Walker said. "I love the program and it seemed to be successful."

The ceremony, which took place in Morris Library, included congratulations from Walker and information on FEA. The book collection, which has the goal of raising awareness of the importance of reading, was the group's first official project.

Walker, a retired teacher, said she understands the busy life of parents but thinks reading to children can make a huge difference in a child's life.

"I am just asking for parents to read to their children for 10 minutes a day," Walker said. "It develops future readers and



JESSICA EDWARDS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

High School students from the Carbondale Community High School displayed a collection of children's books that they have collected from the community. The students have been collecting children's books for the past month and will be distributing about 300 of them to the local Head Start.

begins a path of success."

"We can make a difference," Walker said. "Every child can learn, we just need to provide them with the chance to learn."

Theresa Robinson, a graduate student in the College of Education, began the Future Educators of America after noticing the absence of FEA in Carbondale, which is a national organization.

"We work to encourage the profession of teaching in a positive way," said Robinson, a member of the Phi Kappa Delta honors society organization at SIU.

"Becoming a teacher is a maze of a process and we are here to help navigate the students through the process."

Catherine Jerrells, a family and consumer sciences teacher at CCHS, also acts as the faculty advisor for the student organization.

She received the charter last week and said it could not be possible if it were not for the high school. CCHS

Foundation provided a grant to the organization to cover for the cost of the charter.

Jerrells said the goal of the organization is to provide role models and encourage students to pursue teaching careers.

"There is a shortage of teachers, and when that happens, some schools have to close those programs," Jerrells said. "We need more teachers and more minority teachers."

The idea to be involved in the "Book in Every Home" project stemmed from an article that Milliee Dunkel found in a local newspaper. The project headed by Walker will end Nov. 15, but late donations can be brought to the Student Development office at SIU.

Dunkel, who is the president of Future Educators of America and a senior at CCHS, said she is interested in becoming an elementary education teacher.

"It is a great project and a team effort," Dunkel said. "We are helping children learn to read."

Along with members of the FEA and "Book in Every Home" programs, other student organizations

"We can make a difference. Every child can learn, we just need to provide them with the chance to learn."

— Gwen Walker in charge of 'Book in Every Home' project

donated books to the cause as well.

Andrew Hudgens, president of the Inter-Greek Council, said he has been collecting books from other Greek chapters since October.

In addition to collecting boxes of books, Hudgens said he would be buying \$75 worth of books Friday to donate on behalf of the Inter-Greek Council.

Page, who was nervous to introduce herself to Walker, has never been involved in any extra-curricular activities prior to FEA. In addition to wanting to be a teacher, she also wants to be a pediatric nurse because of her love for children.

"I [reading] is something that everyone should be able to do, but some don't have books to learn," Page said. "Donating a couple books is a small thing that I can do to help."

MEDIA

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like they were told to say something."

Students said continuous coverage causes too much hype about particular subjects, reporting on what is popular instead of what is important.

"I think they do too many stories simply for ratings and not for the actual value of the news," said Trevor Hinckley, a freshman in zoology. "They have been covering more events that I would consider important — things of national and world importance; but I still don't think they do enough. They just need to go more in-depth on each subject."

Erica Johnson, a sophomore in psychology, said she prefers local news because it covers topics that are often overlooked by the national media.

Johnson agreed with Hinckley, saying local media need to cover more topics to fill their news hole.

"They make stories out of things that aren't stories," Johnson said.

"They do a lot of gimmicky things so they will have two stories, and the two stories will have the same basic piece of news, only they will twist it slightly to fill more space."

"If they don't have anything to run, they just shouldn't run it."

Students said these biases and ratings was tarnish their opinions of the media. However, most surveyed said there is still hope for the media and that they still provide a service by making the news available.

McElroy said the best way for news media to reestablish their credibility is to gather as many facts as possible and try not to opine on it.

"The media tries to get as much information as they can," McElroy said.

"Although they may not be right all the time, at least they try to get the main ideas out to the public and inform the public."

Grasker said the media provide a benefit but doubted she would ever believe 100 percent of what is reported.

"I trust the local media more, but you have to take everything with a grain of salt."

"It is a good opportunity for students to explore job options and have the ability to help the kids in the community."

— Britany Page member, Future Educators of America

through the process."

Catherine Jerrells, a family and consumer sciences teacher at CCHS, also acts as the faculty advisor for the student organization.

She received the charter last week and said it could not be possible if it were not for the high school. CCHS

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Thomas School, Winkler School and Carbondale Middle School.

The only fund that can be used to pay teachers' salaries is the education fund. Lewin said 85 percent of the education fund covers their pay.

According to the superintendent, the state board of education recommends each school district to have enough reserve funds to last at least 90 days. With decreased federal and state funding, Lewin said she believes the reserve fund balance will shrink to about \$1.2 million, which is lower than the state's recommended amount.

"That is a very low fund because we spend almost half of \$1 million a month," Lewin said. "So that would only be like two months of operation."

"It may sound like a lot, but with the amount of money that comes in and out of our district, that's a relatively small amount to have on reserve because this district has experienced several times when

property tax payments were late. So if we didn't have a reserve, we could not pay teachers' salaries."

Teachers also expressed concerns about a deductible increase in health benefits offered in the last year of the previous three-year contract. Lewin said the cost of health care jumped because the district's previous insurance provider raised its rates.

Lewin said she had prepared an open letter to parents of students in the district to explain the board's position, but now the letter can stay unread.

Now that the possibility of a strike is dead, Stemper said she wants to get back to the district's primary interest: providing an education for the children of Carbondale.

"We're very pleased that the member ship ratified the contract and we look forward to doing the same at our Tuesday meeting," Stemper said. "We are considering this to be a step in the right direction. Because of the fact that we have tougher economic times ahead, it's important that we keep the kids in school."

Uninsured young adults take high-stakes gamble

Emily Ramshaw
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (KRT) — Clint Bowers had always been in perfect health.

So when the 24-year-old Baylor graduate was dropped from his family's insurance plan and couldn't land a job with health benefits, he took a gamble.

He did without.

Then four months ago, Bowers got the shock of his life. Suffering from a fever and fatigue, he went to see his doctor. The diagnosis: leukemia.

"This is something you can't ever believe would happen to you," said Bowers, who went through three months of treatment before finding a way to get coverage. "I hadn't ever been sick in my life, and while I'm uninsured, I get hit with this."

In the United States, the number of people between the ages of 18 and 34 without health coverage has grown to 17.9 million people, accounting for 41 percent of the country's uninsured. Amid a soft job market and increasing insurance costs, experts fear that more and more people in this age bracket will forgo medical care.

"The facts are, the younger you are, the less likely you are to have a serious illness or need hospitalization," said Len Nichols, vice president of the Center for Studying Health System Change in Washington, D.C. "It is in some sense a rational bet, but it's a gamble, in capital letters."

"According to the most recent census data, 15.2 percent of the U.S. population, or 43.6 million people, are uninsured, up from 41.2 million in 2001. The number of people without coverage has grown steadily since 2000, coinciding with a struggling economy and a weak job market. Most young adults are dropped by their parents' insurance at age 19, or 22 if they go to college. In the last year, young adults made up 50 percent of all new uninsured cases. And studies indicate half of high school graduates who don't go on to college and two of five college graduates will spend time without insurance during their first year after graduation.

Most of them, when they consider the costs and what they'll have to give up, choose not to buy it," Nichols said. "They're betting against the probability that a very bad event happens to them."

Sarah Walker, a 23-year-old graduate student at Southern Methodist University, became ineligible for her parents' insurance when she turned 22. With a part-time job that doesn't offer

benefits and a slew of other expenses, she says health insurance doesn't fit into her budget.

"I'm paying for my education, for rent, for food and for car insurance," she said.

"All that comes before health insurance."

Sara Collins, senior program officer with the Commonwealth Fund, a health policy foundation in New York, said this age group is high-risk and needs the highest number of annual visits to emergency rooms and account for one-third of new HIV diagnoses. There are 3.5 million pregnancies among women in their 20s every year.

"It's a time when you're becoming an adult, and you need to establish your own connections to the health system," Collins said. "If you're losing coverage at this time, it's very difficult to establish those relationships."

Rob Guilbert, corporate communications vice president with Fortis short-term health insurance, said the cost of medical treatment can be crippling. According to Parkland Memorial Hospital, a case of appendicitis can cost almost \$9,000; the average broken arm costs \$1,450.

"They don't realize that a broken leg, a car accident, or even an illness could wipe them out financially," Guilbert said. "At a time when they are trying to start off on the right foot, and get a good job, they can be put under huge debt for many years."

Young adults say they understand this risk. Although they have grown up insured and are told by parents to stay insured, once the responsibility falls to them, many say, they feel a degree of invincibility.

When it comes to purchasing insurance, the biggest obstacle is cost. Nichols said the price of coverage is rising faster than income, making it difficult for young people to get access to insurance. Some companies have even ended employee benefit plans, he said.

The best bet for young adults — second — is to work for a firm with benefits — is to purchase insurance in the non-group market, Nichols said. There, healthy people will pay around \$150 a month. People with pre-existing ailments could pay up to \$10,000 a month for coverage, he said. COBRA, a federal program that enables people to buy insurance from former employers or their parents' plans, costs around \$3,000 a year for an individual and \$8,000 for a family, Nichols said. And short-term emergency insurance, which protects only against catastrophic events, ranges in



Southern Methodist University student Chantel Smith, a sophomore from Plano, Texas, gets a flu shot from nurse Cheryl Black at the school's health center in Dallas, on Nov. 6 2003.

price by state.

Elaine Wethington, professor of human development at Cornell University in New York, said it is common today for parents to support their children into their mid-20s. She said that 50 to 60 percent of Cornell students go back and live with their parents after graduation, and that parents are being forced to pick up costs that employers used to cover.

"Parents expect that their financial contribution to their children will continue for another three to four years after graduating from college," she said. "We have seen this trend over the last 10 years, and it is a phenomenon that has accelerated in the last couple of years because of the economy."

Laura Childers, a 24-year-old public administration graduate student at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, was dropped from her father's plan a year and a half ago. Faced with the responsibility of buying her own insurance, she decided to wait until she could afford it.

Childers had been healthy so far. But her classmate, 27-year-old Amy White, hasn't been as fortunate. A

university doctor examining White detected what she thought was an ovarian cyst during a routine checkup last year.

"I asked her how much a sonogram cost and she said \$400," said White, who has been uninsured for five years. "She said I needed to have it, but I didn't have the money."

A year later, White not only had a sonogram — she had surgery. After she paid \$1,500 out of pocket for X-rays and lab work, the county hospital helped arrange coverage under a low-income insurance plan. Doctors removed a 7-pound cyst.

"Since I was young, health insurance had always been taken care of for me," White said. "I guess I didn't know how to do it."

Collins said most young people do understand the benefits of insurance. When they are offered coverage from

their employers, they take it at nearly the same rate as older adults, she said.

She said the reforms necessary in the health system include extending eligibility for dependents and those on Medicaid through age 23, and requiring colleges and universities to offer coverage to all students.

Bowers said when he first learned of his illness, the prospect of soaring medical bills was daunting. Friends were already planning fund-raisers when Bowers' mother, a schoolteacher, got him back on her coverage plan by paying a high premium.

With everything he has on his mind, Bowers said, obtaining insurance shouldn't have been an added fear.

"If I could go back, I would obviously have gotten insured," he said. "Having some, any kind, is much better than having none."

AUTISM

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Parents such as Deanna Davis, whose 3-year-old son, Michael, participates in the program, watches the daily activities of the children along with other parents on a monitor in the next room.

Davis said, at first, she and her husband thought the problem to be hearing loss but then realized that there were other differences in Michael's behavior.

"He wouldn't hear novel things," said Davis, a West Frankfort resident. "Basically, he just wasn't growing up. He was like a baby in a 2-year-old body."

Davis said Michael's condition has caused changes in her everyday life.

She said she was recently troubled by a situation where Michael's tendency to run around caused difficulty at her daughter's field trip. While other parents on the field trip were able to assist their children in roasting hot dogs, Davis spent most of the time chasing Michael, who continuously disobeyed her by running away. As a result, she said she was forced to take Michael, as well

as her son, home early.

But more so than instances where Michael's condition complicates things, Davis takes pride in times when she was able to view his progress.

"When we come home now, he'll run up to us and give us a big hug," she said. "Whereas before, when we left, he didn't care if we came back."

Davis said she has learned to concentrate on Michael's progress instead of focusing on the negative. She said her ability to do so was a result of both help from the program as well as inspiration from a poem her mother recommended to her.

"If you dwell on what could have been, you'll miss out," she said.

Vanessa Hill, whose 3-year-old son, Caleb, is a participant in the program, agreed with Davis' sentiments.

"We are still trying to make him as normal of a child as he can possibly be," said Hill, a Marion resident. "But it's not a challenge, just a little different."

Hill said she lost two children prior to the birth of Caleb and took fertility drugs to drugs to help in the conception. She said she was initially concerned that taking these drugs were responsible for Caleb's condition, a thought her

doctor quickly dispelled.

According to Cuvo years ago, when doctors knew little about the disorder, there were several speculations about causes, such as neglect and genes passed on from parents. Most of these causes have been discovered to be false, but according to SIUC alumna Sherell Sparks, mothers still have difficulty accepting they are not the cause of the disorder.

"A lot of parents blame themselves, saying, 'I should have done this and I should have done that and I should have caught this earlier,'" said Sparks, who makes home visits in addition to the work she does with support groups. "There are different parents, but it's always the same story."

Seeing her son in a regular classroom is one goal of Chad's mother, who said she would like to one day see her son in a regular class.

"When Chad first started he could only say five words like mama and daddy and they were out of the wind. Now he repeats anything you want him to say," Gregg said. "I want to see him in a regular class one day, but I want to be realistic. I want to see him play tee ball and soccer. Miracles happen everyday, and Chad is one of them."

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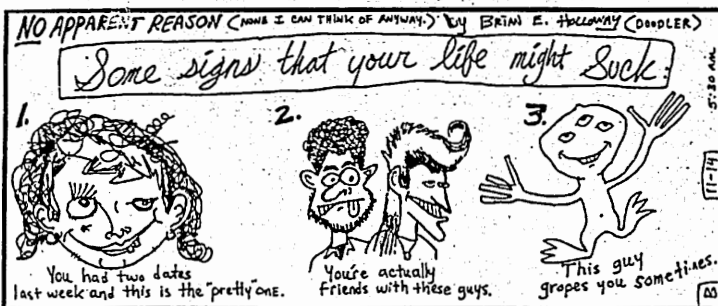
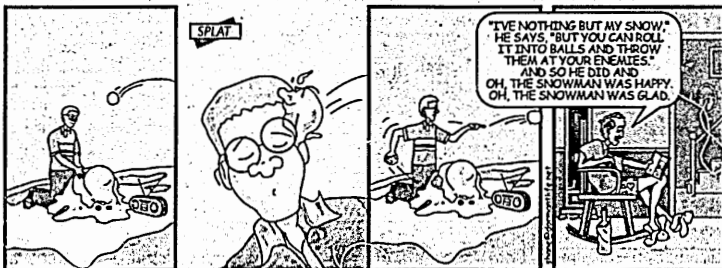
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In The Band

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Nov 14). Treat yourself to that long vacation you've been working toward. If you don't know where to go, a loved one will be glad to tell you. The two of you will have a great time if you don't let yourself get too extravagant.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Finish up a household project - you may want to entertain. Cook up a couple of treats that you can bring out at a moment's notice.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The more you do, the more you learn, and the more expert you become. Choose a topic that interests you, and settle in for a while.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 4 - Continue to accrue as much as you can, and don't feel guilty. You ought to be a wealthy person. You'll do a lot of good with what you earn.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 9 - Let somebody who loves you teach you a lesson you'll love to learn. This will be fun, but it's going to require you to juggle your schedule.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Something you've got stashed away in the attic may finally be back in style. Better dig through all those treasures again and bring the best back into play.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - A team effort may be required to achieve the desired objective. Don't hesitate to ask your friends. They thought you never would. They've been waiting.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 5 - There's a direct correlation between creative work and cash right now. So for heaven's sake, start whatever great project you'd like to take on.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - Don't procrastinate any longer. The moment to decide is here. Do it so that you can get on with your life. You'll get farther if you begin now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You still need a few things in order to complete your plans. Don't wait until tomorrow. By then, you'll want to do something else. Shop!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Consult with your partner about what you want, what you need and what you can afford. Tomorrow looks good for a shopping trip, but money may still be tight.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - This is not a good time to resist authority. You're better off doing your best to provide excellent service.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 9 - Don't get into an argument about philosophy. The other person won't be convinced if you're angry. Be forceful instead.

JUMBLE

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

SECAE

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Answer: "SCALES, FIBER, GLAND, TONY"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison

Mommy loves her itty-bitty cutie-ums

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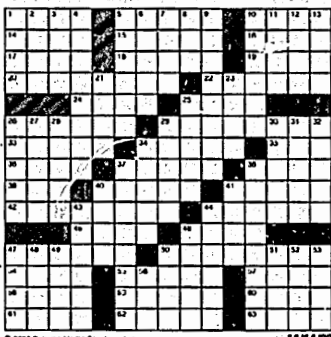
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: "CAT"

Yesterday's Jumbles: LARVA GIVEN, SIZZLE, PODIUM
Answer: What she considered his introduction at the singles bar -- 6U J. OPENER

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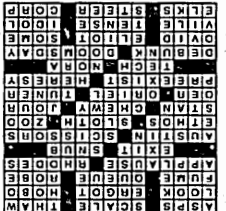


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» MEN'S BASKETBALL

Northwest to give SIU final warm-up

Salukis hope to run court with purpose before start of regular season

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After last week's 74-65 exhibition win over Athletics in Action, head coach Matt Painter and the SIU men's basketball team are focusing on running the court in search of easy offensive opportunities.

Defense and transition offense are what Painter believes will be his team's strongest suits, but teaching the young Saluki squad the difference between running and gunning is the hard part.

"Just because you're running doesn't mean you're shooting the ball quick," Painter said, adding that his team has spent more time on practice drills involving shot selection of late.

"That's what I'm trying to get them to understand. I want them to run. That doesn't mean I want them to shoot the basketball quick and just take bad shots."

Painter expects his team to show improvement in this area in Saturday night's game against Northwest All-Stars, the final tune-up before the season starts Nov. 22 at Wyoming.

With only two muscular big men, athleticism is SIU's strong suit, and this was seen in preseason conditioning, when the vast majority of the team ran the mile in under 5:25.

The Saluki athletes ran out to a 41-22 lead on AIA Nov. 6 in their exhibition opener before losing that lead and making key plays in the final two minutes to seal the win.

But after AIA left Carbondale, it headed to Bloomington, Ind., where it took the Hoosiers to overtime before falling. AIA then defeated preseason top 25 Wake Forest on a buzzer beater, something that gives

junior center Josh Warren reason for optimism.

"Obviously it means something because those are pretty good teams that they played with and we beat them," Warren said.

"So if Coach thinks we're bad, everybody else must be right around us at the same level."

After that game, Painter chided his team for tiring down the stretch, something he said was a reflection of his team's habit of finishing practices poorly. But there has been improvement in that area during this week's practices.

"We've gotten better with our intensity," he said.

"I don't think it's great, but I still think our guys are making improvements, and that's the only thing we keep asking for is just keep making strides, keep making improvements, keep working on pushing yourself through that last half of practice, that last quarter of practice when you feel fatigue set in."

With increased endurance, Painter expects defense to be his team's forte.

"I know our defense is going to be our strength, and we gotta be able to defend late in games," Painter said. "That's why we teach working on things that we do and working long hours."

SIU was originally scheduled to face a team from the Dominican Republic, but the recent defection of several athletes from that nation prevented the team from being issued visas.

As a result, the Northwest All-Stars were added as a late replacement. SIU beat this team 104-79 last November. Painter is unfamiliar with this year's version, but he hopes it provides ample competition.

"If the team is pretty good, they're going to bring out some of our weaknesses like AIA brought out our weakness about our stamina," Painter said.

Saluki notes ... Because of the time conflict with Saturday afternoon's football game, the basketball game will be broadcast on 103.5 FM.

» WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis face NWBL tonight

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At the press conference following last Sunday's exhibition victory over St. Louis Goldstar, head coach Lori Opp and her players alike knew the SIU women's basketball team still had a lot of work to do.

In the last-second victory over their exhibition counterparts, the Dawgs played well in the second half, overcoming a 26-27 halftime deficit and displaying some clutch qualities in hitting big shots and free throws down the stretch.

But it shouldn't have come that. Too many times, in the first half especially, SIU seemed to fall asleep and lose track of its offensive and defensive flow. The Salukis allowed Goldstar to go on a 22-2 run in the final 7:14 to close the first half.

Tonight's tune-up with NWBL USA Elite will be the Dawgs' final chance to work out the kinks before the start of the regular season, and they don't want it to come down to the final seconds again.

"I want to win by a lot more," senior Katie Bervanger said. "I just want to steadily beat them rather than all of the ups and downs we had."

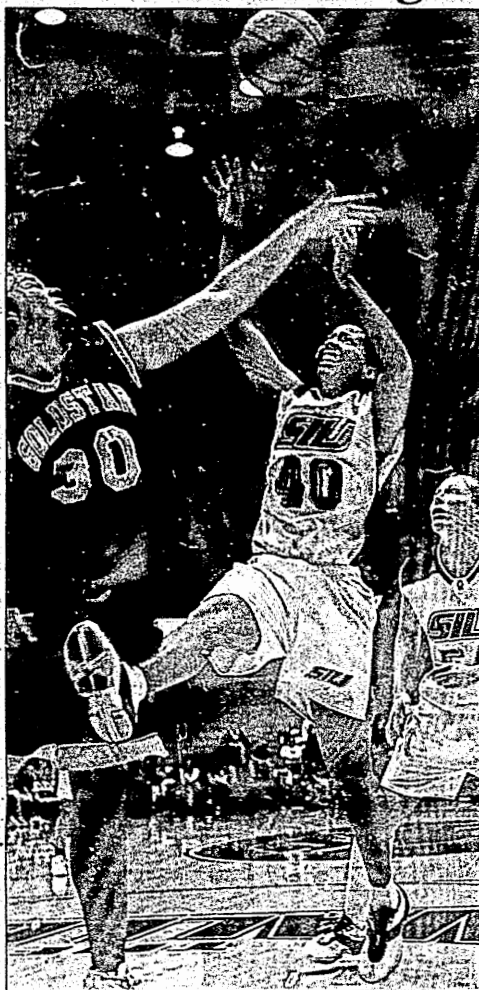
To do that, SIU will need a consistent effort from each of its starting five, which Opp believes she has nailed down. First-year guard Daphney Desamours will start at point guard, sophomore Amy Hayden and senior Stephanie Brown will occupy the wings, and seniors Tiffany Crutcher and Katie Bervanger will man the post.

The lineup is quite a change from last season, with Crutcher and Bervanger the only returning starters. Hayden and Brown saw limited game action a year ago while Desamours was hooping it up at Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kan.

Based on last week's game and this week's practice, as a staff we are real pleased with that lineup," Opp said. "And then we know there are several kids that can run into that lineup that will be successful."

Of the many things the Salukis will look to improve upon tonight will be making better decisions on the offensive side of the ball. SIU committed 22 turnovers against Goldstar, a number of which stemmed from trying to force the ball inside to the post.

In addition to decreasing turnovers, the Dawgs will look for improved execution in their high-low offense, help-defense and blocking out on the defensive boards.



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIU senior forward Stephanie Brown puts up a shot in an exhibition game against Goldstar Sunday at the SIU Arena. The Salukis play host to NWBL Elite in their final preseason game tonight at 7:05.

"There's a variety of things we need to fine tune, but that's OK," Opp said. "That's what exhibition games are for, to see what you need to work on and exploit your weaknesses."

Saluki notes ... The NWBL squad consists of players from the women's professional basketball league and will feature former Saluki O'Desha Proctor (1995-1999). Proctor averaged 6.8 points and 3.7 rebounds in 101 games with the Dawgs.

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» FOOTBALL

Brawl for it all!

Salukis head to Northern Iowa with Gateway title on line

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Even though the Gateway Conference does not have an official conference championship game, Saturday is essentially that.

No. 2-ranked SIU (10-0) heads into what is expected to be a sold-out UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with a 6-0 league mark to face No. 11 Northern Iowa (8-2, 5-1). To the winner goes the Gateway crown and automatic bid to the Division I-AA playoffs.

"Brawl for it all right here, man," SIU sophomore defensive tackle Mark Philipp said with a grin.

The Salukis enter the game having already clinched at least a share of the Gateway title with their win last weekend against Youngstown State.

But Northern Iowa, which lost 24-3 to Western Kentucky last Saturday, could still claim a piece of the title with a victory over the Salukis. A Panther win would leave both teams with a 6-1 league mark, which would be just the fourth time in league history that the Gateway has co-champions.

"Some people might say we might look to slack off because we've already clinched at least a share of the conference title, but I'm going to say it — I'm greedy," SIU sophomore tight end Chris Kupec said. "I'm pretty sure the whole team is greedy. We want this whole thing for ourselves."

If Northern Iowa were to win and claim a share of the title, it would be the Panthers' 11th league title in the 19 years the Gateway has been in existence.

For the Salukis, this marks their first title since joining the Gateway at its inception in 1985. As a result, SIU's players are not allowing themselves to take this game for granted because they do not know if they will ever be in this situation again.

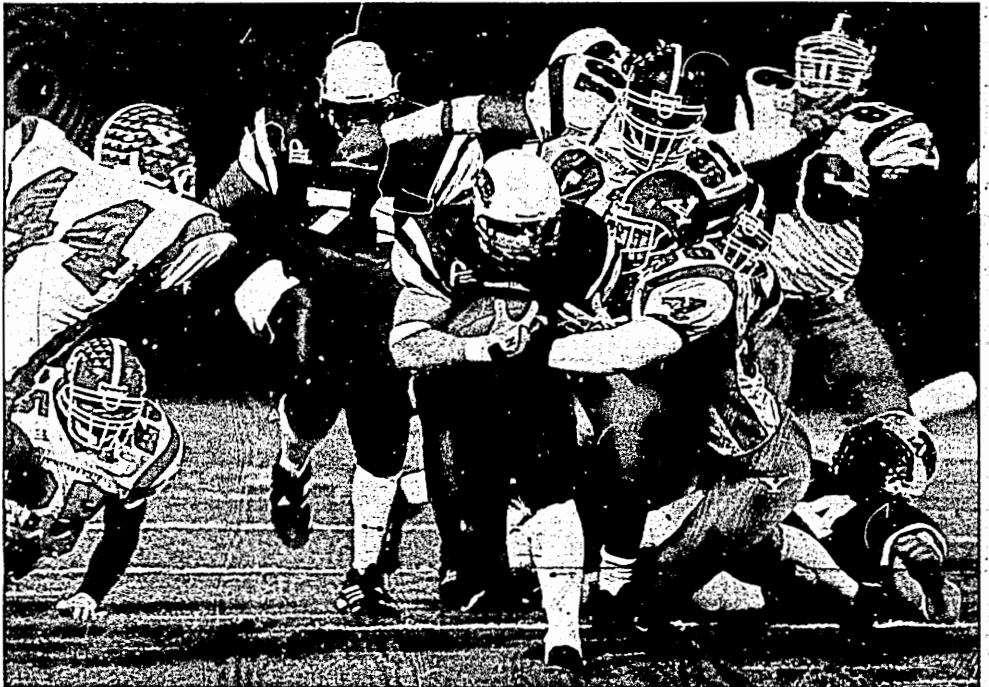
"You never know how our record will be next year," SIU sophomore linebacker Royal Whitaker said. "This could be the opportunity of a lifetime and we got to take advantage of it while we can."

With the victory, the Salukis can do something that has never been accomplished in league history — go 7-0. Teams have finished 6-0 seven different times, but since Western Kentucky joined the league in 2001, no team has survived the season undefeated.

But it will be no easy task. The Panthers rank in the top four in the Gateway in scoring offense, scoring defense, passing offense, turnover margin, rushing offense, rushing defense and total offense. They were also riding an eight-game winning streak prior to the loss to Western Kentucky.

Northern Iowa is accustomed to jumping all over their opponents early, outscoring foes 92-9 in the first quarter. In their four home games, the Panthers are outscoring opponents 56-3 in the first frame.

"Whoever comes out and scores



SIU running back Tom Koutsos breaks through Youngstown State's defense during the Saluki's 24-17 win over the Penguins Saturday. The Salukis head to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to take on Northern Iowa this weekend. The winner will be crowned the Gateway Conference champion and receives the league's automatic bid into the Division I-AA playoffs.

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» FOOTBALL

Dawgs look to leash Freeney

Containing top runner in Gateway Conference key to winning outright championship

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Terrance Freeney looks like Muhammad Abdulquadir.

Both are stacked with similar muscular frames and have a low center of gravity.

He came out of oblivion just like the SIU running back, leading the Gateway conference in rushing after sitting out all last season to concentrate on grades.

But, according to some, he is still no Abdulquadir. He is just pretty close.

"He definitely doesn't have the speed," senior linebacker Eric Egan said. "He is not the back [Abdulquadir] is in my opinion, but he is definitely a good back."

Freeney is without a doubt the man the Salukis (10-0, 6-0) will have to contain to defeat No. 11 Northern Iowa (7-2, 5-1) and keep an unblemished record heading into the playoffs.

Though Freeney's numbers dropped dramatically last week against Western Kentucky, he is still leading the league with 118.6 rushing yards per game.

On paper, Freeney appears to be more of a grinder as his 4.4 yards per carry suggest. But that "running in mud" approach has gotten him 12 touchdowns and 1,067 yards.

"He is not quite as quick as Mo is, but he has a

little more power," SIU defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys said. "If he gets through the line, it will be four or five yards before he makes contact with someone."

"If that happens, it will be a long day,"

Western Kentucky was the first team all season that was able to dominate Freeney, limiting him to just 13 yards on 13 attempts.

Heading into that game, he had a string of six straight games with 100 or more rushing yards, highlighted by his phenomenal 249-yard performance against Stephen F. Austin.

The Salukis don't have the luxury of remembering his playing style from last year when SIU smoked Northern 42-13. The man in the backfield at that time was Adam Bengue, who the Salukis didn't have any trouble in containing for 43 yards.

"We've seen him on film," Egan said. "It might be tough to get a feel for him at first, because we haven't seen him live on the field. Our No. 1 priority is always stopping the run."

The gameplan is this: Close down the running lanes up the middle, where he prefers to run.

"We have to get him to change direction in backfield," Claeys said.

As simple as that may sound, it isn't. Panthers quarterback Tom Petrie compounds the situation.

His 137.5 passer rating is second to only SIU's Joel Samburky in the conference, and he showed last season he was nimble of foot enough to be a threat on the ground, rushing for 43 yards against the Salukis.

"If we defend the run, hopefully we don't give up a big pass play over the top," Claeys said.


While Petrie and his abilities pose as a sure enough threat, SIU feels that if it can limit Freeney

and the Panther running attack, it should escape the regular season unscathed.

"There are two things to football — no turnovers and stop the run," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "Our gameplan every week is to stop the run. That is our main focus."


"If we stop their running game, we won't have a problem."

FOOTBALL PREVIEW



PANTHERS
 #11 UNI (8-2, 5-1)

VS.



#2 SIU (10-0, 6-0)
SALUKIS

Game Time: 4:05 p.m. Saturday
 Location: UNI Dome, Cedar Falls, Iowa
 Radio: Magic 95.1 FM
 Last meeting: SIU won 42-13 in Carbondale
 All-time Series: Northern Iowa leads 12-9

—THE WORD ON THE BALLKIN—
 After clinching at least a share of its first Gateway title a week ago, the Salukis enter the game looking to hold the title outright with a victory over Northern Iowa. Both Tom Koutsos and Muhammad Abdulquadir ran for over 100 yards last week combining for 273 in the game.

—THE WORD ON THE PANTHERS—
 Northern Iowa enters the game fresh off its lone Gateway loss, a 24-3 beating by Western Kentucky. The Panthers play a similar brand of football to the Salukis and are led offensively by their running back combination of Terrance Freeney and Richard Carter.

—GAMEDAY TIDBITS—
 The Salukis have a chance to be the first Gateway school to ever go 7-0 in league play with a win Saturday.

BOTTOM LINE

With a win, the Salukis will claim the Gateway's automatic bid into the Division I-AA playoffs.

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