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¡Viva México!

A local performing group celebrates Mexico's Independence Day at Turley Park

STORY BY KRISTINA DAILING
 PHOTOS BY AMANDA WHITLOCK

The wooden gazebo in Turley Park dripped with crepe paper, bright authentic Mexican costumes and large murals representative of Mexican culture Sunday.

The main colors that dominated the vivid scenery were green, red and white, and red, white and blue, as both the Mexican and American flag fluttered at the entrance of the structure.

Hilda Jenkins, a member of the Ballet Folklórico Itzacihuatl performing group, decorated with an idea of bringing cultures together.

"When I started to decorate, I put up the two flags and united them together so we can form one," Jenkins said.

The five families that make up Ballet Folklórico Itzacihuatl volunteered to celebrate Mexico's Independence Day. They performed authentic folkloric dances wearing hand-made costumes and shazing music from Mexico at Turley Park Sunday.

The performance lasted for more than two hours and showcased local musical, dancing and creative talent of people in the area.

Sylvia Herrera, a Carbondale seamstress and performer, helped to make several hand-made dresses that were made with material from all over the United States and Mexico. She did not mind making the heavy dresses, which often use more than 20 yards of thread, because she enjoyed sharing her culture.

The families in the

Hispanic Heritage Month

Roberto Clemente

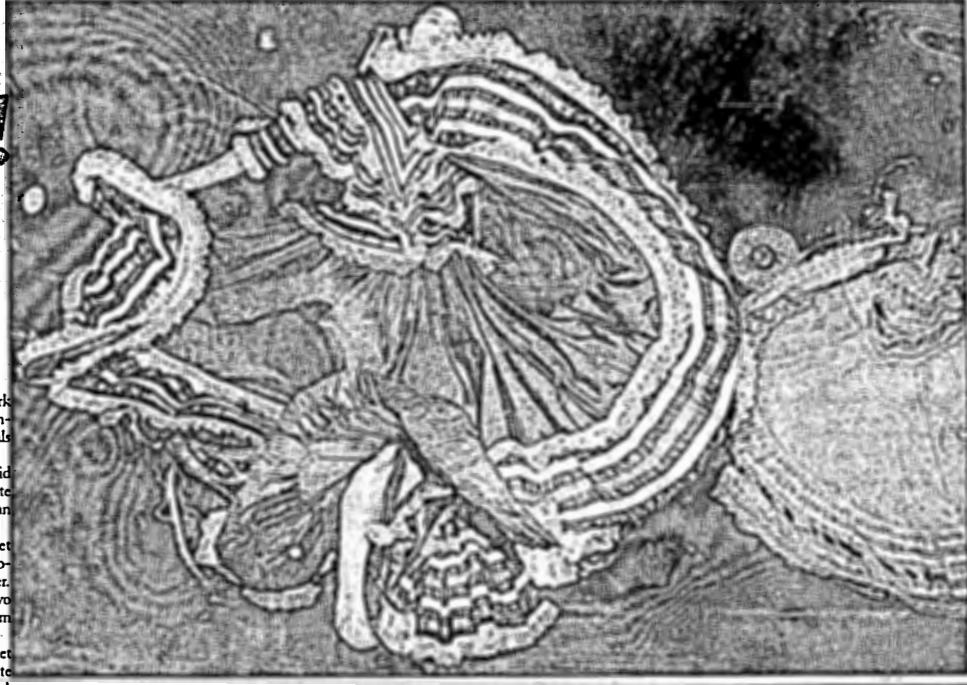
(1934-1972)
 Baseball Player
 Puerto Rican

Roberto Clemente drew attention to the excellence of Latin American players in Major League Baseball during the 1960s and early 1970s. A player for the Pittsburgh Pirates, he was the first Puerto Rican to be voted Most Valuable Player. He was elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973.

Quote: "I want to be remembered as a ballplayer that gave all he had to give." Clemente's most famous line and the one that served as his epitaph



ILLUSTRATION AND GRAPHIC BY BARRY WILLIAMS-DAILY EGYPTIAN



Above, women perform traditional dance from regions all over Mexico wearing handmade costumes. The designs for the dresses have remained the same for centuries.

Right, "Los Viejitos," or "the old men" in English, entertain the crowd with their antics. These colorfully dressed little men brought their act outside of the gazebo, stumbling and falling all over one another, much to the crowd's enjoyment.

group rented the park and paid for decorations with their own money, so they could share their beliefs and traditions with members of the community.

"We learn a greater appreciation for what we have here if we understand the traditions and cultures of freedom-loving people all over the world," said Roberto Jenkins, Hilda's husband.

Herrera's son, Juan, 11, began the festivities by singing the U.S. national anthem. This was his third performance, so he was not nervous about being in front of so many people. He was more excited that he could share what he is learning about his culture.

"I like my country and when I grow up I want to be able to share my culture with my kids," Herrera said. "And I want them to be able to share it with their kids so we can pass it through generations."

Cedar and Caeli Thibeault of Carbondale sang several country songs popular in the United States as well as country

music from Mexico called "musica ranchera."

Caeli Thibeault had not performed with the group before and flew in from school to sing with her sister and be a part of the festivities.

"I think this is so neat," Thibeault said. "I have never really known much about Mexican culture. It's really exciting and I really appreciate the culture."

Men, women and children from the families involved also performed 10 authentic dances from regions all over Mexico.

One of the dances, called "Las Chapanecas," is a traditional folkdance that originated from the state of Chapas. The women that performed the dance wore long black dresses with large colorful flowers dotting the costumes. These dresses are made to represent the array of flowers that grow in the jungles surrounding the state.

Men in the group dressed in traditional working class clothes and performed a dance called "Los Viejitos." The dance, translated to "the old men," consisted of the dancers wobbling and falling on each other as they slowly danced around the gazebo. The traditional folk dance originated in Michoacan.

Other dances included, "El Cerro de la Silla," which originated in Monterrey; "Jesusita in Chihuahua," from the country of Chihuahua, "Las Copetrias" and "La Negra," from the country of Jalisco, "Los Machetes," from an unknown origin and "La Raspa," the finale, a combination of dance



steps and music from various Mexican cultures.

The presentation also shared background information of Sept. 16, Mexico's Independence Day, what the clothing represented and other traditions of the country.

"We really enjoy it," performer Hilda Jenkins said. "We are showing our culture to the people. We are happy people, colorful people and we like to show our neighbors."

The name of the group, Itzacihuatl, also represents Mexican folklore and demonstrates the importance of tradition.

Itzacihuatl is the name of a volcano in

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Missing John A. Logan student's body identified

23-year-old found in rural area near Mississippi River

Greg Cima
 Daily Egyptian

Police have identified a body found in the rural Gorham area Sept. 2 as a John A. Logan Community College student miss-

ing since early August. Ryan D. Strum, 23, of Carbondale, was found at the bottom of Fountain Bluff, a large rock formation near Route 3 south of Gorham, Sept. 2. Police identified the body Friday.

Strum had been submerged in the low-lying area near the Mississippi River that collects overflow from the river, rainwater and runoff. The body was found when water subsided and it was partially uncovered.

Police ruled the case a homicide because of the way the body was weighted down. Police believe Strum was deceased before placed in the area, Jackson County Sheriff William Kilquist said Monday.

Strum had been missing since Aug. 11, and police said Strum was seen in the area of Hospital Drive in Carbondale about 6 p.m. that night and was last reported to be seen walking down West College Street.

Strum was identified Friday night by a forensic odontologist.

The body was initially unidentifiable because of decay, but the teeth and jaw were submitted and identified by dental records.

"I think the killer made a mistake by doing this in Jackson County," Kilquist said. "We've got an almost perfect solution rate over the last 20 years solving homicides in Jackson County. I feel strongly we're going to get this one too."

The Jackson County Sheriff's office is looking for anybody with information about Strum's where-

abouts on or around the evening hours of Aug. 11 until Sept. 2 or anybody who was associated with him or knew him. Police are also looking for anybody with information about where Strum lived or stayed. Police believe Strum was subletting from a residence on College Street.

Kilquist said that any information given is confidential. Anyone with information can call the Jackson County Investigative Division at 687-1303.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Three dead in Manhattan office shooting

NEW YORK — Two men and a woman died Monday in what police said may be a murder-suicide in an insurance company office near Times Square in Midtown Manhattan.

The victims, a man in his 50s and a man and woman in their 30s, were found in an 11th-floor office of Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

Two large-caliber semi-automatic handguns were found in the office, Kelly said. "We are not looking for any suspects," he said. "At this time we believe that the shootings were carried out by at least one of the people in the office. The motive and the exact circumstances of the shooting are now under investigation."

Police were called to the building at 1440 Broadway at 8:24 a.m. EDT after multiple reports of shots being fired. Officers found the bodies in the office of one of the dead men on the building's 11th floor, which houses the insurer's fraud investigation unit.

The names of the dead were being withheld until relatives could be notified, but a law enforcement source told CNN the dead were all senior investigative staff in the division.

"There's nothing to immediately suggest that this was a fraud-related incident," a police source said. "Investigators are looking into some kind of dispute between the three."

One of the victims had worked for the FBI and another had been an employee of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the source said.

Powell says it's too late for Iraq to negotiate

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that U.N. weapons inspectors must be allowed to go "anywhere, anytime" if they returned to Iraq, rejecting that country's conditional offer to allow inspections to resume.

"They find all kinds of excuses, a thousand excuses. There are spies on this team. We don't want this. When are sanctions going to be relieved and removed? The issue is Iraqi noncompliance, and we should not allow them to move us off that issue."

At a news conference Saturday, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said his nation would allow inspectors to return only if the United States doesn't bring military action and if U.N. sanctions are lifted.

"If there is a solution which maintains Iraq's sovereignty, dignity and legitimate rights and prevents aggression, we are ready," Aziz said.

President Bush brought his case against Iraq to the U.N. General Assembly last week, challenging the international organization to enforce resolutions seeking to disarm the Saddam Hussein regime.

Aziz denied Iraq was harboring weapons of mass destruction and accused Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair of exaggerating the threat Iraq poses to the region.

Powell said it was too late for Iraq to negotiate the terms for the return of international weapons inspectors.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Kashmir braces as polls open

SRINAGAR, Kashmir — Amid high tension, state polls have opened in the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir state.

On Sunday local tourism minister Sakina Itoo narrowly escaped a bid on her life, blamed on militants opposed to Indian rule, in which two policemen died.

Two other candidates have already been killed, one of them the area's law minister.

Suspected militants are being blamed for the attack on a convoy carrying the senior Kashmir government minister.

Violence has escalated in the region ahead of the polls which opened in some parts of Kashmir on Monday at 7 a.m.

Campaigning in the area, which lies at the heart of a bitter dispute that saw India and Pakistan close to war earlier this year, has been decidedly downbeat amid the violence.

What little there is in the way of political flags and bunting is in public areas and tends to be put up in the middle of the night.

This is also the time when posters and pamphlets warning people not to vote appear around the bazaars.

Howard steps up action on Zimbabwe

CANBERRA, Australia — The Commonwealth group of nations is set to step up pressure on Zimbabwe over its controversial land-redistribution program and the erosion of democratic institutions by President Robert Mugabe and his government.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard has called a second meeting of Commonwealth leaders, to be held next week, to discuss taking action against the African nation.

The meeting involving Howard, President Olesegun Obasanjo of Nigeria and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, will be held in Abuja, Nigeria on Sept. 23.

The three-person group was delegated to recommend action against Zimbabwe by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, which was held at Coozemba, Australia, earlier this year.

The Commonwealth is a grouping of 54 nations, the bulk of which were originally British colonies or protectorates.

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TODAY'S CALENDAR

No items submitted

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's article "University staff member to lobby for funding to fight cancer," it was unclear that two other University members are also going to Washington, D.C. Pansy Jones and Barbara Brown will also attend the event.

In Thursday's article, "Muslims mourn with their fellow Americans," Abdul Haqq was misidentified when saying "we" went to ground zero, as he was referring to Americans as a whole, not himself. Also, Haqq should've been quoted as repeating the Quran exactly with "We are a mercy to the worlds" instead of "We're at the mercy of all the world."

The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets these errors.

POLICE REPORTS

University

- A \$1,300 chair was stolen from the Lesar Law Building at about 3 p.m. Sept. 3.
- A bicycle was stolen from a bicycle rack at Schneider Hall between Sept. 11 and 8 p.m. Sept. 13. The loss is estimated at \$200.
- John E. Ryan, 44, was arrested for a failure to appear warrant on an original charge of possession of cannabis. Ryan posted \$250 bond and was released.
- Cortez D. Wright, 21, of Champaign was arrested for failure to register as a sex offender. Wright was taken to Jackson County Jail.
- A CD player was stolen from a vehicle in the overnight parking lot east of University Park. The loss is estimated at \$100.
- Pioneer speakers were stolen from a vehicle in the overnight parking lot east of University Park. The loss is estimated at \$170.
- Thomas Robert Laughlin, 19, was charged under city ordinances for resisting a peace officer and underage consumption of alcohol. Police said Laughlin was carrying a road closed sign when officers confronted him at the intersection of Washington and Mill streets. Laughlin allegedly dropped the sign and ran from police. He was found behind the Student Recreation Center and was released on order to appear in court.

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Auto Tech program receives new cars

Brad Brondsema
Daily Egyptian

Drivers are seldom given the keys to a free Mitsubishi, but SIUC's automotive technology students will train with six cars the company donated to the University.

Marion Mitsubishi and Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America Inc. recently presented the Automotive Technology Department with five new 2002 Mitsubishi Lancers and a 1999 Mitsubishi Mirage.

The donation plays a large role in the relationship with the Marion business and SIUC's program, according to Steve Newman, the service director.

"We support their program and we do some of the hiring with SIUC's automotive program," Newman said.

Rodney Collard, an associate professor in automotive technology, said the donation gives his students the opportunity to become familiar with a wider range of vehicle makes and models,



These five 2002 Mitsubishi Lancers and one 1999 Mitsubishi Mirage were donated to the SIU Automotive Technology Department by Marion Mitsubishi and Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America. The donations will give students a chance to gain experience on cars with new technology.

which gives students in the program an added advantage.

"The students have been excited about having the vehicles," he said. "It's good to develop relationships with corporations to improve training, and it's great for the future of our graduates."

Jeremy Crowson, a senior in automotive technology from Leroy, said visits from car companies and donations help the students and are nothing but positive for the program.

"New cars are always great to work on," he said. "It always helps to see the new technology that comes out with

these newer cars. The more technology, the better."

And automotive students received more than cars from Mitsubishi. Collard said employees from the Mitsubishi Training Center in Chicago came to Carbondale on Sept. 5 and taught an anti-lock and traction control class to his students. He said they also spoke to other classes about career opportunities in the automotive field, something his students appreciated.

Mitsubishi isn't the only auto company to invest in SIUC, either. Collard said a recruiter from Ford Motor Co.

will visit the campus this semester and meet with automotive students to inform them about the company and teach them various mechanical skills.

Eric Napple, a sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., said it helps to get new cars for more variety in the training — even though the vehicles won't be parked in his garage.

"You learn to use different equipment for testing," he said. "We love it when companies give us cars."

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Gus Bode



Gus says: Too bad Mitsubishi didn't donate a new Transportation Education Center

Contract negotiations enter day two

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

After 10 hours at the bargaining table Monday, negotiators for SIUC and the SIUC police employees adjourned for the evening without reaching agreement on a new contract.

The negotiations will resume early today. If the University and the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council cannot arrive at an agreement at the current session, they must submit the contract dispute to an arbitrator.

Bill Mehrtens, field representative for the FOP Labor Council, said while there are reasons for optimism, he did not want to comment until the negotiations were complete.

Bob York, director of the SIUC Office of Labor and Employee Relations, also declined to comment until after the negotiations are finished.

The SIUC police have been working under the 2001 contract since negotiations for the 2002 contract broke down in December. Police officers are prohibited from striking by Illinois law. The law requires contract disputes that cannot be resolved by negotiation to be decided by an arbitrator.

The SIUC police are trying to bring their pay in line with police officers at peer institutions. The average salary for an SIUC police officer with one year on the force is nearly \$2,000 less than an officer with the same experience at SIU-Edwardsville. An officer with 15 years of experience at SIUC

makes nearly \$5,000 less than their peers at SIUC.

Another issue of contention is the disparity in a July 2002 pay raise, when non-union police supervisors received a 5 percent salary increase whereas union police employees only received a 3 percent increase.

SIUC police are also trying to get the University to hire seven more officers. The current budget allows for 44 officers but there are only 37 officers on staff. The FOP has said that the SIUC police department has been understaffed for several years resulting in officers working more overtime leading to concerns of fatigue on safety.

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University retention rates appear to be low

Calculated numbers to be tallied in October

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Fall enrollment is up 275 students, but the University's retention rates still remain low, according to Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

The Department of Institutional Research and Studies has not yet calculated this fall's retention numbers.

Linda Benz, an assistant director for Institutional Research and Studies, said the department has been looking at the initial head count and 10-day enrollment figures.

She said retention numbers would be calculated in October, although the final deadline for those figures is not until sometime in December.

The amount of students continuing their education at SIUC has decreased over the past five years, according to the University Fact Book.

In 1997, 2,234 new, full-time freshmen seeking a baccalaureate degree started their college career at SIUC. About 73 percent of those students stayed their sophomore year, and 59.2 percent of those freshmen stayed a third year.

Looking at each year after 1997, the percentage of freshmen entering the University decreased, as well as the amount of students who continued onto their second, third and fourth years. The last calculation of retention numbers was in 2000, and 67 percent of 2,281

freshmen continued to a second year of education at SIUC.

Dietz said SIUC compares in the "low end of the pack" with institutions in the state of Illinois. But he said when one looks at retention figures, he or she needs to compare in terms of academic selectivity instead of by state, geographic area or a national sports conference.

"If we compare ourselves with the peer group and the aspirational group in the Southern at 150, we look low in that," Dietz said. "But within that population, there is also some criteria that explains some reasons for retention."

"For many universities you see a two-prong retention problem from freshman to sophomore year and from the junior to senior year," Dietz said. "But here we have a four-prong problem."

He said the focus for why the University has this problem is unclear and SIUC is trying to do research to evaluate its retention situation.

However, Dietz said, the University is aware of one reason that can negatively affect retention — the amount of military installations at SIUC compared to others in the state.

"If you start out your career in the military and at Southern at the same time, you are in that cohort," Dietz said. "The demand of folks in the military, that they are going to be transferred to here and another place and another place. They are not going to be marching down a for a full six years."

Dietz said this reason and others could affect retention rates negatively because of the need for students to leave the University. But he noted several programs established on

campus to help all students remain all four years at SIUC.

The Saluki Advantage program is one of several others including the Center for Basic Skills, Supplemental Instruction, the College of Education and other college tutoring and mentoring programs and the new undergraduate assistantship positions.

Kathy Lorentz, Housing Program coordinator, helped establish the Saluki Advantage, a 3-year-old program geared to group freshmen in similar fields of study in the same residence halls.

She said the mission for Saluki Advantage is for groups of 10 to 20 freshman students to take two or three of the same classes together, make friendships, go to dinner and classes and get involved.

Lorentz noted the pilot program, which started with two freshmen interest groups in Thompson Point, has grown in its first year to 16 groups. And last year, the program had 21 groups of students living together in residence halls.

"Now we have 27 for fall 2003," Lorentz said. "It's not set this year, but every year it has gotten more popular."

She said she hopes the new numbers reporting how many of those students remained at SIUC their second year are promising. Lorentz attributed this feeling to the type of program Saluki Advantage is.

"For most students, Southern is a large university, and this creates small communities within a large university," Lorentz said. "They have someone to study with a few doors down."

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NEWS BRIEFS

CARBONDALE

Relationship group begins tonight at Civic Center

The Relationship Intensives Support Group will meet in room 116 the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., beginning tonight and then the second, third and fourth Tuesdays of October, November and December, respectively. The series examines how the mind and perceptions play a role in shaping relationship behaviors. Participants develop critical skills while intimately exploring themselves and their partners in dynamic groups.

The Relationship Group Intensives series will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and is open to singles and couples. First time admission is free. For more information, contact Carey Steward at 529-7165.

Citizens Police Academy starts Thursday

The Carbondale Police Department will be offering a free Citizens Police Academy this fall to give local residents insight into how the police department operates.

The sessions are Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. and will continue weekly until Dec. 5. Each class will focus on a different subject area within the police department and criminal justice system and will be taught by Carbondale Police officers and occasional outside instructors.

For more information, contact Officer Dan Reed at 457-3200 Ext. 428 or Sgt. Don Priddy at Ext. 235. Applications can be picked up at the Carbondale Police Department.

Home improvement workshop for women set

There will be a home maintenance and home improvement workshop for women beginning this Saturday at Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. Plumbing is on Sept. 21, electrical is on Oct. 12, and painting techniques and wallpaper will be on Oct. 26.

Admission is free. To reserve a place, contact Women's Services at 453-3655.

CARTERVILLE

ChildCorps volunteers needed at John A. Logan

The Child Care Resource and Referral Program at John A. Logan College is seeking one full-time volunteer to participate in the Illinois ChildCorps project. A full-time volunteer will receive a living allowance of \$9,600, travel reimbursement for mandatory training and an education award of \$4,725 upon the completion of service. This is in exchange for 1,700 hours of community service between Oct. 1, 2002, and Aug. 31, 2003.

Volunteers will provide services to child care programs and families in the 15 counties of Southern Illinois. Any student applying can carry no more than 15 hours of college course work per semester. For more information, contact Nina Wargel at John A. Logan College's Child Care Resource and Referral program at 1-800-232-0908 by Sept. 24.

Community radio station seeks funds for budget

WDBX is having its fall membership drive, now taking pledges.

Carrie Roderick
Daily Egyptian

A community radio station known for its variety of music will be having its fall membership drive. WDBX's drive began on Sept. 5 and will continue until Sept. 18.

The station is offering memberships for \$10 for students, \$25 for family memberships and \$100 for patron memberships. Student and family members will receive a free WDBX bumper sticker. Patron members receive a free T-shirt and can buy tickets at half price to the station's Valentine Ball.

The station makes money from various fundraisers, events and businesses for underwriting messages. Powell said the membership drives bring in about 30 percent of the annual budget from pledges. Forty percent comes from underwriting messages aired on behalf of local businesses, which are also tax deductible. Ten to 15 percent comes from special events such as the annual Valentine's Ball. The Valentine's Ball includes catering, local bands, a cash bar and an art auction.

The rest of the budget comes from the operation of the community thrift store. The WDBX community thrift store is located on 214 E. Jackson St. People can donate or purchase items with a portion of the proceeds going to the station.

Located on the dial at 91.1 FM, the station's 700-watt signal reaches Jackson County and the western half of Williamson County.

"The antenna is only 140 feet tall due to

Carbondale's city ordinances, so it's tough to get over the hills," said station manager Brian R. Powell.

The station officially started on Feb. 6, 1996. The station's founder, Thomas Egert, got initial investors and a bank loan to build the station.

"The station is in its sixth year now and is a totally independent community radio station," Powell said. "The only other stations like us are Champaign's WFEF and KDHX in St. Louis, Missouri."

The station now plans to have two drives a year. The station only had one during the fall and now plans on having another one in the spring because it's not making enough money in the summer. The station doesn't collect much revenue in the summer because businesses slow down and students return home.

"We are extremely grateful for the new building," Powell said "but it puts us at a tremendous financial disadvantage because we have a big

mortgage payment at the end of the month."

Powell said the electric bills are also enormous in the summer because of the cost to run the air conditioner and transmitter.

The radio station plays a variety of music, ranging from bluegrass to opera to new age alternative.

"This station is a really unique opportunity for the community," Powell said. It makes an opportunity for the station to become a melting pot.

"It's an opportunity for anyone in the community to share their vision and culture with our community," Powell said.

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To make a pledge call WDBX at 457-3891.

Gubernatorial campaign TV ads to start up again

Ryan promises positive message

Anin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

Gubernatorial television ads were already pumping negative blood into the political machine earlier this summer, but Attorney General Jim Ryan is now promising positive ads will hit television waves.

The ads that have already run are some of the earliest negative attack ads in Illinois history. The ads centered on campaign issues such as abortion, gay rights, the license for bribes scandal and gun control.

Rep. Rod Blagojevich, D-Chicago, exploited the idea of a "Ryan legacy," tying the shortcomings of Gov. George Ryan's tenancy in office to Jim Ryan's future if elected as governor. Ryan dug up dirt on Blagojevich's congressional voting record, saying he was absent from more than 50 percent of votes — stating more specifically that he missed a key vote on terrorism that allocated \$1.3 billion in economic and military aid to Afghanistan on May 21.

The onslaught of ads began in Southern Illinois when Blagojevich started running his ad focusing hard on American worker's rights. Blagojevich has since sought the union vote, and many downstate unions are supporting him.

Ryan's rebuttal was an ad targeting Blagojevich's legislation to raise the cost of the firearm owner identification card from \$5 to \$100 per year as a way to raise state revenue.

What the ad didn't let voters know was that the bill died quickly nearly 10 years ago.

Campaign television ads play a large part in elections, said SIUC political science professor Scott McClurg.

"Television ads are probably about the most important part of a gubernatorial campaign these days," McClurg said. "Negative ads actually contain more information than positive ads."

Positive ads can only critique certain policy or issues a candidate is backing, therefore contain less information. Negative ads, though people say they like them less, offer a more complete picture, McClurg said.

Another factor in television advertisement is campaign funds. Blagojevich has out-raised Ryan in funds four to one, according to McClurg, and that has an impact on how much airtime a candidate can afford.

"Because of that, information to voters can be pretty one-sided," McClurg said.

Ryan, however, plans to run ads with positive messages, said Jim Ryan spokesman Dan Curry.

"The time for sideshows is over," Curry said. "Now is the time to focus on the two candidates."

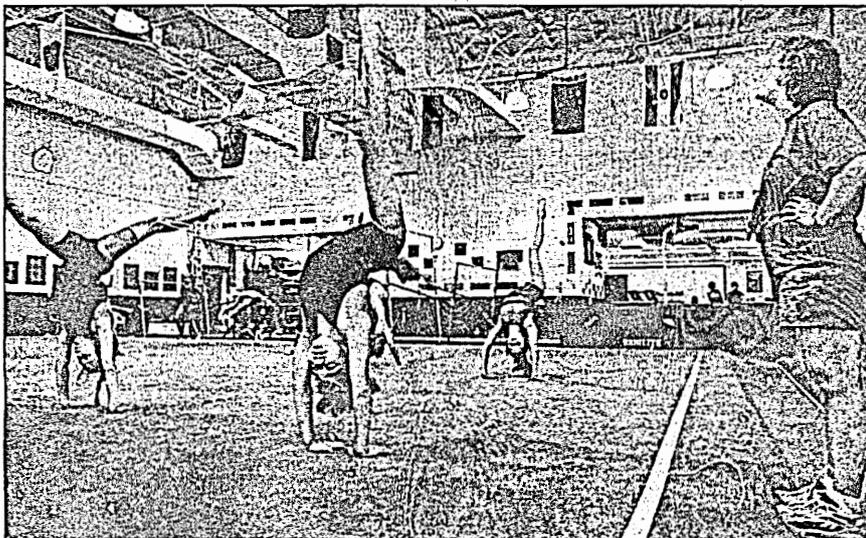
Curry said that Ryan's television ads will be starting soon in this campaign and that they will not focus on mud slinging.

"Jim Ryan wants to get out a positive image," Curry said. "This race is run as much on the issues as possible. We're going to try and keep a positive tone and we hope our opponent will as well."

The Blagojevich campaign could not be reached for comment.

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Get ready to tumble



RONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

JoAnna Shade (far left), Bianca Puella (center) and Emily Weber (right center) practice front walkovers for coach Marteen Putzek (far right) Monday afternoon at Southern Illinois Gymnastics Academy (SIGA). The academy, located in the Eastgate Shopping Center, is a 2-week-old branch of the Marion SIGA.

PC industry confronting its recycling issues

Crayton Harrison
The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) — If computer makers don't do something soon to keep toxic PC parts from piling up in landfills, the government may do it for them.

The computer industry wants to avoid asking consumers to pay the cost of recycling — somewhere between \$10 and \$50 per personal computer — when they make their purchases.

Some state and national legislators say PC companies won't do anything meaningful unless they're required to do it. Environmental activists have targeted Dell Computer Corp. of Round Rock, Texas, saying it's lagging on environmental efforts, but the company says it's improving.

The threat of legislation has PC companies, which already pay for recycling programs in Europe, scrambling to come up with a system that is voluntary but still effective.

"We're talking, trying to come up with way to do it," said Brad Williams, a spokesman for Gateway Inc.

"We think a market-driven solution will be a lot more effective than a legislation-driven solution."

They may be running out of time.

"Twenty states introduced legislation this year having to do in one form or another with electronic waste," said Ted Smith, executive director of the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition.

"That's by far the most attention it's ever gotten. By all indications, this is going to grow."

The debate has reached Washington. Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., introduced a bill in July requiring PC companies to charge consumers \$10 for recycling costs when they buy their computers.

Computers and other electronic devices are made with lead, mercury, cadmium and other toxic metals. Computer monitors made with cathode ray tubes contain about 5 to 8 pounds of lead.

Critics say the computer industry is shirking a responsibility to safely dispose of the hazardous materials it produces. But PC companies say consumers have the ultimate responsibility to take care of the environment.

Environmentalists and corporations have been waging that war for decades. But the growing popularity of computers has generated an overwhelming mass of toxic parts that have to be disposed of somehow.

"Historically, in terms of recycling, producers of products in this country have been fairly successful at avoiding the end-of-life costs of their products," said Robin Schneider, director of the Texas Campaign for the Environment. "It's pretty typical for the industries in this country to get off that hook."

Schneider's group protested at Dell's annual meeting in July, urging the company to charge customers up front for recycling costs.

Dell says its business customers can send computers to one of several recycling centers, only paying for the shipping while Dell covers the costs to break down the PC and dispose of the parts. The company is planning to debut a similar program for consumers in late September.

But takeback programs don't work very well, environmentalists say. Even in some European countries where companies are required to take PCs back from customers and pay all the costs, consumers often simply put their old computers in the basement just like their counterparts in the United States, Smith said.

PC makers such as Hewlett-Packard Co. and Gateway are also concerned about whether up-front fees would be fair to them. They argue that if the fees are only charged for retail purchases, there could be an unfair advantage for Dell, which only sells computers by phone and through the Internet.

Computer companies and environmentalists agree that any effective recycling program will depend, ultimately, on the end users, both consumers and businesses.

Both sides are promising educational campaigns to make computer users more aware of the consequences of throwing PCs into landfills.

The two sides differ on what type of recycling program would be more likely to catch the enthusiasm of computer users.

Hoop dreams



WILLIAM A. RICE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Christopher Morris, 7, holds the basketball and attempts to fake Bryon Oliver, 7, who is trying to guard him during a game of four-on-four basketball at Evergreen Terrace Monday afternoon. Children from Evergreen Terrace have mentors who come to the University Housing area and play games with them, and on Fridays everyone congregates to have a picnic.

CULTURE

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Mexico that represents an Aztec warrior watching over his woman, who was injured in a battle. Another volcano near the first one resembles a woman lying down. The story of these two volcanoes has become a part of Mexico's culture.

"It's understandable that these two imposing volcanoes would weave their way into traditions, culture and the folklore of Mexico," Jenkins said.

The group formed a year and a half ago because they wanted to share their culture with their children.

They also wanted to share their culture with the people of the Southern Illinois community.

"They want to help us understand a little bit more of the culture of Mexico, so it will broaden our horizons and it will add to our enjoyment," Robert Jenkins told the audience between dance numbers. "Here in the United States we don't have a lot of traditions outside of national holidays, baseball and apple pie."

"But traditions are good because traditions tell you who you are. We learn our past from our ancestors."

And as the last dances of the evening winded down and the sky darkened, glitter sparkled



AMANDA WHITLOCK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(From left) Flor Abarca, Maria Contreras and Sylvia Herra, all of Carbondale, sing and dance along throughout the Ritchie Valens tune covered by the Thibault sisters during the celebration for Mexican Independence Day at Turley Park.

in the lights of the gazebo and silly string stuck to the hands of children trying catch the foam.

Voices could be heard from the audience, chanting el grito — the cry for independence, "Viva México, viva México, viva México."

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Powell's Doctrine claims war to be political last resort

William E. Gibson
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

WASHINGTON (KRT) — Never launch American troops on a foreign invasion unless you know they will crush their enemy with overwhelming force.

Avoid intervening without a clear political and military objective. Make certain it serves the national interest. And steer clear of conflict unless you have solid backing from Congress and the American people.

Most importantly, go to war only as a last resort.

These are the principles of what has become known as the "Powell Doctrine," forged by the nation's experience in Vietnam and burnished by the Persian Gulf War.

While making a case for a preemptive strike against Iraq, the Bush administration has yet to meet all the conditions prescribed by this doctrine. And that helps explain why its namesake, Secretary of State Colin Powell, is the reluctant warrior of the Bush administration.

Intent on pursuing a more diplomatic approach, Powell began meeting on Friday with nations on the U.N. Security Council to push for a tough resolution demanding weapons inspections in Iraq. He also plans to meet with leaders of nations in the Near East and Middle East, the European Union, Japan and Canada.

His independent-minded role and his credibility as a successful old soldier could make Powell the foil to White House war plans or perhaps in the end the most persuasive proponent.

"The main criterion that Iraq doesn't meet is the one that says an intervention should only be the last resort. That's the biggie," observed Marcus Corbin, senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information, an independent military think tank in Washington. "Clearly, with Powell pushing for U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq, he's trying to get that criterion met."

"The issue for him is whether the United States is addressing international concerns that other options haven't been exhausted."

Powell's reluctance, along with pressure from Congress and other nations, apparently was what prompted President Bush to take his case against Iraq to the United Nations this week.

The president said on Friday he is "highly doubtful" that Iraq will meet all the demands he outlined in his U.N. address, which would require Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to not only disarm but quit oppressing his people. In any case, Bush made it clear he did not find it necessary to "wait for the U.N." before taking action.

Even while the president made the diplomatic rounds and promised to consult with Congress, his war cabinet, led by Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, continued to press for an invasion to topple Hussein.

"Powell is cautious about using force, whereas Cheney and Rumsfeld seem to almost want to use force to show that the United States is a world leader," Corbin said.

Stalwarts from past Republican administrations have plunged into the debate, mostly to urge Bush to round up allies just as his father did before leading the U.N. mission against Iraq in 1990-91. The cautionary chorus includes such luminaries as former national security advisor Brent Scowcroft and former Secretary of State James Baker.

Wariness of an Iraq attack is not based on fear of defeat, but rather some daunting questions about its impact on other parts of the Middle East and about what happens after a

big military victory.

"There's a whole host of problems on the table. Who governs Iraq, and who finances reconstruction? Who gets the oil?" said Andrew Hess, professor of diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. "The major one is: if you take this government down, what are you doing to political stability in one of the very important areas of the world?"

Powell's own arguments are not those of a liberal peacenik unwilling to fight, but a military man who rose rapidly through the ranks while absorbing hard lessons from U.S. incursions in Vietnam, Somalia and Lebanon.

"War should be the politics of last resort," Powell wrote in his autobiography, *My American Journey*. "And when we go to war, we should have a purpose that our people understand and support; we should mobilize the country's resources to fulfill that mission and then go in to win. In Vietnam, we had entered into a half-hearted half-war, with much of the nation opposed or indifferent, while a small faction carried the burden."

The disillusioned young Army captain rose to become a four-star general before serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1989. Along the way, Powell entered the political arena as a military assistant to then-Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger in the mid-1980s.

What is now called the Powell Doctrine actually grew out of the Weinberger Doctrine.

Weinberger and the defense establishment were appalled by a devastating truck-bombing in 1983 at a Marine barracks in Lebanon, where 241 Marines were killed while stuck on a nebulous mission to help preserve a fragile peace. In its aftermath, Weinberger came up with six guidelines to consider when weighing the use of combat forces abroad.

They were: (1) Commit only if our or our allies' vital interests are at stake. (2) If we commit, do so with all the resources necessary to win. (3) Go in only with clear political and military objectives. (4) Be ready to change the commitment if the objectives change, since wars rarely stand still. (5) Only take on commitments that can gain the support of the American people and the Congress. (6) Commit U.S. forces only as a last resort.

Over the years, Powell refined these principles and applied them as chairman of the joint chiefs. The doctrine was invoked with great success in the Persian Gulf War, when U.S.-led forces overwhelmed Iraqi defenses, but only after the elder Bush painstakingly gained congressional approval and rallied most of the rest of the world behind him.

Would an invasion of Iraq today satisfy the Powell Doctrine?

The military objective seems clear enough: defeat the Iraqi army and eliminate weapons of mass destruction. The short-term political goal is obvious: topple the Hussein regime. But some other conditions remain unfulfilled or shaky.

Much of Congress remains squeamish about a preemptive strike. Polls show most Americans support it, though not necessarily if U.S. forces go it alone or before less warlike methods are tried. The international community is almost universally opposed.

Much of the debate centers on whether an invasion serves a clear national interest.

Cheney and others argue that Iraq poses a direct threat because of its suspected ties to terrorist groups and willingness to unleash chemical weapons. But many foreign leaders and members of Congress remain unconvinced that an immediate threat looms or that a preemptive strike is necessary to preserve U.S. interests.

George Washington University professor sues McDonald's

Kathryn Bangs
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WASHINGTON (U-WIRE)

Overweight Americans might already blame fast food meals for their size, but after a George Washington University professor finishes work on a lawsuit, obese individuals may send their medical bills to McDonald's.

John Banzhaf, a GW law professor, is currently working on behalf of two overweight 8-year-old girls who "were lured into McDonald's with playgrounds and tiny toys," he said.

Banzhaf contends McDonald's birthday parties, which include games and prizes along with hamburgers and fries, are also to blame because the girls have to eat "greasy" food if they want to be accepted into a particular social ring.

Although he noted individuals should take some blame for their obesity because they choose the foods they eat, Banzhaf said 8-year-olds are incapable of making health-related decisions.

Banzhaf said "warnings and clear and conspicuous labeling of fat and calorie content" might solve his problems with the fast food chain.

McDonald's displays its nutrition facts in all restaurants and on its web-

site, though federal law does not require them to, restaurant customer service representative Pito Martinez said.

But Banzhaf said the information on the website is difficult to read.

Some experts think Banzhaf has no case.

Eating fast food is the choice of the customer, said John Doyle, co-founder of Consumer Freedom.

Consumer Freedom is an organization representing restaurant operators and individuals who want to preserve consumer rights to spend their money on foods they choose.

"The child's lawsuit will be laughed out of court," Doyle said.

He also said parents are to blame for the problem.

"How did these kids get to McDonald's? Their parents drove them."

OUR WORD

Women's history, who knew?

History was written by winners and men, but SIUC students now have the option of learning from a different perspective.

The new women's history class this fall is a refreshing perspective to history education, something we think was a long time in coming.

"Women's contributions in all ways of life are important in understanding how this nation functioned at any given time," said Assistant Professor and teacher of Women's History 356 Mary McGuire.

We agree.

So often students sit in history, sociology or any class discussing the past and hear glorified stories of men hunting, valiantly fighting for land and their country, and rarely — outside of women cooking or tending to the wounded — do we hear the heroics of women from a woman's perspective.

So what took us so long? The University of Illinois Campaign-Urbana has offered women's history courses for more than 10 years, according to its History Department staff. And Western Illinois University, a college a little more than half the size of SIU, has offered these classes for at least five years.

It couldn't be the lack of demand. McGuire said most of the students enrolled are not even history majors, just students interested in learning a different type of history.

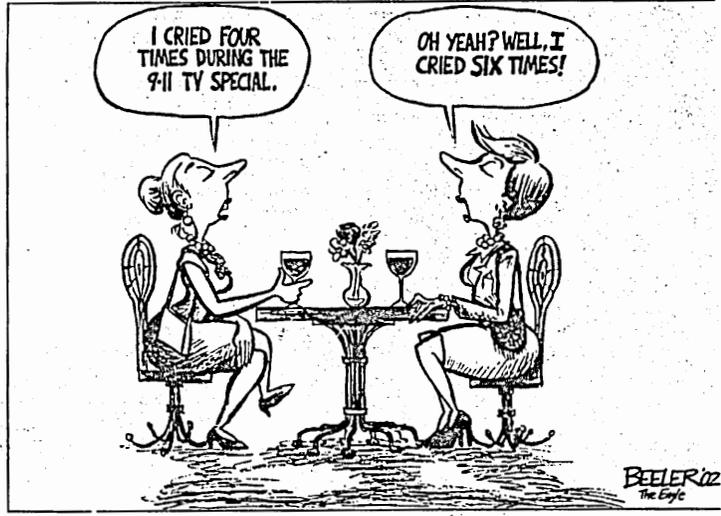
History 356 is not a course centered around blaming men for the oversight of women. A student currently enrolled in the class said when women are discussed in history, they are often depicted as oppressed by the men in their lives. One of the issues being touched by this class is that many women were happy with their roles, or at least not struggling to change the status quo. The class tries to eliminate total blame toward men by explaining that women were accountable for their own actions, despite the common belief by the general public that they were subservient and powerless.

This women's history course focuses on colonial times to the present. McGuire said the class would ideally be taught in two parts: colonial times to pre-Civil War and Civil War to present, but budget cuts and a short staff has limited the course to one semester.

The chances of these two setbacks ironing themselves out doesn't look too promising with the onset of more budget cutbacks right around the corner, but we hope the history department can somehow upgrade to a two-semester course.

We commend Mary McGuire for her efforts to make women's history a reality at SIU. She has in the past championed other advancements in the history department, such as incorporating technology into history lectures — advancements that show she is committed to the betterment of this University.

We encourage ALL students to take advantage of this opportunity and to show support — men as well as women — in the hopes that the high demand will spur the creation of more fragmented and in-depth classes.



GUEST COLUMNIST

Feelings, actions result from choices

Jason Robey
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LOGAN, Utah (U-WIRE) — Naked women running through a violent war zone, yelling obscenities while people are having sex and snorting cocaine. Are you offended? If so, you have the choice not to read more at

This column is about choices and our freedom to make them, and the consequences that come from them.

Every choice we make has consequences, whether it is positive or negative. Working in a video store, I am constantly receiving comments on the content of movies and questions about why we don't have edited movies. The simple answer to this is that edited movies are illegal to show and distribute.

It is every American's right not to have to watch things he doesn't want to. However, watching a movie is a voluntary decision, the consequences of which may be hearing words or seeing scenes you don't like, no matter what the rating.

A person's decision to not watch R-rated movies is a choice I definitely respect, but complaining about the consequences is not. This is the same as a person who has chosen to go on a diet, complaining about not being able to eat certain foods, or a person who has chosen to marry complaining about not being able to date anymore.

To make a choice, a person should be educated on the issue, which, in this case, many people appear not to be.

One common misconception I've found in people's comments is that a PG or PG-13 rating makes it "OK" for kids. According to the official webpage of the Motion Picture Association of America (the group that decides what a film is rated), ratings are not meant to say what is "OK" for anybody. Their decisions are made based on how the board members think the average American parent would react to the movie. The key word is "average." This should be taken into consideration when someone more conservative makes a decision on what to watch.

One should also note times have changed, and what an "average" person would accept today is likely very different than it was several years ago.

For example, one of my favorite movies, "The Jerk," received an "R" rating when it was released in 1979, yet by today's standards, it would probably not even be strong enough to get a PG-13.

The only reasons for the rating were a few profane uses of the "S" word and a couple sexually-titled jokes that are light enough they are not cut out when the

movie is shown on television.

Conversely, many movies that receive "R" ratings today (or even some PG-13) go beyond anything that would have been shown 20 or 30 years ago, when the rating system was first implemented, so basing your decision simply on the rating means it's OK for you to see and hear things that weren't OK for your parents.

It is also important to realize that, according to the MPAA, the entire point of the rating system is give parents a heads-up on a movie for the benefit of their children and was never even meant to sway an adult's decision for themselves. Some movies deal with topics that are too strong for children to grasp without guidance or explanation from parents but are not necessarily "bad."

Filmmakers are not required to submit their films for a rating, though the majority do.

Often when movies go straight to video, when a television show is released on video or when the filmmaker feels certain things are important to the story or artistic integrity (which also includes many independent and local films), they simply label the film unrated.

This means the movie could contain anything illegal (such as child-porn or blatant libel). It could be the "Pokémon" cartoon on channel 5 yesterday, or it could be a version of an R-rated movie with extra or lengthened sexually explicit or violent scenes.

Movie ratings are in no way legally binding. While many video stores and movie theaters do restrict minors, that is the policy of their particular company.

Editing movies, an increasingly popular alternative, is a violation of federal copyright laws. When an edited movie is shown on an airplane or on television, that airline or television company paid a very large amount of money for the right to do that, and it is done with approval of the copyright holder (usually the filmmaker).

Towne Cinemas in American Fork and Brigham Young University's Varsity Theatre both recently realized this, when the Towne Cinemas showed an edited version of "Titanic," which drew attention to both theaters, and caused them both to stop showing edited movies at all.

Some have found their way around this law: using a newly discovered loophole. Several stores have defined themselves as a "club," and charge money for a membership, the benefit of which is to be allowed to "borrow" edited movies. This has raised many legal questions, and some lawsuits.

The real question here might be "if watching an R-rated movie is immoral, what is trying to get around the law?"

Jason's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

Alexander Graham Bell
inventor

WORDS OVERHEARD

“It was like a movie except you're standing there and are a part of the crowd.”

Elizabeth Torrey
Brooklyn resident in Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001

COLUMNISTS

Make the best of relationships

"I never thought I would be so tired at 22."

-St. Elmo's Fire

There are two types of people who go to college: those who have a plan and goals for their futures and those who haven't a clue. There has always been pressure on college students to have a 25-year plan by the time they graduate, but that seems a little crazy to be thinking that far ahead into time.

Most of us are striving to make it out of school in four years even though there are fewer jobs than people in the world; what's the rush?

It seems like all we have been doing lately is driving ourselves too fast down the road of life and ultimately wearing down our bodies to the point where we don't care anymore about our ambitions, dreams or goals.

However, relationships are the same way, and we sometimes

expect our friends or

lovers to catch up to

us, even though we

are usually driving 10

miles past the speed

limit. Maybe it's me,

but most of my

friends are not wor-

ried about life after

college. Every time I talk to them

about what plans they have for a

job or anything remotely close to

their careers, they change the sub-

ject.

Well, I think it's a good thing

not to worry so much, but at the

same time we should have some

thoughts about what is in stock

for our futures. I am aware that

there will be plenty of opportuni-

ties for job hunting, but maybe it's

a good idea to get started early

while everyone else is still concen-

trating on getting through school.

The years we spend in college

are crucial and they will determine

the path we take in life. An essen-

tial thing to remember is that:

eventually we all have to face up

to our responsibilities.

In a few years we will grow

into extraordinary people, and

there will be many times when we

need to make important choices

that better ourselves and the ones



Check Please!

BY BILL KELLY

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we love. It has always been a firm belief of mine that if you hold a passion for something, eventually you will be able to find a way to do that one, or several, things, for a living.

But first you have to possess the right amount of perseverance in order to achieve your goals in life: stay motivated and keep striving for the best. A friend of mine once told me that the key to life is balance. Everything you do in this world will be affected by the weight you put into it.

The important thing to do is to find the balance in your life, maintain an equal amount of positive and negative events that take place in your daily lives.

If you can hold onto a good relationship, you will have your good and bad days but will not regret any of them in the long run; the same goes for any job you will have as well. Moreover, balancing our lives is not one of the easiest things to do and it will take time to perfect; in the meantime, we should make the effort to have fun as well as plan things out for the future.

We have the rest of our lives to work so there shouldn't be so much stress right now to get a job or land on great career. The years we spend in college hopefully will be the most memorable and it would be nice to look back, 40 years from now, and decide that you made the most out of them.

And so I said to the waiter, "Can I get the check please?"

Check Please appears every Tuesday.

Bill is a senior in cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

The spelling of 'womyn' is a personal statement

By Kristen Bain
Oklahoma Daily (U. Oklahoma)

NORMAN, Okla. (U-WIRE) — There is a line of thought that asserts all feminists hate men. This is not true, but because much of the work we do points out deeply ingrained inequalities within a historically patriarchal system, it's easy for people to get confused.

The key is to remember it is the system that is faulty, not individual men in particular.

One of the many ways anti-feminists try to "prove" that feminists hate men is through some feminists' use of alternate spellings of the words "woman" and "women." The logic goes that because some people alter the spelling to remove the "man" part from the word, those people must hate men.

I know. It's a leap, but some people really do believe this logical fallacy. I use the alternate spelling "womyn." I like it because it's interchangeable for singular or plural use and it's less jarring to my eye than other alternatives. I know it's an almost insignificant change in a vocabulary that is inherently patriarchal (i.e., "history," "mankind," "human," etc.), but it's an important change for me.

The reason I choose to use this spelling is simple: It is a renaming of myself. I do not consider myself to be a part of "man," which the words "woman/women" reflect, any more than "man" is part of me. This is my personal interpretation of myself, for myself. By renaming myself, I attempt to step out of the shadow of "man" and into my own light. I have my own name for what I am, just as my name, "Kristen," differentiates me from others.

You'll notice there is no indictment of men in this renaming. In fact, it has little to do with the male species at all, but more to do with myself, and how I view myself in this world. I would speculate that is partly the reason many feminists chose an alternate naming than traditional

vocabulary dictates.

Since coming out as a lesbian and developing a feminist consciousness, I have been struck by how quick others are to stereotype and judge people like myself as "man-haters." It is interesting that people assume I live my life to spite men merely because I identify more strongly with womyn. It is as though preferring hockey to baseball proves beyond doubt that I hate baseball. Furthermore, it's unbelievably presumptuous for people to think I hate men when in reality it's all about loving myself.

My use of an alternate spelling is akin to someone taking a new name when converting to a different religion. It is a celebration of a new way of life and an expression of a new identity. This is especially poignant for me because I lived a very male-dominated, heterosexual, military-influenced life for several years prior to coming out and entering an academic environment full-time.

Claiming a new spelling of my sex is a symbolic gesture of leaving that world and who I was in it behind. I have changed and it is right that my description of my self-identity and my understanding of other womyn changes as well.

I choose the spelling for other reasons, too. I choose it to acknowledge all those nameless, faceless womyn we never learn about in our patriarchal school systems in Oklahoma. I use it to commemorate my foremothers, who gave up their own names in order to "be as one" with their husbands... unwitting participants in the traditional notion that people cannot be as one unless one appears to own the other.

I write it to remember the many womyn who are raped, attacked, abused and killed in the name of sex, power and hate.

I use it in hopes someone else will get past the idea the word is "mis-spelled" and understand the deeper symbolism contained therein.

Kristen's views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Everything you do in this world will be affected by the weight you put into it

LETTERS

This time war is the answer

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to Friday's letter to the editor, I find it bizarre that Professor Emeritus Christensen would want us to "develop international law" and "make a more secure and peaceful world" while implying that there is no justification for military action against Iraq. Iraq, under Saddam Hussein, has ignored every single U.N. resolution since the end of the Gulf War. International law required Iraq to comply with at least 16 U.N. resolutions regarding its illegal invasion of Kuwait and WMD programs. Iraq has ignored every single one of them. How can we promote international law and peace if the international community refuses to hold Iraq accountable? Professor Christensen goes on to state that war is horrible. As horrible as war is, aren't there things worse than war?

Isn't it worse to leave Saddam in power, a man who has used mustard gas against his own people

and whose troops raped and pillaged their way across a sovereign nation ten years ago? Hussein orders dissidents like Professor Christensen to be raped, tortured and murdered. Shall we abandon the Iraqi people again to this demented tyrant? Is this what the anti-war community stands up for? Saddam Hussein has proven repeatedly over the past few decades that he is a danger to everyone around him. He has caused the death of more than 1 million people in the past 20 years. I would like to ask Professor Christensen what he would do to keep the world, particularly the Iraqi people, safe from the likes of Saddam Hussein? As horrible as war is, this one will make the world a safer place. The Whitehouse paper outlining Iraq's flouting of international law and UN resolutions is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/09/020919a.html>

Steve Lefler
unclassified graduate student

Some criticism hit the mark, some a little off

DEAR EDITOR:

In her column "Reno crying before race is over," Samantha Robinson suggests that Janet Reno is a "big baby" because she is more "worried about [her career] than the state of the country." While I agree with Ms. Robinson's sentiment that national mourning and remembrance should have taken precedence over politics on Sept. 11, I think her criticism of Reno is overly harsh. Practically speaking, Reno was not allowed to decide when the election would be held nor what voting machines would be used. Such responsibility lies with state officials in Florida, who should have had enough sense to both rescind the election and develop a plan for the inevitable problems that were going to occur with the new voting machines.

(But kudos to Governor Bush for extending polling hours.)

Additionally, it is important to understand that the ambition to win elections — so naively displayed by Reno — is an essential part of our electoral system. We want candidates who want to win involved in elections precisely because 1) they think they will be good representatives of the public and 2) they feel like they will do a good job (and hence continue to serve at the will of the people). Thus, I also take exception with Ms. Robinson's suggestion that a politician's desire to win an election has no redeeming social value that is consistent with caring about "the state of the country."

If we are to criticize Ms. Reno for anything, it is more reasonable to accuse her of poor taste and ill-manners than of selfishness and general disdain for the state of the country.

Scott D. McCurg
assistant professor

READER COMMENTARY

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College roommates learn to live with each other

Melanie Yeager
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (KRT)— It's a momentous day on Pontiac Drive: Aziza Bowser is cooking spaghetti.

Just the thought sends roommates LeAndra Padgett and LaToya Davis into a fit of giggles. After living with Bowser for a few years, they know she rarely turns on the stove and probably shouldn't.

Case in point: Bowser once burned a Pop-Tart to a crisp just warming it up in the microwave.

But that's what living together is all about, the roommates said — adjusting to one another's quirks, habits, strengths and weaknesses. They may seem like little things, but they can escalate out of control if conflict builds.

"We've had anything from just one roommate slapping the other to some pretty violent, knock-down, drag-out fights," said Sgt. Donna Brown, who supervises the homicide/assault unit of the Tallahassee Police Department.

For Bowser and Padgett, the roommate relationship jelled that first night as strangers in their Florida A&M University dorm room.

"We still have not figured it out," said Bowser, a 21-year-old political science major. "I have a big family so it's nothing for me to live with anyone. She (Padgett) used to have the only-child syndrome."

Padgett, a 21-year-old psychology major, admits Bowser's the first person she's been comfortable sharing her belongings with.

After freshman year, the duo moved into a three-bedroom house off campus. They eventually invited Davis, a graduate student at Florida State University, to join them.

"I debated about living by myself,

but then I'd have to come home and talk to walls," Davis said.

The three go in different directions during the school week. Bowser serves as Senate president for FAMU's student government. Padgett is a song leader in the Sigma Alpha Iota music group. Davis is the director of Essence Dance Theatre.

"Once school starts we don't see each other," Davis said.

But occasionally they eat at home or go out dancing together. They've mourned dead fish and breakups with boyfriends. And they laugh — a lot.

Not all roommate relationships, however, turn out so rosy. Many students interviewed tell tales of living arrangements that have soured in less than a semester.

Ryan Maue, a new graduate student at FSU, didn't even consider finding a roommate in Tallahassee after his last experience at the University of Michigan. He said one of his two apartment mates seemed fine on the surface but eventually showed signs of social anxiety and tried to commit suicide.

"We just felt like we had to tiptoe around him," Maue said. They got out of the situation by stopping their rent payments and getting themselves evicted.

Noah Bailin's experiences during his five years as an FSU undergraduate weren't as extreme, but just as frustrating. He had to take care of puppies abandoned by roommates with good intentions. He saw his utility bill rise after a roommate's girlfriend became a permanent fixture. He advises against living with friends because you might end up hating them. Better yet, he said, live alone.

Gail Palo, a licensed mental health counselor at FSU's Student Counseling



LaToya Davis, right, and Aziza Bowser share a laugh in the kitchen of their three-bedroom apartment near the campus of Florida State University.

Center, said miscommunication is probably the biggest reason roommates don't get along. One roommate expects the other to take out the trash; another is waiting for the dishes to be cleaned.

"Often, students move in together because they're really good friends, but living together is a whole different thing," Palo said.

On the other hand, students may expect too much friendship from roommates they just met.

"Maybe you've already got enough

friends or you're not their type of friend," Palo said.

The counseling center can help students talk through their complaints and discover whether their frustrations are reasonable.

Tallahassee police see the angry results of roommate conflict.

"Unfortunately some of these kids don't have the best anger management skills, and a lot of times alcohol gets involved and it can end up physical," Brown said. She said police often see

these problems at the mammoth apartment complexes where rooms are rented individually and tenants share common kitchen and living areas.

She suggests talking to apartment managers before the issue escalates, showing restraint instead of fighting back and reporting physical abuse to police immediately.

Deal with issues before they become loud arguments, she said, and remember it usually begins with the little nuisances.

MBA students bolster their stock by digesting etiquette tips

Cheryl Hall
The Dallas Morning News

(KRT) — Manners matter. That's the message Southern Methodist University recently sent its MBA students when it brought in the etiquette police.

As part of this semester's orientation at the Cox School of Business, nearly 200 graduate students faced the daunting task of dining at tables loaded with utensils and stemware.

Dennis Grindle, director of the MBA Career Management Center at SMU and a former executive recruiter, is troubled when excellent candidates get passed over for jobs because they lack social graces.

"Manners are a big thing today that we've lost sight of over the years," he said as he surveyed this latest MBA crop. "I thought it was up to us to shore up those skills so that they don't get turned down for something this basic."

He brought in Kim Zoller, the principal of Image Dynamics in Dallas, to preach dining decorum to a room packed with students in pressed shirts and khaki slacks.

Attendance was required for the 120 first-year MBAers, and an additional 80 or so paid to learn the tricks of the politeness trade.

Given a post-dot-com world and tight economy, they want any little leg up.

Erin Burke, a 24-year-old first-year MBA student from the San Francisco Bay area, was mystified by the array of paraphernalia when she sat down.

The software engineer wanted to stop her propensity for "social faux pas" over business meals.

"Managers are going to pigeonhole you as a techie as long as you dress and act that way," she says. "If you're happy being an engineer for the rest of your life, that's fine."

Jun He from Beijing hoped to Americanize his eating habits. His biggest challenge? "We use the chopstick and you use the fork. It starts with that."

CNBC thought the event was such a hoot that it brought in a film crew.

Zoller, co-author and publisher of "You Did What? The Biggest Mistakes Professionals Make," started with the lay of the food land: "BMW" — bread plate to the

left, meal in the middle and water glass to the right. The students seemed as hungry for the help as they were for the chocolate mousse.

They bombarded Zoller with questions. What do you do with unwanted morsels?

Directly use your napkin as a depository and then hand the wrapped package to a waiter.

What about olive pits in the salad?

Use a fork (which takes serious dexterity) or fingers (never pointing them into your mouth). Most chose the latter route.

How do you tackle messy finger food?

Don't order it. Also avoid dangerous spaghetti and stick to bow-tie or tubed pasta that you can safely tie with a fork.

What do you do with empty sweetener packets?

Tuck them under your saucer if you have one or stack them neatly in a pile to the right of your plate if you don't.

How do you take a call at the table?

No conversation should be more important than the one at the table. Turn off your cell and silence your pager.

What do you do with the sniffles when no hankie is handy?

It's OK to use your napkin in a sneeze emergency but not to blow your nose. Excuse yourself to the restroom.

Of all the tips Zoller proffered, the students seemed most fascinated with the lessons in stacking food on the back of a fork European style — although in 30 years of business dining, I can't recall once when this was ever required.

"Remember one thing about a business meal: You will eat again," Zoller said, as she also warned them not to chow down but rather match the eating pace of their dining partners. "When they finish, maybe take one more bite and then quit."

Some took to the lessons better than others.

Toward the end of the meal, one student reached to finish his iced tea only to discover the guy next to him was drinking it.

As for Burke, she left with confidence that she can now hold her own at a business feast — be it fork or finance.

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Fried Twinkies sizzlin' up menu in N.Y.

Lisa Gutierrez
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — After dozens of radio and TV interviews in recent weeks, Christopher Sell fears that his epitaph is already set in stone.

Here Lies the Man Who Fried Twinkies. Notoriety came calling when the British-born restaurateur tossed one of the famous golden sponge cakes into the deep-fat fryer at his fish-and-chips shop in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Suddenly there's a whole lot of sizzlin' going on across the country, with copycat recipes and reviews of the freaky fried treat showing up on the Internet. An episode of the Food Network's "Unwrapped" series will feature Sell in the fall.

And people have called from as far away as Seattle asking him to overnight the fried, creme-filled logs.

"It's been mad, it's been absolutely mad," said Sell, 37, who owns the Park Slope ChipShop. "Every time we get more publicity, we think 'When is it going to end?'"

Not anytime soon, especially since the Hostess folks plan to offer fried Twinkies at state fairs. They consulted with Sell in recent

days on how best to make the new fair food.

Apparently Sell's parents never told him to stop playing with his food. Twinkies were just one of the foods he and his employees threw into the shop's commercial deep-fat fryer during random fits of boredom.

M&Ms were a bust — they fell through the fryer basket. Peppermint Patties were a disaster, too. So were Snowballs; the mushy marshmallowlike mounds disintegrated in the hot grease. Chocolate-coated Ho Hos proved equally messy.

Ahh, but fried Twixes, Snickers, Mars and Reese's Peanut Butter Cups came out yummy. They're on the menu now.

Sell fries the Twinkies in the same vinegar-enhanced batter he uses on his fish and chips, a batter that is quite salty but balances nicely with the sweetness of the Twinkie, he said.

He dresses them up with a four-berry coulis, inspired by a four-berry stew he already served. "It needed some help," he said. "It needed some fruit."

Sell joins a long line of Twinkie tinkers. People build wedding cakes out of Twinkies and other Hostess pastries — often using the

Twinkies as the bride and groom on top. People decorate Twinkies as Santa Claus, even babies, for theme parties.

At <http://www.twinkies.com/> you'll find recipes for Twinkie Pie, Twinkie Mania Truffles and Twinkie Kebobs.

But none of them fried. Mike Redd, vice-president of cake marketing for Interstate Bakeries in Kansas City, Mo., which owns Hostess Twinkies, said Sell is the first person he knows to have tossed Twinkies in grease.

"Most all of Hostess products are about fun, especially Twinkies, being the icon," Redd said. "We're very comfortable with the fact that they're having a lot of fun."

As for Sell, he'd be much happier if all the publicity were for his award-winning fish and chips. But he's not complaining, especially since the attention over the fried Twinkies, \$3 each, has brought in more customers.

In fact, he has another fried Hostess product up his fryer for fall.

It's his personal favorite: the cherry pie. "You can have a twice-baked potato," he said. "Why not a refried pie?"

Served, of course, with deep-fried ice cream.

2002 or 2003, cars are a bargain right now

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Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) — Just about everyone agrees this is a great time to buy a new car if you happen to be in the market.

Intense competition among carmakers, who want to keep factories humming, and dealers, who want to clear out last year's inventory to bring in 2003 models, has resulted in a wide range of enticing incentives, from zero percent financing to \$2,000 cash rebates.

And in America, it means almost as much to brag about the great deal you hammered out as it does to impress your neighbors with the stylish new car you park in the driveway.

A few car manufacturers began offering incentives after Sept. 11, when the industry was thrown into turmoil, to entice buyers back into showrooms. The consumer-popular trend spread to nearly every carmaker by summer. Some offers, however, are time-sensitive.

For example, zero percent financing on 2001 and 2002 models is going full throttle through September. But come November, most carmakers plan to phase it out as their older inventories dwindle.

Currently, the average financing rate nationally on a 2003 model is about 7.35 percent.

For some consumers, the blizzard of incentives has created confusion over whether to go for a new 2003 model or save a little on a current 2002 model or a 2001 model.

In an interview, John Honiotes, vice president of dealer operations for Autobytel Inc., an online consumer buying and financing service, said consumers can make the choice easier if they understand why they want a new car in the first place.

To help consumers decide, he listed a number of objective questions, which boil down to whether you need a new car in a hurry and whether you value savings over style.

For example, if you have to replace a car that has quit on you, or have only a short-term need for a new car, a 2003 model may be the best way to go, Honiotes said. That way, if you sell the car in two years, the resale value will remain higher because of less depreciation.

"But if I'm going to hold on to the car a long time, depreciation doesn't matter as much," he said. Instead, potential savings from buying a 2002 model may be a higher priority.

If price is a concern, or if you are

buying a car that is more practical than stylish, you can probably get a better deal on a 2002 model from a dealer who wants to clear out his lot.

But if you believe it's important to have the newest, trendiest car on the block, then you'll probably only be satisfied with a 2003 model, like the nifty 350Z from Nissan.

Be prepared to pay a premium for the newest styles, however, because they sell out fast and demand keeps the price high. Consider the Chrysler PT Cruiser. You can get one at a reasonable price now. A few years ago you could hardly get one at all.

"The pricing is always more reasonable three or four months later, if you can wait," Honiotes said.

There's another reason to wait: Sometimes the hot new styles come with more bugs, which get worked out in later versions.

That reality cuts both ways. You may be safer with a "redesigned" 2003 model of last year's "latest thing," because the kinks in last year's version have been smoothed out.

Consumers who own computers have the advantage of going online to monitor the model changes and redesigns and to compare prices, rebates and other incentives at their leisure.

For example, Autobytel.com offers extensive comparisons and explanations of incentives. It also provides links to dealers when you get serious about buying that new car.

Carpoinst.msn.com is another good website for comparing deals. Other sites also offer reviews, comparisons and financing calculators that can help you make an informed and happy decision.

Honiotes offered these tips to help decide whether to buy a 2002 or 2003 model:

- Check national and local dealership rebates and incentives, which can vary among markets.

- Ask how long a rebate or incentive will be offered on a car and what the conditions are.

- Ask about incentives available to first-time buyers, or special finance programs for students.

- Compare financing rates between 2003 and 2002 models. Many manufacturers plan to phase out incentives such as zero percent financing on 2001 and 2002 models in November.

- Low financing rates make it easier to get out of a car before the term of your loan ends because you owe less in interest costs.

- Calculate the difference, if any, in savings between a low interest, loan and a cash-back offer.

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10 Hostess Twinkies
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1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
12 ounces water

Four-berry coulis:

1 cup frozen raspberries
1 cup frozen blackberries
1 cup frozen strawberries
1 cup frozen blueberries
4 tablespoons sugar

Cool Twinkies in refrigerator. Mix batter ingredients to the consistency of custard. Roll each Twinkie in extra flour and then roll in batter. Drop the battered Twinkie into a deep fryer for about 90 seconds, just until the creme filling is starting to melt and the outside is golden brown. Top with powdered sugar, cut in half and serve with four berry coulis.

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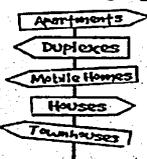
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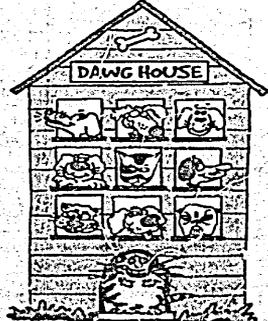
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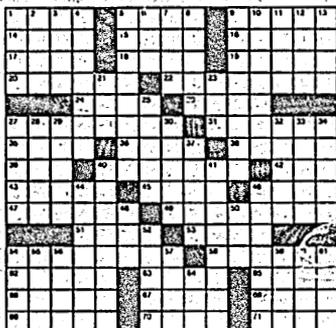
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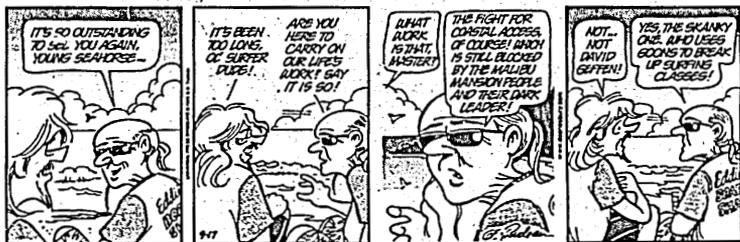
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PONDEROSA STEAKHOUSE

SIU swimmer takes world by storm

Bergen places fifth at World Cup, to compete in Spain

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

Southern Illinois University freshman swimmer Briley Bergen finished fifth in the FINA World Cup/USA International Open 10-kilometer swim in Atlantic City, N.J., on Sept. 7.

"It's a big honor to have placed fifth," Bergen said. "My event, the 25K, is about 3 1/2 hours longer than that, so I usually don't race that event. I was really excited."

Jeff Goetz, Bergen's swimming coach at SIU, is proud of his new protégé.

"It's great that she finished in the top 10 in the 10K since she's a 25K national champion swimmer and was just getting warmed up," Goetz said in a prepared statement.

"This is like a sprint to her. It was a great competition among people from all over the world and it's great to have an SIU swimmer out there and finish in the top five in a FINA event."

Bergen competes in international events two to three times a year and is used to the atmosphere.

"I know all the girls there," Bergen said.

"The morning of the race, you don't talk to anyone. You're thinking, 'I gotta go and beat them.' You have to be confident."

The honors continue to roll in for Bergen. Monday, she learned that she had been pre-selected for the 2003 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain, next July.

"I was so excited," Bergen said. "I was thrilled. Not many people get to represent the United States."

Open water swimming is expected to be an Olympic event in the Beijing Games of 2008.

Bergen qualified to compete in the World Championships in Egypt in October, but the U.S. has pulled

out for security reasons.

"We were really disappointed," Bergen said, "but I don't want to lose my life over a race."

Bergen has won five consecutive 25-kilometer USA Open Water Swimming National Championships. She has nine national open water championships overall.

The Jacksonville, Fla., native has been a member of the United States National Open Water Team since 1997.

Bergen competed for the U.S. in the 1997 Pan-Pacific Championships and the World Aquatics Championships in Australia in 1999 and Japan in 2001.

Bergen holds national records in the 10-, 15- and 25-kilometer open water races. At SIU, Bergen will compete in the 200, 500, 1000 and 1650 freestyle.

Reporter Christopher Morrical can be reached at cmorrical@dailyegyptian.com

Sept. 17 - Sept. 23

SPORTS CALENDAR

Football

Sept. 21 vs. West Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. (Home)

Volleyball

Sept. 17 at Tennessee-Martin at 7 p.m. (Martin, Tenn.)
 Sept. 20 vs. Indiana State at 7 p.m. (Home)
 Sept. 21 vs. Illinois State at 4 p.m. (Home)

Men's Golf

Sept. 17 at D.A. Weibring Intercollegiate all day (Normal, Ill.)

Men's Tennis

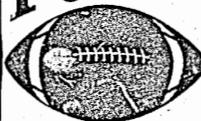
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Ball State 23

Julian Reese threw a touchdown pass to Ryan King to bring the score within two points, but a Cardinals inside-kick ran out the time before the Sycamores could come back from a nine-point deficit in Muncie, Ind.

Reese was 10 of 16 passing for 242 yards. He threw two touchdown passes and one interception as Indiana State fell to 1-2 on the season.

Western Illinois 14
No. 21 Western Kentucky 0

Travis Glasford scored his first career touchdown and rushed for 126

yards on 27 carries to help defeat the nationally ranked Hilltoppers in the conference opener for both teams.

Western Kentucky (1-2, 0-1 Gateway) was shutout for the first time in six years and the second time in L.T. Smith Stadium history.

Western Illinois (2-0, 1-0) was led on defense by senior linebacker Cornell Middlebrook who had 14 tackles in the victory.

Southwest Mo. State 24
Kansas 44

SMS running back Steve Ennis had 14 carries for a total of 86 yards and a touchdown in the 44-24 loss to the Jayhawks.

Zach Dechant ran for 49 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries and caught three passes for a total of 17 yards for the Bears.

The loss was the first of the season for SMS, which fell to 2-1.

Greg Heagans opened the game for Kansas with a 100-yard kickoff return. Clark Green rushed for 131 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries as the Jayhawks improved to 1-2.

Next Saturday's games:
 Murray State at Illinois State, 6:30 p.m.
 Indiana State at Eastern Illinois, 6:30 p.m.
 Stephen F. Austin at Northern Iowa, 4:05 p.m.
 West Virginia Tech at Southern Illinois, 7 p.m.
 Southeast Missouri State at Southwest Missouri State, 7 p.m.
 Western Illinois at Northern Illinois, 6:35 p.m.
 Youngstown State at Western Kentucky, 5:30 p.m.

SPORTS FLASH

Murray State in No. 3 doubles. The Salukis will return to action Sept. 27-29 at the Saluki Invitational, which will be played at University Courts.

Men's golf team
13th after day one

The SIU men's golf team shot an overall score of 600 Monday at the D.A. Weibring Classic, and are currently in 13th place after day one.

The team is 27 strokes behind Southwest Missouri State and 22 strokes behind host Illinois State.

Giant Goltz shot a 149 after 36 holes, good enough for a 42nd-place tie. Tim Hoss (1-46th, 150), Dustin Stewart (1-46th, 150), Josh Wheeler (1-53rd, 151) and Roger Welch (82nd, 162) round out the Saluki top five.

Play concludes today with the final 18 holes.

Women's tennis falls short at Missouri

The sister duo of Alejandra and Maria Blanco recorded the only singles victories for the SIU women's tennis team this past weekend at the University of Missouri Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

Illinois State, Murray State, and host Missouri all completed in the invite.

The Blanco sisters both recorded their wins against Murray State. Alejandra, a junior, defeated Melissa Spencer in No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-7, 10-4, while Maria started her freshman season off well defeating Jaclyn Leeper in No. 2 Play, 6-3, 2-6, 10-8.

SIU was able to record just one doubles victory, which was via default. The tandem of Kari Stank and Zoya Honamand was credited with the win, which was against

Wallace destroys Hawkeyes' first half lead, leaves Iowa searching

Todd Brommelkamp
 The Daily Iowan (U. Iowa)

IOWA CITY, Iowa (U-WIRE) — Derek Pagen had waited four long, painful seasons for a chance to hold the Cy-Hawk Trophy above his head triumphantly.

Instead, a solemn-faced Pagen stood dejected and tired within the bowels of Kinnick Stadium following Iowa's 36-31 loss, explaining yet another defeat at the hands of the rival Iowa State Cyclones.

"It's been five tough years," the senior defensive back said, pausing to contemplate the next words out of his mouth. "Every year you think you're going to beat them."

Maybe not the last few years, but definitely this year. Definitely with a commanding 24-7 halftime lead. Definitely after running back Fred

Russell went through, around, and over Iowa State's defense to pile up 133 first-half yards.

The performance by the Cyclones in the game's first half was no lackluster that Iowa State coach Dan McCamey said following the game it was sickening for him to watch.

For the game's first 30 minutes, it seemed as if Iowa would exorcise four years of frustrations, coming up with an answer for everything the Cyclones could throw at it. Ultimately, however, the Hawkeyes had no answer for Seneca Wallace or themselves.

Wallace, who set a new career high with his 361 passing yards, shredded the Iowa defense in the second half beginning with a 75-yard long opening drive that he capped off by taking a 5-yard keeper in for a score.

"Sometimes things just turn,"

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "They had something to do with that, and we did, too."

Iowa's first two possessions of the second half ended before they could begin, both with the same result — a fumble by quarterback Brad Banks.

The first occurred near mid-field and eventually led to a five-play, 33-yard drive ending in a 7-yard touchdown pass from Wallace to Jamaul Montgomery.

On Iowa's ensuing possession, Tim TeBrink sacked Banks on the 20-yard line, forcing a fumble he eventually recovered for himself. It took the Cyclones just two plays for fullback Joe Woodley to plow his way in from the 1-yard line and another six points.

"I take a whole lot of [blame]," Banks said. "I had a lot of mistakes out there."

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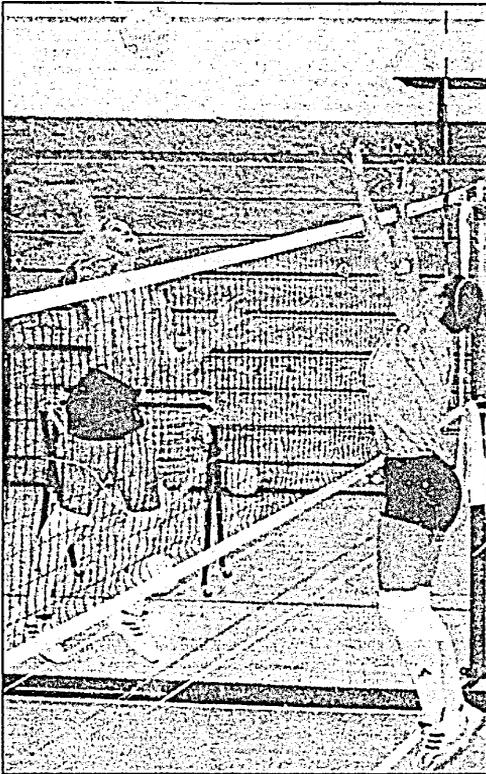
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Kristie Kemner goes for a kill against Carrie Shepard during a practice earlier in the season. The Salukis are hoping to bounce back from their loss to SMS when they play at Tenn-Martin tonight.

SIU volleyball takes MVC break

Salukis travel to UT-Martin, look to correct errors made at SMS

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The SIU volleyball team traveled nearly 1,200 miles last weekend to bring home a victory.

"Tonight, they may only need 127. The Salukis will play at Tennessee-Martin tonight, taking a break from their Missouri Valley Conference schedule following a two-match split at Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State last weekend.

"Tonight's match will provide SIU with an opportunity to work out the kinks that caused its loss at SMS Saturday night, a game that as of Monday was still on players' minds.

Senior outside hitter Kristie Kemner said the Salukis will use tonight's game, which does not count in the conference standings, to regain their "game," get the team firing on all cylinders again and raise its confidence by crushing the Skyhawks.

"Nothing taken away from UT-Martin, they're probably going to win their conference so it'll be a big win," Kemner said, "but [Tuesday] will just be a good day to get back in the swing of things and really put it to somebody."

SIU was thrashed in three games by SMS Saturday following a win at Wichita State, causing the team's momentary lapse in confidence.

"The loss just sucked in general

because it wasn't even a good loss," Kemner said. "We played like crap to be honest. It was one of those losses that was bittersweet because we beat Wichita and then we didn't play anywhere close to the way we did the night before."

The Salukis maintain they should have beaten the Bears, despite SMS' nationally recognized talent. Setter Britten Follett said SIU has better personnel than the Bears, it just didn't show it Saturday, partly because the game was at the end of a long road trip.

"I think hitter by hitter, we can compete with them," Follett said. "But [Saturday], and I don't know if you want to take travel into it, they played better than us. I wouldn't say they are all around a better team, they just played really well."

It is because of that belief that SIU is so eager to beat up on UT-Martin, but head coach Sonya Locke has warned that the Skyhawks are not a bunch of worthless athletes ready to throw in the towel.

UT-Martin is 3-2, has won both conference games it has played and is the defending Ohio Valley Conference champion.

To Locke, the Skyhawks are more than a tune-up.

"It's definitely going to be a challenging opponent," Locke said. "They won their conference last year, so it's definitely not a game we're just going to play. It's a potential win against a potential conference champion.

"Any opportunity is an opportunity for us to get better."

What they need to improve on, according to Follett, is their energy, attitude and, more specifically, their

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Kristie Kemner
senior outside hitter, SIU volleyball

technical skills.

"I think Tennessee-Martin will be a very good opportunity for us to work on a couple rotations where we get stuck a lot," Follett said. "We have one or two that we try to get a lot of points scored on us, and I plan on working on some different offensive ideas to get us out of those rotations."

If the Salukis can do that, they will have the opportunity to show the MVC what they believe was proven Friday in Wichita — that they are in the upper echelons of the conference.

Kemner said the team is in the top half of the MVC now, but will soon be even higher after they take on Illinois State and Indiana State this weekend.

"We're fifth at this point, but right after this weekend, when we win two, I'm going to say third," Kemner said.

But SIU better not overlook UT-Martin, because that would be a backbreaker worse than the loss at SMS.

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Rugby teams excel at SIU

Saluki rugby plays well at home tournament during weekend

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She was running as hard as she could with both hands holding tightly to the ball when her attacker's padded shoulder drove into her side.

She went down hard. Her head and left shoulder hit the field of dead grass at the same time, sending a cloud of dust into the air.

The remaining 28 players started merging on the ball when it came loose and rolled several yards away. She picked herself up off the ground holding her ribs, dusted herself off, smiled and headed for the ball, where a second collision was inevitable.

This is how Southern Illinois plays rugby.

The SIU men's and women's rugby clubs played host to a tournament Saturday against the University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

"People ... their faces stepped on every day," said Eric Reimer, men's rugby club president. "If you're on the ground, you're part of the ground."

Rugby is the fastest-growing club sport in the United States with more than 500 teams.

It is played in 100 countries and is the second-most widely played sport in the world behind soccer. In America, however, people just blow it off as some third-world sport, Reimer said.

"We're just a bunch of guys trying to do good at this sport," he said,

"but people think we're just a bunch of drunks."

Jeff Collins, men's club treasurer, agrees with Reimer on the perception of rugby by people outside of the sport.

"They see it as barbaric," Collins said. "They think it's not a legitimate sport, but it used to be known as the gentlemen's game."

Gentlemen's game or not, plenty of injuries come with playing: broken bones, bloody lips, skinned knees, bruises the size of Ets and the occasional cleat to the head.

Going into last Saturday's game, the men were ranked No. 1 in the state by the Illinois Rugby Association. They lost this week's game against the University of Illinois 27-15.

Reimer said that the loss does hurt their chances at the playoffs, but they still have a shot if they can beat other teams by enormous quantities.

And don't forget about the women. They go out there and fight it out just as aggressively as the men.

"Guys always had football," said Dawn McKenzie, women's rugby club president. "This is our time to show our time to show a side that people don't normally get to see."

Tracy Wenderlich, a rookie on the Saluki rugby club, played in her first game on Saturday and got injured, but got a try, or touchdown, for her team.

She had to have her arm taped up after she scraped it and the wound started bleeding.

"It hasn't rained in a while," Wenderlich said. "The ground is like concrete. The grass is like hay. Every time you go down, you get scraped."

She said it was hard getting up right away after a hit, but her team-

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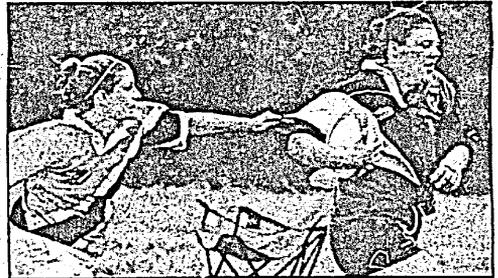
Eric Reimer
club president, SIU Rugby

mates were helping her by repeatedly telling her to get back up.

The men's and women's rugby clubs are always looking for new members.

Wenderlich said that learning the game isn't too hard.

"I really didn't know what was going on," Wenderlich said. "I've only been to three practices. It was hard at first, but I caught on real quick."



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An SIU rugby player gets away from an Illinois State player to score a try during a game on Saturday. SIU won the game 52-0 and are one win away from qualifying for the playoffs in October.

Before the game on Saturday, the women were ranked third in Illinois and eighth in the Midwest. They played Illinois State University on Saturday and beat the Redbirds 52-0.

If the Saluki women defeat Western Illinois next weekend, they will qualify for the playoffs at the

end of October.

"There are bruises and scrapes and pain," said Sarah Weibel, "but it all goes away. It's all worth it in the end."

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Mistakes cost SIU game against Murray

Salukis turn ball over three times in loss to Murray State

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Daily Egyptian

MURRAY, Ky. — SIU football head coach Jerry Kill told his team Saturday that the team that makes the fewest mistakes is the team that is going to come out on top.

Unfortunately for Kill's Salukis, turning the ball over three times and having a field goal attempt blocked are not very conducive to winning.

During SIU's 42-24 loss at Murray State on Saturday the Dawgs faced great adversity — such as injuries to seniors Toia Koutsos and Derrick Corker — but the main reason they lost was their inability to put the ball in the end zone.

"We had chances, we just gotta convert more," said senior tight end Ryan McAllister. "We dug a hole too deep right off the bat. We were shooting ourselves in the foot."

The self-mutilation began late in the first quarter when redshirt freshman quarterback Joel Sambursky fumbled the ball after he sustained the first of four sacks the Murray defense would unleash upon him.

Sambursky, who was blindsided on the play, was scrambling around all game and was constantly being flushed out of the pocket by the swarming Racers.

"We're very young up front and we had scramble in situations," Kill said. "We took four or five sacks."

The Salukis coughed two more fumbles, and both times SIU was threatening from inside the Murray 35-yard line.

"Mistakes, that's what cost us the game," said junior fullback Brandon Robinson, who accounted for one of the turnovers.

SIU's inability to reach the end zone was



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SIU head coach Jerry Kill watches as referees discuss the placement of the football following a penalty in the first quarter of the Salukis' game against Murray State Saturday. Penalties and turnovers were contributors in the loss to the Racers. The Salukis were penalized seven times for 62 yards and lost three fumbles.

most evident midway through the third quarter when the Salukis took more than five minutes to drive a mere 10 yards and they only ended up putting three points on the board.

The biggest reason so much time was wasted on the drive was the six penalties that were incurred by the two teams — three penalties apiece.

Penalties turned out to play a role in the entire game.

SIU was penalized seven times — most of which were minor — for 62 yards Murray State lost 165 yards on 19 penalties.

The majority of the Racers' penalties were due to personal fouls, face masks or unsportsmanlike conduct.

The massive yardage the Salukis accrued through Murray penalties helped SIU move the ball rather well.

Unfortunately for the Salukis, however, the

penalties also disrupted the flow of the game and made it difficult for SIU to find a rhythm on offense.

According to a story in the Southern Illinoisian, Kill became so perturbed with the Racers' dirty style of play that he voiced his concerns to Murray head coach Joe Pannunzio during a halftime chat.

SIU officials in the stands were also upset with what they saw on the field. Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk did not want to dwell on the game too much but said he was pleased with the way the Salukis carried themselves.

"Saturday night was ugly; it was unfortunate," Kowalczyk said. "We've had conversations and everybody knows where everybody stands."

"I was proud of our team and our coaches and the way they handled themselves."

Koutsos undergoes surgery

Star back likely lost for season

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The Salukis worst fears were realized Monday when star running back Tom Koutsos underwent surgery on his injured right wrist and is likely lost for the season.

Koutsos, who owns every major school career rushing record, was injured on the second play from scrimmage in SIU's 42-24 loss to Murray State Saturday night in Murray, Ky.

The senior from Oswego was driven to Murray-Calloway County Hospital, where X-rays confirmed his wrist was indeed broken.

He underwent surgery at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Mo., Monday to have a plate inserted in his right wrist. The surgery was successful, and Koutsos was expected to remain in the hospital overnight before returning to Carbondale on Tuesday.

This was supposed to be a memorable season for Koutsos. He was named preseason All-American and All-Gateway Conference. Koutsos was also named to the watch list for

the Walter Payton Award, which is the Division I-AA equivalent to the Heisman Trophy.

He also entered the season needing just 701 yards to become the conference's all-time leading rusher. He now stands 485 yards short of the mark, which Koutsos has admitted he wants.

While this season appears lost, Koutsos' Saluki career is not necessarily over. The SIU Athletic Department is planning on filing the necessary paperwork to get a fifth year for Koutsos.

Last season, senior tight end Ryan McAllister injured his knee in the third game and was out for the remainder of the season. He asked for and was granted a fifth year to return to the playing field for the Salukis this season.

McAllister said the loss of Koutsos should put extra pressure on every single player on the team to replace arguably the best offensive player SIU has ever had.

"Everybody's now got to step up and make plays," McAllister said. "With Tommy gone, that's probably the worst thing that could have happened. Now everybody from me to the center, special teams, everybody, every aspect of the game's got to pick it up."



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SIU athletic trainers help Tom Koutsos off the football field after he broke his wrist during the second play from scrimmage against Murray State Saturday. Koutsos underwent surgery on his right wrist Monday, but is expected to miss the remainder of the season.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill, whose team was already one of the youngest in the country, must now adjust to losing not only senior leadership, but also emotional leadership.

"I talked to the team after the game and I told them you've got about as much adversity as you can

possibly have," Kill said. "And we probably had about as much as you could ever have in a first half of the football game with a bunch of 18 year olds, more 18 year olds than 22 year olds and I thought we handled ourselves pretty good."

The Salukis first game without

Koutsos is this Saturday when West Virginia Tech comes to McAndrew Stadium for a non-conference game at 7 p.m.

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That sentiment was shared by Kill, who was not only pleased with his players' unwillingness to retaliate but also their unwillingness to lose hope during adversity.

"Through all the situations that the kids were in and how they handled themselves throughout the ballgame, it could've got real ugly and it didn't," Kill said. "I think we held our composure pretty well, battled through it."

Kill also saw some positives in terms of execution. When Koutsos left the game after breaking his wrist on the second play of the game, the Salukis were forced to rely on untested running and passing games.

Muhammad Abdulquadir, a junior college transfer playing in only his second game at the Division I-AA level, took over the brunt of the ground game.

He rushed for 168 yards — the most by a SIU back since Koutsos nearly two years ago — and two touchdowns.

The Salukis also utilized Sambursky's arm more as he completed seven of 14 pass attempts for 73 yards and one touchdown.

Sambursky realizes that he will be called upon to pass more in Koutsos' absence, but he doesn't care how many attempts he tallies each game.

"I feel very confident being able to throw the ball, and I think it's a good thing," Sambursky said.

"But if I throw it one time and we win, that's great."

Kill said he was happy with what he saw from Sambursky and the receivers, but he also knows that in order to win games his team is going to have convert better when it has opportunities like it did against Murray.

"We did a couple nice things throwing the ball," Kill said, "but right now we're just trying to find a way to move the ball."

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