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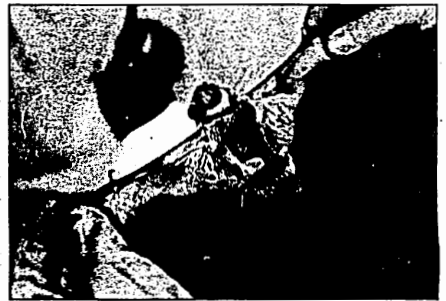


(Left) Tim Carter hangs a gas lamp at the base of their bat catching operation as Steve Carroll prepares other aspects of the camp in the Shawnee Forest. (Below) Stretched out with a one foot wingspan, the Hoary bat is one of the largest types of bats found in Illinois.

TED SCHURTER DAILY EGYPTIAN

Batmen

A DAILY EGYPTIAN reporter travels into the Shawnee National Forest with two SIUC graduate students in zoology. There, they look for a mammal they say is misunderstood. Bats are not just mischaracterized, they say, they could be disappearing. See related story, page 4



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New president to be named Wednesday

KATE McCANN GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The SIUC Board of Trustees will announce the final candidate chosen for the position of SIUC President at a special meeting Wednesday in Carbondale.

The final candidate will likely be in attendance at the meeting, according to Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the Office of the President.

However, the permanent president will not begin immediately. The projected date he will take office has not yet been decided by University officials.

The anticipated announcement comes eight months after former President Ted Sanders' resignation. Interim President Frank Horton currently fills the position, although he will step down when the new president officially takes over.

A press release said Monday the board will meet in

the Recreation Center to consider the appointment of a new president. A news conference will follow the conclusion of the meeting in Carbondale. Later that afternoon, a press conference will take place in Edwardsville.

The advisory committee to the presidential search will not find out who the favored candidate is until the morning of the announcement, according to an e-mail sent by Sharon Hahs to the other committee members.

Because names of candidates are never mentioned over e-mails as in committee policy, a number used to identify the new president will be released to committee members Wednesday morning.

The Office of the President would not release any information on the three finalists, although it was indicated a favored candidate had been chosen. However, the final candidate will not be official until the board votes Wednesday.

Committee member and Undergraduate Student

Government President Bill Archer said he is confident any of the three finalists will adequately perform the duties of president.

"I honestly believe any of the people we interviewed would do a good job," Archer said.

Archer also said the naming of a president will steer the University into a more stable environment.

"Once we get a permanent president and a permanent chancellor, the University could probably get out of the mud hole it's in," Archer said.

As the end of the confidential and controversial six month search draws to an end, at least one committee member says she is relieved.

Carolyn Donow, the Administrative and Professional Staff representative to the search committee, could not

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Argersinger lawsuit to be in the courtroom Friday

SIUC BOT motion to dismiss will be considered

DAVID OSBORNE DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The SIUC Board of Trustees' motion to dismiss the lawsuit brought by SIUC's former chancellor will be heard on Friday in Jackson County Circuit Court.

The motion seeks to dismiss the lawsuit brought by Jo Ann

Argersinger, alleging the board acted in violation of the Illinois Open Meeting Act by terminating her in May 1999. Called into question by the motion is whether or not Argersinger was actually terminated in the special meeting May 26, 1999, or at an open meeting June 5, 1999.

The motion filed by attorneys for the board claims no "final action" was taken at the May 26 meeting, and as result, no violation of the Open Meeting Act occurred.

The board's attorneys maintain that Argersinger was asked to resign and presented with a severance offer at that meeting, and that she was not terminated until a later, public meeting.

Argersinger has maintained that because she was told her termination was "irrevocable" when she received the severance offer, final action was taken at the closed meeting.

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Pagans — out of the broom closet

Pagans picnic in the park

SEAN HANNIGAN DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A gathering of witches and pagans stood in a circle in Evergreen Park Saturday with eyes closed and hands outstretched. Don Elwell walked among them calling out the names of various gods and inviting them to join the picnic.

It's not known if any deities took him up on the offer, especially since there was a competing pagan gathering in St. Louis this

weekend, but about 40 area pagans came together to share sodas, sun and spells.

The event, which was billed as "Pagans in the Park," was open to the public, but according to Tara Nelsen, head of the Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, not every god was welcome — even if they brought their own hot dogs.

Gods don't always work well with others.

"You have to be careful which spirits you summon. They don't all get along," Nelsen explained, as she sat on the roots of an

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• **Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)**, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs Finding Full Text Articles**, 2 to 3 p.m. Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.351-7573.

UPCOMING

• **SIUC and IDOT are offering free motorcycle rider course**, August 18-20. Safety Center Building #56, Pre-register at 1-800-642-9589.

• **Library Affairs, Netscape Composer**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. July 26, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs Introduction to Photoshop**, 3 to 4 p.m. July 26, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Chi Alpha presents an African American Bible Study**, 7 p.m. Every Wed., Student Center's Mississippi Room located on the second floor, Kudzal 549-7088.

• **Library Affairs, Java Script**, 10 to 11:30 a.m. July 27, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Art in the Garden, Ear-Relevant**, 12 to 1 p.m. University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Fanner Hall. William 453-5388.

• **Library Affairs, Forms with HTML**, 2

to 3 p.m. July 27, Morris Library Room 103 D, 453-2818.

• **Bible study by Black Student Ministries**, 5:30 p.m. July 30, Student Center, Cambria room, Lanel 351-8734.

• **Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group**. Meets every Mon., regarding the first Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse, Marcus 529-7197.

• **Sauluk Volunteer Corp** needs volunteers to assist with on-air fundraising for WSUI/WUSU pledge drive. Various times, 6/7 to 8/13. Communication Building, Frances 453-4161 or 800-745-9748.

• **Sauluk Volunteer Corps, Volunteers** needed to sell tickets for the Science Center, 6 to 8 p.m. August 12, University Mall, Jim 529-5431.

ALMANAC

THIS DAY IN 1967:

- The Board of Trustees discussed the Campus Senate's decision to discontinue financing the student bus service for the next fall semester.
- SIU Transportation Institute was funded a \$25,000 federal contract to conduct a nationwide survey of inland waterway port and terminal facilities.
- Pope Paul VI made his fifth trip abroad to Istanbul, Turkey, despite a disastrous earthquake.
- Conrad Optical, located in Carbondale and Herin, had a special for a \$3.50 thorough eye examination and a one-day service that was available for most eye wear starting at a low price of \$9.50.
- "Eldorado," starring John Wayne and Robert Mitchum, was showing at the Fox Eastgate Theatre in Carbondale.

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POLICE BLOTTER

arrested at 4:04 a.m. Sunday and charged with domestic battery, obstructing justice, unlawful restraint and criminal damage to state property. Seay allegedly gave false information to officers while they were trying to identify him. Seay allegedly battered his 19-year-old girlfriend and refused to allow her to leave her apartment. Seay was transported to Jackson County Jail.

bicycle and flee on foot next to the rear entrance of the Uptown Motel in the 300 block of East Walnut Street. The officers recovered the bicycle, a duffel bag and a pillowcase. The duffel bag and pillowcase each contained VCRs that were later identified as property taken in the burglary. Flagg was found hiding in a concrete culvert next to the bicycle but fled out the west end. He was captured after a lengthy foot pursuit. Flagg had jewelry on him that was later identified to have been taken in this burglary. The second suspect eluded capture, but all the stolen property in this case is believed to have been recovered.

• A forgery was reported at Wal-Mart, 1450 E. Main St., in Carbondale. Store personnel reported taking two counterfeit traveler's checks at 3:21 p.m. on July 1. Total loss was placed at \$200. The suspect is described as a white male, between 30 and 40 years old, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with brown hair and a bald spot on top of his head.

UNIVERSITY

• **Matthew D. Pyle, 18**, of Du Quoin, was arrested at 8:08 p.m. Thursday in the Old Main Mall and charged with underage possession of alcohol. He was released on a recognizance bond.

• **Jessica Amber Miller, 18**, of Benton, was arrested at 8:37 p.m. Thursday in the Old Main Mall and charged with underage possession of alcohol. She was released on a recognizance bond.

• **Michael G. Roach, 45**, and **Erik P. Mauck**, both of Carbondale, were issued Carbondale City ordinance notices to appear charging public urination at 12:27 a.m. Friday by Quigley Hall.


• **Christopher J. O. Loyd, 20**, of Murphysboro, was issued a Carbondale City ordinance notice to appear at 3:17 a.m. Saturday charging underage possession of alcohol.

• **Aaron D. Seay, 22**, of Chicago, was

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• **Joseph P. Flagg, 26**, of 1400 N. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, was arrested and charged in conjunction with a residential burglary. A Carbondale man had reported that someone forced entry into his home between 11:30 p.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday. The items reported taken were two VCRs, a duffel bag, a pillowcase and some jewelry valued in excess of \$300. As the report was coming in, two Carbondale police officers observed two men abandon a

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USG vice president arrested

Charged with driving without a license for the second time, Belton now walks to class

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

As if the beleaguered Undergraduate Student Government did not have enough headaches, the USG vice president was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with driving on a suspended license — for the second time in three months.

Scott L. Belton, 20, of Chicago, was arrested in the 300 block of East Grand Avenue at 1:52 a.m. Wednesday. He was released after posting a \$100 cash bond. Belton is due to appear in court next month for a May 16 charge of driving on a suspended license.

When initially contacted by the Daily Egyptian, Belton, a junior in electrical engineering, denied he had been arrested or that his license was suspended. He also gave a false birth date. Belton later said he lied he to avoid negative publicity.

According to Elizabeth Kaufman, deputy press secretary at the Illinois Secretary of State's Office in Chicago, Belton's license was originally suspended for using a false ID to purchase alcohol and underage possession of alcohol.

Belton is set to become the USG president should current president Bill Archer lose the appeal he filed Friday. Archer has retained the presidency while appealing the decision of a July 12 judicial hearing board which found him to be in violation of seven sections of the student conduct code.

Among the charges Archer was found guilty of were using marijuana, failing to comply with University officials and furnishing false information. The hearing

against Archer stemmed from an incident in April when University Housing head residents suspected Archer and six guests of smoking marijuana. The sanctions imposed by the board would make Archer ineligible to continue as president if his bid for an appeal fails.

Belton claims not to have known he was driving on a suspended license. He said he had never received a suspension letter, and later said the letter had been sent to his Chicago address. After his May arrest, Belton said he thought the suspension only applied to one of his licenses.

"I have a motorcycle license and a driver's license," Belton said. "I was driving a motorcycle at the first time I was pulled over, and they told me that was suspended. I was thinking it was different from my regular license."

Belton said he was driving his car when he was pulled over Wednesday. Since then, he said he has been walking to class.

Kaufman said in Illinois a person would have only one license, but could have more than one class of vehicle listed on the license. A suspension on the license, no matter which vehicle it involved, would render all driving privileges suspended.

Kaufman said Belton's license was originally suspended for one year on Sept. 27, 1999, for violating the Liquor Control Act. Belton would have been eligible to have his driving privileges reinstated on Sept. 27. The first violation will likely add another year to Belton's suspension.

Normally, the additional suspension would have been three months. However, Kaufman said since Belton is still under 21 years old, he falls under the graduated driver program. If convicted, this increases the additional suspension to one year. The second offense, if he is convicted, adds a second year of suspension. Belton could find himself walking to class until 2002.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

SIUC representative acts on resolutions at annual NEA meeting

Efforts were made by the National Education Association to improve work standards for employees of educational institutions during their annual meetings in Chicago, July 1 through July 6.

The meeting proved to be beneficial to 630 support staff members, who primarily fill clerical and accountant positions at SIUC, said Ruth Pommier, the president of the Association of Civil Service Employees at SIUC.

"The issues that we addressed were about both, the economic and social, working conditions of our employees," she said.

The delegates also voted in favor of the recognition of part-time community college employees, Pommier said.

Pommier said she enjoyed participating in the development of the NEAs new service items.

"It was an exciting personal experience because it gave me an opportunity to participate in first-hand democracy in its purest form," she said.

KENT, OH

John Carroll U. student dies after Ecstasy Overdose

A second toxicology screening revealed this week that a 19-year-old John Carroll University student who collapsed at a Kent State University fraternity party died from complications due to the party drug Ecstasy.

Portage County Coroner Roger Marcial said July 20 that Jared Chrzanoski died from cardiac arrhythmia caused by a lethal dose of MDMA, or Ecstasy. The Portage County Prosecutor's office ordered the second toxicology screening after "reliable sources" told officials that Chrzanoski had taken Ecstasy, Marcial said.

The first screen yielded no traces of any amphetamines, including Ecstasy, and neither screen showed that Chrzanoski had consumed any alcohol.

Officials have filed no criminal charges related to the case and none are expected as the investigation continues, said Stein.

Following the death at the fraternity house, the fraternity's international headquarters, located in Indiana, suspended any activities at the Kent State chapter until authorities have concluded their investigation. Executive Director Abe Cross said that the fraternity was not at fault and the chapter's status will be discussed at July 27 meeting.

The university has taken no action against the fraternity and is awaiting the completion of the police investigation.

CHICAGO

Seniors seek alternatives to classroom setting

The American Association of Retired Persons has issued a report saying that many adults over 50 have a desire to further their education, but don't relish the opportunity to sit in classroom settings. More than 1000 people surveyed revealed that older students would rather learn in less conventional, and more one-on-one and hands-on settings.

However, fifty-seven percent of those surveyed said that they had no desire to attend conventional classes; the majority also ruled out audio and video tapes, as well as computer-based learning as viable options, according to the AARP press release. The 50-plus age group accounts for the fastest growing group of web users, but only 17 percent of those surveyed had used the internet to gain educational information.

Seniors apparently want to learn in a more visceral fashion, 89 percent of older Americans say that they are most effective as learners when they are able to put their hands on something and manipulate or figure it out, the AARP report said.

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Fish farming is a growing business

Workshop to teach farmers how to get involved in the farming business

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Farmers who want to make more money or add some diversity to their farms can learn how to get into the fish-raising business.

Interested individuals can attend a workshop at SIUC's Touch of Nature Environmental Center Wednesday.

Dan Selock, an SIUC aquaculture specialist, said there has been a high demand for this workshop because there is a shortage of catfish and a need to increase fish markets in Illinois. He said only one percent of the fish eaten in Illinois is actually produced in Illinois.

"Catfish farming is a growing industry, so we need more farmers," Selock said.

Sixty curious farmers are expected to attend the workshop, which runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will discuss the basics of catfish farming and how to farm a variety of fish — the digging of ponds and raising fish on a commercial basis.

The workshop will have six experts teaching several small sessions including an overview of fish farming, catfish farming, hybrid



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pat Briggs scoops minnows out of his truck to feed muskies at Little Grassy Fish Hatchery, Tuesday. Biggs hauls 1500 minnows from Des-Arc, Ark. every week to be emptied into the ponds. A workshop on starting your own fish farm will be held on July 26 at Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

striped bass, pond construction, water sources, hillside ponds and budgets.

Budgets will help farmers focus on how to get the business started and running. It will concentrate on capital improvement, equipment and operating costs, how much to operate during a fish farming season — from May to October — and return investment.

Selock, who will do a presentation on the status of U.S. and Illinois Aquaculture, said all sessions are helpful, but pond construction would probably be the most important.

"Farmers will know how much land and water to use," Selock said. "If they don't have land or pond, nothing else applies."

Selock said the workshop will be

successful because about 10 out of an average of 60 who attend will start their own fish farm and will invite more to do the same.

"There are new fish-farming businesses each year," he said. "Once more farmers start seeing the success in fish farming, it will pick up even

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Debate over adult store heats up

Thousands in Williamson County want Lion's Den to move out of area

JARON COKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

About 50 people showed up to voice an opinion at the Williamson County Board of Commissioners meeting to discuss what to do about a new adult store on Monday.

Lion's Den, which opened July 17 at 1642 Route 148, nine miles south of Marion, is a store that sells pornography and it has upset some

community members. The commissioners voted to support House Bill 600, an amendment to an existing state law that could determine what the store can and cannot sell.

The existing state law allows a judge to determine whether goods are obscene. HB 600 would change the statute to allow local standards of decency to apply to what the store sells by allowing a jury to make those decisions county by county.

Now, Robert "Bo" Emery, chairman of the Williamson County commissioners, said the law uses the judgments of the people of northern Illinois to determine what is and what is not obscene.

Many in Williamson County are willing to go to court to remove the

store from the area. More than 3,000 signatures have been gathered in a petition drive to protest the store, and there have been many letters of support. Emery said he is unsure whether or not the store can be closed.

"Unless they break the law, there's nothing we can do," Emery said.

Another resolution was passed that places all sales taxes from the store into a special account to support the sheriff's department and the state's attorney office to investigate sex offenses.

Other suggested measures included an ordinance with prescriptive guidance that could result in fines, as well as a resolution that says the board will support the existing

state law.

The existing law, described as "vague" by Emery, defines standards of decency for the whole state. He said it does not represent the values of the majority of the people of Southern Illinois. At the moment, he said the county will proceed carefully.

Lion's Den manager Sandi, who asked that her last name not be used, said the store will stay open. She cited two examples of Lion's Den stores in Illinois, one in Buckley and the other in Atkinson. She said these two central Illinois stores have dealt with similar legal challenges and

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Lasiurus cinereus, the species of bat Carter and Carroll caught, is only the third one known to have been caught in Southern Illinois.

Flit into the world of bats

Forget Dracula — SIUC zoologists say bats are helpful and fascinating

STORY BY KELLY DAVENPORT
PHOTOS BY TED SCHURTER

I got to know my neighbors of five years for the first time last week.

Oh, they were around all along: emerging at dusk to play in wavering sunbeams, shooting loop-de-loops over the fields near my house, and swooping teasingly close to my nose during evening walks, silent on their leathery wings.

But it took a nighttime foray into the woods near Lusk Creek with two SIUC zoology students to provide the proper introduction to the fluttery, fleeting, fascinating world of bats.

Last Thursday, a photographer and I bumped and jostled our way deep into Southern Illinois, close behind Steve Carroll and Tim Carter in their blue Ranger pickup truck. Their ride jangled, as giant nets and poles sloshed around in the bed.

Carroll and Carter, both graduate students, were finishing up their summer field research on Illinois bat species and their unique habits, curious to learn about their summer roosts and habitat preferences.

Waning pink light pierced the Pope County forest canopy at 8 p.m., as Carroll, Carter, the photographer and I unloaded our

gear and adjusted our ratty jeans and boots.

We strapped on raccoon-hurting flashlights shaped like scuba regulators, applied a liberal amount of "Off!" and shimmed down a dried creek bed to the forest bottoms.

"We set up the nets last night," Carter explained, his rubber boots swooshing through stream water. "We aim to put them over streams and in the forest to correspond with flight corridors — bat roads."

Bats see as well as humans by using echolocation — a form of navigation that turns sonic signals into pictures. However, bats do not see color.

When zipping around on hunting trips, bats emit a series of echolocation blasts, called a feeding buzz, to track insects.

"It's just like playing Marco Polo," Carter said. "They emit these wicked, fast calls that bounce back to them after bumping into food."

Carter and Carroll unrolled the webbing, which resembled volleyball nets made from black, fishnet parryhose. Against tree limbs and leaves, the nets disappeared magically. I walked into one.

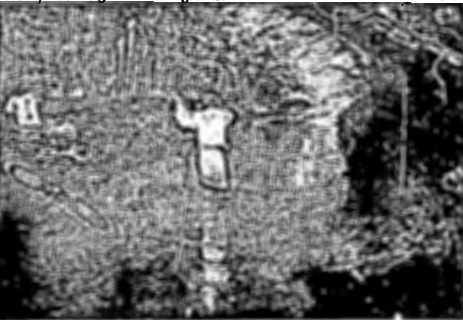
"We only catch the stupid bats," Carroll quipped. And reporters, too, apparently.

Even with the disappearing nets, bats quickly learn to evade capture, the researchers explained.

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(Above) Carter checks the second net. It was empty ... again. (Below) Nets are placed to catch bats as they hunt insects near the water's surface. (Right) Placed in a plastic bag and weighed on a very sensitive scale back by the truck, the juvenile female Hoary bat weighs in at 21 grams.



ARGESINGER

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Also in contention is Argesinger's complaint that a closed meeting on May 12, 1999, was in violation of the Open Meetings Act. The board's executive committee met on that day to discuss

Argesinger's performance. Argesinger's lawsuit maintains that notice of that meeting was required to be given to media and the public two days in advance.

Last month, a motion filed by the board seeking to dismiss former SIU President Ted Sanders as a defendant was granted. In dismissing Sanders

as a defendant, Circuit Court Judge David Watt found that Sanders did not violate the Open Meetings Act because he was not a public figure.

Argesinger's lawsuit seeks an injunction requiring the board to comply with the Open Meetings Act, and make public the minutes of the closed meetings.

PRESIDENT

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comment on the candidates, but said she is glad the president will be named Wednesday.

"I think everyone is relieved we will finally be getting a president," Donovan said. "I hope we're going forward."

ADULT

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both are still open.

"I don't foresee any major problems," Sandi said. "If we go to court, our company is prepared to go."

Despite the protests, Lion's Den has had its most successful grand opening in the 20-year history of the company, Sandi said. Lion's Den, which is open 24 hours a day, sells an assortment of items, ranging from adult movies, toys, games, magazines, DVDs, novelties, with video rentals and prices ranging from 99 cents for lotion samplers, to adult toys for as high as \$199.

"We've had good sales. Not everybody is against us," Sandi said. "Obviously, the people in our community want us here. The residents of the community are taking the opportunity to view the adult materials if they want to."

Lion's Den will tarnish the image of the community, Emery said. The owners of one business, a convenient store that was to open south of Marion, has expressed an interest in relocating. Emery said more potential employers in the area may divert their business elsewhere.

"It will have an impact on us, not just right or wrong, but an economic impact," Emery said. "Local businesses don't want to be next door to an adult-type bookstore. We have marketed our efforts toward this region being family-oriented."

Emery said he is not against anyone's First Amendment freedoms, this debate is about the rights of residents to keep lewd and obscene

material out of the community.

"We're not saying they can't have it," Emery said. "We're just saying we don't want it here."

The store is not near a town, church or schools. Also, everybody under 30 years of age must present picture identification and be at least 18 years old, otherwise they will have to exit the Lion's Den.

Sandi said there are four cameras outside and five cameras inside the store to prevent theft. Aside from the sign in front of the building, there is no apparent advertisement.

"We're not here to cause a disruption," Sandi said. "We're just here for the people who want to come in."

EXECUTIVE SESSION

• THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12:30 P.M. IN THE DANCE STUDIO OF RECREATION CENTER. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE BOARD WILL CONVENE IN THE AERODICS ROOM IN OPEN SESSION.

“We’re not here to cause a disruption. We’re just here for people who want to come in.”

SANDI
Lion's Den manager

BATS

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"Bats can detect a human hair in their path," Carter said. "So we have to place our nets where there is a lot of natural clutter to confuse them."

Even if bats get netted, Carter and Carroll have only 20 minutes to pluck them out to be cataloged before they gnaw through the nets and escape.

Peak bat activity runs from dusk to midnight, Carter said.

"Then the bats take a siesta, and their flights become more intermittent until right before dawn," he said. "Then everybody goes out for that last minute meal before roosting."

Finally, bats shimmy up under the exfoliating bark of trees and snooze until it's time to do it all over again.

A few minutes later, the four empty nets were unraveled and we headed back up the slope to drink Cokes and wait for bats to drop by.

"There's barely any literature on the bats here," Carter said. "But bat numbers are declining, and we aren't sure why."

Both gray bats and Indiana bats are endangered species, Carter said. Pesticide pollution, habitat destruction and disturbance of winter resting sites might all mean trouble in bat land.

"One vandal could kill almost a million bats at once by disturbing a winter hibernaculum," Carter said.

If bats are awakened during the resting season, they lose valuable energy and fat reserves and starve before the spring insect boom, he explained.

Concern for endangered bats like the Indiana bat can halt tree-clearing operations in their home range, much to the chagrin of loggers.

"Bats are being used as a convenient scapegoat right now," Carter said. "And while we don't have any data that says logging is bad for bats, the idea now is just to stop logging and see if bats are affected."

Other folks favor selective cutting, Carroll added. But that can

yield a reduction in dead tree stands called snags — favorite bat roosting sites.

"After the Mississippi flood, there were huge graveyards of trees," he said. "It was perfect for bats."

Bats are useful because they eat oodles of insects, saving farmers millions of dollars in crop losses, Carter said.

Bats also act as pollinators — especially in rain forests, where they make up 50 percent of mammal species and spread pollen between night-flowering plants.

By 8:40 p.m., it was time to check nets. We tromped through mud, on horse trails and over logs peppered with luminescent white mushrooms, but discovered nothing except a lovely spider web riding the breeze.

After several more trips to the nets, we found not a single bat.

"Skunked again," Carroll sighed. "I guess we should have brought some bats with us."

Biology isn't all romance and National Geographic-type drama, I decided.

Camped around a hissing gas lantern up the hill, Carter and Carroll discussed the break in gas prices, teased each other about musical tastes and agreed that collecting fecal samples from bats was much better than other mammals.

Biologists have all the dirt on poop.

"I don't mind it," Carroll said, of collecting samples.

"It's just a bunch of bug skeletons," Carter agreed. "But utter — yuck. Dead fish."

They laughed, while nighttime cicadas, lone coyotes and screech owls chorused in the background.

Finally, by 10 p.m., an albatross of the bat world swooped into net number one in time to raise our morale.

"You've got your snail, fluttery bats," Carter explained, as he scrambled down the levee into the stream bed. "And then you have the alba-

trusses." The gray-and-white furred Hoary bat hissing in the net before us was definitely an albatross — it is the largest species in the state and this specimen was only the third ever caught in Southern Illinois.

Hoary bats can weigh up to 30 grams; our catch weighed about 20 grams and was the size of a large mouse. It boasted a one-foot wingspan.

After Carroll untangled it from the net, the bat gaped its round mouth and hissed — its pug nose and face puckering up like an angry Pomeranian dog.

Carroll stretched one wing out for me to examine. I ran my finger across the miraculously thin wing — it felt like suede Saran Wrap.

The other nets were empty, so we gathered up our lone bat — now flouncing around in a Tupperware container — and headed to the truck to take wing skin samples for DNA tests and to gather stats on sex, size and age.

"Bats seldom look cute and cuddly," Carter said, explaining the difficulty in convincing the general public to take bats under their wing.

The Hoary bat — a juvenile female — nibbled at his leather gloves and struggled with its mouth agape.

If folks are going to preserve bats, they'll need to forget movie hype, Carroll said.

"We need to erase the myths," he said. "And get people interested in bats as an animal — people think they're an evil creature, but they're just another mammal."

"Really, they're about the most interesting animal — completely unique."

The next evening — after my prelude 2 a.m. bat rendezvous — I smiled as the sun sank low in the sky and my old neighbors flitted out from their hiding places.

Tonight they were no longer strangers, but new friends — helpful bug chompers on butterfly wings.

PAGANS

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ancient oak and talked about some of the responsibilities that come with being a good witch.

One of the goals of the picnic was to offer anyone interested in paganism a comfortable room to learn. Throughout the day, groups gathered beneath the shade of the sprawling oak to discuss fortune telling, paganism and what it means to be a witch.

"We don't practice any negative magic. Our motto is 'harm none, do as you will,'" explained a woman who led a session called Wicca 101, but would not give her name. She preferred to be referred to by her title, High Priestess of the Divine Mysteries Coven.

Despite the openness of the picnic, many of the pagans were hesitant to have their witchiness made public.

"I'm not sure I'm ready to come out of my broom closet just yet," the high priestess said. "I'm pretty active on campus and I don't think my colleagues are ready to know I'm a witch."

Nelsen finds the University community accommodating to her views, but is worried about the way pagans are viewed in the rest of Southern Illinois.

"You're dealing with people who are not used to new ideas and I think there is some danger out there," Nelsen said. "There's pagans in probably every community but they keep it quiet."

"We just want to show that we're here in a public park and that we're not doing anything scary."

And aside from a few tarot card readings and the occasional chant

session, you would be hard pressed to tell the pagans apart from anyone else.

Pagan is generally considered to mean anyone who isn't a member of Christianity, Judaism or Islam, but Nelsen and Elwell both noted that the term pagan originally referred to a person from the hills or the country.

Elwell explains that in Europe the country people were often removed from modern advancements and were more connected to the ways of nature.

"Often times they would use these rituals as ways of maintaining some power in a world that was challenging them," Elwell said.

Nature plays a big role in Wiccan beliefs.

"We're a nature-based religion," explained the priestess. "Not necessarily worshipping nature, but we view and experience the divine through nature."

According to Elwell, magic is not about tricks, but about tapping into signals that are already there, which our senses cannot always pick up.

Elwell explained how a bag of marked stones or "ruins" can be used to tell people's fortunes. Each stone has a symbol on it and each symbol has a meaning. A person asks a question about their life and then pulls five stones from a bag. And like pulling letters from a Scrabble bag, there's even a blank.

Elwell claims his familiarity with the stones have heightened his senses.

"There may be a subtle degree of manipulation of the stones that we're not aware of," Elwell said. "At times I'm able to know what stone someone is going to pull before they pull them."

FARMING

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more."

Christopher Kohler, a zoology professor and director of Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center, will give a presentation on hybrid striped bass. He said these coolwater fish have a lot of potential, and are one of the fastest-growing fish, but more farmers are needed to raise them.

"Most are being raised on the East and West coasts, but it's time for a big market in the Midwest," Kohler said.

Selock is only thought that there was a need to fish farm because of economical reasons, but cited that farmers needed more diversity.

"It's time to do more with farming besides just crops, corn and soybean," Selock said.

FARMING

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Philadelphia (53-44)
6:35 p.m.

Arizona (56-43)
St. Louis (55-43)
7:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (40-59)
Pittsburgh (42-55)
8:05 p.m.

Montreal (47-40)
NY Mets (53-44)
8:10 p.m.

Houston (55-63)
Cincinnati (50-48)
8:35 p.m.

Florida (48-50)
Atlanta (60-39)
8:40 p.m.

Los Angeles (51-46)
Colorado (48-48)
8:05 p.m.

San Francisco (53-43)
San Diego (44-54)
9:05 p.m.

American League
Kansas City (45-52)
Chi Sox (61-37)
7:05 p.m.

Anaheim (53-46)
Texas (46-50)
8:35 p.m.

Minnesota (44-57)
Boston (51-44)
8:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (58-58)
Detroit (45-51)
8:05 p.m.

Cleveland (50-47)
Toronto (53-47)
8:05 p.m.

NY Yankees (51-42)
Baltimore (61-37)
8:35 p.m.

Oakland (53-49)
Seattle (57-40)
9:05 p.m.

All times are CST



ERIC ROBINSON - DAILY EGYPTIAN

ON THE ROAD AGAIN Perry Kanop and his daughter Brennan team up for a tandem bike ride on Douglas Drive. SIUC Police closed the road adjacent to Campus Lake Saturday, allowing people to ride bikes, rollerblade, or skateboard around the lake. The Recreation Center sponsored the event.

Former Vols football player drops lawsuit against school

University of Tennessee changes regulations regarding release of student records

MATTHEW MCGUIRE
TMS CAMPUS

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — A former football captain for the University of Tennessee Volunteers dismissed his lawsuit against his alma mater after the university's president said steps would be taken to increase security surrounding student's records at the university.

Former JT player Spencer Riley's academic records were released to a reporter from ESPN.com in a series of articles that reported on alleged misconduct by athletic tutors.

In a letter sent to Riley dated July 20, University President J. Wade Gilley wrote "I apologize for the public disclosure of your student records last fall, and sincerely regret any difficulty or embarrassment the disclosure may have caused you and your family."

Under the new security provision, the university will require all employees to re-apply for access to student academic histories, and professors, deans and advisors will only have

access to students within their own college.

Linda Bensel-Meyers, a university professor who oversees the program in the English department, was also named in the suit and has denied any wrongdoing. Lawyers for Riley asked that the suit against Bensel-Meyers be dismissed without prejudice, which allows the claims to be raised again. Riley's lawyer said the suit was not motivated by money but rather the desire to see the university step up security around student's academic records. "Mr. Riley didn't want to cause any harm to the university or the athletic department, he only wanted to see something done where this wouldn't happen to any other students," said Timothy Irwin, a lawyer representing Riley.

Riley, a 6-foot-3, 295 pound center, signed a free-agent contract with the Buffalo Bills earlier this year.



BATTER UP!

Cherelle Brooks plays baseball at the Hannah House Child Development Center Monday afternoon.

JESSE DRYRY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University of Florida wide receiver qualifies in Men's 200 Meter

Former Gator looks to usher in new era of US sprinting

FILIP BONDY
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. — Nobody talks trash like the sun in Sacramento. It baked down Sunday trackside with 118-degree fury on the hyperbole and the pretenders at the U.S. Olympic Trials, melting away all but the real deals and the true golden children.

Marion Jones may have sweated a bit, but she didn't squint at the challenge. By winning the 200 in 21.94 seconds, Jones swept her three events at the Trials while keeping alive her dream of five gold medals in Sydney in the 100, 200, long jump and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

"It's a relief," Jones said. "As everybody knows, coming to the U.S. Trials

and making it through and winning all three events is tiresome. I'm glad nothing bad happened, and that it's over."

Marion Jones had said she wanted Inger Miller to back up the bold words, or to just keep quiet. Miller did her best, but it wasn't enough to justify the pre-race bravado. Jones made short work of Miller in the race, getting off to a start that put away her challenger early, then holding her off down the straightaway.

"I have a lot of work to do between now and Sydney," admitted the suddenly modest Miller, who finished in 22.09.

Although there may be some grumbling by other runners, U.S. women's track coach Karen Dennis hinted it was likely that Jones would be selected for the 4x400 relay in Sydney — even though she didn't compete here at that distance.

"Marion can run in the 4x4," Dennis said. "The other women know that Marion has earned the right to run if she chooses to. They can deal with that."

The men's 200-meter race turned

into something entirely unexpected, after Michael Johnson and then Maurice Greene pulled up lame with pulled hamstrings. A new pecking order emerged for the Olympics, and maybe for some time after that.

John Capel, 21, who quit the University of Florida football team this spring and left behind his wide receiver role, took advantage of the wreckage behind him to capture the sprint in an impressive 19.85 seconds. Behind him were 34-year-old veteran Floyd Heard (19.88) and Coby Miller (19.96), a student at nearby Auburn College in California.

"Before the race, Coby was saying to me, 'Let's bring in the new era of sprinters,'" Capel said. "That's what happened, and we sort of took Floyd along."

Capel could take heart knowing he had defeated both Johnson and Greene in a pressure-packed semifinal heat earlier in the day. Johnson slowed at the finish of the semifinal, hoping to pre-

serve what little energy he had left. But then came the final, and suddenly Capel found himself out ahead again of his more famous rivals — for real, this time.

"I wasn't thinking about what happened behind me," said Capel, the reverential son of a preacher. "I don't know about whether I'd have beaten them anyway. Michael Johnson is a great sprinter. If the man is better than me on any given day, so be it. I train. I get better."

In other action nearly lost in a heavy day at the Trials, Stacy Dragila set the only world record at this meet with a vault of 15 feet, 2 1/4 inches. She then took a victory lap before adoring fans from her hometown area.

"What a relief," said Dragila, who will be co-appearing in September in the first-ever women's pole vault competition in the Olympics. "Coming into this I was nervous. I made 15-5 in warmups and kept my composure through the whole event. It helps me to know I can jump under pressure."