DNA tests offer police no answers in student's murder

Brett Neuman
Daily Egyptian

A pair of blood-stained pants that police hoped would link an Energy man to the unsolved shooting death of an SIUC student were recently returned from the state's DNA lab with negative results.

The pants were collected from the home of David W. Hammond, 27, within a week of a shooting that left Marcus Thomas, a 21-year-old SIUC psychology student, dead. Hammond told the officers who collected the pants that he was a witness while working at Oqnck Stone, a box and cart company in Harrisville.

Testing concluded at the state's crime lab, which clamped his name to the forefront in terms of testing, took six hours when Thomas was found. Hammond to the Home Depot. The pants were collected within a week of the shooting that left Thomas dead.

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The results took more than a year to receive because police had not identified evidence to tie Hammond to the shooting.

Finney said police have known about the DNA results from Hammond's pants for a while, but they were unable to release the information to the Daily Egyptian in order to follow up on investigative leads.

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"This was evidence that was found at the scene or on Frank. Hammond, himself. It would have shot it to the forefront in terms of testing," Finney said.

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"Hammond would have had enough for a search warrant at that point," Finney said. "Which means there could be other things you might as well knock on the door and ask.

Reporter Brett Neuman
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Carbondale on the road to recovering funds lost in census mishap

New agreement should end census dispute

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale will receive more than $420,000 in state funds but because of a census whistle if it proposes an agreement approved by the City Council is approved by Murphysboro and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Carbondale has been recovering the funds since a report released by the Census Bureau was filed in 1999.

The city also agreed that it will not make further claims against the state or Murphysboro if it settles the case. The Census Bureau is expected to receive the $420,000 in state funds.

The agreement requires that Carbondale not appeal the recent appellate court decision that reversed a Jackson County Circuit Court injunction ordering the state to keep money that Carbondale would have received in an escrow account.

"I don't think anyone really knows the road of where they're going to end up," Bratland said.

In May, 1999, she graduated from SIUC and had come down and packed up her belongings and were leaving Carbondale — forever, the thought.

"How does it feel leaving somewhere you'll never come back to, to your mother asked as they were driving out of town.

But forever would last only a few weeks.

"The road was very quickly led me back to Carbondale," she said.

While settling into her new office in the old depot, Jill Bratland, director of Carbondale Main Street, occasionally hears the bell ring on the old Illinois Central train engine and caboose displayed behind the depot. When she looks out, she often sees families playing on the train.

Jill Bratland never imagined she would land a job promoting a town she fell in love with as an undergraduate at SIUC

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Important Reminder for Students Graduating or Leaving SIUC!

Students who are not planning to return to SIUC for the Fall 2002 Semester can opt to purchase an extension of their off-campus student insurance coverage for 60 days past their last date of university enrollment. The last date of coverage for students who complete the Summer 2002 session is August 18, 2002. In order to purchase the optional extension coverage, you must complete an application and make payment PRIOR to your last date of coverage under the regular student coverage. Students who withdraw prior to the end of the semester must make application and payment PRIOR to their last date of official university enrollment.

For further information regarding this coverage, please refer to the "2001/2002 Extended Medical Care Benefit Plan Brochure" or visit the SHP web page at WWW.USATODAY.COM. The Student Medical Benefit Office (student insurance) is located at Room 118, Kern Hall or can be reached via phone at 453-4413.

National News

Trapped miners brace harrowing conditions

Somerset, Pa. - In a small, dark, dank space, up to 4 feet deep, 12 to 18 feet wide, 240 feet underground, 1,000 miners are straining to keep each other alive.

The conditions trapped by nine Pennsylvania coal miners rescued last night at Quecreek coal mine make their survival and the condition in which they emerged all the more remarkable.

"If you were to see any of these guys on the street right now, you would not know they were trapped in a cavelike full of water for three days," said Dr. Russell Blaney, a trauma surgeon at Medical Center of Johnstown, where six of the miners were hospitalized.

"Often one would get cold, the other one would starve, the other one would fight around the person and Moan and then, when another one passed out, the one that was first returned," said Blaney.

The miners also battled around a 6-inch pipe, spewing gas from the mine, which Dumke said probably saved their lives.

International News

DR Congo pact due to be signed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa - The leaders of Rwanda and Congo signed a pact on Tuesday that may help end Africa's biggest war and years of atrocities in its turbulent, resource-rich region.

But analysts said the agreement, to be guaranteed by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and South African President Thabo Mbeki, could fail if it is not accompanied by positive military policies.

And, they noted, the pact does not directly involve some key countries, such as Tanzania, which is a leader of a group that opposes the Congolese army, and Burundi, where a vital army unit was removed.

President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Joseph Kabila of Democratic Republic of Congo were due to fly in from South Africa capital Pretoria for the 1500 GMT signing.

The agreement was to guarantee a lasting withdrawal of foreign forces, Annas's 14,000 genocide and who now fights for Kinshasa in Congo.

In return, Rwanda, which invaded in 1998 to try to topple the government and protect Rwanda's eastern borders, agreed not to meddle in Congo's political affairs.

Police lay siege at university

Dhaka, Bangladesh - Police and political parties fighting to tighten the siege on the university that students called a battle to death in the Bangladesh capital to protest at alleged police brutality on campus.

The student unrest, the worst in three decades, took place as the government prepared to host to Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf, who was due to arrive for a three-day visit.

"The (state's) is another straw on the camel's back," said one police officer. "A big chunk of my force is at the university where the situation is still violent while the elite group needs to be on duty for General Musharraf's visit.

"This is the enemy's victory," said another official.

The troubles at Dhaka University began last Wednesday when police stormed a students' dormitory, allegedly beate all residents and arrested 20 of them, according to the police.

Students, teachers and opposition politicians described the incident as "police barbarity." A Big force is present on the streets of the capital on Monday and Tuesday has partially discouraged participation in the protests.

Cease fire talks continue

RAJAMALLA, West Bank - With Israeli taking steps to ease the suffering of Palestinians, President Yasser Arafat Monday that he is still working with Palestinian leader and leaders of the peace process.

"Concerning the agreement of all the Palestinian leaders, including Hamas, the others will come, too," said Arafat after a meeting with U.S. officials.

Reported that Fatah, Arafat's faction of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and Hamas, a Palestinian fundamentalist group, have reached an agreement on a cease-fire declaration before last week's transport attack in Gaza.

Today

High 92
Low 70
Mostly sunny and a little less humid with a north west wind 5 to 10 mph.

Five-day Forecast

Wednesday Mostly Sunny 92/68
Thursday Partly Cloudy 91/70
Friday Partly Cloudy 90/70
Saturday Partly Cloudy 90/70
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Today's Calendar

No events submitted

Police Reports

No reports submitted

Corrections

In Friday's article, "Battle of the Blacks," Columnist, Miss and Sonny Boy Williamson was misidentified. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Reader who spot errors please call the Daily Egyptian at 569-4533 ext 223.

P.S.: The Daily Egyptian reserves the right to not publish any corrections, such as this one.
Committee challenges Illinois’ statehood

Petition seeks to make South Illinois 51st state

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

Sometime in the future, Carbondale could be the state capital of South Illinois. That is what a grassroots organization is working toward.

About 25 counties compose South Illinois, but there is an ongoing movement among some people to form a new state separate from Northern Illinois to become the 51st state of the nation.

The recently formed committee to form South Illinois was launched by Bly Emerson, publisher for the non-profit monthly newspaper the Martinville Observer, and Dana Tanner, the committee’s vice chairman. Emerson and Tanner believe the new state would be able to form itself with a grassroots campaign.

Emerson said the committee’s website, the committee to form South Illinois, is in the process of being set up on the Internet. According to the campaign’s website, the committee is gathering hundreds of signatures a day. The committee’s petition goal is 200,000 signatures from the community.

“Due to the course of current events, it has now become evident that in order for the people of South Illinois to guarantee for themselves and their progeny a society dedicated to their health, education, safety and economic welfare, they must now form their own state,” the committee declaration says on its website.

The campaign’s website offers reasons, including implications that “Chicagoland” or “Chi-town” sees as the headquarters for two of the largest gang organizations, the north political corruption and the alleged use of legislative corruption.

Emerson said the state of South Illinois is the most beautiful part of the state of Illinois, and many of us already consider ourselves in a state all its own, he said.

As for the state capital, Tanner said most people he has talked with suggested Carbondale.

“People have been saying Carbondale because it’s pretty much the hub of Southern Illinois,” he said.

While he senses a general community support for the campaign, Tanner said she has met some who are not willing to be actively involved with the campaign, even though they do not object to forming the state of South Illinois.

The committee plans to speak with Glenn Posband, SIU vice chancellor for administration, and U.S. Attorney Alexander Hribar to discuss the campaign.

Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard is skeptical about the campaign but agrees with some of the statehood ideas in the campaign.

“An interesting idea that has been discussed many years past about the deep Southern Illinois and Northern Illinois and an interesting concept that, without changing the state lines, could expand the next 100 years become a part of the other states,” Dillard said.

Tanner said some people are unaware of Southern Illinois’ qualities that enable the region to stand to offer as a state and many people don’t realize it.

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Carrie Arms, a junior in the equine science program from Russellville, Kentucky, said she is planning on touring around a ring with a rope as part of the Yearling Sales Preparation Class. The equine science program at SIUC prepares students for management positions within the horse industry.

On Campus

SIUC commencement set for Aug. 3

Southern Illinois University Carbondale will hold its combined summer commencement ceremony for graduation of all of its colleges at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, at the SIU Arena. Dale Hunter, vice president of the SIU Alumni Association, will welcome graduates, families and friends. There are approximately 2,500 candidates for degrees.

SIUC’s Dunn-Richmond Center adds new tenant

The regional office of the Illinois Century Network is the newest tenant in the Dunn-Richmond Center at 17 N. Grant St. in Carbondale.

The network provides high-speed data, video and audio communications for schools, libraries, colleges, universities, museums, municipalities, state agencies and other public entities. More than 5,600 institutions are on the network, which is a joint venture of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois State Board of Education.

IPS prepares for new system in fall

IPS urges campus-wide awareness with international student tracking

Lena Morsch
Daily Egyptian

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Gubernatorial candidate campaigns at local airport

Ryan says he is concerned with Southern Illinois issues

Brian Peach  
Daily Egyptian

With more than 100 people blocking any sight of Jim Ryan, Paul Field set in her white shirt and black pants in the Williamson County Airport and carefully listened to the gubernatorial candidate address her fellow Republicans.

Field, an airport employee of 30 years, stood next to her husband and granddaughter to hear what the candidate had to say on issues such as Medicare and Medicaid.

"I would have liked to see him, but it's just too crowded," Field said. "We're not here because [the gubernatorial election] means a lot to us."

Ryan is campaigning for governor by traveling throughout the state and sharing his views and ideals with anyone who will listen. He said that two major issues he wishes to address in Southern Illinois are healthcare and education.

"I'm doing a fly-around and talking about my pledge to make health care more affordable, Ryan said. "If governor, I'm really only talking to the people of the state."

Ryan's campaign, however, is not just about the candidate. He said his team has been gathered for the Illinois Department of Public Safety. "We'll also listen to the people and see what they think about it," Sigler said.

The gubernatorial election is not until

Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan speaking at a crowd at the Williamson County Airport near Marion. Ryan spoke on issues such as stopping political corruption, veteran's rights and his opponent Rod Blagojevich's voting record.

"There's no one who will be 1 year old on Aug. 17, came with his dad, Lindsey Powell, to Ryan's conference, and Powell was pleased that Ryan placed his vote to take a picture with Powell works at Virginia Press and hopes Ryan will help improve education so his son will benefit as he grows. He bought. Ryan's vote shows the people of Ryan's beliefs with his son."

"It's not too early to get them active in politics," Powell said.

Austrians enhance academics with SIU visit

Students from Austria take opportunity to learn in America

Jessica Yoroma  
Daily Egyptian

For students occupying classroom 3113 in Foster Hall the past three weeks, the distance between home and campus is not a sure walk or short car ride away but is a 24-hour plane ride.

The vision of these students from Austria visiting the SIUC campus is that of a trip to the state. Rod Blagojevich, a Democrat, is the only other candidate running for governor, and Ryan used a portion of his time pointing out all the negatives about him. Some campaign workers and supporters of Ryan also passed out numerous anti-Blagojevich flyers to the crowd as they left the airport.

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Austrian students will spend their five-month stay at University to build an awareness of American culture. They are instructed through a series of lectures, workshops, and answered questions regarding everything from the Vienna hula to American culture and language. The trip to SIUC was paid for by the Austrian government.

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To serve and protect

In his famous closing argument, Johnny Cochran loudly asked the rhetorical question to the GJ Simpson jury: "Who polices the police?"

The question was posted for them, and in light of the recent police beatings caught on videotape, the question continues to be thought provoking.

In Albuquerque, NM, a 19-year-old female was beaten in her jail cell. In Inglewood, Calif., another youth was slammed against a police car and hit after being handcuffed. The victim who videotaped the incident was arrested later for 3-year-old warrants and was heard screaming for help in the police car. This individual was taken to the hospital for rather serious injuries that he sustained in the police car. The reaction from this police department was that he was resisting and needed subduing. It is important to mention that for many, years in the past our minority community has regularly complained of police mistreatment, and many of these complaints were basically ignored and minimized by those in the majority community.

On Tuesday, a heavily publicized beating such as that of Rodney King or the shooting of an unarmed teenager in Chicago, among others, would obviously draw the community would always reply that police brutality is isolated and rare. Unfortunately, such incidents fall into the middle to upper class people, the issue is addressed seriously, such as when a white female in New Mexico was beaten to death while she was handcuffed. Since this occurred, many have reportedly said an independent task force should be formed to examine the problem of police brutality. It is obvious that it is not a rare or isolated problem, and many police departments around the country have been inundated with official complaints of police misconduct.

Many official inquiries have been filed alleging police brutality. A frightening aspect of many of these cases is that if it were not for video-tape, the cases would not have been discovered. One must wonder then what is occurring when the eye of the video is absent. It is germane to state that there are many police officers who perform their job with professionalism and dedication that will never have been discovered, another human being's civil rights. Additionally, police officers are placed in extremely dangerous situations on a regular basis, especially officers who work in large metropolitan cities. Many perform services that are beyond their duties, and this is admirable and worthy of praise.

Nowadays, police brutality is inexcusable. Decent officers should be involved by the behavior of hateful and rogue officers and work diligently to weed them out of their profession. There are several issues that must be examined by the public. First and foremost, the public must not tolerate the behaviors that are committed by the police. We have to realize the handheld man or woman we see on the news beaten could be our precious daughter or son. As Martin Luther King Jr. stated, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Citizens must question the training and retraining that police officers are subjected to in handling belligerent respects.

There are many other occurrences that officers who refuse to report officers who use excessive force. The culture of the police department needs to be rewritten. In some cases, officers have fostered the sentiment that it's OK to administer a beating to a suspect who has been brutally beaten. Finally when these cases are discovered, there must be immediate and decisive action taken. In the end, the answer to Johnny Cochran's question must be that it is our job as citizens to police the police. If we don't take action, we are failure to our community.

Frankly I'd think a patriotic, real American who doesn't want a file started on him in the Department of Homeland Security's Suspicous Citizen Database would leave me a bigger tip!

Our Word

Change for a better Carbondale

On the eve of our last summer publication, we will once again discuss the Human Relations Commission. The message is a simple one.

Change.

The Carbondale City Council will decide in upcoming months whether the proposed commission charged with addressing discrimination should have legally binding powers or if it should serve only as a mediation body.

Change. Will the change be one with guns or teeth?

A quick review of the commission's stanza follows. The SIU-Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations was formed after police officers were accused on about 60 black students at a black party in April 2001.

Change. Black students cried for change.

In November, the task force recommended the formation of the Human Relations Commission with the legal authority to subpoena witnesses and levy sanctions against employees, including Carbondale Police Officers.

Change. Too much, too fast for the city to change.

Earlier this summer, the city responded with a plan to form a Human Relations Commission without any legal authority. Instead, it would serve as a mediation body that brings people together for discussion. The issue was addressed at the June 18 council meeting, and the council members responded favorably to the plan drafted by City Manager Jeff Doherty.

Change. Will you change your mind?

Later during that same meeting, William Norwood, co-chair of the task force, told the podium and said the city was merely adding "some window dressing" to what already exists. The city decided to let the issue simmer on until students return in the fall.

Change. The City Council needs to turn this change on high and let it boil from the pot. This is our third editorial addressing this issue. We originally supported Doherty's plan to have a commission without legal powers which we believed was formed with good intentions.

Change. Change your understanding.

After learning, however, the legal authority the city can extend to a Human Relations Commission under the Illinois Human Rights Act, we decided that a commission without any legal authority is not enough to ease racial tensions in Carbondale. We believe that a commission should have legal authority over areas within the city where oversight is not currently exercised by the local level. This includes such things as investigations in regards to employment, real estate transactions, access to financial credit and public accommodation.

Change. Others have changed. On Wednesday, the DAILY EYEPHAN reported on the workings of the Human Relations Commission in the other cities in Illinois. The leaders of these commissions all said they served to address issues of racial unease and discrimination in a positive fashion. We believe Carbondale should have a commission similar to the one in Chanpaign where it has the power to subpoena witnesses and sanction those who violate the civil rights of a citizen. It should also audit police complaints impartially and look for negative trends that need to be investigated.

Change. Change for a better Carbondale.

Doherty said the city's proposal, lacking a legal arm, would be one that "seeks to bring people together to resolve differences real and perceived in a fashion that is going to have positive results." He only repeated this statement when asked why a commission with power would NOT have a positive effect.

Change. Don't be afraid of the change.

Who's there may be those who cry wolf when the sheep are safe, a commission of intelligent, reasonable people will be able to distinguish complaints with merit from those without.

Change. Change your consciousness.

Norwood said the city's suggested commission was basically something with a lot of respectability and no authority. He said most people believe the city's suggested commission would not make any real differences.

Change. If that is the final thing, it is no big change and we on the task force came to the conclusion that change was needed.

The Human Relations Commission should not be formed in haste, but rather with thoughtfulness and sensitivity. Change. Don't change for the sake of change.

It should not, however, be a dream deferred because yes, it will explode.

Can you hear it? Change.

Can you see it? Change.

Can you feel it? Change.

Can you imagine it? Change.

Can you believe it? Change.

Change, change, change.

Change!
BRATLAND
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had volunteered for events and num-
ner concerts when she was in high
school. The Main Street director in
Daville told her that she was open-
ing at the Main Street in Lincoln, Ill.
"I applied for the position and was
offered the job," Bratland said. "[But] I decided it just wasn't really the
right fit for me."
She didn't want to be back in cen-
tal Illinois, she said. She wanted to be
out on her own and wanted to enjoy
the opportunity to set down roots furtlher away from the city. Then she got a call from the direc-
tor of the Illinois Main Street pro-
gram, letting her know that the position
at Carbondale Main Street still had
a position open.
She saw herself and, after inter-
viewing, was offered the job. She
was immediately thrown into the hectic
world of running a non-profit organi-
sation, but she said it has been a great
eXperience. "There is no education better
than real experience — real in-the-road
experience."

The road back to Carbondole was as unexpected as gaining a career in public relations. And, for many
years, her ambition was to become an
astronaut.
Bratland has been a fan of the
space program since she was very
young and had attended Space Awa-
day in Huntsville, Ala., after
seventh grade. But her interest in
becoming an astronaut was boosted
when Joe Tanner was accepted to the
Tanner was the son of a Danville
doctor whom Bratland's mother
worked for as a nurse.
"It was so exciting and heightened
my curiosity about the space pro-
maram," Bratland said.
They soon became friends and pen pals and during the next several
years, and Bratland and her family
had the opportunity to go to Cape
Canaveral and watch as Tanner blast-
off into space. Later, during her
first year of college, she gave her
and a friend a behind-the-scenes tour
of the Kennedy Space Center.

Despite later majoring in speech
communications, she said she tended
to avoid speech-related classes in
high school. But during her junior
year, Tanner came to her high school and put on a slide show and, in
spite of the fact that she was from	 prematurely emptied the cyst after
surgery. As Rya removed the contents
of the cyst, the patient noticed that
there was no blood present, and the
procedure was completed with no appre-
sible residual left behind. Weeks later, the patient

return because the cyst had reap-
ppeared. Ryan was re-diagnosed with the cyst.
According to the IDPR, a patient of physician Marijuana Ryan presented what appeared to be a breast cyst as an
appointment scheduled during the 11th
week of the patient's pregnancy. In a
manner that resulted in the contents of the cyst emptied. The Illinois Department of
Profession Regulation took action.
In an informal conference with the
Medical Disciplinary Board of the
State of Illinois, Ryan was presented
with the options to contest the
charges and to have the case reviewed
by a second administrative team.
"Ryan refused her rights and
accepted the charges as given," Sanden said. "The disciplinary action
agreed upon was public admonish-
ment."

Despite the charges, Ryan is still
prohibited to practice medicine. The
IDPR believes the disciplinary meas-
ures were fair and equitable and were
accepted by the charges as given;

as a result of the diagnosis, Ryan's practice was

suspected of performing a
medical procedure that resulted in
infection within the cyst. After the
diagnosis, Ryan was suspected of

breaching her duty in a matter
that resulted in harm to her
patient.
The Illinois Department of
Professional Regulation is a state
agency in charge of regulating the
content of the people involved.

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Texas man sues over monument

PETER WALSH
Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) — An
Austinite, Texas man, filed suit
against several state officials in
order to remove a monument
containing the Ten Commandments
from the state Capitol grounds.
The case is the latest in a
universally controversial issue.

The suit will go to trial Monday,
Texas V. State, according to Richard Perry, 1st, Gen. Bill Richards and
Texas House Speaker Pete Laney,
along with several other state officials, in their capacities as
officers of the State
Preservation Board, which operates the Capitol and its
immediate grounds.

In his complaint, Van Orden claims the monument is an "embodiment by
the state of Texas of religion and of Christianity and Judaism in particular.

The table-shaped granite display stands 16 feet high and is located to the northwest of the Capitol
Building. The Hernando Ordinance of 1849 authorized the building, along with many like it across the nation, in
the wake of the Civil War. The Texas Legislature approved its installation in 1956.

The flat-top, Baneo-based Legal Library
Institutes has filed an amicus brief, arguing
against Van Orden, citing the monument's awareness of religi-
ous but does not endorse one or the other.

The state Attorney General's office is representing the state and declined comment.
Illinois teachers change holoocaust education

Amy Reiter
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN, II. (UPI) - About 30 teachers and school administrators from across Illinois as well as lecturers and community members, gathered at the University of Illinois School of Library and Information Science Sunday evening to discuss the Holocaust - and how to teach middle and high school students about it.

Seth Totten, a Holocaust expert and professor at the University of Arizona in Fajayville, spoke about his work and published versions of times and approaches for educators. He said teachers need to talk not only about the dates and statistics of the Holocaust, but also to seriously address ways it happened.

Hundreds of pieces of legislation were passed under the Nazi government making them to seemingly mass murder of Jews, as in addition to gypsies, gypsies and mentally and physically handicapped, he said. The Great Depression, the post-World War I emigration to Germany and lack of involvement by individuals within Germany, as well as neighboring countries, were all factors in the Holocaust, he said.

"It's not an incident in history," Totten said. "It was not inevitable. It's very important for teachers to know the subject to teach it in an accurate and thorough way."

"To only show horrific pictures is exploitation," Totten said. "I think we need to understand everything about what we are talking about so students understand it.

"He said teachers need to move away from stories and simplistic definitions of those events."

The lecture Sunday was the beginning of a greater event, "Humanities in the Classroom: An Interdisciplinary Holocaust Conference for Illinois Educators."

The conference was co-founded by professors, like Faye Leibo, head of academic outreach at the University, who were interested in doing a series of lectures and other activities about the Holocaust. The program director at the Division of Outreach, Brenda Pacey saw the opportunity for an interdisciplinary conference and got the Office of Continuing Education, the LAS program in Jewish Culture and Society and the Graduate School of Library and Information Science involved.

"It's an interdisciplinary and interdepartmental opportunity," Pacey said.

Throughout the six-day program, educators of all levels of teaching expertise will earn continuing professional development unit credits as they listen to lectures ranging in topic from the rise of Naziism in Germany and Austria to web activities for Holocaust education. Those seminars are how to incorporate Holocaust education into their curriculum and will spend the afternoon and morning like "Schindler's List," followed by discussion.

Pacey said the goal of the week is to show educators how to develop and share curricula with middle and high school students that have a "meaningful way."

Devil's Kitchen Lake, which opened in 1959, has been closed for the last two and a half weeks. There have been no campers, no fishers and no boats.

"The outdoor campground and marina has been quiet since the previous owner, Tim and Lisa Timothe, sold the grounds. Answering vamps' woes, Beth Dunn, owner of Devils Outdoor Resort $317 U.S. 51, will be talking on the campground and reopening the site on Friday, Aug. 5. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service owns Devil's Kitchen Lake, but Dunn will act as owner of the campground and marina services.

"A lot of people were pretty bummed out that it was closed," Dunn said. "There are a lot of regular users that go out there."

Devil's Kitchen Lake, not to 45 camps and a marina. Dunn thought that a partnership between the outdoor park and a campground would be a good plan, so he took on the challenge.

"There will be fishing boats, canoes and kayaks for rent. There is also storage area for those who wish to keep their boats at the lake.

Cullen Brewer is glad that the lake where he grew up won't be closed for much longer. Brewer, from Raymond, is applying for a position to work at the campgrounds and reopen the site when it reopens.

"It's nice and quiet," Brewer said. "I raised them basically from birth."

Brewer said that the campground, fishing, camping and the fact that too many people around the area make panning. Brewer grew up at the Lake, and said his father grew up too.

"We went fishing out there with my daddy when I was 7," Brewer remembered.

The lake will have a store with food, snacks, outdoor gear and back-up. The campground is equipped with bathrooms, showers and disposable facilities, which are included in the $10 camping fee. Dunn said. The officials opening will be Aug. 1, with a grand opening to follow on Aug. 3 and 4.

"A lot of people say that's the worst around here," Dunn said.

Reported by Arin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

A pontoon boat sails out on Little Grassy Lake, which is next to Devil's Kitchen Lake, on Monday afternoon. Devil's Kitchen Lake has been closed for two and a half weeks but will reopen Aug. 1 to boaters, campers and other recreational use.

Devil's Kitchen Lake re-opening soon

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**Preseason poll doesn’t discourage volleyball players**

MVC releases preseason poll, SIU eighth

Kristina Oqallii

**Daily Egyptian**

SIU volleyball head coach Sugar Locke isn’t satisfied with how other coaches in the Missouri Valley Conference view the Salukis.

The preseason poll was released by the MVC last week, allowing MVC coaches to place each team on how they believe the team will do in the upcoming season.

SIU was ranked to finish in eighth place in the 10-team conference.

Locke was disappointed by the ranking but continues to have high expectations for her team.

"We are seen as the underdogs, so it relieves the pressure of meeting those high expectations," Locke said.

"It’s very, very devastating," Locke said. "Just glad that the coaches do see that she has that kind of talent.

For her part, Follett was just glad that her team was honored for her hard work and capabilities.

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Kemner was named to the All-Conference First Team, while Locke was named to the Second Team.

Incoming freshman Kristina Kemner and assistant coach Lenika Varquez take a breather from coaching in the MVC women’s volleyball camp earlier this month. The Salukis were picked to finish eighth in the MVC’s preseason poll with Kemner being named to the All-Conference team.

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**Ranking Rankings in the Missouri Valley Conference for Volleyball**

1. Northern Iowa
2. Southwestern Missouri State
3. Bradley
4. Wichita State
5. Indiana State
6. Evansville
7. Creighton, S.U.
8. Evansville and Drake.

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**Briley Bergen wins 25K title before joining the Water Dawgs**

Maureen Johnson

**Daily Egyptian**

Imagine competing for your fourth national swimming title and having to be the fourth favorite.

That was the case for Briley Bergen.

She experienced this close call at home for Bergen, so an impressive showing in the 2003 25 Open Water Swim National Championships.

The championships took place July 5-6 off the coast of St. Pete Beach, Ga.

Despite her previous three titles, the Jacksonville, Fla., native was not completely confident she would win.

"It means a lot to me that I’ve been able to win it four times," Bergen said. "Because after you’ve done it once, you think, ‘I’m not going to go through all that work again.’

Jeff Godd, assistant coach of the SIU women’s swim team, said, "I think Briley has developed into one of the most consistent swimmers on the U.S. Open Water Team.""Young swimmer who you can always count on," Bergen said. "And if she’s in a race in the U.S., you can always guarantee she’s going to finish in the top three. Back at the world championships, she’s guaranteed she’s going to finish in the top 10. That means she’s going to be a leader of an age group of athletes.

Bergen qualified for the 2002 World Championships, scheduled in Egypt for August. However, Bergen didn’t win the title this year’s world championships would be canceled, because it was not the best time to place to travel.

"Bergen has still qualified for the national team, and she will be getting her spots at a ranking high in an international trip, which will probably be a World Cup," Godd said. "Sometimes a World Cup will have athletes at least at the caliber of any world championships." She would have her selection of Finna, Africa, Brazil or Mexico World Cups.

Waller said Bergen would bring a great deal of strength to the distance freestorm team. Bergen said she was happy to be a World Cup," Godd said. "Sometimes a World Cup will have athletes at least at the caliber of any world championships. She would have her selection of Finna, Africa, Brazil or Mexico World Cups.

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