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Legacy of a local gangster

'The Legend of Charlie Birger' documentary airs this weekend

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On April 19, 1928, more than 5,000 people gathered in Benton to witness the hanging of Charlie Birger.

The documentary, "The Legend of Charlie Birger," will air this weekend over the Southern Illinois University cable network.

"That was a 'David versus Goliath' struggle," said David Kidd, director and producer of the film. "What we're trying to do is show the life and death of the infamous Southern Illinois gangster.

Wrightsville Lidmaugh, who was sentenced to death in 1928, had suggested doing it for many years," said David Kidd, director and producer of the film. "The problem was that WSIU did not have the necessary resources to make the production happen.

After applying for a grant, WSIU received funding for $10,000 from the Illinois Humanities Council. Still, Kidd knew that financing was a challenge.

After unsuccessfully attempting fund raising, the station realized it had to find resources without spending money.

"We just want to convey impressions," Kidd said.

WSIU involved a few hundred Southern Illinois residents with the production, including active crew members who decided to volunteer their time.

Most of the documentary was shot outside of Carbondale.

"Charlie Birger liked the docs," Kidd explained as to why the location was chosen.

"We just want to convey impressions," Kidd said. "We shot those scenes, that bizarre phenomenon we tried to make as unique and quirky. It's going to be a kind of rough, crude and jarring, which is how I feel about that era.

Kidd explained that the film was for the process of old film and that the documentary is an artistic recreation of what happened.

"It was a real interesting perspective," Kidd said. "I've been in radio, and a senior associate producer of the documentary. "We wouldn't have done this project without him.

Morrow had much to do with securing phones, which are kept all over Southern Illinois. He also experimented the producing aspect in addition to editing.

"It was a mammoth project," Morrow said.

"The remakes were a large portion of my work.

For example, when the scene called for antique cars or Tommy guns, Morrow searched for the ears and the gun we have to obtain what was needed.

"When you do a remake, you may alter the gray area of fact and fiction," Morrow said.

So they used the word "aged" in the title to distinguish between what the story of Charlie Birger has come to be, vs. what it could have been.

Morrow said SIU history majors also helped with the historical research, and audio classes worked on the audio for them.

"It's been more than I can learn in a year," said Morrow.

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Freshman Maurice Sanders, Bernard Beauford and Marty Gibbs are credited with saving junior Troy Mobley's life after pulling him out of his burning dorm room when Abbott Hall caught fire Wednesday morning.

Student hospitalized after Abbott fire

Students react quickly to fire

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An Abbott Hall resident pulled from his burning room by fellow students remains hospitalized in the Intensive Care Unit. Authorities believe the early morning fire was caused by smoke detectors at SIUC's Department of Public Safety are questioning a suspect who does not live on campus.

The fire began at 3:07 a.m. Wednesday in Room 119 of Abbott Hall in Thompson Point. Troy Mobley, a junior in accounting, is the only resident of the room.

Mobley was taken by ambulance to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, 405 W. Jackson St., and treated for smoke inhalation. A Memorial Hospital of Carbondale representative said Mobley is in ICU and is "fine," but would not comment any further.

The other 111 students in the all-male residence hall escaped without injuries. Students on the second and third floors were permitted back into their rooms around 4:30 a.m., University officials said, but students on the first floor did not return until after 6 a.m. Students were allowed to stay at Lente Dining Hall until they returned to their rooms.

David Kein, assistant fire chief, said the smoke detectors and a pull station were activated.

See DAVID, University spokesperson, said Mobley had a disability that affected his arm and leg.

In Thompson Point, the end rooms on the first floor are usually reserved for students with disabilities.

The end rooms of Abbott Hall are divided into three parts. There are two bedroom-maint rooms configured by a hallway with a bathroom, sink, shower and closet. Kein said the fire started in the front part of the room where a bed and desk were located. He said the fire did not spread through the entire room, but heat and smoke damaged most of the dorm rooms.

They transported [Mobley] from an ambulance immediately, Kein said, and as far as I know, they're going to keep him. I know it was pretty serious.

Davis said one University police officer was treated for smoke inhalation and released.

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SIU-Edwardsville chancellor retires

Announcement is unexpected

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"The SIU-Edwardsville chancellor position has been up for the last few years, which sparked several building projects, most not- ishioned by Werner himself. Werner first joined the university as a professor in 1968.

Nichols said Werner made a personal decision based on his right to retire after 35 years of service to the university. Werner has not yet made public his reasons for retirement or whether or not he intends to remain active with the university.

"We've never worked with anyone that cared more or devoted more of themselves to the organization, and in this case, SIUE," Nichols said.

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National News

Elderly woman dragged to death

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (CNN) — A man has been charged with murder for allegedly dragging an 86-year-old woman to death from his van while she tried to escape.

Luis Andre Montanez, 20, was charged Monday with first-degree murder in the alleged death of Catherine "Trudy" Nadel, a retired who lived on Grand Ave., Brookwood County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Jeff Leli said Thursday.

Montanez was sitting in a white minivan when he called Nadel over as she left a drug store, Leli said. Witnesses saw her struggling with him minutes later. When she had her purse stop loosed around her arm, she couldn't get free before Montanez drove off, Leli said.

Nadel, who had been robbed of jewelry several weeks ago by two men posing as repairmen, was dragged several feet before she hit the pavement, Leli said. She suffered serious head injuries and died all over her body, and died Friday.

Montanez was arrested in Miami for a similar robbery Friday, Leli said. He had 28 prior arrests, including first-degree murder for last week's death of Gertrude Nadel who had been robbed of jewelry several weeks before.

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Almanac

Average high: 69
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Not much cloud cover is expected as the sun begins to set. A cold front in the region on the morning of the 28th will bring cooler temperatures.

A burglary occurred between 2:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday at a home in the 1000 block of College Drive. The victim reported someone entered the room and stole a $500 cash, a CD player and game, a computer tower, and a 14-inch color TV.

The victim, who lives in an apartment complex, reported that he found the TV broken in his apartment, and called police.

There are no suspects at this time.

Vincent C. Rivera, 32, of Bellville, was arrested on a Jackson County Failure-to-Appear Warrant on an original charge of obstruction of justice. He was released on a personal recognizance bond of $5,000.

Gusamanta B. Brooks, 3, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice, driving with a suspended license, and possession of an uninsured motor vehicle at 5:49 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Eiel and Oak streets.

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Amtrak service could be derailed Monday

Officials say strike not way to public support

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Passengers who ride Carbondale's largest transportation service may have to find another way home.

Nationally, travel could be affected Monday if six unions that work for Amtrak go through with the threatened strike. A U.S. District Court judge is to hear Amtrak's request for a preliminary injunction, granting permanent injunction, if Amtrak's request is granted, these unions would be prevented from striking.

"We hope that the judge grants our request for a preliminary injunction granting permanent injunction," said Dan Stessel, spokesman for Amtrak in Washington.

The Railway Labor Act of 1926 was enacted as a way to keep the flow of commerce continuous without disruption from labor disputes. According to the act, it was passed to avoid any interruptions to commerce and operations. It also was a means of protecting employees' rights to join a union. The unionization was key so railway workers would not shut down business.

According to Stessel, the act was designed "with no loopholes." But the threatening unions may be standing alone.

According to Stessel, Amtrak continues to struggle financially, the way to build financial support is not to withhold service.

"The unions have a different approach," Stessel said, "one we feel is an illegal and ill-advised political ploy. And their gripe is with Congress." David Gillies, spokesman for Rep. Joe Costello, D-IL, said he doesn't feel a strike will be helpful.

"We are monitoring it, and in terms of what affects it will have, if they go out for a day, I am not sure they will change minds on either side in terms of the efforts out here [in Congress]." Gillies said.

Costello is in favor of funding Amtrak. "Its ultimate effect will be unclear," Gillies said. In July, the Bush administration suggested breaking Amtrak into three companies, the 

After getting woken up from a nap, Katy Miles, 4, of Carbondale sees grandma off on the train along with brother Sam Miles, 6, and mother Christy Miles Tuesday afternoon at the Amtrak Station in Carbondale. Grandma takes the train out of Champaign to Carbondale about four times a year to visit the family.

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From 1991 - 1994, Judge Goldstone served as Chair of the Commission of Inquiry regarding Public Violence and Intimidation, which helped stabilize the South African scene and became known as the "Goldstone Commission." He also served as the Chief Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Justice Goldstone served on the International Task Force on Terrorism established by the International Bar Association and has won national and international awards, including the International Human Rights Award of the American Bar Association.

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Carbondale hit with fourth armed robbery since Sept. 21

Amed men invade home, steal guns

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After three Carbondale busi­nesses witnessed armed robberies in three weeks, an armed robbery by home intruders struck in the city Monday night.

Carbondale Police said two unidentified men, one of whom was armed with a handgun, knocked on the door of a house on the 400 block of South Wall Street around 8:45 p.m. Monday and stole three fire­arms.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Chuck Shiplett said the two men stole a 12-gauge shotgun, a .22-caliber semiautomatic rifle and a .22-caliber single-shot bolt action rifle from the residence.

Shiplett said the armed suspect pointed the gun at the victim and initially forced the victim to lie on the floor while the residence was struck by one of the suspects but did not sustain major injuries.

According to the Carbondale Police, the two men then directed the victim to lead them through various rooms within the house, ransacked by the two suspects until they found the firearms.

The victim reported to police the two men left the home through a back door.

Shiplett said the victim described both suspects as black males.

The two suspects were described as being between 5-foot-11 and 6-foot-1 and weighing 190 pounds with a heavy build. The victim said they both had short hair and a thin moustache. He was wearing blue jeans, a dark colored T-shirt and white tennis shoes.

Police said the victim described the second suspect as being 5-foot-3 with a slender build. The resident said he was wearing a blue hooded jacket and blue jeans.

According to the Carbondale Police, a witness said the two suspects met with five other black males behind the residence, and the group was on the 400 block along the 200 block of East Hester Street.

Shiplett said none of the men have been identified, and no other physical descriptions are available.

The statement said if the Carbondale Police can make an arrest, they will be able to determine who the two men who entered the house with home invasion and armed robbery.

The Carbondale Police said the two suspects left the store displaying a handgun and demanded money from an employee. According to police reports, the suspect left the scene with more than $300 cash. The employee said in his company in Southern Illinois, which has been struggling to keep doctors in light of skyrocketing malpractice insurance premiums.

"We drive jobs out because if they move enough money, they don't have to deal with these issues," McKenna said. "Illinois needs core industries, and we can't drive them out, they don't have to deal with these issues."

Haynes and Thorne also addressed concerns for the rail system, particularly the current passenger service. McKenna said he would like to see cheap transportation for college students throughout the state.

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"The people I meet while I first worked here have been close friends all of my adult life. Most of them have already retired or will soon. It's my time."

Paratore received her bachelor's in physical education from the University of Massachusetts and worked for two years at a junior-senior high school as a teacher. She then realized being a high school P.E. teacher was not for her.

After completing her master's at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Paratore began working at SIUC, instructing women's physical education and intramural sports.

The position was only temporary, originally slated for nine months, but a few months after she started, she was hired for a full year.

A few years later, Paratore was faced with a decision.

"My position became permanent, but she was also offered a job in student affairs. She chose the latter interest because that is what college is all about," she said.

Paratore continued her involvement in extracurricular activities in her adulthood. She is an active member of the American College Personnel Association, an organization that promotes advancements in student affairs and learning experiences for college students.

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Library worth tuition hike

This month, we can no longer recommend such a fee because it would be illegal to implement. However, the financial need of the library still exists. Currently, Morris Library is expected to have a budget of only $390,000 to purchase books — that is 46 percent less than its book-buying power was last year. And the cuts come amid soaring serial prices, leaving the library in a sad, sad state.

The condition of the library looks even worse when compared to the direction in which it needs to be going if it will in fact meet the administration's commitment in Southern to become one of the top 75 research universities in the United States by the year 2019. Without a sufficient research library, it will be a difficult, if not impossible, task for the University to become one of the best research universities in the nation.

Mary Lamb, as English professor and faculty association representative for the Library Advisory Committee, put it well when she said, "Eight hundred thousand dollars is not enough for a research library, but less than $400,000 is not even pretending to be a research library."

If we are truly dedicated to improving ourselves and even slightly dedicated to becoming a top-75 research university, we are going to have to make sacrifices.

If one of those sacrifices is paying just a little bit more in tuition to benefit our library, we support it.
Dear Editor:

I was blown away by the article by Leslie Heuer about depression. I have been going through difficult times, and it's good to know that others are struggling with similar issues.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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Letters

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I wanted to share my thoughts about the article on depression by Leslie Heuer. As someone who has dealt with depression in the past, I found her perspective very insightful. It's important to talk about these issues and to know that we are not alone.

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Letters

Name is Family who really matters

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the importance of family. In today's society, we often hear about the importance of individualism and self-reliance. However, I believe that family is the foundation of our society.

As someone who has grown up in a strong family, I can attest to the many benefits that come from having a supportive family network. Not only do families provide emotional support, but they also teach us important life skills.

I encourage everyone to cherish their family and to make time for them. In doing so, we can build a stronger community.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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Life Chain activists not "contact-hunting"

Dear Editor,

As a member of Life Chain activists, I must strongly disagree with the term "contact-hunting" used in the recent article. We are not out to catch people in a negative light; rather, we are simply trying to raise awareness about the importance of life.

We believe that every human life is precious and deserves to be valued. Our goal is not to judge others, but to encourage open conversation and understanding.

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Dr. Randy Cooper, janitor, washes the residue left from the fire off the walls of Abbott Hall. 'I didn't just get Troy better,' she said. "I got all the students to evacuate the building."...
University of Virginia adopts pass-fail grades for medical school

Philip Weitzer
The Virginian- Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. (KTV) — It’s almost time for the University of Virginia to switch to a pass-fail system for its medical school.

For the first time in the school’s history, students will take a signal that he’s not up to snuff.”

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Los Angeles, a traditionally Democratic stronghold, favored Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger over Democrat Gray Davis by 8 percentage points. And Latinos, who typically favor Democrats by 3- or 4 more in statewide elections since 1996, gave 40 percent of their vote to Schwarzenegger.

The Field Poll showed retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the lame-duck entry into the race, stop the Democratic race, with 17 percent of the vote California. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who lost in an early September poll with 23 percent, dropped to a tie for second with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, both at 14 percent.

The University of Virginia’s A. Bloodgood, a professor of biology who led a committee that recommended the change. The fourth and final effort results of elective classes, which already are given on a pass-fail basis.

“We feel they’re going to want to perform their best, even without the pressure of grades,” he said last week. “We didn’t think there was too much danger of them becoming lazy.”

The University of Virginia is barely alone: Of 23 top-ranked medical schools in the country, Bloodgood said, 11 use a pass-fail system.

That doesn’t make it right, said Barry Levine, assistant director of higher education policy at the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. The group, based in Washington, D.C., has reviewed campuses, which officially is a nation-wide poll released this week by Newsweek.

“Usually, the rule of thumb is that California favors Democrats by 20 percent compared to the rest of the nation,” said Mark DiCamillo, director of the Field Poll. “This poll shows the Bush campaign hope for California.”

DiCamillo said Bush benefits in California by the lack of familiarity with the Democratic candidates, and that the Democrats’ numbers will likely grow as the election draws near. But he added that last week’s small results still indicated an increasing willingness by voters to see their fellow Republicans.

But Levine said that recent cases over the past few years, the pass-fail approach will not take effect for students until the fall next fall, Bloodgood said.

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The state’s other two medical colleges — Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk and Virginia Commonwealth University — go beyond a simple pass-fail approach, though neither uses letter grades.

"Students are PREF/ERED to receive a "pass with distinction"...", Bloodgood said.

Unfortunately, sometimes you have to. People like to be rewarded for their hard work, which is why we call it a pass-fail system.”

"Dr. Robert Williams, the director of the medical school’s curriculum office.

"Lauer said both those methods are consistent with the University of Virginia’s approach. "Faculty need to have a grade which officially is not an A but unification gives the student a signal that he’s not up to snuff," he said.

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I n 1947, the Yankees prevailed in the first televised World Series, "Gentlemen's Agreement" won Best Picture and the name of the college was changed to Southern Illinois University. This was the year that David and Wanda Kenney of Eldorado celebrated their last Homecoming as students currently enrolled at SIUC.

And 61 years before the couple sat together in the back of a truck outside McAndrew Stadium waiting for the Homecoming 2003 game to begin, they met for the first time as freshmen at the University. While 57 is the number of yards the Salukis ran in Saturday's game, it also the number of years ago David Kenney graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in political science. This is one year before his wife, Wanda, received her bachelor's degree in education from SIUC. The couple returned 57 years after graduating and amongst the flow of current and former students "cruising the Nile" sat remembering previous Homecomings. Games before the stadium where the Salukis took their sixth victory even had a name.

The original stadium was built in the mid-30s, David Kenney said. "It wasn't named because the Republicans didn't want to name it after the Democrats, and the Democrats didn't want to name it after the Republicans. So the sports staff at the DAILY EGYPTIAN decided to name it after the longtime athletic director. The students named it when the faculty would sign." Kenney predicted a win for his alma mater as they took on Illinois State at 1:30 p.m. The game was one of many activities that took place Homecoming weekend, including a pep rally and parade.

The actual game was not the only activity taking place at the time, as hundreds of faculty, students, former students and future students rushed various parking lots for the tradition of tailgating. The tents were set up across the lots, taking current members of organizations such as former members of SIUC organizations such as the Marching Salukis who played the alma mater for tailgaters surrounding the tent.

The parking lot was decorated with the school colors of maroon and white, as well as the legs and coolers that possessed the liquids keeping many energized as they waited for the game to begin.

Students clad in their school apparel listened to the parking lot, talking to other students about their predictions for the game and plans for the rest of the Homecoming weekend. According to Gavin Williams, a 2002 graduate in English from Des Plaines, tailgating serves as an adequate means of gratification prior to the game. "Tailgating during Homecoming is the best," Williams said. "Everybody's friendly. I went to Eastern [Illinois University] before this, and it was completely different. "There's a community-like environment that you won't find anywhere else. At other schools it's very impersonal."

Megan Mohan, a sophomore in radio and television from St. Louis, said the atmosphere of SIUC was also a factor in her decision to attend the University. Similar to many students, Mohan chose the Carbondale campus because it was close to her hometown. David Kenney chose the University not because it was within a unit to the family. Kenney said, "There's something about it. Kenney the name. The ing on d about it began to attract."
or to the best," went to, and it ent that schools die and phase of Mohan was close because it was within close proximity of his hometown but because of the physical beauty of the area. "Well, it's a unique institution," he said. "It's in a unique location, there's the beauty of the surroundings, one of the largest campuses from other lands, marvelous diversity and a strong faculty.

Kenney also named tradition as another attraction to SIUC. One of the traditions David Kenney spoke of being, similar to many schools, the naming of Homecoming queen and king.

The students filled with the existential pounding on the bleachers as individuals more anxious about the halftime show than the game itself began to filter in. As the clock ticked from minutes to seconds remaining, the flood of those interested in the show but the game made their way out to the parking lot, coinciding with a stream of those with the opposite interests heading inside to catch the show.

Through the Marching Salukis put on an entertaining field show, the crowd focused as the clock dwindled down from the 20 minutes of halftime, was undoubtedly who would be crowned 2003 Homecoming queen and king. Students on the west end of the stadium bleachers remained to view the results of a week of campaigning. After the campaign was narrowed by an all-day election, which took place in both the Student Center and Recreation Center, the number of participants was cut from 19 to 13.

Various colored flags were scattered across the campus during the week, particularly across the bridge of Homecoming hopefuls wishing to hear their name announced as Southern Illinois royalty.

In the end, Jawaad Kirkwood and Becky Fisher came out the winners before the cheers of the many SIUC students who cast their vote. Some filed out of the stadium to continue tailgating, while others remained to watch the rest of the game. Saluki fans from "A Game against Western Illinois University," were predicted to come out the victor.

But there seemed to be a little more confidence in the voice of fans as they forecasted the Salukis would pour on the touchdowns while the Redbirds merely detailed on their prints.

Though the halftime storm stood at 14-7, a lead for the Salukis but hardly a pounding, commitment to the currently undefeated Salukis had increased.

As a result, there was now another reason, along with the socialization and entertaining halftime show, for even non-football fans to stay beyond the crowning and halftime ceremony.

While current students agree tailgating and other social aspects of SIUC to be among their fondest memories thus far, alumni seemed to have a different perspective of the best part of the University.

Though the Homecoming parade and pep rallies have helped to raise school spirit for as long as they have taken place, SIUC alumni such as Kenney and Student Director T.J. Rutherford agree the greatest memory they have of their time at the University was meeting their spouses.

"This is a great school, I got a great education and had a great experience," Rutherford said. "Coming from a farming community, everything here seemed so cosmopolitan.

"But the greatest thing was meeting my wife, Denise, who worked in the Financial Aid Office."

After the 45-17 victory, Ken. 29, end his wife, along with the 13, 247 attendees, picked up their stuff and left the parking lot as "Cruising the Nile Saluki Style" flowed into SIUC history.

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Freshman Elise Griffond stuffs newspaper into chicken wire Monday night to help build Mae Smith's Homecoming float titled 'Cruising the Nile Saluki Style.'

Junior Samuel Gadbury yells through his megaphone to help cheer the Saluki football team to victory during the 2003 Homecoming game Saturday afternoon at McKendree Stadium. "I'm a huge Saluki football fan, and I go to all the games," said Gadbury.
television class here," Morrow said of his experience with the film. He said the project has taught him what it's like in the "real world," involving deadlines, money and reality.

"Mostly what surprised me is how willing and helpful people have been," Morrow said. "It has been heartwarming."

Kidd said that there were a lot of false stories about Charlie Birger, and the documentary hopes to clear up a few things while bringing back the legend.

"We kind of hope that people, after seeing this, will realize he was not a good guy," Kidd said. "While I e view Birger as a Robin Hood figure, Morrow said that in reality, he killed people, robbed banks and provided gambling and prostitution to victims of his hideaway madhouse.

"He's been turned into something greater than he actually was," Kidd said. "He was a flashy criminal. What he wanted in his life was to be known as a respectable gangster."

Birger's gang was involved in a gruesome feud with their rivals, the Shelton gang, for control of the area's illegal liquor and vice trade. This inevitably resulted in local residents being subjected to machine guns, violent battles and multiple murders.

After playing a role in the slaying of West City Mayor Joe Adams, Birger was finally sentenced to death. Kidd said that through the making of the documentary, he has learned a lot about the people of this community.

He also found that many people want to know if their relatives were members of a gang.

"There is a morbid curiosity," Kidd said. "We're getting calls from all over the country. The topic really resonates with people."

As far as the future, Kidd doesn't know what to expect.

"I have a feeling this program will go around for a while. Where? Who knows," Kidd said. "We're doing the best we can with what we have."

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During last year's fiscal year, 5,842 people got on or off at the Carbondale service station. Carbondale ranked fourth in the most used stations in Illinois, falling short behind Bloomington/Normal. Carbondale is a stop on the Illini line and the New Orleans line. Ridership increased on the Illini line by 13.4 percent in fiscal year 2003 from fiscal year 2002 and 14.5 percent on the New Orleans line. Fiscal year 2003 is the highest ridership in its 32 years, according to Amtrak.

Students, faculty and businesses all benefit from the Amtrak service provided in Carbondale. Illinois benefits from the rail service with 52 trains running through the state daily. If the rates were passed to the public, service would suffer.

Through transportation across the nation would have to a stoppage halt if the strike were to occur, Stessel considers it unlikely to happen Monday.

"Their gripe, with their own administration, is not with Amtrak," Stessel said.
Governor's office like box office; fame only goes so far

Jim Puzzanghera & Dion Nissenbaum

**KRT** — St. Peter's Square in Rome will fill with admirers, church bells and applause Thursday afternoon as Pope John Paul II celebrates a special thanksgiving Mass marking the 25th anniversary of his pontificate. 

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Schwarzenegger will be able to capitalize on his fame to frame the political debate, pressure opponents and trumpet his successes. His charisma and charm are reminiscent of south California's most beloved political leader, Ronald Reagan, and could be a 

His celebrity status, Schwarzenegger will have an ability to speak to voters swayed only by the president.

"He can give a television address and ask voters to call up legislators, and I'm sure those phones will ring off the hook," said Darrell West, a Brown University expert on celebrity politicians.

Length of Pope John Paul II's papacy is one part of towering legacy

David O'Reilly

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He is already the third-longest pontificate in Roman Catholic history, and many wonder if the world's Catholics have grown up now knowing no other pope.

Although his bulk drives amid mounting concern for the 82-year-old pontiff's health, the once-Veg*nus, globe-circling leader continues to put his stamp on the church.

On Tuesday, John Paul is scheduled to meet with most of the world's cardinals, and he is to beatify Mother Teresa of Calcutta (the final step before declaring sainthood).

Along the way, the pope will converse a consistency of cardinals to formally create 31 new cardinals, including Philadelphia's Archbishop Justin Rigali.

One clear measure of his mark on the Roman Catholic Church is that he has named all but five of the 135 cardinals currently qualified to elect his successor.

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Over the years, he has used his international pulpit to promote social justice, reach out to others' failings, affirm the sacredness of all human life, and to condemn war, militarism, and a "culture of death" that endorses abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia.

He has asserted, for example, that the church may never ordain women, that homosexuality and other sexual activity outside marriage is sinful, that divorced-and-remarried Catholics cannot take communion.

It's also been steadfastly refused to allow priests to marry, even in the face of a sharp decline in the supply of priests in parts of the world.

A survey 1,508 Catholics by the College of New York City in 2001 showed that 90 percent approved of John Paul's leadership of the church.

A decade ago, the U.S. conference of bishops released a report on clergy sex abuse scandals by refusing to allow greater application that pressure. New political

limits have bred more ideologically driven lawmakers, who shun compromise.

"They may find that this is a different world," Jackson said. "They don't depend on him for anything."

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In The Band
by Thomas Shaner

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Okay, rich and famous for your jelly beans

by Linda C. Blake

Today’s Birthday (Oct. 16). Your assignment this year is to expand your influence and accept a leadership role. This means you’ll have to show others that you can be trusted to make good decisions—a skill partially learned through experience.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is a 7 - Intellect and emotion vie for your attention. Don’t overlook one or the other if you want to find the right answer.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is a 7 - You could learn a lesson by making a mistake. Be careful so that you can catch it before you’ve damaged more than your pride.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Today is a 6 - It’s possible that you’ll be in a contentious mood, so you may not have much patience with a spacey person.

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Jumble

by Shane Pangburn

Daily Horoscope

by Linda C. Blake

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Williams was the team's leading scorer for each of his four years, and Darman was the Saluki's top rebounder and No. 2 scorer last season. The two accounted for 40 percent of the team's scoring last season.

Who will step in to replace Williams and Darman is a nagging question Painter hopes to be answered during the next two weeks.

guards Kevin Fourton and Darren Brooks both averaged double figures in scoring last season, but they come in with a group of skilled returnees.

The letter Five Owen will bring athleticism to the Salukis' front-court and the ability to guard the Missouri Valley Conference's remaining top talent.

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already have. In the grand scheme of things, it is only a baseball game. I understand the fans are people in Florida who are happy.

Mr. Floridians are basically people, and I assure you that none of us are true baseball fans.

Gandhi: There's nothing better for him. This vision is over, and somehow, he's a Republican.

Analyse

It's difficult to be happy for Marcia.

Ms. Ill, but I still hope the

Yankees unterstützen them in the World Series. As I think Gandhi's political affiliation is from the far left like an elephant.

Buddha

Where Did you go wrong? I have no idea why. I am just the man who cost us this game.

Religion: Also, I'm here for this in the fact that you care. Desire is the root of unhappiness.

The way to make my Cubs situation.

Buddha: Precisely. Being a Cubs fan can only lead to masochistic misery.

Answer

That was not encouraging, but he made a good point. If I saw a little less, it will hurt a little less.

Mr. Yoda: was that your? Did you use the force against your Cubs?

Yoda: The force never would I use for baseball.

Mr. Wai: it anyone else?

Yoda: A person it was not. A force not human, perhaps it was! Wise I am, but out of my mumbo of knowing something are. Confounded the Cubbies with me.

Mr. What shall I do, Master Yoda?

I am depressed enough to find and pull House entrance.

Yoda: Everything already have you. A good job, you have? A beautiful girlfriend, do you see? Do you loving parents claim ownership of you? I am sure you're right. But it will give it all up for a little more.

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Answer

I suppose he's right. Life could suck a lot more, and it's easier to just put your dreams behind the hands of a baseball team.

Jobu

Mr. You're my last man. Jobu, do you bear the least of the disasters especially because you're a faginet

Answer

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NCAA suggests new gauge for graduation rates

Proposal expected to be more accurate evaluation of classroom performance

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The NCAA last week unveiled a model of measuring graduation rates that, contrary to the current federal standard, would not penalize teams that have a good record of graduating athletes, according to NCAA officials. Instead, the model would be more accurate for schools that are doing a good job of educating their athletes.

The NCAA’s Division I Board of Directors, which is expected to vote on the proposed changes in April, told the Associate Press Tuesday that it envisions the new model as a way to penalize schools who lose athletes for "academic reasons beyond the schools' control; there's some teeth to the measures, we think the federal measure is flawed." Andy Horozny, the NCAA's vice president for member affairs, said.

Under the federal standard, schools are penalized if too many athletes, and athletes so prospective students are not retained in the classroom per performance.

The current federal standard measures graduation rates for athletes who transfer to another college. Only those athletes who transfer to another college are listed as having failed to graduate at the first school. Even if a student who transfers to another college is doing well academically, he is still considered a "dropout" in the federal calculation for the new institution.

That is something the new model would correct, according to NCAA officials.

"The NCAA also inched closer to enacting this model," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. "While the federal measure is flawed, the new method of measuring graduation rates is more accurate for schools that are doing a good job of educating their athletes.

"The new model would also fix a long-standing flaw in the federal standard," said NCAA official Murray Speer, author of "Beat the Clock: How Big-Time College Sports Is Corrupting Undergraduate Education," said it is expected to see the NCAA placing more emphasis on the education of its student-athletes.

"It seems that as soon as graduation rates are finalized, there is a lack of leadership," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. "We have to hold schools accountable to the NCAA's announcement, saying it could be the most important policy change in the history of graduation rates.

"As someone who publishes studies, I find it odd that we punish schools who lose athletes for reasons beyond the schools' control," Lapchick said.

"In the current federal standard, schools that lose athletes without being listed in the six-year period would be penalized," Lapchick said.

Under the new model, schools would report graduation rates for all athletes in the six-year period, regardless of whether they transferred to another college or remained at their original school.

"This is definitely a step in the right direction," Lapchick said.

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"The biggest difference is we're playing a much better Western Illinois team," Kell said. "We're playing the best football team that we've coached against since I've been here. They are excellent. They have no weaknesses.""Western Illinois'" line has come on the road at the hands of Division I-AA South Dakota State, which was ranked in the top 15 in the country. The Salukis are a big part of the game, trailing just 13-7 at one point, before eventually being defeated, 36-7. The players still remember the emotional high from winning last year's game, but they realize it's another year, and to keep that feeling they will have to win again Saturday.

"Everything. He's been here for six years, and he's just loveable," Sambrunsky said of the way last year's game ended. "That was it. It was great.

"I definitely don't think that SIU would be adversely affected," Kowalsky said. "I'd say we're already doing pretty well, especially considering the expectations that Bruce Weber had and Matt Painter continues to have to SIU, as far as basketball is concerned.

While he said he is optimistic about the possibility of a new method of evaluating graduation rates, Kowalsky also remains unsure of just how detailed the proposal would be.

"They really need to make sure there is some room for conferences," Kowalsky said. "We'll really have to watch and see how it all boils down.

The Board of Directors has not yet determined how poorly or successfully a program must perform to be eligible to receive penalties or accolades, but it has said the proposed measure will be a step in the right direction.
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**» MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Anticipated season begins Saturday**

Practice for the 2003-04 season starts this weekend

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The ice machine in the training room of the SIU Arena will undoubtedly be getting a workout. Numerous ankles will be taped. Some will even have their feet shaved to remove the calluses caused by the physical abuse heaped upon them.

Saturday morning marks the start of practices for the SIU men’s basketball team when the focus shifts from preseason conditioning to team and individual workouts vs team practices aimed at getting the rust off.

In the past few weeks, running around Campustown Lake and traversing the trail at McAndrew Stadium, Senior forward Matt Koutsos said, "It’s in here for about four hours a day, skills and defense. It’s tough, it’s hard, but it’s been worth it in the past couple of years."

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**FOOTBALL**

**What a difference an entire year makes for Salukis**

Salukis ready for another shot at Western Illinois

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As the pressure, SIU quarterback Jared Sambursky sprinted toward the sideline. Knowing he would not score, Sambursky desperately searched for a receiver he would not score, Sambursky said, "It’s in here for about four hours a day, skills and defense. It’s tough, it’s hard, but it’s been worth it in the past couple of years."

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Bryan Turner shoots around during media day at the SIU Arena Monday afternoon. Turner is one of three seniors on this year’s relatively young basketball team. Practice for the 2003-04 season begins Saturday morning at SIU Arena.

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**The gods explain themselves**

Fire. You win.

God, Allah, Buddha, Ganesh, Vishnu, it’s safe to say through trying to define you, and thanks to your divine interwoven, you can only portray that you shall not know if it is for his security exist. A right of prayer with all the gods fail. They say: ‘OK with it. It’s hard to explain the peace I felt right now, so let the others decide the fate of others."

Barack Obama had some local interest.

God/Allah: Mr. Seriously, what have we done to deserve this? What has this Cubs fan done to deserve this kind of horrid treatment? Please keep in mind the basketball.

God/Buddha: Michael, it’s not fighting against you. I actually have a soft spot in my heart for you Cubs fans, and I know from the loyalty and blind faith essential to the ultimate kingdom.

God/Allah: Mr. Then why do you continue to torture us?

God/Allah: I cannot say. I can only show you that you shall understand when the time comes.

God/Buddha: Remember, you have lived your entire life beyond your Rams-related death.

God/Allah: Mr. But why not?

God/Allah: It is not appropriate, and you shall know why eventually. Thankfully, I am dissatisfied at your ignorance.

God/Buddha: Mr. God/Allah, why I’ve been important? I assure you, almighty and beloved father, both terms of admiration will be used about this.

Analysis

I think He was implying the Cubs have already earned your appreciation it even more. Either that, or he was attempting to make you get the game, and do more provoke things than watching and writing about the Cubs.

Ganesh

Mr. 12th great Ganesh, son of Shiva and frequent guest star on all TV programs, what will it take for the Cubs to win again?

Ganesh: My son, it has occurred to you that I don’t care? Really, why do Hindus are baseball fans?

Mr. The God, good point, but can you do anything?

Ganesh: All I can do is tell you to appreciate of what you...