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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.

This weekend, WSIU will premiere a two-hour historical documentary titled "The Legend of Charlie Birger" that recaptures the life and death of the infamous Southern Illinois gangster.

"We 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 financially, he had a long way to go.

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

"We put this together mostly using volunteers," Kidd said.

WSIU involved a few hundred Southern Illinois residents with the production, including actors as well as those who donated locations to film. Most the documentary was shot outside of Carbondale.

Kidd explained the aim was for the processed look of old film and that the documentary is an artistic rendition of what happened.

"We just want to convey impressions," Kidd said. "We shot these strange, bizarre metaphors; we tried to create visual poetry. It's going to be kind of rough, crude and jarring, which is how I feel about that era."

Gary DeNeal, a Harrisburg historian and author of "A Knight of Another Sort: Prohibition Days and Charlie Birger," also contributed to the film.

"He kind of wishes we would go further," Kidd said of DeNeal, whose creative vision strongly encouraged the production.

"Gary's a real interesting personality," said Grant Morrow, a senior in radio-television and a senior associate producer of the documentary. "We wouldn't have done this project without him."

Morrow had much to do with scanning photos, which sent him all over Southern Illinois. He also experienced the producing aspect in addition to editing.

"It was a mammoth project," Morrow said. "The reenactments were a large portion of my work."

For example, when the scene called for antique cars or tommy guns, Morrow searched for them and figured out how to obtain what was needed.

"When you do a reenactment, you stray into the gray area of fact and fiction," Morrow said.

So they used the word "legend" in the title of the film, intending to cover what the story of Charlie Birger has come to be, rather than just Birger himself.

Morrow said SIU history majors also helped with the historical research, and audio classes made some of the audio for them.

"It has been more than I can learn in any

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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 arson, and detectives 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 doing "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 Lentz Dining Hall until they returned to their rooms.

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

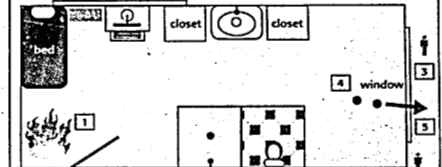
Sue Davis, University spokeswoman, said Mobley had a disability that affected his arm and leg.

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-sized rooms conjoined by a hallway with a bathroom, sink, shower and closets. Keim 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

ABBOTT HALL FIRE

Abbott Hall student is rescued by three other Abbott Hall students.



1. Fire starts by front door of dorm room.
2. Students call police, pull fire alarm.
3. Fire blocks doorway, students go to outside window.
4. Students hear cry for help, break open window.
5. Students push out screen, pull student through window.
6. Resident taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for smoke inhalation.

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entire room, but heat and smoke damaged most of the dorm room.

"They transported [Mobley] from an ambulance immediately," Keim 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.

Beth Scally, University housing coordinator, said she believes the fire was set intentionally but does not believe the student was a particular target.

"I don't think the students need to be in fear that this will happen again," she said. "As far as my

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SIU-Edwardsville chancellor retires

Announcement is unexpected

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SIU-Edwardsville Chancellor David Werner shocked the University Wednesday when he announced his retirement at the

conclusion of his annual State of the University address, leaving the 600 faculty, staff and students in attendance taken aback.

"I think the campus at large was surprised by the announcement," said Keith Nichols, SIUE director of Public Affairs. "Did anyone walk into the address expecting him to retire? Probably not."

"Administratively, his vice chancellors had been informed, but beyond that, it was a surprise

to everyone else."

Werner, 61, is leaving after a prosperous six-year run as chancellor at the smaller SIU campus. Edwardsville has experienced a growth spurt in enrollment over the last few years, which sparked several building projects, most initiated 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.

"I'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

LAUDERDALE LAKES, Fla. (CNN) — A man has been charged with murder for allegedly dragging an 86-year-old woman to death as she hung from his van while he tried to snatch her purse.

Luis Andre Montanez, 20, was charged Monday with first-degree murder for last week's death of Gertrude "Trudi" Nadel, a retiree who fled Nazi Germany, Broward County sheriff's spokesman Jim Lejra-Jal said Tuesday.

Montanez was sitting in a white minivan when he called Nadel over as she left a drug store, Lejra-Jal said. Witnesses saw her struggling with him minutes later.

Nadel had her purse strap looped around her arm, so she couldn't get free when Montanez drove off, Lejra-Jal 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, Lejra-Jal said. She suffered serious head injuries and bruising all over her body, and died Friday.

Montanez was arrested in Miami for a similar robbery Friday, Lejra-Jal said. He has 28 prior arrests, including several for robberies, and is suspected of targeting elderly women to steal their purses in about six other crimes.

Montanez was being held without bond. It could not immediately be determined if he had a lawyer.

Air Force agrees to anonymity for assault victims

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (CNN) — The Air Force Academy reversed course and said it will give confidentiality to cadets who report they have been sexually assaulted.

Confidentiality has been a key issue in the school's assault scandal, with civilian investigators led by former Rep. Tillie Fowler saying it will encourage victims to come forward and help solve a problem that has plagued the academy for years.

Air Force Secretary James Roche and academy officials have said the school needs to follow Air Force policy requiring all crimes to be reported without the guarantee of anonymity. On Friday, however, Roche said that will change.

"We are trying to find a way to do it to be a pilot for the entire Air Force," he told the Board of Visitors, the only civilian panel charged with overseeing the prestigious school. He said the new policy should be in place by next month.

"We are convinced the Fowler committee has a good point," said Roche.

Roche said commanders know things must change because some female cadets will not report sexual assaults to a superior out of fear.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China makes space history

(CNN) — China's first astronaut has said he "feels good" and all systems are working normally as he continues his flight around the Earth, state media reported.

Yang Weiwei, 38, was blasted into space aboard the Shenzhou V spacecraft at 8:00 a.m. local time from the Jiuquan launch site in China's western Gobi Desert.

About 10 minutes after an apparently textbook blast-off the spacecraft entered its planned orbit.

Later, as the flight approached its halfway point, the spacecraft successfully completed a maneuver changing its orbit from an elliptical path to a circular one, China's official Xinhua news agency reported.

The switch — described as crucial to the flight and "precise landing" — put the spacecraft into orbit about 213 miles above the Earth, the agency said.

The flight makes China only the third country in the world to launch a manned spacecraft into orbit, some four decades after the Soviet Union and the United States first achieved the feat.

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Almanac

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POLICE REPORTS

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A burglary occurred between 2:15 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday at a room in the Sun Motel, 2400 W. Main St. The victim reported someone entered the room and stole \$300 cash, a CD video game, a computer tower and a computer monitor. Loss is estimated at \$1,110. There are no suspects at this time.

Vincent C. Rivera, 22, of Belleville was arrested on a Jackson County failure-to-appear warrant on an original charge of obstruction of justice at 5:12 p.m. Tuesday in the 600 block of East College Street. Rivera posted \$1,000 cash bond.

Cassandra R. Brooks, 31, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with obstruction of justice, driving with a suspended driver's license, and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at 5:49 p.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Renfro and Oak streets. Brooks was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, where she is still incarcerated.

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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.

Nationwide 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.

Gus Bode



Gus says: The Amtrak workers can go on strike. I'm not going to Chicago for the World Series anyway.

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 employee's rights to join a union. The unionization was key so railway workers would not shut down business.

According to Stessel, the act is designed "with no loopholes."

But the threatening unions may be standing alone.

According to Stessel, as Amtrak continues to struggle financially, the way to build financial

If Amtrak's request is granted, these unions would be prevented from striking.

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

support is not to withhold service. "The unions have a different approach," Stessel said, "one we feel is an illegal and ill-advised political protest. And their gripe is with Congress."

David Gillies, spokesman for Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Ill., said he does not feel a strike

by union workers will in fact sway anything in Congress.

"We are monitoring it, and in terms of what affect 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 affects out here [in Congress]," Gillies said.



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.

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.

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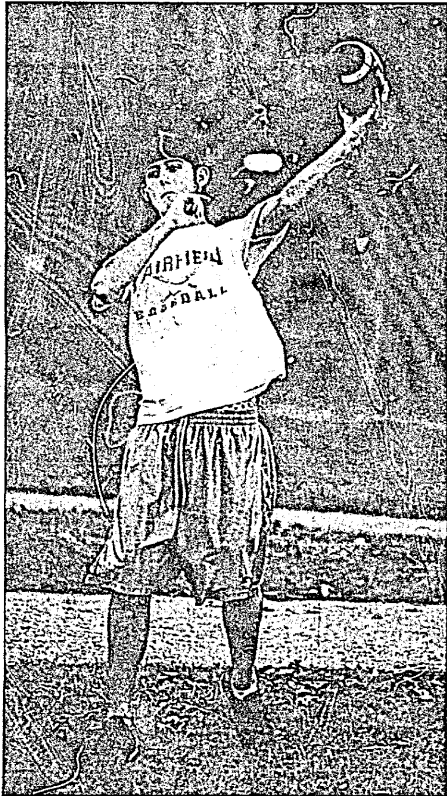
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Freshman Jon King takes advantage of the fall weather to throw the football around with his friends Wednesday afternoon in front of Abbott Hall.

Carbondale hit with fourth armed robbery since Sept. 21

Armed men invade home, steal guns

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After three Carbondale businesses weathered armed robberies in three weeks, an armed robbery by home invasion 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 home in the 600 block of South Wall Street around 8:45 p.m. Monday and stole three firearms from the residence.

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 handgun at the resident and initially forced the victim to lie on the floor. The resident was also 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, which were 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 armed suspect is described as being between 5-foot-11 and

6-foot-1 and weighing 190 pounds with a heavy build. The victim said he 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 6-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 seen running west along the 500 block of East Hester Street.

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

The sergeant said if the Carbondale Police can make an arrest, they would charge the two men who entered the home with home invasion and armed robbery. He said the department could also seek a battery charge since one of the two men struck the resident.

Shiplett said there is no evidence to link any of the people involved in Monday night's armed robbery with any other robberies.

The Carbondale Citgo Station at 912 W. Main St. was hit with an armed robbery at 2:02 a.m. Monday. Police said the suspect, who was described as a 6-foot-1, 320-pound black male, entered the store displaying a handgun and demanded money from an employee. According to police reports, the suspect left the store with more than \$300 cash. The employee said

the man was wearing a black coat and a woman's wig.

The Carbondale Veach Short Stop at 1123 E. Walnut St. also fell prey to an armed robbery involving a man wearing a wig Oct. 5.

Carbondale Police Sgt. Don Priddy previously said he did not believe the two wigged robberies were committed by the same person because the physical descriptions were different. He said the Veach armed robbery's suspect was described as a skinny black male.

The Carbondale Sonic was also hit with an armed robbery Sept. 21 after the store had closed. Store employees described the suspect as a black male in his late 20s who is between 5-foot-10 and six feet tall, weighs close to 200 pounds and has a medium to stocky build. Police said he was wearing a dark-colored button-down shirt, dark slacks, a pair of boots and a full-face mask similar to a ski mask.

Police have not made arrests in connection with any of the robberies.

Shiplett said the department would appreciate any help from the public in the investigation of Monday night's home invasion.

"We're pretty early in the investigation without a whole lot to go on," Shiplett said. "We're kind of putting it out in the news release to maybe find witnesses that we don't have to come forward."

Anyone with information regarding the armed robberies can call Carbondale Police at 457-3200.

Supreme Court decision clarified for Faculty Senate

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Although SIU officials have said the Supreme Court's decision on affirmative action in the admission policies of the University of Michigan will have little effect on SIU, the policy is still being reviewed by the SIUC legal counsel.

The Faculty Senate discussed the possible ramifications of the decision at its meeting Tuesday under the guidance of Peter Ruger, general counsel for the University. Ruger has been given the task of reviewing the decision and making sure the University is compliant with the law.

The decision stated a point-based admission system to increase minority enrollment is unconstitutional at public universities.

"Affirmative action went to the Supreme Court for a reason," said Kimberly Espy, Faculty Senate president. "People are looking for guidance on how best to manage and implement these policies."

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The current SIUC policy implements an Affirmative Action Program to "identify special actions intended to bring such groups into full participation in all aspects of University life."

The program is committed to: "increase the number of minority individuals and women in all aspects of the University, with special procedures applicable to those positions determined to be unde-

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NEWS BRIEF

CARBONDALE

School bus crashes Wednesday morning

A school bus carrying 15 Carbondale schoolchildren was responsible for a two-vehicle accident just after 7:30 a.m. Wednesday west of Carbondale. According to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, no one was injured.

Jackson County Sgt. Dave Youngberg said the driver of the bus, which is owned by the Beck Bus Transportation

Corporation, was going south on County Club Road. The driver, Lloyd R. Johnson of Mount Vernon, stopped at a stop sign at the road's intersection with Old Highway 13.

Police said Johnson, 61, began to drive through the intersection, apparently did not see a vehicle driven by Carbondale resident Felix Mejia coming from the west and struck the vehicle.

Youngberg said Lloyd was cited for failure to yield at an intersection.

A representative for the Beck bus company declined to comment on the school bus accident.

'Jobs candidate' talks with local businessmen about economy

McKenna continues run for Republican bid in Senate race

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The early morning hours are usually a time for breakfast, coffee and sleep. But one Republican Senate hopeful took advantage of the early morning Wednesday to talk politics with local entrepreneurs.

Andrew McKenna Jr., one of a handful of candidates vying for the Republican bid for the Illinois Senate seat, discussed ways to help the economy with a small group of businessmen Wednesday morning, and the bottom line was research dollars.

"We need to make changes in how we create an environment for small business successful, and that's through research," McKenna said to the four men in attendance at the 7:30 a.m. roundtable. "Illinois has 5 percent of the nation's population and receives only 2 percent of its federal research dollars."

McKenna has been sponsoring roundtables across Illinois designed to develop ideas to aid small businesses with input from the business owners themselves.

Woody Thorne of Southern Illinois Health Care, Jesse Keyser of School Center, Bob Kamberg of Extra Help and Carbondale City Councilman Steven Haynes, the sole attendees to Wednesday's meeting, agreed with McKenna's assessment that research dollars equals innovation, which leads to new business, which creates jobs, a formula McKenna has been using since early

on his campaign.

"The research the University is doing with clean coal technology is a good step," Thorne said. "We need to find a way to mine the energy and create the power plants to ship it away."

McKenna said one of his main concerns is jobs, and it has been since he entered the race in June. When McKenna first announced his candidacy following Sen. Peter Fitzgerald's announcement that he would not seek a second term, he coined himself the "Jobs candidate."

But so far, the half dozen candidates currently in the running have also developed plans for creating jobs. McKenna is up against Aurora native James Oberweis, former prisoner of war Gen. John Borling, millionaire Jack Ryan and state Sen. Steve Rauschenberger. Although Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria of Chicago has not officially dropped out of the race, a Chicago Tribune investigation published earlier this week revealed gross inaccuracies in his resume, leaving him with little clout in the race.

McKenna, 46, said he is ahead of the competition when it comes to creating jobs because of his experience in manufacturing. McKenna currently heads Schwarz Paper Company in Morton Grove, which produces disposable paper products throughout the world.

"I'm the only candidate to run a manufacturing business from either party," McKenna said. "I'm fortunate to sell a product internationally and have seen how the industry is moving."

McKenna said he learned a lot from the Carbondale businessmen, including the need for tort reform to "increase accessibility to doctors

in Southern Illinois, which has been struggling to keep doctors in light of sky-rocketing malpractice insurance premiums.

"We drive jobs out because if they move out, they don't have to deal with these issues," McKenna said. "Illinois needs to export goods, not jobs."

Haynes and Thorne also addressed concerns for the rail system, particularly Amtrak, which provides relatively cheap transportation for college students around Illinois.

Haynes said Amtrak produces not only tourism for the area but also access to the University. More than a quarter of the University's students come from the Chicago area.

"Leave Amtrak alone," Haynes said. "It brings in half of the student population. The major avenue of transportation is Amtrak after the highway."

McKenna said he believes it is possible to sustain Amtrak, although numerous government loans have not been able to upgrade the company to a point that it can produce profits. He said the benefits stem beyond profits, as it is an obvious asset to this community.

"The presence of Amtrak provides other benefits versus the cost, which is at a loss," McKenna said.

McKenna has already raised more than \$500,000 for his election campaign and has already pledged to spend \$6 million of his own money before the primary election in April. McKenna said he intends to compile the data from about 25 roundtables before the end of the year.

For more information on Andrew McKenna's campaign, go to www.mckennaforsenate.com.

Paratore prepares to say goodbye to SIUC

Associate chancellor reflects on career at University

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Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Jean Paratore began her professional career as a physical education teacher for a junior-senior high school almost 30 years ago, and in December, she will be leaving her career at the University.

Paratore, 54, said the decision to retire was based mostly on the importance of taking pleasure in her retirement.

"I wanted to retire while I was still young and healthy enough to enjoy it," she said.

"The people I met when 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 soon 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.

Two years later, Paratore was faced with a decision.

Her position became permanent, but she was also offered a job in student affairs. She chose the latter and has not looked back since.

In the position of associate vice chancellor of student affairs and enrollment management, Paratore promotes the development of

students at the University.

When a Registered Student Organization, such as sororities and fraternities, holds an event on campus, the division works with the group to ensure the success of the event.

"I never thought in a million years that I would hold this position," she said. "I didn't even know it existed."

Paratore also said she has mixed feelings about leaving at the end of the semester.

"I am leaving behind what has been my life," she said. "I have grown up here."

Throughout her career at SIUC, Paratore has witnessed many changes throughout the campus.

When she first started in 1974, construction workers began working on the Student Recreation Center on Grand Avenue.

The students voted in the mid-1980s to increase fees for remodeling of the facility.

Paratore said she enjoyed watching the remodeling of the Recreation Center because it proved the students knew they had outgrown the building.

Nancy Hunter Pei, who is the assistant to the vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said she is going to miss working with Paratore.

"Together, we watched the campus grow and change," Pei said. "I won't just be missing a great colleague but also a good friend."

Paratore visited Pei in the hospital while she was delivering her daughter, Katherine, who refers to Paratore as 'Auntie Jean.'

Paratore said she considers watching students grow throughout their academic careers one of the perks of her job.

Involved in many activities herself as an undergraduate, she encourages students to join an organization on campus that is of interest to them.

"Every experience on a college campus is a learning experience because that is what college is all about," she said.

"Class is primary and should



ANTHONY SOUFFLE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jean Paratore, the associate vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, will be retiring from SIUC after 30 years. Paratore plans to spend her time playing golf, reading and traveling once she has retired.

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— Jean Paratore
associate vice chancellor
Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

be first priority, but there is a lot of learning to be done outside the classroom.

Paratore continued her involvement in extracurricular activities into 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.

This year the ACPA will be holding its first fund-raising drive, which is planned to be sponsored annually.

Paratore plans to drive to Washington, D.C., this weekend to attend a meeting about the drive.

Once she has retired, Paratore plans to spend her time playing golf, reading and traveling.

She said she wants to travel across the country and visit her sister and brother-in-law in North Carolina as well as experience the fall foliage in Massachusetts and the Grand Canyon.

Paratore said she would try to find time to relax.

"I just have to keep it in my mind that this is not just a vacation," Paratore said.

"This is the vacation. It has been a long time coming, but before you know it you're there."

Paratore said though she will miss her coworkers and many of the students, she is ready to go on with the rest of her life.

"It feels right now [to retire]. I still like to look at life in thirds," she said.

"The first third you are at home with your parents, you go to college and you decide what your first job or career might be. The second third you are working your tail off, trying to achieve status and move up. That sometimes causes a lot of stress and tension. I have done that for many years. I don't want only a few years for retirement. I want a third. I want time to enjoy it."

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OUR WORD

Library worth tuition hike

The \$2-per-credit-hour library fee, that was suggested by the University's budget task force last month, is no longer feasible, according to Chancellor Walter Wendler.

The administration recently learned it is illegal in Illinois to have a student fee unless it is for an expendable resource or an auxiliary service.

Under this law, services such as the Student Center or the Recreation Center would be considered expendable because they are not essential to education. The library, though, is considered vital to education and therefore is funded by state money. Because Morris Library receives part of its funding from the state, it cannot be subsidized by fees.

Upon discovery of this information, Wendler has informally suggested the possibility of an additional increase of 1 percent to the price of next year's tuition, which is already proposed to increase 7.1 percent for returning students and 15.9 for incoming freshmen.

The freshman class will have such an elevated tuition rate because of "truth-in-tuition," which requires universities to guarantee tuition will remain stagnant for four years of the students' education at SIUC. The rest of us are going to pay such a soaring increase because the University, simply put, needs it.

Morris Library needs it, too.

Last month, the DAILY EGYPTIAN Editorial Board supported a library fee, which was said could generate as much as \$1 million in additional annual funding for the library.

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 \$390,434 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.

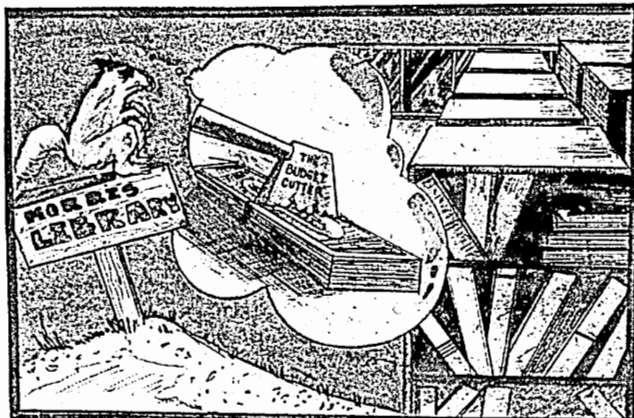
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The condition of the library looks even worse when compared to the direction in which it needs to be going if it will in fact meet the administration's commitment in Southern at 150 to become one of the top 75 research universities in the United States 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, an English professor and faculty association representative for the Library Advisory Affairs 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.



ALEX AYALA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

Pro-choice: Just choose at a different time

Tim Felty
senior, computer engineer

Hello, I'm a Republican. Wait, don't stop reading! Chances are you won't like what I'm going to write, but you might agree with an idea or two.

When I was a freshman, my English professor said there were two things you couldn't change people's opinion on; the first is religion, and the second is abortion. Due to the recent passage of Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act by the House of Representatives, quite a bit has been said about abortion.

One of the main points being implied in the letters in the DAILY EGYPTIAN is that this bill makes abortions illegal. This is false. The bill still allows abortions of other types such as medicinal abortions and three viable surgical abortion options.

However, discussing the legality of abortion is not my intent. I'm pro-life. I can see abortion as an option only in the cases of rape and where carrying the child to term and its delivery will cause harm to the mother. Since there is no way to enforce those two standards effectively, abortion should remain legal and be the woman's choice.

Now this causes a logic problem. How can I be pro-life and support abortion? Well, there is no way to explain it, but my pro-life beliefs lead me to support one form of choice. This choice is also one a woman has to make.

In today's world, there is a range of choices that can be made. These main choices are prophylactics, drugs and behavioral changes that can be employed to stop an unwanted

pregnancy before it begins. For men there is only really one choice: condoms. So ladies, if you do not wish to get pregnant, have your partner wear a condom. If the woman wants to be proactive, a diaphragm with spermicide is the main choice.

Neither of these choices are 100-percent effective. Using both, while not 100-percent effective, provides over 99 percent protection. Now aside from prophylactics, birth control drugs can be used to prevent pregnancy.

These drugs can be taken orally, as a patch or as an injection. While again not 100-percent effective, they are by themselves 95 percent or more effective at stopping pregnancy. These drugs, while not an option for all women due to health conditions, seem to be a popular and generally safe way to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

The only behavioral change that can guarantee no unwanted pregnancy is abstinence. This is 100-percent effective.

As a side note, of the methods to avoid pregnancy mentioned above, the only ones that have a chance of stopping STDs are the condom and abstinence.

Now this is a choice women can and should make. People (men and women) should be responsible enough to take precautions before the decision to terminate pregnancy must be made. This puts responsibility on the people performing the act before it starts to affect a third person who does not have a say in his or her future.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill.”

Henry David Thoreau

WORDS OVERHEARD

“... there is no way that 16 percent means the entire faculty, because if they mean that, then they are stretching it across the entire planet.”

Joseph Brown
chairman of the Black-American Studies Program,
disputing the percentages of tenure and tenure-track faculty

COLUMNIST

Dilemmas of dominance

What makes people drive for seven hours in one day just to hear a speaker? It must be the speaker's ability to tell something important.

More than 3,000 people gathered in the Student Center Auditorium in Illinois State University Tuesday to hear Noam Chomsky talk about the "Dilemmas of Dominance," and they weren't disappointed.

He didn't have to say anything new. He didn't give prescriptions. Everything was already out there. He just synthesized and named it without giving excuses and pampering anybody's feelings. It is for this straightforwardness and not for his being rude that the media ignore this gentle person. The audience listened still, thoughtful and eager to hear more.

For those who wish they were there, here's a summary of his critique not only of the government but also of the educated elite who has the "intellectual culture of zombies."

The people of the United States in power had three goals, according to him: to dominate the population, dominate the world and dominate the space.

For the worry of how to control the population — "the beast" — they found Reagan's solution: to inspire fear.

Elections were coming, and to divert people's attention from the more serious internal social problems, there was a need of external threat. A threat was invented: Iraq. The United States was the only country under it,

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for Iraq was the weakest country in the region devastated by the U.S. sanctions. Everybody knew it was defenseless, the U.S. intelligence included. It was the perfect target to test the National Security Strategy.

The government didn't decrease spending but directed it toward the rich and powerful through military concessions.

The U.S. Congress passing a resolution allowing the president to act contained some of the words Reagan used for Nicaragua in 1985: "unusual and extraordinary threat."

The president's victory speech: a "staged extravaganza" was a "powerful Reaganesque finale of the war and opening to the election campaign."

"If you repeat something loud enough, the facts are irrelevant. It becomes the truth," Chomsky repeated.

While people in the United States believed in it, it was not convincing for the rest of the world.

Iraq was a demonstration of a "world domination doctrine." The United States acted without international authorization and didn't consult international laws. The term "preemptive strike" was used incorrectly. These strikes should be called "anticipatory" or "preventive." It wasn't justified by any law and was considered the supreme crime, an aggression to a sovereign country, infamy com-



Eye on Earth

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parable to Pearl Harbor. It met a great opposition throughout the world.

This war was a great danger to the world and to the people of the United States because it sent the message we are the powerful, and we do what we want. The weak do what they must.

The weak cannot compete with the conventional weapons the United States uses, so they had to invent their own: the weapons of mass destruction and the terror. Iran and North Korea responded to the threat of the National Security Strategy. Iraq became a heaven for terrorists. The violence is likely to incite desires for revenge.

The claim the United States was pursuing the noble vision of democratizing the Middle East was a "lie."

Turkey's decision not to get involved based on 95 percent of the popular opinion infuriated the United States and was the real reason for democracy.

The fury toward France and Germany was due to a fear that Europe might become a second world force and act on its own. The United States could not allow Europe to get infected by the Chile virus of a parliamentary democracy turning into an independent democratic socialism.

The East-European satellites didn't have other choice but salute and say, "Yes, sir"

The full spectrum dominance must be completed by space dominance. From having control over it, the United States was striving to acquire its ownership to build platforms to be used for offensive actions. It was not surprising, therefore, that the United States, supported by Israel, had "killed" all international efforts to demilitarize the space.

To make the world safer the United States supported the production of bio-weapons and poisonous gases and continued developing nuclear weapons.

Chomsky finished with the statement that the good fortune the United States has — the legacy of freedom and privilege is not a gift but confers responsibility.

During the question-answer part, he criticized the nation-state system dictating the world order, which made no sense in people's lives.

His only piece of advice was one that everybody already knew: one needs to keep working, organizing and educating oneself and others, every day.

Eye on Earth appears every Thursday. Ana is a graduate student in foreign language and literature. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Depression needs to be taken seriously

Leslie Heuer
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — It has become an epidemic. A little understood enemy is hiding among us. It's silent; it's invisible, mimics other common physical ailments and affects everyone.

Clinical depression often goes untreated. Only one in three depressed people get the help they need. The others either suffer in shame and silence or, even worse, take their own lives.

The student health center offered free depression screening tests last week. The emotion of depression and the illness of depression tend to get confused. Although the symptoms are similar, the emotion always passes within hours or days — but it should be treated as a serious medical condition with therapy and medication.

There are two types of clinical depression. Situational depression is by definition depressive symptoms triggered by situational or environmental factors. This is what the health center was screening last week. College, an obvious life stressor, is assumed to be the primary trigger in this case.

Biological depressive symptoms are usually similar but triggered by a physical deficiency of serotonin levels in the brain, which is most often referred to as the "chemical imbalance." Researchers have not been able to determine exactly why serotonin doesn't maintain normal levels in some people.

The advertisements you see on television and hear on the radio about Zoloft or Paxil treat the illness, so hopefully you've already heard about the signs and symptoms.

Depression can be tough to diagnose because it often accompanies other medical, psychiatric and substance abuse disorders, so sometimes even health care professionals miss it.

Depressive illnesses sap energy, so the very nature of this condition can interfere with a person's ability or desire to get help.

Those who have never experienced any kind of depression might perceive an undiagnosed individual as lazy, slow or apathetic. A common misconception is that a clinically depressed person can simply "snap out of it" or get over it on their own and that they have no one but themselves to blame.

A lot of insurance companies do not recognize depression as a serious medical condition and thus will not provide adequate coverage for medication and therapy sessions. That's why a large percentage of

depressed people do not have access to the treatment they need.

The United States loses between \$30 and \$50 billion a year in worker productivity and direct medical costs related to depression. According to Dr. Kenneth Wells, a mental health researcher for the RAND Corporation, only 25 percent of depressed people are insured for mental health and receiving appropriate care. By comparison, he noted, if only 25 percent of cardiac patients were insured for that disease and receiving proper treatment, a national scandal would result.

Disorders of the brain are more difficult to diagnose than disorders of the body, but that doesn't mean efforts shouldn't be made, nor does it excuse insurance companies from providing appropriate coverage for patients who legitimately need it. The basic paradigm of Western health care is diagnose, treat and send away. That works well enough for most physical ailments, but mental illness requires a different approach and a shift in cultural attitude.

Depression isn't clearly visible like a broken bone, an abnormal mass on an X-ray or as obvious as a paraplegic in a wheelchair. Depression isn't like pneumonia or a sinus infection that one round of antibiotics will quickly treat. Depression cannot always be easily spotted like a blind person using a white cane or deaf person using sign language.

Those who have never experienced any type of depression have no idea just how debilitating the illness is. The overwhelming complexity of the human brain and the fact that no one has direct access to someone's thoughts and emotions are what makes depression — or any mental health disorder — so dangerous and the reason for the high suicide rate among people suffering from these untreated conditions.

Depression will either affect you or someone you know during your lifetime, and it's important you know help is available. A person who is either diagnosed and experiencing a depressive episode, or symptoms of depression desperately needs compassion, patience and medical attention. For some, that may mean physically taking a friend or family member to the doctor. For others, that may mean making a long-overdue appointment with a counselor or therapist.

It can't always be cured, but it can be treated and managed as long as society, lawmakers and insurance companies understand the need and work together.

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LETTERS

Family is what really matters

DEAR EDITOR:

I've heard my share of moralizing sermons and ranting diatribes. Generally, I am unmoved by these extremes. I am one to follow examples rather than ultimatums, and neither lifestyle — the pro-life, nor the pro-choice — is very appealing thus far. Mostly, this is because I am a family-oriented woman, and to me both arguments presented here are anti-family.

Yes, yes, I know, how can I say such a thing about groups equally passionate about saving lives and women's rights? It is mostly because unless there's a family at home, saving the life is worth less than returning it to God. But also because what good are the rights if we aren't going to be responsible with them?

Family is less of a nuclear reaction and more of an organic perennial at my house; it is created daily within our community. Looking at larger society, however, family is simply a social construct that has been continuously degraded over the past century. The institution of public schooling, the terror that is the modern workweek and the Eric of maternity/paternity leave have left vast chasms in the fabric of the family.

Historically, it has been the bastion of women to protect, raise and guide the family. As has been the case, it is not so much a right to choose her form of birth control, as it is a responsibility. Parents are the prime advocates for children until those minors are old enough to represent themselves. This job includes the initial decision to bring the child into the world. To remove this from the shoulders of women would be to place it in the hands of the state. This would relegate women to a status of inferiority in need of guardianship themselves and increase the workload of DCFPS.

This replacement of responsibility would still do nothing positive for the bigger picture or for the future of the family. Women would not be learning to be more responsible. Communities would not be more supportive of families, nor would they be creating lasting bonds for their children to rely upon. And these are the real issues that have to be addressed.

So, my suggestion is that we do less negative debating and more positive action to resolve the root of the problem. Whether or not women are allowed abortions, families are being undermined daily, and this is what needs to be stopped.

Rivanna Abel
mom, foster parent, senior, history and secondary education

Life Chain activists not "confrontational"

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like the opportunity to briefly respond to "Women deserve the right to choose," printed Oct. 9. First, Shannon and Deirdre, the authors, described the Life Chain Oct. 5 in downtown Carbondale as — "confrontational." I found this comment to be highly defensible since it was our event in the first place, and they chose to come and stand among us with signs and expressions that were clearly opposed and confrontational points of view.

Second, the two of them charged us pro-life people with hypocrisy, implying that we support President Bush in Iraq. They were the ones who brought any and all political considerations into the debate. Our position was clearly stated by our signs that "abortion kills children," and that "Jesus forgives," meaning those who have had abortions can be forgiven by Christ if they will repent. That guilt can be lifted and cleansed

away (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Third, as the pro-life minister that did calmly speak with them, I did answer their questions that over 400 U.S. soldiers and probably over 10,000 (not "only 3000") Iraqis have died in the conflict. Maybe more. But that number of 10,400 only amounts to two and one-half days of abortions in America! Every day over 4000 children have their lives snuffed out by abortion, almost a million and a half per year! Since abortion was legalized in America, we have killed more than all the population of Iraq.

Fourth, yes, I agree with them that the women who have abortions and the doctors who perform them are guilty of murder. Certainly, the doctors are more so since they know what they are doing; often the women are less guilty because of the traumatic circumstances and deceptions surrounding the abortion process. Many of them do not realize till much later what they have done, and I sympathize with them. And yes, judgment is left to God, but he requires his rules to also judge for him in temporal matters (Romans 13:1-8).

Burke Shade
pastor of Cornerstone Reformed Church

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Deep Throat investigators speak in MCMA

U of I professor explains discovery of Watergate source

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For nearly three decades, the identity of the man at the center of the nation's most notorious political scandal, Watergate, lay uncovered. Clues abounded, but as the years passed by, no one, not even the FBI, could unearth the anonymous source known as Deep Throat.

Despite the abundance of rumors that swirled around the nation's capital — including a confession from a White House assistant — the man cloaked in shadows and smoke remained concealed from the public and the press.

But earlier this year, a revered University of Illinois professor and several of his students announced they had finally revealed the man who leaked crucial information to Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

William Gaines, a U of I investi-

gative journalism professor, was the man who spearheaded the effort to decipher the identity of the mysterious whistleblower who exposed those behind the famed break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Wednesday night he spoke about the methods he and his students employed during their four-year investigation in a roundtable discussion in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts Dean's Conference Room.

Gaines recounted the highlights of his four-year investigation into the Watergate scandal, which culminated last April at a news conference at the infamous Watergate hotel that housed the Democratic National Committee.

In that media gathering, Gaines revealed he and his students had discovered the elusive Deep Throat was in fact Washington, D.C., attorney Fred Fielding. Gaines held that Fielding, who White House staff member Bob Haldeman had previously identified as Deep Throat in 1999, had access to FBI reports because of his close relationship to former White House special counsel John Dean.

"We had a list of possible candidates, and we took it and got rid of everyone who we felt didn't fit the profile," Gaines said. "We eventually whittled it down to a list of seven people who were close to Dean."

Dean, who spent time in prison for his own involvement in Watergate, had written an e-book narrowing the list of Deep Throat's suspects to four former Nixon aides but not Fielding. As first assistant to Dean, Fielding read FBI reports Dean failed to reveal to the President. Egregious staff members for FBI questioning and listened to conversations in Dean's office.

Dean was also one of the few who knew of a top-secret fund that paid the men who broke into the Watergate Hotel. Woodward and Bernstein later located the bookkeeper for Nixon's re-election committee, who told them who was paid and how much was doled out to each individual.

When the FBI later interviewed the bookkeeper, she wrote down what she thought were the exact transactions from the fund, which Dean later retrieved by promising L. Patrick Gray they would go straight to the President. But they were instead handed to Fielding.

Woodward later received confirmation from Fielding that the transactions had taken place, not realizing the bookkeeper would later admit to making a mistake with the numbers. Fielding was also one of the first to know Dean was going to be fired because Dean had told him information that Woodward came across the same day.

"Woodward has laid clues to his identity, but he will not reveal who he is until the day he dies," Gaines said.

The mystery in the case that still remains unsolved is how exactly Fielding and Woodward met. But Gaines does not expect Fielding to contact him any time soon to answer those questions. Gaines said he sent a letter to Fielding's law office describing his findings soon after the announcement, but he is confident Fielding could not be able to deny he is Deep Throat.

"He has continually denied that he is Deep Throat," Gaines said. "But he has yet to say that [the research] is wrong."

Tom Rybarczyk, a senior in journalism at the U of I and one of several students who worked with Gaines on the investigation, said studying the

Watergate case has forever altered his view of the profession.

"One day our classroom was regular just like anyone else's, and then all of a sudden 'Dateline' was invading our classroom and putting us under this huge spotlight," Gaines said. "I kind of felt like I was Bob Woodward in the movie."

Walter Jaehning, director of the SIUC School of Journalism, said the actions of Gaines and his students were a great example of the power of reporting and the influence it has. Jaehning, who was a reporter with the Courier Journal in Lexington, Ky., during the Watergate scandal, said the Deep Throat investigation is something that has been a sensitive issue since the advent of the controversy.

"The coverage surrounding Watergate was so different from the rest of the kind of journalism at that time," Jaehning said. "Many people just decided to stay away from it."

But that did not deter Gaines and his students from pursuing their goal. While the investigation meant sifting through thousands of pages, making numerous phone calls and tracking down various sources, Gaines said the result was well worth the hassle.

RETIRE

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Although Werner said he would finish the academic year, he has given no specific date for his retirement.

Scott Kaiser, executive assistant to the president for government relations, said President Walker will form a search advisory committee in the next several weeks to begin the process of searching for a new chancellor. He said the president would like to have a replacement by the time the chancellor leaves.

"President Walker said finding someone to replace David Warner with someone of equal passion for the institution will be difficult," Kaiser said. "He said Chancellor Werner has provided excellent leadership for SIUE during his years as chancellor and his 35 years at the Edwardsville campus."

Werner, who could not be reached for comment, said in a press release that he put aside plans to go to a "better place" when he first joined university staff in 1968 because of the faculty and staff's common vision for the university and their determination to make that vision a reality.

"Then, at some point — I really don't recall when — I realized that SIUE had become that better place," Werner said. "I hope I played a role in making SIUE that better place."

Werner was dean of the School of Business from 1975 to 1987 before serving a 10-year stint as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

10th annual Festival Latino takes place today

A month of events celebrating Hispanic culture ends today

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Students passing through the Free Forum Area this afternoon will have the opportunity to receive a taste of the dance, music and food the Hispanic culture has to offer during Festival Latino.

The Hispanic Student Council will close a month of events celebrating the culture today. An array of events that included the annual Salsa Night and a discussion on whether the term Latino or Hispanic was most appropriate took place beginning Sept. 15.

The closing ceremony to the 10th annual Festival Latino will begin today at noon and continue through 4 p.m. in both the Free Forum Area and in Student Center Ballroom D. It will offer students the opportunity

to partake of free food while experiencing Latino culture through dance and music.

"There's going to be authentic Latino cuisine, a jalapeno eating contest, great music and great performances," said President of the Hispanic Student Council Octavio Flores, a senior in mechanical engineering from Chicago and member of Hispanic fraternity Sigma Lambda Beta.

"It gives all students the chance to relax and enjoy the Latino culture."

The day's events will begin with a presentation by Puerto Rican dance troupe Fantasia Juvenil, which will perform in the Free Forum Area between 1 and 2 p.m. This will be followed by an exhibition of paintings and sculptures by the president of the Museum of Mexican Culture and History from 2 to 3 p.m. in Ballroom D of the Student Center. The day will conclude with dance from the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano from 3 p.m. to the close of the ceremony at 4 p.m.

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— Delia Suarez
Senior in pre-professional English

The Hispanic Student Council, which, in collaboration with several multi-cultural greek organizations as well as the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, sponsored the month of events, which they began planning at the beginning of the semester.

Rudy Barragan, a junior in education from Chicago who is responsible for public relations in the Hispanic Student Council, said the group is satisfied with the range of diversity at the 18 events, which took place during the end of September and the beginning of October.

However, he and other members agreed there is always room for improvement with

each year.

"I would like the event to eventually be as well-known as Miss Ebony and Playa's Ball," Flores said. "It's been getting bigger and bigger each year."

He said he hopes future celebrations will see collaboration with more organizations including the Undergraduate Student Council.

Vice President of the Hispanic Student Council Delia Suarez said though she would like to see more speakers and more events each year as well, she is satisfied with both attendance and diversity among them.

"We just want people to see we are regular students getting good grades, as well as being community-oriented," said Suarez, a senior in pre-professional English from Chicago.

"We want people to see how we relate, and even though we have our differences there are still similarities."

"Overall, it's been a great month, and I hope people come out for the last event."

FIRE

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understanding, it wasn't targeted as anything towards anyone."

Bernard Beauford, a freshman in graphic design from Chicago, was sitting in the hallway when he and his friends saw smoke coming from the room.

"I knocked on the door, then the [student resident assistant] came and opened the door," Beauford said.

"I tried to go through the front door, but the smoke just blasted me out."

Love Tate, a junior in management from Chicago, awoke to the sound of the fire alarms.

"The alarm went off initially, and a resident was running through the halls telling everybody, 'Get up,'" Tate said. "The way that the fire alarm system is hooked up to the fire department is so when the alarms go off, the fire department comes. I didn't have to place a phone call. There's not really enough time for that anyways."

Marty Gibbs, a freshman in creative writing and secondary education from Morton Grove, said he and another student ran outside to find where the fire was coming from.

"We touched the window, and it was red

hot," Gibbs said. "We started calling Troy's name, and we heard him screaming for help. Maurice took one arm and I took the other one, and we pulled him out."

Maurice Sanders, a freshman in art from Chicago, called the police and ran outside with Gibbs.

"By that time I heard Troy yelling, 'Help,' so I ran around to the back," Sanders said. "By that time he got the screen part of the window open, and I helped pull the glass part out, and he was trying to come out so I just helped pull him the rest of the way out."

Keith McMath, coordinator of resident life, said the students have been supportive of Moblely.

"Everybody on that floor were friends, and they all knew each other," McMath said.

"I believe the residents are very strong, and they will do just fine handling such a situation. A fire is never a fun thing."

Tate said earlier this semester, Moblely's roommate died.

"This is the second tragic situation that we had because we had the death of Nick Story to begin the year with, and it happened to be in the same room he lived in," Tate said.

Nick Story died Sept. 17 from complications with muscular dystrophy. Gibbs said he knew Story well, as he does Moblely.

"It was hard on all of us," Gibbs said. "We

all knew him. He was one of our friends. We just hope Troy gets better."

Scally said the students evacuated Abbott within two minutes.

"The students did an incredible job," Scally said.

"Things just worked perfectly for a bad situation as far as the students doing what they're supposed to do, the fire alarm system activating immediately. Out of a bad situation, it's the best we can hope for."

After the fire was extinguished, the locks on the door were changed, the door sealed and the windows were boarded up. McMath said the room would stay that way until the investigation is over.

"If he gets released and his room is not ready, we will make other accommodations for him," McMath said.

"At this time, because there is an ongoing investigation, he won't be able to access his room until the investigating team from the fire department as well as the police department authorize it."

The total cost of the damage is not yet known, McMath said.

"The investigating team is still doing what they need to do in the room, so we can't even get our housekeeping team and our maintenance team in there to begin assessing the damage and how bad it is," McMath said.



Robin Cooper, janitor, washes the residue left from the fire off the walls of Abbott Hall. She said the clean up would help get minimize of the smell of smoke in the hall.

University of Virginia adopts pass-fail grades for medical school

Philip Walzer
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. (KRT) — The University of Virginia's medical school switched this fall to a pass-fail system for first- and second-year students, intended to cut down on pressure and competitiveness.

Letter grades will continue to be awarded in the crucial third year, when students make clinical rotations in areas such as surgery and psychiatry, said Dr. Robert A. Bloodgood, a professor of cell biology who led a committee that recommended the change. The fourth and final year mostly consists of elective classes, which already are graded pass-fail, he said.

The switch, Bloodgood said, might deter University of Virginia students from cutting lectures and labs to cram for exams. And it could encourage them to go beyond the classroom — shadowing a doctor, for instance, or watching a birth.

Bloodgood said it wouldn't hurt students' chances for landing a job as a resident after graduation, since hospitals can still judge them on third-year grades, national board scores and deans' recommendations. Nor does he think it will prompt students to slack off their first two years.

"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 hardly 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 Latzer, the director of higher-education policy at the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. The group, based in Washington, often has reprimanded colleges for what it calls diluting standards.

The council focuses on undergraduate education, where the vast majority of classes continue to use standard letter grades. But Latzer said the trend in medical schools mirrors the problem of grade inflation in four-year schools.

"To me, this is alarming, because it's part of the trend toward laxity in evaluating people," he said. "We don't want to give people bad news. Unfortunately, sometimes you have to. People like to be rewarded for their hard work. If everyone gets the same grade, a lot of that motivation is dissipated."

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

EVMS offers grades of honors, high pass, pass and fail, said Robert M. McCombs, the school's associate dean for academic affairs. Usually, the top 15 percent of students in a course receive the "honors" designation, and the next 15 percent get a "high pass," he said.

VCU also gives those four grades, as well as a "marginal" classification, which falls between pass and fail, said Anita M. Navarro, the director of the medical school's curriculum office.

Latzer said both those methods are preferable to the University of Virginia's approach. "Faculty need to have a grade which officially is not an A but unofficially gives the

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student a signal that he's not up to snuff," he said.

The University of Virginia wants students to have the same grading system for their first two years, so the pass-fail approach will not take effect for second-year students until next fall, Bloodgood said.

The university will study exam grades and psychological responses of students under the old and new systems to judge whether the change is working, he said.

So far, students seem appreciative. "I have a sense that this medical class is a little calmer than last year's," Bloodgood said. But he warned against jumping to conclusions: "Medical classes differ in their character anyway."

Melissa Game, a third-year student at EVMS from Newport News, said she'd rather stick with her school's multitiered system.

Of the University of Virginia's approach, she said: "I can definitely see how it would decrease competitiveness and take some of the pressure off. Today it's important not just to have your nose in the books all the time, but to be a well-rounded person and have a good bedside manner."

"But with the pass-fail system, how do you distinguish between the top students?" Game asked. "How are you rewarding students who really excel in their studies? Will everybody's report card look the same?"

Not quite, Bloodgood said. After the first two years, the top 20 percent of a class — based on exam grades and faculty recommendations — will receive a "pass with distinction" label on their transcripts.

EVMS has switched its grading system in the other direction since its founding in 1973, said McCombs, the associate dean.

The school began with pass-fail grades but went to the current honors, high pass, pass and fail approach in the mid-1980s, he said. "As the new boy on the block, it became evident that to be competitive in residency applications, we needed to go to a graded system."

But it steered clear of letter grades because, he said, "We didn't want to create a competitive environment."

The Association of American Medical Colleges tracks grading systems by the number of intervals, or options. Forty of 133 schools, or nearly one-third, have two intervals — usually pass or fail — in their first two years, said Robert F. Sabalis, an associate vice president. They include Duke University, Harvard University and the University of California-Los Angeles.

On the other end, 30 have five intervals. That could be an A-to-F system or one similar to Virginia Commonwealth's.

Sabalais said he did not know whether more colleges have shifted recently to pass-fail.

The association, he said, does not take a position on the issue, believing the choice of grades should rest with professors at each school.

Bush in dead heat with Democrats in California

Martin Wisokol
The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. (KRT) — President George W. Bush's re-election campaign is getting a new reason for optimism that it can take California next year after losing to Democrat Al Gore by 11.8 percentage points in 2000.

A Field Poll released Wednesday shows Bush within the margin of error in one-on-one matchups with each of the five leading Democratic candidates, with a slight lead against all except for Democratic front-runner Wesley Clark.

Those numbers mirror a nationwide poll released this week by Newsweek.

"Usually, the rule of thumb is that California favors Democrats by 10 percent compared to the rest of the nation," said Mark DiCamillo, director of the Field Poll. "This poll should give the Bush campaign hope for California."

DiCamillo said Bush benefits in

California by the lack of familiarity with the Democratic candidates, and that Democrats' numbers will likely grow as the election draws near. But he added that last week's recall results also indicated an increasing willingness by state voters to cast their ballots for Republicans.

Los Angeles, a traditionally Democratic stronghold, favored Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger over Democrat Cruz Bustamante by 8 percentage points. And Latinos, who typically have favored Democrats by 3-1 or more in statewide elections since 1996, gave 40 percent of their vote to Schwarzenegger.

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

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rutilized for minorities and women, insuring cultural and educational diversity in the curricula of the University,

insuring the removal of barriers to the disabled and

fostering attitudes in the University community that are supportive of the principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action to redress the consequences of past societal discrimination.

Any changes made to this policy will affect both Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, but no definite amendments have been proposed.


The Faculty Senate unanimously approved Tuesday a name change for the Department of Plant, Soil and General Agriculture in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

The new name, Department of Plant, Soil and Agricultural Systems, is anticipated to better reflect the changes in the department's General Agriculture bachelor's degree program, which was also changed to Agricultural Systems.

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Spirit of SIUC's HOMECOMING

Fans come out to watch Salukis cruise past Redbirds as students and alumni celebrate Homecoming 2003

story by JESSICA YORAMA • photos by MEREDITH MERCIER

In 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 is 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.

"But 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 not."

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.

Several tents were set up across the lots, some belonging to current members of organizations and former members of SIUC organizations such as the Marching Salukis who played the alma mater for tailgaters surrounding the tent.

Tailgating began as early as 9 a.m. for many students, some of which find themselves weary of early morning classes but did not hesitate to drive their trucks and set up lawn chairs in the parking lot across from McAndrew.

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

Students clad in their school apparel littered 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



Brian Croft, left, and Paul Siano, right, residents of friends from Boomer Hall Saturday in McAndrew Stadium make signs showing support of the SIU football team.

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

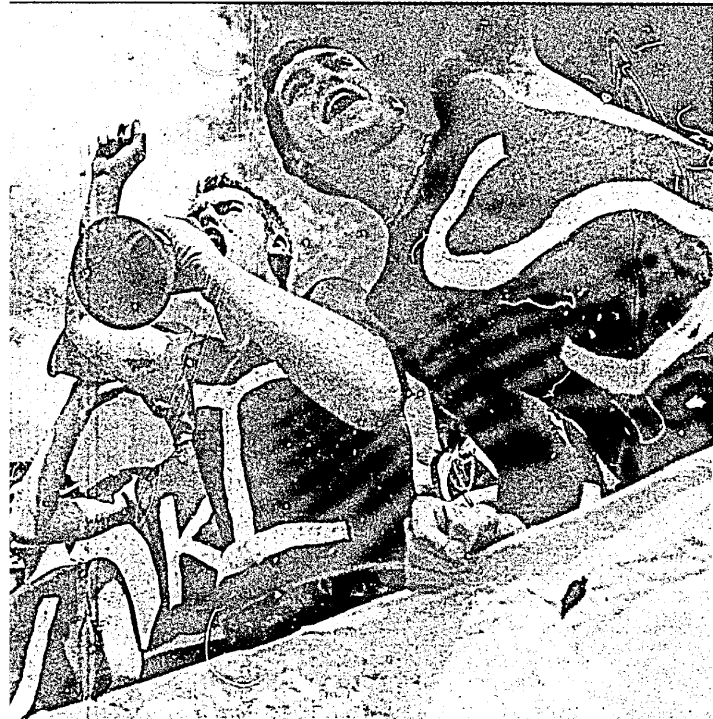


Freshman Darryl Mark holds up his Theta Xi fraternity brother, senior Brandon Strauss, while he does a kegstand during tailgate before the Homecoming game Saturday afternoon. Numerous alumni and students were there to cook out and tailgate before the game.



Freshman cheerleader Athena Stedman rallies the Saturday evening at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis Illinois State University 45 - 17.

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gth, residents of Boomer Hall in University Park, cheer on the Saluki football team along with other n McAndrew Stadium. They all got together before the Homecoming game to paint their bodies and SIU football team.

or to the "it was within close proximity of his hometown but he best," 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 contingents 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 stadium filled with the metallic 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



adman rallies the crowd during the football game at stadium. The Saluki football team went on to defeat

remaining, the flood of those interested not 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.

Though the Marching Salukis put on an entertaining field show, the main focus 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 strained 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 10.

Various colored flyers 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, Jawwad 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. Similar to last year's game against Western Illinois University, SIUC was 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 drizzled on their points.

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

As a result, there was now another reason, along with socialization and an 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 parades and pep



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

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, Kenney and his wife, along with the 13, 247 attendees, packed up their stuff and left the parking lot as "Cruisin' the Nile Saluki Style" flowed into SIUC history.

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Junior Samuel Gadbury yells through his megaphone to help cheer the Saluki football team to victory during the 2003 Homecoming game Saturday afternoon at McAndrew Stadium. "I'm a huge Saluki football fan, and I go to all the games," said Gadbury.

BIRGER

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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 quality.

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

Kidd said that there are 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.

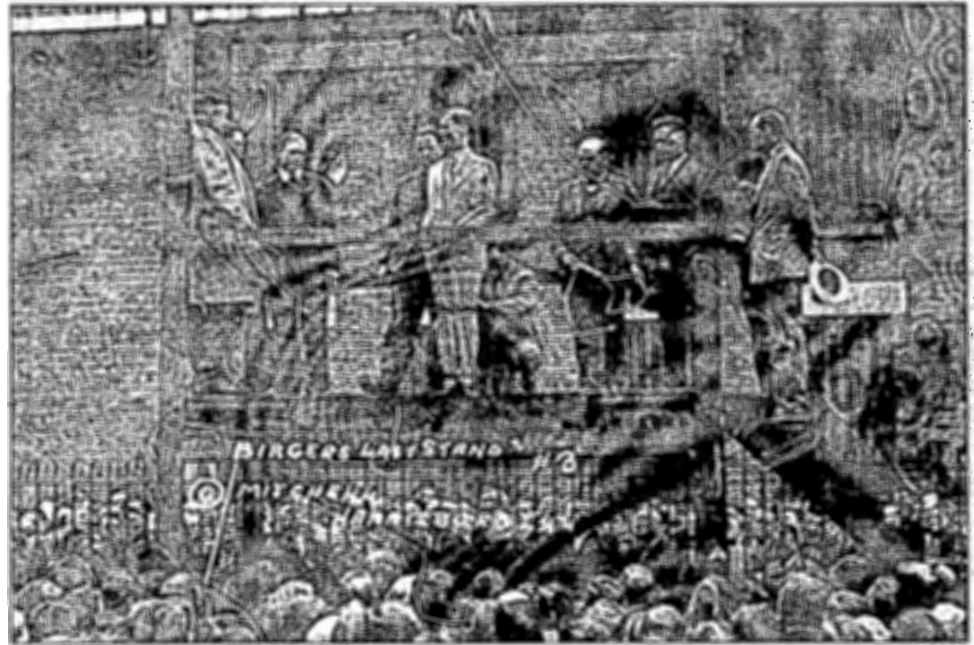
While some view Birger as a Robin Hood figure, Kidd said that in actuality, he killed people, robbed banks and provided gambling and prostitutes to visitors of his hideaway roadhouse.

"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,

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— David Kidd
director and producer,
"The Legend
of Charlie Birger"



WSIU to premiere 'The Legend of Charlie Birger' 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Charlie Birger was viewed as a Robin Hood figure although a criminal. Birger and his gang were involved in illegal liquor and vice trade, gun battles, aerial bombing and multiple murders resulting in Birger's execution.

the Shelton gang, for control of the area's illegal liquor and vice trades. This inevitably resulted in local residents being subjected to machine gun battles, an aerial bombing 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 reso-

nates 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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privatizing much of the railroad and asking financially struggling states to pay the cost of the service for routes in the state.

The service may need more money, but it will receive less if the president's budget is approved. The proposal is to give Amtrak half of its request for \$1.8 billion to operate for the next year. The fiscal year began Oct. 1.

The unveiled six-year plan is the administration's effort to solve Amtrak's continuous budget problem. The U.S. Congress voted in 1997 to give the Amtrak railroad service five

years to wean itself of federal support, but Amtrak continues to struggle.

Amtrak is currently dependent on more than \$1 billion in subsidies.

While the battle between Amtrak and the federal government has been ongoing for many years, the railroad is the only means of transportation for most rural areas.

During last year's fiscal year, 54,842 people got on or off at the Carbondale service station. Carbondale ranked fourth in the most used stations in Illinois, falling shortly behind Bloomington/Normal. Carbondale is a stop on the Illini line and the New Orleans line. Ridership increased on the Illini line by 11.4 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 cost were passed to the states, service would suffer.

Though transportation across the nation would come to a screeching halt if the strike were to occur, Stessel considers it unlikely to happen Monday.

"Their gripe, with their own admission, is not with Amtrak," Stessel said.

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Governor's office like box office; fame only goes so far

Jim Puzanghera & Dion Nissenbaum
Knight Ridder Newspapers

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT) — Arnold Schwarzenegger's movie career may be on hold, but the fame he gained from years as a Hollywood superstar should continue paying dividends for him as governor — at least for a while.

After his victory last week, the Republican vowed to go "directly to the people" if the Democratic-controlled Legislature blocks his policy agenda. Because of his celebrity status, Schwarzenegger will have an ability to speak to voters rivaled only by the president.

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

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 another actor-turned-politician, Ronald Reagan, and could be a major asset.

But Schwarzenegger nevertheless could find it difficult to sway California's highly partisan lawmakers, most of whom hold safe seats. The economy adds another degree of unpredictability, and Schwarzenegger could get credit if the state's finances improve — or, like Davis, blame if they don't.

Ultimately, he may learn politics is a lot like movie-making: reputation goes only so far.

Just as Schwarzenegger's fame failed to make a blockbuster out of his poorly conceived 1993 movie, "Last Action Hero," his celebrity alone won't be enough for him to

succeed in his new role as governor, analysts said. "If what he wants to do is not popular, then it doesn't do any good to be famous," said Gary Jacobson, a University of California-San Diego political scientist.

Raising taxes is an example. Schwarzenegger said he would not raise them except in an emergency, but he hasn't defined the criteria. A tax hike could anger many of his supporters: exit polls showed 60 percent of Schwarzenegger voters believe the budget deficit can be solved without raising taxes.

The nation's last celebrity governor, Minnesota's Jesse Ventura, also stormed into office as a political outsider commanding huge media attention. His popularity continued initially in office as legislators approved his plans to cut car taxes and increase education spending, said Steven Schier, a political science professor at Carleton College.

But when Minnesota's economy fell with the national recession, Ventura got the blame.

"He had transformed himself from Arnold Schwarzenegger to Gray Davis," Schier said of Ventura, who did not run for re-election in 2002.

California's fiscal crisis makes Schwarzenegger's task harder than Ventura's. But Schwarzenegger brings more ambition to the job than Ventura, a small-time actor and former professional wrestler who had a distaste for politics and became bored with the job of governor, Schier said.

Schwarzenegger has shown a much greater inner drive in his career so far, rising to the pinnacle of two professions, bodybuilding and acting.

Schwarzenegger is an unprecedented celebrity politician, said West, author of "Celebrity Politics."

"Schwarzenegger was at the top of his game, and that gives him a prominence and a credibility with voters that even your typical celebrity does not have," West said. Most celebrity politicians, including Reagan, were well past their prime when they ran for office.

Unlike most politicians, Schwarzenegger will be able to use his celebrity to pressure legislators by going to their districts, raising money for opponents and drumming up voter anger, Jacobson said.

But Schwarzenegger may find it more difficult than Reagan did to apply that pressure. New political boundaries have created relatively safe seats for both parties, and term limits have bred more ideologically driven lawmakers, who shun compromise.

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

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

David O'Reilly
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(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 towering pontificate.

"Just by virtue of the length of his papacy, he casts a shadow that will reach into the next century," said Chester Gillis, professor of theology at Georgetown University.

His is already the third-longest pontificate in Roman Catholic history, and more than half the world's Catholics have grown up never knowing another pope.

Although his jubilee arrives amid mounting concern for the 83-year-old pontiff's health, the once-vigorous, globe-circling leader continues to put his stamp on the church.

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

And Tuesday, he will convene a consistory 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.

Although slowed by an assassin's bullet in 1984, later by a tumor, and in recent years by arthritis and Parkinson's disease, John Paul has recently declared he has no intention of resigning.

Over the years, he has used his international pulpit to promote social justice, reach out to other faiths, affirm the sacredness of all human life, and to condemn war, materialism and a "culture of death" that condones 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. He also has 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 LeMoyne College of Syracuse, N.Y., in 2001 showed that 90 percent approved of John Paul's leadership but that a majority disagreed with his bans on artificial birth control,

married and women priests and his condemnations of homosexual activity.

"The poignant paradox of his tenure is that most American Catholics adore him, but they have a very hard time with his message," said David Gibson, author of "The Coming Catholic Church," about tensions in the American Catholic Church.

Peter Steinfels, author of "A People Adrift," a new book about American Catholics, said in an interview this week that John Paul may have unwittingly contributed to the devastating clergy sex abuse scandals by refusing to allow greater autonomy and authority to regional bishops councils, such as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

A decade ago, the U.S. conference had adopted guidelines for dealing with priests who abuse minors, according to Steinfels, but the Vatican refused to give the conference authority to impose the rules on local bishops.

Church membership has nevertheless grown under John Paul from about 700 million to more than 1 billion, with the greatest expansion in Africa and Asia. "That will be a major part of his legacy," said Peter Phan, a Georgetown University professor who studies Asian Catholics.

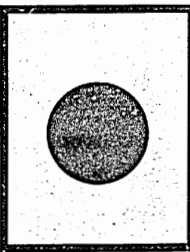
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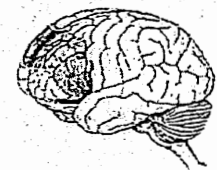
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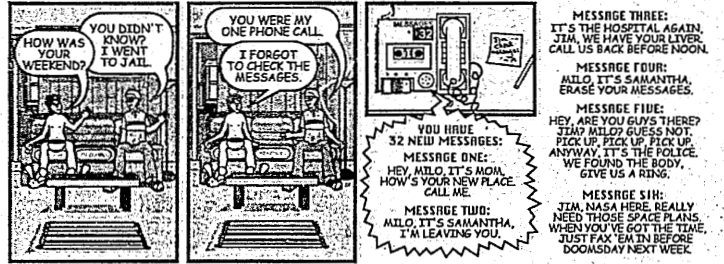
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Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: JULEP ADAGE REBUE UNRULY Answer: Good at finding things before they are missed. Answer: A BURGLAR

Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

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.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Intellect and emotion vie for your attention. Don't overlook one or the other if you want to find the right answer.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - 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.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Curtail your spending, even if you'd be spending for a good reason. Give a loved one your time and attention instead. It'll be appreciated.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - It's possible that you'll be in a cantankerous mood, so you may not have much patience with a space person. Don't snap.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You could encounter one of your oldest fears. Face it down. You just might amaze yourself.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21) - Today is a 7 - The people who find out that you're doing well may try to tap you for a loan. Lending money wouldn't be a good idea now.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Beware of an opportunity that might cost you too much. Is fame or fortune worth the loss of your style? I think not.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - It would be great to get away for just a couple of days. Unfortunately, there's something you need to take care of before you can go.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - This is a much better day for listening than for asking questions. More is going on behind the scenes than you can see out in the open.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - It wouldn't hurt to have a wise partner on your side for a while. You can't be everywhere at once, no matter how hard you try.

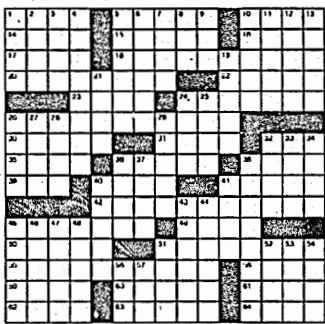
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Making up your mind was important. Now, get down to work. Start by learning all the rules of the game you're going to win.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Romance looks promising, but money is still tight. If a friend dumps you now, consider it good luck. You'll do better.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Fish-land-fg tool
- 5 Out in front
- 10 Joaquim or Penelope
- 14 Butler's brother
- 15 "Gymnopedes" composer
- 16 Oeuvre
- 17 Italian beach
- 18 Tropical breezes
- 20 Amounts hands collect?
- 22 Start
- 23 Fill to excess
- 24 Operation
- 26 Pioneer communities
- 30 Spirit of "The Tempest"
- 31 Cong
- 32 Abe's boy
- 35 Like a cocked noodle
- 36 Jogs
- 38 Actor Lugosi
- 39 Gail's gadget
- 40 First name of 15A
- 41 Jelly
- 42 She/low
- 43 Endangered aquatic mammal
- 49 Elitist
- 50 Place to live
- 51 Coniferous leaturo
- 55 Got the picture
- 58 King of beasts
- 59 Prolound
- 60 Plains shelter
- 61 Turkish Muppet
- 62 White lead-in
- 63 Outlaw Belle
- 64 Prepares Easter eggs



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 - 3 Gov. agents
 - 4 Track
 - 5 Shrewd
 - 6 Manhattan part
 - 7 Schedule figs.
 - 8 Land a hand
 - 9 Joy of the twist
 - 10 Resist separation
 - 11 Washer cycle
 - 12 Below
 - 13 Aquant
 - 19 Least satisfactory
 - 21 Autumn
 - 24 Fit of tempor
 - 25 Shoshones
 - 26 Granular seasoning
 - 27 Toledo's lake
 - 28 Limit in duration
 - 29 Call forth
 - 32 Garr of "Tootsie"
 - 33 Can. province
 - 34 Ariene or Roald
 - 35 Loyal
 - 37 Ready to pick
 - 38 Rode a two-wheeler
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 - 41 Soggy ground

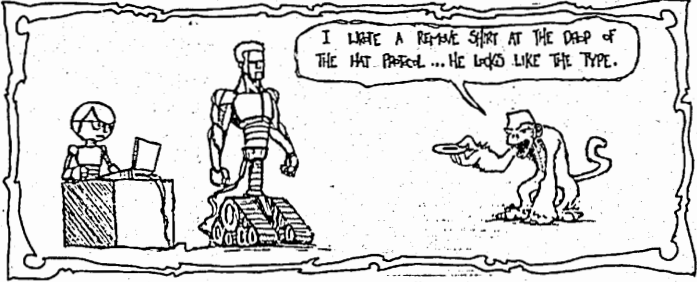
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Adam

by J. Tierney

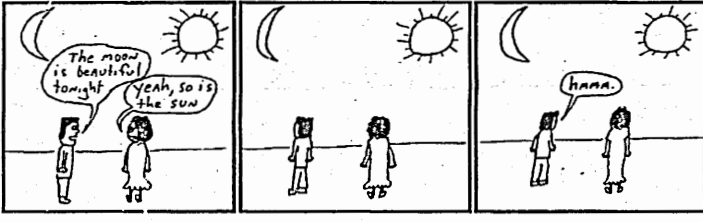


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PRACTICE

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Painter, who served as top assistant to now-Illinois head coach Bruce Weber during Weber's five-year stay in Carbondale. Painter intends to keep his practices similar to his mentor's.

"The format will be the same way," Painter said. "The structure of practice will be about the same way. The only change is it's gonna be a different team. When you lose somebody like Kent Williams and Jermaine Dearman, guys that have been the cornerstone of your program, for the past four years, there has to be some sort of change; there has to be some sort of changing of the guard, so to speak."

Williams was the team's leading scorer for each of his four years, and Dearman was the Salukis' 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 Dearman is a nagging question Painter hopes will be answered during the next few weeks. Guards Stetson Hairston and Darren Brooks both averaged double figures in scoring last season, but they come in with a group of skilled recruits.

The 6-foot-5 Owen will bring athleticism to the Salukis' frontcourt and the ability to guard the Missouri Valley Conference's

undersized power forwards who ripped apart the Saluki defense with their slashing abilities last season.

Freshman point guard Jamaal Tatum will utilize his quickness to lead the Saluki offense.

Fellow freshman big men Jamaal Foster and Randal Falck bring size to this perpetually height-disadvantaged team, but their abilities to contribute offensively this season are still unknown.

After spending their summers in Carbondale getting used to their new teammates and life at a four-year college, the newcomers have sold Korn on their abilities.

"I was impressed with their talents, the way they can play," Korn said.

"I don't think I was that talented when I came here."

How the various components of this team will come together during the next few weeks could go a long way in determining whether the Salukis will make it to a third straight NCAA tournament in March.

"We'll just have to wait and see," Painter said.

"Sometimes guys can surprise you. I know we have three seniors that have been very experienced, and they're battle-proven. We have six guys that have played in NCAA tournament games. No one in our league can say that besides Creighton, so we feel good about our leadership and the experience we bring to the table."

» MEN'S TENNIS

Salukis close out fall at ITA

Jeffrey expects strong showing from Salukis

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This weekend will be somewhat of a homecoming for SIU tennis player Alexandru Nomicos. The Romanian native will compete with his Saluki teammates in the ITA Mid-American Regionals starting today and continuing through Monday in Tulsa, Okla.

The junior, who transferred to SIU during the summer, spent the past two years at the University of Oklahoma, and the chances are good that he will end up squaring off against one of his former teammates.

"I know some of the players, I know their background, so that should help a lot," Nomicos said. "It's weird because I could play against some of [my former teammates] including a good friend from my homeland [Junior Silviu Tanasoiu]."

Although this is his third year playing in America, this will be the first time Nomicos competes at the ITAs.

He missed the regional tournament his freshman year due to an injury, and last season he played at a different tournament instead of the ITAs.

While this weekend will be a new experience for Nomicos, for a pair of his Saluki teammates, it's becoming an old hat.

Senior Peter Bong has represented SIU the past two seasons, compiling a 2-3 record in singles and splitting two doubles matches last year with former Saluki Gian Carlo Remigio.

Julian Angel Botero, a junior, fell to a player from Oklahoma two years ago in his only match at the ITAs. Having gained a great deal of experience in the past two seasons, Botero expects to have a much better showing this time around.

"I'll be a lot different because the first time I went there I was a freshman, and I didn't have a lot of experience," Botero said. "With the three tournaments we've played [this fall], we've beat everybody that's really good, so I think we're gonna have a good chance to do well in this tournament."

The format of the tournament was altered last year when the qualifying round was expanded, allowing teams

to bring more players. Last season the Salukis sent only Bong and Remigio to the tournament due to school conflicts, but this year they will compete in full force.

Because SIU finished last season ranked in the top 15 in its region, it was given three automatic spots in the main draw. The three remaining players will start the tournament in the qualifying round.

This year's field will include players from 16 Midwest schools — SIU, Arkansas, Arkansas-Little Rock, Bradley, Creighton, Drake, Evansville, Illinois State, Missouri-Kansas City, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Oral Roberts, Saint Louis, Wichita State and host Tulsa.

Although the Salukis will face some of the best players in the nation, head coach Missy Jeffrey thinks her entire team will end up in the main draw.

"Barring a really tough draw and maybe not having a good day, I think we've got an excellent chance of getting all six of our guys into the main draw," Jeffrey said. "Last year they only had to win two matches to qualify, so I think we're in excellent shape to get the whole team in if our guys play well and have a good day."

» MEN'S BASKETBALL

Painter attends coaches' summit in Chicago

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SIU head coach Matt Painter, along with nearly 300 other Division I basketball head coaches, attended a summit in Chicago Wednesday afternoon to discuss the perceived problems in college basketball.

The meeting was called in the wake of numerous scandals in college basketball, and the coaches decided at the meeting to customize a code of ethics for coaches and players to fit their specific programs.

"I think the thing you have to do is you have to clean up your own backyard," Painter said. "And obviously, when you have a good program, you try to keep that at a minimum and educate your coaches, educate your players and just try your best to run a first-class program."

An added benefit to the meeting, put on by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, was it began to develop a renewed connection between

coaches and the NCAA.

"The partnership between the NABC and the NCAA is something that was stated today," said Kelvin Sampson, Oklahoma head coach and NABC president. "We've talked about the progress we want to make, and I think we're headed in an unbelievable direction."

Several coaches chose not to attend the mandatory meeting, including Texas Tech head coach Bob Knight. Coaches were threatened with losing their Final Four tickets if they didn't attend, a requirement that upset some coaches. Painter sees the tactic as a necessity.

"Obviously I'm in the same state and it's just a five-hour drive for me, but I think the purpose of the meeting was great," Painter said. "We have to come together as a coaching fraternity. We have to come together with the NCAA and do what's best for college basketball."

The ethical problems in college basketball may not be quite as remote

as they seem, though.

The NCAA's current investigation into Ricky Clemens' eligibility at Missouri has hit somewhat close to home. Clemens passed 24 credit hours in the summer of 2002 at three different colleges, including Barton County Community College in Kansas. Painter was an assistant at Barton for the 1994-1995 season, and Saluki assistant Shane Hawkins was an assistant there from 1999 to 2001.

Although Painter and Hawkins weren't there when Clemens took classes, they know how easily things can go wrong with a program and how detrimental they can be to teams and careers.

"You need to understand that even though it's college basketball, it's a big business, and you have to understand what is important to the student-athletes," Painter said. "You have to make sure that you have high character and you have integrity and you do what's right for your program and do what's right for your university."

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

Me: Floridians are hardly people, and I assure you few of them are true baseball fans.

Ganesh: Nonetheless, be happy for them. This vision is over, and remember, vote Republican.

Analysis

It's difficult to be happy for Marlins fans. I'll try, but I still hope the Yankees obliterate them in the World Series. And I think Ganesh's political affiliations stem from the fact he looks like an elephant.

Buddha

Me: Where did I go wrong? I have no inner peace, and I want to murder the man who cost us this game.

Buddha: The very problem lies in the fact that you care. Desire is the root of unhappiness.

Me: So you want me to give up my Cubs fanaticism.

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

Analysis

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

Yoda

Me: Yoda, was that you? Did you use the force to screw over the Cubs?

Yoda: The force never would I use for baseball.

Me: Was it anyone else?

Yoda: A person it was not. A force not human, perhaps it was? Wise I am, but out of my realm of knowledge some things are. Confounded the Cubs make me.

Me: What shall I do, Master Yoda? I am depressed enough to find Full House entertaining.

Yoda: Everything already have you. A good job, have you not? A beautiful girlfriend, do you not possess? Do not loving parents claim ownership of you?

Me: I suppose you're right. But I'd give it all up for a little more.

Analysis

I suppose he's right. Life could suck a lot more, and it is rather foolish to put your hopes and dreams in the hands of a baseball team.

Jobu

Me: You're my last resort, Jobu. You are the least of the divinities, especially because you're a figment

of my imagination, but I believe you are the only one with control over the baseball realm.

Jobu: That I do! I am the almighty Jobu!

Me: What went wrong? You really seemed to like the Cubs this season.

Jobu: When a team wins, arrogance does ensue! Do not get cocky with the almighty Jobu!

Me: Are you saying Cubs fans are at fault?

Jobu: Bernie Mac wore Cubbie blue! That upset the almighty Jobu!

Me: You truly are the lamest deity ever created.

Jobu: Be careful what you say or do! I might do something to Moises Alou!

Me: Talking to you is like trying to rationalize with a Cardinals fan. You are just going to hate the Cubs no matter what they do.

Jobu: That much is true! There is nothing you can do!

Analysis

There you have it. Can't win; don't try. Just sit back and watch the world function as normal, and try to forget that feeling in your heart that is attached to the Chicago National League Ball Club. But none of us will do it.

Just wait 'til next year.

» SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

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 new method of measuring graduation rates that, contrary to the current federal standard, would not penalize teams when a player in good academic standing transfers to a new school.

In addition to proposing a new model for graduation rates, the NCAA also inched closer to enacting reforms that would impose another measure, a "real time" assessment of academic progress. The "real time" procedure would penalize Division I teams and schools that are doing a deficient job of educating their athletes.

The NCAA's Division I Board of Directors, which is scheduled to vote on the proposed changes in April, told the Associate Press Tuesday that it created the new standard because it thinks the federal measure is flawed.

"Our members and board believe that [the graduation-success rate] is a more accurate measure of what's going on our campuses than the federal rate," Kevin Lennon, the NCAA's vice president for membership, said in a press release.

Under the federal Student Right to Know Act, colleges are required to disclose graduation rates for students and athletes so prospective students are able to make conscious choices when deciding on a college.

The current federal standard states an athlete who transfers to another college is listed as having failed to graduate at the first school, even if the athlete was listed in good academic standing prior to his or her departure. In addition, a student who transfers into a school — rather than beginning as a freshman — cannot count as a graduate in the federal calculation for the new institution.

The new benchmark proposed by the NCAA would also not reprimand colleges that lose transfers who sit in good academic standing, and it would allow colleges that enroll transfers to include those athletes in their graduation count.

Indiana University professor

Murray Sperber, author of "Beer and Circus: How Big-Time College Sports Is Crippling Undergraduate Education," said he is relieved to see the NCAA placing more emphasis on the education of its student-athletes.

"It seems that so often education is forced to take a backseat in intercollegiate athletics," Sperber said. "I think it's encouraging that graduation rates are finally beginning to climb their way up the totem pole."

Richard Lapchick, director of the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida, was also enthused by 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.

"This is definitely a step in the right direction and could be a huge difference maker."

Lapchick also said the proposed changes could significantly alter the graduation rates in certain sports, including men's basketball and men's baseball. In each of those sports, 30 percent to 40 percent of Division I rosters are composed of players who transferred from other two and four-year schools, according to NCAA officials.

While the graduation standard could serve as a quick fix to the NCAA's perceived flaws in the federal measure, the old standard and the new proposal calculate graduation rates for a six-year period. Most of the athletes tabulated into the data have long since graduated by the time the results are released.

Because of this nuance, the NCAA is proposing a new standard, known as the "annual academic-progress rate," that would gauge how well each school is doing in three areas: retaining athletes, maintaining their eligibility and graduating athletes.

The academic-progress rate would be enforced in order to punish teams and schools that are doing a lax job of educating athletes. It may also be used to laud institutions that are graduating their athletes at a high rate. The NCAA will commence collecting data from schools this fall and begin doling punishments and rewards after a four-year period.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he is fully supportive of a more stringent approach toward graduation rates and is hoping the University could reap some of the benefits handed out to teams and schools with exemplary graduation rates.

"I definitely don't think that SIU would be adversely affected," Kowalczyk said. "I'd say we're already doing pretty well, especially considering the commitment 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, Kowalczyk also remains suspect of just how detailed the proposal would be.

"They really need to make sure there's some teeth to the measures," Kowalczyk 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 bottom 5 percent to 10 percent of teams and schools — which could be up to 400 teams — is likely to be targeted.

Before the four years of data needed are available, the NCAA has proposed some transitional penalties that could take effect as of the 2005-2006 academic year. After a team or school has posted a substandard performance for two years, it would be forced to forfeit a scholarship for one year any time a student exited the school without being listed in good academic standing.

NCAA officials have trumped the proposed changes as the "second phase" of their strategy to raise academic standards in intercollegiate athletics. The plan has already been put into motion on athletes entering collegiate-level competition. High school athletes now must complete a set of 16 core courses to gain athletic eligibility, and collegiate athletes must meet higher standards each year to maintain their eligibility.

Not that any of that upsets Lapchick, who said he has been waiting years to see the NCAA take this kind of action.

"Hopefully this will go through because if it does, it could possibly change the face of college sports," Lapchick said.

SPORTS FLASH

Walk-on tryouts begin Monday

The SIU men's basketball team will have tryouts for anyone who wants to walk on to the team at 6 p.m. Monday in the SIU Arena.

For more information, contact the SIU basketball office at 453-HOOP (453-4657).

Cross country teams remain ranked

The SIU men's and women's cross country teams are still ranked No. 12 in

the Midwest region.

The men's team will next compete Saturday at the Pre-Nationals in Waterloo, Iowa. The women's team will run in the Illini Challenge Saturday.

Weightlifting competition this weekend

The SIU Weightlifting Club will sponsor a bench press competition at noon Saturday at the Recreation Center.

The competition welcomes both men and women and will consist of weight classes with weigh-in and registration from 11 a.m. to noon.

Contact the Recreation Center for additional information.

McDaniel wins Offensive Lineman of Week Award

Junior center Elmer McDaniel won the Gateway Conference's Offensive Lineman of the Week Award Wednesday.

McDaniel graded an 80 percent in his blocking assignments against Illinois State Saturday with an effort grade of 100 percent.

The junior transfer from Northeast Oklahoma Junior College is the third Saluki to win the award this season.

They are excellent. They have no weaknesses."

Western Illinois' lone loss came on the road at the hands of Division I-A Louisiana State, which was ranked in the top 15 in the country.

The Leathernecks hung in most of the game, trailing just 13-7 at one point, before eventually being outgained and falling 35-7.

The players still remember the

emotional high from winning last year's game, but they realize it is another year, and to keep that feeling going they will have to win again Saturday.

"Everything kind of froze in time, and you just feel like you're in heaven," Sambursky said of the way last year's game ended. "But it's over. It was great for our program, but now we got to beat them this week."

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ing I-AA national champion Western Kentucky.

"The biggest difference is we're playing a much better Western Illinois team," Kill said. "We're playing the best football team that we have coached against since I've been here.

» MEN'S BASKETBALL



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.

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 built up by the physical abuse heaped upon them.

Saturday morning marks the start of practice for the SIU men's basketball team when the focus shifts from pre-season conditioning and individual workouts to team practices aimed at fundamentals.

In the past few weeks, running around Campus Lake and traversing the stairs at McAndrew Stadium numerous times in a short period became the norm for the Salukis. Junior college transfer LaMar Owen has had to get used to this added rigor quickly.

"It's been a hard experience," Owen said, adding the stadium stair runs were the most difficult. "It's just tiring, and you just have to not think about it. You have to concentrate on just moving one leg after the other."

But as difficult as things have been, the intensity level will be multiplied Saturday, and it isn't something that many returning players are looking forward to.

"I try to look at it as the sooner we start practice, the sooner we start games," fifth-year senior Sylvester Willis said. "In that regard, yeah, just hurry up and get these early practices over with because they are the hardest ones."

"They're long. You go from conditioning for 25 to 30 minutes to practicing for three and a half hours just kind of puts your body into shock. But it's supposed to be hard; that way the games are easy and fun."

There isn't much open court basketball at the team's early season practices.

Instead, these practices focus more on drills meant to hone specific phases of the game.

"It's rough, man," fifth-year senior forward Brad Korn said. "You're in here for about four hours a day, drills and defense. It's tough, it's long, it's hard, but it's been worth it the past couple of years."

The payoff the last two seasons has been trips to the NCAA tournament, including a Sweet 16 appearance two seasons ago. But that type of success isn't expected out of these Salukis.

They have a new leader in Matt

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— Sylvester Willis
SIU men's basketball

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» COMMENTARY



Waterloo and other great losses

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The gods explain themselves

Fine. You win.

God, Allah, Buddha, Ganesh, Yoda, Job, it is done. I am through trying to defy you, and thanks to your divine intervention, so are the Cubs. The magical season is through, killed like that nude fan would have been if not for his security escort.

A night of prayer with six different gods filled, and really, I'm OK with it. It's hard to explain the peace I feel right now, so I'll let the six divinities take care of it. Here are a few excerpts from my prayers last night, straight from the mouths of the almighties.

God/Allah

Me: Seriously, what have we done to deserve this? What have Cubs fans done to deserve this kind of horrid treatment? Please keep in mind that I already apologized for Ronald Reagan.

God/Allah: Michael, it's nothing against you. I actually have a soft spot in my heart for you Cubs fans. You have the loyalty and blind faith essential to enter the kingdom.

Me: Then why do you continue to torture us?

God/Allah: I cannot tell you. I can only assure you that you shall understand when the time comes. Remember, you still have 12 more years before your llama-related death.

Me: But why not now?
God/Allah: It is not appropriate, and you shall know why eventually. Frankly, I'm disappointed at your impatience.

Me: Gee, I wonder why I've been impatient? I assure you, almighty and beloved father, both Jesus and Muhammad will hear about this.

Analysis

I think He was implying the Cubs would win later, and I will appreciate it even more. Either that, or he was attempting to make me get a life and do more productive things than watching and writing about the Cubs.

Ganesh

Me: Oh great Ganesh, son of Shiva and frequent guest star on the Simpsons, what will it take for the Cubs to win?

Ganesh: My son, has it occurred to you that I don't care? Really, how many Hindus are baseball fans?

Me: Good point, but can't you do anything?

Ganesh: All I can do is tell you to be appreciative of what you

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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 he eluded the pressure, SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky sprinted toward the sideline. Knowing he would not score, Sambursky desperately searched for a receiver as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

Then there, flying across the field, was Brandon Robinson.

With 18 years of history on his shoulders, Sambursky threw the ball and hoped.

It sailed right into the waiting arms of Robinson, and, quicker than his toes could dot the end zone, the stands were vacated with rowdy Saluki fans rushing the field.

This was the final play of last season's improbable 54-52 victory over rival Western Illinois on Homecoming.

Now, a year later, the Salukis are ready to once again face the hated Leathernecks, and something feels different.

No longer are the Salukis con-

sidered a hopeless opponent.

In fact, at 6-0, the No. 7-ranked Salukis enter the game with a better record than the host No. 2 Leathernecks (5-1).

While quick starts are a common theme for Western Illinois, this is SIU's best start since going 10-0 to start the 1983 national championship season. The six wins are already the most in a single year for the Salukis since winning seven games in 1991.

Another difference is SIU's defense is no longer a downmat.

Entering the last game, the Saluki defense was one of the weakest in the Gateway Conference.

This year the Dawgs boast arguably the best defense in the league.

SIU leads the conference in scoring defense (9.8 points allowed), rushing defense (79.8 yards a game) and touchdowns allowed (eight). Western Illinois' defense receives more publicity and is said to have better players, but it ranks no better than third in the conference in any of these categories.

Personnel-wise, it is essentially

the same Saluki team from a year ago. But the new players are key.

Newcomers such as Frank Johnson, James Fields and Elmer McDaniel have solidified weak areas for the Salukis.

But perhaps the biggest addition is a player who is anything but new.

Fifth-year senior Tom Koutsos, who missed last season's victory due to a season-ending injury, is back and running like the Koutsos of old.

He has been asked to carry the load the past two weeks despite not being fully healthy with Muhammad Abdulqadir, who ran for 261 yards against Western Illinois last year, out with an injury.

Koutsos has embraced the opportunity, running for 244 yards and three touchdowns on 58 carries in league wins over Indiana State and Illinois State.

In the process, he set the Gateway Conference career records for rushing yards and rushing touchdowns.

This rematch against Westm is something Koutsos has been look-

"This is a huge game for our program, probably bigger for our program than it is for theirs."

— Tom Koutsos
SIU football

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